

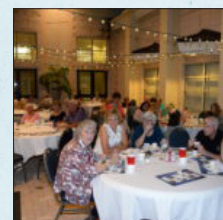
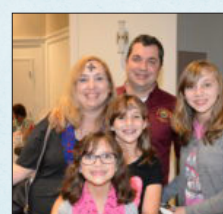
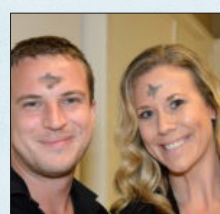
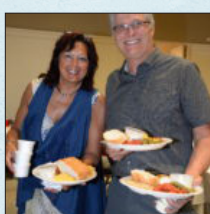
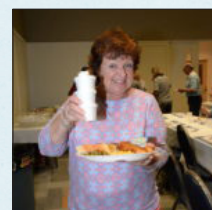
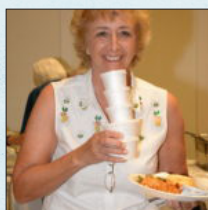
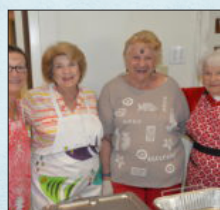
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*To Know, To Love, and To Serve God
in His Church and Our Community.*

Ash Wednesday Fish Fry Huge Success for Immokalee

Saint John's Knights of Columbus Council 11281 outperformed themselves with their annual Ash Wednesday Fish Fry, even without the Ballroom. People packed into the indoor/outdoor seating, including our Rome Veranda, and enjoyed succulent fried and baked fish platters, sides, and drinks. Father Bob visited with the diners as they ate, drank, and laughed together. All the proceeds of the evening will go to the Catholic Charities Guadalupe Social Services Center in Immokalee, who desperately need our assistance with the dire needs of the community ravaged by Hurricane Irma. The Fish Fry will continue every Friday evening in Lent, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., so please stop on by! Take out is also available.



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MASS SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION

Sunday Masses:

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. & 1:15 p.m.
5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

Saturday Vigil Masses: 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass:

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

Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (until all are heard)

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Administrative Office Hours:

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

Come join us for refreshments and fellowship after the 9:00 and 11:15 Sunday Masses.

If you are interested in volunteering with our Hospitality Ministry, contact Loretta Sullivan at loretta@sjecc.com.

Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine. We have 2018 wine and host and flowers availability.

Stop by the parish office to offer the wine and host and/or the altar flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones.

PARISH CLERGY AND MINISTERS

Fr. Robert Murphy, Associate

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Deacon Hal Brenner

Deacon Forrest Wallace

Deacon Frank Paniccia, Senior Status

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Jean-Paul Boucher

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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!

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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Mass Intentions... Special Observances and Readings

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

February 24, 2018 Saturday

8:00 a.m.	+	Steven Rummel	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Caccese
Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday			
3:00 p.m.	SI	Dennis Gallagher	Kathleen & Ed Miller
5:00 p.m.	+	Jim Harrison	Ginger & Mac

February 25, 2018 Sunday

7:00 a.m.	+	Scott Foulks	Baker Family
9:00 a.m.	+	Carpentieri Family	Phyllis Barbaro
11:15 a.m.		For Our Parishioners	
1:15 p.m.	+	Joseph J. Smoljan	Donna J. Murphy
5:00 p.m.	+	"Novena Mass - For a greater respect for all human life" Diocese of Venice	

February 26, 2018 Monday

8:00 a.m.	+	Anna Chiarulli	Bernadette Ventura
9:00 a.m.	+	Santo Amdreni	Augie & Grace Venceller
12:15 p.m.	+	Robert Augustine	Bernard & Fran Hirl

February 27, 2018 Tuesday

8:00 a.m.	+	Agatha Carroll	Maureen & Bob Murphy
9:00 a.m.	+	Marie Thompson	Pamela Conlon
12:15 p.m.	+	Cliff Dickens	Ann Marie Dickens

February 28, 2018 Wednesday

8:00 a.m.	+	William McCartney	Sally McElroy
9:00 a.m.	+	Helen Cacciatore	Brenda Schone
12:15 p.m.	+	Olga Ferrara	Alex & Debra DeStefano
6:30 p.m.	+	Paul Roche	Ann Marie Dickens

March 1, 2018 Thursday

8:00 a.m.	+	Kevin Lathers	Joanne Fromert
9:00 a.m.	+	Jacob Winkler	Merle & Janet Nett
12:15 p.m.	+	Herbert Gompertz	Gerard & Rosemary Heyen

March 2, 2018 Friday

8:00 a.m.	+	Daniel W. Toohey	Bob & Maureen Murphy
9:00 a.m.	+	Gloria M. Wolner	Domenico & Maria LaGrasta
12:15 p.m.	+	Webster & Pozza Families	Mike Webster Family

March 3, 2018 Saturday

8:00 a.m.	+	Bernice Kindsvater	Jack & Connie Kindsvater
Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday			
3:00 p.m.	+	Jerome Paul VanderHorst	Vicky VanderHorst
5:00 p.m.	+	Lambert & Louise Abell	Kathy & Bob Sims

March 4, 2018 Sunday

7:00 a.m.	+	Victoria Ann Martin	John Martin
9:00 a.m.	+	Karen Oliver	Ellen Canham
11:15 a.m.		For Our Parishioners	
1:15 p.m.	+	Felix Gryskiewicz	Wife, Phyllis Gryskiewicz
5:00 p.m.	+	J. Bradley McGonigle	Conley Family

Week of February 24 through March 3, 2018: Wine and Host is in memory of Jose N. Areta as requested by Rafael Areta, Sarah Areta, and Patricia Canfield.

Readings for the Week

Saturday, February 24, 2018

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48 (229)

Sunday, February 25, 2018

Second Sunday in Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10 (26) Pss II

Monday, February 26, 2018

Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38 (230)

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12 (231)

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28 (232)

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31 (233)

Friday, March 2, 2018

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 (234)

Saturday, March 3, 2018

Saint Katharine Drexel

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (235)

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, please contact our Parish Secretary, Deborah Marsh: deb@sjecc.com or (239) 566-8740.

Sacrament of Matrimony. Those who wish to be married in our parish must complete the Marriage Preparation Program. The Diocese requires a six month notice. *Tricia Schwarz:* 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.

Ministries and Prayer

PARISH COUNCILS

Building and Grounds Council. The Buildings and Grounds Council provides 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 meets quarterly to evaluate any long-term strategy planning that is required. *Council President: Bill Sjostrom: bsjost@yahoo.com or 815.670.3733*

Finance Council. The Finance Council assists the Pastor and General Manager in their decision-making process 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 Pastoral Stewardship 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. Offers 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).
Seasonal 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. Provides support and guidance for divorced/separated Catholics through our shared spiritual journey. We meet Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Please call for more information *Lhara Echeverria: 239.293.3694 or lhara@sjecc.com or Beth Lucci: 239.877.6254*

Faith and Wine. Monthly thought-provoking speakers, food, and fellowship for women in the Diocese. *Nancy Squittieri: faithandwine@gmail.com or 239.272.4257*

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

Jamaica Outreach Program. JOP 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. Make baby hats, booties, and blankets for babies, lap robes for nursing homes, prayer shawls, baptismal blankets, and sweaters for kids. Meets year-round on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. - Noon. No experience necessary. *Vicki Brenner: 239.498.9900*

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

Marriage Ministry: Together Forever. 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. Meets monthly on Saturday evenings at 6:30 p.m. *Rachel Baier: 239.498.4197*

Men's Club and Ladies Auxiliary. Organizes events, prepares meals, and provides staff and support for a multitude of parish and parish-related functions. Monthly meetings 2:00 p.m. on the second Thursday from October to May. *Men's: Jack Nalipinski: 412.613.3551 and Millie Lucanegro: 239.566.9854; Ladies: besunnyinflorida@gmail.com*

Respect Life. Helps Catholics understand, value, and become engaged with supporting the God-given dignity of every person – which naturally leads to protecting the gift of every person's life. *Rosemary Erickson: relife@aol.com or 239.250.0432*

Sewing Ministry. Meets to sew for needy children of Collier County on Wednesdays 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. from October to May. To volunteer or donate: *Phyllis Crivelli: jandpcrivelli@gmail.com or 239.594.1148 or Barbara Arthur: 239.250.4162*

St. Vincent de Paul. Helps the poor, specifically people in zip codes 34108, 34109, and 34110. Members work in teams making home visits to those in need. Meets first and third Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass. *Carl Monticelli: (SVDP Office): 239.775.1667*

Vocations Ministry. What is your vocation? 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*

Check the Event Sheets on the building doors for the meeting location of the group.
Groups do not always meet in the same location from week to week.

Ministries and Prayer

SOCIAL GROUPS

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

Habitat for Humanity. Kouolloheras:nick@hfhcollier.com

Mah Jong. Space Limited. Lanelle Bishop: 239.352.1860

Pinochle. Joseph DeJesus: 239.598.9865

SUPPORT 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](tel:888.435.7301)

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

Gambler's Anonymous. [1-800-ADMIT-IT](tel:1-800-ADMIT-IT)

Recovering Couples Anonymous. Britta: 239.348.5031 or Roger: 239.250.6888

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

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 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Library. Kathleen Dunne: kadunne61@aol.com, [901.574.2947](tel:901.574.2947)

Liturgy of the Hours

Phyllis Gryskiewicz: After 8:00 a.m. Mass. pmgrys@aol.com

PRAYER FOR THE MILITARY

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

Adam Decker

Nick Detloff

Sgt. Douglas Hennessy

SFC Brian Holmes – U.S. Army

Marine Colonel Brian Howlett

Lt. Col. Scott Huber – USAF, Turkey

Christian McLaughlin – U.S. Navy, Sicily

Sgt. Larry Oldenburg – U.S. Army, Iraq

Austin Spagnola

Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino – USAF, Turkey

We remember those who have died recently. May they rest in eternal peace.

Vincenza Dominelli and Eugene McGovern

Baby Declan Aigner
Kaylee B
Jean Balliro
Juan Barajas
Jennifer Basile
Beagan Family
Richard Becker
Gallen Boardman
William M. Boardman
Lori Breyman
Donald Brown
Brian Bulger
Connie Cahill
Kathy Conley
Corinne & Children
Lauren Carr
Frank Comeriato
Merlyn Comeriato
Tony Corvelo
Brad Cunningham
Anthony D'Antuono
Mark DaBronzo

Donald Demski
Florence Demski
Melissa Diamantini
Donovan Family
Leon Doughty
Kathy Erickson
F.W.
Sandy Flaig
Jim & Darlene Follese
Tara Follese & Family
Patty Gahan
Jeff Gatt
George Gonser Jr.
Philip Gorney
Keri Grasso
Jayne Hagg
Gerard Heyer
Rosie Heyer
Jim Huber
Ted Konicki
Krista Leigh Kozowyk
Rene Lacoste

Pat Lampe ncena
Jean Lydon
M.M.
Joan Maier
Diane Maloney
Margie Lynch
Maria and Family
Ron Marlow
Barbara Marsh
Donna Massee
J. McG
Paul McIntyre
Cynthia McLemore
Eileen Miner
Mary Ann Morreale
Lorrie Morrison
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Emma O'Rourke
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Renee Rake
Ruth Rechtsteiner
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Lloyd Sample
Lisa Sanfelippo
Shelia Scaduto
Gary Schutebach
Thomas Sissman
Avery Smithies
Sr. Colette Stevenson
Nancy Stewart
Edward Sullivan
Rita Taranto
William J. Teplica
Isaiah Thompson
Marilyn Thyen
Helen Thornburg

JoAnn Tinevra
Albert Treichel
Jim Tucker
Janet Vanderhorst
Mike Walsman
Dan Ward
Sandra Welker
Bernadette White
Kirsten Wills
Nancy Wise

Note: In order to place a name on our 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 Prayer List. To download the Consent Form, visit our website: <http://sjecc.com/forms>.

by Jean-Paul Boucher
General Manager
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Our Lenten Journey: Pope Francis' Reflection of Lent to Pause, See, and Return

I have always loved Lent as a time for reflection, contemplation, and renewal in my faith. It is not just an opportunity to look inward and take stock of your own life, but to take time to look around. Edmund Burke reminds us that "[a]ll that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." There is so much hate and anger in the world today, we need to take stock of ourselves and truly search for the beauty of life around us. Our Holy Father has given us all a set of instructions for how to journey through Lent for this purpose: to Pause, See, and Return:

The season of Lent is a favorable time to remedy the dissonant chords of our Christian life and to receive the ever new, joyful, and hope-filled proclamation of the Lord's Passover. The Church in her maternal wisdom invites us to pay special attention to anything that could dampen or even corrode our believing heart.

We are subject to numerous temptations. Each of us knows the difficulties we have to face. And it is sad to note that, when faced with the ever-varying circumstances of our daily lives, there are voices raised that take advantage of pain and uncertainty; the only thing they aim to do is sow distrust. If the fruit of faith is charity – as Mother Teresa often used to say – then the fruit of distrust is apathy and resignation. Distrust, apathy, and resignation: these are demons that deaden and paralyze the soul of a believing people.

Lent is the ideal time to unmask these and other temptations, to allow our hearts to beat once more in tune with the vibrant heart of Jesus. The whole of the Lenten season is imbued with this conviction, which we could say is echoed by three words offered to us in order to rekindle the heart of the believer: pause, see, and return.

Pause a little, leave behind the unrest and commotion that fill the soul with bitter feelings which never get us anywhere. Pause from this compulsion to a fast-paced life that scatters, divides and ultimately destroys time with family, with friends, with children, with grandparents, and time as a gift... time with God.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the need to show off and be seen by all, to continually appear on the

"noticeboard" that makes us forget the value of intimacy and recollection.

Pause for a little while, refrain from haughty looks, from fleeting and pejorative comments that arise from forgetting tenderness, compassion, and reverence for the encounter with others, particularly those who are vulnerable, hurt, and even immersed in sin and error.

See the gestures that prevent the extinguishing of charity, that keep the flame of faith and hope alive. Look at faces alive with God's tenderness and goodness working in our midst.

See the face of our families who continue striving, day by day, with great effort, in order to move forward in life, and who, despite many concerns and much hardship, are committed to making their homes a school of love.

See the faces of our children and young people filled with yearning for the future and hope, filled with "tomorrows" and opportunities that demand dedication and protection. Living shoots of love and life that always open up a path in the midst of our selfish and meagre calculations.

See our elderly whose faces are marked by the passage of time, faces that reveal the living memory of our people. Faces that reflect God's wisdom at work.

See the faces of our sick people and the many who take care of them; faces which, in their vulnerability and service, remind us that the value of each person can never be reduced to a question of calculation or utility.

Return without fear to experience the healing and reconciling tenderness of God. Let the Lord heal the wounds of sin and fulfill the prophecy made to our fathers: "A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezek 36: 26).

Pause, see, and return!

- Pope Francis 2/14/18 - http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2018/documents/papa-francesco_20180214_homelia-ceneri.html

To Know, To Love, To Serve... Parish Mission and Life

Mercy & Mary Parish Mission
Saint William Catholic Church
March 5-7, 2018

Join Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC for three inspiring talks:



Monday, March 5th:
Personal Testimony:
Now is the Time of Mercy
9:00am or 6:30pm

Tuesday, March 6th:
St. John Paul II:
Fatima and the Great
Mercy Pope
9:00am or 6:30pm

Wednesday, March 7th:
St. Maximilian Kolbe:
Mary's Instrument of Mercy
9:00am or 6:30pm

No registration required.
Donations accepted.
Materials available for purchase.

Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, is director of Evangelization for the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception and director of Formation for the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy. Fr. Michael is also the author of the best-selling books 33 Days to Morning Glory, Consoling the Heart of Jesus, and 33 Days to Merciful Love. He lives and works on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, home of the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy.



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Jamaica Outreach Program and Ave Maria University: Joining Forces in Concert

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: March 14, 2018 – 7:30 p.m. – St. John's Church

Come enjoy a fantastic evening of SACRED and POPULAR music at the upcoming JOP/AVE MARIA concert. You will be dazzled by the talent and expertise of the music school student body, the Ave Maria choir, and maybe even a few members of the faculty participating. You are guaranteed a musical treat of a lifetime. In addition to the spectacular vocal arrangements, there will also be instrumentalists performing from other parts of the music department.

Admission is \$20 and tickets may be purchased before and after most masses, on the JOP website, or by calling Roger Plante, Concert Chairman, at 239-948-2145.

Each week you will hear a featured student performing a selection of sacred music as an introduction to the concert. Featured vocalists this week are:



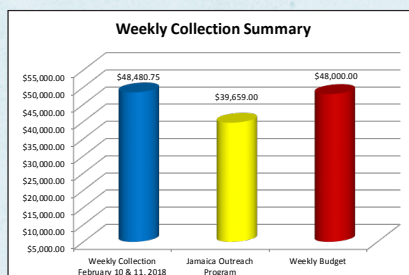
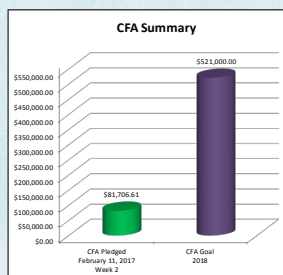
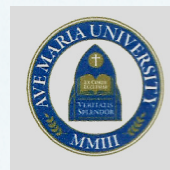
Rachel Sill recently transferred to Ave Maria where she is a Junior majoring in Music with a concentration in Voice. She is originally from the St. Louis, IL, area and became involved in music at a very young age. She has been an active cantor for many years and is also gifted at the keyboard and on the trumpet. "Vergin, Tutto Amor" by Durante.



Cassandra "Cassie" Schultz is a sophomore at Ave Maria majoring in music and minoring in Shakespeare in Performance. She is from Atlanta and has been performing in churches and other venues since the age of 8. She is extremely grateful for the gift of her talents and is delighted to participate in the St. John's-Ave Maria Outreach. "Pie Jesu" Requiem by Faure.



The Fabulous Ave Maria Choir will be performing at the March 14, 2018, concert.



SPOTLIGHT ON WoW

by Nancy Bouchard



After Hurricane Irma swirled through Naples, members of WoW (Women of the Word) ventured from our powerless homes to gather together at the damaged St John Parish. We were blessed to be able to meet in the Cry Room of the church as the staff vacated the temporary office space for their weekly meeting. There were tears and laughter, support and commiseration, hugs and relief, and many prayers of gratitude. We shared our stories and found solace in our community. We also messed up the bulletin because we did not get to the planned lesson! (Sorry Jack K!)

WoW is a group of women who meet 51 Thursdays a year (all except Thanksgiving!) to study our Catholic faith. We alternate from a study on the Bible and then onto a Catholic book. We've learned from Genesis, Exodus, and the Prophets. We 'Rediscovered Jesus,' guided by Matthew Kelly's book. Sonja Corbitt 'Unleashed' us to experience new ways of listening to the nudges of the Holy Spirit.

There are many reasons why we meet every week. Here are just a few:

"I keep coming back to continue my education about the Lord and my faith. Our classes are educational and social. It is an opportunity to see scripture and our faith-lives from different perspectives."

"I keep returning because I am learning things I never knew before. I get a better understanding of the Old Testament. The WoW team is an asset to each other and the whole group."

"From going to mass weekly and on Sunday, I wanted to read and know more about the whole Bible, the Old and the New Testaments. The group and leader interact, and everyone gives her interpretation of what the author of 'Unleashed' means to teach us."

"At my parish, we had Bible Studies during "season" but not year-round. My friend, Deb, invited me to join her group at St. John's. I keep coming back because of the women of this group. Getting to know these ladies has been a joy to me. The variety of scriptures and books have been very interesting, and it seems I'm always learning!"

And my personal favorite reason comes from Dolores:

"We aren't required to do the homework every week!!"

WoW welcomes any woman of any age to study our faith in a non-judgmental, supportive community. We meet on Thursday mornings at 9:30. We invite you to join us, whether for one week or a month or the whole year—all 51 weeks! Any questions, please contact Nancy Bouchard at 443-498-8452 or nancybdds@comcast.net.



Capital Campaign

February 25, 2018

Patience is adjusting to God's time.
– Mother Angelica



A Capital Campaign for
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Ballroom Repairs and Renovations Begin

Someone once told me that God only gives you challenges that He knows you can handle. Well, this Lenten Season we have been given some significant gifts from God. All the additional renewal projects we had originally identified with our Build Our Future, Serve Our Past Capital Campaign have instead become repair and renovation projects due to the fury of Hurricane Irma. From the church roof to the Ballroom to the air conditioning units of the Claussen Center, we have massively complex construction projects beginning all over our campus, all the while with the erection of the Pulte Family Life Center continuing.

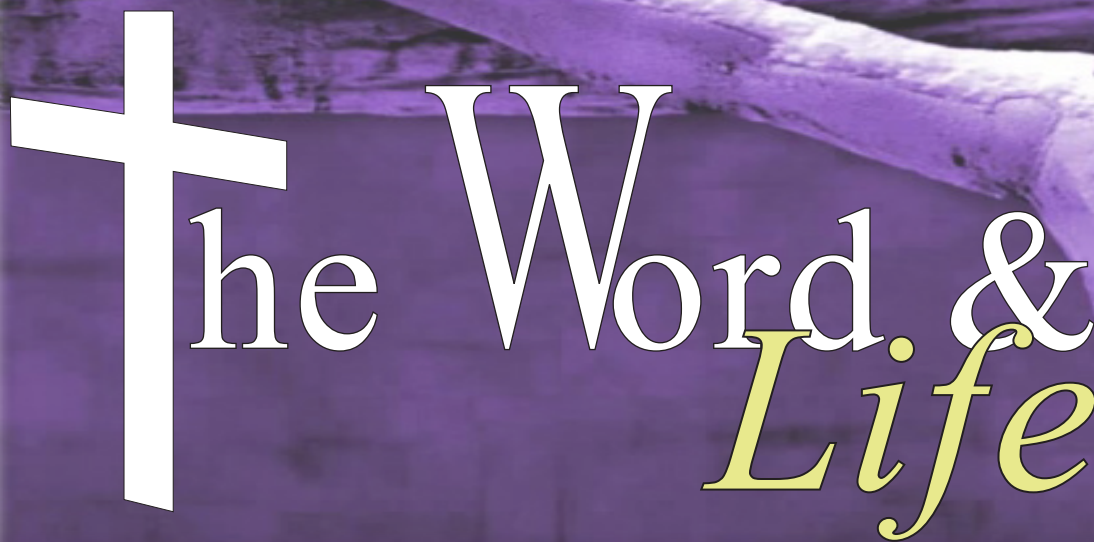
I appreciate everyone's patience as we execute these projects. There may be some "pardon our dust" situations as we install the new exterior lighting systems around the campus or while the new flooring and walls are installed in the Ballroom, but we will attempt to keep that effort out of the way of our Masses and services in every way possible. We are working with all our might to get our "new normal" of the St. John campus completed as soon as possible.



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

February 25, 2018 ~ Second Sunday of Lent



The Word & *Life*

Second Sunday of Lent: Year B

Genesis 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13 • Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 • Romans 31B-34 • Mark 9:2-1015

Alteration and Transformation

In the gospel today, we recall that Jesus led Peter, James, and John to a place where they would encounter his transfiguration. This was a moment in time when heaven was wedded to earth and humanity was opened to the glory of God. Could you imagine what went through these three men's minds? The encounter gave Peter, James, and John a new insight into Jesus because they glimpsed his divinity. Peter announces, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here!" He is overjoyed with this experience of God. As a Jew, Peter would have held great reverence to the Law and Prophets. On the day of the transfiguration, he witnesses with his very eyes the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. Peter wanted to capture the moment by erecting three tents; one for Jesus, one for Moses,

and one for Elijah. It is obvious to us all that Peter did not want this experience to go away! Mark the Evangelist also recounts that the Father's voice can be heard, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." The three disciples had listened to the dictates of the Law and the promptings of the prophets, now they must listen to the wisdom of God's beloved – Jesus of Nazareth.

The Transfiguration is an important event in salvation history. It reminds the Church of the true identity of Jesus, both human and divine. We are called to the Truth of Jesus through listening to his Word and being doers of his Word. We are urged to "Listen to him." In every aspect of life and in all of our relationships, whether they are familial, social, or political, we are asked to listen to the wisdom of Jesus and apply it. During this season of Lent, we should commit ourselves to discerning the truths of the gospel and undergo conversion. Each of us is asked to transform our lives by what we know of God's message. Peter, James, and John had a life-changing experience on the day of Transfiguration. Jesus' appearance was altered that day as the apostles witnessed his glory. But the faith of these simple men must have been transformed, as well. The words of the gospel are the words of everlasting life. If we listen to these words, take them to heart, and act upon them, we open ourselves to this promise of salvation. Sometimes the gospel requires that we alter the way in which we conduct our lives and choose the road

Reflection Questions

1. Identify the ways that Jesus speaks to you?
2. What challenge is he giving to you?
How does the gospel shape your life?
3. In what ways does the reality of Jesus change your life?
4. If Christ were sitting in your living room with you, what do you think that he would be asking you?
5. Are you willing to respond to such wisdom?
6. Where do you feel that Christ is present in the world?
7. What does that mean for you?

less traveled.

As we go through life, we experience the highs and the lows in our relationship with God. There are times when we have profound experiences, and we are convinced of God's presence. During these times, most of us wish we could dwell in that moment forever. Many of us have times when we doubt our faith and sometimes feel we are totally alone. During these moments of doubt, we need to recall the moments in which we were totally convinced of the presence of God. The gospel reminds us elsewhere that we are not left alone as orphans. Jesus tells us that he will be with us until the end of the age. The experiences of transcendence within our lives make up our own particular histories — they bring us to the sacrament of the present moment.

Life has a habit of teaching us the truths about God. The Church in Her wisdom gives us the liturgical seasons in which we experience life, death, and resurrection. All of us have to experience death in order to come to resurrection. The different events of life can bring us to a deeper reality of God's presence. Our lives change when we encounter forgiveness and healing. We all become aware of the other side of life when we encounter the death of a loved one. When parents experience the newness of life, they encounter the God of Creation and the innocence of humanity. When we witness great acts of charity and heroism, we are made aware that we belong to a larger family of the world and recognize that we are People of God. These experiences transform us and remind us that God is forever with us working through, in and with us.

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



Prayer

Lord, it is good that we are here! We thank you for the gift of life! We bless you and praise you for the message of the gospel handed onto us. Let us always remind ourselves in the profound moments of life that you are always journeying with us. When we lose hope, may we have the courage to listen to the voice of your Son who never abandons us. Amen.

Voices of Faith

Transfigured Light from Heaven

Light from heaven, light of God

Shining amongst the dark crevices of hidden sin

Takes disciples on a journey to transfigure him

Peter, James, and John do follow the man from Nazareth

The rabbi, the friend, the healer and restorer

Ascend together the mountain of encounter for those who were poorer

Transfigured before them, Jesus' clothes became dazzling white

A sign of hope for the men on a journey

The Son of God rescuing all from their plight

Elijah along with Moses converse with the divine Master

About the wisdom of Prophets and the Law

Knowledge with love beyond all telling given for all

"Rabbi, it is good that we are here!" the simple fisherman does say

Let us all onto this experience forever

For Moses, Elijah, and mountain departure please do delay

For heaven's light and glory is beautiful to behold

Elijah and Moses' story is for heaven told

A journey with the teacher exciting and bold



*And then came cloud's shadow to rest on those who dare to venture
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." A voice from the cloud did say
To simple fisherman and brothers – Followers of the Way*

*Alone before heaven's light the fishermen filled with wonder
Where will this journey take them further and yonder?
In Christ's light these men abide and begin to ponder*

*For the journey ahead leads their teacher to Calvary's hill
To be crowned with thorns and nailed to a tree
But to rise again and fill the earth with heaven's light*

"Peaceful Moments" – Fr. John J. Ludden

Youth Faith Formation... 2017-2018 School Year

St. John Catechists, The Heart of our Faith Formation Program

Currently, our Faith Formation program has approximately 40 catechists, many with several years of service! The strength of our Faith Formation program relies so much on our dedicated volunteers. As we learn and grow together, we congratulate Jeanne Biada and Liz Koplitz for attaining their Catechist Certification through the Searchlight Virtual School and the Diocese of Venice. Jeanne and Liz each completed five theology courses including: Introduction to the Bible, Liturgy and the Sacraments, Social Doctrine, Morality, and Introduction to RCIA. They also completed the entire series of Bishop Robert Barron's, CATHOLICISM as part of their certification. Congratulations, Jeanne and Liz!

On Saturday, February 10th, catechists from St. John attended a special day of retreat with approximately 300 other religious educators at Bishop Verot High School. Those catechists in attendance from St. John included Molly Anton, Paula Aurit, Liz Koplitz, Gina Manfredi, and Christina Talford. This special day allowed time for catechists to reflect on their practices, spend time together, and pray together in Eucharistic Adoration.

We are always looking for volunteers to be a part of this wonderful ministry! If you feel you have a calling and would like to begin preparing for the 2018-2019 school year, please contact Natalie at Natalie@sjecc.com. We are looking for several classroom assistants, as well as looking to expand our Confirmation Team. Thanks for considering!



Jeanne Biada



Our Catechists



Liz Koplitz



WHAT IS CRS RICE BOWL?

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program for families and faith communities in the United States who want to put their faith into action. Through CRS Rice Bowl, participants are invited to hear stories about their brothers and sisters in need around the world and devote their Lenten prayers, fasting, and alms to change the lives of those who suffer in poverty.

Participants journey through the 40 days of Lent with a collection of daily reflections and activities included in the CRS Rice Bowl calendar and on the mobile app. Rice Bowls can be picked up in the Parish Office reception area or in the Faith Formation Office. We will collect Rice Bowls at the end of Lent. Last year, our parish and Faith Formation efforts came close to donating \$1000 to those in need! With your help, we hope to do even more this year!

Thank you all for participating!

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, February 25

Faith Formation Class ~ 9:15-10:45 a.m.

Parent Faith Formation Sessions ~ 9:15-10:45 a.m., Rome Room

Confirmation Class Session ~ 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Evening Session Only.

Morning youth, please attend the evening session.

Wednesday, February 28

Pre-K Atrium Class ~ 12:10-2:10 p.m.

Faith Formation Class ~ 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 and RCIA

**These Saint John the Evangelist Catechumens and Candidates
Celebrated the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion
at Epiphany Cathedral, Venice, Florida – First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2018**

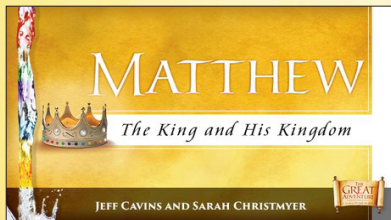


These men and women were recognized for progress in their spiritual formation in the RCIA program and sent by our parish community to the cathedral last Sunday for the rite of election or recognition by Bishop Frank Dewane.

Catechumen expressed their desire to enter fully into the life of the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Their names were placed in the Book of the Elect.

The Candidates, who have been previously baptized in another Christian tradition, asked to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church. As a reminder of their Baptism and as a sign of their continuing conversion, the bishop invited them to come forward, take the holy water, and sign themselves with the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

It's Not Too Late to Join the NEW Evening Bible Study, Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.



This exciting study explores the life and mission of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew. You will see Jesus as the awaited Messiah, who relives the life and struggles of Israel to become the faithful and victorious King. Set in the rich context of Jesus' Jewish culture, this study will help you understand who Jesus is and what his life and teachings mean for us today.

- See Jesus as the Son of David, the Son of Abraham, the New Moses, the True Manna, the New Temple—and learn what this means for us today.
- Learn how Jesus reconstituted the struggling kingdom of Israel around Himself and opened the Kingdom of God to all people.

- Witness how Christ established his Church with the Twelve Apostles and Peter as his vicar.
- Discover the roots of the sacraments, and see how Jesus' words and actions are reflected in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.
- Watch Jesus relive the history of Israel as the obedient Son who trusts the Father, defeats hell and the grave, and rises to new life.

Although this is an ideal follow-up study to the basic narrative of Scripture taught in Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible or The Bible Timeline, you do not need to have attended those programs to join this New Testament program.

This Week's Schedule

Tuesday, February 27:

RCIA Catechesis ~ 6:00 p.m., Adult Space

Wednesday, February 28:

The Bible Timeline, Session 19 ~ 11:30 a.m., Seminar Room

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

Matthew, Session 2 ~ 7:30 p.m., Rome Room

Thursday, March 1

Women of the Word, Passion Narratives ~ 9:30 a.m., Seminar Room

Friday, March 2

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

Sunday, March 4

Seven Deadly Sins ~ 9:15 a.m., Rome Room

Adult Confirmation Preparation ~ 6:00 p.m., Rome Room

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

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Catholic Youth Organization

Upcoming Sport, Arts & Music, and Social Events.

Social & Spiritual

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

High School gathers at 6:30pm every Wednesday, in the seminar room for games and fellowship. We eat pizza, play games, and have a wonderful Bible Study until 8:30pm.

Middle school meets every Sunday after 5pm Mass (6:15pm) in the Rome room until 7:30pm.



Arts & Music

MARCH 2018 ARTS AND MUSIC CLASSES NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION!

PIANO, GUITAR, VOICE, STRINGS, ACTING, BALLROOM DANCE, PAINTING, IMPROV COMEDY.

Music and Arts Summer Camp Registration is also open online! Classes in voice, guitar, piano, strings, and acting. Only 20 campers allowed. June 11-15th! Email jennine@sjecc.com for more info.



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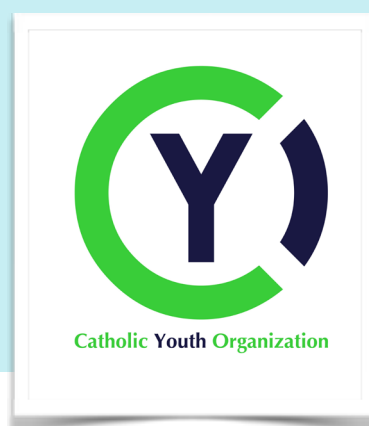
CYO SUMMER CAMPS

Arts and Music Camp - June 11th-15th; 9am-4pm

Basketball Skills Camp - July 9th-13th; 8am-12pm

Flag Football Camp - July 16th-20th; 8am-12pm

Soccer Skills Camp - July 23rd- 27th; 8am-12pm



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Catholic Adult Organization

Upcoming Sport, Arts & Music, and Social Events.

Social & Spiritual

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

HeBrews Young Adult Bible Study is an exciting and relevant study through the faithful people in the book of Hebrews. An engaging look at the Old Testament lives of Gods faithful and how we can follow in their example.

Next event is March 6th at Bone Hook Brewing Co. on the corner of Immokalee and Goodlette Frank Rd.



Arts & Music

CONCERT SERIES 2017-2018

Thursday, April 12th come and enjoy our last free concert of the 2017-2018 concert series season featuring the Dan Heck Quartet Jazz Band in the ballroom at 6:30pm!

YOUTH CONCERT: March 24th- Gabe Burdulis- 7:00pm- Ballroom- Gabe is a 21 year old singer, songwriter based out of Nashville, TN. His style of blues and American music has been called "captivating" and "energetic". This is a youth concert not to be missed!

Encounter on the Mountain: Praise and Adoration Night- March 16th, @ 6:30pm

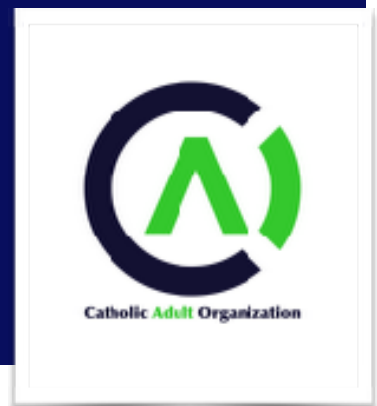


Sports & Wellness

CAO SPRING SPORTS

Men's Softball sign-ups for the Spring season are open. Please sign-up by e-mail kyle@sjecc.com.


Pick-up Ultimate Frisbee is a great way to exercise and fellowship. Feel free to come join us starting March 15th. Thursdays from 6pm-7pm.



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Music and Choir

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid Sunday, February 25, 2018: Second Sunday of Lent

Opening Song **Amazing Love**

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Verse) I'm forgiven
because you were forsaken.
I'm accepted; you were condemned.
I'm alive and well; your Spirit is within me
Because you died and rose again (to Chorus)

Chorus) Amazing love, how can it be
That you, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true.
It's my joy to honor you; in all I do, I honor you;
in all I do, I honor you. (back to verse)

Bridge) You are my King; you are my King.
Jesus, you are my King, Jesus, you are my King

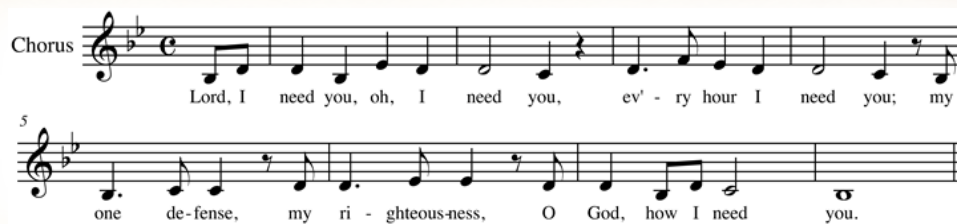
Preparation Song **Lord, I Need You**

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V1) Lord, I come, I confess;
bowing here, I find my rest
And without you, I fall apart:
you're the One that guides my heart
(to Chorus)

V2) Where sin runs deep,
your grace is more;
where grace is found is where you are
And where you are, Lord, I am free:
Holiness is Christ in me! (to Chorus)

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



Communion Song **Remembrance**

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V1) Oh, how could it be That my God would
welcome me into this mystery?
Say, 'take this bread, take this wine': Now the
simple, made Divine—for any to receive.
By your mercy we come to your Table, By your
grace you are making us faithful.

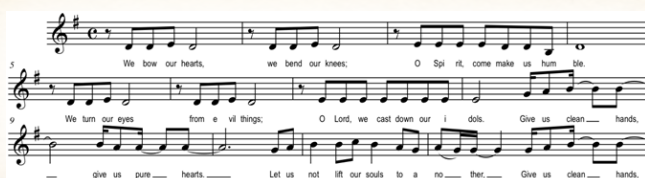
Chorus) Lord, we remember you,
And remembrance leads us to worship.
And as we worship you,
Our worship leads to Communion.
We respond to your invitation,
we remember you.

V2) See his Body, his Blood; Know that he has
overcome ev'ry trial we will face.
And none too lost to be saved, None too broken
or ashamed, All are welcome in this place.
By your mercy we come to your table, By your
grace you are making us faithful.

Bridge) Dying you destroyed our death, Rising you restored our life, Lord Jesus come in glory (repeat line)

Meditation **Give Us Clean Hands**

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Music and Choir

Closing Song

Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

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Be Thou My Vision

Choir Schedules

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.

Youth/Children's Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 4:40 to 5:30 p.m. – Ages 9-18 (Age 8 considered)

Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

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

Church and Social Events

**2018 Lenten Fish Fry begins Ash Wednesday, February 14,
and continues every Friday in Lent through March 23rd**

4:30-7:00 p.m.

Seating will be in Rome Room and in Courtyard (adjacent to Ballroom)

ONE DELICIOUS DEEP FRIED COD FISH BASKET \$12.00

w/Clam Chowder, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Bread & Butter

ONE DELICIOUS OVEN BAKED COD FISH DINNER \$12.00

w/Clam Chowder, Green Beans Almandine, Rice Pilaf, Cole Slaw, Bread & Butter

CHILD (7 yrs. and under) DINNER \$7.00

Served with One Piece of Fried Cod w/Mac & Cheese

All Dinners Include One Soft drink beverage and One Ice cream dessert

To learn more: call 566.8740

St. John
the Evangelist Church



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Couples' Wedding Anniversary Mass

March 10

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 on March 10th at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs at 10:00 a.m. Please note the time difference for the Mass at St. Leo. Please call your local Parish office for reservations no later than a week before the event you choose to attend.

Saint John Parish Family & Friends Presents:

River cruising the wine region of BORDEAUX

Sail on two of France's mighty rivers and the Gironde estuary.

BORDEAUX - PAUILLAC - BLAYE - LIBOURNE - SAINT-EMILION - CADILLAC - COGNAC

Departure: Oct 21 to Oct 29, 2018

Nine days, seven nights including cruise, meals, drinks with meals & airfare from RSW or Miami from \$3995

Our Parish is Celebrating the Annual Mass of Remembrance on Tuesday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m.

This Mass is to remember the members of our Parish Family and friends who have passed away since last year. As a sign that our Church keeps our beloved in prayer and that our beloved is always with the Lord, we have a beautiful ceremony where a family member or representative processes down the main aisle and lights a candle at the foot of the Altar.

If you wish to present a candle, please call or email the Church Front Office (info@sjecc.com), with the name (please include the phonetic pronunciation). The office will gather the names of the deceased and the names of who will be presenting the candle. It is necessary that the Office has your information by Friday, March 2.

Conferences and Seminars

Marriage Ministry: Together Forever



Enjoy a date night with Catholic fellowship at St. John the Evangelist as you enrich your marriage with our new series entitled, The Choice Wine. Enjoy appetizers and marriage discussion.

Next Session:
February 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
in the Claussen Family Center

Please RSVP to the office at 239.566.8740.

Remaining Dates:
March 24, April 28, May 19, June 30, July 28, August 25

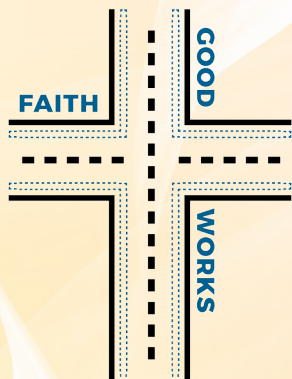
2018 Men's Conference Saturday, February 24

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 www.dioceseofvenice.org/mens.*

At the Corner of Faith and Good Works



Alone comes a man, says he's a priest.
Preaches to the people, be ye leaven to the yeast.
He comes with some bread, and comes with some wine.
Looks all about, says, "This will do fine."
And he sits and he says, "Come to the feast."

Health and Safety Events

Safe Environment Training Sessions Scheduled at Area Parishes

As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and trained in Safe Environment.

For further information, visit the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofvenice.org/safeenvironment.

There are several upcoming Safe Environment Training sessions at nearby parishes. For more details or to register, call the Parish Office at the location where the class is offered. No children are permitted to attend these sessions.

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
Saturday, March 10	9:30-11:30 a.m.	Our Lady of Light, Fort Myers	239.267.7088

*Please note that no one should attend Safe Environment Training until their fingerprints have cleared.
If you need to be fingerprinted here at St. John, call the office at 566.8740 for an appointment.*

First Communion Merchandise Available in Divine Gift Boutique

From statues and crosses to picture frames and rosaries, to jewelry and books, the Divine Gift Boutique is stocked with a variety of First Communion merchandise. The gift shop takes checks, cash, and charge cards.



Winter hours at the Divine Gift Boutique are:

Weekdays: 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Saturday: 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Divine Gift Boutique is located across from the restrooms in the Narthex.

Zumba at St. John

Classes continue on Wednesdays & Saturdays

9:00 am - 10:00 am

located in the Seminar Room

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

