

December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

Welcome Everyone!

# the EVANGELIST

SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

## *Thanksgiving in the Park:*

### **Thank You to Our Parish Family and Our Community**

**T**he Parish Family of Saint John the Evangelist has outdone ourselves this past week in gathering, preparing, and serving over 1,600 individuals and families a warm Thanksgiving Meal in Immokalee. There are no words of gratitude that can cover all the members of our church and our community that came together with their time, their talent, and their treasure to truly live out the message Jesus spoke: "I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25). There are so many groups and individuals that contributed to the Thanksgiving in the Park efforts, and I believe we all owe them a huge thank you.

First, I want to thank The Guadalupe Center, especially Kelly Krupp and her leadership and dedication in the transition of Thanksgiving in the Park to St. John. Kelly ensured that every facet of the 36-year-old program seamlessly moved from the Center to our Parish Family. Dawn, Amy, and the rest of The Guadalupe Center staff continued to support our efforts and championed us to the community. We could not have "hit the ground running" without their assistance.



As with almost all the major efforts here at St. John, our Knights of Columbus Council 11281 stepped up in every facet of Thanksgiving in the Park. Bill Warvel led our "Take Your Turkey to Church Weekend", where our Parish Family responded with over 200 turkeys. The Knights ensured we kept those turkeys and pies safe for our Wednesday preparation day, led by



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the Park continue  
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Daily Mass: 8:00 & 9:00 a.m.; Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m.; Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil: 3:00 & 5:00 p.m. – Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:15 a.m., 1:15 & 5:00 p.m.

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# PARISH INFORMATION... OPERATIONAL

## PARISH CLERGY



**Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor**

Fr. Robert Murphy Associate  
Fr. Paul D'Angelo Associate  
Deacon Hal Brenner  
Deacon Forrest Wallace  
Deacon Frank Panicia Senior Status

### Altar Servers:

Jean-Paul Boucher [jp@sjecc.com](mailto:jp@sjecc.com)

### Arts & Liturgical Environment:

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Maureen Reed [Maureen@sjecc.com](mailto:Maureen@sjecc.com)

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Lisa Godlasky [lisa@sjecc.com](mailto:lisa@sjecc.com)

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Mary Ellen Metro [maryellen@sjecc.com](mailto:maryellen@sjecc.com)

### Lectors Ministry

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### Greeters & Ushers:

Bill Fuller [wfuller1@comcast.net](mailto:wfuller1@comcast.net)

## SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH\*

**Sacrament of Baptism.** The Diocese requires that parents seeking baptism for their child attend a baptism preparation class. To schedule a baptism class, parents must be registered practicing members of St. John's for a minimum of two months. *Deborah Marsh: [deb@sjecc.com](mailto:deb@sjecc.com)*  
**Sacrament of Matrimony.** Those who wish to be married in our parish must complete the Marriage Preparation Program. The Diocese requires a six month notice. *Tricia Schwarz: [tricia@sjecc.com](mailto:tricia@sjecc.com)*  
**Anointing of the Sick/Funeral Arrangements.** Call the parish office. If the office is closed the answering machine will provide an emergency phone number for you to reach a priest.

\*For complete information on the Sacraments, please visit our website: [www.sjecc.com](http://www.sjecc.com)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

*Business Office is located in the PAC (behind the Church)*

**All Administrative Staff**  
239.566.8740

### General Manager

Jean-Paul Boucher: [jp@sjecc.com](mailto:jp@sjecc.com)

### Parish Secretary

Deborah Marsh [deb@sjecc.com](mailto:deb@sjecc.com)

### Front Office Manager

Tricia Schwarz [tricia@sjecc.com](mailto:tricia@sjecc.com)

### Pastoral Musician and Liturgist

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### Artistic Director

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### Parish Publications/Bulletin Editor

Kathy Sims [kathys@sjecc.com](mailto:kathys@sjecc.com)

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#### Coordinator

Kyle VanDuser [kyle@sjecc.com](mailto:kyle@sjecc.com)

### Memorial Garden

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### Facilities

239.566.8740, dial 0

## Education Staff

### Director of Religious Education

Natalie Campbell: [natalie@sjecc.com](mailto:natalie@sjecc.com)

### Coordinator, Adult Faith

#### Formation & RCIA

Jack Kindsvater: [jack@sjecc.com](mailto:jack@sjecc.com)

## PARISH REGISTRATION

Parish Registration Forms are available on the tables in the church narthex, in the parish office and on the website: [www.sjecc.com](http://www.sjecc.com)



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## Administrative Office Hours are:

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

(until all are heard)

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday: 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

### Saturday Vigil Masses:

3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

### Sunday Masses:

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. & 1:15 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

## FOR OUR RECORDS

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, etc. in your family, please notify the front office at 239.566.8740 or email: [info@sjecc.com](mailto:info@sjecc.com)  
Thank you!

## Choirs:

Gary Prettyman: [gary@sjecc.com](mailto:gary@sjecc.com)

### Adult Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Residents and seasonals welcome.

### Children's Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 5:00 to 5:45 p.m.  
Grades 1-5.

### Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Sundays, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.  
Grades 6-12 especially welcome.

**Hospitality.** Volunteers serve light refreshments for parishioners who gather after the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday Masses for sharing, communicating and extending fellowship. If interested in helping contact *Elida Gil* at 239.566.8740

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in His Church and Our Community.*

**Mass Intentions.** We are now accepting 2018 intentions.

**Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine.** We have 2017 wine and host and flowers availability. Stop by the parish office to offer the wine and host and/or the altar flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones.



## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Is a Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, is the patronal feast day of the United States of America, and as such, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass times for Friday, December 8 are 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon, 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

## Advent: "Expectant Delight" for the Coming of The Lord

"Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight." (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar [Universal Norms]*, 39).

*"The liturgical Season of Advent is an occasion of particular grace for reflecting upon our journey to encounter the Lord. May the Virgin Mary... be the model for interior preparation for Christmas, so that each one's heart may become the cradle which receives the Son of God, the merciful face of the Father, by listening to his Word and performing works of fraternity and prayer."* – Pope Francis

## Calling All Shepherds and Angels!

All Elementary School-age children are invited to participate in our annual 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass as angels and shepherds, proclaiming the joyous news of the birth of Our Savior, Jesus Christ!

If you are interested in being part of this wonderful celebration, please contact our Artistic Director, Jennine Fuentes, at [jennine@sjecc.com](mailto:jennine@sjecc.com), so she can provide you with the schedule of rehearsals.

*photo from previous Christmas Story program*



## Walking God's Paths "Metaphors For A Unique Relationship "

*Sunday, December 17 at 2:30 p.m.*

This is one of a series of short videos designed to discuss the differences and commonalities of the Catholic and Jewish religions. Commentary by representatives of both faiths following the film, dialogue discussion and refreshments.

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Event is FREE of charge. RSVP is appreciated to  
[cjdialogue@naples.net](mailto:cjdialogue@naples.net) or (239) 370-4277

*A program of the Catholic Jewish Dialogue of Collier County*

## Advent Penance Services – Local Area Churches

*St. Elizabeth Seton* –  
Wednesday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m.  
2730 53rd Ter Sw, Naples

*St. William* – Monday, December 11, at 6:00 p.m.  
601 Seagate Drive, Naples

*St John the Evangelist* –  
Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m.

*Our Lady of Guadalupe* –  
Thursday, December 14, at 5:00 p.m.  
219 South 9th Street, Immokalee

*San Marco* – Thursday, December 14, at 5:00 p.m.  
851 San Marco Road, Marco Island

*St. Finbarr* – Monday, December 18, at 2:00 p.m.  
13520 Tamiami Trail East, Naples

*St. Agnes* – Tuesday, December 19 at 5:00 p.m.  
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples

*St. Peter the Apostle* –  
Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m.  
5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples

## Youth Lector Training Session This Sunday, December 3 for New and Experienced Readers

St. John is proud to have youth from our parish proclaim the Word of God at our 11:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Masses each Sunday. If your child has

ever expressed interest, please join us this weekend on Sunday, December 3, at 2:00 p.m., in the Rome Room for our Youth Lector Introductory Training event. All current Youth Lectors should attend as you will receive your Lector Workbook for the new Liturgical Year. They will learn life skills like public speaking and how to engage our Parish Family.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Wallace at [mary@sjecc.com](mailto:mary@sjecc.com).



# MASS INTENTIONS... SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS

## Mass for Deceased (\*) and Special Intentions (SI)

### December 2, 2017 Saturday

8:00	AM	+	Ann Beal	Tom & Helen McDonagh
<b>Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday</b>				
3:00	PM	+	Robert Ullen	Mary Ullen
5:00	PM	+	Angiola Noe	Beverly Cornell

### December 3, 2017 Sunday

7:00	AM	+	Jackie Mooney	Mary & Phil Cronan
9:00	AM	+	Stanley Panilio	The Driving Ministry
11:15	AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:15	PM	+	Frank DeNardis	Josephine & Frank Mello
5:00	PM	+	Barrett Family	Kathleen Shea

### December 4, 2017 Monday

8:00	AM	+	Charlie Curti	Paul & Nancy Curti
9:00	AM	+	William Seymour	Judy Seymour

### December 5, 2017 Tuesday

8:00	AM	+	Guido Pisido	Mary Vita
9:00	AM	+	James Murphy	Rosemary & Jack Ufheil

### December 6, 2017 Wednesday

8:00	AM	+	John M. Clair	Frank Walker
9:00	AM	+	Jean DeCesare	Kay Reid
6:30	PM	+	Georgine Hazel	Henrietta Reynolds

### December 7, 2017 Thursday

8:00	AM	+	Loren McGirr	Rosemary & Jack Ufheil
9:00	AM	+	Sebastian Ramos	Thomas Santangelo & Family

### December 8, 2017 Friday ~ Holy Day of Obligation

8:00	AM	+	Mark Galle	Mary & Mac Galle
10:00	AM	+	Mary Ann DuBois	Michele DuBois Muldering
NOON		+	Eleanor Marie Jordahl	Gregor Family & Kris Takaswka
5:00	PM	+	Sandra Titus	Gordon Alvera Clark
7:00	PM	+	Nicholas Senatore	Rosalie & Daughters

### December 9, 2017 Saturday

8:00	AM	+	Anthony J. Zoglio	Susie & Steve Linzalone
<b>Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday</b>				
3:00	PM	+	Martin Cunningham	Sally McElroy
5:00	PM	+	Angiola Noe	Carol Sapiro & Family

### December 10, 2017 Sunday

7:00	AM	+	Bernardo Gianetti	Stephanie & Jim Carnavalla
9:00	AM	+	Thomas Erbland	Marvin & Nancy Wheeler
11:15	AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:15	PM	+	Jackie Gibson	Your Family at St. John
5:00	PM	+	Joseph Hiris	Brigitte Hiris

## SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, December 2, 2017

First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary  
Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

### Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;  
1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

### Sunday, December 3, 2017

#### First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;  
1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

### Monday, December 4, 2017

#### St. John Damascene

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

### Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

### Wednesday, December 6, 2017

#### St. Nicholas

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

### Thursday, December 7, 2017

#### St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

### Friday, December 8, 2017

#### Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

### Saturday, December 9, 2017

#### St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8

### Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

### Sunday, December 10, 2017

#### Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8



**Holy Communion Available for the Hospitalized and Homebound.** Any parishioner who would like to receive Holy Communion while he/she is in the hospital or unable to get to Mass from his/her home may do so by calling the parish office, 566.8740, or emailing [emministry@sjecc.com](mailto:emministry@sjecc.com). An Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist will bring Holy Communion at a mutually agreed upon time. Please note that the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Holy Communion to North Naples NCH on Monday through Friday and to Landmark Hospital, North Naples on Wednesday and Sunday.



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

December 3, 2017

*“Remember the past with gratitude.  
Live in the present with enthusiasm.  
Look forward to the future with confidence.”*

— Saint John Paul II



A Capital Campaign for  
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

### *Up, Up, and Away!*

If you have not had a chance to take a look at our live construction camera recently, you have missed some major milestones in the developing of our Pulte Family Life Center. We have poured the foundation and now we are standing up the metal framing for the Multipurpose Room and Gymnasium. These rooms are built with pre-engineered metal building components, making them strong, cost effective, and quick to construct. You will see progress continue online, including our time-lapse video from the beginning of the project at: <https://app.oxblue.com/open/saintjohn/pultefamilylife>

As we **Build Our Future, Serve Our Past**, we still need all the gifts, prayers, and support of our Parish Family. If you have any questions, please contact Jean-Paul Boucher, at 239.566.8740 or email: [jp@sjecc.com](mailto:jp@sjecc.com).

Jean-Paul Boucher, General Manager





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Bill Fuller. Not only did Bill show over 150 volunteers, mostly our Parish Family members, how to pick a turkey clean of all its meat, he ensured every turkey was prepped and ready for the pull. The Knights continued their efforts on Thanksgiving Day, helping to set up the Immokalee AirPort Park, warming and preparing the food, and even delivering over 80 meals to a neighborhood in Immokalee that could not make it to the Park. This program could not have been successful without the Knights of Columbus.

The clergy of our Parish Family showcased the love and commitment to service that is the hallmark of our faith and our mission. Fr. Bob came out bright and early on Thanksgiving to set up, and Fr. John joined us immediately after St. John's Thanksgiving Mass. Fr. John gave the Blessing for our Thanksgiving Meal to the hundreds already gathered in the Park. Both then served the meals directly to those in need, handing the meals to the families, making the children smile with their warmth, and ensuring no one left hungry. We are blessed to have such leaders at our church.

We had the support of several organizations throughout the Naples area. The Ritz Carlton Golf Resort donated two pallets of water to give out at the Park. Oracle Corporation provided 20 turkeys. The Publix at Naples Walk worked tirelessly with the parish to ensure there were enough turkeys to feed everyone. An entire team of Enterprise Rent a Car came to set up the food and water for distribution. DJ Bad Boy provided tables, tunes, and donations of clothing. These organizations' generosity are a beacon of service to our community.

The volunteers from our Parish Family who donated food, came out to pull turkey at our church and serve meals in the Park encompass the heart and soul of Saint John the Evangelist. We know there are many of you who could not come out but

by Jean-Paul Boucher  
General Manager  
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supported our mission with your prayers and treasure. Thank you to you all for your generosity.

There were several staff members of St. John who took time out of their lives and went above and beyond to ensure the success of Thanksgiving in the Park. Ovidio and Jesus, our Facilities Staff, packed all the equipment from storage, made sure the turkey pull room was set, and prepared the Park location for all the food service. Ovidio also translated Fr. John's Blessing into Spanish for the many families in the Park. Tricia Schwarz assisted with volunteer sign-ups. Natalie Campbell prepared all the mashed potatoes with help from a tiny team. Kyle VanDuser brought out the CYO games and crafts to play with the youth while they waited for food.

Finally, there is one person that Thanksgiving in the Park would never have worked without my wife, Donna. Donna took the lead for every facet of this massive service event. Her organization, collaboration, and communication were unmatched and ensured this service was not only successful in feeding over 1,600 people, but had the heart of our faith, loving every person as part of our family. She always makes everyone she meets feel loved, and I am blessed and overwhelmed to be able to call her my wife and my soulmate. I love you, Donna. Thank you for what you do for me, our family, and our Parish Family every day!

God Bless you all for your constant support and engagement with our Mission here at St. John!



More pictures and Fr. John's Blessing can be found at: <https://saintjohntheevangelist.com/featured/thanksgiving-in-the-park-feeds-1600-in-immokalee>



## Jamaica Outreach Program

### This Weekend's Second Collection Will Benefit the Poor in Jamaica

The second collection this weekend, December 2 and 3, is designated to the benefit and well-being of our brothers and sisters in Jamaica. This commitment by our parish to the poor in Jamaica began in 1997 and continues to this day.

During the ensuing years we have played a large role in establishing clinics devoted to eye and dental care on the grounds of St. Pius X parish in Kingston. The clinics are staffed

by JOP volunteers. In addition we have refurbished a medical clinic there and provide free medicines to the patients who come to the clinic with little or no money to cover the cost of medications. Our support of the Dupont School on the grounds of St. Pius has made a tremendous difference in the lives of the students there. In other parts of the island, we support a medical, dental, and optical clinic in Seaford Town and various activities

throughout the Diocese of Montego Bay. These are only a few of the actions supported by your generous donations and the support of St. John parishioners.

We thank you for your continued support and encouragement as we put into action the words of Jesus Christ, "Whatever you do for the least of my people, that you do unto me."

— article submitted by JOP

### Seven-Week Grief Support Group Begins January 9

A seven-week grief support group will begin at St. John on Tuesday, January 9. The gathering will be from 10:00 -11:30 a.m. each Tuesday and will meet in Room 11 in the Claussen Family Center. Meeting dates are: January 9, January 16, January 23, January 30, February 6, February 13, and February 20.

Anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend.

There is no fee, but pre-registration is required. To register, please call Geri Poletti at Catholic Charities at 455.2655.

Any parishioner who needs individual grief support or immediate assistance may contact the parish office to set up an appointment with one of our priests.

## For the Love of Children The Ladies of Charity 5th Annual

## Christmas Sneaker and Sock Drive

*to benefit the needy children of  
Naples Park Elementary School  
& the children of Immokalee*

*Items must be NEW.*

Starting: **November 25-26**

Goal: **600 Pairs**

Ending: **December 16-17**

- Ornaments depicting the children's different shoes sizes can be found on Christmas trees in the Narthex.
- Please take an ornament, or two, and generously donate NEW only sneakers and socks.
- **Please wrap your package and be sure to attach your ornament to the outside of the gift box.**
- You may also write a check to Saint John the Evangelist with "Sneakers Drive" written in the memo line. Your checks can be placed in the collection baskets passed during Mass or taken to the church office during regular office hours.
- Please bring your gift to the church by Sunday, December 17.

**Please help us reach our goal of 600 pairs.**





## PARISH COUNCILS:

**Building and Grounds Council.** The scope of the Buildings and Grounds Council is to provide future direction, advice, and insight for the physical plant of Saint John the Evangelist, to include all buildings, the grounds, and all utilities therein. The Council will meet quarterly to evaluate any long-term strategy planning that is required to provide such a large and complex environment with multiple purposes. *Council President: Bill Sjoström: bsjost@yahoo.com or 815.670.3733*

**Finance Council.** The Finance Council is an integral part of the Stewardship responsibilities of the parish. The council assists the Pastor and General Manager in their deliberation and decision-making process in order to serve the needs of the Parish in the prudent administration of its resources and funds. *Council President: Robert Stiff: rcs0242@gmail.com or 239.989.5149*

**Pastoral Stewardship Council.** The major responsibilities of St. John's stewardship program falls under the purview of the Pastoral Stewardship Council. The Council's mission is to create awareness of God's gifts of time, talent and treasure and to encourage their use to the best of one's ability for the good of the Parish. The Council has three major subcommittees: Hospitality, Sharing, and Time and Talent. *Council President: Rick Beebe: psc@sjecc.com or 239.597.2086*

## MEET OUR MINISTRIES:

**Arimatheans.** Arimatheans attend funeral Masses and memorial services to provide support and compassion. *Anne Petrillo: gapetrillo41@gmail.com or 239.248.2189*

**Companion Driving Ministry.** To promote a sense of love and belonging for every member of our Parish Community by offering transportation to church services regardless of age, infirmity, marital or socioeconomic status. To sign up for a ride or to become a volunteer driver: *Beth Lucci: sjeride@gmail.com or 239.877.6254*

**Divine Gift Boutique** (located across from the restrooms). **Season Hours:** Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. If interested in volunteering, contact *Elaine deLaurentis: elaine@sjecc.com or 239.228.3921*

**Divorced and Separated Support Group** Our mission is to become the light in the life of separated/divorced Catholics by giving them a sense of inclusion in our parish family and providing support and guidance through our shared spiritual journey. We

meet Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please call for more information *Lhara Echeverria: 239.293.3694 or lhariza@yahoo.com or Beth Lucci: 239.877.6254*

**Faith and Wine.** Provide interesting and thought provoking speakers monthly with food and fellowship for women in the Diocese. Info: *www.faithandwine@gmail.com, or Nancy Squittieri: faithandwine@gmail.com or 239.272.4257*

**Grief Support Ministry.** Grief facilitators hold support groups as needed to give support to those suffering a loss. *Leo Gallagher: 239.594.1535*

**Jamaica Outreach Program.** JOP has been an integral part of Saint John the Evangelist since 1997. Our mission is to help the poor in Jamaica. JOP provides goods, food, medical-vision-dental services, education and basic support to improve the lives of the poor in Jamaica. We welcome new volunteers. For more info: *Jeanne Stamant: 239.248.3248 or info@jamaicaoutreach.org*

**Knitting & Crocheting.** Knits and crochets to benefit those in need. Make baby hats booties and blankets for babies, lap robes for nursing homes, prayer shawls, baptismal blankets and sweaters for kids. Meets year-round on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. - Noon. No experience necessary. *Vicki Brenner: 239.498.9900*

**Ladies of Charity.** Volunteer in Immokalee schools, the Guadalupe soup kitchen and clothing bank. The Ladies also visit local nursing homes to assist residents who want to attend Mass. In addition, they are available to provide friendly visits and to perform simple errands for the elderly and homebound. Meets the second Friday of every month. **Homebound:** *Marie Elaina Mullin: 239.273.1702. To join: Carole Mancini: frog lady505@gmail.com 239.370.1521*

**Marriage Ministry: Together Forever.** Enriches the sacrament of marriage. Couples gather: 1) To share and know, 2) To grow and love, 3) To listen and serve and to celebrate our healthy marriages. All married or engaged couples are welcome to join us in celebration of their marriage as we take this journey together. Meets monthly on Saturday evenings at 6:30 p.m. *Rachel Baier: 239.498.4197*

**Men's Club and Ladies Auxiliary.** Organizes, cooks, orders and serves food and beverages and otherwise provides staff and support for a multitude of parish and parish-related functions. It hosts the Children Easter Egg Hunt, and the men work closely with the Family Ministry at many of their events. Monthly meetings 2:00 p.m. on the second Thursday from October to May. *Men's: Jack Nalipinski: 412.613.3551 and Millie Lucanegro: 239.566.9854; Ladies: besunnyinflorida@gmail.com*

**Respect Life.** Educates and informs the parish community on all aspects of respect life, which include the unborn, mothers who have had abortions, the elderly, mentally challenged, the physically challenged, the imprisoned, and the terminally ill and the poor and hungry. *Rosemary Erickson: relife@aol.com or 239.250.0432*

**Sewing Ministry.** Meets to sew for needy children of Collier County on Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. from October to May. Meets in the Youth Room of the Claussen Family Center. New members welcome. Accepts fabric, notions, monetary donations. *Phyllis Crivelli: jandpcrivelli@gmail.com or 239.594.1148 or Barbara Arthur: 239.250.4162*

**St. Vincent de Paul.** To help the poor, specifically people in zip codes 34108, 34109 and 34110. Members work in teams making home visits to those in need. Many times it means helping individuals with rent payment, late electrical or water bills, prescription needs and food. Meets first and third Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass. *Carl Monticelli: (SVdP Office): 239.775.1667*

**Vocations Ministry.** Vocations are a calling from God and each of us has one, from single or married life to religious life. Help the Parish Family educate and identify vocations through prayer and activities. *Marty Gautier: marty@naples.net or 239.370.4277*

**Women of the Word (WoW).** We welcome any woman of any age to study our faith using the Bible and other Catholic writings in a non-judgmental, supportive community. Thursday 9:30 a.m. *Nancy Bouchard: 443.498.8452 or nancybdds@comcast.net*

## Knights of Columbus Councils:

**Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308.** Meets second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Visiting Knights are invited. *S/K Jim McDonald: jmcd708@comcast.net or 239.947.6454*

**Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281.** Worldwide Catholic men's fraternal organization founded on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. St. John's Council provides regular financial support for our seminarians and our parish. Knights also conduct a wide variety of activities to enhance and strengthen family life in the parish. Meets first Monday of the month. Officers at 6:30 p.m.; business meeting at 7:15 p.m. Visiting Knights are welcome. *Grand Knight Ed Phelps: efpep@aol.com or 239.339.3847*



## LET US PRAY...

**Boy Scout Troop 226 – St. John the Evangelist.** Prepare boys to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. [scoutmaster@troop-226.com](mailto:scoutmaster@troop-226.com)

**Cub Scout Pack 226 – Chartered at St. John the Evangelist.** Provide families with an opportunity to raise their young boys in the way of Jesus and through the formative values of Scouting. Meets on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. [pack226naples@gmail.com](mailto:pack226naples@gmail.com)

### PRAYER GROUPS

**Pray The Rosary & The Chaplet of Divine Mercy** Carol Swank 757.559.4761

**Cenacle of Life Prayer Group**  
Patricia Bucalo: 239.248.0694

**Divine Will Prayer Group**  
Gorana Saner: 239.293.1765

**Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina**  
Mondays at 5:30 p.m.: Maria Jones: 239.348.5361

**Liturgy of the Hours**  
Phyllis Gryskiewicz: After 8:00 a.m. Mass. [pmgrys@aol.com](mailto:pmgrys@aol.com)

### THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT

Please pray for our loved ones who are serving in the military:

**Adam Decker**  
**Nick Detloff**  
**Sp. Douglas Hennessy**  
**Staff Sgt. Brian Holmes**  
**Marine Colonel Brian Howlett**  
**Christian McLaughlin** - U.S. Navy Sicily  
**Sgt. Larry Oldenburg** - U.S. Army Iraq  
**Austin Spagnola**  
**Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino** -USAF Turkey

Note: In order to place a name on our Military Prayer List, that individual (the individual to be prayed for), must provide us with a signed release (or email-based approval) prior to the inclusion of his/her name in the printed Military Prayer List.

To download the Consent Form visit our website: <http://sjecc.com/forms>

Thank you for your understanding.

### OUTREACH & OTHER GROUPS

**AA.** Robert: 239.287.2442

**Adult Children of Alcoholics.** Tom Mooney, 239.287.0195

**Al-Anon.** Carol: 804.306.5323 and Juliette: Lysack

**Food Addiction Support Group.** Maryann Scandiffio, 239.784.2682

**Narcotics Anonymous.** 888.435.7301

**Cursillistas.** Robyn DeVille: 239.253.6275 or [robyndeville@earthlink.net](mailto:robyndeville@earthlink.net)

**Gambler's Anonymous.** 1-800-ADMIT-IT

**Habitat for Humanity.** Kouolloheras:nick@hfhcollier.com

**Mah Jong.** Space Limited. Lanelle Bishop: 239.352.1860

**Pinochle.** Joseph DeJesus: 239.598.9865

**Recovering Couples Anonymous.** Britta: 239.348.5031 or Roger: 239.250.6888

### PRAYER LIST

*We remember those who have died recently, especially:*

Mary Alligood, Dr. Jesus Maria Botero (de Angel) MD, Alfred Brandolin, William Buckley, Raul Fernandez, Myrna Marie Himebaugh, Ellen Manente, Barbara Ann McGrory, Audrey H. Ray, Irene Sodeika, Olivia Titus and Ann Zoglio

*May they rest in eternal peace.*

Please pray for those on our prayer list below as well as those whose names appear on our online Prayer List at <http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/ministries/prayer-list>.

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by PRAYER and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. – Philippians 4:6*

Baby Declan Aigner

Kaylee B

Jean Balliro

Beagan Family

Richard Becker

Gallen Boardman

Lori Breyman

Caeleigh Brown

Connie Cahill

Kathy Conley

Corinne & Children

Lauren Carr

Frank Comeriato

Merlyn Comeriato

Tony Corvelo

Anthony D'Antuono

Mark DaBronzo

Donald Demski

Florence Demski

Melissa Diamantini

George Dillon

Jean Dunlop

Kathy Erickson

F.W.

Jim & Darlene Follese

Tara Follese & Family

Jeff Gatt

George Gonser Jr.

Philip Gorney

Jayne Hagg

Gerard Heyer

Rosie Heyer

Donald Howe

Krista Leigh Kozowyk

Rene Lacoste

Jean Lydon

M.M.

Diane Maloney

Margie Lynch

Maria and Family

Ron Marlow

Barbara Marsh

Donna Massee

Kevin McDonagh

J. McG

Paul McIntyre

Cynthia McLemore

Carolyn McNichols

Eileen Miner

Lorrie Morrison

Gary Neidhard

Jane Oraziatti

Emma O'Rourke

Ronald J. Parker

Michael Paul

Francesca Pearo

Anne Perrino

Geno Pesce

Ann Petrillo

Irene Pires

Renee Rake

Ruth Rechtsteiner

Ellen Roberts

Lloyd Sample

Lisa Sanfelippo

Shelia Scaduto

Gary Schutebach

Thomas Sissman

Avery Smithies

Nancy Stewart

Edward Sullivan

Rita Taranto

William J. Teplica

Isaiah Thompson

Marilyn Thyen

Helen Thornburg

JoAnn Tinevra

Jim Tucker

Lawrence A. Varone

Mike Walsman

Dan Ward

Sandra Welker

Bernadette White

Kirsten Wills

Nancy Wise

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# 5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

## Sunday, December 3, 2017: First Sunday of Advent

<b>Opening Song</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</b>	
<b>Preparation Song</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>Eye Has Not Seen</b>	Marty Haugen
<b>Communion Song</b>	<b>Communion</b>	Mac Powell / 3 <sup>rd</sup> Day	CCLI Song No. 4586072 © 2005 Consuming Fire Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing) Brad Avery/David Carr/Mac Powell/Mark Lee/Tai Anderson. All rights Reserved. CCLI Lic. #2008891.

Chorus) **This is the Body; this is the Blood  
Broken and poured out for all of us  
In this Communion, we share in his love  
This is the Body; this is the Blood.**

Bridge) We hunger and thirst for your love  
And your righteousness  
We long for your Presence here, Lord  
Be with us again...

Verse) I will remember ev'rything, Lord,  
That you've done for me  
I won't take for granted the Sacrifice  
That set me free  
I hunger and thirst for your love  
Come fill me today

**2nd Communion Song** **How Great Is Our God** Chris Tomlin  
Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves, Chris Tomlin / © 2004 CCLI; Reprinted under License #2008891. All rights reserved.

v1) The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice

v2) Age to age he stands, and time is in his hands  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end

He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice

The Godhead, Three in One: Father, Spirit, Son;  
The Lion and the Lamb; the Lion and the Lamb!

chorus) **How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God**

Bridge) Name above all names,  
worthy of all praise,  
My heart will sing, 'How great is our God!'

**Closing Song** **Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?** Martin Smith / Delirious? CCLI  
Song No. 1097028. © 1994 Curious? Music UK. All rights Reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License No. 2008891.

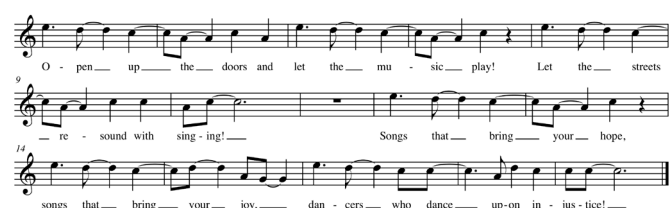
Verse 1) Did you feel the mountains tremble?  
Did you hear the oceans roar  
when the people rose to sing of  
Jesus Christ, the risen One?

Verse 3) Do you feel the darkness tremble  
when all the saints join in one song,  
and all the streams flow as one river  
to wash away our brokenness?

Verse 2) Did you feel the people tremble?  
Did you hear the singers roar  
when the lost began to sing of  
Jesus Christ, the saving One?

Pre-chorus 2) And here we see that,  
God, you're moving;  
a time of jubilee is coming,  
when young and old return to Jesus.  
Fling wide, you heavenly gates:  
prepare the way of the risen Lord! (Chorus)

Pre-chorus) And we can see that,  
God, you're moving,  
a mighty river through the nations;  
and young and old will turn to Jesus.  
Fling wide, you heavenly gates:  
prepare the way of the risen Lord! (Chorus)



## prepare ye the way of the Lord





## Hymns for the 1st Sunday of Advent, December 2 & 3, 2017

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Entrance Hymn: **38** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Preparation Hymn: **534** Abba Father

Communion Hymn: **72** Creator of the Stars of Night

**335** Taste and See (Moore)

Closing Hymn: **576** Soon and Very Soon

## Hymns for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8, 2017

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Entrance Hymn: **198** Immaculate Mary

Preparation Hymn: **694** Mary's Song

Communion Hymn: **72** Creator of the Stars of Night

**377** Servant Song

Closing Hymn: **200** Hail Holy Queen



### Faith and Wine

#### SAVE THE DATE!

#### FAITH AND WINE WILL RETURN IN JANUARY

**January 25** Fr. Mark Wiesner  
*Ten Top Reasons for Being Catholic*

**February 22** Eileen Boylan  
*Six Months to Live*

**March 22** Rabbi Gross  
*Seder Dinner (Last Supper)* Limited Seating

**April 26** Holly Schapker, Artist  
*The Art of Mary*

*PLEASE NOTE: Speakers subject to the approval of the Diocese of Venice.*

#### Mark Your Calendars for Annual Diocesan Women's Conference and Diocesan Men's Conference

The Diocesan Women's Conference will be held on February 3, and the Diocesan Men's Conference will be held February 24.

Both Conferences take place at Bishop Verot High School in Fort Myers. Specific details and registration information will be forthcoming.

### Winter 2018 CYO and CAO Arts and Music Classes

We are offering the following classes starting next January.  
Please register as soon as possible to ensure  
that your class of interest is offered.

#### CYO:

Piano 1 Saturdays at Noon beginning January 13  
Piano 2 Saturdays at 10am beginning January 13  
Strings Tuesdays at 4:30pm beginning January 9  
Singing/Vocal Program Fridays at 4:45pm beginning January 12  
Guitar Sunday's at 3:15pm beginning January 14  
Ballroom Dance Wednesday's at 4pm beginning January 10



Theater and Acting Saturdays at 10am beginning January 13  
Improv Comedy Monday's at 6:45pm beginning January 8  
Art and Painting for Elementary Age students Saturdays at 9am beginning September 9  
Art and Painting for Middle/High School Age Students Saturdays at 10:30am beginning January 13

#### CAO:

Strings Program Tuesdays at 5pm beginning January 9  
Vocal/Cantor Program Friday's at 5:45pm beginning January 12  
Guitar Saturdays at 1:00pm beginning January 13  
Ballroom Dance Wednesday's at 5pm beginning January 10



Improv Comedy Monday's at 7:45pm beginning January 8  
Art and Painting Saturdays at noon beginning January 13

Register online on our website: [www.sjecc.com](http://www.sjecc.com) or at the Parish Office!  
Don't miss out on these special Winter classes offered just for you!

Email [jennine@sjecc.com](mailto:jennine@sjecc.com) for more information.



**HIGH SCHOOL  
YOUTH GROUP**  
meets Wednesdays  
from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL  
YOUTH GROUP**  
meets Sundays  
from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Groups meet in the ballroom.

See more info in future bulletins.

– Kyle VanDuser,  
CYO Social and Spiritual  
Coordinator  
kyle@sjecc.com

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PLEASE NOTE: All  
participants must sign up  
with Kyle at:  
KYLE@SJECC.COM

## YOUTH SPORTS COACHES AND PARENTS NEEDED!!

### Coaches Training on January 27th Sign-ups outside of Mass

Nov. 26th ~ 9am, 11am, 1pm, 5pm.

Dec. 3rd ~ 7 am, 9am, 11am, 1pm, 5pm.

Dec. 16th ~ 3pm, 5pm.

Dec. 17th ~ 9am, 11am, 1pm.

**PLAY LIKE  
A CHAMPION  
TODAY**

## CYO & CAO Concert Series 2017-2018 Season



Regina Russo



Gabi Frei

Also featuring  
Keith Cute



# A Cozy Christmas December 16

Your St. John Soloists, Choir, and CYO teachers will perform their favorite Christmas songs complete with a Christmas Carol Sing-a-long at the end. Cozy up with some hot chocolate and cookies and enjoy the music of the season.



***This FREE Concert begins at 7:00 p.m.  
in the St. John Ballroom.***



Jennine Fuentes



Michael Hayes



Annie Dallas

### CONCERT SEASON:

Philip Borter Cello Concert ~ January 25, 2018 • Paradise Coastman Barbershop Quartet ~ February 6, 2018

Annual Broadway Concert ~ February 24, 2018 • Garlic and Gaelic Festival ~ March 3 & 4, 2018

Dan Heck Quartet Jazz Concert ~ April 12, 2018

For more info on the concert series, email: [jennine@sjecc.com](mailto:jennine@sjecc.com)



# Marriage Ministry: Together Forever

Enjoy a date night with Catholic fellowship at Saint John the Evangelist as you enrich your marriage with our new enrichment series, entitled **The Choice Wine**. Enjoy appetizers and marriage discussion. The Choice Wine offers a new topic each evening, so don't worry if you can't make all the dates.

## Remaining Dates:

Jan. 20, Feb. 24, March 24, April 28,  
May 19, June 30, July 28, Aug. 25

## THE CHOICE Wine™

### 7 STEPS

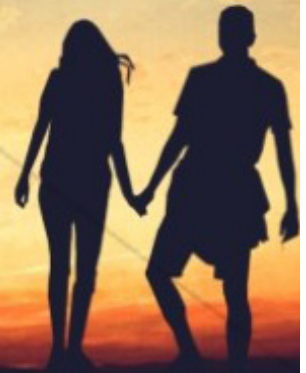
TO A SUPERABUNDANT MARRIAGE

Next session:

**January 20, 2018 at 6:30 pm**  
**in the Claussen Family Center**

Join us for fellowship, food and marriage enrichment!

Please RSVP to the office at 239.566.8740 and indicate if you need the nursery.



## "Retirement Fund for Religious" Collection Will Be Next Weekend, December 9-10

November 22, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection, coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO), benefits nearly 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests whose communities lack retirement savings. The funds offer financial support to religious communities by providing long-term care for older members while ensuring younger religious can continue the good works of their community.

Through generous self-sacrifice and devotion, the retired Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have educated the young, cared for the sick, and ministered to the neediest among us, etc. With the ever-rising cost of health care and the increased number of those needing care, many religious communities struggle to provide for their aging members. Your support truly makes a difference.

The annual Retirement Fund for Religious Collection will be held December 9 and 10, 2017 in the Diocese of Venice. Your gift provides vital support for medications, nursing care, senior living space and much more. This Collection gives the opportunity to say thank you for their example of faith, hope and love. Kindly support retired religious who have dedicated their lives to serve our Church and the Faithful. Thank you for your generosity to this collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

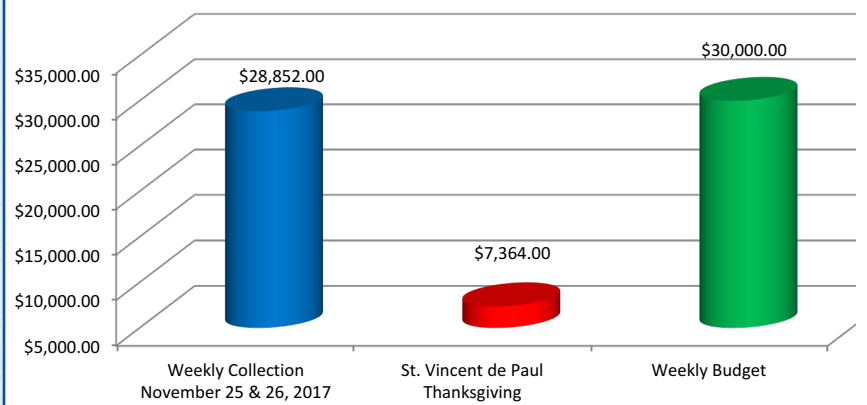
I take this opportunity to extend to you the assurances of my continued consideration as well as my prayers for you and your family. Have a Blessed Advent Season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

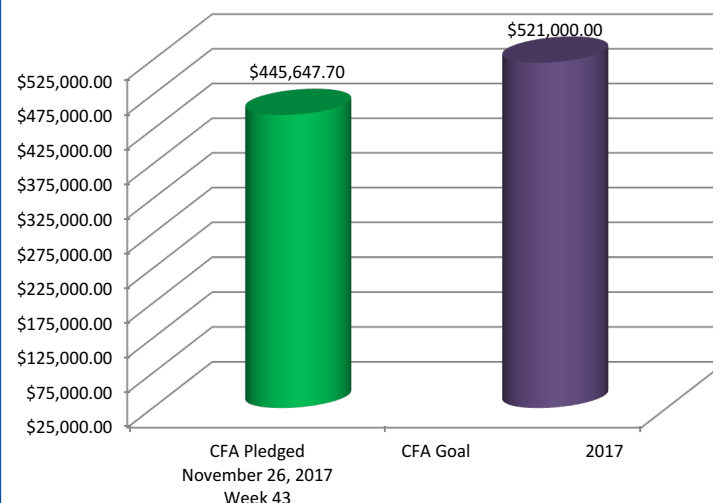
*Frank J. Dewane*

+ Frank J. Dewane,  
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

### Weekly Collection Summary



### CFA Summary





## First Sunday of Advent: Year B

Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B, 64:2-7

Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

# The Word & Life

## *Be Watchful – A Season of Holy Longing*

*A*s we begin a new Liturgical Year, we take step back to examine the divine drama of when heaven's treasure is deposited on the earth. The First Sunday of Advent invites us into a holy longing, a time of prayerful reflection upon the mystery of the Incarnation. Sometimes it is hard to grasp this reality when the world is already celebrating Christmas by selling its wares. The Church gifts us with the season of advent every year so that we can really discern and examine what the coming of Christ means to us. Today's gospel reminds us that we have been endowed with responsibilities until the Lord returns. We are to be watchful for the day when the Lord will come to us, ensuring that we have been faithful stewards on this earthly pilgrimage.

There is a tendency among people to almost pretend to relive the chronological events surrounding the Incarnation. We most certainly must approach our preparation for the Christmas event with the mind of an adult but the heart of a child. Our adult minds make us aware of why the event of the Incarnation took place. The world had separated itself from

God and was awaiting its redeemer and savior. In the midst of this longing, Jesus became flesh and lived among us. The divine drama that unfolded around his birth will forever warm the hearts of children for years to come and rekindle the light of the child that still lives in us. The Christ event in its infancy is almost like a fairy tale, but the reality of Jesus' life mission challenges the adult life and the choices we make.

Advent celebrates the "coming" of the Lord. As a people of God and members of His Church we are entrusted with his mission to proclaim the good news of the kingdom. While memories of childhood crèches warm the heart, the conviction of Jesus compassion sets our hearts on fire. The gospel challenges us to be alert at all times and





watch for the time of the Lord's arrival. Since Christ has already been made Incarnate, we are invited to be alert to the subtleties of His presence around us. Advent constantly reminds us that Jesus is Emmanuel – that is, God-with-us. We pray this advent that we will allow God to be with us in all that we do and say.

## Reflecting on the Sunday Readings with Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor



### Reflection Questions

1. What did the coming of Christ mean to ancient Israel?
2. What does the Christ event mean to you?
3. What does Jesus mean by the coming of the Son of Man?
4. How will you observe the Season of Advent in your home?
5. Why is it important for Christians to celebrate Christmas each year and spend time in prayerful preparation for the sacred feast?
6. Would you be prepared to meet Christ face to face if your life was taken from you today? Why or why not?
7. Is Christ the center and focus of your life? Why or why not?

### Prayer

*Marantha! Come, Lord Jesus. Come into a world that yearns to know your love. May your Church encounter you today, as did those people from ancient times. Come enter into the lives of those who are broken and in need of your love. Be in the joys of those who have much to celebrate. Enliven our hearts with a holy longing. Keep us watchful in prayer until you come in glory! Amen.*

### Wisdom of the Fathers

“Today, on the First Sunday of Advent, we begin a new liturgical year; that is, a new journey of the People of God with Jesus Christ, our Shepherd, who guides us through history toward the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God. Therefore, this day has a special charm, it makes us experience deeply the meaning of history. We rediscover the beauty of all being on a journey: the Church, with her vocation and mission, and all humanity, peoples, civilizations, cultures, all on a journey across the paths of time....

...This journey never comes to an end. Just as in each of our lives we always need to begin again, to get up again, to rediscover the meaning of the goal of our lives, so also for the great human family it is always necessary to rediscover the common horizon toward which we are journeying. The horizon of hope! This is the horizon that makes for a good journey. The season of Advent, which we begin again today, restores this horizon of hope, a hope which does

not disappoint for it is founded on God's Word. A hope which does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful! He does not disappoint! Let us think about and feel this beauty.

The model of this spiritual disposition, of this way of being and journeying in life, is the Virgin Mary. A simple girl from the country who carries within her heart the fullness of hope in God! In her womb, God's hope took flesh, it became man, it became history: Jesus Christ. Her Magnificat is the canticle of the People of God on a journey, and of all men and women who hope in God and in the power of his mercy. Let us allow ourselves to be guided by her, she who is mother, a mamma and knows how to guide us. Let us allow ourselves to be guided by her during this season of active waiting and watchfulness.”

— Pope Francis in his Angelus Address in St. Peter's Square, 1 December 2013



# Faith Formation

## 2017-2018 School Year

### DECEMBER

- 3 Sunday Faith Formation Class 9:15-10:45 a.m.  
*Parent Faith Formation in Rome Room*  
High School Confirmation Class
- 6 Wednesday Faith Formation Class 5:30-7:00 p.m.  
*Parent Faith Formation in Rome Room*  
*High School Bible Study 5:30-6:30 p.m.*
- 10 Sunday Faith Formation Class 9:15-10:45 a.m.  
*Parent Faith Formation in Rome Room*  
High School Confirmation Class
- 13 Wednesday Faith Formation Class 5:30-7:00 p.m.  
*Parent Faith Formation in Rome Room*  
*High School Bible Study 5:30-6:30 p.m.*

Choir Rehearsals Wednesdays 4:45-5:30 p.m.

### Safe Environment Classes for Children

During a portion of our Faith Formation classes during the month of December, we will have age-appropriate lessons for your children related to helping them stay safe, as required by our Diocese. The children will view a short video followed by lessons intended to reinforce the concepts learned in the video. To help you become more familiar with the goals and objectives of the lessons, we will be emailing and sending home pamphlets this week with helpful information. Please read through these packets and feel free to discuss the content with your children. If you have any questions about the objectives of the program or would like to preview the materials, please let me know. Together we can help to make your child more confident about staying safe and setting boundaries for themselves and others.

#### ***Safe Environment Dates:***

**December 3 & 6** - Kindergarten - 8th Grade During Class  
High School Classes will participate in the New Year.

### REMINDER:

## High School Confirmation DECEMBER Classes

SUNDAY December 3rd

& December 10th

Morning Sessions 9:15-10:45 a.m.

Evening Sessions 6:05-7:30 p.m.

See you then!

### ***Celebrating the Saints: Saint Nicholas***



Saint Nicholas was a Christian Bishop who was known for his giving heart and for helping the poor. To celebrate his Feast Day and charity to the poor, there are those who follow the tradition of stuffing a boot or stocking with gifts. "Santa Claus"

comes from the Dutch form of his name "Sinterklaas." His Feast Day is December 6. He is the patron saint of sailors, merchants and children. Saint Nicholas loved Jesus, and his life is a great example of how we are called to be charitable to the poor and to do acts of kindness in small ways whenever we can.

info: <http://usccb.org>

**Faith Formation Office Hours:** Mondays: 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. • Wednesdays: 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. (*on the days of Faith Formation classes only*) Fridays: 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. Sundays: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. (*on the days of Faith Formation classes only*)

Natalie Campbell • Director of Religious Education • 239.566.8740, ext. 3909 • email [natalie@sjecc.com](mailto:natalie@sjecc.com)





The Catholic Church begins the Liturgical Calendar 2017-2018 — Year B—with Advent. In preparation for the coming of Jesus, here are some thoughtful suggested activities for you!

# ADVENT 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>I will try to show special love for someone who seems unhappy or lonely.</i>	2 <i>I will work hard today and do my best.</i>
3 <b>First Sunday of Advent</b> <i>I will spend a few extra minutes in prayer today.</i>	4 <i>I will do my work well today and with joy for God.</i>	5 <i>I will secretly do a kind act for someone.</i>	6 <i>I will obey my parents, my teachers, and others in charge of me.</i>	7 <i>I will try to show special love for someone who seems unhappy or lonely.</i>	8  <b>Immaculate Conception</b> <i>I will honor Mary in a very special way today.</i>	9 <i>I will eat more of what is good for me and less of what is not.</i>
10 <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> <i>I will try to be more thoughtful of others.</i>	11 <i>I will try to maintain peace and calm today.</i>	12 <i>I will donate items that I have outgrown to needy families.</i>	13 <i>I will make a special effort to be kind to those I find it hard to like.</i>	14 <i>I will work hard today and do my best.</i>	15 <i>I will try to remember to use the words, "Please" and "Thank You" today.</i>	16 <i>I will try to be patient today.</i>
17 <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> <i>I will find a quiet place to sit and talk with God.</i>	18 <i>I will ask Mary, our Mother, to help me make room in my heart for Jesus.</i>	19 <i>I will keep calm and not lose my temper today.</i>	20 <i>I will pick up my clothes and put them away.</i>	21 <i>I will do what I can to please my parents and family today.</i>	22 <i>I will not complain today, even if I must do things I do not want to do.</i>	23 <i>I will do a kind act for each member of my family today.</i>
24 <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> <i>I will be grateful and thank God today for all I have.</i>	25 	<p><i>"O God, source of all good, help us to do good, so we can present to You, who are all good, the offering of our actions and hope for a just reward."</i></p> <p>- St. Anthony of Padua</p>				





## JOP Christmas Tea

The JOP Christmas Tea previously scheduled for December 6, 2017 has been cancelled.

But we plan to host the same event in December 2018.

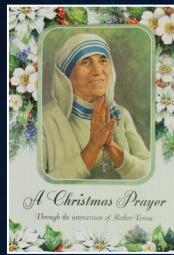
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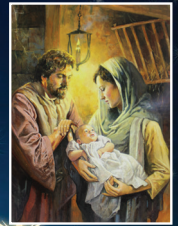
## “Keep Christ in Christmas”

Help to “Keep Christ in Christmas” by sending religious Christmas cards.

The Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring an evangelization program designed to emphasize the real meaning of Christmas through the sale of Christmas cards. There will be a large assortment of cards available after each Mass in front of the church.



Buy early to get the best selection.



## Christmas for Everyone in Divine Gift Boutique

It is a Christmas Wonderland in the Divine Gift Boutique. From a beautiful manger set to Christmas crosses, Christmas figurines, and Christmas clocks. From an assortment of holiday candles and votive holders to baby, children and adult ornaments. There are also festive night lights and cookie cutters.

The gift shop also stocks a variety of stocking stuffers and holiday gift bags. There is a wide range of gift items for all the favorite people on your Christmas list.

Please stop by and get lost in this wonderland right here in your own church across from the restrooms.



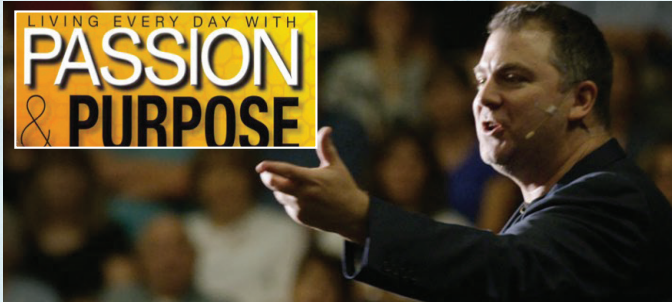


# Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

***ONLY 55 days 'til Matthew Kelly Comes to Naples***

***– You Won't Want to Miss His Live Presentation***

## **Living Every Day with PASSION & PURPOSE**



Are you thriving or just surviving? Do you want more energy? A deeper sense of purpose? Join us for Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose, presented by internationally acclaimed speaker Matthew Kelly. It's not your typical church event.

With his signature combination of the profound and the practical — and witty sense of humor — Matthew Kelly introduces you to new habits that will re-energize every area of your life, and inspires you to start living with passion and purpose.

This event also features live music from singer-songwriter Eliot Morris.

**Passion & Purpose** will be presented on Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 7:00 – 10:45 p.m. at St. Agnes, 7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road.

Tickets are only \$39, and that includes a free bag of Dynamic Catholic resources.

Buy your tickets today on-line at [www.dynamiccatholic.com/Naples](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com/Naples)

Or leave a message at 239.566.8740 ext. 3918 and we'll arrange to get tickets to you.

*Put Saturday January 27, 2018 on your calendar and get your tickets, today!*

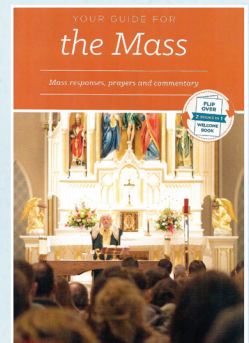
*Don't be left out. The last time Matthew was in southwest Florida it was a sell-out. The presentation in Miami the previous day is already sold-out.*

## ***A Guide to the Mass Welcomes Visitors to Our Church***

If you have non-Catholic family members or friends attending Mass with you over the holidays, you can help them feel welcome and comfortable by giving them a copy of this little booklet. It includes Mass responses and prayers, along with a commentary of what is happening.

It is a double booklet, and on the other side the *Introduction to Catholicism* explains some important aspects of our Catholic faith as handed down to us by Scripture and Sacred Tradition. In just a few pages it covers what the Catholic Church is, what we believe, salvation history, the seven sacraments, common prayers, and more.

To get a copy just stop by the Parish Office or the Divine Gift Boutique.



## **This Week's Schedule**

### **Tuesday, December 5**

**Your Spiritual Gifts** ~ 4:30 p.m., Seminar Room

**Becoming Catholic – Inquiry (RCIA)** ~ 6:00 p.m.,  
Adult Space

### **Wednesday, December 6**

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, Divided Kingdom** ~  
5:30 p.m., Rome Room

**The Bible Timeline, Maccabean Revolt** ~ 7:30 p.m., Rome  
Room

### **Thursday, December 7**

**Women of the Word, Haggai and Malachi: Messengers of  
Hope** ~ 9:30 a.m., Seminar Room

### **Sunday, December 10**

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, Maccabean Revolt,  
Messianic Fulfillment, Part 1** ~ 9:15 a.m., Rome Room

Jack Kindsvater, Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Coordinator. Call 239.566.8740, ext. 3918 or email [jack@sjecc.com](mailto:jack@sjecc.com)



## HONEY, THEY'RE PLAYING OUR SONG. LET'S DANCE!

## BIG BAND DANCES STARTING SOON.

### The Men's Club 2018 Big Band Dance Schedule:

Tuesday, January 23  
Tuesday, February 13  
Tuesday, March 20  
Tuesday, April 10

Dance from 7 PM  
to 10 PM

Doors open at 6:30 PM  
\$10.00 per person  
Lite dinner food  
available  
for purchase  
For reservations  
(table of 8 or 10 only)

CONTACT: 239-821-9395

## SAVE THE DATE: Sock Hop Friday, January 26

Sponsored by St. John's  
Men's Club and Ladies  
Auxiliary  
St. John the Evangelist  
Ballroom  
625 111th Avenue North,  
Naples, FL

**Mark Your Calendar for  
the Venetian Charity Ball**  
which will be held at 6:00  
p.m. on Saturday, February 3  
at the Hyatt Regency Coconut  
Point Resort in Bonita Springs.  
For more info, visit [www.catholiccharitiesdov.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org)

## Marriage Struggling? Next Retrouvaille Program February 2

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you have grown cold and distant; even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it, Retrouvaille can help, as it has helped tens of thousands of others. Our next program will be February 2 - 4 at Hampton Inn & Suites, Tampa Northwest/Oldsmar. For more information, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org), or call 813.816.0711. This is not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names held in strictest confidence.

Marriage is under attack, and this is high season:

- Divorce filings spike 33% each January.
- Internet searches for "divorce" and related phrases like "family law" and "child custody" jump 50% from December to January.
- People thinking about divorce tend to think more about it during the holidays, and take action as soon as they are over.
- Divorce Attorneys call the first Monday after New Year's "Divorce Monday", and hire extra staff in anticipation.



### Play Like a Champion Today Coach and Sport Parent Education Program

## PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY

Character Education Through Sports  
learn more at: [playlikeachampion.org](http://playlikeachampion.org)

## COACH & PARENT WORKSHOPS

for St. John Evangelist CYO at  
St. John the Evangelist  
625 111th Avenue North  
Naples, FL 34108

Saturday  
January 27, 2018

Coach Clinic  
11:45am - 2:45pm

Coach Commissioning  
Mass 3pm

Sport Parent Workshop  
4:00pm - 5:15pm

Location:  
Rome Room for Coach &  
Parent Workshops  
Church for the  
Commissioning Mass

RSVP to:  
[kyle@sjecc.com](mailto:kyle@sjecc.com)

*Play Like a Champion Today* provides leadership in a worldwide effort to renew the culture of sport for youth. It does this primarily by educating ethically responsible sport leaders-coaches, parents, students, and athletic administrators-who in turn will reach millions of young people.

## COACHING AS MINISTRY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Crafted by leaders in the fields of sports psychology, coaching education, Catholic theology, and moral development, *Play Like a Champion Today* is:

- Centered around the principles of justice, tolerance, respect, and solidarity
- Designed using the best athlete-centered practices supported by research into character development and faith formation through sports
- Originating at the University of Notre Dame and collaborating with concerned faculty and coaches throughout the country

*Play Like a Champion Today* deals with tough sport issues and supports schools in promoting:

- Athletics as Character-Building for Athletes and Families
- Building Teams as Moral Communities
- Champion-Centered Best Coaching & Parenting Practices
- Sportsmanship
- Responsible Decision Making

Over the course of the clinic, participants will learn about:

- The Spirituality of Sport
- The GROW Approach to Athlete Motivation
- Child and Adolescent Development
- Promoting a Safe Sport Environment
- Strategies for Developing Partnerships Between Coaches & Parents



[playlikeachampion.org](http://playlikeachampion.org)

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Working with Coaches and Sport Leaders to Shape a Positive Sports Culture for All Young People Since 2006.





# RING IN 2018



WITH  
**SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST**  
DECEMBER 31 FROM 7 PM TO MIDNIGHT

**Cocktail Hour with Open Bar at 7:00 p.m. (pay bar after cocktail hour)**

## **APPETIZER DISPLAYS**

Artisan Cheese Display  
Vegetable Crudit   
Tropical Fruit Display  
Mango Chutney Meatballs  
Pesto Basil Penne

## **TAPAS PASSED APPETIZERS**

Mascarpone Stuffed  
Cremeni Mushroom  
Seared Chicken Dumpling  
with Soy Ginger Sauce  
Shrimp Cocktail with  
Wasabi Cocktail Sauce



**Music until 2018  
by Stereophonic DJs**

**Champagne Toast at Midnight  
(and more)**

## **SIT DOWN DINNER**

**SALAD** - Candied Pecan  
Salad - Field greens  
with candied pecans,  
gorgonzola, grapes,  
tomato, onions, and red  
wine vinaigrette.

**ENTREE** - Chateaubriand  
- Seared beef tenderloin  
over whipped leek and  
bliss potato Lyonnaise  
with grilled asparagus.

**DESSERT** - A wonderful  
dessert buffet of assorted  
pastries and chocolate  
desserts.

**\$75.00 PER PERSON**

For Tickets: contact Parish Office at 239.566.8740  
(checks payable to Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church)

or online at

<https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/2018NewYearsEveParty>

**JACKET TIE REQUESTED/BLACK TIE OPTIONAL**



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# Annual Vocations Dinner Dance

Friday, January 12, 2018 • 6:00 p.m.



Please join us to support our Seminarians  
and to honor and thank the priests of our Diocese

at Saint John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom  
625 111th Ave. N, Naples, FL 34108

**A night of fun, food, dancing and entertainment!**

Dinner by "Frisco's" • Music by "Legends of Las Vegas"

Open Bar • Silent Auction

Tickets: \$40.00 per person

Dress Code: Jacket and Tie Requested



## Honoring All Priests of the Diocese of Venice

Tickets can be purchased by calling Paul Curti  
at 612-616-5535, or on our website at:

<https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/2017VocationsDinner>

If you'd like to make a donation to help our seminarians,  
please contact Paul at 612-616-5535 or at [plancurti@gmail.com](mailto:plancurti@gmail.com).

Donate an auction item, or make a cash donation.

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