

January 21, 2018

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Parish Family Welcomes You!

the
EVANGELIST
SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Mission: #ToKnow
Hurricane Irma Impact, Response, and Renewal

It is mind-numbing to think of the past four months here at St. John. It was on September 10, 2017, that the single worst natural disaster to befall our Parish Family occurred. There are many of you who have lived every single day here with us in Naples, with the fear of the impending storm, the shock at the aftermath, and the determination to pick up the pieces. However, there are now others who are just returning to the area, and they may not have the visceral reaction to the massive amount of damage in our region. Father John and I felt it would be appropriate and important to share the significant impact that Hurricane Irma had and continues to have on our Parish Family.

How could it be?



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

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

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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Lisa Godlasky *lisa@sjecc.com*

Hospital

Mary Ellen Metro *maryellen@sjecc.com*

Lectors Ministry

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.

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

All Administrative Staff
239.566.8740

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Coordinator, Adult Faith

Formation & RCIA

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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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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. and 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Masses:

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

Sunday Masses:

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

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

FOR OUR RECORDS

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

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 11:15 a.m. Sunday Masses for sharing, communicating, and extending fellowship. If interested in helping, contact *Elida Gil* at 239.566.8740.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

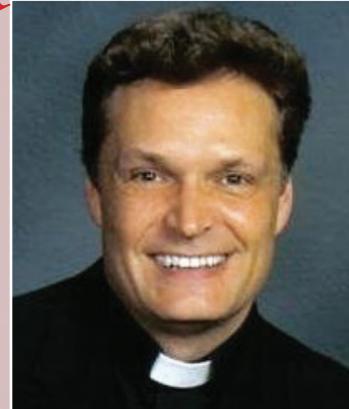


Faith and Wine

Thursday, January 25, 2018
6:30-8:30 PM (Doors open at 6:00 p.m.)

featuring

CANCELLED
Father Mark Wiesner



“Top Ten Reasons for Being Catholic”

It is not unusual for people to ask “Why are you Catholic?” If your response is a blank stare, or “Because that was the way I was raised,” or even if you think you have a good answer to this question, we guarantee you will benefit from attending this dynamic event. In his light-hearted and fast-paced presentation, Father Mark will share with us his top 10 reasons for becoming and staying Catholic.

This event is open to both Men and Women.

PLEASE NOTE: Speaker subject to the approval of the Diocese of Venice.

Faith and Wine has canceled Father Mark on January 25 because there is not a venue available to host him at this time. Faith and Wine will bring Father Mark back at a future date. Watch the bulletin for info on our February event. We thank you for your understanding.

2018 Women’s Conference Saturday, February 3

Women of all ages are invited to a day filled with the richness of our faith at the 2018 Diocese of Venice Women’s conference. The event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday, February 3, at Bishop Verot Catholic High School in Fort Myers. Cost in advance is \$20 (preregistration online), students \$5 pre-registration. Cost at the door is \$30, and \$10 for students.

This year’s speakers are Kimberly Hahn, Sonja Corbitt, and Rosario Rodriguez. Join us in enjoying the tenderness of God’s love and mercy!

To register, please visit www.dioceseofvenice.org/womens.

2018 Men’s Conference Saturday, February 24

The Diocese of Venice extends an invitation to all men who desire to encounter the presence of God to attend the 2018 Diocese of Venice Men’s Conference from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 24 at Bishop Verot Catholic High School in Fort Myers. Cost in advance is \$20 (preregistration online), students \$5 pre-registration. Cost at the door is \$30, and \$10 for students.

The speakers this year are Deacon Harold BurkeSivers, Patrick Coffin, and Bob Rice. Come be filled and transformed with the fire of God’s love!

To register, please visit to www.dioceseofvenice.org/mens.

MASS INTENTIONS... SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS

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

January 21, 2018 Sunday

7:00 AM	+	Robert L. Vangunten	Pam Miller
9:00 AM	+	Steven Tauro	Mom & Dad - Debora & Benito Tauro
11:15 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:15 PM	+	Ronald McKinnon	Evelyn & Charles Felice
5:00 PM	+	Frank Gerace	Patti & John Diamond

Wine & Host in Memory of Robert Berg ~ Requested by Carolyn Berg

January 22, 2018 Monday

8:00 AM	+	Robert Berg	Carolyn Berg
9:00 AM	+	David Newcomb	Bob & Norma Claussen

January 23, 2018 Tuesday

8:00 AM	+	Delia D'Orazio	Nicolo LaGrasta
9:00 AM	+	Sonia Kadri	Joe & Jean Carpino

January 24, 2018 Wednesday

8:00 AM	+	Sara Hill	Bob Hill
9:00 AM	+	Al Buchanan	Judy Buchanan
6:00 PM	+	Albina Jordanek	Michael Jordanek

January 25, 2018 Thursday

8:00 AM		"Novena Mass - For a greater respect for all human life"	
	AM	+	Tom Small
			Diocese of Venice
			Kathleen Kelly

January 26, 2018 Friday

8:00 AM	+	Vincent Copeland	Jack Kegaly
9:00 AM	+	Dewey +Dennis	Dennis Family

January 27, 2018 Saturday

8:00 AM	+	Virginia Bender	Catherine McCusker
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Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 PM	+	Carmine Devita	Michael & Lena Morra
5:00 PM	+	Carol	Dolores Donnelly

January 28, 2018 Sunday

7:00 AM	+	Mary Noonan	Kathleen Brown
9:00 AM	+	Jackie Gibson	Toni Eckert
11:15 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:15 PM	+	Ted Chickola	Nancy A. Rae
5:00 PM	+	Nicholas Senatore	Wife Rosalie & Daughters

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 20, 2018

St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Sunday, January 21, 2018

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Monday, January 22, 2018

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

Saint Vincent; Saint Marianne Cope
2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

Saint Francis de Sales
Memorial
2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 25, 2018

The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle
Feast
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

Friday, January 26, 2018

Saint Timothy; Saint Titus
Memorial
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 27, 2018

Saint Angela Merici
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41

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.

January 21, 2018

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?”

– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



A Capital Campaign for
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Life Center for All

I had a chance to meet with the priests of the Southern Deanery (the Catholic Churches from Bonita Springs to Marco Island and out to Immokalee and Ave Maria) to discuss our new Life Center and, in particular, the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO). Prior to our chance to speak, the local Catholic Schools gave their annual updates on their current efforts to educate the youth of the area. They spoke of their difficulties in attracting students and families. It struck me that the three Elementary/Middle and two High Schools’ total attendance this year is not even the total amount of youth here at Saint John the Evangelist, showing there is a significant deficit in reaching children in Naples with Catholic Education. Then, the new Diocesan Director of Religious Education spoke to the priests passionately about her desire to connect the youth and their parents with our faith through her efforts. She spoke about the “drop-off” mentality of the parents, who do not see anything for them when they bring their children to Faith Formation, along with recognizing that the single hour a child has on campus for Faith Formation may not be enough to truly engage them. I felt like I wanted to jump out of my seat and shout, “Hey! We have this!!!” but I stayed reserved until it was our turn to speak.

Over a dozen priests from all the various parishes listened intently to our update on CYO and the Life Center. We explained that the issues described by the previous groups are caused because the Catholic Church is not going out of itself and reaching out to the youth and their families where they are. They are not in the pews every hour of every single day. Instead, they are on the soccer field or in the gym for volleyball or basketball. They are in the music room learning an instrument. They are building Legos and going to nature preserves for their scientific programs. They are acting in a play or painting a landscape. And their families are cheering them on or coaching or sitting in the audience. That is exactly what CYO is. CYO is bringing the youth together in persistent, safe, affordable,



and enlivening activities, where they are. It is bringing their parents, guardians, grandparents, and the whole community in to support them and encourage them. It is building a Catholic Community focused on the bright, hopeful future of our faith that will attract everyone around us, excited to be a part of us. Every priest was in complete agreement at the end of the discussion and we now have the opportunity to build a federation of parishes dedicated to developing CYO for all of the Southern Deanery.

We’ve Got This! We Are Saint John!

As we Build Our Future, Serve Our Past, we still need all the gifts, prayers, and support of our Parish Family. If you have any questions, please contact Jean-Paul Boucher, at 239-566-8740 or email: jp@sjecc.com.

Jean-Paul Boucher,
General Manager

A Category 5 Hurricane was barreling straight down onto Naples. Just a day before, the forecast had it skirting Miami, with a minor impact to our Southwest Florida shores. Now, it could be a killer, with storm surge potentially over 10 feet. A storm of that magnitude would flood the entire church up and over the altar. The campus



would be decimated. The neighborhood could be washed away. People's homes – their lives – could be wiped off the face of the earth. What could we do? We are very blessed to have a dedicated set of staff here at St. John who all took time out of their own personal preparations to ensure our campus was locked

down. I could see the fear in the eyes of our Parish Family and staff during the week. We waterproofed the equipment and Father Bob took responsibility to protect the Blessed Sacrament. Our staff activated the Parish All-Hazards Incident Response Plan, ensuring communication and efforts for our church would continue no matter what happened. Father John joined our calls and communication from England as he was not able to get a flight back in time for the storm's impact. With our last Mass on Saturday, September 9, we locked up and sandbagged our church, not sure what we would be coming back to. We watched the storm batter our campus until 2 PM on the 10th, and our cameras went dead as the eye of the storm worked its way North on 41, literally coming right over the top of our church's cross.

Monday arrived. Many of us that had evacuated had no way to reach Naples as Irma continued through the state of Florida, impacting roadways and safe havens along the way. A few of our staff were able to make it to the campus, and what they saw was horrific. Nearly every tree was toppled over. The power line leading into our campus was listing into the pond between the church and the cemetery next door. Roof tiles were everywhere. The north corner of the church roof was peeled back to the plywood, with the tiles having flown all over campus, damaging everything they hit. Two of the massive air conditioning units to the church were punctured. Doors were bent and warped beyond use. The roof of the Parish Activity Center was damaged, with water leaking into the ballroom and storage rooms. Water had also poured into the Claussen Center, soaking the youth room and classrooms. The only part of our campus that was not damaged extensively was the Life Center Construction Zone, which had been locked down securely by our Construction Manager, Gates. St. John looked like a war zone, both inside and out.

Immediately, we got to work. Some of you may recall my message from October thanking all our Parish Family and others that came to our assistance. My family even took it upon themselves to start the clean-up of the Memorial Garden (my daughter wanted to clean Miss Lee's final resting place more than anything else, even her own home). We quickly found the significance of the damage was understated. Compounded with the loss of power for over two weeks, Hurricane Irma's impact was disastrous. The church roof's damage was so significant, it required immediate emergency repairs. The Bell Tower was listing dangerously, its

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cross completely loose and ready to crash to the ground at any time. The ballroom was a total loss, with water seeping into the walls and warping the dance floor that only a month before had 400+ people dancing to a Bee Gee's tribute band. All told, St. John the Evangelist has sustained over \$4 million in damages.

Every inch of this campus that was impacted. Our restoration company, ServePro, spent two additional weeks after power was restored with 20 people working seven days a week to clean and remove all the heavily-damaged components of our buildings. The tree company arrived and needed to remove just about every mature tree on our campus. Irrigation and lighting was destroyed.

You might think something so massive would cripple our Parish's ability to perform our Mission, but you would be wrong. We began Daily Masses that very Thursday after Irma, with no power – one of the first churches to do so. Emergency roof repairs began immediately. And most importantly, the Parish Family of St. John came together and began to help the community, becoming one of the largest North Naples support centers this side of 75. The story of our phoenix rising from the ashes will be part of next week's bulletin.

We will be dealing with the impact of Hurricane Irma for years to come, but these past four months and the upcoming year will be significant for our church and our Parish Family. We have come so far already, but we have a long way to go. Insurance



will assist with many of these major projects, and many of them were already articulated in our Capital Campaign. However, the cost and sheer scope of the campus repairs and renewals are significant. We will need all of your help and stewardship in time, talent, and treasure, in order to accomplish it. I thank those of you who have already heeded our call to support our repair efforts already, with over \$400,000 raised to cover the insurance deductibles and additional efforts (for example the tree removal was over \$30,000 and is not covered in any way by insurance). If you have not given to our efforts, but you would like to contribute, please ensure your gift states "Hurricane Repairs" in the memo line or on your envelope. Those gifts will go directly towards our future plans, which will be articulated in a few weeks here.

At the end of the day, we all have our lives and we have each other. Everything else can be replaced. God bless our Parish Family and St. John the Evangelist!

Sanctity of Life Weekend – January 20-21

Next weekend, we celebrate the life that God has given to all of humanity. He knew us even in our mother's womb. We keep in our memory and prayers the 60 million unborn babies who have lost their lives through abortion since 1973, and also the millions of mothers, fathers and families affected by this "choice". Please pray for an end to abortion.



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

For **Sanctity of Life** weekend, a bouquet of red roses has been displayed on the altar. These roses are in memory of the 60 million babies who have lost their lives in the 44 years since the Roe vs. Wade decision legalized abortion. **Please join us in praying a Rosary for Life in the Memorial Garden following the 9:00 a.m. Mass on January 21.**



Next Pray for Life Monday for St. John is January 22

Would you like to get involved in the pro-life cause? Our parish has committed to praying for an end to abortion outside of Planned Parenthood on the fourth Monday of every month, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Please join fellow parishioners for this peaceful prayer time. **Our next "prayer Monday" is Monday, January 22.**

Why should you pray outside the abortion center?

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

Contact Nancy or Paul Curti for more information:

plancurti@gmail.com or 612.616.1434.

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

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 St. 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: Robert Stift: rcs0242@gmail.com or 239.989.5149*

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

MEET OUR MINISTRIES:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respect Life. Educates and informs the parish community on all aspects of respect life, which include the unborn, mothers who have had abortions, the elderly, mentally challenged, the physically challenged, the imprisoned, 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. - 3:30 p.m. from October to May. Meets in the Youth Room of the Claussen Family Center. New members welcome. Accepts fabric, notions, and monetary donations. *Phyllis Crivelli: jandprivelli@gmail.com or 239.594.1148 or Barbara Arthur: 239.250.4162*

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

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

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

Knights of Columbus Councils:

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

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

LET US PRAY...

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

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. and Wednesday morning Centering Prayer meditation and Lectio Divina will start again on January 10 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Library. *Kathleen Dunne: kadunne61@aol.com, 901.574.2947*

Liturgy of the Hours *Phyllis Gryskiewicz: After 8:00 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
SFC Brian Holmes - U.S. Army
Marine Colonel Brian Howlett
Christian McLaughlin - U.S. Navy Sicily
Sgt. Larry Oldenburg - U.S. Army Iraq
Austin Spagnola
Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino -USAF Turkey

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

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

Thank you for your understanding.

OUTREACH & OTHER GROUPS

AA. Robert: 239.287.2442

Adult Children of Alcoholics. Tom Mooney, 239.287.0195

Al-Anon. Carol: 804.306.5323 and Juliette: Lysack

Food Addiction Support Group. Maryann Scandiffio, 239.784.2682

Narcotics Anonymous. 888.435.7301

Cursillistas. Robyn DeVille: 239.253.6275 or robyndeville@earthlink.net

Gambler's Anonymous. 1-800-ADMIT-IT
Habitat for Humanity. Kouloheras: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:

Joanne Uzzi

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	Jayne Hagg	Ann Petrillo
Kaylee B	Gerard Heyer	Irene Pires
Jean Balliro	Rosie Heyer	Renee Rake
Beagan Family	Krista Leigh Kozowyk	Ruth Rechtsteiner
Richard Becker	Rene Lacoste	Ellen Roberts
Gallen Boardman	Pat Lampe	Lloyd Sample
William M. Boardman	Jean Lydon	Lisa Sanfelippo
Lori Breyman	M.M.	Shelia Scaduto
Connie Cahill	Diane Maloney	Gary Schutebach
Kathy Conley	Margie Lynch	Thomas Sissman
Corinne & Children	Maria and Family	Avery Smithies
Lauren Carr	Ron Marlow	Sr. Colette Stevenson
Frank Comeriato	Barbara Marsh	Nancy Stewart
Merlyn Comeriato	Donna Masee	Edward Sullivan
Tony Corvelo	J. McG	Rita Taranto
Anthony D'Antuono	Paul McIntyre	William J. Teplica
Mark DaBronzo	Cynthia McLemore	Isaiah Thompson
Donald Demski	Carolyn McNichols	Marilyn Thyen
Florence Demski	Eileen Miner	Helen Thornburg
Melissa Diamantini	Mary Ann Morreale	JoAnn Tinevra
George Dillon	Lorrie Morrison	Jim Tucker
Donovan Family	Gary Neidhard	Janet Vanderhorst
Leon Doughty	Joan M. Oliver	Mike Walsman
Kathy Erickson	Jane Oraziatti	Dan Ward
F.W.	Emma O'Rourke	Sandra Welker
Jim & Darlene Follese	Ronald J. Parker	Bernadette White
Tara Follese & Family	Michael Paul	Kirsten Wills
Jeff Gatt	Francesca Pearo	Nancy Wise
George Gonser Jr.	Anne Perrino	
Philip Gorney	Geno Pesce	

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Portrait of a Caregiver

Did you know

There are 65.7 million unpaid caregivers. (That includes you!)

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January 23, 2018
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
at St. John the Evangelist

This seminar is FREE and a light lunch will be served.
However, anyone wanting to attend must RSVP by January 16
to the Parish Office at 239.566.8740.



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ENCOUNTER ON THE MOUNTAIN

Let us come together as a community and take time away from the stress of our lives for a beautiful night of prayer, music, and adoration. Everyone is welcome...THIS IS A TIME FOR YOU. It will be a spiritual and peaceful night of praise and worship music by Jennine Fuentes, our teens, and our NET music ministers with confession and intercessory prayer available.



St. John the Evangelist (Church)
625 111th Avenue North,
Naples, FL

6:30 pm
Friday,
January 26, 2018

- Adoration
- Confession
- Praise and Worship

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Classes continue on
Wednesdays & Saturdays

9:00 am - 10:00 am

located in the Seminar Room

please visit: <https://saintjohntheevangelist.com/event/zumba>

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Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 11:00am to 1:00pm



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Sunday, January 28th, 2018
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, January 21, 2018: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Song

Come, Now Is the Time To Worship

Brian Doerksen

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Come, now is the time _____ to wor - ship. _____

Come, now is the time _____ to give _____ your _____ heart. _____ Come,

just as you are _____ to wor - ship. _____ Come,

just as you are _____ be - fore _____ your _____ God. _____ Come.

Bridge) One day every tongue will confess you are God. One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now. *(back to Chorus)*

Preparation Song

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

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V1) You call me out upon the waters. The great unknown where feet may fail. And there I find you in the mystery,
In oceans deep my faith will stand *(to Chorus)*

V2) Your grace abounds in deepest waters. Your sov' reign hand will be my guide. Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and you won't start now. *(to Chorus)*

Chorus

And I will call up-on your _____ Name and keep my eyes a-bove the _____ waves. When o - ceans

5 rise, my soul will rest in your em - brace, for I am yours and you are _____ mine.

Bridge) Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders. Let me walk upon the waters, wherever you would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander, and my faith will be made stronger in the Presence of my Savior *(repeat, then Chorus)*

Communion Songs

341 Taste and See Hurd

Kingdom of Heaven

5 The king-dom of _____ hea - ven _____ has come to _____ earth. _____

9 His Pre-cious Blood and Bo - dy, _____ Soul and _____ Divin - i-ty _____ have made me what I'm worth.

13 The king-dom of _____ hea - ven _____ dwells with-in _____ our midst:
True Pres-ence of _____ my Je - - - sus, _____ the Ho-ly Eu - cha - rist.

Closing Song

386 City of God Schutte

Hymns for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 20 & 21

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Entrance Hymn: 415 All Are Welcome

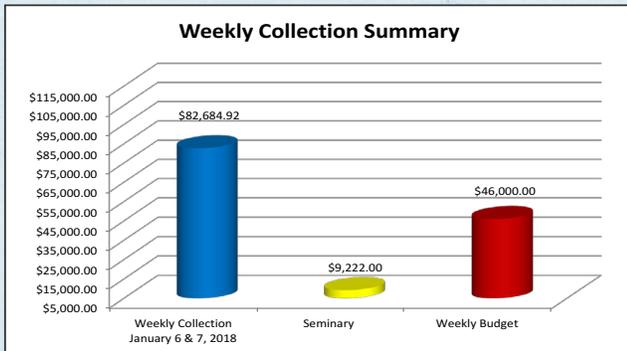
Preparation Hymns: 602 Isaiah 49

457 You Are Mine

Communion Hymn: 354 The Supper of the Lord

384 The Summons

Closing Hymn: 523 Prayer of St. Francis



Special Collection for Church in Latin America This Weekend, January 20-21

January 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Faithful of the Church in Latin America face many challenges in living out the Faith; yet the light always shines through and hope arises. For the past 50 years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has helped 25 countries in Central and South America, as well as the Caribbean, confront challenges and facilitate new programs in the sharing of the Faith.

The needs in this region of the world are great and can seem insurmountable. The distance in rural areas and deteriorated roads makes attending Mass

regularly difficult. Language barriers and lack of resources make catechetical materials problematic to produce. The absence of church buildings, priests, and lay catechists, hampers spreading the message of the Gospel. Your support will allow for pastoral agents to receive training so that they may bring the good news of the Gospel to all our Brothers and Sisters in this part of the world.

The Collection for the Church in Latin America will take place in the Diocese of Venice the weekend of January 20 and 21, 2018. Please be generous and take this opportunity to share your faith with families in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support truly makes a difference! Thank you!!

I take this opportunity to extend to you the assurances of my prayers for you and your family, and in-turn, ask for your prayers. Have a Blessed and Healthy New Year!!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Frank J. Dowane
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

Several Safe Environment Training Sessions Have Been Scheduled at Area Parishes

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

There are several upcoming Safe Environment Training sessions at nearby parishes starting in January. 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. No children are permitted to attend these sessions.

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 15	6:00-8:00 p.m.	St. Peter the Apostle, Naples	239.775.9576
Saturday, February 17	9:30-11:30 a.m.	St. Peter the Apostle, Naples	239.775.9576
Saturday, February 17	9:30-11:30 a.m.	St. Peter the Apostle, Naples	239.775.9576
Thursday, February 22	6:00-8:00 p.m.	St. Leo the Great, Bonita Springs	239.992.0901
Saturday, February 24	9:30-11:30 a.m.	St. Leo the Great, Bonita Springs	239.992.0901
Thursday, March 1	6:00-8:00 p.m.	St. Finbarr, Naples	239.417.2084
Saturday, March 3	9:30-11:30 a.m.	St. Finbarr, Naples	239.417.2084
Thursday, March 8	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Light, Fort Myers	239.267.7088
Thursday, March 10	9:30-11:30 a.m.	Our Lady of Light, Fort Myers	239.267.7088

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

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

The Word & Life

Jonah 3:15, 10

Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

A Radical Call

In last Sunday's readings, we learned of God's call to Samuel and to the early disciples as recorded by John the Evangelist. Today, we hear Jonah's call to the Ninevites to repent of their evil ways and to redirect their lives toward God. In contrast, we also enter into the world of Mark's gospel in which we learn of the first call of the disciples. Both Mark's gospel and the Book of Jonah, demonstrate the urgency in attending to God's call. The city of Nineveh had fallen to sin. God used the prophetic utterances of Jonah to turn the people back to God. Years later, we find Jesus proclaiming the time of fulfillment and hear his call for repentance. Repentance is a turning away from sin that requires "metanoia," a change of heart. God calls us to conversion. It is a call that involves a radical change

— turning away from sin and engaging the language of God's heart. We must ask ourselves: What does it mean to belong to God? What is involved in joining his company and being one of His disciples?

Reflection Questions

1. What does it mean to belong to God?
2. What is involved in joining his company and being one of His disciples?
3. How does your everyday life reflect the faith you profess?
4. Name the times you have sacrificed something in order to do what God wanted you to do?
5. In what ways do you need to "change your heart"?
6. What does it mean to be converted every day?
7. Which roads is the Lord opening to you in order that you know Him more deeply?
8. Describe your ultimate destiny.

The disciples of the gospel did not merely pay lip service in answering the call of Jesus. Instead, we find these ordinary men leaving everything they know to answer the call. In order to follow Jesus, Simon, Andrew, James, and John were required to put down their nets and follow the Master. This radical response involved abandoning all that was familiar to them and leaving behind material comforts to embark on a journey into the unknown and accept the challenge to live the Way.

The call of Jesus and Jonah to repentance is still applicable for our world today. When we look around, we find sin is still very much present. The world gives witness to sin, so does the Church, and so do we! We are reminded today that Jesus' Way constantly calls us to repent and believe in the gospel. We must be converted every day. We must change our hearts of stone and replace them with the heart of Christ. As ordinary people, we are entrusted with an extraordinary task — to live as He lived, love as He loved, forgive as He forgave, and to teach the world by our example. We are called to move beyond lip service and live the gospel. In the words of St. Francis of Assisi, "Preach the gospel; when necessary use words."

The task of embracing the message of Jesus is far-reaching. Most often it involves going against the tide of popular opinion. Following Jesus requires sacrificing our time and our treasures to promote the message of truth in the midst of deception and half-truths. In order to be called a disciple, we must demonstrate our beliefs through our character, words, and actions. Being a true disciple means that we, just like the first disciples, have the courage to leave what is familiar and comfortable to us. True discipleship requires a radical change of heart in which we redirect our lives, orienting ourselves toward God and what he expects of us. Following Christ requires that we choose the “road less traveled” in which we chose to tread the trodden path which Christ journeyed on. It is a road that leads to the destiny of compassion, mercy, hope, and a love that knows no conditions. It is a path that brings us closer together to a worthy end.

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



Prayer

Eternal Father, possess us and fill us with the fire of your love. Ignite us with the flame of faith and the burning desire for truth. Let us take the weakness of our sin and transform it through our repentance and belief in the gospel. Help us to become people of the Way, instead of reluctant followers. When we say “Amen” to your Word, let it not simply involve our lips, but engage our souls. May we learn to be converted everyday and be consumed by your love. Amen.

Contemporary Wisdom

The Road Not Taken

(Robert Frost (1874–1963). Mountain Interval. 1920).

TWO roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth; 5

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same, 10

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back. 15

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I —
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference. 20



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Faith Formation

2017-2018 School Year

JANUARY CALENDAR

- 21 ~ Sunday Faith Formation Class
High School Confirmation Classes
- 24 ~ Wednesday Faith Formation Class
- 28 ~ Sunday Faith Formation Class
- 31 ~ Wednesday Faith Formation Class

First Reconciliation Update

- Rehearsal,
Thursday, 5:30 p.m.
in the Church
- Ceremony,
Thursday, February
8 at 5:30 p.m. in the
Church
- 97 Children
Prepared! How blessed we are!



CONFIRMATION UPDATE

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Save the Dates: March 23 and 24. More Details Soon!

2018 Confirmation Upcoming Class Dates

- January 21
- February 11
- February 25 - No Morning Class - Q & A With Fr. John
- March 4
- March 18
- *Retreat March 23 and 24
- April 8
- April 22
- April 29
- May 6

Confirmation will take place on Monday, May 7, at 6:30 p.m. Confirmandi and their sponsor should arrive no later than 5:45 p.m. and meet in the ROME Room. Rehearsal for Confirmation will take place on Sunday, May 6, from 6:15-7:30 p.m. in the church.

DIOCESE OF VENICE CATECHETICAL DAY 2018

This year, Catechetical Day will be a retreat and day of formation for all of those who work or volunteer in religious education, adult faith formation, or youth ministry. It will be held at Bishop Verot High School on February 10th from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Several of our Catechists in Faith Formation at St. John are looking forward to this day of retreat! St. John volunteers in the above mentioned ministries should contact Natalie Campbell for more information and to register.

This Week in Faith Formation

Sunday, January 21

Faith Formation Class ~ 9:15-10:45 a.m.
Parent Faith Formation ~ 9:15-10:45 a.m. – Rome Room
High School Confirmation Morning and Evening Class

Wednesday, January 24

PreK Atrium ~ 12:10-2:10 p.m.
Faith Formation ~ 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Parent Faith Formation ~ 5:30-7:00 p.m. – Rome Room
High School Bible Study ~ 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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

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

Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

SEVEN DEADLY SINS, SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES

Beginning this week, a practical, modern-day look at sin and virtue!



Bishop Robert Barron's enlightening study on sin and virtue is based on Dante Alighieri's great poem *The Divine Comedy* and is an appropriate Lenten topic. Dante created in *The Divine Comedy* a poem that is both a great story of an epic journey through Hell, up Mount Purgatory, and into Heaven, as well as an exploration of the great truths concerning human nature, our relationship with God, and the soul's journey to happiness.

Dante is a master architect and constructs his poem in such a way that each image not only "works" to support the story, but also represents multiple layers of allegorical truth about the human condition and the ways of God.

Pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, avarice, and lust are all presented as patterns of dysfunction within us that lead to unhappiness. For example,

- Envy – the daughter of pride – is described as pleasure in the sorrow of another and resentment over their happiness or success.

- Scripture tells us, "Be angry but do not sin." This surprising advice from St. Paul points to the truth about anger – namely that it is a normal part of human existence and that it is only sinful when taken to excess.
- Avarice, St. Thomas tells us, is the immoderate or unreasonable desire for riches. It is not wrong to own property or make a profit. Sin only enters into the situation when we love these created things more that we love God or our neighbor.
- Lust, which our culture has long taught us to believe is the very worst sin, Dante regards as the lightest and least serious of the deadly sins. Why?

However, Bishop Barron shows us how to counteract these seven sinful patterns through a conscious process of opposition, which are the "seven lively virtues." The seven lively virtues offer antidotes to each sin and help set us on the right path to healing and happiness. The aim is to increase understanding, promote reflection, and encourage practical action.

Join us, beginning this week, either on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. or Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Rome Room for this five-week program.

The first four 90-minute sessions will cover the seven deadly sins. Each session includes a video presentation by Bishop Barron and small group discussion.

The fifth session will address the Sacrament of Reconciliation, also known as Penance or Confession. Taken from the newly released program *The Bible and the Sacraments*, this lesson is based on the work of Dr. Scott Hahn and presented by popular speaker and author Matthew Leonard. It unveils the mystery of the sacraments, their foundation in Sacred Scripture, and their connection to the rites of the Catholic Church.

Take the journey from sin to sanctity this Lent.

This Week's Schedule

Tuesday, January 23:

Spiritual Gifts ~ 5:00 p.m., Seminar Room

Wednesday, January 24:

The Bible Timeline Session 15 ~ 11:30 a.m., Seminar Room

NEW Seven Deadly Sins ~ 5:30 p.m., Rome Room

The Bible Timeline Session 21 ~ 7:30 p.m., Rome Room

Thursday, January 25:

Women of the Word, *Unleashed* ~ 9:30 a.m., Seminar Room

Friday, January 26:

Christian Meditation ~ 11:30 a.m., Seminar Room

Sunday, January 28:

NEW Seven Deadly Sins ~ 9:25 a.m., Rome Room

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

CYO & CAO Concert Series 2017-2018 Season

REMAINING CONCERT SEASON:

Annual Broadway Concert~ *February 24, 2018*

Paradise Coastman Barbershop Quartet ~ *March*

Dan Heck Quartet Jazz Concert~ *April 12, 2018*

CANCELLATIONS: We are sorry, but the CYO & CAO Concert Series for January 25 has been canceled due to the damages incurred as a result of hurricane Irma. Thank you for your understanding.

For more info on the concert series, email: jennine@sjecc.com

BIG BAND DANCE

EVERYONE WELCOME

First Dance of the Season

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in St. John the Evangelist PLC

Doors open at 6:00 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

Big Band Dance Schedule:

Tuesday, March 20 • Tuesday, April 10

CANCELLATIONS: We are sorry, but the following Big Band dances have been canceled: January 23, February 13, and March 28. Additionally, the Sock Hop on January 26 has also been canceled. The ballroom is still undergoing extensive repair and renovation due to the damages incurred as a result of hurricane Irma. We hope to see you soon, though! Thank you for your understanding.

Marriage Ministry: Together Forever

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

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Remaining Dates:

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

Next session:

February 24, 2018 at 6:30 pm
in the Claussen Family Center

Join us for fellowship, food and marriage enrichment!
Please RSVP to the office at 239.566.8740.



HEAR SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE SHOW TUNES & LIGHT OPERA

in Concert

January 24 at 7:30 p.m.

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Bishop Frank J. Dewane to Honor Couples Celebrating Marriage with a Special Anniversary Mass in February and March

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: 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 17, at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, and 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 10, at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs.

More details will be available in future bulletins.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHILI COOK-OFF JANUARY 29; 10 CONTESTANTS NEEDED

The Knights of Columbus Council 11281 is looking for contestants for the annual Chili Cook Off, which will be held Monday, January 29 at 6:00 p.m.

The event will be held in the Saint John the Evangelist Rome Room and Outside Veranda.

The Knights are looking for 10 contestants to present their "best in the world" chili for tasting at their January Social. A prize will be awarded to the winner. The chili winner will be judged by independent judges.

HERE IS WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

Bring 3 to 4 quarts of your masterpiece.

Bring in a crock pot to keep it warm (will provide for plug ins, if needed).

If you bring your chili in a pot, bring it hot and we can warm it up.

Bring a serving spoon/ladel (tag it with your name) that will serve about 1.5 oz. max.

Bring whatever condiments or side items you desire to go with your chili (i.e., chips, cheese, crackers, salsas, etc.). Remember, 50-60 may be sampling your chili.

Be sure you arrive no later than 5:30 p.m.

Let Jerry Detloff know if you cannot serve your own chili
239.821.9395 or gfdetloff@gmail.com

All attendees: If you can, bring some corn bread for condiment table (even if you are not a contestant).

Contact Jerry Detloff at
239.821.9395 or gfdetloff@gmail.com to register.

Winter 2018 CYO and CAO Arts and Music Classes

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

CYO:

- Piano 1 Saturdays at Noon beginning Jan. 13
- Piano 2 Saturdays at 10am beginning Jan. 13
- Strings Tuesdays at 4:30pm beginning Jan. 9
- Singing/Vocal Program Fridays at 4:45pm beginning Jan. 12
- Guitar Saturdays at noon beginning Jan. 13
- Ballroom Dance Wednesday's at 4pm beginning Jan. 10
- Theater and Acting Saturdays at 10am beginning Jan. 13
- Improv Comedy Monday's at 6:45pm beginning Jan. 8
- Art and Painting for Elementary Age students Saturdays at 9am beginning Jan. 9
- Voice Saturdays at 10am beginning Jan. 13
- Art and Painting for Middle/High School Age Students Saturdays at 10:30am beginning Jan. 13



CAO:

- Strings Program Tuesdays at 5pm beginning Jan. 9
- Vocal/Cantor Program Friday's at 5:45pm beginning Jan. 12
- Guitar Saturdays at 1:00pm beginning Jan. 13
- Ballroom Dance Wednesday's at 5pm beginning Jan. 10
- Improv Comedy Monday's at 7:45pm beginning Jan. 8



- Art and Painting Saturdays at noon beginning Jan. 13
- Voice Saturdays at 10am beginning Jan. 13

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

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

Email jennine@sjecc.com for more information.

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

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

See more info in future bulletins.

- Kyle VanDuser,
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Knights of Columbus Awards \$10,000 to Seminarians

The annual Vocations Dinner was cancelled this year due to the extensive hurricane damage to our ballroom. **However, we were still able to raise over \$12,000, thanks to the generosity of many businesses, parishioners and Knights of Columbus families.** We are still planning to conduct the silent auction at a future parish event. Knights of Columbus Council 11281 thanks all our boosters and local merchants. *Please support the merchants who supported our Seminarians.*

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