

St. John is Proud of Our 61 Confirmandi and 97 First Communicants



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# Parish Information

### 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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*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

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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 26, 2018 Saturday				Readings for the Week	
8:00 a.m.	+	Joe Hennessy	Eileen Hennessy	Saturday, May 26, 2018	
		Saturday Vigil Masses for Sur		Saint Philip Neri, Priest	
3:00 p.m.	+	William Schultz	The Schultz Family	Memorial	
5:00 p.m.	+	Connie Mancuso	Liz & Bob Koplitz	Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16 (346)	
May 27, 201	8 Sun	day		Sunday, May 27, 2018 – Most Holy Trinity	
7:00 a.m.	+	Loren McGirr	Joan McGirr	Solemnity	
9:00 a.m.	+	Stephen Conger	Claire Conger	Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20	
11:00 a.m.		For Our Parishioners		(165) Pss Prop	
1:00 p.m.	+	Enrique J. Tamayo	Lisa Tamayo-Smith		
5:00 p.m.	+	Joseph Kasper	Pat & Bill Smart	Monday, May 28, 2018	
				1 Pt 1:3-9/Mk 10:17-27 (347) Pss IV	
May 28, 201	8 Moi	nday			
8:30 a.m.	+	Ann Klek	Liz Rick	Tuesday, May 29, 2018	
				1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31 (348)	
May 29, 201	8 Tue	esday			
8:30 a.m.	+	Joe Reid	Kay Reid	Wednesday, May 30, 2018	
				1 Pt 1:18-25/Mk 10:32-45 (349)	
May 30, 201	8 Wee	dnesday			
8:30 a.m.	+	Emma E. Lutz	Julie Fugitt	Thursday, May 31, 2018	
6:30 p.m.	+	Joan Scariati	Barbara Fenn	Feast	
				Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56 (572)	
May 31, 201	8 Thu	ırsday		Pss Prop	
8:30 a.m.	+	Darlene Kovacs	Terri Carpino		
				Friday, June 1, 2018	
June 1, 2018	Frid	ay		Saint Justin	
8:30 a.m.	+	Jeanne A. Preston-Horvath	Anthony & Eleanor Hudzik	Memorial	
				1 Pt 4:7-13/Mk 11:11-26 (351)	
June 2, 2018	Satu	rday			
8:00 a.m.	+	Ramy Garrido	Josie Mennini	Saturday, June 2, 2018	
		Saturday Vigil Masses for Sur	nday	Saints Marcellinus and Saint Peter	
3:00 p.m.	+	Rick Genel	Tom & Lois Meringer	Jude 17, 20b-25/Mk 11:27-33 (352)	
5:00 p.m.	SI	Kathy Malloy	Kathy Malloy		
June 3, 2018	Sund	lay			
7:00 a.m.	+	J.D. Mankiewicz	Debbie Brown	SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH	
9:00 a.m.	+	Carl Squires	Jack & Connie Kindsvater	Sacrament of Baptism. The Diocese requires that	
11:00 a.m.		For Our Parishioners		parents seeking baptism for their child attend a	
1:00 p.m.	+	Francis & Fortunato DiMaio	Bob & Sandra DiMaio	baptism preparation class. To schedule a baptism	
5:00 p.m.	+	Evelyn & Philip Severs	Eileen Severs	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. <i>Tricia Schwarz:</i>	
				tricia@sjecc.com.	
				in icia @sjecc.com.	
				Anointing of the Sick/Funeral Arrangements	

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# 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@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 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. *Geralyn Poletti: geralyn@cathliccharitiescc.org or 239.455.2655 ext. 107* 

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 (we accept child-friendly fabric or trim): *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 Food Addiction Support Group. Maryann Scandiffio, 239.784.2682 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. For meeting locations and times, call 239.263.5907 or visit www.NaplesAl-Anon.org

Narcotics Anonymous. 800.477.6291 or Mark Katsnelson: 856.912.0894

Gambler's Anonymous. 855.222.5542

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

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Leon Doughty

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Sandy Flaig

Patty Gahan

Inez Galm

Julia Giblin

George Gonser Jr.

Philip Gorney

Keri Grasso

Jayne Hagg

Mary Haig

Gerard Heyen

Rosie Heyen

Jim Huber

Karen Kelly

Ted Konicki

Rene Lacoste

Krista Leigh Kozowyk

Jeff Gatt

F.W.

**Donovan Family** 

Robyn Hyland Doyle

Tara Follese & Family

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 **Austin Spagnola** Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino - USAF, Turkey

We remember those who have died recently. May they rest in eternal peace. John C. Davis, Mary Merchant, Dolores Michelloti, Patricia Nehrkorn

Baby Declan Aigner Jean Balliro Jennifer Basile **Beagan Family Richard Becker** Gallen Boardman William M. Boardman Lori Breyman **Donald Brown Brian Bulger Connie Cahill Gregory Camp Beau Carpenter** 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

### PRAYER LIST

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Albert Treichel Jim Tucker Janet Vanderhorst Mike Walsman Dan Ward **Baby Benedict Wardein** 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.

# Holy Spirit as a Force for Change

Pentecost has always been one of the most important moments of our faith for me. Not only is it the birthday of the Catholic Church, it is a moment of reflection and renewal. I pause to think, "Am I doing enough to positively communicate the joy and love of our faith?" "Is there something more I could do in order to achieve the Mission of Saint John?" Change has always been a hallmark of the Holy Spirit, with constant renewal and refocus. It is not enough to sit back on our heels and feel comfortable in saying, "We have always done it this way." The Holy Spirit awakens our hearts, minds, and souls to the excitement of the challenge of improving and finding new ways.

Our Holy Father spoke directly to our Parish Family this Pentecost, especially when it comes to our upcoming summer and fall focused on the change of our campus and our new Catholic Adult Organization and Catholic Youth Organization programs:

In the first reading of today's Liturgy, the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is compared to "the rush of a violent wind" (Acts 2:2). What does this image tell us? It makes us think of a powerful force that is not an end in itself, but effects change. Wind, in fact, brings change: warmth when it is cold, cool when it is hot, rain when the land is parched... this is the way it brings change. The Holy Spirit, on a very different level, does the same. He is the divine force that changes the world. The Sequence reminded us of this: the Spirit is "in toil, comfort sweet; solace in the midst of woe." And so we beseech him: "Heal our wounds, our strength renew; on our dryness pour your dew; wash the stains of guilt away." The Spirit enters into situations and transforms them. He changes hearts, and He changes situations.

The Holy Spirit changes hearts. Jesus had told his disciples: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). That is exactly what happened. Those disciples, at first fearful, huddled behind closed doors even after the Master's resurrection, are transformed by the Spirit and, as Jesus says in today's Gospel, "they bear witness to him" (cf. Jn 15:27). No longer hesitant, they are courageous and starting from Jerusalem, they go forth to the ends of the earth. Timid while Jesus was still among them, they are bold when he is gone, because the Spirit changed their hearts.

The Spirit frees hearts chained by fear. He overcomes all resistance. To those content with half measures, he inspires wholehearted generosity. He opens hearts that are closed. He impels the comfortable to go out and serve. He drives the self-satisfied to set out in new directions. He makes the lukewarm thrill to new dreams. That is what it means to change hearts. Plenty of people promise change, new beginnings, prodigious renewals, but experience teaches us that no earthly attempt to change reality can ever completely satisfy the human heart. Yet the change that the Spirit brings is different. It does not revolutionize life around us, but changes our hearts. It does not free us from the weight of our problems, but liberates us



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by Jean-Paul Boucher General Manager jp@sjecc.com within so that we can face them. It does not give us everything at once, but makes us press on confidently, never growing weary of life. The Spirit keeps our hearts young – a renewed youth. Youth, for all our attempts to prolong it, sooner or later fades away; the Spirit, instead, prevents the only kind of aging that is unhealthy: namely, growing old within. How does He do this? By renewing our hearts, by pardoning sinners. Here is the great change: from guilty He makes us righteous and thus changes everything. From slaves of sin we become free, from servants we become beloved children, from worthless worthy, from disillusioned to filled with hope. By the working of the Holy Spirit, joy is reborn and peace blossoms in our hearts.

Today, then, let us learn what to do when we are in need of real change. And who among us does not need a change? Particularly when we are downcast, wearied by life's burdens, oppressed by our own weakness, at those times when it is hard to keep going and loving seems impossible. In those moments, we need a powerful "jolt:" the Holy Spirit, the power of God. In the Creed we profess that He is the "giver of life." How good it would be for us each day to feel this jolt of life! To say when we wake up each morning: "Come, Holy Spirit, come into my heart, come into my day."

The Spirit does not only change hearts; he changes situations. Like the wind that blows everywhere, he penetrates to the most unimaginable situations. In the Acts of the Apostles – a book we need to pick up and read, whose main character is the Holy Spirit – we are caught up in an amazing series of events. When the disciples least expect it, the Holy Spirit sends them out to the pagans. He opens up new paths, as in the episode of the deacon Philip. The Spirit drives Philip to a desert road from Jerusalem to Gaza... (How heartrending that name sounds to us today! May the Spirit change hearts and situations and bring peace to the Holy Land!) Along the way, Philip preaches to an Ethiopian court official and baptizes him. Then the Spirit brings him to Azotus, and then on to Caesarea, in constantly new situations, to spread the newness of God. Then too, there is Paul, "compelled by the Spirit" (Acts 20:22), who travels far and wide, bringing the Gospel to peoples he had never seen. Where the Spirit is, something is always happening; where he blows, things are never calm.

When, in the life of our communities, we experience a certain "listlessness," when we prefer peace and quiet to the newness of God, it is a bad sign. It means that we are trying to find shelter from the wind of the Spirit. When we live for self-preservation and keep close to home, it is not a good sign. The Spirit blows, but we lower our sails. And yet, how often have we seen him work wonders! Frequently, even in the bleakest of times, the Spirit has raised up the most outstanding holiness! Because he is the soul of the Church, who constantly enlivens her with renewed hope, fills her with joy, makes her fruitful, and causes new life to blossom. In a family, when a new baby is born, it upsets our schedules, it makes us lose sleep, but it also brings us a joy that renews our lives, driving us on, expanding us in love. So it is with the Spirit: he brings a "taste of childhood" to the Church. Time and time again he gives new birth. He revives our first love. The Spirit reminds the Church that, for all her centuries of history, she is always the youthful bride with whom the Lord is madly in love. Let us never tire of welcoming the Spirit into our lives, of invoking him before everything we do: "Come, Holy Spirit!"

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# Ministry Spotlight

# Men's Club and Ladies' Auxiliary: Assist with Social Activities for Our Parish Family

The Men's Club and Ladies' Auxiliary are looking for men and women to assist with the social activities of our Parish Family and have fun together, as well. We are best known for the monthly Big Band dances and Sock Hops that can attract up to over 300 people from the area. We sell food and drinks at these dances and could use help in serving the community during these events. Additionally, we have social activities for our group, including attending the Broadway Palm for shows. The first show is away from church in September with "Let's Go to the Show." Please contact Mille (566-9854) and Joyce (598-4340) for more information.

We also serve the larger community with our assistance for Masses at Adult Communities. Recently, we donated a statue of the Blessed Mother to our Parish Family as a match to the existing Saint Joseph Statue. They will both be placed in the renovated Ballroom to be enjoyed for years to come.

We are looking forward to the Pulte Family Life Center and new persistent activities, like Bocce, Bingo, Silver Sneakers, and other great activities for all ages. We will need your help to make these programs a reality, so please contact Jack Nalipinski – nalipinski@aol.com – to find out how you can become part of the Men's Club and Ladies' Auxiliary.



# The Most Holy Trinity: Year B

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 • Psalm 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 • Romans 8:14-17 • Matthew 28:16-20

# A Boundless Love (Matthew 28:16-20)

he discerning student of the Sacred Scriptures realizes that divine revelation contained within the biblical texts is all about right relationship. From the beginning of time until present day, God has continually revealed Himself to the world and invites us into a relationship with Him. The model of right relationship that God gives us is to be found in the Trinity. As we celebrate the Solemnity

# **Reflection Questions**

- 1. How does the mystery of the Trinity inspire you?
- 2. Do you truly accept God as Father?
- 3. In what way does the sacrifice of God's only Son inspire you to sacrifice for God?
- 4. How does the Holy Spirit lead you into the mystery of God?
- 5. Have you allowed yourself to enter into communion with God and others?
- 6. Do your personal relationships reflect the nature of God's generosity?
- 7. How does the Blessed Trinity inspire you to live in harmony?

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of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded of the boundless generosity of God. God is to be found in the gift of Creation. The Father makes Himself known to humanity and desires to enter into covenant with us. As humanity strived to know God, sin entered into the equation and broke the covenant. Man's inhumanity to man separated him from God. The Father in heaven does not give up on His desire for relationship and so gives of Himself by offering us the Son. Jesus restores this lost innocence by sacrificing Himself for our sins and gives us an everlasting covenant in his blood. When Jesus returns to the kingdom from which He came, He bestows the gift of the Holy Spirit upon the Church, to continue His saving work.

The generous self-giving nature of God is still with us today. Every time we gather for worship, we acknowledge our belief in three divine persons, but one God, as we begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Each person of the Trinity enables us to explore and appreciate the dimensions of God's unfailing love. While the Trinity remains a mystery, God's presence is not hidden from us. God continues to touch us on various levels. At baptism, we are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Jesus, in the great commissioning of Matthew's gospel, gives the disciples the task of making His presence known through their teaching. One of those ways is by immersing people into the waters of baptism and into the divine life of God. Christ's message is still proclaimed. Christ's commandment of love continues to challenge all of us when we are faced with different situations. We are reminded through the proclamation of the gospel that one day we will stand before the Father in heaven to give a full account of life. The Holy Spirit continues to inspire us and to solidify Christ's presence through the gift of the Eucharist and through the Mystical Body of Christ.

The Most Holy Trinity teaches us how we can give of ourselves. God's love for us knows no bounds. Likewise, our love for God should know no bounds ~ neither should our love for one another. The nature Reflecting on the Sunday Readings with Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

### Prayer

We praise and thank you, God our Father, Son, and Spirit, for all that you have given us. Inspire in us the spirit of generosity in which you make yourself manifest to the world. At the dawning of each new day, may we learn to be generous to one another. Amen.

of the Trinity is a positive encouragement for those who are married. Each person of the Trinity complements the other. The function of each person of the Trinity is different, yet points to the same nature of God. In marriage, couples are called to become one and complement one another through the gift they have to offer. People who live in the single state or lead a life of ministry can also draw strength from the selfless, giving nature of the Trinity. As we all strive to know God in our given vocation, let us remind ourselves that God is to be experienced in many varied ways!

# Wisdom of the Fathers

On this Sunday that follows Pentecost, we are celebrating the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Thanks to the Holy Spirit, who helps us understand Jesus' words and guides us to the whole truth (cf. Jn 14: 26; 16: 13), believers can experience, so to speak, the intimacy of God Himself, discovering that He is not infinite solitude but communion of light and love, life given and received in an eternal dialogue between the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit - Lover, Loved, and Love, to echo St Augustine....

...Those who encounter Christ and enter into a friendly relationship with him welcome into their hearts Trinitarian Communion itself, in accordance with Jesus' promise to his disciples: "If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him" (Jn 14: 23).... ...All beings are ordered to a dynamic harmony that we can similarly call "love." But only in the human person, who is free and can reason, does this dynamism become spiritual, does it become responsible love, in response to God and to one's neighbor through a sincere gift of self. It is in this love that human beings find their truth and happiness....

...Among the different analogies of the ineffable mystery of the Triune God that believers are able to discern, I would like to cite that of the family. It is called to be a community of love and life where differences must contribute to forming a "parable of communion."

Pope Benedict XVI (Angelus Address on the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, 2006)

# Faith Formation

# First Communicants Take Part in the May Crowning of Our Blessed Mother





Mother's Day was extra special this year as our First Communicants dressed up again for their second communion and the Crowning of Mary. Children wore sashes of blue in honor of Mary, and each placed a white rose at her feet. Lila Barson, escorted by Angel Ruiz, then crowned the statue of Mary, and Fr. John prayed a special blessing! This beautiful statue of Mary will remain on the altar in the church for the month of May before being placed in our Parish Activity Center Ballroom. We are thankful to Donna Boucher who coordinated such a lovely event, Epiphany Bakery for the delicious cross cookies, and for Kay and Andy Sanfelippo whose behind-the-scene efforts made this day so special!

# Adult Faith Formation and RCIA

# "Be Sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit"



Interspersed in the sea of teenagers ready to be confirmed at Saint John the Evangelist recently, Bishop Frank J. Dewane saw seven adult confirmani. Each of them was baptized Catholic and received their First Communion, but for any of a number of reasons, they had not received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

That evening they approached the bishop, and through the laying on of hands, anointing with chrism, and prayer, they were strengthened by the Holy Spirit so that they may faithfully live up to their calling as Catholic Christians to spread and defend the faith, by word and action, as true witnesses of Christ.

Like Baptism, which it completes, Confirmation is given only once, for it too imprints on the soul an indelible spiritual mark.

Confirmation is an assertive counterpart to passive baptism, an ecclesial symbol that those who are empowered by the Holy Spirit can transcend their own limitations and can be instruments of grace in the world. (Karl Rahner)

It is never too late to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation; recently our adult confirmani ranged in age from 18 to 80 and spanned three generations. There was even a mother and daughter confirmed in the same ceremony.

Any adult parishioner who, for whatever reason, has not received the sacrament of Confirmation is invited to consider receiving Confirmation next year. Each year, you have an opportunity to receive this once-in-a-lifetime sacrament. Next year, you can be in this picture.

Whether you are definitely interested or would simply like more information, please contact Jack Kindsvater, Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Coordinator NOW – *phone and email address below*.

This Week's Schedule:

Thursday, May 31: Women of the Word, *Divine Mercy* ~ 9:30 a.m., Seminar Room Ephesians ~ 7:00 p.m., Rome 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.

# **CYO Music and Arts Summer Classes**

Looking for a summer activity or project for your child? How about learning to play the violin, piano, guitar or flute? Or perhaps voice lessons, painting or acting? Only 2 weeks left to register for our summer classes. All materials are provided! This is an amazing opportunity for your child to learn from some of the top teachers in the county. Need 5 students registered to offer the class. Register today at <u>sjecc.com/cyo</u> !

### **CYO Summer Camps**

Registration for all is now online and open!!

Arts and Music Camp - June 11th-15th; 9am-3pm

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

Not sure if your child is interested in developmental sports or the arts? Sign up your kids this summer for our Sports skills camps and Art camp. Your child will get to discover the basics of the fundamental sports for any athlete. Also, get to experience many different types of the arts and music classes available throughout the year, in just one week. These camps are a great way to let your child experience each of the sports and arts that CYO will provide throughout the year, without the financial or long term commitment. Come join us for all of our camps and see what your child has a passion or gift for. Email us below for more info!

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

#### Music & Arts

CYO/CAO Music and Arts Summer session are

beginning in June. CLASSES ARE OPEN FOR REGISTRATION online now in painting, piano, guitar, strings, flute and acting.

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

# **Catholic Adult Organization**

**Upcoming Sport, Arts & Music, and Social Events.** 

Music and Arts Summer Classes CYO and CAO **Music and Arts** Summer session



beginning in June. **CLASSES** ARE OPEN FOR **REGISTRATION!!** 

Young Adult **Bible Study** 



Theology on Tap June 5th 6:30-8:30p @ BoneHook **Brewing Co** 

### All Coaches!!

Sign up for our Coaches Clinic JUNE 30TH 11:45a-2:45p

Follow CYO!! for Updates on all things CYO & CAO

# CAO Summer Music and Arts Classes

Needs plans for the summer? There are only two weeks left to register for our Summer Music and Arts Classes for adults!

With classes in painting, flute, piano, guitar, strings, voice, and more, there's something for everyone! Our painting class is only 4 weeks long and \$50 for the session! All materials are provided. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn from some of the best in the county. Each class needs 5 students registered to offer. Register soon so that your class of interested is offered at sjecc.com/cao

Any questions? Email jennine@sjecc.com

### **CYO Coaches Training**

#### Calling all Parents, Grandparents, Adults, Young Adults, and High schoolers. CYO

Coaches are rooted in character and love. If you have an interest in changing children's lives through sports? Sign up to be a coach or assistant coach for our upcoming leagues. This training is mandatory for all who wish to coach.

Training is June 30th, 11:00am-2pm in the Rome room. Lunch provided. Cost is \$30 and includes all coaching materials.

Sign up now online at **sjecc.com/CAO**.





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# usic and Choir

# 5:00 p.m. Mass Music Worship Aid Sunday, May 27, 2018: The Most Holy Trinity

#### **Opening Song**

#### You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)

Marc Imboden / Tammi Rhoton

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#### Verse - Men Sing, Women Echo)

You are holy / You are mighty / You are worthy / Worthy of praise I will follow / I will listen / I will love you / All of my days

#### **Chorus - Women**)

You are Lord of lords, you are King of kings You are mighty God, Lord of ev'rything You're Emmanuel, you're the Great I Am You're the Prince of Peace, who is the Lamb You're the living God, you're my saving grace You will reign forever, you are Ancient of Days You are Alpha, Omega, Beginning, and End You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer, and Friend You're my Prince of Peace And I will live my life for you

#### Chorus - Men)

I will sing to and worship The King who is worthy And I will love and adore Him And I will bow down before Him And I will sing to and worship The King who is worthy And I will love and adore Him And I will bow down before Him You're my Prince of Peace And I will live my life for you

#### **Preparation Song**

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How Great is Our God Chris Tomlin

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#### Verse 1)

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice

#### Verse 2)

Age to age he stands, and time is in his hands Beginning and the end, beginning and the end The Godhead, Three in One: Father, Spirit, Son; The Lion and the Lamb; the Lion and the Lamb!



**Bridge**) Name above all names, worthy of all praise, My heart will sing, 'How great is our God!' (repeat)

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#### **Communion Song**

Remembrance

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#### Verse 1)

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

#### **Chorus**)

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

#### Verse 2) See his Body, his Blood: Know that he has overcome ev'ry trial we will face. And none too lost to be saved, None too broken or ashamed, All are welcome in this place. By your mercy we come to your Table, By your grace you are making us faithful.

#### Bridge)

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

**Communion Meditation Our God** CCLI Song # 5677416Chris Tomlin | Jesse Reeves | Jonas Myrin | Matt **Chris Tomlin** Redman© 2010 Atlas Mountain Songs (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)sixsteps Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) Vamos Publishing (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License # 2008891.

Verse 1) Water You turned into wine Opened the eyes of the blind There's no one like You None like You

#### Verse 2) Into the darkness You shine Out of the ashes we rise There's no one like You None like You

#### **Chorus**)

Our God is greater Our God is stronger God You are higher than any other Our God is healer Awesome in power our God our God

#### Bridge)

And if our God is for us, Then who could ever stop us? And if our God is with us, Then what could stand against? And if our God is for us, Then who could ever stop us? And if our God is with us, Then what could stand against? (Then) what could stand against

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#### Verse 1)

You gave me a title, although I didn't know you. You called my name, and blessed me with life.

Now I've squandered the fortunes of my childhood, given in to a world of lies...

But I can't hide forever from what I know is true; Jesus, I surrender my life to you— (to chorus)

the lame will walk and the blind will see. I know you want my heart, I know that I am nothing; you are the source of ev'rything... And I can't live forever, unless I live in you; Jesus I surrender

Verse 1)

The mountains, they move at the sound of your holy name;

my life to you— (to chorus)



# Music and Choir

Hymns for The Most Holy Trinity May 26 and 27, 2018

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### Choral Anthem at 9:00 a.m. Mass

#### **Prelude:**

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Echo Anthem (Wagner)

#### 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.



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He will bring his power of change, a unique power that is, so to say, both centripetal and centrifugal. It is centripetal, that is, it seeks the centre, because it works deep within our hearts. It brings unity amid division, peace amid affliction, strength amid temptations. Paul reminds us of this in the second reading, when he writes that the fruits of the Spirit are joy, peace, faithfulness, and self-control (cf. Gal 5:22). The Spirit grants intimacy with God, the inner strength to keep going. Yet, at the same time, he is a centrifugal force, that is, one pushing outward. The one who centres us is also the one who drives us to the peripheries, to every human periphery. The one who reveals God also opens our hearts to our brothers and sisters. He sends us, he makes us witnesses, and so he pours out on us – again in the words of Paul – love, kindness, generosity, and gentleness. Only in the Consoler Spirit do we speak words of life and truly encourage others. Those who live by the Spirit live in this constant spiritual tension: they find themselves pulled both towards God and towards the world.

Let us ask him to make us live in exactly that way. Holy Spirit, violent wind of God, blow upon us, blow into our hearts and make us breathe forth the tenderness of the Father! Blow upon the Church and impel her to the ends of the earth, so that, brought by you, she may bring nothing other than you. Blow upon our world the soothing warmth of peace and the refreshing cool of hope. Come Holy Spirit, change us within and renew the face of the earth. Amen.

#### – Pope Francis 5/20/18

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2018/documents/papa-francesco\_20180520\_omelia-pentecoste.html



A view from the stage of the Pulte Family Life Center, which will house unique programs and activities to invigorate our Parish Family and the entire community.

### Independence Celebration - Dinner

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308

Our Honorees: Sam Miele, Larry Tomaielly, Don Payton

Guest Speaker: the Very Reverend John J. Ludden, Pastor

Come help us Celebrate our Independence and honor the brave men and women of our Military, past and present.

An evening full of Memories, Entertainment and Gratitude For our WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf Wars and other conflicts.

#### Friday, June 22, 2018

at the St. John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom

#### 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

\$25.00 per person

Includes: Buffet Dinner, Open Bar, Entertainment by The Legends of Las Vegas, and performances by the ladies of Dancing Feat.

> Dress Code: Smart Casual – No Shorts Please.

https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/2018IndependenceCelebration

\*\*\* Limited Seating – Purchase Tickets Early \*\*\*

Purchase Tickets beginning May 26th before or after Mass (Saturday Vigil Masses and Sunday Masses until 2 p.m.) and online.

Contact Mike Brady for more information 239-498-6859



# Event Information ... Church and Social Events

# Support Local Food Pantries in Need with the Ladies of Charity

#### For Love of the Poor

The Ladies of Charity of Southwest Florida provide assistance for St. Matthews House, St. Vincent DePaul, and Guadalupe Services. During the summer months, there is an urgent need for food as help is lessened by the seasonal travel of our generous parishioners. Please donate what you are able to help ensure the food pantries are stocked for these critical months ahead. Make your check to St. John the Evangelist, and in the memo line, Ladies of Charity. God bless. New members of the Ladies of Charity were taken on a tour of St. Mathews House and St.Vincent DePaul Food Pantry on April 18 with LOC president Carole Mancini and were treated to a luncheon at St. Mathews. Many were inspired to volunteer at these wonderful ministries.



# **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.



# 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.

The Divine Gift Boutique, located across from the restrooms, is 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 and Father's Day gifts, baby and baptism gifts, crosses, statues, rosaries, and wedding gifts.