

the SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
EAGLE

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



Join Our Parish Family for the Annual Blessing of Baskets and Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday

Please join in the fun for children ages 0 to 12 as parents, grandparents, and loved ones help gather Easter Eggs around our campus, sponsored by the Saint John Knights of Columbus Council 11281. Bring your Easter Basket to be blessed by Father Bob ahead of the hunt, and enjoy breakfast treats, juice, and coffee. We will block off the front parking lot and grass around our pond so the children can search for eggs. Food and drinks will be served under the canopy in front of the church.

Please RSVP to our office (239) 566-8740 or info@sjecc.com by Monday, March 26, with your number of children so we can ensure there are plenty of Easter Eggs to go around!



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Parish Information

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., 9:00 a.m.,
and 12:15 p.m.

Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross

Friday: 12:45 p.m.

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.

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

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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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 or 239-566-8740.

PARISH CLERGY AND MINISTERS

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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)

March 17, 2018 Saturday

9:00 a.m. SI Members of St. Vincent de Paul Bill Smart

Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 p.m. SI Janet VanderHorst Vicky VanderHorst
5:00 p.m. + Kathleen Connery Barbara & Ed Duff

March 18, 2018 Sunday

7:00 a.m. + Robert Haglund Sue & Louis D'Arpino
9:00 a.m. + Steven Tauro Mom & Dad -
Debora & Benito Tauro

11:15 a.m. For Our Parishioners

1:15 p.m. + Jerry Nicholoni Bob & Roberta Dabronzo
5:00 p.m. + Kevin Ferreira Mom, Dad, Brian & Paul

March 19, 2018 Monday

8:00 a.m. + Rick Genel Ellen Hannan & Kevin Monahan
9:00 a.m. + John Andrew Joseph Adamo Art & Andrea Adamo
12:15 p.m. + Edward Koscik Claire Koscik

March 20, 2018 Tuesday

8:00 a.m. + Betty Carrier David Carrier
9:00 a.m. + Margaret Monahan Loretta & Marty Sullivan
12:15 p.m. + Maria DeLuise Joseph & Sandra DeJesus

March 21, 2018 Wednesday

8:00 a.m. + Tony Coccimiglio Gary Gilberti
9:00 a.m. + Joe Hennessy Eileen Hennessy
12:15 p.m. + Marie & Norris Thompson Robert Wilcox
6:30 p.m. + Judy Welch Mary O'Neill

March 22, 2018 Thursday

8:00 a.m. + Justine Flanagan Dick Sullivan
9:00 a.m. + Patrick Beagan JoAnn Fromert
12:15 p.m. + Jack Lewicki Susan Pohlbel

March 23, 2018 Friday

8:00 a.m. + Matthew Ferguson Buske Family
9:00 a.m. + David Cooper Merle & Janet Nett
12:15 p.m. + Dr. Jack Kelly Mary & Tom Sanders

March 24, 2018 Saturday

8:00 a.m. + Mary Dee Adam Larry & Sharon Monaco

Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 p.m. + Paula Griesel Brigitte Hiris
5:00 p.m. + Ruth Kohler Charles Kohler

March 25, 2018 Sunday

7:00 a.m. + Antonia Caporusso Pamela Fitzgerald & Mario Cava
9:00 a.m. + "Novena Mass - For a greater respect for all human life"
Diocese of Venice

11:15 a.m. For Our Parishioners

1:15 p.m. + Tony Jackapino The Family
5:00 p.m. + Helen Mahoney Chinigo Mr. & Mrs. Alan Jones

Nursing Home Masses

March 21, 2018 Wednesday - Bentley Village

10:00 a.m. + Louis Bellande Peter and Jay

March 23, 2018 Friday - Harbor Chase Memory Care

10:00 a.m. + Dave Melville Sally & Jerry Casey

Readings for the Week

Saturday, March 17, 2018

Saint Patrick

Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53 (249)

Sunday, March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33 (35)

Monday, March 19, 2018

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a; Lk 2:41-51a (543)

Pss Prop

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30 (252)

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42 (253)

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59 (254)

Friday, March 23, 2018

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42 (255)

Saturday, March 24, 2018

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56 (256)

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: froglady505@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 nancybdd@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](mailto:Tom Mooney: 239.287.0195)

AI-Anon. Carol: 804.306.5323 and Juliette: Lysack

Food Addiction Support Group. [Maryann Scandiffio, 239.784.2682](mailto: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

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.

Herminia Amano, William Giebelhouse, Laurette Moncsko, Bill Oliver, Thomas Joseph Osborn, Bill Pulte, Stella Rocheleau, Tommy Samuels, Tom Topping

PRAYER LIST

Baby Declan Aigner

Kaylee B

Jean Balliro

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

Darlene Follse

Tara Follse & Family

Patty Gahan

Inez Galm

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

Jean Lydon

M.M.

Joan Maier

Diane Maloney

Margie Lynch

Maria and Family

Ron Marlow

Barbara Marsh

Donna Masee

J. McG

Paul McIntyre

Cynthia McLemore

Eileen Miner

Mary Ann Morreale

Lorrie Morrison

Joan M. Oliver

Jane Oraziotti

Emma O'Rourke

Ronald J. Parker

Michael Paul

Francesca Pearo

Anne Perrino

Geno Pesce

Ann Petrillo

Irene Pires

Noreen Prine

Renee Rake

Ruth Rechtsteiner

Ellen Roberts

Mary Romaniello

Terre Rozin

Lloyd Sample

Lisa Sanfelippo

Shelia Scaduto

Gary Schutebach

Robert Sims

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>.

The Joy of Love at Saint John is for Everyone

Almost a two years ago to the day, Pope Francis released his long-anticipated communication to our Catholic Church called AMORIS LAETITIA, or The Joy of Love. This document contains his thoughts and leadership focused on how to develop, nurture, and express love in the family. His definition of family goes well beyond just the perfect mother, father, and 2 ½ kids. It includes the entirety of the community as “family:”

The main contribution to the pastoral care of families is offered by the parish, which is the family of families – Pope Francis AMORIS LAETITIA 202.

The Joy of Love has crystalized our Mission as a Parish Family so effectively, especially our focus on accompaniment of every single person made perfectly in the image and likeness of God. The Catholic Church is not for the perfect, the holy, the judges. It is for the hurt, the sick, the distracted, and the anonymous. It is for all of us, because we are all imperfect in our faith and life journeys.

I thank God that many families, which are far from considering themselves perfect, live in love, fulfill their calling, and keep moving forward, even if they fall many times along the way. The Synod’s reflections show us that there is no stereotype of the ideal family, but rather a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes, and problems. The situations that concern us are challenges. We should not be trapped into wasting our energy in doleful laments, but rather seek new forms of missionary creativity. – Pope Francis AMORIS LAETITIA 57.

Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington, DC, has developed a Pastoral Plan to implement AMORIS LAETITIA which he has called “Sharing in the Joy of



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Love in Marriage and Family,” which clearly voices what we are supposed to be doing to take the Pope’s message to our community:

In Amoris Laetitia, the Church is asked to proclaim the saving love of Jesus with joy. It invites us to be particularly aware of those who live at the peripheries and who may have lost hope wondering whether God could love them or if they can find a place of welcome within the Church. The Pope asks us to be a Church that walks with individuals and families whose marriages or family life may not reflect the fullness of God’s vision and to assure them of their place in the family of God and share the Good News that in Jesus all things will be made new (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:17).

Does this openness to others, as together we try to make our way to the Lord, sound like the Gospel testimony to the saving ministry of Jesus? We need to be less prepared to point out the failures and shortcomings of others and more ready, as our Holy Father says, “to help each person find his or her proper way of participating” (AL, 297). This is a first step in what must be a living part of the Christian community’s welcome embrace and challenge. The Church, in her vast pastoral experience, recognizes the limits that are a part of the lived experience of each believer – Cardinal Wuerl Page 16.

We will discuss our Parish Family’s plan to implement the Joy of Love, including discussion groups and particular ministry engagement, especially the renewed Hospitality Ministry, in the coming weeks, but one thing we can do in particular during Palm Sunday and Easter is to give our friends and loved ones that only attend Mass during special occasions a break. Yes, I have jokingly called them CAPE (Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, and Easter) Catholics, but this year, when someone you have not seen before may be sitting in your normal pew, or if the parking and traffic situation in the lots seems out of control, please smile and welcome them to their church. There is no need for “the look,” or the “where are all these people every Sunday?” We are all in this together to create a warm and loving Parish Family that welcomes all to our dinner table and journey together towards heaven.

A JOURNEY IN MERCY

Friday March 23rd

4:00PM - 8:00PM

Saturday March 24th

9:00AM - 12:00PM

*SPECIAL TIMES FOR SACRAMENT OF
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The Tradition of the Saint Joseph Feast and Altar Table

A parish St. Joseph's Table is a three-tiered display representing the Holy Trinity. A statue of St. Joseph is placed on the top tier. The tables are filled with food, flowers, candles, and pasta. Giving food to the needy is an important part of the tradition.



The Meaning of St. Joseph Altar Adornments

- Saint Joseph Statue – For your intercessions
- Wine & Bread – The Body & Blood of Jesus Christ
- Crown of Thorns – His Son's Crucifixion
- Bread Heart – Sacred Heart of His son Jesus Christ
- Cornucopia with vegetables – The Fields
- Grapes – The Harvest in the Vineyards
- Heart Shaped Cake – Sacred Heart of Mary
- Dried Figs – Fig Orchards
- Three Bay Leaves – Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
- Easter Lillies – The Passion of Easter
- Almonds – Peace
- Green Plants – The end of Drought

The History and Tradition of the St. Joseph Feast

Saint Joseph is one of the most beloved saints among Italian-Americans. As the patron of workers and the protector of the family, he is honored with a feast on March 19. According to legend, there was a famine in Sicily many centuries ago. The villagers prayed to St. Joseph, foster-father of the Infant Savior, and asked his intercession before the throne of God. Their prayers were answered. With the ending of the dreadful famine, a special feast of thanksgiving was held in commemoration of the Saint. This celebration became tradition. Wealthy families prepared huge buffets. They then invited the less fortunate people of the village, especially the homeless and sick. Fava beans play a large role in the Sicilian tradition of the St. Joseph Table or St. Joseph Altar. When dried, roasted, and blessed, it becomes the very popular "lucky bean." Legend has it that you will never be broke as long as you carry one. Some people believe that if you keep one in the pantry, there will always be food in the kitchen. The myth of the fava bean began during the famine in Sicily, where the bean was used as fodder for cattle. To survive, the farmers prepared them for the table. Hence, they considered themselves lucky to have them. The bean is also a symbol of fertility since it grows well even in poor, rocky soil. Italians would carry a bean from a good crop to ensure a good crop the following year. The wearing of Red Clothing is traditional symbolizing charity and strength.

Capital Campaign

March 18, 2018

*God, who cannot be outdone in generosity, still uses you
and me to help our brothers and sisters.*

– Pope Francis



A Capital Campaign for
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

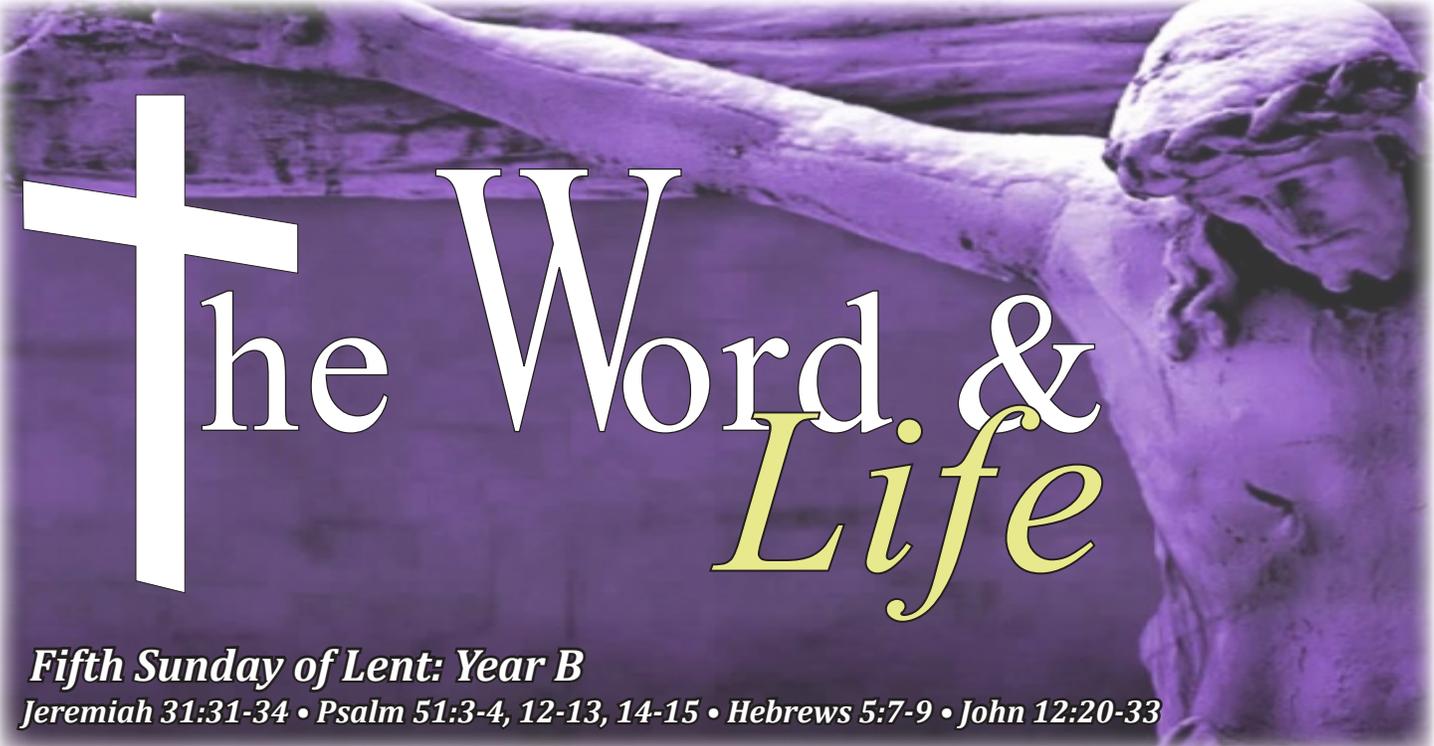
Life Center Continues to Take Shape

As we continue to live out the “Tale of Two Campuses” (<https://saintjohntheevangelist.com/news/a-tale-of-two-campuses>) given our dual challenges of constructing the brand new Pulte Family Life Center while repairing the rest of our campus from the ravages of Hurricane Irma, we must take heart in all the progress we are making. Each time I walk through the Life Center, it renews my spirit. The feeling when looking around the gym, or at the space that will eventually be The 5 Saints, our café, really cannot be captured in words. You have to experience it yourself. It is overwhelmingly enlivening. We are excited to be able to start having tours starting up in May as the building is sealed up and the air conditioning is activated. In the meantime, here are some current pictures from our most recent walkthrough:



Jean-Paul Boucher,
General Manager

March 18, 2018 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent



The Word & *Life*

Fifth Sunday of Lent: Year B

Jeremiah 31:31-34 • Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 • Hebrews 5:7-9 • John 12:20-33

Inevitability of Death – Necessary for Life

As we approach Holy Week, Sacred Scriptures take us into the last moments of Jesus' public life. There must have been intensity present in the encounters that Jesus had with his disciples those last few days. The intrigue of Jesus' monologue is intense. The disciples were brought to the harsh reality and inevitability of Jesus' death. The grain of wheat has to die to give life! Following Jesus with loving servitude brings along costly sacrifice. Even Jesus found this part of the journey troubling because He knew His hour was coming. Jesus calls on the Father to glorify His name and to give purpose to the upcoming suffering of the cross. When the voice from heaven speaks, it is clear that The Father in heaven intends to continually give glory to the commitment of discipleship.

Reflection Questions

1. What does the notion of dying to self mean to you?
2. How does Jesus sacrifice inspire you?
3. What does it mean to be saved by Christ?
4. Where do you see signs of resurrection in your own experience?
5. In what ways to you sacrifice to help God?
6. How do you make sacrifices for others and for the Church?

The disciples did not fully appreciate the wisdom that Jesus imparted to them until they endured the folly of the cross. Jesus became the grain of the eternal for them and for us. Even as He went forth to celebrate the paschal feast and establish the new covenant in his blood, the violence of his departure must have been overbearing for those who had left everything to follow him.

The Church is great in her wisdom. Every year we are reminded of the events that gave us new life in Jesus Christ. Our scriptures lead us into the reality of sacrifice. Sacred Scripture reminds us of the vast emotions present in Jesus and the disciples. These were real events with real people. God had become flesh to redeem the human condition. The cross takes the burden of sin. As Jesus is raised high on Calvary, so, too, is the hope that leads us beyond the torment and suffering of the cross and to the glory of the resurrection.

As we complete our Lenten journey, we are invited to meander the byways of salvation and contemplate how salvation is possible for us. This is a sacred time to reflect on the new covenant that inscribes upon our hearts the promise of life eternal. We are called to the same servitude to which Jesus gave witness. The cross of discipleship needs to be embraced every day in order for the Father's will to be done. The needs around us in our community, country, and the world, are most certainly the fertile ground of God's mercy waiting to unfold. We are seed — we are asked to die to self in order that others come to know the bounty of God working through us.

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



Prayer

All that we have is a gift from you, O Lord. We offer you ourselves and our lives to you. Give us the courage to carry the cross of discipleship by serving others. We are grateful for the suffering you endured for our sakes. May we never forget the price you paid for our sin. When we are faced with the inevitability of death, may we be hopeful of the promise that you were willing to gift to us. Amen.

Wisdom of the Fathers

“Lord Jesus Christ, for our sake you became like the grain of wheat that falls to the earth and dies, so that it may bear much fruit (John 12:24). You invited us to follow you along this path when you told us that “the one who loves his life loses it, and the one who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life” (John 12:25). Yet we are attached to our life. We do not want to abandon it; we want to keep it all for ourselves. We want to hold on to it, not to give it away.

But you go before us, showing us that it is only by giving away our life that we can save it. As we walk with you on the Way of the Cross, you lead us along the way of the grain of wheat, the way of a fruitfulness which leads to eternity. The cross -- our self-offering -- weighs heavily upon us. Along your own Way of the Cross you also carried my cross. Nor did you carry it just at one distant moment in the past, for your love continues to accompany every moment of my life. Today you carry that cross with me and for me, and, amazingly, you want me, like Simon of Cyrene, to join you in carrying your Cross; you want me to walk at your side and place myself with you at the service of the world's redemption.

Grant that my Way of the Cross may not be just a moment of passing piety. Help all of us to accompany you not only with noble thoughts, but with all our hearts and in every step we take each day of our lives. Help us resolutely to set out on the Way of the Cross and to persevere on your path. Free us from the fear of the Cross, from the fear of mockery, from the fear that our life may escape our grasp unless we cling possessively to everything it has to offer. Help us to unmask all those temptations that promise life, but whose

enticements in the end leave us only empty and deluded. Help us not to take life, but to give it. As you accompany us on the path of the grain of wheat, help us to discover, in “losing our lives,” the path of love, the path which gives us true life, and life in abundance (John 10:10).”

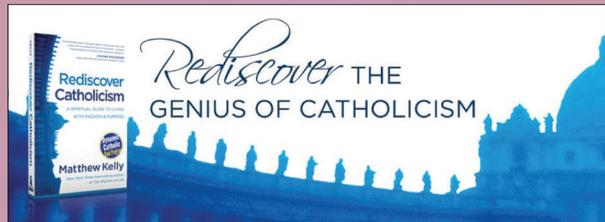
Cardinal Ratzinger (Former Pope Benedict XVI),
VATICAN CITY, MARCH 24, 2005



Youth Faith Formation... 2017-2018 School Year

Rediscover Catholicism for Parents

It's hard to believe how quickly this Faith Formation Year has flown by. With only six Sunday sessions left, please consider being part of a six-week book study of Matthew Kelly's "Rediscover Catholicism" while your children are in Faith Formation on Sundays.



YOU can Rediscover Catholicism by reading this book and participating in our small study group.

The six-session program will be offered in the Rome Room on Sundays at 9:15 a.m., March 18, April 8, 15, 22, 29, and May 6. (The non-consecutive dates mirror the dates that the Youth Faith Formation programs meet so parents of children in those programs can easily attend). All are welcome to join us as the groups delve further into the book by exploring personal reaction and application. The book, "Rediscover Catholicism: A Spiritual Guide to Living with Passion & Purpose" is available in the Parish Office and can be obtained at the first session. It costs only \$3.

First Communion

First Communion Activity Night Rescheduled to April 11th

Our First Communion Activity Night that was originally scheduled for Wednesday, March 21st, has been rescheduled to Wednesday, April 11th, and will be held in our parish Ballroom. Thank you for your understanding as we anxiously await the reopening of our Ballroom!

First Communion Important Upcoming Dates

April 11th - Activity Night - 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 10th - First Communion Rehearsal - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 12th - First Communion Ceremony - 11:00 a.m.



Stations of the Cross

As we approach Holy Week in Faith Formation, it is amazing to think that approximately 500 children had the opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross during Lent. We are blessed to have our amazing catechists and NET Missionaries accompanying our youth as they prayed together!



Mrs. DeFeo's Class Praying the Stations of the Cross

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, March 18

K-8 Faith Formation - 9:15-10:45 a.m.
Parent Faith Formation - 9:15-10:45 a.m.
Year 1 and Year 2 Morning Confirmation - 9:15-10:45 a.m.
Year 1 and Year 2 Evening Confirmation - 6:05-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 21

PreK Atrium - 12:15-2:15 p.m.
K-8 Faith Formation - 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Parent Faith Formation - 5:30-7:00 p.m.
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)

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Adult Faith Formation and RCIA

The Pivotal Players Continues Wednesday, March 21st Featuring The Reformer, St. Francis of Assisi



“Rebuild my Church!” That’s the mission Christ gave to St. Francis, and it’s the perennial task of the Church in every age of its life. But how is the reform and renewal of the Church to be accomplished? The life of St. Francis demonstrates that Christ intends the foundations of true and lasting reform to be built on the solid rock that is the radical witness of the saints.

St. Francis lived radically and literally as Jesus commanded. They say he preached to the flowers, removed tiny worms from paths lest they be crushed – could it be that the saints have a special instinct for the ties that bind us through God to every other creature?

Bishop Barron recounts this story in “CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players:”

“On his way to Gubbio, Francis was stopped by the townspeople who told him of a particularly ferocious wolf that terrorized the town and was not only eating animals, but men and women, as well. Even heavily armed soldiers were afraid to venture outside the walls of the city. Francis blithely responded, ‘What have my donkey and I ever done to brother wolf?’ He agreed to confront the wolf and speak to him.

“As the people climbed on roof and rampart to watch the spectacle, Francis went forth from the city gate. They looked in horror as the wolf lunged at the saint with gaping jaws, but with a simple sign of the cross, Francis stopped the wolf’s advance. He said, ‘In Christ’s name, I forbid you to be wicked!’ The animal meekly laid down at Francis’ feet. Francis said, ‘I understand why the people detest you, but I want to reconcile you with them...’”

Come to the Rome Room on Wednesday, March 21st at 5:30 p.m. to discover how the story ends and visit the central Italian countryside where St. Francis united a group of friars and revived the Church. Unlock the story behind how this mystic of the late Middle Ages shaped the life of the Church and changed the course of civilization.

Palm Sunday



Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, a feast celebrated by all Christians at the start of Holy Week to commemorate the entry of Christ into Jerusalem. From the fourth century, Egeria the Pilgrim reports the celebration of Palm Sunday in Jerusalem.

Nothing + Jesus = Everything! Everything – Jesus = Nothing!

Without the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, where would we be? The word paschal refers to Jesus’s offering of his life as the new Passover (or Paschal) Lamb for our salvation. Underlying the Paschal Mystery is one fundamental reality – Jesus gives himself completely in love to the Father on our behalf to restore our relationship with God. And Jesus, through his death on the Cross, also reveals to us that we are all called to the sacrificial love that leads to true happiness here on earth and eternal joy in the next life.

This Week’s Schedule

Tuesday, March 20:

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

Wednesday, March 21:

The Bible Timeline, Session 22 ~ 11:30 a.m., Seminar Room

The Pivotal Players ~ 5:30 p.m., Rome Room

Matthew, Session 5 ~ 7:15 p.m., Rome Room

Thursday, March 22:

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

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

Catholic Youth Organization

Upcoming Sport, Arts & Music, and Social Events.

Last Two Concerts of our 2017-18 Season!

Gabe Burdulis

March 24th at 7:30pm in our outdoor courtyard. We will be having our coffee house style youth concert featuring Gabe Burdulis. Gabe is a 21 year old singer, songwriter based out of Nashville, TN. His styles of blues, pop rock, and American music has been called "captivating" and "energetic". This is a free concert not to be missed.



Sports

Interested in Coaching your siblings or as a High schooler? e-mail: kyle@sjecc.com



March Arts And Music Classes

Piano, Guitar, Voice, Strings, Acting, Ballroom Dance, Painting, Improv Comedy. Sign up Now!!

High School Youth Group
Wednesdays @ 6:30p in the Seminar Room.

Middle School Youth Group
Sundays @ 6-7:30pm in Claussen Family Center

Follow CYO!!



Dan Miller-Dan Heck Quartet

April 12th 6:30pm in our ballroom. Dan Miller built his reputation touring and recording with Harry Connick, Jr, Wynton Marsalis, Woody Herman, and Maynard Ferguson. He brings together a tremendous group of musicians for an evening of hard swinging acoustic jazz music including guitarist Dan Heck, bassist Brandon Robertson and drummer Paul Gavin. They will play a program of music that

celebrates the Great American Songbook as well as jazz music's greatest composers. This is a group of musicians that play with passion and fire. Join them for night of standards, ballads and blues. You are welcome to clap, stomp your feet and have a ball!

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Catholic Adult Organization

Upcoming Sport, Arts & Music, and Social Events.

*PLAY LIKE
A CHAMPION
TODAY*

Coaches Training

June 30th, 2018
Coaches Seminar.
11:45am-2:45pm.



March Arts And Music Classes

SIGN UP
TODAY!!!



Young Adult Bible Study

Theology on Tap
April 3rd
6:30-8:30p. @
BoneHook Brewing
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Arts & Music Spring Classes

Last chance to register for March
2018 Classes beginning on
March 19th!



Registration CLOSING!! Our next session session of CYO and CAO classes in piano, voice, guitar, strings, acting, painting, and improv comedy is quickly CLOSING!! Head over to sjecc.com/cyo or sjecc.com/cao to register and pay for your class/es before the end of the day TODAY to ensure your class is offered.

CYO Summer Camps

Arts and Music Camp - June 11th-15th; 9am-4pm (Registration open now)



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



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



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

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Music and Choir

5:00 p.m. Mass Music Worship Aid Sunday, March 18, 2018: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Opening Song **Here is Our King** David Crowder CCLI License # 2008891

Verse 1)

From wherever spring arrives To heal the ground
From wherever searching comes The look itself
A trace of what we're looking for, So be quiet now and wait
(pre-chorus)

Pre-Chorus)

The ocean is growing. The tide is coming in. Here it is

Chorus)

Here is our King, here is our Love. Here is our God who's come
To bring us back to Him. He is the One. He is Jesus.
And He is our King, He is our Love. He is our God who's come
To bring us back to Him. He is the One. He is Jesus, Jesus.

Verse 2)

And what was said to the rose to make it unfold
Was said to me here in my chest so be quiet now and rest.
So be quiet now and rest. (pre-chorus)

Preparation Song **Give Us Clean Hands** Charlie Hall CCLI Song No. 2060208. © 2000 worshiptogether.com songs | sixsteps
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The image shows a musical score for the song 'Give Us Clean Hands' by Charlie Hall. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'We bow our hearts, we bend our knees; O Spi rit, come make us hum ble. We turn our eyes from e vil things; O Lord, we cast down our i dols. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts. Let us not lift our souls to a no ther. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts, let us not lift our souls to a no ther. O God, let us be a gen er a tion that seeks, that seeks your face, O God of Ja cob. O God, let us be a gen er a tion that seeks, that seeks your face, O God of Ja cob.' The score includes measure numbers 5, 9, 13, 17, and 21.

Communion Songs **This is Jesus** Jim Cowan

Chorus 1)

This is Jesus. Emmanuel God is with us. In this sacrament,
Come receive Him adore Him. This is Jesus, our Lord.

Verse 1)

Bright Star of David, Radiance of God.
Now become the living bread, The body of the Lord.
Come in adoration, Receive with trembling hands.
The sacrament most holy, The banquet of the Lamb.

Chorus 2)

This is Jesus. Emmanuel God is with us. In this sacrament, Come receive Him adore Him. This is Jesus, our Lord.
This is Jesus, our Lord.

Verse 2)

Drink of living waters, Flowing from the Lord.
Taste the cup of blessing, Partake of precious blood.
River of salvation, Holy cleansing tide.
Fountain of redemption, flowing from the Savior's side.

Verse 3)

Priest of highest honor, King and Sov'reign Lord.
Unblemished Lamb of sacrifice, Your very life outpoured.
Royal Paschal victim, True begotten Son.
Offered as our ransom, By the Holy One.

Music and Choir

Communion Songs Cont.

Deep Within

Refrain

Deep with - in I will plant my law,
not on stone, but in your heart.
Fol - low me, I will bring you back, you will
be my own, and I will be your God.

Verses

1. I will give you a new heart, a new spir - it with -
2. Seek my face, and see your
3. Re - turn to me, with all your
D.C.
in you, for I will be your strength.
God, for I will be your hope.
heart, and I will bring you back.

Text: Jeremiah 31:33, Ezekiel 36:26, Joel 2:12; David Haas, b.1957
Tune: David Haas, b.1957; acc. by Jeanne Cotter, b.1964
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Closing Song **Lord, I Lift Your Name on High**

Rick Founds

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Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your
prais - es. I'm so glad You're in my life;
I'm so glad You came to save us.
You came from heav - en to earth to show the way, From the earth to the cross,
my debt to pay; From the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Music and Choir

Hymns for the Fifth Sunday of Lent • Sunday, March 18, 2018

Readings	Page 88 (<i>Page 90 – Sunday 11:15 a.m.</i>)
Entrance Hymn:	155 Glory in the Cross
Preparation Hymn:	432 Be Not Afraid
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Communion Hymn:	490 Center of My Life
	Pages 107 and 108 Pange, Lingua, Gloriosi (Sing My Tongue)
	364 I Am the Bread of Life (Sunday 11:15 a.m.)
Closing Hymn:	713 Lift High the Cross

This Sunday at the 11:15 a.m. Mass, those preparing to be received fully into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass undergo the third of three Scrutinies. The scripture readings used for the Scrutinies are from Cycle A. Since we are currently in Cycle B, you may find the readings on page 90 in the missalette. As the readings are different from Cycle B, so are some of the hymns to support the primary themes found in these Cycle A readings.

Choir Schedules

Gary Prettyman: gary@sjecc.com

Adult Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

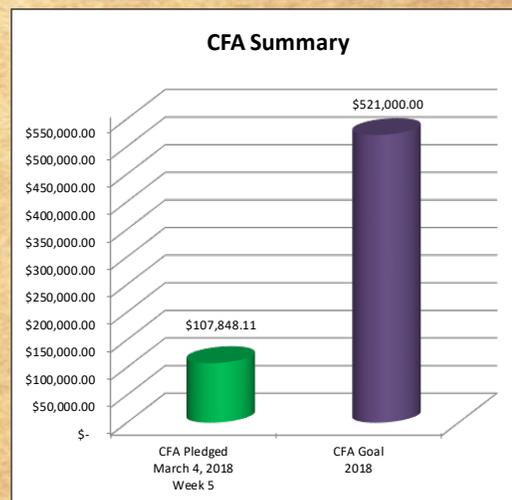
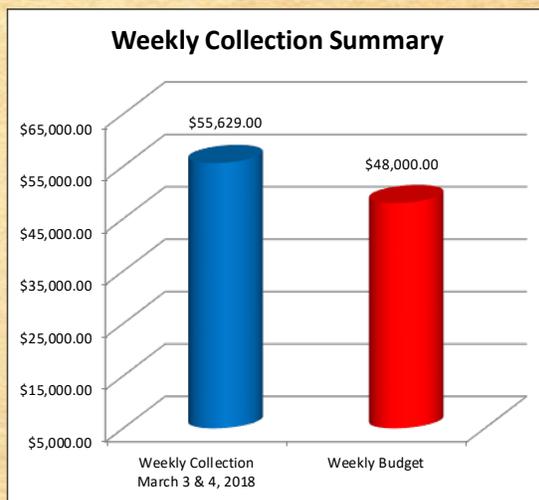
Rehearsals Wednesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Residents and seasonals welcome.

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

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday:

Saturday, March 24

(Vigil): 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 25

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

– No Overflow Mass

Holy Thursday:

Thursday, March 29

Morning Prayer: 8:00 a.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper and Garden of Repose: 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday:

Friday, March 30

Morning Prayer: 8:00 a.m.

Passion of the Lord: 3:00 p.m.

Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday:

Saturday, March 31

Morning Prayer: 8:00 a.m.

Easter Vigil: 8:00 p.m. – Mass Begins at Sundown

Easter Sunday:

Sunday, April 1

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (with Overflow Mass),

11:15 a.m. (with Overflow Mass), 1:15 p.m., 5:00 p.m.



2018 Lenten Fish Fry begins 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)

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Event Information

Conferences and Seminars

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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:
March 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
in the Claussen Family Center

Please RSVP to the office at 239.566.8740.

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



The Emerald Ball
Saturday, March 24, 2018
*The Ritz-Carlton, Beach Resort
Naples, Florida*

Join us for a special evening to support the programs and services of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. which benefit people in need in Collier County.

Visit <https://cccollierc.ejoinme.org/EmeraldBall2018> for ticket sales and for a preview of the exciting Live Auction items, and the opportunity to Buy Them Now!

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Evening of Adoration

For healing and for an end to abortion

- Are you hurting as a result of an abortion?
- Have you been affected by abortion?
- Are you looking for peace, healing and God's mercy?

Wednesday, March 21, 2017
St. John the Evangelist
7:00-9:00 p.m. (following the 6:30 Mass)

The Project Rachel ministry helps mothers and families who seek peace, healing, and God's mercy. Project Rachel information will be available at the Evening of Adoration, or you can call 239.719.7210 or email Fonda.rachel@gmail.com to talk with someone who cares and can help.



If you have questions, contact Nancy or Paul Curti
at 612-616-1434 or plancurti@gmail.com

Health and Safety Events

Caregiver Workshop/Dementia Series

Annalee Kruger, President of CareRight, Inc.
presents

When to Stop Traveling with Your Loved One with Dementia

March 27, 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.

Anyone wanting to attend must RSVP by **March 20**
to the Parish Office at 239.566.8740.

For more information, contact
or JP at jp@sjecc.com



Representatives of the Bethlehem Christian Families – a nonprofit organization through Land of Peace – will be with us on Palm Sunday weekend, illustrating the situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries, all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the Holy Land, who depend on tourists for their livelihood, have been negatively affected. The goal of this mission is to build a Charitable Hospital in Bethlehem and help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Sale of these goods will help them tremendously and also give you the opportunity to have an authentic item from the Holy Land. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. For more information please see:

www.landofpeace.org and www.bcfmission.com



Did You Know? Saint John Leads Thanksgiving in the Park for Over 1600 in Immokalee

The Guadalupe Center of Immokalee joined Father John in the final transfer of one of the largest food service projects in Collier County, Thanksgiving in the Park, to our leadership. This past Thanksgiving, Saint John spearheaded a team of volunteers from across the area in preparing and then served a warm Thanksgiving meal for over 1600 individuals at the Airport Park in Immokalee. Up until last year, Thanksgiving in the Park had been led by the Guadalupe Center, an early education center focusing on providing opportunities for the underprivileged youth of the area. A large-scale food service activity was not a part of their core mission, and we have been working on the transition for three years. Dawn Montecalvo and Kelly Krupp of Guadalupe Center provided a pre-identified donation of \$48,000 to Saint John as the last step of the transition of the program to ensure Saint John can support those most in need with this wonderful moment. If you have not seen the pictures of Thanksgiving in the Park, please visit our website: <https://saintjohntheevangelist.com/ministries/thanksgiving-in-the-park-feeds-1600-in-immokalee>

Trappist Preserves on Sale in Divine Gift Boutique

The Divine Gift Boutique has stocked up on the renowned Trappist Preserves. The Boutique is selling Red Raspberry, Blackberry, Blueberry, Strawberry, Rhubarb-Strawberry, Mango-Pepper, Ginger, Cranberry Pepper Preserves, Seville Orange Marmalade & Grape for only \$5.00 each and gift sets for only \$18.00 each.

Made by the Roman Catholic priests and brothers of St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, Massachusetts, the Preserves are prized for their exceptional richness and taste. Don't miss these authentic monk made delicacies!

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.



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Jan. 28, 2019	Day at Sea	
Jan. 29, 2019	Aruba	8am-7pm
Jan. 30, 2019	Curacao	7am-2pm
Jan. 31, 2019	Grenada	12pm-7pm
Feb. 1, 2019	Dominica	7am-4pm
Feb. 2, 2019	St. Thomas, USVI	8am-4pm
Feb. 3, 2019	Grand Turk, Turks & Caicos	1pm-7pm
Feb. 4, 2019	Day at Sea	
Feb. 5, 2019	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	7am



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Balcony BC Mid-ship forward & aft	\$2,244
Balcony BD aft	\$2,199

OCEAN VIEW

OC Mid-ship forward (Plaza)	\$1,619
OE aft (Riviera-Portholes, Emerald)	\$1,599
OF forward (Emerald, Plaza)	\$1,599
OW Obstructed Mid-forward & aft	\$1,449

INTERIOR

IB Mid-forward & aft	\$1,399
ID aft	\$1,349

*All package taxes and fees of \$205 per person not included in rates above. Reserve your cabin for only \$450 per person (suites may be higher) plus insurance, which is highly recommended. Document Concierge Service available for \$40 per cabin which includes completing passenger registration, printing and mailing all applicable cruise and St. John informational documents, for those without email.



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