

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome! We are happy you could join us this weekend.

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SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

625 111th Avenue North, Naples, FL 34108 Phone 239.566.8740 Fax 239.566.9117 www.sjecc.com E-mail: info@sjecc.com

Daily Mass: 8:30 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, 11:00 a.m., 1:00 & 5:00 p.m.

Second Collection This Weekend and Next Weekend Will Provide Support for Victims of Hurricane Harvey

This weekend, September 9-10, and next weekend, September 16-17, the second collection will provide direct support to the St. Vincent dePaul Societies in those areas most impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

Just as we do for those closest to us in the area, our St. Vincent dePaul programs provide immediate resources to help get urgent services where needed.

Thank you for your generosity and prayers for the Harvey victims.

You are invited to see why millions of people over thousands of years have chosen to be Catholic and to consider if being Catholic is right for you.

You are invited to discover the beauty of the Gospel revealed in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

You are invited to have your questions addressed.

The parish of Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church invites you to join with others on Tuesday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m. and subsequent Tuesday evenings in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Family Center.

These sessions are for those never baptized to investigate what it means to become a Catholic Christian, for those baptized in another Christian tradition to explore whether the Catholic Church is a home for them, and for those baptized Catholic as infants but were not raised as Catholic to develop an adult faith.

Even if you are only mildly interested, take advantage of this opportunity to ask questions and receive answers about "things Catholic."

Get information with no obligation, no commitment!

No reservation is necessary, just come. God's invitation is open to all.

If you are not able to attend this meeting and would still like to learn more, you are invited to contact Jack Kindsvater, Adult Faith Formation Coordinator, to arrange a personal meeting or phone conversation. Leave a message at 239. 556.8740, ext. 3918 or send an email to jack@sjecc.com.

Invite your family members, friends, co-workers, or others to attend, and offer to come with them to see what it means to be Catholic



PARISH INFORMATION... OPERATIONAL

PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

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

Deacon Hal Brenner Deacon Forrest Wallace

Deacon Frank Paniccia Senior Status

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Hospital

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L. Philip Baier lectors@sjecc.com

Greeters & Ushers:

Bill Fuller wfuller1@comcast.net

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH*

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

*For complete information on the Sacraments, please visit our website: www.sjecc.com

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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



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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: 8:30 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., 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

FOR OUR RECORDS

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

Choirs:

Gary Prettyman: gary@sjecc.com

Adult Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

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

Children's Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

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

Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist. Rehearsals Sundays, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Grades 6-12 especially welcome.

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

cepting 2018 intentions. 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.

September 10, 2017

"Fear is the enemy of love."
— St. Augustine



A Capital Campaign for Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Hurricane Preparations for our Construction Efforts

As of this writing on Wednesday, we have not officially been placed on a Hurricane Watch from the National Weather Service. However, it is expected that the Naples area will have a significant impact from Hurricane Irma this weekend. Our campus is in a significant flood zone, which will make for an interesting and stressful weekend for all our Parish



Family. The progress on all our construction efforts has been halted, and instead, the work has been going into the cleanup and preparations for the wind, rain, and surge that will come from this storm. Gates Construction has provided their Hurricane Duties, and have already begun to secure all construction items and materials. While they were able to get our new curbs installed, we will be waiting on all final steps for our new front lot until the storm damage is assessed.

Please pray for all those impacted by Hurricane Irma, and God willing, we will be back to full speed on our projects starting up next week again.

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS					
Mass for Deceased	(*) and Special Intentions (SI)	Requested by	SPECIAL OBSERVANCES		
Cll	Calamatan		AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK		
September 9, 2017		D			
8:00 AM +	Stewart Bain	Dolores Kernochan	Saturday, September 9, 2017		
			St. Peter Claver		
5) /	Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday		Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5		
3:00 PM +	Jerome VanderHorst	Vicki VanderHorst			
5:00 PM +	Kathleen Price	Ann Mullally	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday		
			Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20		
September 10, 2017					
7:00 AM +	James Kagdis	Barbara Fleischmann	Sunday, September 10, 2017		
9:00 AM +	Joanne Timmerman	Terri Carpino	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time;		
11:00 AM	For Our Parishioners		Grandparents Day		
1:00 PM +	John Sadlier	Pat & John Mulligan	Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20		
5:00 PM +	Bruce Baker	Joseph & Sandy DeJesus			
			Monday, September 11, 2017		
September 11, 2017	-		Patriot Day		
8:30 AM +	Amalia Bonavita	John Palumbo	Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11		
September 12, 2017	Tuesday		Tuesday, September 12, 2017		
8:30 AM +	Vincent Cinque	Eileen Cinque	The Most Holy Name of Mary		
			Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19		
September 13, 2017	Wednesday				
8:30 AM +	William J. Hannan	Bruce & Peg Reale	Wednesday, September 13, 2017		
6:30 PM +	Ronald Sorvino	Frank & Marianne Lagonigro	St. John Chrysostom		
			Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26		
September 14, 2017	Thursday				
8:30 AM +	Marty Welzmuller	Marian Welzmuller	Thursday, September 14, 2017		
			The Exaltation of the Holy Cross		
September 15, 2017	Friday		Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17		
8:30 AM +	Frank Macri	Pat & Kathy Ford			
			Friday, September 15, 2017		
September 16, 2017	Saturday		Our Lady of Sorrows		
8:00 AM +	Joe Reid	Wife, Kay	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11;		
			Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35		
	Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday				
3:00 PM +	Frank Rosenthal	Janet D'Addario	Saturday, September 16, 2017		
5:00 PM +	Anne Dorsey	Beverly Cornell	Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian		
			1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49		
September 17, 2017					
7:00 AM +	Don Gerth	Nandy Miller	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday		
9:00 AM +	Jerry Lane	Ray & Leslie Pierce	Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;		
11:00 AM	For Our Parishioners		Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35		
1:00 PM +	Antoinette & Joseph DeFeo	Sylvia & Anthony DeFeo			
5:00 PM +	Madeline Carolla	Josephine & Frank Mello	Sunday, September 17, 2017		
			Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
			Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;		
			Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35		
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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.

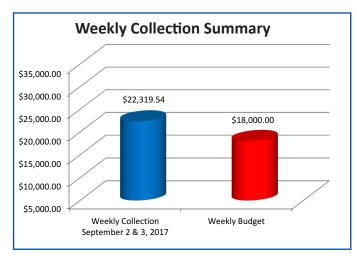
FREE Nursery Care for children ages 1 to 5 available during the following Mass times: Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. The nursery is located in the PLC, classrooms 5 and 6. A trained childcare provider is in attendance during these nursery hours.



New Parishioner Weekend Mini Registration Form

We welcome all new parishioners. If you prefer, you may complete this short registration form and we will contact you to finalize your registration. After completing the form below, please drop it in the collection basket or turn it in to the Parish Office. If you prefer, the long forms are available at *sjecc.com*. Go to the *Forms* tab. Thank you and welcome to our Parish Family.

Name			
Last Name	First Name		
Address 1			
Address 2			
Phone Number(s)			
Home	Mobile(s)		
Email Address(es)			
How would you like us to contact you to complete your registration?			
Phone (best phone number)		Email	Regular Mail



"Evangelist" Bulletin Tries Out New Look

We are trying out new design ideas and features this month. You will see some changes in design and color, presentation and content. Some things may be subtle, while others will be more obvious.

We welcome your comments and suggestions. If there is something you like or don't like in the bulletin, no matter how small or how big, let us know. If you would like to suggest or offer ideas for inclusion in the bulletin, let us know that as well. All suggestions will be considered. Send all comments and suggestions to the email below. *Remember, the bulletin is for you.*

- Kathy Sims, Bulletin Editor *kathys@sjecc.com*

All Parishioners Are Invited to Taping of Two Masses Here at St. John



The taping of two Masses for the Diocese of Venice will begin at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 28 at Saint John the Evangelist. The Masses are televised for those who are unable to attend Sunday Masses in one of the parishes of the Diocese.

The first Mass taped will be the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time and also World Mission Sunday

and will air October 22. Fr. John will be the celebrant. The second Mass taped will be the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time and will air November 12. Fr. Paul will be the celebrant. All parishioners are invited to attend one or both of the Mass tapings.

The diocesan televised Masses for Collier, Lee, Hendry, Charlotte, Glades and Desoto counties aire on WFTX-TV FOX 4 on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets Mondays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Parish Mission & Life

#ToKnow, #ToServe – Hurricane Irma Preparations, Response, and Recovery

We are currently in the process of preparing for a potential major hurricane event here in the Naples area, Hurricane Irma. If you are reading this bulletin on paper, I am hopeful that the storm has passed us by without causing too much damage or flooding for our Parish Family, both here on the campus and in your own homes. I spent five years working for FEMA after Katrina, including helping the Army National Guard re-establish their headquarters outside of New Orleans, so while responding to natural and man-made disasters is one of my experiences, I always try to stay optimistic as to the outcomes.

I was saddened to find out that St. John was not authorized as a shelter location by FEMA or the Red Cross due to our proximity to the water and our flood zone designation. I was provided with the list of FEMA-approved shelters for any of you who are still in the area. Please consider going to these locations if you are in any danger at all, or after the storm if your home is no longer livable. (See Shelters graphic below)

Communication is key to a successful response to any disaster. We have several mechanisms we would like to use with you to ensure you know what is happening here at St. John and the area:

1. Email Communication: We have a (usually) weekly email communication we send out. If you are not signed up, you can do so at: https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/d.jsp?llr=g5 fqxziab&p=oi&m=1108965070790&sit=wbnntdrgb&f=13e8 4d94-7b8d-4766-ba9f-c15a36616771

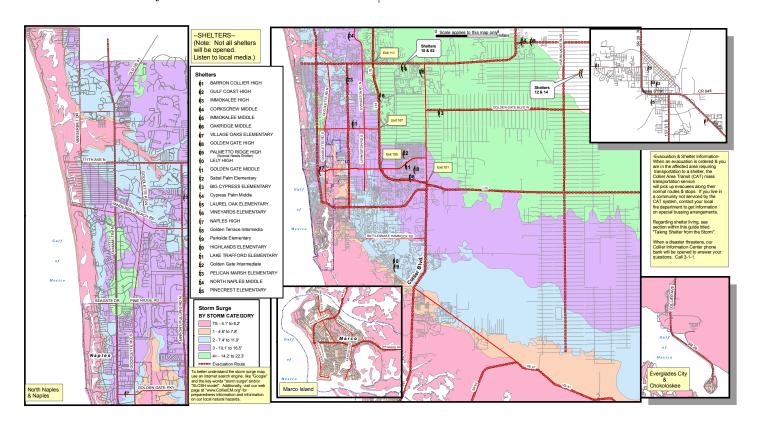
by Jean-Paul Boucher General Manager jp@sjecc.com



- 2. Social Media: We use Twitter for instantaneous and urgent messages as well: @sjecc
- **3. Phone Line:** We will put emergency messages on our main phone line: 239.566.8740

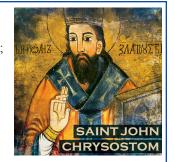
St. John has an all-hazards approach to Disaster Planning and we have had a campus-wide plan in place since I was entrusted with this responsibility. The most important part of preparing and responding to an incident of this magnitude is always to put your safety and the safety of your loved ones first. The same goes for the next phase of the response we will be undertaking very soon: Recovery. Recovery is the point where we will assess the building and grounds of our campus to discover what has occurred and what we can start again. It saddens me that we have to close our church for Masses this Sunday and Monday, but that is for the safety of our whole Parish Family, including our Ministers, our Clergy, and most importantly, you. We hope to be open for Masses on Tuesday, September 12, and we will let you know as soon as possible.

God Bless You and God Speed to all our Parish Family and all those impacted by Hurricane Irma.



Saint of the week

St. John Chrysostom, (born 347 ce, Antioch, Syria — died September 14, 407, Comana, Helenopontus; We celebrate his feast day on September 13. He was an early Church Father, biblical interpreter, and archbishop of Constantinople (much against his will). The zeal and clarity of his preaching, which appealed especially to the common people, earned him the Greek surname meaning "goldenmouthed." His tenure as archbishop was stormy, and he died in exile. His relics were brought back to Constantinople about 438, and he was later declared a doctor (teacher) of the church.



He became an ordained deacon in 381 and a priest in 386. Over the next 12 years he established himself as a great preacher, and his homilies (sermons) were well regarded. In 387 John calmed the

riotous citizens of Antioch, who had treated the images of the sacred emperors with disrespect and were threatened with reprisals, with a famous course of sermons known as "the homilies on the statues." He was concerned, above all, for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the needy and oppressed. He was not alone among the early Fathers in speaking out against the abuse of wealth. He believed that personal property is not strictly private but a trust. In his eloquent, moving, and repeated insistence on almsgiving, he frequently taught that what was superfluous to one's reasonable needs ought to be given away.

Learn more about St. John Chrysostom at: https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-John-Chrysostom

The Season of Creation: September 1 - October 4

The Season of Creation spans five weeks between the **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** (September 1) and the **Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi** (October 4). This "time for creation" offers, in the words of Pope Francis, "individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live." (Pope Francis, "Letter of His Holiness")



Pope Francis For the Establishment of the 'World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation," September 1, 2015)

Below are some ways to live out these three dimensions of Pope Francis' call, both as individuals and as a community. This week we present the first dimension.

Care for Creation in Action

In 2017 the Diocese of Burlington, Vermont is celebrating a Year of Creation. The Year includes creation-themed liturgies, energy efficiency audits and projects in parishes, a Catholic schools' ecological awareness and action project, an ecological justice conference and an initiative to "Laudato Si-fy your Advent." To learn more, please visit http://bit.ly/ YOC-VT.

"The ecological conversion needed to bring about lasting change is also a community conversion."

-Pope Francis Laudato Si', no. 219

1. Reaffirm Our Vocation as Stewards of Creation

As individuals and families: Counteract the "Throwaway Culture" In Laudato Si', Pope Francis brings attention to our "throwaway culture," which

"quickly reduces things to rubbish" (no. 22). In your daily life, try to identify the ways in which you can choose reusables, rather than disposables, such as coffee mugs, reusable bags, or cloth napkins, and commit to making one change during this month.

As a community: Educational Program

Use the educational program "Befriend the Wolf" from the Catholic Climate Covenant to reflect on our vocation as stewards of creation. The program is designed to help your community contemplate the connections between all creatures under God our Creator. Visit http://BIT.LY/CCC-BTF to access this resource.

For more resources related to care of creation, please visit the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops webpage on the Environment at *usccb.org/environment*.



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PARISH COUNCILS:

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

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

Barbara Kuryea: payables1@comcast.net or 239.513.9952

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

MEET OUR MINISTRIES:

Arimatheans. Arimatheans attend funeral Masses and memorial services to provide support and compassion. *Toni Biordi:* 239.597.1966.

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

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

Divorced and Separated Support Group.

Our mission is to become the light in the life of separated/divorced Catholics by giving them a sense of inclusion in our parish family and providing support and guidance through our shared spiritual journey. We meet Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please call for more information *Lhara Echeverria:* 239.293.3694 or *Ihariza@yahoo.com* or *Beth Lucci:* 239.877.6254

Faith and Wine. Provide interesting and thought provoking speakers monthly with food and fellowship for women in the Diocese. Info: www.faithandwine@gmail.com, or Nancy Squittieri: faithandwine@gmail.com or 239.566.8740

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

Jamaica Outreach Program. JOP has been an integral part of Saint John the Evangelist since 1997. Our mission is to help the poor in Jamaica. JOP provides goods, food, 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: 239.248.3248 or info@jamaicaoutreach.org

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

Ladies of Charity. Volunteer in Immokalee schools, the Guadalupe soup kitchen and clothing bank. The Ladies also visit local nursing homes to assist residents who want to attend Mass. In addition, they are available to provide friendly visits and to perform simple errands for the elderly and homebound. Meets the second Friday of every month. Homebound: Marie Elaina Mullin: 239.273.1702. To join: Carole Mancini: froglady505@gmail.com 239.370.1521

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

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

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

com or 239.594.1148 or Barbara Arthur: 239.250.4162

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

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

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

Knights of Columbus Councils:

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

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

LET US PRAY...

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

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

PRAYER GROUPS

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

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group Patricia Bucalo: 239.248.0694 **Divine Will Prayer Group** Gorana Saner: 239.293.1765

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

239.348.5361 Liturgy of the Hours

Phyllis Gryskiewicz: After 8:30 a.m. Mass.

pmgrys@aol.com

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

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

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

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

See the Consent Form to the right or visit our website to download a form:

http://sjecc.com/forms

Thnk you for your understanding.

OUTREACH & OTHER GROUPS

AA. Robert: 239.287.2442

Al-Anon. Carol: 804.306.5323 and

Juliette: Lysack

Narcotics Anonymous. 888.435.7301

Cursillistas. Robyn DeVille: 239.253.6275 or

robyndeville@earthlink.net

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

Habitat for Humanity. Koulloheras:nick@ hfhcollier.com

Mah Jong. Space Limited. Lanelle Bishop:

239.352.1860

Pinochle. Joseph DeJesus: 239.598.9865 Recovering Couples Anonymous. Britta: 239.348.5031 or Roger: 239.250.6888

PRAYER LIST

We remember those who have died recently, especially:

Brian Bodnar

May they rest in eternal peace.

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

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

Baby Declan Aigner	Donald Hudec	Ruth Rechtsteiner
Mary Alligood	Krista Leigh Kozowyk	Ellen Roberts
Kaylee B	Rene Lacoste	Lloyd Sample
Jean Balliro	Jean Lydon	Lisa Sanfelippo
Beagan Family	M.M.	Shelia Scaduto
Richard Becker	Diane Maloney	Gary Schutebach
Gallen Boardman	Margie Lynch	Thomas Sissman
Lori Breyman	Maria and Family	John Smith
Caeleigh Brown	Barbara Marsh	Avery Smithies
Connie Cahill	Donna Massee	Nancy Stewart
Kathy Conley	Kevin McDonagh	William Strouse
Corinne & Children	J. McG	Edward Sullivan
Lauren Carr	Paul McIntyre	Jeannie Sullivan
Frank Comeriato	Cynthia McLemore	Carol Swank
Anthony D'Antuono	Carolyn McNichols	Rita Taranto
Mark DaBronzo	Anne Michaels	William J. Teplica
Donald Demski	Eileen Miner	Isaiah Thompson
Florence Demski	Lorrie Morrison	Marilyn Thyen
F.W.	Bettina Nugent	Helen Thornburg
Jim & Darlene Follese	Emma O'Rourke	JoAnn Tinevra
Tara Follese & Family	Ronald J. Parker	Jim Tucker
Jeff Gatt	Michael Paul	Lawrence A. Varon
George Gonser Jr.	Anne Perrino	Mike Walsman
Jayne Hagg	Geno Pesce	Dan Ward
Gerard Heyer	Ann Petrillo	Bernadette White
Rosie Heyer	Irene Pires	Kirsten Wills
Donald Howe	Renee Rake	Nancy Wise

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Prayer List Consent Form Last Updated: January 30, 2017	SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
Prayer List Participant:	GATHOLIC CHURCH
Contact Phone Number:	Contact Name:
I understand and agree to all of the above.	
Signature	Date
Signature	Date
Parish Acknowledgement	
General Manager Signature	Date

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The Taste of Saint Ann

Wine Tasting, Spirits, Music, Light Food, Games and Prizes

Saturday, September 16th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Saint Ann Jubilee Center

Celebrate spirit and sport and help support the Saint Ann Athletic Department

Tickets \$30

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Wedding Banns

Third announcement between
Kristin Grecsek and Kevin Wegwert
Third announcement between
Catherine Cotroneo and Paul Badertscher
Second announcement between
Kathryn Eads and George de los Reyes, Jr.

Cub Scouts Pack 226 Fundraiser

Cub Scouts Pack 226 will be asking for your support, to help young Scouts attend a NASA camping trip in the spring! The boys will be selling popcorn after each Mass on the weekend of:

Saturday and Sunday, September 16 & 17

Each bag or box of the delicious snack will help support scouting at our parish and throughout the SWFL area.

Prices for all products will be \$20 each.

You can also make donations to purchase popcorn for our Military.

If you have questions about the fundraiser or Pack 226, please contact Joanne Janopoulos at joanne116@mac.com



Saint Ann School students enjoy added recess time!

Saint Ann School students are enjoying the benefits of added recess time this year. Students now have morning recess before school starts. Research shows added physical activity during the day helps students immensely in their academic, social and physical growth.



"Buddies" share some time together on the new Buddy bench on the Saint Ann playground.









Middle school students take good care of their younger buddies at church



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CYO and CAO Concert Series 2017-2018 Season

kicks off with Sotto Amore Duo - Stepan Rudenko playing the piano and Sheena Gutierrez on the violin

Thursday, September 14 6:30pm in the Ballroom

Back at St. John for another beautiful night of music, this virtuoso pair has put together a wonderful program of Mozart, Respighi, Brahms, and Piazzolla, that speaks wonders and draws the audience into a world of sound and passion. They have dreamed of inspiring people with their love and passion for music.

Don't miss out on this wonderful kick-off concert and join us for a whole season of wonderful music!

FREE Admission!

Sotto Amore Duo

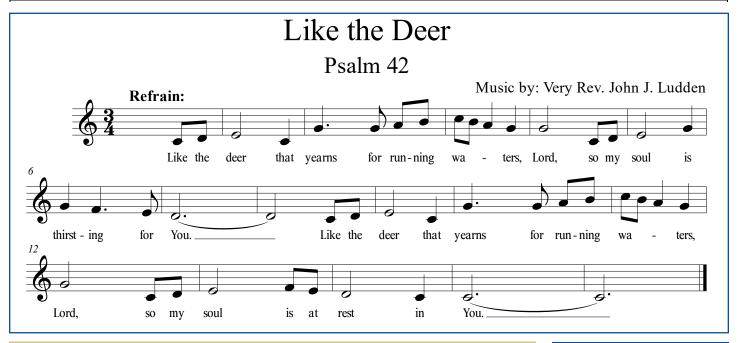
Upcoming Concerts:

October 12, 2017 Dan Heck Quartet Jazz Concert November 9, 2017 Concert for Flute and Piano with renown

flutist, Angela Massey January 11, 2018- Philip Borter Cello Concert

February 6, 2018- Paradise Coastmen Barbershop Chorus February 24, 2018- Annual Forgotten Broadway Concert

Music for the 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 9 & 10, 2017				
Readings: Page 201				
Prelude (11am):		Shout For Joy (Johnson)		
Entrance Hymn: 482		Where Charity and Love Prevail		
Preparation Hymn: 199		Humbly, Lord, We Worship You		
Communion Hymns:		Like the Deer (Fr. Ludden) (Please see below)		
	351	The Supper of the Lord		
Closing Hymn:	625	America the Beautiful		





Zumba Classes with Megan Ongoing at St. John

Classses on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday mornings at 9 am in the ballroom.

Join in when you can.

Cost is \$10 a person for drop in or \$40 for the month.

register by email to jennine@sjecc.com



Ezekiel 33:7-9 Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20

Blessed Assurance

ife is not easy at times because of things that come our way. The hardest challenge for humanity is that of relationship. If one steps back to look at Scripture and to consider what is taking place throughout the Old and New Testaments, one will quickly come to the conclusion that the Scripture is all about relationship. The Word of God tells the story of humanity's relationship with God and itself. The history of the world records the great accomplishments of humanity but also bares the scars of marred relationships. The most unpleasant reality for us as a people is to deal with awkward relationships. There are many things that cause friction within relationship. Motivation to control or the reality of stress often affects relationships.

In today's gospel, Jesus confronts a very human problem, that of one person sinning against another. He offers very practical advice to his listeners. His message is clear — if you have a problem with your brother, then go to him to resolve it. Jesus goes on to say that if this fails then seek the help of friends, if unsuccessful, the Church. If everything fails after much effort, Jesus says treat that brother as you would a Gentile — at a respectable distance. Jesus gives blessed assurance to his disciples by telling them that whenever two or three gather in his name, he will be in the midst of them. By invoking Jesus' name to help us deal with conflict, we are promised that he will always be there to advise and inspire, to heal and to forgive. Just as when we gather in Jesus' name, we are given the wisdom and courage to transcend the quarrels and the hurts of this life.

Reflection Questions

- 1. What is challenging about Jesus' approach to problematic situations?
- 2. How does this gospel challenge our litigious society?
- 3. Why is forgiveness a central theme of the gospel?
- 4. How have you embraced the gift of forgiveness in your life?
- 5. In what ways does Jesus' wisdom help you to bring reconciliation to your difficult relationships?
- 6. Are you courageous and strong enough to live this radical call to forgive? Why/why not?

The Good News today is telling us to approach the difficulties of relationship directly. People often react to problems in relationships too quickly by voicing anger and rage. This takes what is an already tenuous problem to another level, making it more difficult to resolve. In our quest to justify our own anger and rage we often let others know of someone's sin. This action causes the person, who made a mistake or sinned, to be embarrassed, often making matters worse. Sometimes we just need to pray about how to confront the difficulties in relationships. It is important to seek the wisdom of Jesus by asking: what would Jesus do in this situation? Any response to this question would empower us to do what is right and loving.

Paul reminds us in Romans that the commandments may be summed up very easily by loving your neighbor as yourself. If we make mistakes, we like to be forgiven and to resolve the mistake. In the same way, if others make mistakes, we need to treat them as we would expect them to treat us. The Christian call is one of reconciliation and healing — to bind up wounds and let the oppressed go free. Contrite people can continue to hurt because others will not let go of the fact that they have sinned against

them. This makes them a slave to their sin. The simple, practical message of the Scripture today is most certainly blessed assurance for all of us who take this advice to heart. Forgiveness is the hardest gift to grasp, but it is, nonetheless, at the heart of Jesus' message.

Prayer

Dear Lord, help us to understand ourselves. When someone sins against us, inspire our hearts to take the path of reconciliation. Speak to the hearts of those who will not let go of past hurts, so they may find the grace to forgive. Lead and guide us down the pathways of righteousness and truth. Amen.





Pope John Paul II prays during Mass marking World Day of Peace in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican January 1, 2005. (Catholic News Service photo/Alessia Giuliani)

Wisdom of the Fathers

"With deep conviction therefore I wish to appeal to everyone to *seek peace along the paths of forgiveness*. I am fully aware that forgiveness can seem contrary to human logic, which often yields to the dynamics of conflict and revenge. But forgiveness is inspired by the logic of love, that love which God has for every man and woman, for every people and nation, and for the whole human family. If the Church dares to proclaim what, from a human standpoint, might appear to be sheer folly, it is precisely because of her unshakable confidence in the infinite love of God...

...Jesus not only taught his disciples the duty to forgive, but he also intended his Church to be the sign and instrument of his plan of reconciliation, making her the sacrament "of intimate union with God, and of the unity of all humanity"...

...Brother *Bishops and priests*: be mirrors of the merciful love of God not only in the ecclesial community, but also in civil society, especially where nationalistic and ethnic conflicts are raging. In spite of the sufferings you may have to endure, do not let hatred enter your hearts, but joyfully proclaim Christ's Gospel and dispense God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation

To you *parents*, the first educators of your children in the faith, I ask you to help your children to look upon all people as their brothers and sisters, to reach out to others without prejudice, with an attitude of trust and acceptance. Be for your children a reflection of God's love and forgiveness; make every effort to create a united and harmonious family.

And you *educators*, called to teach young people the true values of life by introducing them to the complexity of history and human culture, help them to live in every situation the virtues of tolerance, understanding and respect; hold up to them as models those who have been artisans of peace and reconciliation.

You *young people*, who cherish great hopes in your hearts, learn to live with one another in peace, without building barriers which stop you from sharing the treasures of other cultures and traditions. Respond to violence with works of peace, in order to build a world which is reconciled and fully human.

You *men and women in public life*, called to serve the common good, exclude no one from your concerns; take special care of the weakest sectors of society. Do not put your personal advantage above all else; do not give in to the lure of corruption and, above all, face even the most difficult situations with the weapons of peace and reconciliation.

To you who work in the mass media, I ask you to consider the great responsibilities which your profession involves, and never to be promoters of messages marked by hatred, violence or falsehood. Always keep in mind the truth of the human person, whose welfare the powerful means of communication are meant to serve.

Finally, to all of you who *believe in Christ*, I address an invitation to walk faithfully on the path of forgiveness and reconciliation, uniting yourselves to his prayer to the Father that all may be one (cf. *Jn* 17:21). And I exhort you to accompany this unceasing prayer for peace with deeds of brotherhood and mutual acceptance.

To every person of good will, eager to work tirelessly in the building of a new civilization of love, I say once more:

Offer forgiveness and receive peace!"

— Saint John Paul II - World Day of Peace January 1st, 1997

Faith Formation

2017-2018 School Year

First Day- Meet and Greet Your Child's Faith Formation Teacher

If your child is in grades K-8 and registered for Sunday classes, the first day of class is on **Sunday, September 17 from 9:15**- **10:45 a.m.**, with an opportunity to meet the teacher beginning at 9:00 a.m. that day only. If your child is in grades K-8 and registered for Wednesday classes, the first day of class is **Wednesday, September 20 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.**, with an opportunity to meet the teacher beginning at 5:15 p.m. that day only. High School Confirmation Classes begin on Sunday, September 24 and are offered from 6:05-7:30 p.m., with an optional morning class as well, from 9:15-10:45 a.m.

Parent Drop Off/Parent Pick Up

Drop Off: Please walk your child to their Faith Formation Classroom. Class lists with room numbers will be clearly posted.

Pick Up: Please pick up your child from your child's classroom. This is an opportunity to say hello to the teacher and the safest way to make sure your child is under your care. It is unsafe to allow kids to go into the parking lot unsupervised. Thank you for parking in a parking space and walking into the building to pick up your children.



First day of class, September 2016.

Updated Faith Formation Calendar Available in Parish Office and Online

The Faith Formation Calendar is available at *www.sjecc.com* under the Faith Formation Tab. Color copies are also available in the parish office. Children will also receive a copy to keep in their "Take Home/Bring Back" Blue Folder.

High School Confirmation & Faith Formation Classes

High School Confirmation Classes begin on Sunday, September 24 and classes are held from 6:05-7:30 p.m. Parents are invited for a brief meeting on the first day at 6:05 p.m. There is also a morning option from 9:15-10:45 a.m. for those students in their first year of Confirmation preparation. Children who have already received the sacrament of



The 2017 Confirmandi from Saint John the Evangelist, May 1, 2017 (photo courtesy of Charlie McDonald Photography)

Confirmation are welcome to enroll in small group Bible Study.

Registration Forms for 2017-2018 are available online at *www.sjecc.com* or may be picked up in our parish office. If you are interested in volunteering in our Faith Formation ministry, please contact Natalie at *Natalie@sjecc.com*.

Faith Formation & RCIA

Fall 2016 Adult Faith Formation Programs Preview Have you always wanted to read the Bible? Get Started by Getting the Big Picture!

Maybe you already started, in the beginning with Genesis, but then got bogged down around Leviticus. Remember *the Bible is not a book, but a 73-volume library*.

Most Catholics want to read the Bible, but without a guide they find it hard to begin and easy to give up. Beginning in October:

- Read the 14 narrative books of the Bible that keep the story moving, and discover the amazing story woven throughout Scripture.
- Learn how the key **people**, **places**, **and events** in the Bible fit together to reveal God's plan for humanity.
- Study the Bible from a Catholic perspective and see how our faith is rooted in Sacred Scripture.
- See how the events in the Old
 Testament are fulfilled in the
 New Testament by Christ and the
 Church.

- Gain a greater appreciation for the Scripture readings you hear during Mass.
- See how God reveals himself to us through Scripture and learn how God's Word applies to your life today.
- Develop a life-long hunger for knowing God in his word and lay a strong foundation for further Bible reading and study.

UNLOCKING the MYSTERY of the BIBLE, developed by Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmyer, provides an easy way to understand the Bible. This eight-week quick overview helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it is all about; it's like flying over the story at 30,000 feet.

This program utilizes the Bible Timeline Chart: a simple, color-coded timeline



of Bible history. It divides the entire timeline into 12 color-coded periods and then focuses on 14 books that tell the story in chronological order.

Key people and events that advance the story are highlighted so that you aren't overwhelmed with too much at once.

This Fall, Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will be offered on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. beginning October 4 and Sundays at 9:15 a.m. beginning October 8.

These are new days and new times. You can attend either session, or Wednesdays some weeks and Sundays other weeks.

Explore Becoming Catholic

Anyone and everyone who would like to explore "becoming Catholic" is invited to join others with similar questions in a period of inquiry beginning Tuesday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Family Center. This is an informal opportunity to begin a journey that may or may not result in taking the next step toward full membership in the Catholic Church.

On this and subsequent Tuesday evenings we will utilize Bishop Robert Barron's CATHOLICISM program to provide the topic focus for the discussion. This groundbreaking documentary film series takes viewers around the world and deep into the Catholic faith.

Questions including what do Catholics believe, and what do Catholics do, will be addressed as they arise. For those who choose, the next step is to enter the more formal process to the Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults (commonly abbreviated RCIA) which begins in early December and culminates with the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) that are celebrated at the Easter Vigil in April.

This Week's Complete Schedule

Thursday, September 14 Women of the Word begins *The Prophets* ~ 9:30 a.m., Seminar Room

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

Prayer for Safety In Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of land and sea.

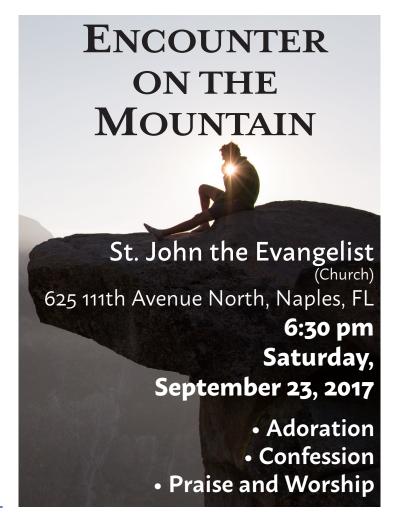
We live in the shadow of a danger
over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and
angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy,
overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land,
and spread chaos and disaster.

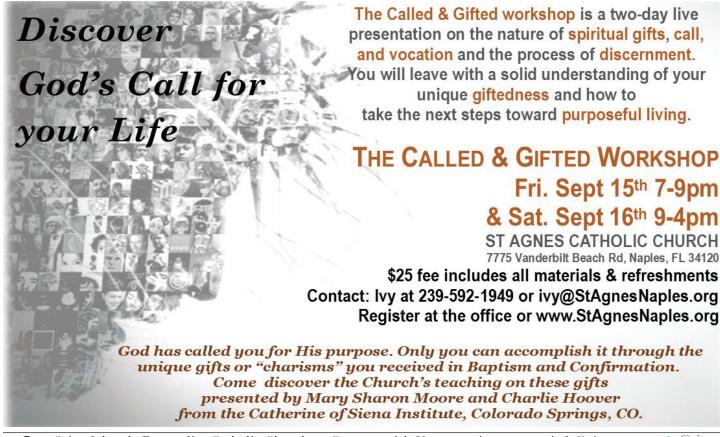
During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father.

Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

[Composed by Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981), Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956-1973), following Hurricane Audrey in 1957]





Two Safe Environment Training Sessions Available at St. Peter the Apostle Next Month

There are still two upcoming Safe Environment Training sessions at St. Peter the Apostle in Naples. Call their Parish Office at the number below to register.

Thursday, October 12 6:00-8:00 p.m. St. Peter the Apostle, Naples 239.775.9576 Saturday, October 14 9:30-11:30 a.m. St. Peter the Apostle, Naples 239.775.9576

The next trainings will be scheduled in Winter/Spring 2017-18. For the complete list of regional trainings that will be held this fall, please visit

http://dioceseofvenice.org/programs/safe-environment/training-schedule/

The next trainings will be scheduled in the spring and summer of 2018.

Registration Is Now Open for Fall 2017 CYO and CAO Arts and Music Classes

We are offering the following classes during this Fall.
Please register as soon as possible to ensure
that your class of interest is offered.

PLEASE NOTE: start dates have been postponed due the hurricane and there is still time to sign up



Piano 1 Saturdays at Noon beginning September 30 Piano 2 Saturdays at 10am beginning September 30 Strings Tuesdays at 4:30pm beginning September 19 Singing/Vocal Program Fridays at 4:45pm beginning September 22

Guitar Sunday's at 3:15pm beginning September 24 Ballroom Dance Wednesday's at 4pm beginning September 20

Theater and Acting Saturdays at 10am beginning September 23 (working on Christmas Eve Pageant)

Improv Comedy Monday's at 6:45pm beginning September 25

Art and Painting for Elementary Age students Saturdays at 9am beginning September 23

Art and Painting for Middle/High School Age Students Saturdays at 10:30am beginning September 23 $\,$

CAO:



Strings Program Tuesdays at 5pm beginning September 19

Vocal/Cantor Program Friday's at 5:45pm beginning September 22

Guitar Saturdays at 1:00pm beginning September 23 Ballroom Dance Wednesday's at 5pm beginning September 6

Improv Comedy Monday's at 7:45pm beginning September 25

Art and Painting Saturdays at noon beginning September 23

Register online on our website: www.sjecc.com or at the Parish Office!

Don't miss out on these special Fall classes offered just for you!

Email jennine@sjecc.com for more information.

Marriage Struggling? Next Retrouvaille Program Is Friday, October 6 in Tampa

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you have grown cold and distant; even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it, no matter how bad it may be... Retrouvaille can help, as it has helped tens of thousands of others.

Since January,the Retrouvaille ministry has helped 109 couples in our area who were in struggling marriages. Combined, those couples have 323 children that have new hope for a stable family. The August 2017 weekend was the largest in Retrouvaille of Tampa Bay's history, with 39 couples attending from 27 different parishes! These couples represent 49 different parishes in our area.

Their next program in Tampa is Friday, October 6. For more information, visit www. HelpingMarriages.org, or call 813.816.0711. Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names held in strictest confidence.

Ignatian Preached Retreat September 25 - September 28

The Ignatian Preached Retreats are silent retreats that include scheduled conferences each day, Mass, and an opportunity to meet at least once with the retreat director. The conference topics center around Ignatian spirituality, prayer, and discernment. Cost: \$395.00, private room.

Register online at www.olphretreat.org or call Denise Riley at 941.486.0233. The retreat is at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center, 3989 S. Moon Drive, Venice

Willkommen



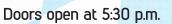


"Welcome"



Saint John the Evangelist and Knights of Columbus Council #11281 Present

Oktoberfest Dinner Dance



Saturday, September 30, 2017 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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Featuring: Open Bar • Dinner • Dance • Accordion Music

MUSIC BY Legends of Las Vegas and Accordion Classics

INDOOR BIER GARTEN OPEN BAR

Beer • Wine • Soda Cocktails

BUFFET DINNER BY FRISCOS

Pork Weiner Schnitzel • Chicken Burgundy

- Bratwurst and Sauerkraut
 Classic German Spaetzle
 - Hot German Potato Salad
 Red Cabbage
- Spinach Salad with Bacon Vinaigrette
 Yeast Rolls
 - Apple Strudel and Assorted Petite Desserts









Singles Tables Available

RAFFLE Prizes for Best German Apparel

TICKETS: \$30.00 (8 and 10 person pre-paid tables available)

Purchase tickets after weekend Masses, or at

https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/2017OktoberfestDinnerDance
Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus #11281.
For more information and special requests, please call Jerry (239) 821–9395.

Proceeds to assist the Knights of Columbus Charity Fund and Food Kitchens in the Naples/Immokalee areas