

SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

the **EAGLE**

2019 Thanksgiving in the Park Feeds Over 2,200

Our turkey and pie donations, from all sources, totaled 231 whole turkeys, plus 20 additional full trays of carved, cooked turkey, and 283 pies. While we had some remaining turkey that we were able to donate, all of the pies were distributed. We also exhausted 2,496 bottles of water, through our distribution to guests and consumption by our volunteers. Due to the diligence and hard work of our ticket collectors, we are able to confidently say that we served a minimum of 2,215 meals! That's an increase of 30%, or greater, over last year's event. A monumental effort by all!



For more pictures and Susan's Thank You Letter to the Volunteers, please go to <https://saintjohntheevangelist.com/featured/2019-thanksgiving-in-the-park-feeds-over-2200>.

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A Prayer for World Peace

Dear God, thank You for all creation. In the spirit of Jesus of Nazareth and all teachers of peace who inspire the many faith traditions, help me and all the people of the world learn how to replace hate, war, oppression, and division with love, peace, freedom, and reconciliation. Help me to embody Your love in my relationships with my family, friends, strangers – even my enemies. I commit myself to this sacred task throughout my life. So let it be. Amen.

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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. and 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

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

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

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

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. - 4:00 p.m.

Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine. We have 2019 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



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

Saturday, December 14, 2019

8:00 a.m. + Frank Ascione Bob & Dorothy Hotz

Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 p.m. + "Chink" & Anne LaBreche Chrys, Stephen & Patrick Fisher

5:00 p.m. + Vivian & Don Kerr Vizioli Family

Sunday, December 15, 2019

7:00 a.m. + Andy Sanfelippo Lan Tran

9:00 a.m. + Ramy Garrido Julia Perrotta

11:00 a.m. + Jasmine Dunham Christi & Dennis Pedra

1:00 p.m. + Michael Zewalk Friend

5:00 p.m. + Deborah Anne McLoughlin John & Maureen Wurtz

Monday, December 16, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Robert Sullivan Loretta & Marty Sullivan

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Rosalie DeGenova David DeGenova

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

8:30 a.m. + John Wozniak Robert Rup

Thursday, December 19, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Patricia Sullivan Dick Sullivan

Friday, December 20, 2019

8:30 a.m. SI Fedeli Family Dick and Helen

Saturday, December 21, 2019

8:00 a.m. + Earl Pidgeon Mark Durkin

Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 p.m. + Jerome Paul & Janet VanderHorst Jerry & Julie VanderHorst

5:00 p.m. + Herberta Maxine Thyen John & Marilyn Thyen

Sunday, December 22, 2019

7:00 a.m. + Andy Sanfelippo Pat Bernetch

9:00 a.m. + Umberto & Alessandra Papa Hugo & Olivia Papa

11:00 a.m. + For Our Parishioners

1:00 p.m. + Matthew J. Downing Kim Woodyard

5:00 p.m. + Owen Murphy Mary Wheeler

ASSISTED LIVING MASSES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019 - Bentley Village

10:00 a.m. + Gerard Bergeron Marianne Kelly

Host and Wine for the week of 12/21/19 - 12/27/19

In Memory of Jose N. Arteta, requested by Rafael Arteta, Sarah Arteta and Patricia Canfield

Readings for the Week

Saturday, December 14, 2019

[Saint John of the Cross]

Memorial

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 (186)

Sunday, December 15, 2019

The Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11 (7) Pss III

Monday, December 16, 2019

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27 (187)

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17 (193)

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25 (194)

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25 (195)

Friday, December 20, 2019

Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38 (196)

Saturday, December 21, 2019

[Saint Peter Canisius]

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45 (197)

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 exists to assist the Pastor by providing advice in regards to financial matters of the parish. It supports decision-making and serves to assist in the prudent administration of Parish resources. Council Chairman: Jim Culkar: jrculkar@aol.com or 239.254.9510

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 in the church). Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays after morning Mass; Saturdays 2:00-5:00 p.m. and Sundays 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. We are in need of volunteers! If you are interested, please contact *Holly: holly@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. in the Alexandria Room. Please call for more information *Lhara Echeverria: 239.293.3694 or lhara@sjecc.com or Beth Lucci: 239.877.6254*

Grief Support Ministry. Grief facilitators hold support groups as needed to give support to those suffering a loss. *Geralyn Poletti: 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. Meets year-round on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Classrooms 3 & 4 in the Parish Activity Center. No experience necessary. Make baby and children's items, prayer shawls, nursing home and elderly blankets. *Sharon Camp: 239-438-7867 or sharon@naples.net. https://*

stjohnknitandcrochet.wordpress.com/

Ladies of Charity. Volunteer in Imnokalee schools, the Guadalupe soup kitchen, and clothing bank. The Ladies also visit local nursing homes to assist residents who want to attend Mass. In addition, they are available to provide friendly visits and to perform simple errands for the elderly and homebound. Meets the second Friday of every month. **Homebound:** *Marie Elaina Mullin: 239.273.1702. To join: Carole Mancini: frog lady505@gmail.com 239.597.3078*

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*

Social Ministry. Organizes events, prepares meals, and provides staff and support for a multitude of parish and parish-related functions. Monthly meetings 6:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday. *Social: JD DeSousa: 239.877-2950 or sousa2net@aol.com; Millie Lucanegro: 239.566.9854; or 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. *Mary Thompson: respectlife@sjecc.com or 239.273.6472*

Sewing Ministry. Meets to sew for needy children of Collier County on Wednesdays 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center, rooms 1 and 2, from October to May. If you like to sew, we encourage you to come see what we're all about. All are welcome! To volunteer or donate: *Phyllis Crivelli: jandpcrivelli@gmail.com or 239.594.1148 or Barbara Arthur: bka1678@hotmail.com or 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. *Kyle VanDuser: kyle@sjecc.com or 239.566.8740*

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 wow@sjecc.com*

Knights of Columbus Councils:

Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308. Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month in the Rome Room. Officers meet at 6:30 p.m. with the business meeting at 7:00 p.m. All visiting Sir/Knights welcome. *Paul McPherson Faithful Navigator: 443-807-3436 or pmcp77@gmail.com*

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 Joseph Hemrick: jhemrick21@gmail.com or 239.566.8740*

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

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 Mondays at 6:45 p.m. in the Alexandria Room. 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. Kouolloheras:nick@hfhcollier.com

Mahjongg. Wednesday Play. *Lanelle Bishop: 239.352.1860*

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*

Food Addiction Support Group *Maryann Scandiffio, 239.784.2682*

Sunset Coast NA 239.451.3275

Gambler's Anonymous 855.222.5542

Recovering Couples Anonymous *Britta: 239.348.5031 or Roger: 239.250.6888*

PRAYER GROUPS

Pray the Rosary & the Chaplet of Divine Mercy – Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy are recited every day starting 50 minutes before Mass begins, Monday through Saturday. Summer Schedule at 7:40 a.m., Winter Schedule at 7:10 a.m. *Maria Desa: 239-529-7611 or Carol Swank 757.559.4761*

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group – *Rosemary Erickson: 239.250.0432*

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

Marine Colonel Brian Howlett

Lt. Col. Scott Huber – USAF

PV2 Alexander McMickle – Ft.

Eustis, VA

Col. Brian Murphy

Lt. Col. Jill Murphy

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

Cpl. Derek Perez – U.S. Marine Corps

Austin Spagnola

Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino – USAF, Turkey

Lt. Stephen English – Iraq

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

PRAYER LIST

Baby Declan Aigner
Theresa Allingham
Di Di Arpaia
Paschal Arpaia
Paul Arpaia
Aurise Bain
Florence Ballachio
Jean Balliro
Agatha Barczynski
Jennifer Basile
Beagan Family
Lynn Becker
Mark Benson
Paul Bishop
Liselotte Bluem
Gallen Boardman
Sue Boyle
Kent Brase
Steve Brase
Lori Breyman
Kyle Brune
Elaine Buscemi
Connie Cahill
Ed Carsky
Rosalie Castro
Corinne & Children
Lauren Carr
Frank Christopher
August Cimmino
Merlyn Comeriato
Monica Connors
Tony Corvelo
Lizabeth Cuenya
Marge Cullen
Brad Cunningham
Cutler Family
Mark DaBronzo

Danielle
Eileen DaSilva
Donald Demski
Florence Demski
Sally Detloff
Melissa Diamantini
Julie Dieter
Dee Donnelly
Donovan Family
Leon Doughty
Robyn Hyland Doyle
Peter Durso
Katy Esquivel
F.W.
Carolyn Felner
Feroce Family
Scott Fewell
Tiffany Fiedler & Family
Don Fitzgerald
Sandy Flaig
Tara Follese & Family
Sandy Frania
Debbie Fritts
Patty Gahan
Carol Gaskill
Jeff Gatt
Julia Giblin
Fr. Tom Glackin
Marie Gleason
George Gonser Jr.
Phyllis Gryskiewicz
Randy Harrison
Rosie Heyen
Amy Hilliard
Ashleigh Hodges
Mary Ann Holt
Edward Hommel

Judy Howe
D. K.
Yvonne Keenan
Theresa Keller
Elyse Kristinik
Rene Lacoste
Lorraine Leclerc
Carrie Lehmann
Peter Lemon
Laurie Lind
Mel Lisser
Teresa Lozano
Pat Lozon
Jean Lydon
Margie Lynch
M.M.
Andrew Mager
Joan Maier
Robin Malone
Diane Maloney
Margaret
Maria and Family
Ron Marlow
Barb Marsh
Jackie Mascolo
Donna Masse
Angelo Mastrotillo
Kathy Maxwell
Kevin McGill
Jack McGrory
Paul McIntyre
Alley McKee
Cynthia McLemore
Christine McManus
Carlos Mendelzon
Cynthia Mendelzon
Patrick Metro

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John Montana
Lorrie Morrison
Tom Morse
John Nickerson
Jack Noonan
Emma O'Rourke
Joan M. Oliver
Jane Oraziotti
Patricia Orris
Sean Osterman
David P.
Eric Parker
Ronald J. Parker
Francesca Pearo
Anne Perrino
Ann Petrillo
Timothy Pollard
Rachel Polt-Holmes
Olivia Prawiradilaga
Carolyn Pulte
Lee Redman
Gil and Renee Rake
Pete Renner
Henrietta Reynolds
Tom Riley
Ellen Roberts
Katie Roberts
Joanne Roddy
Racheal Romine
Terre Rozin
Sterling C. Rutherford
Peggy O'Neil Saba
Lloyd Sample
Lisa Sanfelippo
Shelia Scaduto
Gary Schutebach

Fritz Simacek
Marian Simacek
John Smith
Josephine Soto
Sr. Colette Stevenson
Nancy Stewart
Jane Sullivan
Brad Tanner
Rita Taranto
John Tenerow
William J. Teplica
Janice M. Thomas
Isaiah Thompson
Marilyn Thyen
Helen Thornburg
Jerome D. Tomasso, Jr.
Louis Torretta
Albert Treichel
Richie Twiefel
Denny V.
Kari Van Tol
Mike Walsman
Arthur Warburton
Eileen Warburton
Dan Ward
Baby Benedict Wardein
Warner Family
Frank Westerbeke, Sr.
Kirsten Wills
Nancy Wise
Brandon Woods
Carolyn Wootton
Michael Zielinski

Christmas Mass Times



Mass Times – Christmas 2019 and New Year 2020

**Advent Penance Service at St. John
Tuesday, December 17, at 5:00 p.m.**

Tuesday, December 24, 2019
Vigil of The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve)
3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. (featuring the Children's Choir and the Christmas Pageant)

Tuesday/Wednesday, December 24/25, 2019 – MIDNIGHT MASS
The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Night)
12:00 a.m. (Music starts at 11:30 p.m. featuring the Adult Choir and String Quartet)

Wednesday, December 25, 2019
The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)
7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. (No 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Tuesday, December 31, 2019
Vigil of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1, 2020
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon

2019 Advent Penance Service Schedule Southern Deanery

Day	Date	Parish	Time
Monday	December 16	St. William	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December 17	St. John the Evangelist	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	December 18	San Marco	5:00 p.m.



2020 Life Center Agreements Available for Early Resolutions

It was heartening to see that our vision for the entire Capital Campaign and our Pulte Family Life Center was clearly articulated by Pope Francis in his Exhortation *Christus Vivit*:

Along these lines, our institutions should provide young people with places they can make their own, where they can come and go freely, feel welcome and readily meet other young people, whether at times of difficulty and frustration, or of joy and celebration. Some of this is already happening in oratories and other youth centres, which in many cases offer a friendly and relaxed setting where friendships can grow, where young men and women can meet one another, where they can share music, games, sports, but also reflection and prayer. In such places, much can be offered, without great expenditure of funds. Then too, the person-to-person contact indispensable for passing on the message can happen, something whose place cannot be taken by any pastoral resource or strategy. – Christus Vivit 218

We are excited to continue the expansion of programs for all ages in our Life Center. If you want to get a head start on some of your New Year's Resolutions for the health of your body, mind, soul, and spirit, you can find our 2020 Pulte Family Life Center Membership Agreement on our website, at our Front Desk, and at the Life Center, itself. This annual agreement has been updated to include the discounted price for those members of our Parish Family that gave to the Campaign (only \$100 a year per family), as well as the standard rate for both our Parish Family (\$150 a year per family) and others (\$300 a year per family), which provides access to the facilities and our free programs, like Bocce, Mahjonn, Pick-Up Volleyball/Basketball, and Boot Camps. Additionally, there is an option for a single individual membership for \$50 a year that provides access to only the activities. Special programs, like our CYO Sports, Music Classes, Fencing, Zumba, and the upcoming indoor Pickleball, have additional fees based on the activity. All participants must sign the Membership Agreement and will be provided a fob for access to the facility.

Finish the Church Goal: \$1.8 Million
Gifts from 12/1/19: \$10,191.00
Total Gifts as of 12/1/19: \$512,840.40
Percentage of Goal Achieved Already: 28.5%



**A Capital Campaign for
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church**



The Arimathean Ministry

Before I moved to Naples twenty-five years ago, I volunteered at our local Hospice and received grief support training. Our founding Pastor, Father Tom Glackin, learned that I was the daughter of funeral directors and was familiar with death and the grief that follows. He encouraged me to develop a Bereavement Ministry for St. John's. I was already a member of the team of women who served lunch after a funeral. From that group I recruited Pam Giles and Rita Spagnola to help me in facilitating grief support sessions for our grieving parishioners.

While attending the diocesan training for grief support facilitators, I learned about a group called the ARIMATHEANS. These were men and women who attended funeral Masses to extend compassion and consolation to grieving families and friends. With Father Tom's permission, I started a parish Arimathean Ministry named after Joseph of Arimathea who offered his tomb for the burial of Jesus.

The blessings offered to those who become ARIMATHEANS are twofold: you receive the graces of attending Mass and of performing a Corporal Work of Mercy – by giving comfort to the bereaved.

There are no meetings or dues or monetary expenses. Seasonal residents are welcome. It is a wonderful ministry for couples. Come join us, and recruit a friend to come with you. To join us or to find out more about the ARIMATHEANS, please contact Ann Petrillo (gapetrillo41@gmail.com, 239-248-2189) or Toni Biordi (charlieandtoni@att.net, 239-494-7504).

~By Dee Donnelly



Kevin Williams and the Jamaica Choir Coming to St. John's in February

On the weekend of February 21 through February 24, 2020, the Jamaica Outreach Program (JOP) will sponsor a visit by Kevin Williams and his Jamaica choir to our parish. The choir visits our parish annually as an expression of gratitude for the support Saint John the Evangelist parishioners have extended for over 20 years to their fellow Jamaicans who have the very least. And, once again, the JOP will be asking for volunteer hosts to accommodate lodging for Kevin and choir members.

Some members of the choir are presently studying at the college level. Other members are gainfully employed in Jamaica and use their vacation days to enable them to visit St. John's for this annual event. Kevin is a mathematics professor at a university in Jamaica and a well known cantor in Jamaica.

Hosting involves providing lodging and some meals, as well as local transport to church on the weekend. From all reports, hosts receive as much as they give when extending warm welcomes to their Jamaican guests. If you are moved to open your home to one or two Jamaicans in February, please contact Martha Mador for further details at marthamador275@gmail.com. Please include your phone number.



Gospel Reflections with Father Tom

All three readings of today's Mass have comforting words. In the first reading, Isaiah says: "Courage! Do not be afraid." In the second reading, St. James says: "Be patient! Do not lose heart." And in the Gospel, we have the lovely words of Jesus to his cousin, John: "Happy is the person who does not lose faith in me."

John's situation was a grim one. He was locked up in a dark dungeon with the threat of death hanging over him. His faith was being severely tested. He needed reassurance and comforting. No doubt Jesus' words were a source of comfort and strength to John.

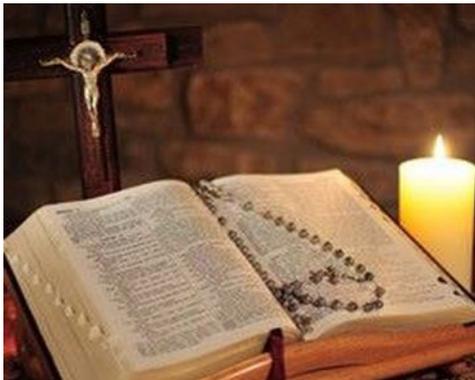
The comforting words of today's readings are addressed to us now. And we need to take them in because, at times, we, too, can find ourselves in dark situations.

We might be going along nicely but then a storm suddenly hits us: unemployment, a serious illness, a death in the family ... These kinds of things shatter our faith in the right order of things and even in God. At times like these, may we hear the words of Isaiah: "Courage! Do not be afraid."

John the Baptist was a holy, God-fearing man, yet he ended up in a dungeon under sentence of death. We can do our best, but things may still go wrong. We feel let down by God. We doubt His love for us and perhaps even His existence. At times like these, may we hear the words of Jesus: "Blessed is the person who does not lose faith in me."

Modern life is becoming increasingly stressful. Christmas brings added work and more stress. Some people can feel overwhelmed, and wonder if they will be able to cope. In times like these, may we hear the words of Isaiah: "Courage! Do not be afraid." Death constitutes the severest test of all for our faith. We live our lives in the shadow of death. That all of us, but especially those who have recently lost a loved one, and who stand in darkness and in the shadow of death, may hear the words of Jesus: "Blessed is the person who does not lose faith in me."

At times we are bewildered by some of the things that are happening in our world: tragedies, wars, famines, genocide ... We feel numbed and powerless, and we wonder where God is, and why He doesn't intervene. In the midst of our bewilderment, may we hear the words of Jesus: "Blessed is the person who does not lose faith in me."



Some parents have seen their children give up the practice of the faith, in spite of having given them encouragement and good example. For them it's a great pain and a great sadness. May these parents hear the words of St. James: "Be patient! Do not lose heart."

Advent, with its wonderful promises of a new world, takes us on a trip to a place called hope. If things and people were perfect, hope would not be needed. Hope is required precisely because we live in an imperfect world.



Thank You for Supporting Our Collier County Teen Moms

A special thanks to everyone who supported our efforts to make special baskets for our teen moms in Collier County who are working on finishing high school. So many of our parishioners and families came together to support this cause. Thank you also to the sewing ministry at St. John's who provided several receiving blankets and burp cloths for the babies. The moms at the Naples Teenage Parenting Program are very grateful for our support! We wish them all the best!

Faith Formation Hospitality Volunteers Needed During Class Sessions

With our Faith Formation program continuing to welcome new families each week, we are looking for volunteers to help serve in the reception areas of the Claussen Family Center and the Parish Activities Center. Volunteers will be asked to serve from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings or 5:15-7:15 p.m. on Wednesdays of Faith Formation. Volunteers will play a key role in providing hospitality, as well as monitoring the doorways and hallways. Volunteers needing fingerprints and clearance with the Diocese of Venice should reach out to Deborah Marsh at Deb@sjecc.com. A brief orientation will be provided for all volunteers once they have clearance. Parents of children currently enrolled in Faith Formation are encouraged to help as well! If interested, please contact Natalie at Natalie@sjecc.com. We welcome any level of availability! Thank you for your consideration!

2020 Vacation Bible School – Rocky Railway! Where Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!



Save the dates and be prepared to get on board June 8th – 12th , 2020, at St. John the Evangelist!
More information coming soon!

This Week in Faith Formation ~ December 8-14, 2019

Sunday, December 15

9:30-10:45 Faith Formation Class Sessions

9:30-10:45 High School Morning Confirmation Session

9:30-10:45 Adult Faith Formation Session for Parents in Nazareth Room

6:15-7:30 p.m. High School Evening Confirmation Session

6:15-7:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation for Parents – *The Mass* – Nazareth

Wednesday, December 18

No Faith Formation
Due to Christmas Holiday

Sunday, December 22

No Faith Formation Classes
Due to Christmas Holiday



Three Advent Practices, from Bishop Robert Barron



What practically can we do during this season of waiting and vigil keeping? What are some of the practices that might incarnate for us the spirituality of the season?

How about the classically Catholic discipline of Eucharistic adoration? To spend a half hour or an hour in the presence of the Lord is not to accomplish or achieve very much, but it is a particularly rich form of spiritual waiting.

As you keep vigil before the Blessed Sacrament, bring to Christ some problem or dilemma that you have been fretting over, and then pray, “Lord, I’m waiting for you to solve this, to show me the way out, the way forward. I’ve been running, planning, worrying, but now I’m going to let you work.” Then, throughout Advent, watch attentively for signs.

Also, when you pray before the Eucharist, allow your desire for the things of God to intensify; allow your heart and soul to expand. Pray, “Lord, make me ready to receive the gifts you want to give,” or even, “Lord Jesus, surprise me.”

A second – and more offbeat – suggestion: Do a jigsaw puzzle.

Find one of those big, complex puzzles with thousands of small pieces; one that requires lots of time and plenty of patience, and make of it an Advent project. As you assemble the puzzle, think of each piece as some aspect of your life: a relationship, a loss, a failure, a great joy, an adventure, a place where you lived, something you shouldn’t have said, an act of generosity. So often, the events of our lives seem like the thousand pieces of a puzzle lying incoherently and disconnectedly before us. As you patiently put the puzzle together, meditate on the fact that God is slowly, according to his own plan and purpose, ordering the seemingly unrelated and incongruous events of our lives into a picture of great beauty.

Finally, take advantage of traffic jams and annoying lines – really anything that makes you wait. And let the truth of what 18th-century spiritual writer Jean-Pierre de Caussade said sink in: “Whatever happens to you in the course of a day, for good or ill, is an expression of God’s will.” Instead of cursing your luck, banging on the steering wheel, or rolling your eyes in frustration, see the wait as a spiritual invitation this Advent.

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Questions: Just email jack@sjecc.com or call (239) 228-3918 and leave a message. I respond promptly.

Jack Kindsvater, Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Coordinator



Information on Upcoming Music and Arts Events

Events

Open Mic Night – January 2, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. at the 5 Saints Cafe!

Adults and youth welcome! Music, comedy, poetry all welcome! Come out and support our local musicians! 7:00 p.m. at the 5 Saints Cafe! New cafe ambiance! We need an audience! Come out and support our local musicians! Free beverage for all performers!



2019-2020 Concert Series – An Evening of Pop, Rock, and Disco – Jan. 9, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. – \$30

Join our parish family for a night of pop, rock, and disco with The Gypsy Lane Band and guests, Johnny Tarangelo, and Marie Rotunda! The Gypsy Lane Band boasts former band members of The Village People, the O'Jays the Richie Family and Patti La Belle. They will rock the house, best group you will ever hear!



**Bring your family and friends and enjoy!
Register online at sjecc.com/concertseries**

Saint John's Children's Choir Updates:

Children's Choir will be singing at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass on December 24, 2019. Any child interested in joining this wonderful group is welcome! Rehearsals are in the choir room at 5:15 p.m. (before Faith Formation). Email jennine@sjecc.com for more information.



Paint and Wine Night – Jan. 30, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. – \$20

Register online now for our next Paint and Wine night! \$20 includes all your supplies and a beverage. 6:30 p.m. at the 5 Saints Cafe!

Calling all Shepherds and Angels!

It's that time of year again where we need all the children of the parish to come together again for our Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. Mass Nativity! Rehearsals will be on December 19, at 6:00 p.m. and December 23, at 6:00 p.m. in the church. Email Jennine Burkwit at jennine@sjecc.com with your child's name, age, and role they are interested in.



Join us for our next Encounter on the Mountain: A Holy Hour of Praise and Adoration

Thursday, January 23, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Our 5:00 p.m. Mass band, Rise, will play beautiful worship music during this powerful holy hour with confessions available throughout the night and a reflection.



Classes

**CYO February 2020 Classes
begin February 22nd! Register
by Wednesday, February 19th, to
ensure your class is offered! (see
CAO Newsletter for Adult classes)**

Beginner Piano Class – Saturdays @ 11:00 a.m. – Nazareth North – \$100 – eight-week session

Intermediate Piano Class – Saturdays @ 10:00 a.m. – Nazareth North – \$100 – eight-week session

Guitar Class – Saturdays @ Noon – Nazareth North – \$100 – eight-week session

Voice/Cantor Class – Tuesdays @ 5:00 p.m. or Fridays @ 4:30 p.m. – Music Room – \$100 – eight-week session

Acting/Theatre Class – Saturdays @ 10:00 a.m. – Alexandria Room – \$100 – eight-week session

Painting Class – Mondays @ 5:00 p.m. – Nazareth North – \$150 – eight-week session

Private lessons available for guitar, piano, and voice!

**Email Jennine at jennine@sjecc.com
for more information about any of
our Music and Arts programs.**

Polish Dinner Dance



Polish Dinner Dance

Tickets Now on Sale!

Saturday, January 25, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

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Bar Tickets are \$1 soda, \$3 beer or wine, \$5 mixed drink

Buy tickets online at <https://saintjohntheevangelist.com/events/2020-polish-dinner-dance>
or contact Carol Roberts 239-272-2212 (call or text) • momoftwinsmandm@aol.com (email)

Thanksgiving Sale and Christmas Gifts Available at the Divine Gift Boutique!

All Thanksgiving and Fall gifts are 80% off! We also offer a variety of religious Advent and Christmas gifts. We look forward to serving you this Christmas season!



Thanksgiving in the Park



2019 Thanksgiving in the Park Feeds Over 2,200

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Donahue Academy

**10th Annual Sunshine Steak Cook-Off
Saturday, January 25, 2020**

Grill Team Registration is Open!

Register Online at:
www.sunshinesteakcookoff.com

Deadline for registration – December 15th

Grand Champion –
Sunshine State Trophy & \$2000

1st Runner Up – Trophy & \$1000

2nd Runner Up – Trophy & \$500

3rd Runner Up – Trophy & \$300

4th Runner Up – Trophy & \$150



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Weekly Calendar: Dec. 15-22



Sunday, December 15

7:30 a.m. – Mornings for Men in the 5 Saints Cafe
9:30 a.m. – Bishop Fulton J. Sheen in Nazareth North
9:30 a.m. Faith Formation Sessions
9:30 a.m. High School Morning Confirmation Session
6:15 p.m. – *The Mass* in Nazareth North
6:15 p.m. – High School Evening Confirmation Session

Monday, December 16

No Events

Tuesday, December 17

9:00 a.m. – Zumba in the Gym
6:30 p.m. – Becoming Catholic in Antioch
7:00 p.m. – Pick-Up Basketball in the Gym

Wednesday, December 18

9:30 a.m. – Golden Fitness in the Gym
6:00 p.m. – Bootcamp in the PFLC Boneyard
7:00 p.m. – Pick-Up Volleyball in the Gym

Thursday, December 19

9:30 a.m. – Women of the Word in the Alexandria Room
6:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Children's Nativity Rehearsals in the Church
6:30 p.m. – Bible Timeline in the Claussen Center Library

Friday, December 20

6:00 p.m. – Happy Hour in the 5 Saints Cafe

Saturday, December 21

9:00 a.m. – Bootcamp in the PFLC Boneyard
9:00 a.m. – Bocce in the Bocce Courts

Sunday, December 22

No Events





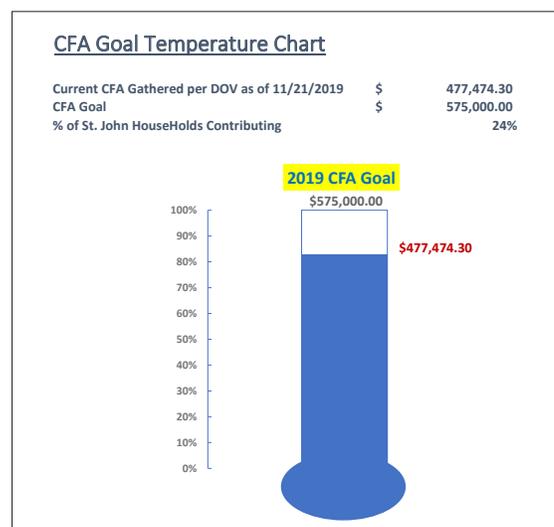
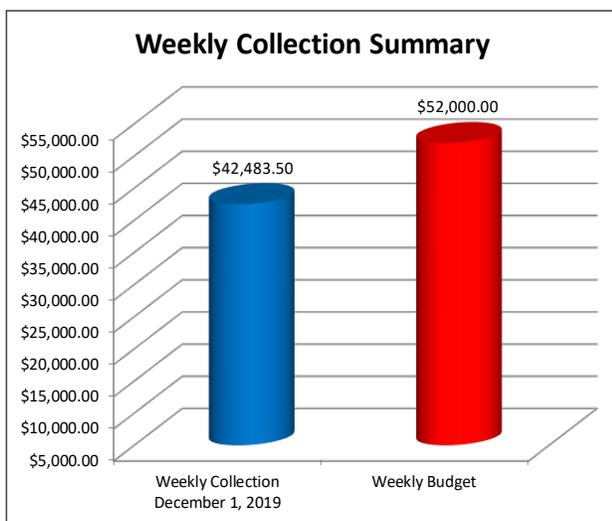
Hymns for the Third Sunday of Advent December 14 and 15, 2019

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Preparation Hymns:	82	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
	39	Come, Thou Long expected Jesus
Communion Hymns:	366	See Us Lord About Your Altar
	71	Creator of the Stars of Night
Closing Hymn:	40	People Look East (<i>Verses 1 and 3</i>)

Choral Anthems at 9:00 a.m. Mass

Prelude:	Shout for Joy (Johnson)
Offeratory:	Prepare the Way of the Lord (Larson)

Our Adult Choir Will Sing Next Sunday, December 22nd at the 11:00 a.m. Mass



Advent/Christmas Music Worship Aid

Mass of Divine Promise



Kyrie eleison (Lord Have Mercy)

Based on 'Conditor Alme Siderum' (Creator of the Stars of Night)

Gary Prettyman

Cantor *Cong.*

Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.
 Lord - have mer - cy. Lord - have mer - cy.

Cantor *Cong.*

Chri - ste e - le - i - son. - Chri - ste e - le - i - son. -
 Christ - have mer - cy. - Christ - have mer - cy. -

Cantor *Cong.*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,
 Lord - have mer - cy. Lord - have mer - cy.

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Sanctus (Holy)

Based on 'Veni, Veni Emmanuel' (O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)

Gary Prettyman

1 Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Hea - ven and earth are

4 full of Your glo - ry. Hea - ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho -

7 san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

11 Bless-ed is He - who comes, who comes - in the name of the Lord. Ho -

15 san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -

17 san-na in the high - est, ho - san - na, ho-san - na

20 in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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Mystery of Faith #2

When We Eat This Bread and Drink this Cup

Based on 'Conditor Alme Siderum' (Creator of the Stars of Night)

Gary & Terri Prettyman

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim - Your
4 death, O Lord, un - til You come a - gain.

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Amen

Based on 'Veni, Veni Emmanuel' (O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)

Gary Prettyman

A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men!

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A Prayer for World Peace

Dear God, thank You for all creation.

In the spirit of Jesus of Nazareth and all teachers of peace who inspire the many faith traditions,

help me and all the people of the world

learn how to replace hate, war, oppression, and division

with love, peace, freedom, and reconciliation.

Help me to embody Your love in my relationships

with my family, friends, strangers – even my enemies.

I commit myself to this sacred task throughout my life.

So let it be. Amen.





5:00 p.m. Mass Music Worship Aid – Sunday, December 15, 2019 The Third Sunday of Advent

Opening Song 545 Sing a New Song Dan Schutte

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Verses

1. With one voice the an - gels sing
2. God the Fa - ther, El - o - him,
3. God of Cov - e - nant, di - vine,
4. Now sal - va - tion has _____ come

1. songs that make cre - a - tion ring.
2. voice of thun - der, spir - it, wind:
3. lead us to the end of time,
4. in the New Je - ru - sa - lem.

1. Proph - ets hear and call us to
2. breathe on me your ver - y life;
3. be - yond sor - row, be - yond fear,
4. Danc - ers dance and sing - ers roar; pro -

1. live in spir - it and in truth. (to Verse 2)
2. grace will make the dark-ness bright.
3. be - yond pride and earth - en tears.
4. claim - ing Je - sus Christ is Lord!

Refrain

Word of God, en - throned, dwell in us for - ev - er -

more. Love has come to show the way.

Hal - le - lu - jah, peace be with

us. Love has come to show the way.

Great Amen • 21A Agnus Dei • 24A

Mass Music Aid



Communion Song **This Is Jesus** **Jim Cowan** CCLI Song No. 2185286. © 1987 International Liturgy Publications. All rights reserved. CCLI License No. 2008891.

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!

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!

This is Je - sus, Em - man - u - el; God is
with us in this sac - ra - ment. Come re - ceive Him, a -
dore Him; This is Je - sus, our Lord.

Communion Song **We Fall Down** **Chris Tomlin** CCLI Song No. 2437367. © 1998 worshiptogether.com songs. All rights Reserved. CCLI License No. 2008891.

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Je - sus. The great - ness of
mercy and love at the feet of Je - sus. And we cry ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, and we cry
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, and we cry ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lamb.

Closing Song **Just Like You** **Matt Maher** CCLI Song No. 4510938. © 2000 spiritandsong.com. Matt Maher. For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights Reserved. www.ccli.com. CCLI License No. 2008891

Verse 1)
Revive my heart, renew my soul In you,
O Lord, I am made whole! No more in
fear will I wander, 'Cause you're my
God, my Lord, and Lover.

Verse 2)
Oh lift me up, God my Father, In all this
world, there is no other! I'm dancing in
your holy presence, and your glory fills
all my senses!

Chorus)
Like a burning fire, be my one desire.
I want to be holy just like you. I want
to go where you lead me to. With
reckless abandon to your truth, I want
to fall deeper in love with you.

Events and Information



Help Wanted

- Encounter on the Mountain – A Night of Praise and Adoration is in need of volunteers to form a ministry to take over for our NET team responsibilities during the event. From setting up candles, to handing out worship aids, to door greeters, to prayer teams, and confession line organizer... we need your help! There are only five nights a year making this the perfect volunteer opportunity for someone with a busy schedule. These night are very impacting to our parish family and community. Please email our Artistic Director, Jennine Burkwit with any interest.
- We are in need of children to partake and serve in our Children's Choir Ministry. Please come to our rehearsals at 5:15 p.m. in the choir room.

Bereavement Group

The Bereavement Group is a peer support group for those individuals experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one. It will be co-led by a professional mental health counselor and a peer mentor. The group will be held weekly on Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 from 1/28 through 3/10. Please call Geri Poletti at 455-2655 at Catholic Charities to register.

Get Started with Boot Camp to Kick in Your New Year's Resolution – Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

We are continuing to provide Boot Camps for free as part of the Pulte Family Life Center membership to assist all our Parish Family and the larger community with their health: body, mind, soul, and spirit. The Boot Camp instructors tailor their programs to all capabilities and participants. Please join us every Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. and every Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.

