

January 29, 2017
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Catholic Schools Week 2017

The Catholic School Advantage

According to a study by the University of Notre Dame Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE), parents who send their children to Catholic school often cite safety and values as motivation for their choice. These two vital considerations are a huge part of the benefits students of Catholic schools receive, but they represent only a portion of what researchers call the Catholic School Advantage.

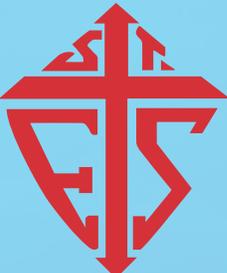
ADVANTAGES:

1. Students who attend Catholic schools are more likely to attend church and remain active Catholics as adults.
2. 86% of students who graduate from Catholic schools attend college, compared to 40% of students in public schools.
3. Catholic school students are also more accepting of diverse views, more likely to vote, more likely to be civically engaged, and earn higher wages than their public school peers.
4. Hispanic and African American students who attend Catholic schools are 42% more likely to graduate from high school and 2.5 times more likely to graduate college.
5. 98% of low income, minority children graduate from Catholic high schools, compared to only 66% of all students in public schools.



The gifts of Catholic schools are not limited to those who attend them; they are a blessing to our nation, forming active

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Saint Elizabeth Seton and Saint Ann Catholic School Open Houses
Sunday, January 29.





St. John Neumann Catholic High School next Open House
Sunday, March 5.



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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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Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions (SI) Requested by

January 28, 2017 Saturday		
8:00 AM + Helene Knoll		Charles Buckley
	Vigil Masses for Sunday	
3:00 PM + Tracy Ide		Anne & Mike Colleary
5:00 PM + Shirley Weinberger		Bill & Jeanne Plunkett
January 29, 2017 Sunday		
7:00 AM + Vincent Cinque		Eileen Cinque
9:00 AM + Bonnie Karkut		Mary & Jim Hammond & Diane & Terry Ketcham
11:15 AM	For Our Parishioners	
1:15 PM + Cathy Austin		Julia Perrotta
5:00 PM + Shirley & Herman Weinberger		Phil & Joann Vullo
January 30, 2017 Monday		
8:00 AM SI William Whitney		Ellen & Chuck Stokinger
9:00 AM + Martha Wilson		Jerry & Judy Healy
January 31, 2017 Tuesday		
8:00 AM + Jack Gaffey		Pauline Cataldo
9:00 AM + Milo Tomanovich		Tom & Nancy Garlick
February 1, 2017 Wednesday		
8:00 AM + Joseph A. Gioia		George & Nora O'Neill
9:00 AM + Frank Magrone		Mr. & Mrs. William Schoeler
6:30 PM + Fred (Fritz) Fromert		Marian & Perry DeSiato
February 2, 2017 Thursday		
8:00 AM + Robert Berg		Joan & Joe Berg
9:00 AM + Robert Martin		Ginny Martin
February 3, 2017 Friday		
8:00 AM + Ramy Garrido		Elida Gil
9:00 AM SI Frank & Mary Lou Kreber		Julie Mullenix
February 4, 2017 Saturday		
8:00 AM + Veronica McNulty		Kathleen Schmarcht
	Vigil Masses for Sunday	
3:00 PM + Jerome VanderHorst		Wife Janet
5:00 PM + Dominick & Grace Corbino		Vince & Kathryn Corbino
February 5, 2017 Sunday		
7:00 AM + Joseph McGowan		Henry & Emmie White
9:00 AM SI Frank & Mary Lou Kreber		Jack Kreber
11:15 AM	For Our Parishioners	
1:15 PM + Thomas Murphy		Kathleen Murphy
5:00 PM + Josephine Morano		Marian Welzmuller & Alissa Reiser

Wine & Host in memory of Michael & Kevin Leclerc ~ requested by Lorraine Leclerc

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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;

Catholic Schools Week

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

Monday, January 30, 2017

Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, January 31, 2017

St. John Bosco

Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 2, 2017

The Presentation of the Lord; *Groundhog Day*

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;

Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Friday, February 3, 2017

St. Blase; St. Ansgar; First Friday;

Blessing of Throats

Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday, February 4, 2017

Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday

Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Sunday, February 5, 2017

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Blessing of Throats will take place at the 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. Masses on February 3.

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS...

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Campaign Corner

January 29, 2017

“Going to church doesn’t make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you an automobile”— Billy Sunday



A Capital Campaign for
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Front Parking Lot Re-design Adds 40 Spots

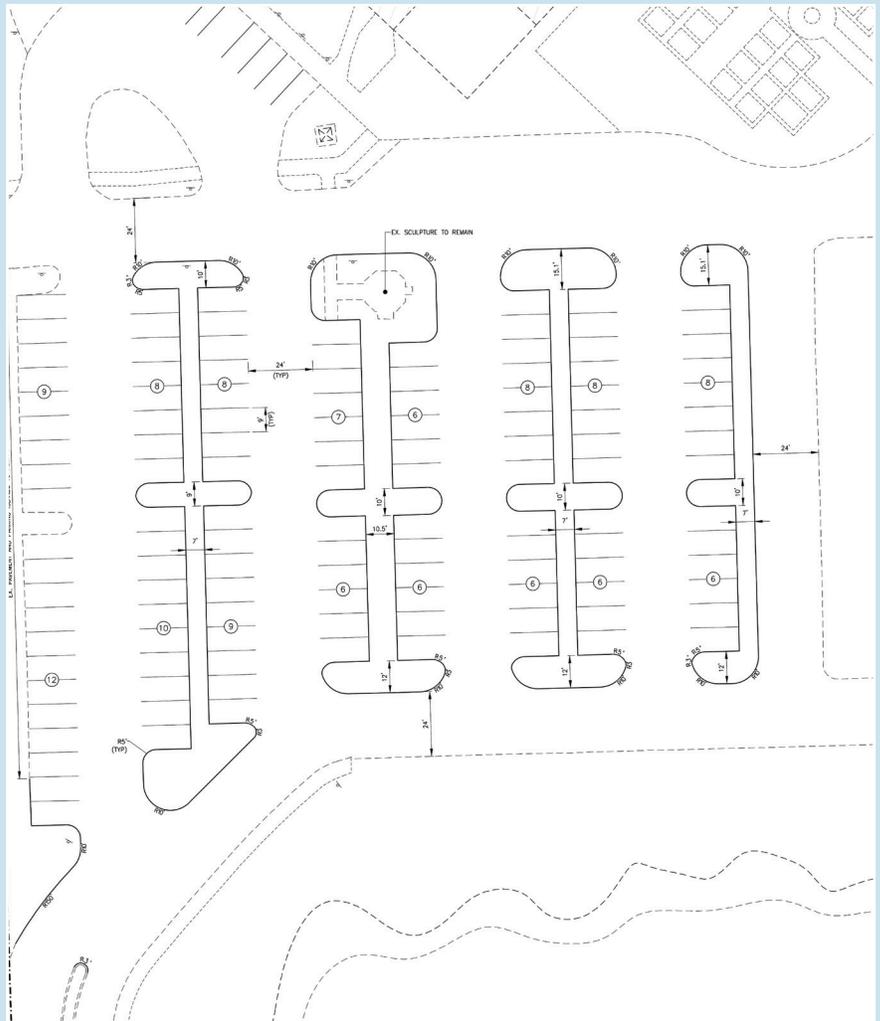
The confusing entrances, parking layout, and exits for our campus continue to cause issues for both our Parish Family and our visitors on a daily basis. We have attempted small measures, like the recent fire lane signage and newly painted lines and parking stops, to assist with this problem, but the reality is our parking is neither efficient nor sufficient for our needs. One of the key components of our Capital Campaign these past two years (this is the 107th weekend of straight Campaign communications here and on our website) is a complete re-design of the front parking lot, along with renovations of the rest of the lots. Only with your continued assistance and support can we ensure these renovations will be a reality.

The newly designed front lot will increase the available spots by over 40, including more handicap locations and easier flow, with two-way traffic perpendicular to the church and 111th Avenue North, our main road. In addition, we will be widening the access road between ourselves and Naples Park Elementary, creating a true 2-way traffic pattern. A safe pedestrian walkway is being planned between the tennis courts and the baseball field, which will create straight access from the school parking lot directly to our church, so you will not need to walk on the access road if and when you park at the school.

Did you know we have an entire back lot where you could park, if you find the front areas full? We will be providing campus transportation for those needing assistance to travel up to the church from the Life Center lot. Renovation plans also include new lighting for all the lots, and surveillance cameras to ensure safety. We still need the gifts of our Parish Family in order to accomplish all these renovations, however.

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 Panicia Senior Status

Altar Servers:

Jean-Paul Boucher jp@sjecc.com

Arts & Liturgical Environment:

Kay and Andy Sanfelippo 949.7122

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Homebound

Call the Office 566.8740

Hospital

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

Kathy Mooney

Pastoral Musician and Liturgist

Gary Prettyman

Artistic Director

Jennine Fuentes

Sacristan & Martha's Guild

Lan Tran

Director of Family Mission

Jean-Paul Boucher

Parish Publications/Bulletin Editor

Kathy Sims

CYO Social and Spiritual

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:

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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: 566.8740*

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.*

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.

PARISH INFORMATION... OPERATIONAL

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Catholic Schools Week 2017: The Catholic School Advantage

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and compassionate citizens, while lowering costs for public schools – by educating two million children, Catholic schools save the nation \$24 billion annually.

The Catholic School Advantage is especially pronounced for low-income and minority students. Yet, the very students most

in need of an effective intervention, who would most benefit from a Catholic education, are usually also those who have the least access to this unique, life-changing opportunity.
(Info provided by St. John Neumann Catholic High School.)

Sources:

<https://ace.nd.edu/academies/the-catholic-school-advantage>
<https://www.ncea.org/data-information/catholic-school-data>



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Our family would like to meet yours!

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 - Numerous faith formation opportunities
 - In a safe, secure setting
- Next Open House is March 5 at 3:00 p.m.



To apply or schedule a campus tour, call Betsi Jones at 239-455-3044, ext. 201 or go to www.sjnceltics.org

#ToLove – Traffic and Parking Safety Concerns and Catholic Patience

As we continue to discuss the safety of our Parish Family, I wanted to broach a very tough subject. Our campus parking and traffic situation continue to be a major concern for each and every one of us. We have recently undergone some updates and enhancements to attempt to make it as safe as possible. You may notice the bright yellow parking stops that were painted this past week. We have specified fire lanes and no-parking locations with Collier County-approved signage and lining. These steps have been taken to keep you and our entire Parish Family safe. However, there is a small group of people who is disregarding these essential safety steps, endangering our Parish. In this year of Patience and Flexibility, it is important that we all work together to create the loving and embracing church we are supposed to represent to the world. That starts right here on the campus.

There is a very specific reason that we have created fire lanes on our campus. If someone has a heart attack in our church, we need to ensure the emergency responders and their vehicles can reach that person as quickly as possible. When someone parks in a fire lane, or where there are “No Parking” signs, they could delay the EMTs, police, and/or firemen from reaching that person. Please ensure you choose a properly marked parking space when you arrive on campus. I understand that may mean you will have to park further away from the church, in one of our central or even back lot spots. It may not be the most convenient to have to park in those more distant locations, but that additional walk could save someone’s life.

I understand that some Parish Family members’ frustration with leaving Mass may be influencing their attempts to park in these illegal locations. Even without the closure of Vanderbilt, cutting off a Northbound throughway for many of us, it was difficult to quickly leave our campus after Mass. With that road completely blocked, the light situation on 41, especially turning to go North, is unacceptable. I have spoken to the Collier County Traffic Operations department and they sent a Traffic Manager to evaluate the light timing this past weekend. I am hopeful that there will some very short term relief, increasing the timing of that light for our egress. That will clear out the traffic on 111th Avenue North much faster, and help us all move on with the rest of our day.

This brings me to my last point: Catholic Patience. *“Patience is the companion of wisdom”* is the quotation from Saint Augustine emphasizing our need as Catholics to illustrate and live in a patient and respectful way. I even went so far as to coin this year as the Year of Patience and Flexibility: (



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saintjohntheevangelist.com/ministries/2016-2017-the-year-of-flexibility-and-patience). However, there is a small group of our Parish Family or visitors that has shown anything but patience. They have allowed their frustration to bubble over, even immediately after experiencing the joy and mercy of the Eucharist and Mass. There is never a reason we should be rude to each other in our parking lots, or disrespecting each others’ private property. Touching another person’s vehicle, even if they have parked in a handicapped spot without approved license plates or placards is not necessary. And it was truly one of my most embarrassing moments as General Manager of our Church to have to apologize to our brave police officers who attempt to support our traffic exits. They have told me on four separate occasions this year that individuals screamed obscenities at them and even “flipped the bird” at them as they drove out of our campus. There is no excuse for this behavior.

So, in an attempt to productively and positively implement a safe and joyous environment in our parking lots, I am authorizing our staff to place this Parish Mission message on the windshields of the cars illegally parked on our campus for the next two weekends. This will be a communication directly to those individuals, ensuring they understand that when parked in “No Parking” and “Fire Lane” locations, Collier County does believe it to be illegal, and could be called onto our campus to provide tickets. I am hopeful that with several weeks of this “gentle” communication, we will not have to take further action to protect and safeguard our Parish Family, including involving Parking Enforcement.

I thank all of you, who are in the vast majority, who understand this safety concern, and who do park in the proper locations and ensure we can all enjoy the love, mercy, and happiness that is the heart of our Catholic Faith.

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.

Several Safe Environment Training Sessions Have Been Scheduled at Area Parishes

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.

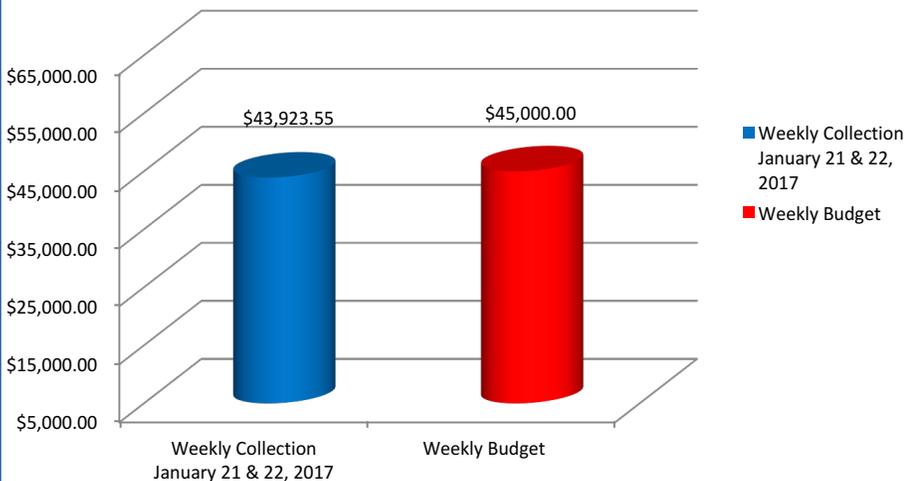
Any employees or volunteers who need to renew their background clearance or be fingerprinted should complete the paperwork and call the office at 566.8740 for an appointment.

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

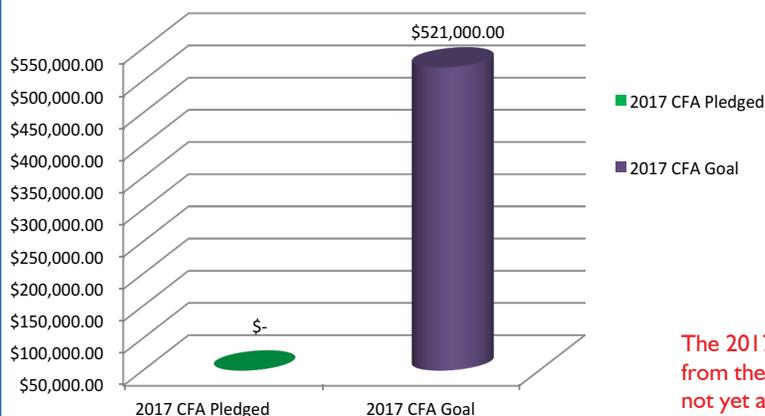
For the complete list of regional trainings that will be held this winter and spring, please visit <http://dioceseofvenice.org/programs/safe-environment/training-schedule/>

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

Weekly Collection Summary



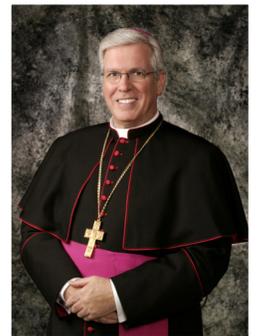
CFA Summary



The 2017 CFA update from the Diocese is not yet available.

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.

All parishioners are invited to attend the Mass and participate in the Prayer Walk or Life.

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 Squitieri: mamasquii@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 Kouloheras: 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, 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 (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 year-round 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 parish-related 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

THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT

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

Cpl. Francisco Alvarenga
U.S. Marines

Sp. Petrus Botha
U.S. Army

S. Isaiah Brutus
U.S. Air Force

Ensign Stuart Campbell
U.S. Navy

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
USMC

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

Sp. Shelby Granza
U.S. Army

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

Sp. Douglas Hennessy
U.S. Army

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

Marine Colonel Brian Howlett USMC

2nd Lt. Sean Kealey
U.S. Army

Lt. John Meyers
U.S. Army

LCpl. Randy A. Novak
USMC

LCpl. Ryan D. Novak
USMC

Ryan D. Novak
USMC

Cpt. Daniel Palmer
U.S. Army

Cpt. John Palmer
U.S. Army

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

Lt. Robert Pedrigo
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

Sp. Andrew Smith
U.S. Army (Kuwait)

Sp. Devin Snyder
U.S. Army (Ft. Drum, NY)

Houng Tran
U.S. Army

IT2 Jason E. Tydingco
(USN)

Staff Sgt. Brandon Waithe
U.S. Air Force

Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino
U.S. Air Force

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:

Rosemary Ellen Brady, Minerva Hines, Richard Lydon, Marie C. Sarno
and Marie Louise Thompson

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

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
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 Erhardt
Coletta Farina
John Farrell
John Farrow
Donna Flynn
Anna Focht
Jon Fournier
Fran
Galloway Family
Heidi Garaux
Edward Gaynor
Connor Gelinas
Roberta George
Emma Gilardi
Carlos D. Gomez
George Gonser Jr
Ozzie Goldman
Joe Goss

JWM
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
Ron Marlow
Marisa Mazza
Kenneth J. McAvoy
Kevin McDonagh
Patricia McGrath
Paul McIntyre
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
Joan Scariati
Peter Scariati
Mary Schell
Eli Schneider
Breana Short
Thomas Sissman
John Smith
Solazzo Family
Anthony Spinella
Nancy Stewart
William Strouse
Rita Taranto
William J. Teplica
Domonic Terrogrossa
Gary Tester
Marilyn Thyen
Ada Timblin
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>

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

JANUARY 29, 2017 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD.

Jeremiah 17:7



Men, please take this opportunity to prepare yourself for the Lenten season, to temporarily leave behind the daily distractions of life, and to enjoy fellowship with other men of our parish.



The Knights of Columbus and St. John the Evangelist present

Men's Day of Recollection

Saturday, February 25, 2017

Led by Fr. Bob and Fr. Paul

In Honor and Memory of Deacon Al Groh

in the St. John the Evangelist Claussen Family Center Seminar Room

8:00 - 8:45 a.m.: Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.:

Day of Recollection (lunch will be provided)

3:00 p.m.: Mass

4:15 p.m.: Cocktail & Appetizer Hour (wives are invited)

To register, please contact Paul Curti at 612-616-5535 or plancurti@gmail.com

Register Today to Participate in CYO and CAO Program for the Arts

Through CYO (youth) and CAO (adults), St. John is offering affordable lessons with high quality/professional instructors in:

Theater/Acting, Ballroom/Social Dance, Improv Comedy, Painting and Art, Piano, Guitar, Strings, and Wind Instruments (Sax, Flute, and Clarinet). All classes are under \$12 per class and all materials are provided!

Register in the Parish Office for February sessions by February 5. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

Email Jennine at jennine@sjecc.com with any questions or information.

NEEDED: Host Families for Our NET Missionaries

For the past few months eight young adults, NET Missionaries from Minnesota, have been a part of our Parish Family sharing their infectious enthusiasm as young Catholics. These young adults in their blue shirts, who are present at the weekend Masses, engage various age groups with their faith and camaraderie.

They provide assistance for a variety of programs, including: Faith Formation, The Rock Ministries, Fellowship of Christian Athletes in the local public schools, Lunch Hangout at St. John Neumann on Wednesdays, Girls Nights, Guys Nights, Worship Nights, and Meet Greet and Mingle with our parishioners after every weekend Mass.

These missionaries stay with Parish Families for a couple weeks at a time.

Please consider hosting a pair of the NET team while they are

away from home and part of our Parish Family. Who can be a host family? Anyone with a spare bed (or just some space for sleeping bags).

We are in need of parishioners willing to host two (or four, if you have space) of the NET team for a two-week increment.

You don't need to worry about transportation – just provide a place for them to sleep and shower, and meals for the day.

Please don't pass up the opportunity to be a blessing to these wonderful young adults who are giving so generously of themselves to our parish!

For more information please contact: Kyle VanDuser, CYO Social and Spiritual Coordinator, at 207.0537 or kyle@sjecc.com or Lena Costain, NET Host Home Coordinator, at 289.7068 or tlc728family@aol.com.



LEFT. The NET Missionaries are: Bottom Row (left to right): Zach, Sophie, Sarah. Top Row: Alyssa, Jake, Grace, Steven, Sean.

ABOVE. Sophie shares a story, "A Professor's Explanation of the Gospel."

Hymns for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 28 & 29, 2017

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5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid Sunday, January 29, 2017: the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Song **627** **Blest Are They**

Preparation: **595** **We Are the Light of the World**

Communion Song: **Remembrance** Matt Maher / Matt Redman CCLI Song No. 5484616. © 2009
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Verse 1) Oh, how could it be
 That my God would welcome me into this mystery?
 Say, 'take this bread, take this wine':
 Now the simple, made Divine—for any to receive.
 By your mercy we come to your Table,
 By your grace you are making us faithful.

Chorus) Lord, we remember you,
 And remembrance leads us to worship.
 And as we worship you,

Our worship leads to Communion.
 We respond to your invitation, we remember you.

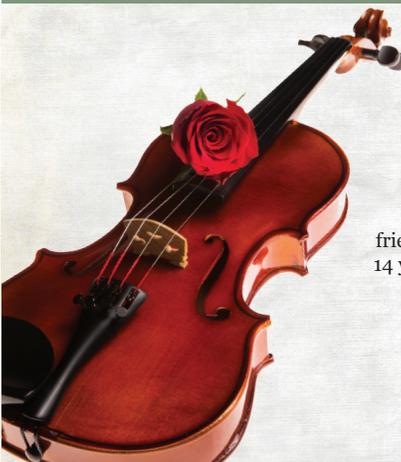
Verse 2) See his Body, his Blood:
 Know that he has overcome ev'ry trial we will face.
 And none too lost to be saved,
 None too broken or ashamed,
 All are welcome in this place.
 By your mercy we come to your Table,

Closing Song: **628** **Lead Me, Lord**

Catholic Jewish Dialogue Events



A Catholic Jewish Dialogue Film Presentation and Discussion





“Joe’s Violin” is a short documentary about a blossoming friendship between a 93 year old Holocaust survivor and a Bronx 14 year old schoolgirl. The two are brought together by a violin he acquired in a displaced persons camp in postwar Germany.

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church Ballroom
 625 111th Ave N | Naples
Sunday February 12, 4:00 p.m.
 RSVP's to cjdialogue@naples.net help us to plan.

Jamaica Outreach Program

Next Weekend's Second Collection Will Benefit the Poor in Jamaica

The Jamaican Choir under the direction of Kevin Williams will be making their annual visit to St. John next weekend. The choir will be singing at the 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. Masses on Saturday, February 4, and at the 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Masses on Sunday, February 5.

To mark the occasion a second collection will be held to support the work of the JOP island-wide in Jamaica. As always, we thank you for what you do in His name for those who have the very least among us.

CYO - YOUTH NEWS & EVENTS

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/netteam16 • INSTAGRAM: [@netteam16](https://www.instagram.com/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 learn more about our Catholic faith.

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

Open Youth Room *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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 5 Super Bowl Sunday Events: All 6th - 12th Graders

~ 3:00 p.m.: Super Bowl Flag Football Tournament for entire diocese. If you would like to participate please call Kyle VanDuser to set up a team. 3:00 p.m at St. John Neumann High School.

~ 6:30 p.m.: Super Bowl party: 6:30 p.m - game end.

Free Food: Pizza, Chips, and Desserts.

Games: Yard Games, Indoor Games, and Minute-to-Win it Games!

Competition: Super Bowl Commercial Bingo!!!! Prizes!!!!

GROW Retreat - All 9th - 12th Graders

February 17-18:

~ 17: Toby Mac Hits Deep Concert feat. Mac Powell (Third Day), Matt Maher, Capital Kings, Mandisa, Hollyn, and Ryan Stevenson.

~ 18: Retreat featuring Fr. John, Fr. Paul, and Fr. Bob. A Day of Worship, Faith Formation, Reconciliation and Fellowship.

March Madness Fundraiser

March 5 and 12: Register outside of Mass to receive the March Madness NCAA Tournament bracket by email. \$10 per entry. Prizes for Best Win Percentage Bracket and Championship Game Closest Score guess.
ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE GRENADA MISSION TRIP.



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Any information on these events please contact Kyle VanDuser 239.207.0537 or kyle@sjecc.com.



Faith and Wine

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

featuring
Mary Lou Quinlan

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.

"The God Box, A Journey of the Heart"



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

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!



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.

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

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Psalm 145:7-10

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Matthew 5:1-12

The Word & Life

The Gift of Blessing

*A*s we gather to listen to God's Word today, our attention is drawn to Christ's teaching on the Sermon on the Mount. The Beatitudes offer us a sacred teaching moment where God tells us that he is capable of turning weak experiences into moments of blessing. The non-Christian would probably view the Beatitudes as a strange concept. How can we be blessed when we struggle or experience suffering and injustice? For people who look upon the gospel with faith, the Beatitudes urge us to put on the mind and heart of Christ in our everyday experiences. The day that Jesus gave us these teachings on the Sermon on the Mount, was a day in which he showed us that all of life can be lived as a blessing regardless of how positive or negative it may be. What makes this possible? All of this is made possible if we live in the hope of resurrection. Jesus shows us that we can overcome suffering and death by his rising from the dead. God's initiative is to be with the poor, the vulnerable, and the weak and to redeem their lives.

Throughout Jesus' ministry we are shown glimpses into the very desire of God. Jesus redeems what is broken, sinful and disturbed. He does what is right, but he is criticized for it. Jesus instills within his listeners the importance of hungering and thirsting for God through acts of compassion, justice, peace, and mercy. However, the "religious" people are disturbed with the whole notion of God reaching into the depths of humanity, living in close relationship with those who are broken, meek, poor, and persecuted. For those who strictly observed the law in order to be close to God, such a concept of finding God in the midst of weakness was too radical. Jesus is led to his death because the

Reflection Questions

1. How is Jesus' teaching revolutionary for the people of his day?
2. What is shocking to you about the Beatitudes?
3. What do you think it means to be poor in spirit?
4. How can you make hungering and thirsting for righteousness a reality in your life?
5. How can you become a peacemaker?
6. What do you understand about those who mourn being comforted?
7. What does "clean of heart" mean to you?
8. How are the Beatitudes both a blessing and a challenge to you?

religious leaders of his time could not comprehend the blessings of God in all people and in all things.

Today, we are invited to see our lives as a blessing. For those of us who live in hope of the resurrection, we are called to a deeper reality. When we are faced with poverty of spirit the blessing comes when we realize that God has put others our way to lift our spirits and when we recognize Christ as our reason to have hope. The Church constantly encourages us through Word and Sacrament to be still and know the Lord is in our midst. Blessing also occurs when we let go of those we love in death, knowing that we will see them again when we journey through death ourselves. The way in which we honor God in the small things will ultimately lead us to the greater inheritance of the kingdom. Our gentle approach with one another through our mercy and our work for peace will gift us with His mercy and peace. All we have to do is simply love as Jesus loves. Living with such an attitude will bring us and others grace and our lives will become God's blessing.

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



Prayer

Lord of all blessing, may we become like you. Teach us constantly your commandment of love. May our lives be a radiance of your love, casting blessings upon the world. Help us to be aware of your divine will in all things. Whenever we are shunned or persecuted for standing up for what is right, remind us of the blessing that your Son left for future generations. May we be blessed as You are blessed. Amen.

Voices of Faith

Beatitudes

How Blessed are the poor in spirit
For theirs is the kingdom of God.

What does it mean to be Blessed?
Gift of God's grace freely given
An indelible mark of God's graciousness
A warming of the heart
A quality of the Saints in heaven
A state of peace and contentment
Light sent from heaven to illuminate the soul.

It is when we know
That we are truly poor without God
That we experience the treasures
Of His presence.

The vulnerability of self
And the fragile spirit
Wait in eager anticipation
Of renewed hopes, dreams, and vision.

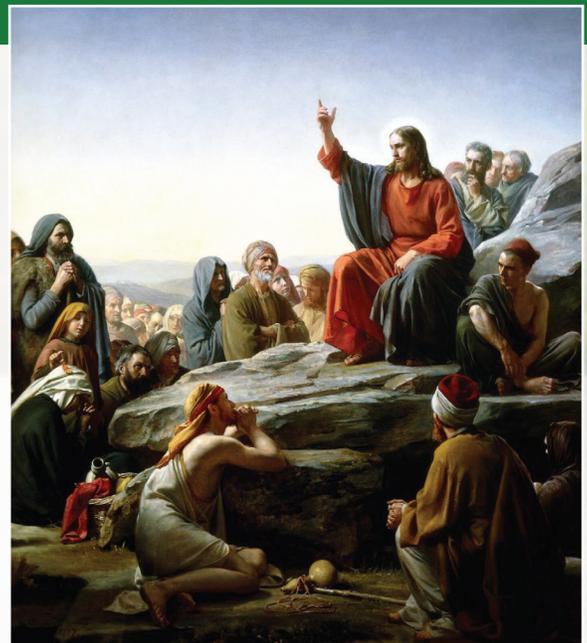
The reign of God is here,
Waiting for the tender hearted
To come and be still
A divine knowing of Truth
The wisdom of Love,
The key to happiness.

The kingdom is here
In the sacrament
Of the present moment
But also in the tomorrows
Yet to be born.

The rivers of time
Await the divine awakening
The gift of delight
And promise

How Blessed is the one
Who comes to know
And love
This Truth.

— "Peaceful Moments" by Fr. John J. Ludden



*The Sermon on the Mount
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Faith Formation

2016-2017 School Year

72 Faith Formation Children Celebrated the Sacrament of First Reconciliation

It was a beautiful evening at Saint John the Evangelist last Thursday, January 19, as we celebrated the Sacrament of First Reconciliation with 72 of our children in Faith Formation. As the children anticipated their first confession, Fr. John made them all feel relaxed and welcome as he spoke to the children about his first confession *many* years ago. They all laughed together as Fr. John recalled not being able to find the light in the confessional box! Fr. Bob, Fr. Paul and Fr. Rourke shared the number of years it had been since their first confession as well. The atmosphere was peaceful as Pastoral Musician Gary Prettyman and Artistic Director Jennine Fuentes provided beautiful reflective music throughout the ceremony. Lan Tran, our sacristan, and our maintenance staff graciously prepared everything needed for us in the church.

It is always a touching moment when the parents and children reflect on the times they have not been their best and then profess their love for each other, followed by lots of hugs! Kay and Andy Sanfelippo led the families through the heart-felt candle-lighting ceremony. We are always so grateful for their guidance and support!

To prepare for this special day, the children studied several hours at with Formation learning about the sacrament and recalling their own baptism. They also worked on lessons at home with their families to help better understand the significance and meaning of this beautiful sacrament of healing. A special thank you to all of the parents and caregivers who took the time to prepare the children so well and to their catechists: Molly Anton, Paula Aurit, Donna Boucher, Sylvia DeFeo, Gina Manfredi, Christina Talford and Pat Zewalk.

We look forward to celebrating their First Communion Day with them on Saturday, May 13 at 11:00 a.m. Please continue to keep the children and their families in your prayers.

– *Natalie Campbell, Director of Religious Education, and Valerie Barbosa, Assistant to Faith Formation*



photos by Valerie Barbosa



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)*



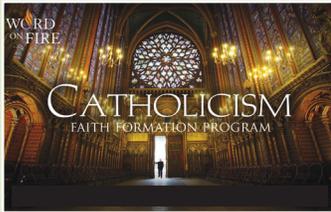
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Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

This Week You Can Begin to Form YOUR Adult Faith

Choose One of the Two Programs Starting on Thursday!

CATHOLICISM presents the foundations of our Catholic faith for Adults Today



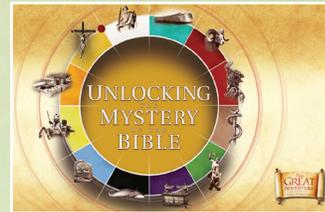
This is for all of us whose last exposure to the depth and beauty of our Catholic faith was when we were teenagers, and maybe before The Second Vatican Council set the Church “on a path of inner renewal and outward engagement with the world.”

You will consider the application of our faith to the myriad of challenges facing us in the modern world and the updating (aggiornamento) and return to the sources (ressourcement) begun over 50 years ago.

You will visit the places where the historic events of our Church occurred and the real people lived. You will review what we as Catholics believe, and why.

Come to the Claussen Family Center Seminar Room for the first Episode on Thursday, February 2 at either 11:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. See for yourself what hundreds of other St. John parishioners have found engaging, informative, and challenging.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible immerses you in the great biblical story.



“When you see Jesus against the backdrop of the great story of Israel, you see that he’s the savior.” This eight-week quick overview provides an easy way to understand the Bible, It is an excellent introduction to Scripture from a Catholic perspective. It helps you get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand what it is all about. Come to the Rome Room (formerly the Library) behind the church for an introduction to the Bible Timeline Chart on Thursday, February 2 at either 12:30 or 7:00 p.m.

On Tuesday the Pivotal Players continue featuring St. Thomas Aquinas, the theologian who demonstrated that faith and reason are not at odds, as they come from the same source.



This Week’s Complete Schedule

Tuesday, January 31

The Pivotal Players, St. Thomas Aquinas ~ 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room

Wednesday, February 1

The Bible Timeline, Session 3 ~11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Seminar Room

Parents’ Happy Hour, Episode 8-2 ~ 5:45 p.m. in the Seminar Room

Thursday, February 2

CATHOLICISM, Amazed and Afraid – The Revelation of God Become Man ~11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Seminar Room (formerly the Library)

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, Session 1, Introduction to the Bible Timeline Chart ~12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Rome Room (formerly the Library)

Sunday, February 5

Parents’ Coffee, Episode 9-1 ~ 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

Jamaica Outreach Program

We are a ministry of St John the Evangelist since 1997 and also a 501-c-3 charity. JOP's mission is to help the poor in Jamaica.

JOP provides love, respect, funds, goods and services for health care, education, and basic support.

Fall- 2016 Newsletter Summary... for the complete 8-page newsletter, visit JamaicaOutreach.org or email info@JamaicaOutreach.org

Jamaica Outreach Program (JOP) was founded to oversee our commitment to St. Pius X in Jamaica. Over the past 19 years we broadened our "outreach" to deliver services to other needy churches and schools including the very poor diocese of Montego Bay, shepherded by Bishop Burchell McPherson, a JOP founder. Our mission will concentrate on medical, optical, dental, and education services. Food and goods which can be delivered at low cost will also be supported. We have made a difference in the lives of thousands of the poor because of your support, generosity and encouragement. We thank you, our donors and volunteers, for your loyal and continuing support of our mission.

Oct.1, 2015 - Sept.30, 2016 Highlights

- 984 Eye exams, 606 eyeglasses delivered from 4 optical missions
- 3 corneal transplant surgeries here in Naples
- 486 boxes of food were collected at the St John's 2016 food drive
- over 2,100 patient visits to the St. Pius medical clinic
- 3,842 dental patients were treated in 7 dental missions
- 473 students received aid for tuition, supplies, books, or uniforms
- 41 young adults received job skills training
- 17 housing units were built for the poor
- over 200 people volunteered (103 went on mission trips)

Volunteers Needed

- Medical Doctors and Nurses
- Dentists, RDH's, Dental Assistants
- Optometrists and optical professionals
- Host families for Jamaicans visiting Naples
- Leaders for fundraising events (Tea, Festival)
- Financial record-keeping support
- Administrative assistance

New volunteers are always considered heaven-sent and an answer to our prayers. FMI contact Martha Mador at martha@madors.net.

JOP Provides Free Medicine to the Poor.

We have many a time saved asthmatics by nebulizing them in our clinic as a matter of urgency. Recently, a young lady was diagnosed with an autoimmune disease. Through your benevolence, she got the medications she needed. We would like you to know how appreciative we are for your sacrifice.

Lee M. Martin M.D. , All Care Medical Clinic, St. Pius X, Kingston, Jamaica

Where does your money go?

96.5 % Spent on Programs for the Poor
3.5% Fundraising, CPA services, Insurance, General expenses.

RWHSG (CPA) prepares JOP's reviewed financial statements, which are available on our website or by calling Jeanne Stamant 239-514-0290.

Education is a high JOP priority. Scholarships, books, & uniforms support went to St Pius, St Benedict, St Peter Claver. JOP also partnered with St John the 23rd parish in Ft Myers and supplied backpacks to 250 students in Montego Bay diocese.

Record-Breaking Dental Services

Thirteen of our missionaries were dentists who led 7 teams, including devoted and tireless assistants and hygienists. **Additionally,** our student outreach program continues to flourish and we are seeing tremendous reductions in the numbers of cavities observed after a little over a year of oral education and fluoride application; problems noted at the school can be immediately referred to the clinic for attention. Jamaica Outreach Program is planning 6 missions per year at the St. Pius campus in Kingston . We also plan to expand into rural areas of Montego Bay Diocese with portable equipment. FMI Roger Plante: 239-948-2145 rogerplante10@gmail.com.

Food drive March 4-5, 2017. Volunteers are needed and we have the capability to ship other items such as books, new clothing, shoes and sneakers. FMI *Ray Shawcross* at 401-862-0590 or reshaw1@verizon.net

Jamaica Outreach Program 239-325-2103
P.O. Box 110581
Naples, FL 34108-1929
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Jamaica Outreach Program

Fiscal Year Oct 1, 2015 to Sept 30, 2016



Mission Teams

Above: Dental

Left: Vision Care



Food line at St Pius X Food Pantry



Host family and Jamaican guests



"Thank you for my new uniform"



Christmas Tea:
Save the date Dec 6, 2017



Jamaican Choir coming
to St John Feb.4-5, 2017



A new home for
Ambrozine and family

Young Adult

IMPROV NIGHT

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST - LIBRARY



7 PM FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

SNACKS AND DRINK PROVIDED

RSVP FOR CHILDCARE STEPHANIE@SJECC.COM

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

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

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Tuesday, February 14, 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: 614-563-2284
Prepayment Required

Big Band Dance Schedule

Tuesday, February 14

Tuesday, February 28

Tuesday, March 14

Tuesday, March 28

Tuesday, April 11



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

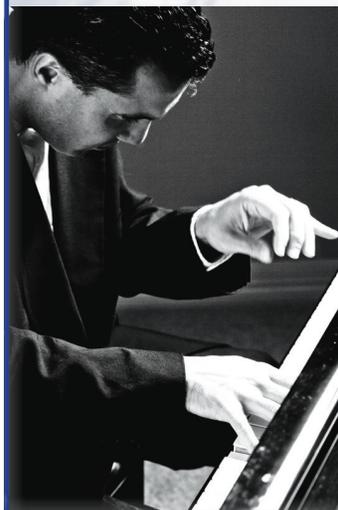
Dress: Country Club Casual
(No shorts please.)

Details on SOCK HOP coming soon!

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

**The Ladies of
Charity
local food
pantries drive
continues until
February 28.**

Parishioners are encouraged to take an ornament from the tree in the Nsarthex 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.



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](https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/ConcertSeriesEricGenuis)

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

You will not want to miss this FREE Concert!!

**SAVE THE
DATE!**

GAELIC AND GARLIC FESTIVAL March 18-19

HEAR SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE BROADWAY SHOW TUNES

in Concert

February 27 at 7:00 p.m.

in the St. John the Evangelist Ballroom



Aaron
Keeney
Baritone



Samuel Hall
Tenor



Maria Laetitia
Soprano



Alexandra
Schenck
Mezzo
Soprano

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

Tickets: \$25.00

Online: JamaicaOutreach.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.

*Benefits the
Jamaica Outreach Program*



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

Cost: only \$8.00 Per person at the door. Includes chili servings, coffee and dessert. Pay "Saloon" available.

"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



Life Planning Seminar: "Preparing for Today, Tomorrow and Beyond" at St. John on Tuesday, February 21

Making a will can be difficult, but dying without one can make it even more difficult for your loved ones left behind.

If you do not have a will, your wishes can never be known, and your loved ones will face uncertainties, obstacles and added costs in resolving your estate.

Who will make my health care decisions, when I cannot speak for myself?

You will need to appoint a Health Care Surrogate by way of a specific legal document. If you do not have a legal Health Care Surrogate, your health care may not be carried out according to your wishes.

To learn more, you are invited to attend the Life Planning Seminar entitled: "Preparing for Today, Tomorrow and Beyond" which will be held at St. John on Tuesday, February 21 at 10:00 a.m. Doors open at 9:30 a.m.

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.

The Knights of Columbus will host

"Lenten Fish Fest"

starting Ash Wednesday, March 1

more details to follow

The Men's Club and Ladies Auxiliary Presents

MARDI GRAS SOCK HOP

Next Month

more details to follow