the SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

CAMPAIGN

Build Our Future Serve Our Past

O R N E R

Service to the Poor Continues with CYO Soccer

Our Catholic Youth Organization Soccer program, through the Optimist Soccer League of Naples, has once again provided tremendous gifts to the children of Immokalee. One of our Parish Families, the Tedrows, spearheads a support drive each season to ensure items in short supply reach those in need only 25 miles from where they are playing sports. The whole league comes together around the specifically requested items. This past time, the call went out for books and toys for the upcoming



summer months. The players and their families came together with over 500 books and over 100 games to give the children activities and opportunities to read all summer long. Thank you to the Dina's and Greening's for leading this amazing soccer league, and a special thanks to the Tedrows for spending their entire Saturday at the fields collecting these gifts.

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION

Sunday Masses:

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

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

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m. Saturday: 8:00 a.m. Come join us for refreshments and fellowship after the 9:00 and 11:00 Sunday Masses.

If you are interested in volunteering with our Hospitality Ministry, contact Loretta Sullivan at loretta@sjecc.com or 239-566-8740.

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Administrative Office Hours:

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

PARISH CLERGY AND MINISTERS

Fr. Robert Murphy, Associate
Fr. Paul D'Angelo, Associate
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Deacon Forrest Wallace
Deacon Frank Paniccia, Senior Status

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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)

May	5,	2018	Saturday
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8:00 a.m. + David Faller James & Elsa Cattano

Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 p.m. + Fanny Rirs Brigette Hiris 5:00 p.m. + Victoria & Stanley Czykier Claire Koscik

May 6, 2018 Sunday

7:00 a.m. + Bob Phelps Gary Prettyman

9:00 a.m. + Anna Colonna Giuseppe & Anna Nardulli

11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

1:00 p.m. + Anne Alcide Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Alcide 5:00 p.m. + Nicholas Senatore Wife, Rosalie & Daughters

May 7, 2018 Monday

8:30 a.m. + Barbara Ann Heath Vivienne & Tom Williams

May 8, 2018 Tuesday

8:30 a.m. + Lee Youlio Pauline Cataldo

May 9, 2018 Wednesday

8:30 a.m. + John E. Boyle Mario & Margaret Bernardo 6:30 p.m. + Jeanne A. Preston-Horvath Anthony & Eleanor Hudzik

May 10, 2018 Thursday

8:30 a.m. + Judge Patrick Tamilia & Lorraine Hudson

Wife, Betty

May 11, 2018 Friday

8:30 a.m. + Maria Teresa DiGiovanni Amber & James Greco

May 12, 2018 Saturday

8:00 a.m. + Paul Lawrence Bob & Suzanne Donnelly

Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 p.m. SI Janet VanderHorst Vicky VanderHorst

5:00 p.m. SI Patty & John Skubick The Family

(50th Wedding Anniversary)

May 13, 2018 Sunday

7:00 a.m. SI Kathy Forness Marsh Family 9:00 a.m. + Charlie Curti Paul & Nancy Curti

11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

1:00 p.m. + Kevin Ferreira Mom, Dad, Brian & Paul Ferreira

5:00 p.m. + Mark Lukas Mary Jo Lukas

Altar Flowers (week of May 13th) in honor and memory of Marie Caudill, Alice Sholty, Jerry Munro, and Catherine Pachter from your loving family, Gavin and Emily Munro

ASSISTED LIVING MASS SCHEDULE

May 7, 2018 Monday - Solaris Senior Living (Old Aristocrat)

10:00 a.m. + Eve Nelson McKenna Family

May 8, 2018 Tuesday - Brookdale Assisted Living

11:00 a.m. + Elaine R. Schmmenti Le Chic

May 9, 2018 Wednesday - Aston Garden

3:00 p.m. + Peter Cangalosi Peter & Jay

May 10, 2018 Thursday - Solaris Health Care

10:00 a.m. + Connie Burbes Jerry & Judy Healy

Readings for the Week

Saturday, May 5, 2018

Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21 (290)

Sunday, May 6, 2018

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/

Jn 15:9-17 (56) Pss II

Monday, May 7, 2018

Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a (291)

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11 (292)

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15 (293)

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Saint Damien de Veuster

Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20 (294)

Friday, May 11, 2018

Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23 (295)

Saturday, May 12, 2018

Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Saint Pancras Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28 (296)

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 longterm strategy planning that is required. Council President: Bill Siostrom: 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@yahoo.com or 239.566.8740

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). Non-Season Hours: Saturday from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.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 Ihara@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 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. *joanne116@mac.com or 239.919.2265*

Habitat for Humanity. Koulloheras: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

Cursillistas. Robyn DeVille: 239.253.6275 or robyndeville@

earthlink.net

Gambler's Anonymous. 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 - Rosemary Erickson: 239.566.8740

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

Call the Office: 239.566.8740

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, Jacksonville

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

Cpl. Derek Perez - U.S. Marine Corps

Irene Pires

Austin Spagnola

Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino - USAF, Turkey

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

Jeanette Dalia, Benjamin F. Ogilvie, Mary Jane Ogilvie

PRAYER LIST

Baby Declan Aigner Jean Balliro **Iennifer 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 Robyn Hyland Doyle F.W. Sandy Flaig Darlene Follese Tara Follese & Family Patty Gahan Inez Galm **Jeff Gatt** Julia Giblin George Gonser Jr. Philip Gorney Keri Grasso Jayne Hagg Gerard Heyen Rosie Heyen Jim Huber Karen Kelly Ted Konicki Krista Leigh Kozowyk Rene Lacoste Pat Lampe

Joan Maier Robin Malone Diane Malonev Margie Lynch Maria and Family Ron Marlow Barbara Marsh Donna Massee J. McG Paul McIntyre Cynthia McLemore Eileen Miner Mary Ann Morreale Lorrie Morrison Tom Morse Joan M. Oliver Jane Orazietti Emma O'Rourke Ronald J. Parker Michael Paul Francesca Pearo Anne Perrino

Geno Pesce

Ann Petrillo

Noreen Prine John Putalik Renee Rake 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
Harry Witt

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.

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Jean Lydon

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

Catholic Adult Organization: Why Should the Kids Get All the Fun?

Many of you remember Catholic Youth Organization, or CYO, from your own childhood or from previous places you may have lived. CYO's rebirth here in Naples has been well-received by both our own Parish Family, as well as the lager community, and we will have a tremendous set of programs and activities for the youth as the Life Center opens. One of the advantages of starting CYO again from scratch is that we have what is called a "greenfield," or opportunity to start this effort without the constraints imposed by prior work. CYO begins at the ground up, and we all have an opportunity to participate in its birth and growth: youth as participants, and adults of all ages as coaches, instructors, mentors, cheerleaders, and supporters.

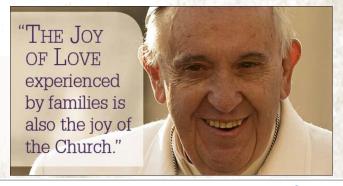
Our other major initiative, the Catholic Adult Organization, or CAO, does not have that luxury of starting in a greenfield environment to provide wellness, artistic, and social activities. St. John is widely recognized for the sheer volume and quality of activities that occur on our campus annually. Last year, there were over 5,000 events at St. John outside the Masses and Services in the church, most of which were focused on our adult communities - the young adults, adults, and experienced. At some points during the year, it was overwhelming, with multiple concerts, dances, and dinners happening all within a single week. With so much activity, it could start to degrade and delude the focus and support of our Parish Family and the mission of our church. We must strike a balance of activities that can enliven various age groups and various life journeys, including those of us with children, widows, divorced, or separated individuals, young adults, and many others, while maintaining the wonderfully engaging and enlivening spirit of Saint John.



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

This past week, the Ministry leadership of our Parish Family got together for a Town Hall Meeting to discuss this very issue. Many ministries provided their valuable feedback on the Catholic Adult Organization structure and plan, including how they can participate to fulfill both their own individual missions and contribute to the Parish Mission. Everyone recognized the need to collaborate on events and activities, and that the CAO structure will enable a Ministry to sponsor and support events (and receive the income for their programs) while utilizing the centrally available services of food and beverage management, facilities support, and event coordination. More importantly, when presented with the totality of activities and opportunities to work together, it became clear that a monthly concert sponsored by either a single Ministry or multiple ones would have better attendance than four different ones at the same

I want to thank our Ministry leadership that took time out of their busy schedules to attend the meeting, as well as our Pastoral Stewardship Council, who led the discussion. Our Adult Faith Formation program, led by Jack Kindsvater, provided a wonderful breakout session on how to apply The Joy of Love to the various Ministry types. I am also grateful to Bill Warvel, who has volunteered to lead our CAO Program and assist with developing the team to integrate all the adultrelated activities of our Parish Family into a consistent and collaborative program. Please make sure you check out Page 13 for our CAO announcements as we move into the summer and the exciting opening of the Pulte Family Life Center.



Ministry Spotlight

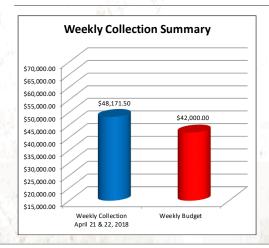
It's More than Coffee, Juice, and Cookies: The Hospitality Ministry Must Grow

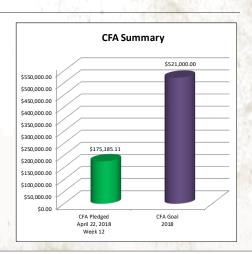
In anticipation of the day when the new Pulte Family Center is completed, the renovations and improvements to the Church and Parish Life Center are final, and we proudly embrace our shining new campus, the Hospitality Ministry must evolve as well.

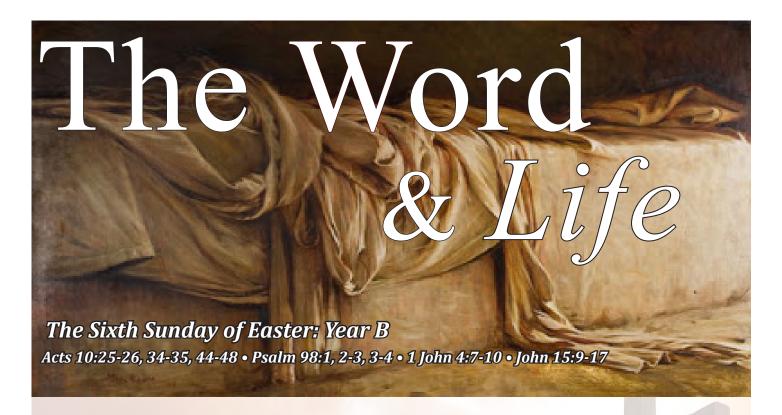
We will need volunteers to take people through the new facilities and to explain their functions and the varied ministries they will serve. New members of the parish will want to be shown the Prayer Garden, Memorial Garden, and other existing amenities as well. We are asking for only a couple of hours of your time each week. Training to make you familiar with the new facilities will be provided.

As Pope Francis said, "Hospitality begins at the front office." Please contact Loretta Sullivan at the front office, 239-566-8740, to offer your smile and your talents to this important effort.









The Seamless Garment of Love

he subject of love has occupied the minds of humanity for thousands of years. From our ancestors of faith, who put their complete trust in God and who loved Him with all their hearts, souls, and minds, to this very day, there has been a preoccupation with the spectrum of love. Philosophers and theologians continue to grapple with this mystery, struggling to name the

Reflection Questions

- What are the different expressions of love in your life?
- How does your love of God differ from other types of love?
- What does unconditional love mean for you?
- In what ways is Jesus challenging you to offer love unconditionally?
- How does this unconditional gift of love shape your world view and the choices you make each week?
- What brings you joy?
- How will your joy be complete?

experience. It should be no surprise to us that our leader, Pope Benedict XVI, gifts the Church with his first encyclical, "Deus Caritas Est" ("God is Love"). There are many ways in which we can love. There are four words in the Greek that describe love. "Eros" speaks of love as passion or eroticism. "Philia" is the love of friendship or familial love. "Sturge" is the love of things or affection. "Agape" denotes charity, unconditional love, or most importantly, selfless love.

Today's scriptures focus on "agape." The love that God has bestowed upon humanity is selfless love. God loved us enough to create us in His own image and likeness. He gave His only Son so that we may not die, but have eternal life. In return, we are invited to participate in this divine selfless love that has been demonstrated to us. In today's gospel, Jesus' commandment is to love one another how He has loved us. How did Jesus love? Jesus' love was unconditional and selfless from the beginning of his public ministry to the very point of surrendering to the cross. Jesus unconditionally loves the sinner and empowers the sinner to begin again, restoring confidence within themselves.

When Jesus reaches out to the outcast and the disturbed, He risks opposition and humiliation from his fellow Jews. However, Jesus' love for such people transcends His own needs in order to restore the outcast's rightful place within society. Jesus bridges the gap between heaven and earth. Through the covenant in his blood, He heals the broken promises of humanity and the covenants that humanity has failed to keep. The blood of the cross and the glory of the resurrection opens wide the gate to everlasting life.

Since Jesus has invited us to keep His commandment to love one another as He has loved us, we ought to discern what this means in the present day. If we engage ourselves in selfless love, we will embark on the journey of transformation. When we love our neighbor and the stranger with selfless love, we clothe ourselves with Christ's seamless garment of compassion.



Prayer

Dear Lord, wherever charity and love is to be found, you are there. Help us to become true disciples who are able to embrace unconditional and selfless love. Conflict and division still tear away at the seamless garment of your love and compassion. Give us the courage to be agents of change and to embrace your great commandment of love. Amen.

Once we live this way, our love will define who we are, and God will be forever present with us. The present day conflicts and debates that are constantly bombarding the T.V. screens will call for a Christian response. It is here that our faith must dialogue with our culture. To simply put it, it is in this place where Christ needs to be experienced through our attitudes and efforts for peace and justice.

Wisdom of the Fathers

Love of neighbor is thus shown to be possible in the way proclaimed by the Bible, by Jesus. It consists in the very fact that, in God and with God, I love even the person whom I do not like or even know. This can only take place on the basis of an intimate encounter with God, an encounter which has become a communion of will, even affecting my feelings. Then I learn to look on this other person not simply with my eyes and my feelings, but from the perspective of Jesus Christ. His friend is my friend. Going beyond exterior appearances, I perceive in others an interior desire for a sign of love, of concern. This I can offer them not only through the organizations intended for such purposes, accepting it perhaps as a political necessity. Seeing with the eyes of Christ, I can give to others much more than their outward necessities; I can give them the

look of love which they crave. Here we see the necessary interplay between love of God and love of neighbor which the First Letter of John speaks of with such insistence. If I have no contact whatsoever with God in my life, then I cannot see in the other anything more than the other, and I am incapable of seeing in him the image of God. But if in my life I fail completely to heed others, solely out of a desire to be "devout" and to perform my "religious duties", then my relationship with God will also grow arid. It becomes merely "proper", but loveless. Only my readiness to encounter my neighbor and to show him love makes me sensitive to God as well. Only if I serve my neighbor can my eyes be opened to what God does for me and how much he loves me. The saints — consider the example of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta — constantly renewed their capacity for love of neighbor from their encounter with the Eucharistic Lord, and conversely

this encounter acquired its realism and depth in their service to others. Love of God and love of neighbor are thus inseparable, they form a single commandment. But both live from the love of God who has loved us first. No longer is it a question, then, of a "commandment" imposed from without and calling for the impossible, but rather of a freelybestowed experience of love from within, a love which by its very nature must then be shared with others. Love grows through love. Love is "divine" because it comes from God and unites us to God; through this unifying process it makes us a "we" which transcends our divisions and makes us one, until in the end God is "all in all" (1 Cor 15:28).

Pope Benedict XVI Encyclical Letter, Deus Caritas Est

Youth Faith Formation... 2017-2018 School Year

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. John Looks to Add Kindergarten Units in the Fall

At St. John the Evangelist, we are very blessed to have catechists who are trained at implementing a very hands-on, Catholic faith-based preschool program within our Faith Formation Program. In a room known as "The Atrium" to those parents and children attending, it is a warm and engaging learning environment that really captures and reaches children at such a young age. For several years, Charlotte Williams, along with her team of assistants, have provided wonderful faith experiences for our three and four year olds. With the advanced and timely training needed to execute the program, we are most fortunate to be able to staff preschool children at St. John, but we are looking for more volunteers to expand the program to kindergarten. Recently, Ms. Williams spent some time working with kindergarten children and their catechists in an effort to share some of the wonderful experiences that lie within the Atrium. The kindergarten children loved it, and it inspired a few catechists to look forward to being part of this new addition to our program. Teachers who plan to lead these classes will attend a week-long training this summer to learn more deeply about the program.

The Atrium children anticipate the great feast of Pentecost with a procession and a candle ceremony of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.





Sacrament Corner - Upcoming Important Dates

Sunday, May 6 - Confirmation Rehearsal - 6:00 p.m. in the church

Monday, May 7 - Mass of Confirmation - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 10 - Mandatory First Communion Rehearsal - 5:30 p.m. in the church

Saturday, May 12 - First Communion Ceremony - 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 13 - The May Crowning of Mary - 11:00 a.m. Mass

*First Communicants dress in their First Communion attire and are part of the processional for the May Crowing of Mary. They should meet in the Narthex of the church at 10:40 a.m.

Catechists Needed for Upcoming 2018-2019 School Year

With approximately 510 kids in our Faith Formation program this year, we are in need of several catechists for the next school year. We are looking for catechists to serve the needs of our Pre-K through 12th grade students in a number of capacities, including lead teachers, classroom aides, Confirmation Catechists, and administrative assistants. If you are interested, please contact Natalie at natalie@sjecc.com.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, May 6:

LAST K-8 Faith Formation Class ~ 9:15-10:45 a.m. Parent Faith Formation Session ~ 9:15-10:45 a.m. Year 1 High School Confirmation Class Morning and Evening Sessions ALL Year 2 - Mandatory Confirmation Rehearsal - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 9: Farewell BBQ for our Net Missionary Team 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the Rome Room Veranda

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Adult Faith Formation and RCIA

Two Short Programs on Thursday Evenings will Complete the Adult Faith Formation Season

On May 17th, Pentecost, Why it is a "Big Deal Feast"



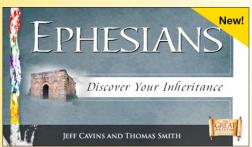
Fifty days after Passover, the Jewish Feast of Shavuot commemorates the spring harvest and the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.

Fifty days after the Resurrection, Christians around the world celebrate the feast of Pentecost, commemorating the Holy Spirit descending on the Apostles.

On Thursday, May 17th, come to the Rome Room at 7:00 p.m. to learn how a Shavuot feast in Jerusalem in 30 A.D. became the birthday of the Church.

So often Pentecost is glossed over, but a review of Chapter 2 of The Acts of the Apostles, from an episode of Jeff Cavins' *The Bible Timeline*, will help you understand what happened to the Apostles gathered in Jerusalem for Shavuot (remember they were all devout Jews). The Holy Spirit came to them, as Jesus had promised, and their lives and ours were changed forever.

On May 24, 31, June 7, and 14, St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.



Paul's letter to the Ephesians reveals many remarkable gifts that we as Christians are given in the Church. This letter tells us about the nature of the Church – as a body, as a household, as a mystery, as a communion, as a bride, and as an army.

One of the most remarkable things about our Faith is that by God's grace, we have become His adopted sons and daughters. Because of this, we are the heirs of all our heavenly Father's divine promises and blessings. In your day-to-day life, what does it mean to be a son or

daughter of God? When you sit in the pews each Sunday, what does it mean to be part of his family, the Church?

Beginning Thursday, May 24th, at 7:00 p.m.in the Rome Room, and continuing for four weekly 90-minute sessions, you will:

- Discover what it means to be not just a son or daughter of God, but an heir to all He has to give.
- Learn about the great mystery of how we can love one another as Christ loves the Church.
- Find out that you have a place in God's "plan of sheer goodness."

You are invited to uncover the amazing gifts God has given you by joining us for **Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance.**

This Week's Schedule

Wednesday, May 9: Matthew, Session 12 ~ 7:30 p.m., Rome Room Thursday, May 10:

Women of the Word, Divine Mercy ~ 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.

Social & Spiritual

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

High School gathers at 6:30pm every Wednesday in the Seminar Room.

Graduating 8th Graders welcome to join starting May 30th, 2018.



Arts & Music

ARTS & MUSIC CAMP AND SUMMER CLASSES

Registration Now Open!Classes in voice, guitar, piano, strings, painting and acting. Only 10 spots available! June 11-15th for camp!

Summer sessions begin in June. Register online at sjecc.com/cyo for weekly classes in voice, guitar, piano, flute, acting, and painting during the summer.



Sports & Wellness

CYO SUMMER CAMPS

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

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

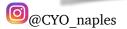
Soccer Skills Camp - July 23rd- 27th; 8am-12pm

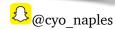
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Catholic Adult Organization

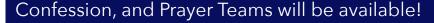
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Social & Spiritual

ENCOUNTER ON THE MOUNTAIN

May 11th, 6:30pm

Praise and Worship with Adoration for everyone! Come join us for our last Praise and Worship with adoration night. A night of praise songs, and true worship, open to all members of our parish family.





Arts & Music

SUMMER SESSIONS

Needs plans for the summer? Look out for our Summer Music and Arts Classes for youth and adults!

With classes in painting, flute, piano, guitar, strings, voice, and more, there's something for everyone! Any questions? Email jennine@sjecc.com



Sports & Wellness

COACHES TRAINING

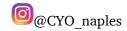
CYO Coaches Training on June 30th, 11:45am. Lunch provided cost is \$30.

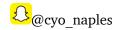
Interested in coaching any sports? Sign up now online for our mandatory coaches training required for all coaches of CYO! For more info kyle@sjecc.om











Ausic and Choir

5:00 p.m. Mass Music Worship Aid Sunday, May 6, 2018: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Opening Song

Shout to the North

Martin Smith

Verse 1)

Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King! You are strong when you feel weak, In your brokenness, complete (to Chorus)

Verse 2)

Rise up, women of the truth Stand and sing to broken hearts who can know the healing power of our awesome King of love (to Chorus)



Offeratory

Love on the Line

Aryel Murphy

Verse 1)

You put Your love on the line To bear the weight of sin that was mine Washing my river of wrongs Into the sea of Your infinite love

Chorus)

With arms held high Lord I give my life Knowing I'm found in Christ In Your love forever, With all I am In Your grace I stand

The greatest of all romance, Love of God my Savior

Verse 2)

Mercy roars like hurricane winds Furious love laid waste to my sin

Bridge)

To the One who has rescued my soul To the One who has welcomed me home To the One who is Saviour of all I sing forever

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Closing Song

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Graham Kendrick

Chorus)

Shine Jesus shine
Fill this land
With the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow
Flood the nations
With grace and mercy
Send forth Your word Lord
And let there be light

Verse 2)

Lord I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me try me consume all my darkness
Shine on me shine on me

Verse 1)

Lord the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me shine on me

Verse 3)

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me shine on me

Music and Choir

Hymns for the Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5 and 6, 2018

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Glory in the Cross **Entrance Hymn:** 155 **Preparation Hymn:** 498 We Have Been Told

Communion Hymn: 360 Pan de Vida (verse 2 in spanish) BB18-336

> 504 Lord, You have come (refrain-spanish)

Closing Hymn: 192 Holy God We Praise Thy Name

May is a Special Month for Sacred Music

During this month of May, we continue to sing music which celebrates this glorious Easter season and the specific themes of the readings for each weekend. In addition, the month of May is a very special month in which we will honor our Holy Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, in song.



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.

Event Information... Church and Social Events

Say Goodbye to Our Missionaries! - Year-End BBQ

When:

Wednesday, May 9 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Where:

Rome Room – St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church Fun outdoor games in the Courtyard

BBQ Potluck:
Please Bring a side dish
to Share!



Jamaica Outreach Program

ThisWeekend's Second Collection Will Benefit the Poor in Jamaica

The second collection on the first weekend in May – May 5 and 6 – is designated to the benefit and well-being of our brothers and sisters in Jamaica. This commitment by our parish to the poor in Jamaica began in 1997 and continues to this day. During the ensuing years, we have played a large role in establishing clinics devoted to medical, eye, and dental care at various mission locations in Jamaica. The clinics are staffed by JOP volunteers. In addition, we have refurbished a medical clinic there and provide free medicines to the patients who come to the clinic with little or no money to cover the cost of medications. Our support of schools, young adult training centers, and scholarships have made a tremendous difference in the lives of the students there. These are only a few of the actions supported by the generous donations of St. John parishioners.

We thank you for your continued support and encouragement as we put into action the words of Jesus Christ... Whatever you do for the least of my people, that you do unto me.

Memorial Day Mass

The Memorial Day Mass this year will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, May 28, 2018. We will pay tribute to those members of our Armed Forces who answered the call and made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom. The Mass will be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. A special prelude ceremony will commence at 8:15 a.m.

During Mass, the names of loved ones who sacrificed their lives for freedom will be read aloud and prayerfully remembered, in order to properly observe this somber day.

We ask you send in details of Veterans who served our nation in wartime but have passed into the arms of our Lord. These names will be read aloud and remembered during our Memorial Day Mass. Please contact Gary Prettyman gary@ sjecc.com or (239-566-8740) by Wednesday, May 23rd, to provide the details below of those loved ones who served our country and lost their lives.

Information requested for the Memorial List of names fallen: Name, rank, branch of service & details of passing.

Example:

1. Army Specialist Christopher James Coffland, 323rd Military Intelligence Battalion, killed in Wardak Province, Afghanistan, November 13, 2009.

Event Information... Church and Social Events

50% off Selected Merchandise in Divine Gift Boutique

The Divine Gift Boutique is running a 50% off sale on selected merchandise through the end of May.

First Communion merchandise is also available; 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 Divine Gift Boutique will be opened Thursday evening, May 10th, at 5:00 p.m. for First Communion Rehearsal and Saturday, May 12th, at 10:00 a.m.

Starting this weekend, The Divine Gift Boutique, located across from the restrooms, will be open on weekends only. Non-season hours are: Saturday from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The store will be closed during the week.

Because of the closure of the church for renovations, the Divine Gift Boutique will be closed during this renovation period but will reopen when the church building is complete. Please stop in and stock up on any items you might need. Don't forget Mother's Day gifts, baby and baptism gifts, crosses, rosaries, and wedding gifts.

Rat Pack Dance and Show

Frank Sinatra/Dean Martin Tribute Friday, May 18th 7:0<mark>0 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. (doors open 6:00 p.m.)</mark>

\$20 Per Person



Cost includes: **Great Show**

Cheesesteak Sandwich Snacks Drink Bar Available Silent Auction



Order tickets online at https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/2018RatPackDanceandShow

Contact Bill Warvel for more information 732.672.4109