

## This is Sanctity of Life Weekend

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# Gaelic vs. Garlic

Join Us for a New and Unique Festival Here at St. John: The Gaelic And Garlic Festival!

Celebrate Irish and Italian culture colliding over the weekend between Saint Patrick's Day and the Saint Joseph Feast, March 18 and 19. This program will take the place of previous year's church events like the Super Bowl Party and Parish Picnic, allowing us all to enjoy this uniquely Catholic and community program. Get ready for activities like:



5K Race

Meatball Eating Contest

My Nana's Meatballs Contest

Wine

Beer

Irish Step Dancing Contest

**Arcade Games** 

Youth Activities

(Bouncy Houses and Rides)

St. Joseph Feast Ceremonies

Parish-Based Food

Italian Food

Irish Food

We will need all the help we can get from our Parish Family to make this huge cultural festival a success. Please contact JP Boucher, General Manager, at <a href="mailto:ip@sjecc.com">ip@sjecc.com</a> to see how you could join in the fun.



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Daily Mass: 8:00 and 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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Ja	nuary 2			Saturday	
	8:00	AM	+	Tom Wood	Pat & Ray Axbe <mark>rg</mark>
				Vigil Masses for Sunday	
	3:00	PM	+	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph D'Addario	Janet D'Adda <mark>rio</mark>
	5:00	PM	+	Joseph & Mary Montello	Vincent &Kathryn Corbino
Ja	nuary 2		'	Sunday	
	7:00	AM	+	John Riccardo	O'Reilly and Chiara Familes
	9:00	AM	+	Vincenzo Ventura	Ninetta Magistro
	11:15	AM		For Our Parishioners	
	1:15	PM		Mariangela & Rocco Martone	Angie Lampron
	5:00	PM	+	Donal J. Murphy	Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Schoeler
Ja	nuary 2			Monday	
	8:00		SI	Mr. & Mrs. John DeFelice	John McCann
	9:00	AM	+	James Foley	Ingrid & Richie
Ja	nuary 2			Tuesday	
	8:00			Larry Byrne	Jerry & Julie Healy
	9:00	AM	+	Charles Jerome "Jerry" Sullivan	Mary Haynes
Ja	nuary 2	25, 2017	•	Wednesday	
	8:00	AM	+	Robert Berg	Carolyn Berg
	9:00		+	Robert Reinhard	Frank & Betty Burkitt
	6:30			Vincent Copeland	Jack Kegaly
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	9:00	AM	+	Ann Edwards McLaughlin	Robert McLaughlin
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	5:00	PM	+	Shirley Weinberger	Bill & Jeanne Plunkett
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	1:15	PM	+	Cathy Austin	Julia Perrotta
	5:00	PM	+	Shirley & Herman Weinberger	Phil & Joann Vullo

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 21, 2017

St. Agnes

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21

Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday

Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

Sunday, January 22, 2017

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23 – 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

Monday, January 23, 2017

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children; St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

St. Francis de Sales

Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

The Conversion of St. Paul;

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday, January 26, 2017

Ss. Timothy and Titus

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35

Friday, January 27, 2017

St. Angela Merici

Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 28, 2017

**St. Thomas Aquinas;** *Chinese New Year 4715* Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Sunday, January 29, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

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. 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.

FREE Nursery Care for children ages 1 to 5 available during the following Mass times: Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. The nursery is located in the PLC, classrooms 5 and 6. A trained childcare provider is in attendance during these nursery hours.



January 22, 2017

"There are still places in the world where doors are not locked, but there are also many where reinforced doors have become normal. We must not accept the idea of having to apply this system to our whole life, to life within the family, in the city, in society, and far less so in the life of the Church. ... An inhospitable Church, like a family closed in on itself, mortifies the Gospel and makes the world arid. No more reinforced doors in the Church!"— Pope Francis



A Capital Campaign for Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

# New Doors for the Life Center and Entire Campus

If there is one thing I receive the most complaints about, other than the parking on our campus, it is our doors. The doors to the buildings on our campus, with the exception of the front doors of the church, are original to the construction of each facility. Our front doors are beautiful and a clear representation of the open and inclusive nature of the Catholic Church, but we have a lot to work on when it comes to the rest.

Most of the exterior doors of the campus are complicated, multi-paned glass doors. Many are in serious need of replacement. Painting them, which is incredibly labor intensive given all the small windows of glass, will not assist with the fact that many are unable to withstand the constant usage that our church and facilities now have on a daily basis. They cannot be reset on their hinges, or rehung, as the door frames themselves are also beyond their normal life span. It will cost over \$3,000 per double-door to replace them. The church alone has nine exterior doors (to include the Adoration Chapel), all of which will be replaced with our new access-controlled and managed solution, ensuring a safe and protected environment for our faithful worship.

Things are no better in the Parish Activity Center and Claussen Family Center, both of which are heavily used and their doors are in the same condition of the Church. It makes tremendous sense that we will use the opportunity of the Life Center to replace

every exterior door on our campus at the same time, saving us significantly on the cost of labor, of doors, and in the access-control system. This plan is part of our Challenge Goal for our campaign. If your attention or

excitement was not captured by our Life Center, this is now an opportunity for you to get involved for the future of our Parish Family and help us renovate the church and other buildings for so they can be used for decades more.

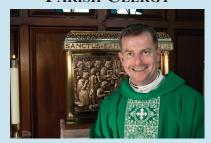
As we **Build Our Future**, **Serve Our Past**, we still need all the prayers
and support of our Parish Family
to reach our Pinnacle Goals. If you
have any questions, please contact Joe
Lichwalla, the Campaign Coordinator at
239.495.2001 or email:

campaign@sjecc.com. You can also learn more information about our Capital Campaign at: http://www.sjecc.com/future.

Jean-Paul Boucher, General Manager jp@sjecc.com



#### Parish Clergy



#### Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

Fr. Robert Murphy Associate Fr. Paul D'Angelo Associate

Deacon Hal Brenner Deacon Forrest Wallace

Deacon Frank Paniccia Senior Status

**Altar Servers:** 

Jean-Paul Boucher jp@sjecc.com

**Arts & Liturgical Environment:** 

Kay and Andy Sanfelippo 949,7122

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Call the Office 566.8740

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Mary Ellen Metro maryellen@ sjecc.com

**Lectors Ministry** lectors@sjecc.com

**Greeters & Ushers:** 

Bill Fuller wfuller1@comcast.net

239.280.8870

#### 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: 566.8740

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: 566.8740

#### Anointing of the Sick/Funeral

**Arrangements**. Call the parish office 566.8740. If the office is closed the answering machine will provide an emergency phone number for you to reach a priest.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

Business Office is located in the PLC (behind the Church)

All Administrative Staff 239.566.8740

General Manager

Jean-Paul Boucher: Ext. 3910

Fax: 239.566.9117 jp@sjecc.com

**Assistant to the Pastor** 

Tricia Schwarz

**Parish Secretary** 

Deborah Marsh

Front Office Manager

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**Pastoral Musician and Liturgist** 

Gary Prettyman

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Jennine Fuentes

Sacristan & Martha's Guild

Lan Tran

**Director of Family Mission** 

Jean-Paul Boucher

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Coordinator

Kyle VanDuser

**Memorial Garden** 

Jean-Paul Boucher

Bookkeeper

Karen Beebe

**Religious Boutique** 

Elaine deLaurentis, Ext. 3921

Maintenance

566.8740

**Education Staff** 

**Director of Religious Education** Natalie Campbell: Ext. 3904 and 3909

Coordinator, Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

Jack Kindsvater: Ext. 3918

email staff members at:

info@sjecc.com

#### 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

Thank you!

\*For complete information on the Sacraments, please visit our website:

www.sjecc.com

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.

#### St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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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 a.m & 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

#### **Choirs:**

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

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

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

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. Grades 1-5. Gary Prettyman: 566.8740

Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Sundays, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Grades 6-12 especially welcome. Gary Prettyman: 566.8740

Hospitality. Volunteers serve light refreshments for parishioners who gather after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses for sharing, communicating and extending fellowship. If interested in helping contact Elida Gil: 239.592.7973 or Darlene Follese: 495.9741

**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: 566.8740.

#### 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

#### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

To Know. To Love, and To Serve God in His church and our community.

## ARISH INFORMATION... OPERATIONAL

# Sanctity of Life Weekend - January 21-22

This weekend, we celebrate the life that God has given to all of humanity. He knew us even in our mother's womb. We keep in our memory and prayers the 59 million unborn babies who have lost their lives through abortion since 1973, and also the millions of mothers, fathers and families affected by this "choice".





Thankfully, there are ministries like **Project Rachel** that help mothers and families seek peace, healing and the mercy of God. For information about this vital ministry, please call 239.719.7210 or email *Fonda.rachel@gmail.com* to talk with someone who cares and can help.

For **Sanctity of Life** weekend, a bouquet of red roses has been displayed on the altar. These roses are in memory of the 59 million babies who have lost their lives in the 44 years since the Roe vs. Wade decision legalized abortion. Please take time to pray for an end to abortion.



# Next Pray for Life Monday for St. John is January 23

Would you like to get involved in the pro-life cause? Our parish has committed to praying for an end to abortion outside of Planned Parenthood on the fourth Monday of every month, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Please join fellow parishioners for this peaceful prayer time. Our next "prayer Monday" is Monday, January 23.

## Why should you pray outside the abortion center?

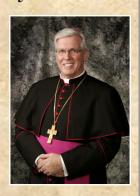
- When women arrive for abortions and see you praying, they know that you are praying specifically for them when they need it most. Women often change their minds and choose life when they see others praying for them.
- It demonstrates your love for both the pre-born baby and for the mother.
- Your prayerful witness awakens the conscience of our Naples community.

Contact Nancy or Paul Curti for more information: plancurti@gmail.com or 612.616.1434.

Planned Parenthood is located at 1425 Creech Road (on the corner of Goodlette-Frank and Creech Road).

# Bishop Dewane Will Celebrate Mass at St. John on Ash Wednesday, March 1

Bishop Frank J. Dewane will celebrate Mass here at Saint John the Evangelist on Ash



Wednesday, March 1 at 8:00 a.m. Following Mass, St. John will host the annual Prayer Walk for Life in which parishioners along with Bishop Dewane will proceed to Planned Parenthood for the Prayer Walk.

# **#ToKnow #ToLove #ToServe**

# Parish Mission & Life

# #ToLove – Protection and Safety for Our Parish Family

The safety of our Parish Family has been a consistent topic here, especially given just how much it keeps me awake at night. I briefly introduced the new doors that we will be instituting around campus on our Capital Campaign page, which will allow us to manage access while continuing to keep our church open and welcoming. This is only one of the many ways we are improving our facilities, our procedures, and our priorities to ensure we can all feel the warmth of our faith like a blanket protecting us from the world.

Last week, Our Holy Father saw fit to take another step in actively combatting potential abusive situations in the church. He appointed Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston to the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Cardinal O'Malley is also the president of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors. What happens when you put the oldest congregation of the leadership of the church, dedicated to the promotion of the doctrine of faith and morals with the organization dedicated to ensuring there is no longer any abuse in our Church? Hopefully, a continuation of the vision Pope Francis communicated when establishing this Commission:

The Commission's specific task is to propose to me the most opportune initiatives for protecting minors and vulnerable adults, in order that we may do everything possible to ensure that crimes such as those which have occurred are no longer repeated in the Church. The Commission is to promote local responsibility in the particular Churches, uniting their efforts to those of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, for the protection of all children and vulnerable adults. — Pope Francis 3/22/2014 (http://www.protectionofminors.va/content/tuteladeiminori/en/the-commission\_section/our-mission\_page.html)

What I love about this mission is that it is clear that Pope Francis is illustrating that it is us, the local Church, that is ultimately responsible for the safety of our Parish Family. So many ministries and members have taken this call to heart, actively ensuring our safe environment with background checks, following our "if you see something, say something" policy, and getting involved with those most in need both within our church and in our community.

Cardinal O'Malley became a Bishop of Palm Beach in 2002, immediately after his predecessor admitted to abusing minors, sending that Diocese into a tailspin. After actively combatting and cleaning up that Church, he was called to serve in an even more devastated area, taking over for Cardinal Bernard Law, who was removed from Boston due to the massive abuse scandal that rocked that city and our country. Cardinal O'Malley continued to showcase his ability to resolve such deep divisions and pain caused by the church with his

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by Jean-Paul Boucher

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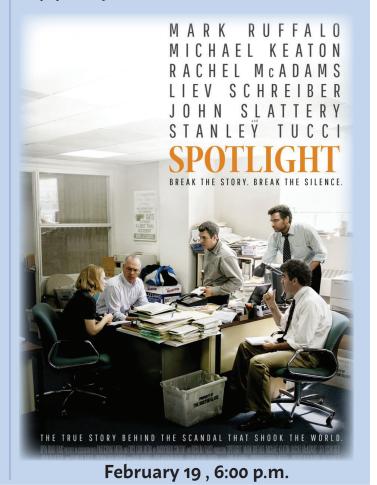
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passionate and engaging steadfastness.

The story of this scandal in Boston is the subject of our next Movie Night for Adults, *Spotlight*. The priority Pope Francis has placed on this subject requires every adult member of our Parish Family to experience this movie. Fr. Paul was directly impacted by this scandal as he was in Boston during the time that *Spotlight* takes place. He will join Fr. John and Fr. Bob for our screening on February 19, at 6:00 p.m. (immediately after the 5:00 p.m. Mass is completed). We will also have a discussion session the following week with the priests for those who would like to discuss the topic further. I can tell you that it would be too raw to talk about the movie immediately after watching it; I cannot imagine not being deeply and emotionally impacted by the movie, and I would not want to have that raw emotion spill out without the opportunity for prayerful reflection.

I hope you will join us.



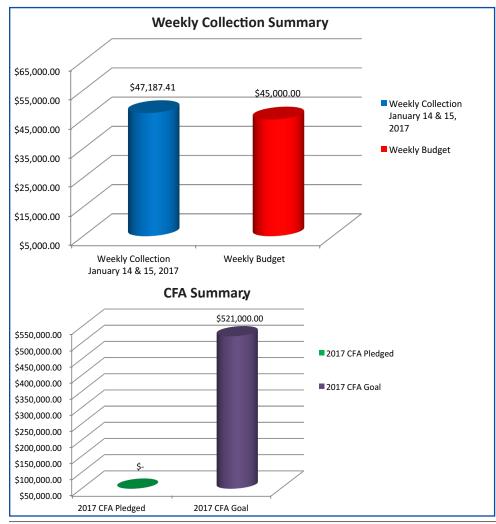
# Are You Receiving Our Weekly Email Blasts?

In order that we may enhance communication within the parish through our email module, we must have your email address. We will use the email address to send out newsletters and pertinent emails relating to upcoming events which you may want to be involved. If you have not been receiving the emails and would like to, or if you have a new email address, please complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket or turn it in to the Parish Office. Thank you.

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Phone Number(s)	
Address	
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#### Companion Driving Ministry Offers Rides, Needs Drivers

If you have space available in your vehicle to allow a fellow parishioner to ride along with you and attend a daily or weekend Mass, please contact the Driving Ministry at *sjeride@gmail.com* or Beth Lucci at 877.6254. Thank you!



# "Walking Toward Eternity" A Seminar with Jeff Cavins February 3 and 4 at Our Lady of Light in Fort Myers

As Catholics our Faith is meant to be put into practice. "Walking Toward Eternity" with Jeff Cavins in person, is a powerful seminar that will help you to put your faith into practice, draw you closer to Christ, and challenge you to make real and lasting changes in your life. The seminar kicks off on Friday. February 3, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center at Our Lady of Light in Fort Myers with a free talk called "Christ Looks at us with Mercy...And Calls us to Discipleship." Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Saturday's seminar, "Walking Toward Eternity" will be from 9:00 a.m. -2:45 p.m.

The cost for the seminr is \$40 per person and includes materials and lunch. Register at *www.regonline*. *com/FTMYERSWTE* or with *events@ascensionpress.com* or 484.875.4550, x2003. There will be a book-signing reception with Jeff Cavins following the talk on Friday.

Our Lady of Light is at 19680 Cypress View Dr, Ft Myers 33967, 239.267.7088.

Jeff Cavins is the creator of The Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study Program. **Bereavement.** Attend funeral Masses and memorial services to provide support and compassion. Take turns serving lunch for the family and friends after a funeral Mass. Grief facilitators hold support groups as needed to give support to those suffering a loss. *For Arimatheans: Elaine:* 566.8160. For Grief Support Ministry: 566.8740

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

Buildings 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.

Catholic/Jewish Dialogue. Engage Catholics and Jews in understanding our past history and to advance the cause of mutual understanding and appreciation for our differences as well as our commonalities. Marty Gauthier: marty@naples.net

Circle of Comfort. If you have cancer, or are taking care of someone who does, you may be facing challenges that may leave you feeling overwhelmed, frightened, alone and in need of comfort. Let us share our experience of faith, strength and prayer with you. We help each other live one day at a time through encouragement, prayer, laughter or whatever it takes to bring comfort to each other. *Jim or Darlene* 566.8740

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: 566.8740 or Beth Lucci at 877.6254 or sjeride@gmail.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

**Divorced and Separated Support Group.** Whether separated/divorced 10 days ago or 10 years ago, sign up now for our 12-week DVD series/group discussions to help you along your path to Spiritual Healing. Series runs Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Claussen Family Center. *Lhara Echeverria:* 293.3694 or *Lhara@sjecc.com or Beth Lucci:* 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, www.faithandwine.com or Nancy Squittieri: mamasquit@yahoo.com

**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. *President: Barbara Kuryea* 

**Habitat for Humanity.** Build homes in Naples for qualifying families in need. *Nick Koulloheras:nick@hfhcollier.com* 

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, medicalvision-dental services, education and basic support to improve the lives of the poor in Jamaica. We welcome new volunteers. For more info: *Jeanne Stamant (season)* 514.0290 (summer 248.3248). To volunteer: Martha Mador 860.449-2105

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. Next social meeting is October 24. Visiting Knights are welcome. *Bill Warvel, Grand Knight: 331.7151* 

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: 947.6454

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 yearround on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. - Noon. no experience necessary. Vicki Brenner: 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:* Diane Pesce: 630.571.0707. *To join:* MarieElaina Mullin: 273.1702

#### 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 parishrelated functions. It hosts the parish picnic, 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. Jack Nalipinski: 412.613.3551

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

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: 597.3941

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. Needs fleece fabric. *Phyllis Crivelli: 594.1148 or Barbara Arthur: 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. *SVdP Office: 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

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 nancybdh@hotmail.com

#### PRAYER GROUPS

Pray The Rosary & The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group Patricia Bucalo: 248.0694 **Divine Will Prayer Group** Gorana Saner: 293.1765

Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Wednesdays after 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Maria Jones: 348.5361 Liturgy of the Hours Phyllis Gryskiewicz: 566.7307

## **OUTREACH & OTHER GROUPS**

AA. Robert: 239.287.2442

Al-Anon. Carol: 804.306.5323 and

Juliette: Lysack

Narcotics Anonymous.

Cursillistas. Robyn DeVille: 253.6275 or

robyndeville@earthlink.net

Mah Jong. Space Limited. Lanelle Bishop:

352.1860

Pinochle. Joseph DeJesus: 598.9865 Recovering Couples Anonymous. Britta:

348.5031 or Roger: 250.6888

#### PRAYER LIST

We remember those who have died recently, especially:

John Harold Parsons

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

#### THROUGH THE DARKNESS **BRING US TO THE LIGHT**

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

Cpl. Francisco Alvarenga |Lt. John Meyers U.S. Marines

Sp. Petrus Botha U.S. Army

S. Isaiah Brutus U.S. Air Force

**Ensign Stuart Campbell** U.S. Navv

**BM2** Charley Davidson U.S. Navy (USS Samuel

B. Roberts) Adam Decker

U.S. Air Force **Nicholas Detloff** U.S. Air Force

Joshua Emmons U.S. Air Force

LCpl. Conor Fleurant

Lt. Colin Flood U.S. Army, Special Forces

Lt. Bernardo Garcia U.S. Marines

Lt. Joseph Gilig 1st Marine Division \* LAV Recon

Cpl. Dylan Granza U.S. Army Ranger

Spc. Shelby Granza U.S. Army

Gunnery Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer USMC \* Embassy Security (New Zealand)

Spc. Douglas Hennessy U.S. Army

Staff Sgt. Brian Holmes U.S. Army (Iraq)

Marine Colonel Brian USMC Howlett 2nd Lt. Sean Kealey U.S. Army

U.S. Army

LCpl. Randy A. Novak

LCpl. Ryan D. Novak

Rvan D. Novak USMC

Cpt. Daniel Palmer U.S. Army

Cpt. John Palmer U.S. Army

**Cpt. Martin Palmer** U.S. Army (Afghanistan)

Lt. Robert Pedrigi U.S. Army

Lt. Joseph Schafer U.S. Army

Pvt. 1st Class Aron Siwek U.S. Army Lt. Jr. Gabriella Scrudato

U.S. Coast Guard MidShipman Micaela Scrudato U.S. Naval Academy

Spc. Andrew Smith U.S. Army (Kuwait) Spc. Devin Snyder U.S. Army (Ft. Drum,

**Houng Tran** U.S. Army

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IT2 Jason E. Tydingco (USN) Staff Sgt. Brandon Waithe U.S. Air Force

Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino U.S. Air Force

Steve Allender Rich Annunizata Fernando Ardila Thomas Ardila Jean & Emmunale Balliro

Margie Benefico Barbara Berg Gallen Boardman Brian Bodnar Teresa Brecht Dorothy Brown Joseph Brzoza

Connie Cahill Doug Callen Carrie David Casola Susan Chiappini Helen Chinigo

Eric Christensen

Dick Clark Sam and Frank Comeriato Fr. Gerard Critch Kathryn Gallagan-Culp

Anthony D'Antuono Mark Dabronzo Donald Dempski Sandra Demski Julie Dieter George Edwards

Carey Eliason Pat Erhadt Coletta Farina John Farrell John Farrow Donna Flynn Anna Focht Jon Fournier

Fran Galloway Family Heidi Garaux Edward Gavnor Connor Gelinas Roberta George

Emma Gilardi Carlos D. Gomez George Gonser Jr Ozzie Goldman

Lisa & Richard Granger

Keri Grasso Glenn Griffin Kathleen Hall Margi Hearson Gerard Heyen Kim Hocker Donald Howe Patricia Jones

**JRM** Neil King Krista Leigh Kozowyk Jim Krauser & Family

John Kuryea Lindsay Lavery Rene Lacoste Pattie Leiner Delk Lindaman Logan

Jack Lucarelli Jean Lydon Margie Lynch Richard Lyncheski Maria and Family Andrew Maroney Marisa Mazza Kenneth J. McAvoy Kevin McDonagh

Patricia McGrath Paul McIntvre Mitchell McKinney Carolyn McNichols Jean Meleo

Paul Miller Lorrie Morrison Maxine Newman Marylee Olsen Emma O'Rourke Maryla Panagos

Charles Parente Family Michael Paul Babe Pelli Anne Perrino Petric Family Ann Petrillo Philip Petrone

Georgia Pinto Irene Pires

Thad Pluc Bill Porter Renee Rake Ruth Rechtsteiner Aurielia Rein Cindy Renner Peter Renner

RLC

Susie Romanovich Jean Ruel Lloyd Sample Christine Sanders Lisa Sanfelippo Joseph Savani Shelia Scaduto

Peter Scariati Mary Schell Eli Schneider Breana Short Thomas Sissman John Smith Solazzo Family

Anthony Spinella Nancy Štewart William Strouse Rita Taranto William J. Teplica

Domonic Terrogrossa Gary Tester Marilyn Thyen Ada Ťimblin Joanne Uzzi

Logan Uzzi Lawrence Varone Mike Walsman Larry Ward McKenna Weinstein Vera Weinstein Leanora Wilson

Nancy Wise Bob Wright Ed Zerrer Zoe

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like the name(s) you submit to be on our prayer list for longer than one month, please notify us by phone or email or the names will be removed. These names also appear on our online prayer list at: http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/ministries/prayer-list

To submit a one-month prayer request call 566.8740, or email: prayerlist@sjecc.com LET US PRAY ... When submitting a name for Prayer List, please make sure you have that individual's permission



## Our family would like to meet yours!

You are invited to our Open House on Sunday, January 29th 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Meet our teachers, tour campus and see the Seton difference!

Special discounts available during Open House.

For more information: 239-455-2262 or portner@seseton.org.

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## Mass of Remembrance Tuesday, February 7

Family members of

parishioners who died in 2016 will be remembered at a Mass of Remembrance on Tuesday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. here at St. John. A candlelight service in remembrance of the deceased will be part of the celebration.

If you wish to reserve a candle, please call Rita Spagnola at 514.1302 by Wednesday, February 1. Leave your name, phone number and name of the person to be remembered.

A reception will follow in the Parish Life Center for those attending the Mass.

# Come and experience

# ENCOUNTER ON THE MOUNTAIN!

Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. following the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

The first of four quarterly nights of Praise and Worship Music,
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, and Healing Prayer
in collaboration with our youth and young adult groups
and NET ministries team.

Come, and encounter the Lord in a powerful way with fellow parishioners and friends.

A priest will be available to hear confessions throughout the night, and during adoration there will be a brief reflection on Encountering the Living God.

Hymns for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 21 & 22, 2017			
Readings:	Page	e <b>60</b>	
Prelude Hymn:	195	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	
Entrance Hymn:	594	Christ Be Our Light	
Preparation Hymn:	607	Isaiah 49	
Communion Hymn:	522	Prayer of St. Francis	
	455	You are Mine	
Closing Hymn:	404	In Christ Alone	

# 5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid Sunday, January 22, 2017: the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Song 59	4 Christ Be Our Light			
Preparation:	Lord, I Need You	Matt Maher	CCLI Song # 5925687.	
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Verse 1) Lord, I come, I confess; bowing here, I find my rest And without you, I fall apart: you're the One that guides my heart (to Chorus)



Verse 2) Where sin runs deep, your grace is more; where grace is found is where you are And where you are, Lord, I am free: Holiness is Christ in me! (to Chorus)

*Bridge*) So teach my song to rise to you when temptation comes my way And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you—Jesus, you're my hope and stay (*to Chorus*)

Communion Song	522	Prayer of St. Francis
Closing Song	404	In Christ Alone

# Milestone Anniversary Mass at St. Leo Saturday, March 11

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in two locations: Saturday, February 18 at 11:00 a.m. at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice and Saturday, March 11 at St. Leo Parish in Bonita Springs at 10:00 a.m.

Please call the St. John office for reservations no later than a week before the event (Epiphany or St. Leo) you choose to attend.

## First Concert of the Winter/Spring Concert Series!

Experience composer, virtuoso pianist and acclaimed performer,

## **Eric Genuis**

Saturday, February 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ballroom



Refreshments at 6:00 p.m. followed by the concert at 6:30 p.m.

Along with a violinist, vocalist, and cellist,

Eric Genuis will provide an evening
of gorgeous music appealing to both classical
and contemporary tastes.

Pre-order your food and drink tickets online to take advantage of \$5 for PACK of 6 tickets special! https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/ConcertSeriesEricGenuis

\$1 each tickets will be available at the door.

You will not want to miss this FREE Concert!!





Devastated after the sudden loss of her mother, author Mary Lou Quinlan made a startling discovery: private boxes of notes written by the very hand that had slipped away. These secret scribbled petitions tucked in her mother's "God Box" compelled Mary Lou to face the greatest human challenge: learning to let go. She will share selections from her New York Times bestselling book "The God Box, Sharing my Mother's Gift of Faith, Love and Letting Go". Mary Lou has shared this story on stages around the U.S. and last fall in nine cities in Ireland. The God Box Project, which includes the book, a free iTunes app, and a one-woman play she performs, has raised nearly \$400,000 for cancer, hospice, schools, and parishes. Come join us for this special evening of fellowship and a delicious dinner. Pre-register NOW at www.faithandwine.com.

Invite your friends, neighbors and fellow parishioners to this GREAT event!

# Thursday, February 23, 2017 6:30-8:30 PM (Doors open at 6:00 p.m.) featuring

Mary Lou Quinlan

"The God Box,
A Journey of the Heart"



#### Mediterranean Menu

Appetizer Display:

Pita with Tzatziki and Hummus Feta, Olive and Tomato Display

Buffet

Pork Souvlaki Medallions • Grecian Chicken (Chevre Cheese, Roasted Peppers, Braised Spinach) • Sautéed Zucchini and Squash • Oregano Potatoes • Greek Salad • Pita Wedges with Tzatziki and Hummus

Dessert: Baklava

# Cost: \$25 prepay • NO WALK-INS!

Please prepay for this event no later than noon on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 by going to www.faithandwine.com (using Paypal) or dropping off your check made payable to "St. John the Evangelist" at the St. John Parish Office. In the memo line put Faith and Wine. Or you can mail (postmarked before Thursday, February 16, 2017) your check to Kathleen Millard at 2134 Morning Sun Lane, Naples, FL 34119.

**Event held at:** St. John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom 625 111th Avenue North, Naples, FL

**SAVE THE DATES:** Mark your calendar now for the remaining Faith and Wine Dates: March 23, 2017 and April 20, 2017.

Go to www.FaithandWine.com to learn more!

# Bonita Village Band Annual Concert Saturday, February 11 – FREE

Nostalgic! Toe-Tapping! Memorable!



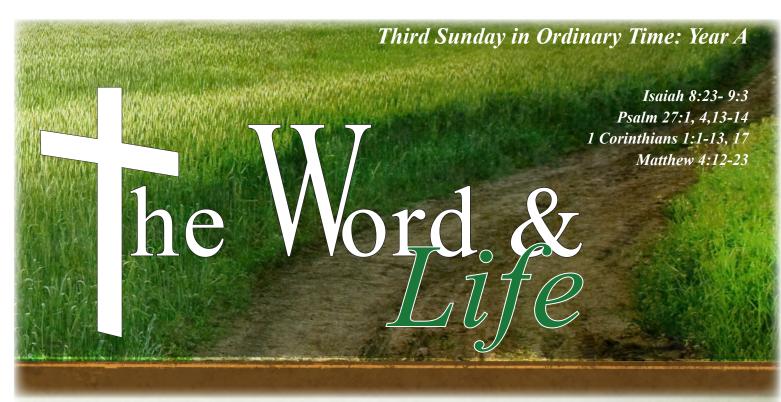
Saturday, February 11 at 7:30 p.m. in Parish Life Center

The Bonita Village Band Concert will include old-time toe-tapping lively music from the 1930s to the 1960s at their annual concert here Saturday, February 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Life Center.

Director Doug Anderson is a former director of Richfield Silver Notes, Showtime and the Fogey Follies, among many other musical accomplishments.

The concert is free, but donations will be accepted for elementary school children for music lessons and instruments.

For more information, contact Pat Lampe at 592.7845.





ne of the most beautiful things to see in nature is the dawning of a new day. You wait in darkness and everything is devoid of shape and form. Then the light appears — painting the landscape before you, illuminating it with the great possibilities that God puts in place. The dawn of a new day lights the way, revealing to us the great possibilities which may present themselves.

## **Reflection Questions**

- 1. What does it mean to walk in darkness?
- 2. What did the early disciples sacrifice in order to follow Jesus?
- 3. What does the light of Christ represent?
- 4. Where does darkness exist today?
- 5. Where can we find light to dispel the darkness of sin and fear?
- 6. How is Jesus calling you to follow him?
- 7. How can the Church be effective in lighting the way for others?
- 8. Are you willing to join in the Church's mission to light the way?

In the first reading, we hear wisdom from the prophet Isaiah. We are told about how the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Why? It is because the story of God's love is *continually* dawning upon the world. The presence of Jesus is the ultimate light that the world will ever see. Isaiah prophesies about the time when burdens will be lifted off people's shoulders and the world will be ecstatic with joy. As we journey now through the gospel of Matthew, we see how Jesus' wisdom illuminates our way to the Father in heaven. Jesus invites the people in the gospel to repent for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Such a call had a sense of immediacy about it. As soon as Jesus sees the fishermen at work, he calls them to follow him *immediately*. The men respond to that call. Why did these men go so willingly with Jesus journeying into the unknown? Only interpretation will half answer that question. However, human experience probably tells us that these men were looking for something more and saw something in Jesus that day as he called them to a life and future, full of possibilities and hope. Immediately they witnessed the proclamation of the kingdom and the realities of the healing power of Jesus' love in the way he cured disease and illness among the people.

We are called to follow this same Jesus as we listen to the gospel proclaimed today. There are so many ways in which we are asked to bring light to the dark realities of the world. As we reflect upon the terrible atrocities that continue in Kenya, we have no trouble in recognizing the powers of darkness. Children are left orphaned because their parents have been shot or killed with machetes. Thousands of people

are now homeless because rebels abuse their physical power by creating havoc in what were once peaceful villages and towns. Lowly and humble lives that for many years have been left unrecognized are now only given a face by the sensationalism of media frenzies. The Middle-eastern conflict continues to witness violence betting violence. Hearts are being torn through the senseless murders and violence that occur. It seems that darkness has overcome

the light in areas where the prophets and Christ once walked.

Closer to home we can think of some of the trouble neighbourhoods of our large towns and cities where gang warfare is common place and where the world of vice becomes the way to fill that insatiable appetite that yearns for something more. The psychological world continues to try to heal damaged and fragile individuals who honestly cannot recognize the gift that is set before them. Even in the midst of this tremendous darkness, every day the dawn comes to visit us from on high to remind us to be light for the world. The people that we choose to elect have the power granted to them to help change national and international conflicts. Those who represent our nation should be beacons of hope for a world yearning for the same kind of freedoms afforded to us. Each one of us can offer the light of Christ which is truth of equality, mercy, and justice. We give witness to the light through the choices we make and the lives we lead. We have a choice to follow after Christ so that others may recognize his footprints through the steps that each of us take.



## Prayer

Lord, light the path before us. Illuminate the darkness of our world with the dawning of your love. May we learn to always follow you in all ways and above all things. As we journey on to the kingdom, may we become the children of light. Amen!

## **Wisdom of the Fathers**

In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples (cf. Mt 28:19). All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization, and it would be insufficient to envisage a plan of evangelization to be carried out by professionals while the rest of the faithful would simply be passive recipients. The new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized. Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love. Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are "disciples" and "missionaries", but rather that we are always "missionary disciples". If we are not convinced, let us look at those first disciples, who, immediately after encountering the gaze of Jesus, went forth to proclaim him joyfully...

...Of course, all of us are called to mature in our work as evangelizers. We want to have better training, a deepening love and a clearer witness to the Gospel. In this sense, we ought to let others be constantly evangelizing us. But this does not mean that we should postpone the evangelizing mission; rather, each of us should find ways to communicate Jesus wherever we are. All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite our imperfections offers us his closeness, his word and his strength, and gives meaning to our lives. In your heart you know that it is not the same to live without him; what you have come to realize, what has helped you to live and given you hope, is what you also need to communicate to others. Our falling short of perfection should be no excuse; on the contrary, mission is a constant stimulus not to remain mired in mediocrity



Pope Francis kisses a child while meeting the disabled during his general audience in Paul VI hall at the Vatican November 30, 2016. (Catholic News Service photo/Paul Haring)

but to continue growing. The witness of faith that each Christian is called to offer leads us to say with Saint Paul: "Not that I have already obtained this, or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own" (*Phil* 3:12-13)."

— "Evangelii Gaudium" ("The Joy of the Gospel"), 120-121 — Pope Francis

# Faith Formation

# 2016-2017 School Year

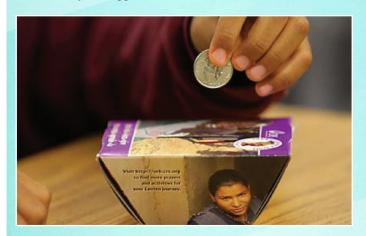
#### **JANUARY CALENDAR**

- 22 ~ Sunday Faith Formation Class,Parent Faith FormationHigh School Confirmation Class
- 25 ~ Wednesday Faith Formation Class Parent Faith Formation
- 29 ~ Sunday Faith Formation Class Parent Faith Formation

# Faith Formation Students Will Participate in RICE BOWL PROJECT During Lent

We look forward to kicking off our Faith Formation RICE BOWL PROJECT to support Catholic Relief Services. We will collect pocket change all throughout Lent to support this great cause. Collection boxes will go home with all Faith Formation students in the upcoming weeks. Children and families outside of Faith Formation who wish to participate may pick up a collection kit in the Faith Formation office or at the front desk of the parish office.

Thanks for your support!



#### **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)

## This Week in Faith Formation — Highlights

- Congratulations to the 72 children who received the sacraments of First Reconciliation last Thursday! We are so grateful to our dedicated catechists who prepared them, as well as our faithful priests, music ministry at St. John and volunteers who helped make this evening so special! More details in next week's bulletin!
- Faith Formation opportunities are available for parents while the kids are in class on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Parents may attend either session.
   Locations for Parent Sessions will be posted on the entrance doors when dropping off your child. Parents of children who attend private schools or who are considering Faith Formation for their child are welcome to attend as well.
- This month in Faith Formation, as part of our service work, students will create Valentine Cards for residents of our surrounding nursing homes. These cards have traditionally been very well received and greatly appreciated. We hope to have over 500 cards created by the end of the month. Parish families who wish to make cards at home are welcome to do so as well. Please drop them off at our Faith Formation Office by February 1. Thanks for your support!



Middle School Youth in Mrs. Molly Perez's class create Valentines for Seniors in our community.

Natalie Campbell • Director of Religious Education • 239.566.8740, ext. 3909 • email natalie@sjecc.com

# CYO - YOUTH NEWS & EVENTS

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/netteam16 • INSTAGRAM: @netteam16

#### **ONGOING EVENTS**

**ABLAZE** (Everybody)

Praise and Worship every Sunday, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. in the Claussen Family Center Youth Room. All are welcome.

#### THE ROCK (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP) ~ 9th - 12th Grade

Every Sunday, 7:30 - 8:45 p.m. Meet in the Claussen Family Center Seminar Room for food and fellowship! We will play games, watch skits, open up the Bible, hang out with friends, and more. We cannot wait to see you there to lean more about our Catholic faith.

#### L.I.F.T.E.D ~ 6th - 12th Grade

Open Youth Roon *every Mondays*, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Hang out with the NET Team in the Claussen Family Center Youth Activity Room.

#### MONTHLY

One Friday every month there will be a Guys and Ladies Night separately planned for the 6th-12th graders at our Parish.

#### **Host Homes**

We still need Host homes for our NET Missionaries. If you would like to host them at your house for one of our two week periods this semester please contact Kyle VanDuser, CYO Social and Spiritual Coordinator, at *kyle@sjecc.com* for more information.

# Several Safe Environment Training Sessions Have Been Scheduled at Area Parishes

As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and trained in Safe Environment. For further information, visit the Diocesan website at *www.dioceseofvenice.org/safeenvironment*.

There are several upcoming Safe Environment Training sessions at nearby parishes. For more details or to register, call the Parish Office at the location where the class is offered. Please note that no one should attend Safe Environment Training until their fingerprints have cleared. Fingerprints must be updated every five years. If you need to be fingerprinted here at St. John, call the office at 566.8740 for an appointment.

Any employees or volunteers who need to renew their background clearance or be fingerprinted should complete the paperwork and call the office at 566.8740 for an appointment.

Thursday, February 9	6:00-8:00 p.m.	St. Leo Bonita, Springs	239.992.0901
Saturday, February 11	9:30-11:30 a.m.	St. Leo Bonita, Springs	239.992.0901
Thursday, February 16	6:00-8:00 p.m.	St. Finbarr, Naples	239.417.2084
Saturday, February 18	9:30-11:30 a.m.	St. Finbarr, Naples	239.417.2084
Thursday, March 2	6:00-8:00 p.m.	St. Ann, Naples	239.262.4256
Saturday, March 4	9:30-11:30 a.m.	St. Ann, Naples	239.262.4256

For the complete list of regional trainings that will be held this winter and spring, please visit <a href="http://dioceseofvenice.org/programs/safe-environment/training-schedule/">http://dioceseofvenice.org/programs/safe-environment/training-schedule/</a>

The next trainings will be scheduled in the spring and summer of 2017.

## Annual Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal Underway Through January

The 15th Annual Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal is underway and needs your support! The Christmas Appeal takes place now through January 2017. This year's goal is to raise \$550,000. The Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal is our largest annual fundraiser and critical to operating our social service organization. Your gifts provide funding for the many Catholic Charities programs and services available throughout Southwest Florida. Your generosity enables us to serve those seeking help all year long.

To donate please visit www. catholiccharitiesdov.org or mail a donation to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc., 5824 Bee Ridge Road PMB 409, Sarasota, FL 34233-5065

# 2017 Women's Conference February 11 at Bishop Verot

All women are invited to attend the 2017 Diocese of Venice Women's Conference Saturday, February 11, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Bishop Verot Catholic High School in Fort Myers. Cost in advance is \$20 (preregistration on line), students \$5 pre-registration. Cost at the door is \$30, and \$10 for students.

This year's speakers are Dr. Ted Sri, Rachael Balducci, Susan Conroy and Lisa Cotter. This event usually sells out. For Conference details and to register go to dioceseofvenice.org/womens.

# 2017 Men's Conference March 4 at Bishop Verot

All men to attend the 2017 Diocese of Venice Men's Conference on Saturday, March 4, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Bishop Verot Catholic High School in Fort Myers. Cost in advance is \$20 (preregistration on line), students \$5 pre-registration. Cost at the door is \$30, and \$10 for students.

The day includes internationally renowned speakers, Jeff Cavins, EWTN regular and creator of the popular Great Adventure Bible Study and the Bible Timeline, as well as Kevin Lowry and Mike Pacer. For Conference details and to register go to dioceseofvenice.org/mens.

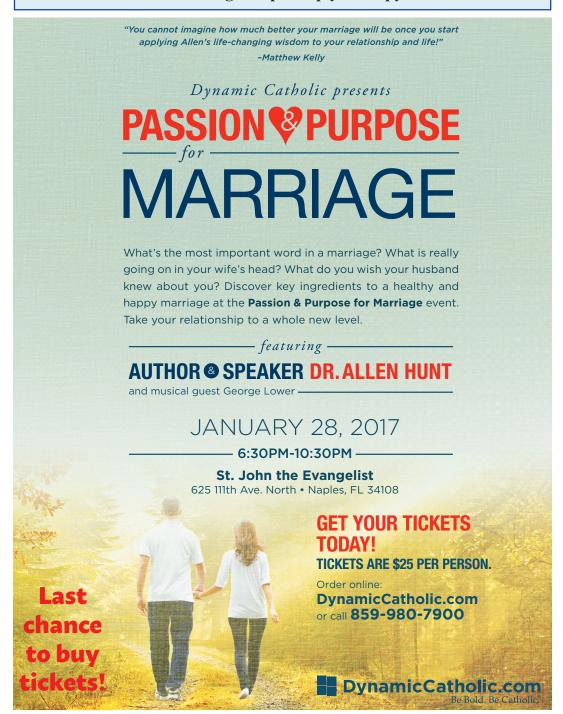
# Time Changed for Televised Mass for the Homebound

The Televised Mass for the Homebound in Charlotte, Collier, Lee, Hendry, Glades and Desoto counties on FOX-4 (WFTX) will have a broadcast time change to 10:30 a.m., effective Sunday, February 5. The Televised Mass time will not change for viewers who watch the CW Network in Manatee, Sarasota, Hardee, Highlands and DeSoto counties. It remains at 9:30 a.m.

Please check with your local cable provider for channel details or visit the Diocese of Venice website at *www.dioceseofvenice.org/tvmass*. The Mass is available for viewing at any time on the website. If you have any questions, or would like a leaflet missal, please contact Gail Ardy at *ardy@dioceseovenice.org* or call 941.486.4714.

The 2017 Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Calendar is available.

Don't forget to pick up your copy.



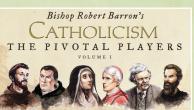
# Faith Formation & RCIA

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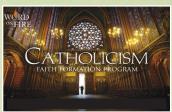
Began January 18 for 12 sessions (may still join the program)

11:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.



Beginning January 24 for 6 sessions

11:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.



Beginning February 2 for 10 sessions

11:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.



Beginning February 2 for 8 sessions

12:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

# Register NOW – It's EASY

#### There are three easy ways to register:

#### 1. On-line at sjecc.com

- •On the web site click on Ways To Give
- Select the AFF Program you want to attend
- Click Attend This Event ⇒
- Indicate the time of the session you expect to attend and the number of people you are registering

#### 2. By phone or e-mail

Leave a voice mail message at 239.566.8740, ext. 3918 or send an e-mail to *jack@sjecc.com* 

- include the Program you want to attend
- the time of the session you expect to attend
- your name, your phone and/or e-mail contact
- 3. In-person at the Parish Office Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.

#### Purchase or Pick-up course materials:

All of the programs have excellent study guides, workbooks, or study materials. For the Bible Study programs they are strongly recommended, for the Bishop Barron programs they are suggested. Many times couples share materials.

- If you register on-line at *sjecc.com* you can order and pay for your materials at the same time, and then pick them up at your convenience.
- 2. All of the materials are available at the Divine Gift Boutique (located in the church across from the restrooms) during Mass times:

Saturdays from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Sundays from 8:00 a.m. − 1:00 p.m.

Monday thru Friday from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

3. The materials are also available at the Parish Office Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

# This Week's Complete Schedule

Tuesday, January 24

**The Pivotal Players**, St. Francis of Assisi ~ 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room

Wednesday, January 25

The Bible Timeline ~11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Seminar Room

Parents' Happy Hour ~ 5:45 p.m. in the Seminar Room

Sunday, January 29

**Parents' Coffee** ~ 9:30 a.m. in the Rome Room (formerly the Library)

Jack Kindsvater, Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Coordinator. Call 239.566.8740, ext. 3918 or email jack@sjecc.com

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**





# GAELIC AND GARLIC FESTIVAL

- Pub Grub Pizza Corned Beef & Cabbage •
- Green Beer Italian Wine Opera Music
  - Tir Na Nog Irish Step Dancers •
- Tarantella Italian Dancing Meatball Cook-off •
- Meatball Eating Contest 5k Fun Car Raffle • & more •

March 18-19

All Day Both Days

# **GRIEF SUPPORT**

A seven-week grief support group will begin at St. John on Tuesday, February 14. The gathering will be from 10:00 -11:30 a.m. each Tuesday and will meet in the Claussen Family Center. Meeting dates are: February 14, February 21, February 28, March 7, March 14, March 21, and March 28.

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 Geralyn 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.

# **BIG BAND DANCE**

#### **Big Band** Dance **Schedule**

Tuesday, January 24

Tuesday, February 14

Tuesday, February 28

Tuesday,

March 14

Tuesday, March 28

Tuesday, April 11

## **EVERYONE WELCOME!**

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in St. John the Evangelist PLC Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Dance to the Music of the Big Band Era

Featuring the Live Southwest Florida 16-piece Orchestra Sounds of Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller & Stan Kenton

For Reservations (table of 8 or 10 only) CONTACT: 239-821-9395 Prepayment Required

Filet of Mignon sliders available for purchase (\$8:00) beginning at 6:15 p.m.



#### Admission:

\$10.00 cash only at the door - includes snacks

Cash Bar: Water and Soda ~ \$1.00

- Beer ~ \$2.00 per 12 oz. cup; \$7.00 per 60 oz. pitcher
- Wine and Mixed Drinks ~ \$3.00

**Dress:** Country Club Casual (No shorts please.)

Singles Welcome

Sponsored by the Men's Club and Women's Auxiliary

SOCK HOP **FEBRUARY** 24, 2017



The Knights of Columbus at St. John the Evangelist Proudly Presents

The Valentine's Day Dance

Thursday, February 16, 2017

With Billy Dean and Dawn

6:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

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Dancing 50/50

# Tickets: \$50 per persor

On sale after all weekend Masses starting January 7, 2017.

Make checks payable to: The Knights of Columbus Tickets are also on sale online at:

https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline. org/2017ValentineDinnerDance

No sales or refunds after February 12 or at the door.

# Menu by Frisco's Catering

Appetizer Display. Cheese. Vegetable Crudite · Organic Fruit · Pecoxino Romano Meabballs. Salad: Mediterranean Salad with Red Wine Vinaigrette. Entrée: Chateaubriand w//Whipped Potatoes and

Asparagus.

Dessert: Flourless Chocolate Cake.

We will attempt to meet dietary needs.

LIMITED SEATING THIS

SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES. For more information, please contact Jim McDonald at 947-6454

# HEAR SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE BROADWAY SHOW TUN



Aaron Keeney Baritone



Samuel Hall Tenor

Benefits the

Jamaica Outreach Program

in Concert February 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. John the Evangelist Ballroom

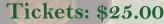
# YOUR FAVORITE BROADWAY SHOW TUNES

Phantom of the Opera • Les Miserables

West Side Story • Oklahoma • and more!

"Including some popular operatic selections you are sure to recognize"

STARRING: Opera Naples Professional Artists



Online: Jamaica Outreach.org

or https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/JOPConcert2017

or call 239-948-2145 or 401-862-0590

Tickets will be held for you at the door.



Maria Laetitia Soprano



Alexandra Schenck Mezzo Soprano

# GIT YER DANCIN' BOOTS ON

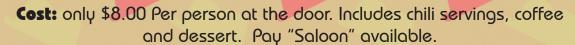
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNTRY WESTERN HOE DOWN
& CHILI COOK-OFF FOR LIFE

Proceeds for Respect Life

Sponsored by St. John Council Knights of Columbus

# Monday, January, 30, 2017

6:00 to 8:30 PM in the Parish Life Center



"Chili cook-off open to anyone who wishes to enter their GREAT Chili in the cook-off."

Call Jerry at (239)821-9395

The St. John the Evangelist Knights of Columbus Council will add to this annual respect life fundraising event with good old Country Music. Featuring the country western sound of "Vegas." Music, Cowboys and Cowgirls line dancing, Country Music, Country Dancing, Campfire and Chili Cook-off. Guests will enjoy different chili recipes of "chili aficionados" in the Naples Area.

Florida K of C Charities, Inc / Helping Life Fund is a 501 C 3 non-profit

For the LOVE of the Poor

Thank you for helping us stock the food pantries.

# For the LOVE of the Poor

The Ladies of Charity
are asking your support for our local food pantries to
specifically assist them during the VERY LEAN summer
months when there are items needed outside of what our
regular "Simple Gesture" bags provide.

Ending: February 28, 2017

# NO FOOD PLEASE! WE ARE REQUESTING CHECKS ONLY.

- A tree is in the Narthex with ornaments on it.
- Parishioners are encouraged to take an ornament and generously donate a check to St. John the Evangelist with "Food Drive" written in the memo line. Place your check in the collection baskets passed during Mass or take to the church office.
- The Ladies of Charity will designate the money collected to be used during the summer months when food shelves are near empty.