St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Naples, Florida

October 25, 2026





The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

A Prayer for World Peace

Dear God, thank You for all creation. In the Spirit of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, 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.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

Parish Information

Mass Times

Monday-Friday: 8:30am (livestreamed) and Wednesday 5:30 pm

Saturday: 8:30am, 3:00pm (livestreamed), 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am (livestreamed), 11:00am (livestreamed), 1:00pm, and 5:00pm

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 9:00am and 2:00-2:45pm

OFFICE INFORMATION

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Religious Gift Shop Hours

Wednesday & Friday: 9:00am-1:00pm
Saturday: 1:30pm - 6:15pm; Sunday: 8:30am - 1:00pm

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Calendar and Mass Readings

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 25
7:00am Mass (Church)
9:00am Mass (Church)
9:30am K-8 Faith Formation (PAC & Claussen)
11:00am Mass(Church)
1:00pm Mass (Church)
5:00pm Mass (Church)

Monday, October 26
8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
6:00pm OCIA (Claussen)
6:00pm Trivia (Cafe)
6:00pm Young Adult Sports (Pulte Gym)

Tuesday, October 27
8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
9:30am She Shall be Called Woman (Claussen)
12:00pm Bible Timeline (Claussen)
6:00pm She Shall be Called Woman (Claussen)
6:30pm Legion of Mary (PAC rooms 11&12)

Wednesday, October 28
8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
9:00am Parish Breakfast (Pulte Cafe)
5:00pm K-8 Faith Formation (PAC & Claussen)
5:30pm Daily Mass (Church)
6:00pm Pews to Pasta (Pulte Cafe)
6:30pm High School Life Night (Library)
6:30pm Young Adult Holy Huddle (Claussen)

Thursday, October 29
7:30am Men's Bible Study (Nazareth)
8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
9:00am Faith Chat (PAC-Classroom 8)
6:30pm Young Adult Group (Alexandria)

Friday, October 30
8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
6:00pm Trunk or Treat (Pulte Parking Lot)

Saturday, October 31
7:00am TMIY (Pulte Cafe)
8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
3:00pm Vigil Mass (Church)
5:00pm Vigil Mass (Church)

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

SAFE ENVIRONMENT POLICY

The Diocese of Venice states that, "all employees, covered volunteers and religious brothers and sisters must be electronically fingerprinted. Eligibility for employment/ volunteer work/ministry will be contingent and conditioned upon a satisfactory background investigation. A reasonable effort shall be made to update the criminal history background information every five (5) years".

The Diocese classifies a covered volunteer as "any unpaid adult person engaged or involved in a Diocesan activity in which he/she is entrusted with the care and supervision of children or allowed unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults" (e.g. when screened personnel are not present).

St. John the Evangelist also requires the following volunteers to go through the background screening process (through fingerprinting):

- Volunteers who handle cash, credit cards, and other financial transactions
- Volunteers who are entrusted with confidential information, such as donor records and parish registration forms
- Volunteers who serve, distribute, and administer the Holy Eucharist

Report any abuse against minors to the Florida Department of Children and Families at 800-962-2873. If Diocesan personnel or volunteers are involved, also notify the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Susan Benton: 941-416-6114.

All Hallows' Eve



Sacraments

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Baptism: The Diocese requires that parents seeking baptism for their child attend a baptism preparation class. To schedule a baptism class, please call the office at (239) 566-8740.

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. John the Evangelist offers the healing sacrament of Reconciliation in the Church confessionals on Saturday at 9:00 a.m.and 2:00-2:45 p.m.

RECEIVING COMMUNION AT HOME

If you or a loved one is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the Parish Office at 239.566.8740

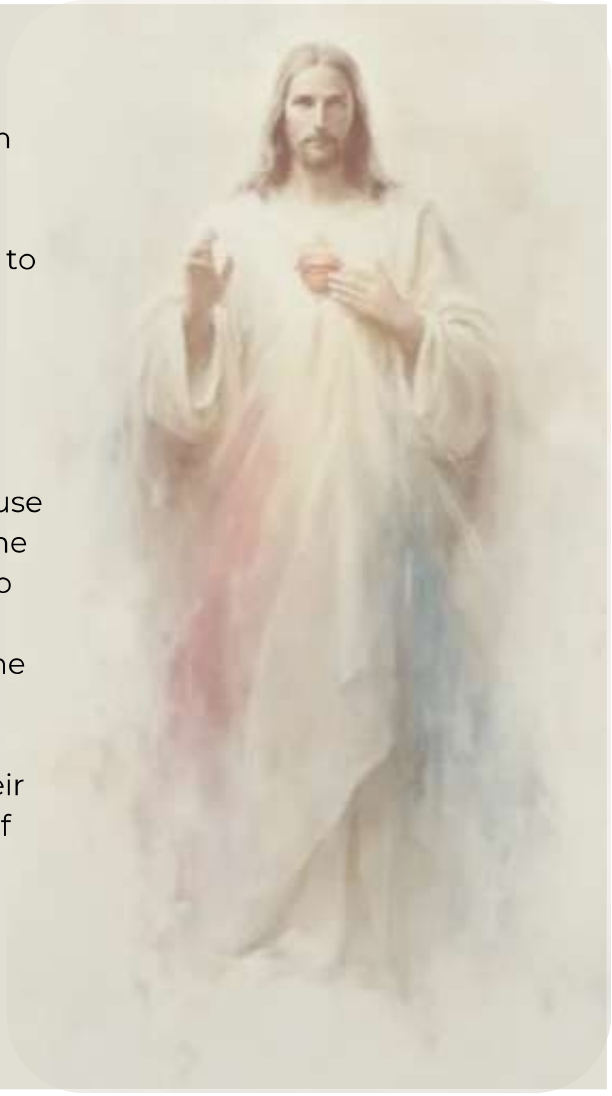
Weekly Divine Mercy Reflection

Reflection 86: Melting the Hardest of Hearts

Imagine a large block of ice. Now imagine that there is a precious coin in the middle of that block. In order to obtain that coin, the block must melt away. So it can be with our hearts. Some hearts have become so hardened over time that there seems little chance of melting them away so as to bring forth the true value and dignity of that person. But Jesus is a radiant Sun whose rays shine forth with great intensity. Within His continual presence, even the hardest hearts will melt away (See Diary #370).

Do you know someone whom you have “written off” because of their continual hardness of heart? Do you know someone who appears to be unwilling to change, year after year? Do not lose hope. Know that if you continually act as a prism through which the grace and Mercy of God shines, even the hardest heart can be touched.

Lord, I pray, today, for those who are most hardened in their sins. You know the hearts of all and You know the minds of all. Please lead me to those in most need of Your Divine Mercy and use me as a channel of Your glorious and warming grace. Jesus, I trust in You.





Why You Should Register as a Catholic Parishioner

Registering as a parishioner is a way to affirm your Catholic identity, ensure you receive the full pastoral care of the Church, stay connected to your faith community, and contribute to the life and mission of the parish. It's both a practical and spiritual step in living out your faith.

1. Formal Membership and Pastoral Care
A parish is a stable community of the faithful entrusted to a parish priest under the Bishop's authority. Registering ensures the pastor and parish staff know you are under their pastoral care, so you can receive daily prayers, sacraments, spiritual guidance, and formation.

2. Access to Sacraments and Spiritual Support
Being registered allows you to be properly prepared for sacraments like Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, and Anointing of the Sick. It also ensures you can be reached in case of illness or emergencies.

3. Communication and Community Involvement
Registration enables the parish to send you mailings and announcements. It also helps you participate in parish activities, ministries, and events, fostering a sense of belonging.

4. Accountability and Faithfulness
The Church expects practicing Catholics to be registered and to follow the precepts: attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, receiving the sacraments regularly, confessing serious sin, observing fasts and abstinences, and supporting the Church financially. Registration helps track these commitments.

5. Parish Planning and Resources
Parishes use registration data for diocesan censuses, which can affect staffing, program allocation, and other resources. Your registration helps the parish plan for its future

6. Commitment to the "Pilgrim People"
The term parish comes from the Greek paroikia, meaning "pilgrim people" — a community on a journey of faith toward God's Kingdom. Registering is a public sign of your desire to walk that journey together with the parish community

To register with St. John the Evangelist Church: visit https://sjecc.org/forms/parish-registration, visit the Parish Office, or scan the QR code

Adoration

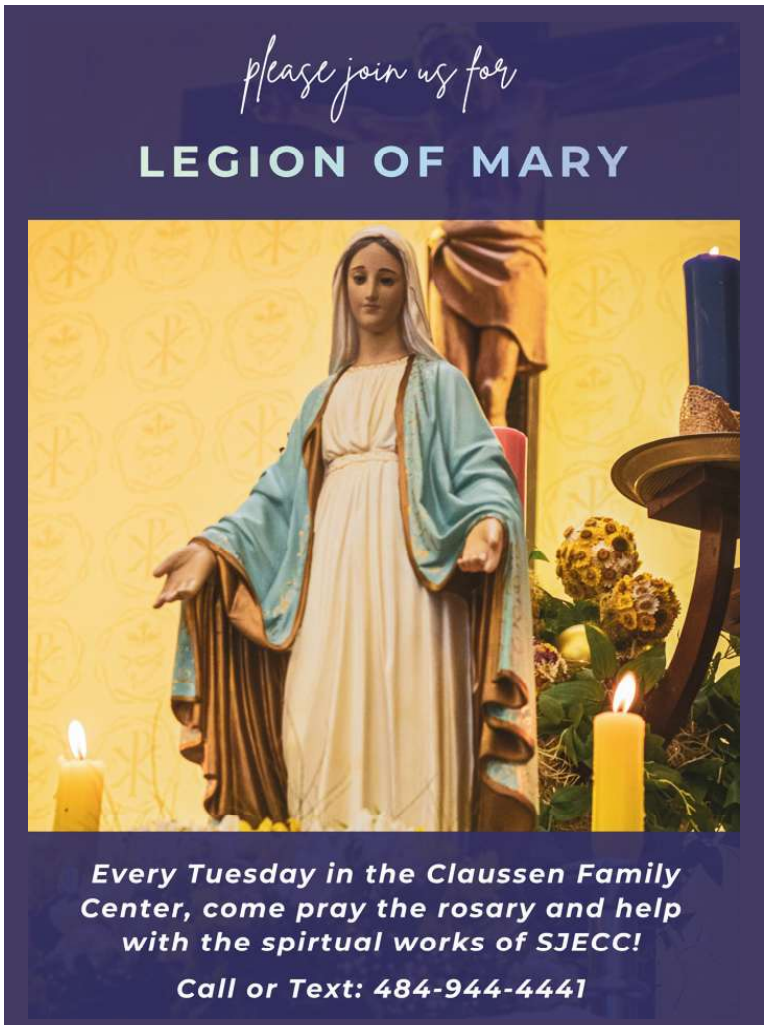


Join us for adoration with benediction on the First Friday of every month at 6:00 pm and on the First Saturday of every month after the 8:30 am Mass in the Church

Visit our Adoration Chapel on the left side of the Church. For more information, please contact the Parish Office

Marian Devotion





Jubilee Year of St. Francis



The Year of St. Francis will be realized in the Diocese of Venice in a particular way, as the Diocese is blessed to have a Parish named for this saint. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Grove City, located at 5265 Placida Road, has been designated by Bishop Frank J. Dewane as a Jubilee site, and will be welcoming pilgrims throughout the Jubilee Year for Mass, visits, and special events and activities.

The Church Sanctuary and Poor Clare Adoration Chapel will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays to welcome pilgrims, and at other times by arrangement.
https://www.sfoachurch.com

Find Chiara



Our Faith Formation Students are learning about Blessed Chiara Badano. Each week in the bulletin, an illustrated version of Blessed Chiara is hidden. When you locate her, say a prayer for her canonization. Learn more about her selfless life; she is an amazing example for all of us.

Last week she was on page 35 in the Trunk or Treat ad.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greeting:

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**
Priest: The Lord be with you. (*or another greeting*)
People: **And with your spirit.**

Penitential Act (Confiteor and/or Kyrie):

A) All: **I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

B) Priest: Lord, have mercy. People: **Lord, have mercy.**
Priest: Christ, have mercy. People: **Christ, have mercy.**
Priest: Lord, have mercy. People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Gloria (an ancient hymn of praise):

All: **Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Response after the First and Second Readings:

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

Dialogue before the Gospel Proclamation:

Cantor: Alleluia! (*sung*) People: **Alleluia!**
Priest: The Lord be with you. People: **And with your spirit.**
Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to _____.
People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the Gospel Proclamation:

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord. People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed; or the Apostles Creed may also be recited):

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer / Prayer of the Faithful:

Lector: …let us pray to the Lord. People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Table / Presentation of the Gifts (first part may be done silently):

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness… (2x)
People: **Blessed be God for ever.**
Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
People: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,**
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

Acclamations during the Eucharistic Prayer:

Preface Dialogue:

Priest: The Lord be with you. People: **And with your spirit.**
Priest: Lift up your hearts. People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. People: **It is right and just.**

Sanctus:

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Mystery of Faith:

Priest: The mystery of faith:

People: A – **We proclaim your death, O Lord,**
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.
B – **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,**
we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.
C – **Save us, Savior of the world,**
for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

Great Amen:

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.** (*may be sung more than once*)

COMMUNION RITE

Lord's Prayer:

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;**
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,…

All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

Sign of Peace:

Priest: The Peace of the Lord be with you always. All: **And with your spirit.**

Breaking of the Bread:

All: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Preparation for Communion:

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,**
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Reception of Communion:

Minister: The Body of Christ. Communicant: **Amen.**

Minister: The Blood of Christ. Communicant: **Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITE

Blessing & Dismissal:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: Go in peace. (*or another longer formulation*)

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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Readings for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1
Exodus 22:20-26

Thus says the LORD:
"You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans.
"If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body. What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.
I love you, O LORD, my strength,
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.
R. I love you, Lord, my strength.
My God, my rock of refuge,
my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!
Praised be the LORD, I exclaim,
and I am safe from my enemies.
R. I love you, Lord, my strength.
The LORD lives and blessed be my rock!
Extolled be God my savior.
You who gave great victories to your king
and showed kindness to your anointed.
R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

Reading 2
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Brothers and sisters: You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

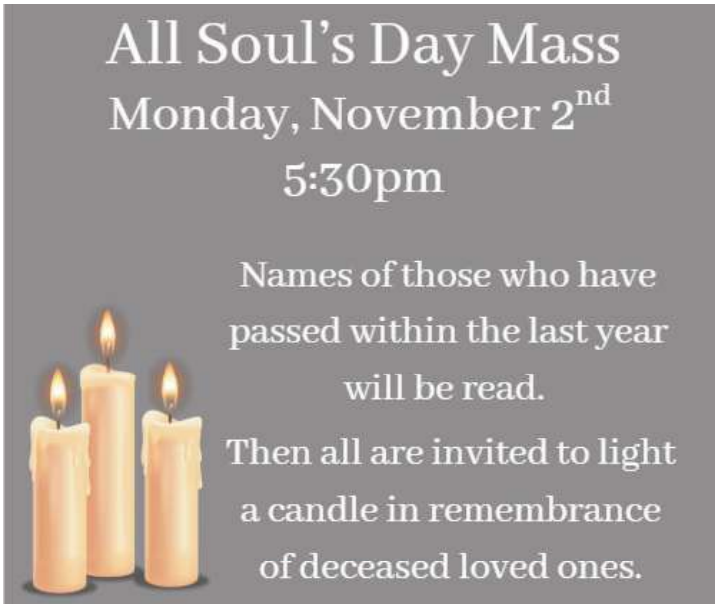
Alleluia
John 14:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

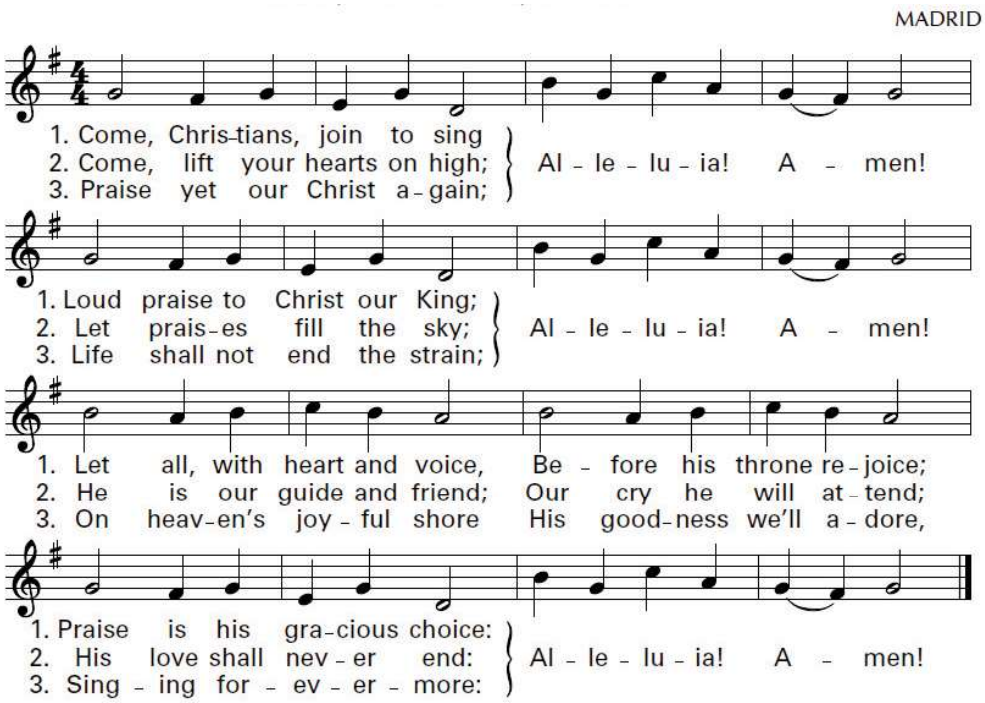
Gospel
Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"
He said to him,
"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

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Come, Christians, Join to Sing

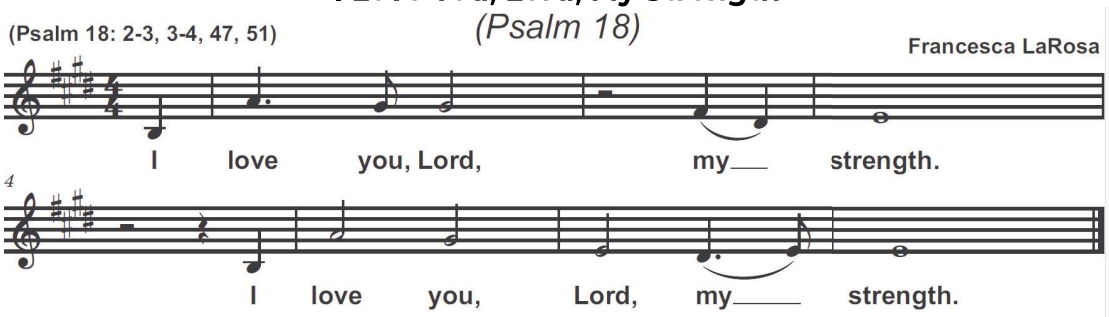


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I Love You, Lord, My Strength

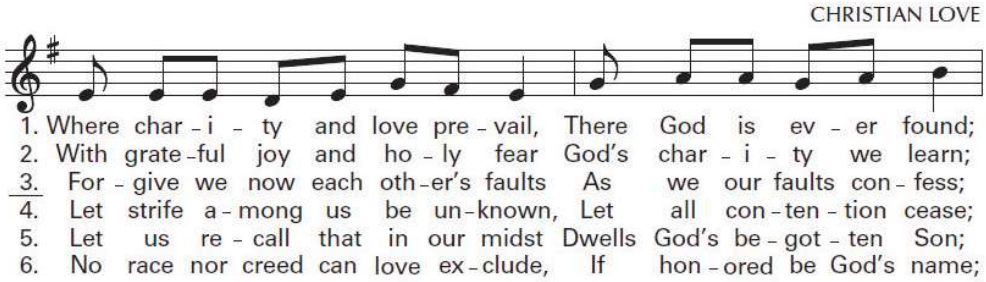
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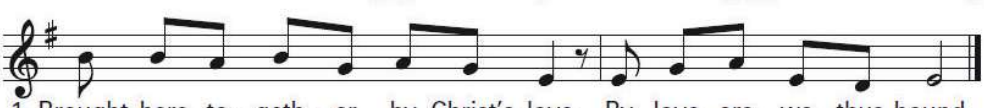
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Where Charity and Love Prevail



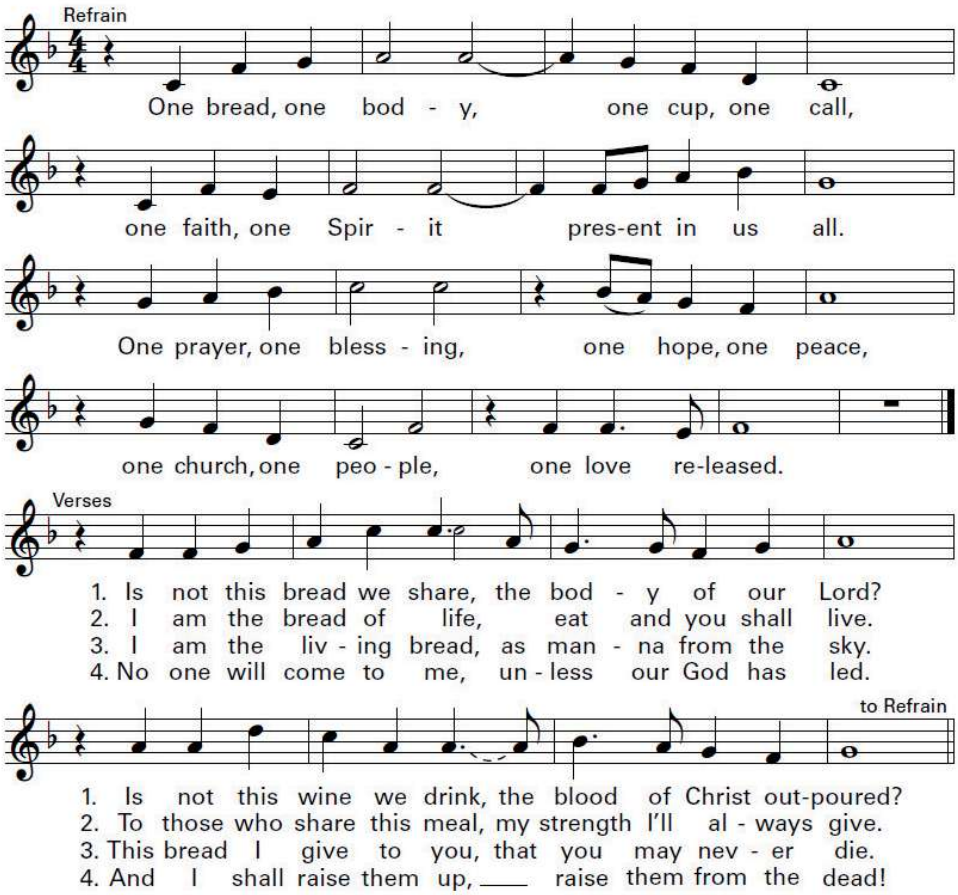


1. Brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, By love are we thus bound.
2. Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love God in re - turn.
3. And let us love each oth - er well In Chris-tian ho - li - ness.
4. Be God's the glo - ry that we seek, Be ours God's ho - ly peace.
5. As mem-bers of his bod - y joined, We are in Christ made one.
6. Our fam - i - ly em-brac - es all Whose Fa - ther is the same.

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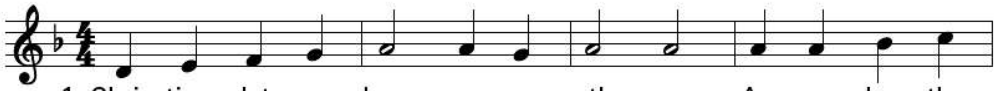
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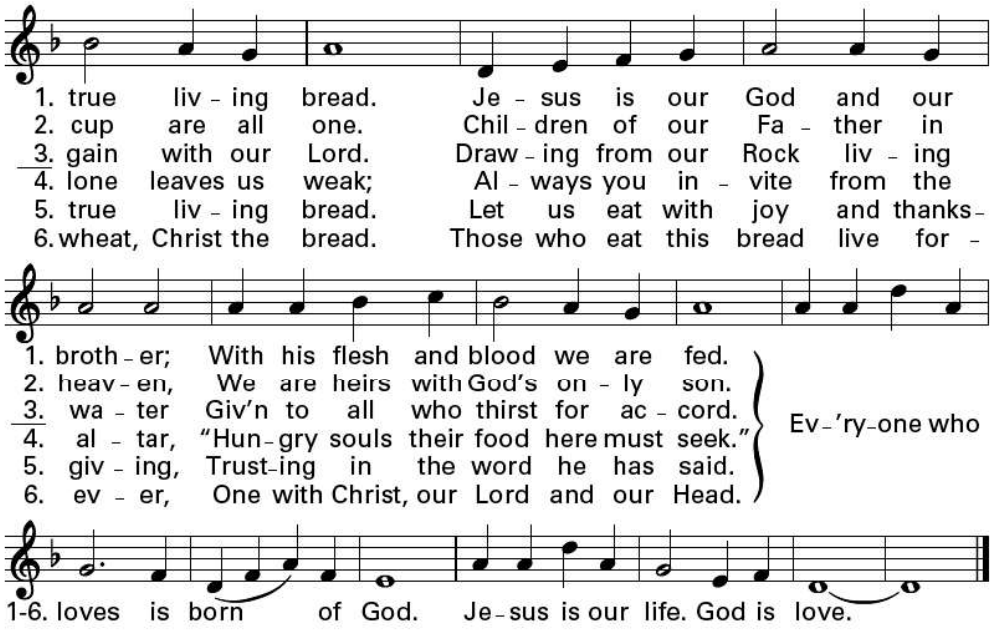
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Christians, Let Us Love One Another

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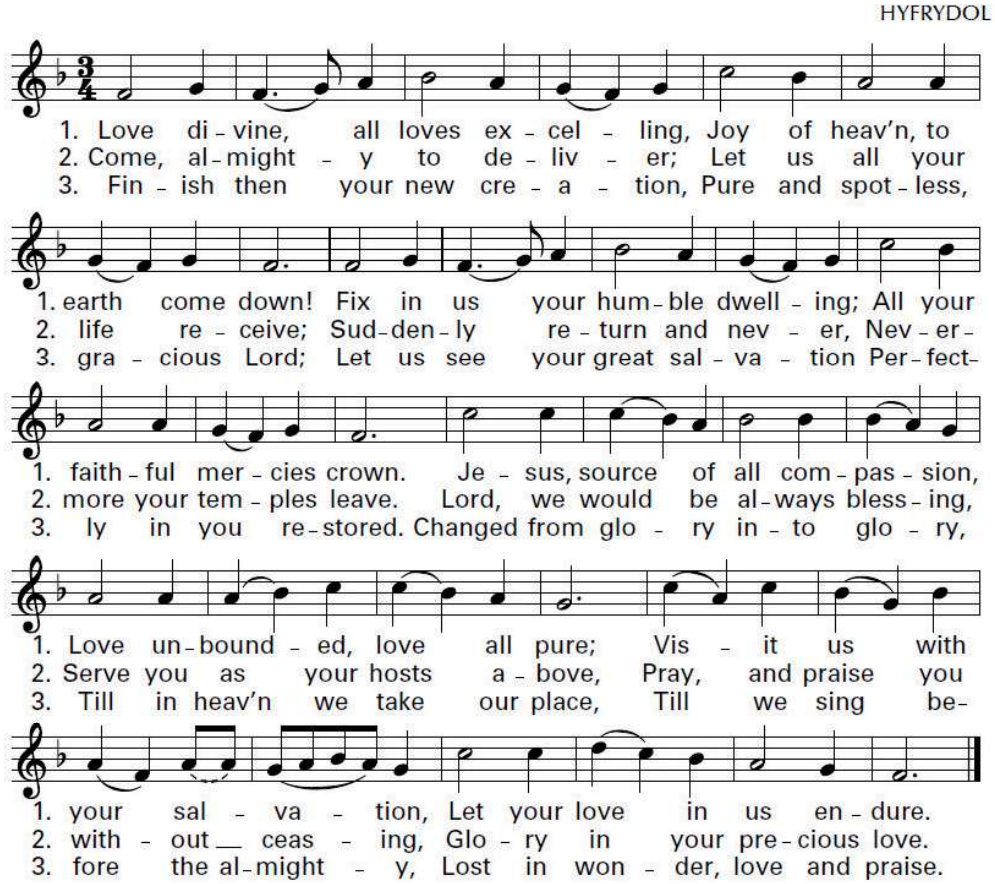


1. Chris-tians, let us love one an - oth - er, As we share the
2. We who break this bread are one bod - y, We who share this
3. We who eat and drink at this ta - ble Die and rise a -
4. On the path of life we may fal - ter, Earth-ly food a -
5. Wheat and grape in - car - nate a mys - t'ry: Je - sus is the
6. Je - sus is the vine, we the branch - es; We are grains of



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Music: French Carol, 17th cent.; *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



Text: 87 87 D; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

DONATE THE EASY WAY WITH ONLINE GIVING

Your weekly contributions to St. John the Evangelist help us in our continued efforts to bring Christ to our parishioners and the community and to make a difference in the lives of so many. Scan below to get started.

If you would like to switch to online giving, please call Karen Beebe 239.566.8740.

WE NOW ACCEPT ONLINE PAYMENTS MADE BY:

- PayPal
- Venmo
- ACH (Bank Account)
- Credit/Debit Card

Scan Here

If you currently give online and would like to STOP receiving offertory envelopes, please contact Rachael Jensen in the Main Office: 239.566.8740 or rachael@sjecc.com

DONATION REMINDERS

Please review the guidelines below to help streamline the counting process for our volunteers.

Offertory

Our collections are taken at the end of Mass at all exits of the Church. We ask that you use your weekly envelope and write your envelope number on the memo line of your check. Make the check payable to **St. John the Evangelist.** *We cannot accept checks made payable to CASH.*

St. Vincent de Paul

Make check payable to **St. Vincent de Paul**

Jamaica Outreach Program

Make check payable to **JOP**

Beginning 3/1/26, online donations to JOP will need to be made directly to JOP via the following link: https://jamaicaoutreach.org/give/. Existing automatic donations to JOP will be terminated as of 3/1/26. Contact Karen Beebe with any questions 239.228.3903

**Only donations by St. John the Evangelist registered parishioners will be tracked. Additionally, if you are not an SJECC registered parishioner, you will not receive a year-end tax statement.*

BENEFITS OF ONLINE GIVING

Convenience: Schedule automatic, recurring withdrawals to align with your personal budget and pay periods. No more worrying about missed envelopes while traveling or sick

Rewards & Flexibility: Use credit or debit cards to earn perks like cash back or airline miles.

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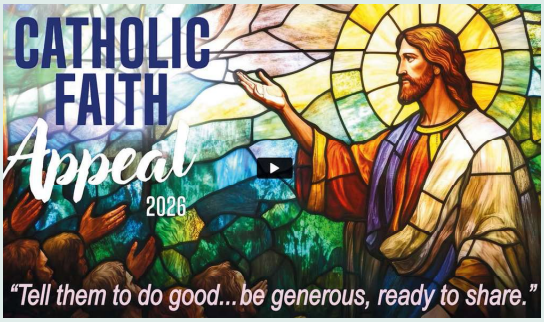
Full Transparency: Easily access, print, and view your complete giving history online

Consistent Support: Recurring donations provide a steady, reliable stream of revenue throughout the year, which drastically improves accurate budgeting for daily operations and ministries

Reduced Labor: Minimizes the time and volunteer resources required to count physical cash, manually fill out ledgers, or process paper checks

Wider Reach: Convenient for the tech-savvy demographic that typically carries less physical cash and prefers digital transactions.

Catholic Faith Appeal



Reaching our CFA goal is a wonderful accomplishment and we are so blessed to have such generous donors. And now that we have reached our goal, we have the opportunity to help our Diocese and our own parish even more!! Anything we collect over our goal, up to 25% over goal, comes back to our parish to support our ministries and programs. For anything over the 125% goal, half of that comes back to the parish and the other half supports a Diocesan school, entity, or project of our choice. This is amazing! If you haven't given in the past, we ask that you please consider giving this year.

Because we have had great success with our appeals in past years, we have been able to support and grow our own ministries and programs, such as Faith Formation, the Young Adult ministry, Grandparent Support, Legion of Mary, Couples Night Out, and more!

Scan to Donate

Goal: $650,000

Pledged: $887, 521

136.54% to goal

12.87% of households participating

Around the Diocese

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR BEREAVED PARENTS

October 30, 31 & November 1, 2026

RETREAT FOR GRIEVING PARENTS
WALKING WITH JESUS

This Catholic faith-based retreat offers grieving parents a space of peace, comfort, and hope, where they can also find support within a community that shares their journey.

Shared room: $150 per person
Private room: $250

Retreat House: Our Lady of Perpetual Help
3989 S. Moon Drive- Venice, FL 34292

To register, scan the QR code or visit:
https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/2026-bereaved-parents-weekend-retreat
For more information, please contact:
Lisa Dahn: (239) 961-1161 or lgdahn@gmail.com
Jim Gontis: (941) 486-4754 or gontis@dioceseofvenice.org

DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

"There Is Hope"

BEREAVEMENT OUTREACH



"THERE IS HOPE"
COPING WITH THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

with Deacon Henry deMena

The Office of Family Life is hosting Bereavement Retreats in various parishes throughout the Diocese of Venice focusing on coping with the death of a loved one during the holidays.

This Catholic (faith-based) retreat offers a safe place to seek peace and comfort, and will be led by Deacon Henry deMena.

Deacon Henry holds a Master's degree in counseling with extensive training and experience in Bereavement.

**Complimentary Breakfast, Lunch, & Refreshments provided.*

DATES & LOCATIONS:

November 3, 2026
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
1301 Center Rd., Venice, FL 34292

November 4, 2026
Sacred Heart Parish
211 West Charlotte Ave., Punta Gorda, FL 33950

November 5, 2026
St. Paul the Apostle Parish
1330 E. Oak St., Arcadia, FL 34266

November 6, 2026
St. Agnes Parish
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd., Naples, FL 34120

TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

CONTACT:
Jim Gontis
Director, Department of Evangelization
(941) 486-4754
gontis@dioceseofvenice.org

REGISTER ONLINE:
https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/2026-coping-with-the-death-of-a-loved-one-during-the-holidays-

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Diocese of Venice, Inc.

UNDY SUNDAY IS BACK!

Collier County

Donate new socks and underwear for children in Collier County!

For over 30 years, our community has come together to provide elementary school children in Collier County with something every child deserves—the comfort and dignity of new socks and underwear.

Please consider donating new, unused socks and underwear in children's sizes Small, Medium, and Large, and X-Large (ages 5–14).

Help us continue this tradition of caring for children in our community.



WAYS TO GIVE

October 31, November 1, November 7

Bring new socks & underwear to Church, Drop in bins by the exit

DONATE ONLINE SCAN TO DONATE

amazon
Send an item from the Amazon Wishlist

CCDOV.ORG
Make an monetary donation to Catholic Charities



Please contact Allegra: 239-793-0059 ext.3304
abelliard@ccdov.org

Catholic Fellowship Around Naples Singles Ministry Presents:

A Night of Faith & Fellowship with Father Casey

For Catholic Singles in their 30s, 40s, & 50s

Saturday, November 7, 2026
5:30pm-8:30pm

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Center (behind the main church)
5225 Golden Gate Pkwy
Naples, FL 34116

Pizza and beverages will be provided!

Scan here for more info about our singles ministry!

Contact Jim Contis, Director of Evangelization, should you have questions about this event:
gontis@dioceseofvenice.org; (941) 486-4754

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 24, 2026			**Requested By**
8:30 AM	+	Ralph A. Caccia	Ralph and Margaret Caccia
Vigil Masses for Sunday			
3:00 PM	+	Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Leo	Janet D'Addario
5:00 PM	+	Richard Schermerhorn	Patricia Schermerhorn
Sunday, October 25, 2026			**Requested By**
7:00 AM	+	Mary Sherwood	Vincent and Ann McMullin
9:00 AM	+	Frank and Angela Connolly	Patricia Connolly Zicht
11:00 AM	SI	For Our Parishioners	
1:00 PM	+	Ed Miller	Mr. and Mrs. Tom Godlasky
5:00 PM	+	John Palmiotto, Jr	Cara Melito
Wine and Host	+	Anne and James DeCarmine	Daughter, Carol Nucci
Monday, October 26, 2026			**Requested By**
8:30 AM	+	Deborah Cortese Bowden	John Muschiatti
Tuesday, October 27, 2026			**Requested By**
8:30 AM	+	Denise Guilbert	Gail Wernes
Wednesday, October 28, 2026			**Requested By**
8:30 AM	SI	Darius Adl	Parents
5:30 PM	+	Mary Ann Pembroke	Trudy and John Potter
Thursday, October 29, 2026			**Requested By**
8:30 AM	+	Angeline and William Cornelius	Fran and William Everly
Friday, October 30, 2026			**Requested By**
8:30 AM	+	Grace and Joseph Bradley	The Bradley Family
Saturday, October 31, 2026			**Requested By**
8:30 AM	+	The Caccia Family	Ralph and Margaret Caccia
(Vigil Masses for Sunday)			
3:00 PM	+	The Komasinski Family	Rick and Karen Beebe
5:00 PM	+	Michael and Rosemary Cirillo	Janis Foshay
Sunday, November 1, 2026			
7:00 AM	+	Pat Lasco	Chris Moss
9:00 AM	+	Ben Burke	Ann and Gregg Agens
11:00 AM	+	Gigi and Peter Swift and Michael Pinsonneault	Family and Friends
1:00 PM	SI	For Our Parishioners	
5:00 PM	+	John Pendergast	Pauline Cataldo
Wine and Host	+	Coulton C. Price	Coulton C. Price Neuro Foundation

Recently Deceased

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Joan Perruccio, Mark Chidester, Clemente Golia, Stosh Cienki



Prayer List

Heavenly Father, we lift all who are suffering from illness and difficulties to You. Grant them Your comfort and solace, replacing their pain with hope and joy. Surround them with supportive friends and family, who can offer love and encouragement during this difficult time. Let them feel Your presence and assurance, knowing that healing is possible through Your grace. I pray that their faith strengthens, and they embrace the journey toward recovery with courage.

Grace Acquaviva
Joanne Adams
Nick Adams
Russ Albers
Angelo Anello
Michael Angelillo
John Anthony
Johnnie Aretakis
Lupe Avila
James B.
Mandy Bailey
Eugene Barkley
Nancy Barragan
Jennifer Baslie
Stephanie Bechtel
Phyliss Belver
Ermel and Cecilia Benalcazar
Scott Bjornson
Steve Blake
Marjorie Blazevic
Patty Bleicher
Kimmy Bonacci
Joe Bonavita
Dr. Tory Botti
Braunius Family
Charlie Brennan
Stephanie Buchler
Steven Bumgarner
Teresa Cabrera
Betsy Elizabeth Cambria
Jim Cappello
Frank Carillo
Danielle Cates
Louis Celiberti
Nelson and Cleo Chengapa
Tyler Chorba
Lorraine and Al Ciano
Joseph Ciresi
James Claypoole
Frank Cole
Claude M. Coleman
Barbara Bell Coleman
Kanneth Coloma
Enrique Coloma
Pancho Coloma
Crosby Contento
Francine Crawford
Rose Cuccia
John E. Cullen
Jon-Patrick Cullen
Michelle and Robert D.
Stacey Dahn
Donna Damico
Raymond Dauterive
Anthony DeFeo, MD
Sue Delaney
Daniel Delarosa
Palma and Tony DeLuca
George Deuchar
Julie Dieter
Donna DiMare
Joanne Doyle
Owen Draper
Baby Daniel Drobenko
Debra Duvoisin
Baby Bennett Edington
Bob Egan
John Emm
Tom Endres
Carol Erbland
Tyler Evans
Jeanne Faup
Johanna Senatore Ferreira
Elliana Fisk
Joe Fitori
Jessica Flynn
Anna Focht
Ron Fongemie
Phyllis and Peter Foti
Nina Foti
Bettina Fouts
Chip Gagnier
Trisha Gasiorowski
Paulette Geoffrey
Bennett Gilbert
Lucretia Gilbert
Bernadette Gilchrist
Steve Gillis
Fr. Len Gioeli
Diane Glasser
Linda Glover
Eddy Gonzalez
Barbara Graves
Nancy Graves
Sam Greenberg
Peter Greenberg
Justin Griffin
Stella Gumino
Isabelle Gundaker
Tommy Guthrie
Gary Gwizdala
Terry Hansberry
Becky Hansberry
Saralane Harrer
Peter Heaney
Elaine Hill
Shearon Hillhouse
Ray Hogge, Jr
Willard Howard
Kathleen L. Howard
Beverly Howe
Murray Hunkin
Joseph Iannuccilli
John Imbriano
Christine Ivan
William Jackson
Baby Bayli Kauffman
Mickey Keating
Kevin
Geoffrey Knight
Kenneth Koppenhoefer
Hannah K and Kathleen Kotscher
Richard Kruger
Dan L.
Norman LaButti
Sonny LaGreca
Frank Landi
Myles Levy-Vixler
Jana Lisota
Freddy Lourenso Jr.
Victor Lupinacci
Bob Lutz
Phyllis Lutz
John Magnolia
Linda Magrann
Kate Mahoney
Adrian Mals
George Mandarakas
Kay Manser
Heather Ann Maroney
Mary A.
Mary Beth
Joseph Massaini
William Massy
John Mattia
Lana McBride
Kevin McGill
Mary McGown
Joseph and Alice Milano
Maggie Miller
Lillian Mina
Salvatore Minardi
Eileen Miner
Joyce Morrissey
Allan Mowat
Debra Nunziata
Eric Parker
Doris Patrao
The Pleeter Family
Brian Polczynski
Eddie Ponce
Rosa Ponce
Fran Powers
Julie Prokup
Joan Puleo
Paul Quirk
Tim Renner
Elizabeth Reynolds
Cathy Robinson
Susie Romanovich
Theresa Rowe
Dan S.
Roy Sabalboro
Steve Salinas
Denise Sandubrae
Barbara Santoro
Salvatore and Josephine Saputo
Lisa Sarris
Pam Scapin
Mason Schaffert
Hans Schmacht
Patty Schuler
Jerry Schwanebeck, Jr
Dee Schwarz
Joseph Sciortino
Angelo Scolieri
Albert Senatore
Edward Sidor
Dolores Sidor
Kirk Sines
Patty Skubick
Donna Slattery
Coy Smith
Joanne Smyth
Ellen Spiezio
Emily K. Squittieri
Michael G. Stanton
Ila Steinly
Laura Stokes
Jeanne Stoll
Larry Storbeck
James Stuckey
Christopher Suki
Jack Suter
Andrew Treffeisen
Danielli Pacicco Tsombanos
Tish Tucker
Lisa Marie Turner
Michelle Van Heemst
Raymond Vanasse
Lisa VanHise
Rose Veirs
John Paul Venner
Christine Vercellotti
Gina Vitale
Alison Vitale
John and Ellen Walsh
Gail Wheeler
Anne White
Carole Wienlosinski
Jennifer Winter
Harry Witt
Rudy Wratschko
Jane Yanni
Dan Young

Military Prayer List



Let Us Pray For Those Who Serve... Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Praying for Our Men and Women in Service – We give our sincere thanks and appreciation to all veterans who have served their country. We continue to pray for our loved ones who are currently serving in the armed forces, whether they are stationed overseas or in the United States. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

LCMDR Michael Adamski, Jr. - US Navy
Captain Jonathan Arnold- Airforce
John Franklin Baird- US Army
First Lieutenant Nehemiah Samuel Baker, U.S. Marine
Lieutenant Jake Barberio- US Navy
Lieutenant Madelein Barberio- US Navy
Cadet Samantha Bocis- Westpoint, US Army
AW02 David Bodewig- US Navy
Lieutenant Carson Brial-US Navy
Captain Russell Burt- Air Force
Sailor Dalilah Caldwell US Navy
Ben Cullen- Air Force
1st Lieutenant Dante Dalmaso- US Army
Captain Quentin Danyov- US Army
MAJ Luke J. Dawson- US Army
Private 1st Class Maxwell DeLuca- US Army
Conor DiNatale
LCDR Andrew Douglas, US Navy, Japan
Sean Duffin- US Army
Captain Stephen English- US Army
Jude Fanton USMC
1st Lieutenant Dwight Fritz III- Marines
Senior Reconnaissance Sargent Lon Giancola- US Army
Craig Gibson-US Army
Sgt. Amir Gonzalez- US Marine Corps
Sargent Darren Graves- US Army
Captain Timothy Guinee- NH Air National Guard
SFC Douglas Hennessy
Lance Corporal Tyler Hickcox- Marines
1st Lieutenant Brock Hinkle- US Army
Jonathan Hoaglund- US Army
First Lieutenant Daniel Huber- US Marine Corps
Cadet Sloane Janopoulos- USAF Academy
Senior Airman Sepncer Kanar- US Airforce
2nd Lieutenant Lucy Keegan- US Army
Benjamin Kintop- Air Force
Midshipman Max Koeppl- USMMA, Kings Point, NY
Corpral Merik Kuhn (Cassano)- US Marines
Sgt. Nicholas LaManna- US Army
2nd Lieutenant Ethan Lange- US Army
Captaim William E. McDonnell- US Marine Corps
Major Justin McQueen- National Guard
Lieutenant Joseph Moses- Naval Aviator
2nd Lieutenant Samantha Naples- US Marine Corps
Major Justin Nell- US Army Reserve
Alex Noble- Air Force
1st Sargent Jake Nowicki
Sgt. Hugh O'Donnell- 75th Ranger Regiment
1st Lieutenant Deanna Ogrinc- US Army
Private 1st Class Jason Ollanove- US Army
Daniel Petito- US Army
Maj. Anthony Raguso USMC
Captain Robert W. Raleigh IV- US Marine Corps
Joseph Rice LCDR
Jill Rice LCDR
Sean Riordan- US Marines
Duke Roach- US Navy
Grayson Roberts- US Navy
Steven Robinson- US Army
Private Nolan Rovai US Army
Anthony Joseph Schmidt- US Army
Captain Sophie Sekutera- US Army
Captain Luke Sekutera- US Army
Captain Ben Sekutera- US Army
Commander Adam Shields- US Navy
Charlie Sjostrom- Martines- US Army
Captain Jared T. Smith- Marine Corps
Captain Fox Stevens- US Army
Captain Matthew Stevenson- Marines
Carter Stewart- US Army
Lieutenant Grace Tanguilig- US Navy
Matt Tavarone- US Army
Lieutenant Tanis Taylor- US Navy
Captian Grant Ullrich- US Army
Captain Mackenzie Webster- Space Force
Captisn Hollis Webster- Space Force
Colonel Ryan Whitaker- US Airforce
Andrew Wieland- US Airforce
Sergeant First Class Eugene D. Williams- US Army
Kaden Winckel- Air Force
Major Fred Wolfe- US Army
Michael Wolfe- USMC
BMSN3 Cameron Yedlin-US Navy
Master Sgt. Andrew Zecchino- USAF
Tech. Sgt. Kaitlin Zecchino- USAF
Austin Francis Zicht- USAF

If you would like to add a name to either of our prayer lists or delete a name, please contact our Main Office. Names will stay on the prayer lists for 6 months.

AA Brian R. 732-735-7037
Al-Anon For meeting locations and times, call 239.263.5907 or visit www.NaplesAl-Anon.org

Arimatheans. Arimatheans attend funeral Masses and memorial services to provide support and compassion. Please contact the Main Office 239.566.8740

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group – The Cenacle is an opportunity to pray for the conversion of our American family in support of protecting the human rights of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. We do this as a community in the presence of our Lord, present in the Tabernacle, with the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary and other traditional Catholic prayers. The Cenacle meets Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary. For additional information, contact us at 239.250.0432 or relife@aol.com

Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina – Mondays at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. Kathleen Dunne: kadunne61@aol.com, 901.574.2947

Faith Chat. We are currently discussing ROME SWEET HOME written by Scott Hahn. We meet on Thursdays at 9:00 in the Antioch Room in the PAC. For more information you can contact our Parish Office 239-566-8740

Grief Support - Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Are you a widow or widower? Are you grieving any other type of loss? Are you looking for support and healing? St. John the Evangelist provides group and individual grief support services. To register, send your name and telephone number to Deacon Hal: Hal@sjecc.com. Individual sessions may be scheduled by calling the Parish Office: 239.566.8740.

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 information, contact Jeanne Pittman: 239.248.3248 or info@jamaicaoutreach.org

Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus serve parish ministries, sponsor parish events and help with special projects. They support our clergy, fund parish equipment, assist in events for our youth and help the less fortunate. Contact Grand Knight, Dan Ryan: danryan2290@aol.com

Knights of Columbus - Wheelchair Program. If you or someone you know are in need of a wheelchair, contact Bill Fuller at 239-280-8870 or wfuller1@comcast.net

Knitting & Crocheting. Meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. – Noon in the Parish Activity Center, classrooms 3 & 4. No experience necessary. Donations, both monetary and yarn, are welcome. Contact: Sharon Campbell at 239.438.7867 or sharoncampbellnaples@gmail.com. https://stjohnknittersandcrocheters.wordpress.com/

Ladies of Charity. Our motto is to serve rather than to be served in humility, simplicity, and charity. We serve the poor, sick, and marginalized in our community. Membership is open to any Catholic woman. For more information, please contact Lauren Pavlovich: ilove2sing@icloud.com.

Legion of Mary. The Legion of Mary is a worldwide organization of lay people, priests, and religious under the patronage of our Blessed Mother; One with Mary's love andMary's will, dedicated to bring Christ to the world and to the souls who need Him, through corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Claussen Center. sjecclegion@gmail.com

Little Eagles Childcare. We are excited to introduce Little Eagles Ministry, a new childcare ministry created to support the families of our parish! Little Eagles will provide safe, loving childcare during select parish events. We are currently building our team of approved caregivers and are looking for parishioners ages 18+ who have a heart for children and would like to get involved. Interested in joining our Little Eagles team? email Lexi: littleeagles@sjecc.com

Pray the Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena - Every Saturday at 8:20 a.m. before Mass on the 1st Saturday and immediately after Mass on the other Saturdays of the month. Allan Degnan: 239-919-4465

Pray the Rosary & the Chaplet of Divine Mercy – Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy are recited. 7:30 a.m., one hour before daily Mass begins

Quilting Ministry - Meets on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. – Noon in the Parish Activity Center, classrooms 3 & 4. Everyone is welcome regardless of skill level. Donations, both monetary and fabric, welcome. Sharon Campbell 239.438.7867, sharoncampbellnaples@gmail.com. https://stjohnquilting.wordpress.com

Respect Life - We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person. The team participates in a prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood in Naples each 3rd Friday of every month 9 a.m.-12 p.m. For more info, please call Rosemary at 239-250-0432.

The Seven Sisters Apostolate- Is a call to strengthen the church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop, lavishing of prayers for his deeper conformity to Christ. Normal commitment is for a year, from June to June, the month of the Sacred Heart. A discernment period to start, continue, or end a current commitment precedes in May, the month of the Immaculate Heart. Substitutes volunteer to pray in lieu of an apostolate who might be unable to say the committed hour for any reason. For more information, please contact Stella.boyle@gmail.com or call/text 847.567.8339.

Sewing Ministry. Beginning Nov. 4th, we will be meeting to sew for needy children on Wednesdays from 12:30pm-3:30pm in the PAC, Room 1. We are always in need of donations of washable fabric suitable for making children's clothes. If you like to sew, we encourage you to join us. Contact Marianne Swan 305-965-5980, email swan11@bellsouth.net or Phyllis Crivelli 973-710-6347, email jandpcrivelli@gmail.com.

Streaming Ministry. Our steaming ministry provides the homebound and parishioners who are away from Naples the opportunity to view our Masses. We stream weekday Masses and three weekend Masses. Contact colleen@sjecc.com.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul. We give glory to God by offering direct/in-home help to anyone in need within the boundaries of our parish. Our work spans from fighting food insecurity to keeping families in their homes, and a wide variety of special projects and programs focused on helping our neighbors address difficult challenges. We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be in the Rome Room, in the Parish Life Center. For more information, contact Bob Westenberg: bwstjohn@SVDPnaples.org.

Waiting in Love: A Grandparents' Support Ministry. Being a grandparent is a special time in a person's life. However, family rejection can leave grandparents with no contact with their grandchildren, causing disbelief and sadness. This ministry will provide an opportunity for participants to hear one another's burden, learn new information, and spend time in prayer for each other's needs. It will help participants find peace in the present while maintaining hope for the future. Meets on the first Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Rome Room.

Well-Read Mom. The St. John chapter of the national organization Well-Read Mom meets from October through July, with an evening kickoff and informational meeting for both sessions. Evening sessions meet the first Wednesdays of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Morning sessions meet the first Thursday of each month from 10:00AM to 11:30AM. For more information, email aff@sjecc.com and register at wellreadmom.com. The $50 annual enrollment fee includes a Study Guide for all books for the year.





Waiting in Love: A Grandparents' Support Ministry

"Grandchildren are the crown of the aged..." (Proverbs 17:6)

Being a grandparent is a special time in a person's life. However, family rejection can leave grandparents with no contact with their grandchildren, causing disbelief and sadness. This Support Ministry will provide an opportunity for participants to hear one another's burden, learn new information, and spend time in prayer for each other's needs. It will also help participants (without providing therapy) find peace in the present, while maintaining hope for the future.

This ministry will meet on the First Thursday of every month at 9:00am in the Rome Room at St. John the Evangelist Church, 625 111th Ave N, Naples.

For additional information, please contact Bill Shipman: wshipman@sjecc.org

There will be special videos *"Surviving the Holidays"* at the meetings on 11/5/26 and 12/3/26



The Arimathean Ministry

The Arimathean Ministry encourages everyone to embrace compassion and love by drawing inspiration from the selfless example of St. Joseph of Arimathea. The name “Arimatheans" honors St. Joseph, who showed compassion by caring for our Lord after His death. The Bible notes that Joseph of Arimathea requested the body of Jesus from the Roman governor, Pilate, following His crucifixion. Without Joseph's intervention, the Roman soldiers would likely have thrown Jesus' body into a common trench, alongside ordinary criminals. By asking for Jesus' body, Joseph, along with Nicodemus, wrapped Him in fine linen with expensive spices, treating Him with the respect worthy of a righteous man. Joseph's act of kindness and reverence in that solemn moment makes him a symbol of mercy and compassion during times of grief. Just as Joseph of Arimathea cared for the physical body of Jesus, Arimatheans believe in caring for the "Mystical Body of Christ." This means that we are called to love, serve, and support others as if they were physical parts of Jesus Himself. The Arimatheans offer prayers for the peaceful rest of departed souls and for God's comforting embrace and love to surround grieving families. Attending a funeral is an act of faith that reflects our belief in eternal life. Participating in the Mass for the deceased is one of the corporal and spiritual acts of mercy. Arimatheans serve as silent witnesses to the promise of the Resurrection, reminding us that death does not have the final word. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining our ministry, which provides spiritual support to families mourning the loss of their loved ones through our presence and silent prayers. If you feel called to be a part of this ministry and can occasionally attend funerals for our parish members, please contact the parish office. The office will add your name to an email mailing list to keep you informed about upcoming funeral services. This will ensure you receive information regarding the name of the deceased, the date, time, and the priest who will officiate the funeral Mass.

respect life month
novena

October 22-30

The annual Respect Life Month Novena prays for the protection of human life, from conception to natural death. Each day of the novena features a different pro-life prayer intention which is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Join thousands of Catholics in praying for life!

Sign Up!

Get the daily prayers by email or text message!
Scan the QR code or visit
respectlife.org/respect-life-month-novena.

respectlife.org

Join the SJECC Hallow page:

join for free on
Hallow
October 22-30



COME JOIN US!

Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Holy Rosary are prayed mornings, Monday through Saturday, inside our church. You are most welcome to share this prayer time as we pray for PEACE in our world and for special intentions among our parishioners. Meditation cards are provided.

MONDAY - SATURDAY
7:30 A.M.

WE ARE THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER

SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH

CDL DRIVERS NEEDED



Requirements:

Commercial Driver's License (CDL);
Pass a background check;
Clean driving record;
Safe Environment trained;
25 years or older

Volunteer to drive for Church programs & ministries, such as:

- Youth Group
- Faith Formation
- Parish programs
- Diocesan pilgrimages

For additional information, contact Jesus Arce, Director of Facilities
jesus@sjecc.com

St. John the Evangelist Church

VOLUNTEER SACRISTAN NEEDED

We are looking for a dedicated volunteer to serve as Sacristan for our parish. The Sacristan plays a vital role in preparing the church for liturgical celebrations, caring for sacred vessels, vestments, and ensuring everything is ready for worship.



For More Information, please contact:
Polly: pollyanna@sjecc.com
Lou: lou@sjecc.com

Volunteer for Our Church Livestream Ministry

Bring the Mass to those who can't be here in person

Contact: Colleen Donnelly
Email: colleen@sjecc.com

Homebound Eucharistic Minister Training

November 7 at 11:00am
Nazareth Room
Pulte Family Life Center



Bringing Christ to Those Who Cannot Come to Mass

For all current and prospective Homebound Eucharistic Ministers

**any parishioner wishing to bring Communion to another parishioner must attend a Training meeting to learn the proper way to minister*

For additional information, please contact Fr. Lukka: frlukka@sjecc.com

Become a Eucharistic Minister

Share the gift of the Eucharist by bringing Christ's love, comfort, and presence to our brothers and sisters in local homes and care facilities.

For more information, contact Mary Lou Kanach:
Marylou@sjecc.com

Please Share Our Bounty

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

November 14 & 15

Please contribute needed food and items. Bring your items back to the Church for collection
The truck will be here for all Masses

Canned Chicken	Pasta Sauce	Packs	Toothpaste
Canned Tuna	Rice	Ketchup	Toilet Paper
Canned Vegetables	Cereal	Mayonnaise	Bar Soap
Canned Fruit	Jelly	Cooking Oil	Shampoo
Spam	Juice/Gatorade	Dry Beans	Paper Towels
Pasta	Boxed Potatoes	Flour – Sugar	Ramen
	Pudding Snack		

Your Support stays here in Naples and is deeply valued



These are difficult times for many of our Neighbors.
They can use your help and donations, please.
Thank you very much.

St. John's Religious Gift Shop

Our Gift Shop is currently operating on the seasonal schedule. We are now open on Fridays from 9:00am-1:00pm. Stop in and see what's new!

Sunday 8:30am-1:00pm
Monday CLOSED
Tuesday CLOSED
Wednesday 9:00am-1:00pm
Thursday CLOSED
Friday 9:00am-1:00pm
Saturday 1:30pm-6:15pm



Celtics

ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

YOU ARE INVITED

Discover your future and see what makes NEUMANN *Different!*



OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, November 15 | 3:00 PM
Come meet our faculty, explore our campus, learn about our programs, and discover what opportunities await you.

ENTRANCE EXAMS
- October 3
- November 14
- December 5

RSVP REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS
www.sjnceltics.org

Apply for the 2027/28 school year
APPLICATION OPENS DECEMBER 15

ROYAL PALM ACADEMY

Come see where students thrive!

THE ONLY INDEPENDENT CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2027-2028

Now accepting applications from Pre-K 3 - 8th Grade for the 2027-2028 School Year!

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239.594.9888







ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE

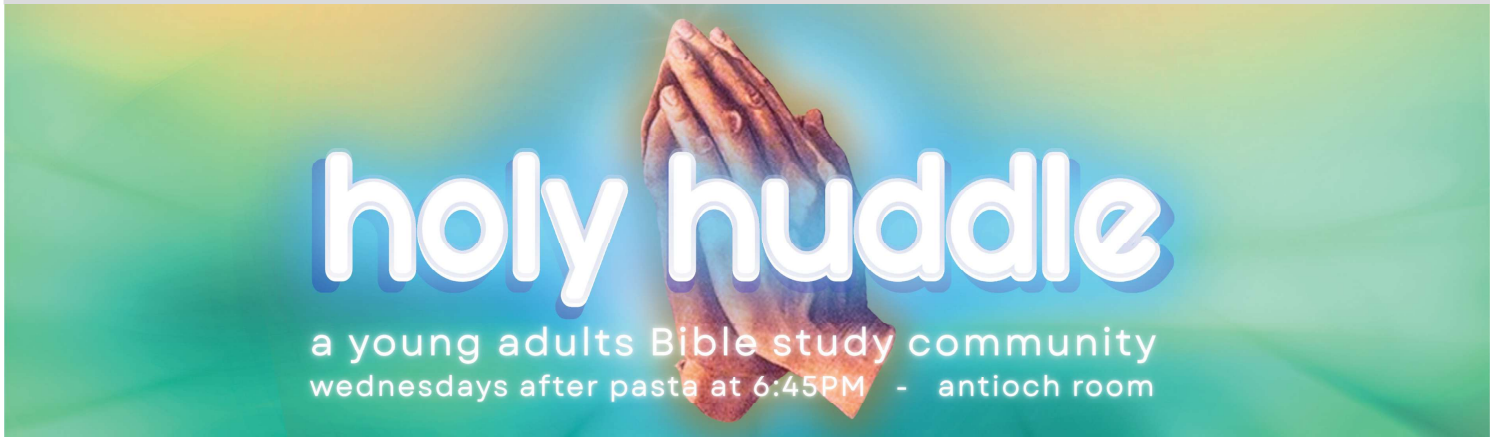
Celtic Ball

A CELEBRATION OF SERVING WITH LOVE & PURPOSE

JANUARY 30, 2027

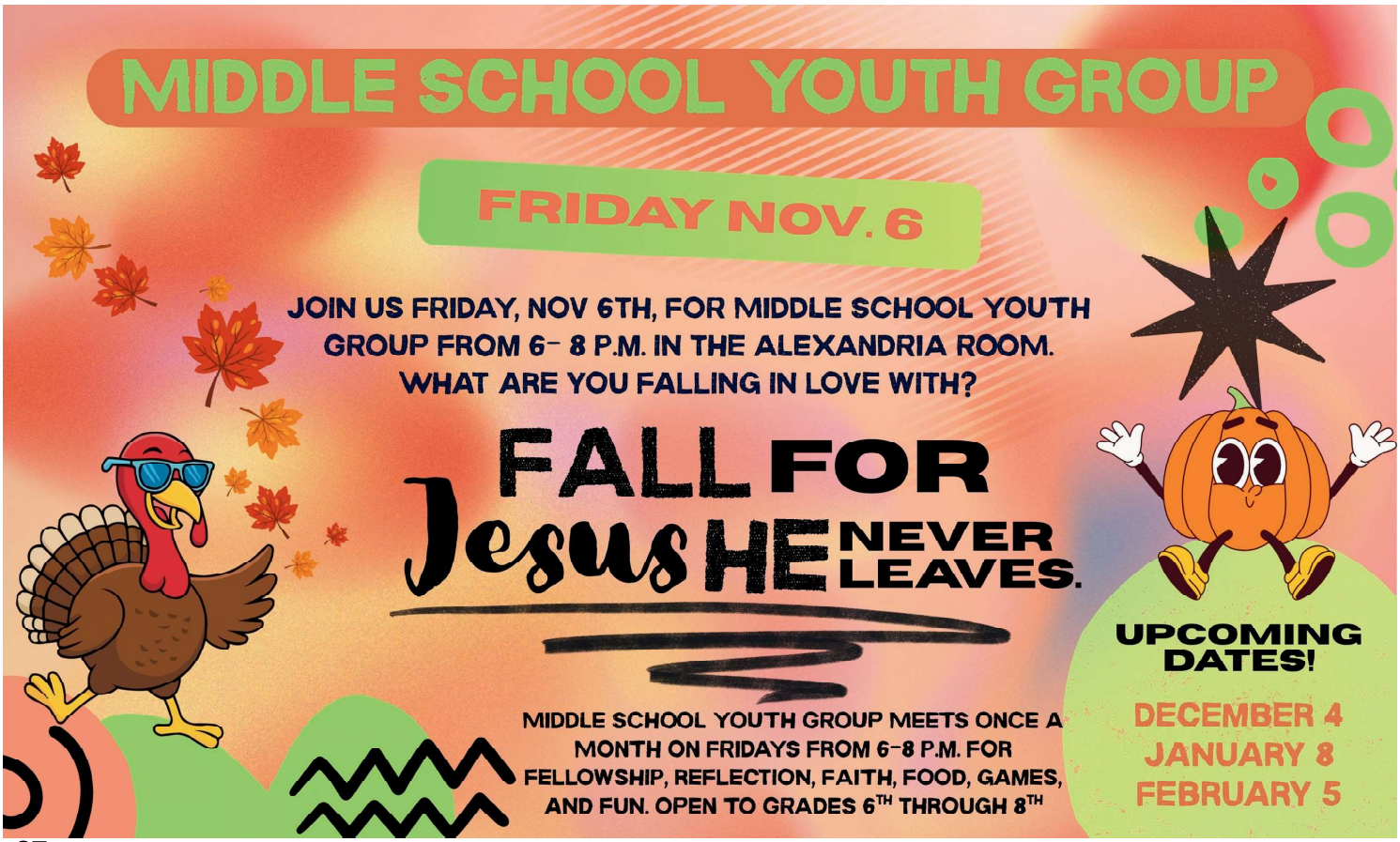
www.sjnceltics.org/celticball

Young Adult



Youth Ministry





All Saints' Day

November 1 at the 11 a.m. Mass

All children are invited to dress up as their favorite saint at the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, November 1, the Solemnity of All Saints. Help us honor the holy men and women who inspire us to become saints, too!

Join us after Mass in the Pulte Center for coffee & donuts!



I am the vine;
you are the branches.
John 15:5

HIGH SCHOOL UNSHAKEN

YOUTH RALLY 2026

$40



Celebrant
BISHOP EMILIO BIOSCA
O.F.M. CAP.
BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA



MC
SISTER PAMELA ROSE



Speaker
BRADEN JOHNSON



Speaker
SISTER MARY HOSTIA



Musician
THOMAS MUGLIA

Saturday, NOVEMBER 14, 2026

Charlotte Harbor Conference Center
Punta Gorda

REGISTER NOW

DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

T.A.P.P.

Teenagers as Parents Program

SUPPORTING YOUNG MOTHERS & THEIR CHILDREN



Please Help Us Make a Difference!

DURING RESPECT LIFE MONTH, WE INVITE YOU TO SUPPORT CCPS' T.A.P.P. (TEENAGERS AS PARENTS PROGRAM) BY DONATING ITEMS TO THEIR YOUNG MOMS AND THEIR LITTLE ONES.



Scan the QR Code to donate specific items that our young families need! Thank you!



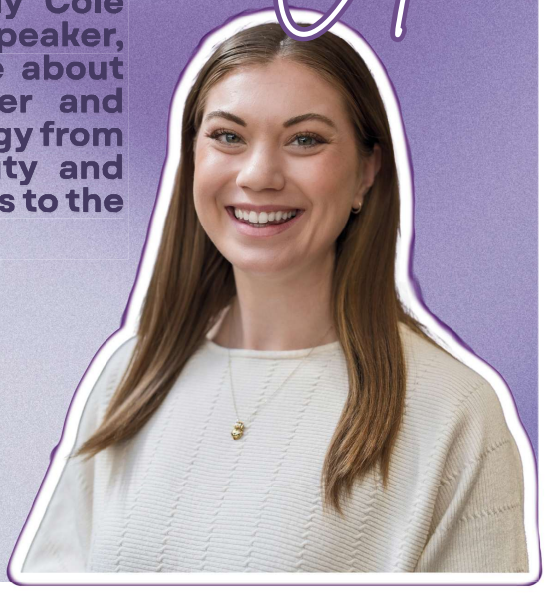
Advent with Hallow

Maddy Cole

Join us for a special Advent experience with Maddy Cole as we prepare our hearts for Christmas! Maddy Cole serves on Hallow's Parish Team and is a dynamic speaker, apologist, and woman of faith who is passionate about helping parishes deepen their culture of prayer and encounter the living God. With a Master's in Theology from the Augustine Institute, Maddy brings the beauty and truth of the Catholic faith to life in a way that speaks to the hearts of people today.

First Talk
December 9
9:30-11:00AM
or
6:30-8:00PM

Second Talk
December 10
9:30-11:00AM



Well-Read Mom

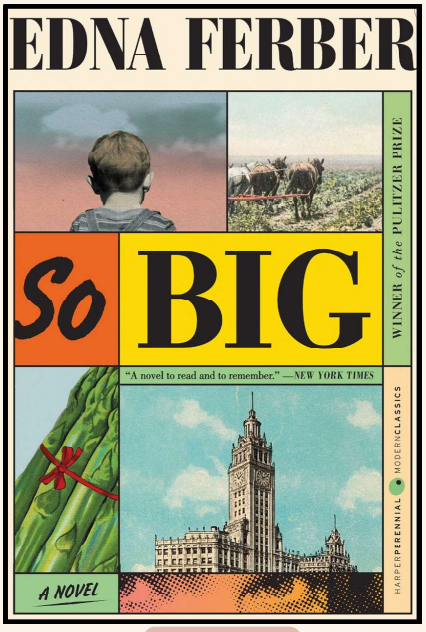
READ MORE. READ WELL.

Upcoming Dates

Evening Group	Morning Group
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.	Thursdays 10:00a.m.–11:30a.m.
OCTOBER 21	OCTOBER 22
NOVEMBER 18	NOVEMBER 19
DECEMBER 16	DECEMBER 17

Join Today

Now Reading...



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a year per member

She Shall Be Called Woman

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!

Come anytime and bring a friend.

A Transformative Journey

EACH SESSION OFFERS:

Encounter: "SHE provides a clear view of God's vision for His daughters and the relationship He desires to have with us."

Message: "The speakers were outstanding and their talks were inspiring and relatable. What a great experience!"

Fellowship: "I loved being with other like-minded women and having the opportunity to engage in relevant discussions."

SEASON TWO
Ten Virtues of Mary
COMING THIS SPRING

Open to women 18+

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Tuesday Mornings -OR- Evenings
Begins September 15th
St. John the Evangelist
Nazareth Room of the Pulte Center

SCHEDULE:

9:15AM/6:00PM Fellowship
9:45AM.6:30PM Video
10:15AM/7:00PM Small Group
10:45AM/7:30PM Dismissal

REGISTRATION:

Scan the QR Code to Register!
For more information:
Katherine Standish
239.566.8740
AFF@sjecc.com



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is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society.

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THAT MAN IS YOU!™

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BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

THE VISION OF MAN FULLY ALIVE

7 DYNAMIC SPEAKERS | NEWLY FILMED | MORE RELEVANT THAN EVER

LIFE-TRANSFORMING CONTENT:

Identify the four leadership roles of men and the five traits essential for authentic male leadership. Recognize Satan's ongoing attack on true leadership and how Christ models perfect leadership, extending that calling to all men. Understand the three core orientations through which we encounter God, the three main spiritual temptations, and how to overcome them. Establish a personal spiritual plan.

THAT MAN IS YOU! HAS PROVEN TO:

- Facilitate a personal encounter and relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Meet men wherever they are in their spiritual lives and help them take one step further.
- Turn the hearts of fathers to their spouse and children.
- Form authentic leaders capable of transforming their families and greater society.
- Form bonds of friendship and fellowship that strengthen the parish community.

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Saturday Mornings
Pulte Family Life Center

SCHEDULE:

7:00am - Breakfast
7:30am - Program Video
8:00am - Small group discussion
8:30am - Mass (optional)

REGISTRATION:

Scan the QR Code to Register
For more information:
Fr. Lukka
frlukka@sjecc.com

WWW.THATMANISYOU.COM

PARADISUS DEI®



THE CATECHETICAL COLUMN

Question: What is the difference between Alleluia and Hallelujah?

Answer: Alleluia is the traditional form in the Latin Catholic liturgy, following its Greek and Latin spelling. Hallelujah is a common English spelling that more closely reflects the Hebrew sound. And it means "Praise the Lord" that is, praise God. It is also a joyful exclamation of praise, especially familiar in Christian worship at Easter.



So, when Pope Saint John Paul II said that we are an Easter people, he meant that an Easter person is someone who tries to bring the life of the risen Jesus into ordinary situations: choosing mercy over resentment, courage over despair, and generosity over indifference. The Christian message is not only "Christ is risen," but also that his risen life can be seen at work in the way his people live.

Email ANY questions you may have about the faith or Catholic Church to aff@sjecc.com, and your question may be featured anonymously in next week's bulletin with an answer!

THIS WEEK IN ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Monday October 19th
OCIA at 6:00 pm in the Alexandria room

Tuesday October 20th
She Shall Be Called Woman at 9:15 am or 6:00 pm in Alexandria

Bible Timeline with Sue Hamilton at 12:00 pm in the Library

Wednesday October 21st
Holy Huddle at 6:30 pm in PAC rooms 7 and 8

Thursday October 22nd
Young Adult Group at 6:30 pm in Alexandria

"We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song"
-Pope Saint John Paul II

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Family Event



Friday, October 30
6–8 p.m.

Pulte Family Life Center Parking lot

Prizes for best costumes and trunks

In collaboration with St. John the Evangelist and our Knights of Columbus

Interested in having a trunk?
Scan the QR code or contact Jamie at jamie@sjecc.com


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Parish
PICNIC
Sunday, November 8
12 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Pulte Center Parking Lot
Food, games, ministry booths, and fellowship
All are welcome!

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH
&
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – ARTHUR J. CORR ASSEMBLY 3308

VETERANS DAY
CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026

"Say Thank You for Your Service to Veterans from Many Campaigns"

VETERANS DAY MASS – 8:30 A.M. | SJECC CHURCH
WREATH LAYING, TAPS, AND GUN SALUTE – 9:00 A.M.
"LEST WE FORGET STATUE"

CELEBRATION BRUNCH – 9:15 A.M.
SJECC FAMILY LIFE CENTER BALLROOM

This special event will replace our weekly Parish Breakfast.

ALL ARE INVITED



Recognizing
SPECIAL HONOREE
Lisa Arnold,
a 28-year Military Veteran who is President of "Sisters in Arms" and a retired US Air Force Command Chief *Master Sergeant*

COMPLIMENTARY "THANK YOU" BRUNCH MENU – CAMPAIGNS REMEMBERED

- "D-Day" Breakfast Enchiladas
- "Inchon" – Waffle Bar
- "Rolling Thunder" – Breakfast Sausage
- "Desert Storm" – Coffee/Tea/Soda
- "Fallujah" – Mimosa and Bloody Mary – PAY BAR



ENTERTAINMENT | VIDEO VETERAN TRIBUTES | SPECIAL MOMENTS OF REMEMBRANCE

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus – Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308
Faith in Action. Service to Others.

Thank You For Your Service

SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH

WE SALUTE OUR VETERANS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

BE PART OF THIS YEAR'S
VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER 11TH, 2026

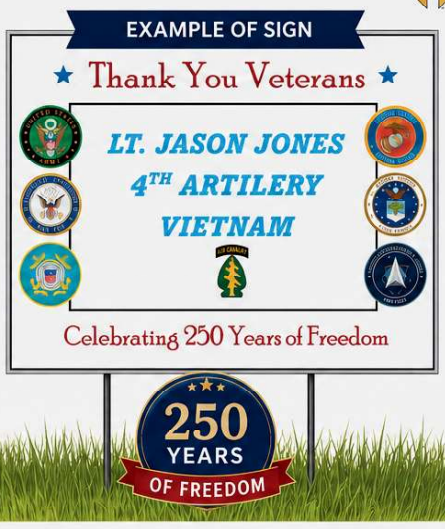
During "Veterans Day Week 2026", REMEMBER A VETERAN signs will be made available to anyone wishing to honor a Veteran or our Military.

18x24 Signs will be located throughout the SJECC Campus with **your personal message** to honor a Veteran.

Cost of the signs are **$50.00 per sign** and are **YOURS TO KEEP** after Veterans Day Week display.

Fill out the form below and DROP OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE or MAIL TO THE ADDRESS SHOWN WITH YOUR MESSAGE.

EXAMPLE OF SIGN



ORDER YOUR SIGN TODAY!

Your Name: _____ Address: _____ Town/State: _____

ATTACH YOUR MESSAGE: Keep to three (3) lines with Max 25 letters per line.
If sending artwork, send word doc to email address below.

Use above artwork/message as example. "250th Anniversary and Military Logos" are already included on sign along with Thank You Veterans and Celebrating 250th years of freedom on bottom.

☐ Number of Signs _____ ☐ Enclosed check payable to AJ Corr Assembly 3308 – $50.00 for each sign requested.

Contact **BILL WARVEL** Email: bill@sjecc.org Cell: 732-672-4109 for additional information.

Mail check/form/message (or drop off at SJECC Parish Office) to:

Knights of Columbus – AJ Corr Assembly 3308
625 111th Avenue North
Naples, FL 34108

NOTE: If you have a sign which you purchased last year, we will be happy to display it again. Just drop off at Parish Office.

FARMERS MARKET

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Tuesdays Beginning November 3

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Local vendors; fresh produce, artisan bread, local seafood, handcrafted goods, and so much more!

625 111th Ave N, Naples, FL

Shop Local. Support Local.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



CHILI COOK OFF

PULTE FAMILY LIFE CENTER



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20 | 6-8 P.M. | $15

SEE JAMIE IN THE PULTE CENTER FOR TICKETS OR SCAN THE QR CODE

TICKETS INCLUDE CHILI SAMPLING AND BEER/WINE

Think you have what it takes to be "top chef" and want to participate? Contact Jamie at jamie@sjecc.com

Coffees Already on for Moms

Join fellow moms
in the Pulte Family Life Center
Thursday, November 5
for fellowship,
a hot cup of coffee, and snacks.



Join for Mass at 8:30 a.m.
then head to the Pulte Center
from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Children welcome to join

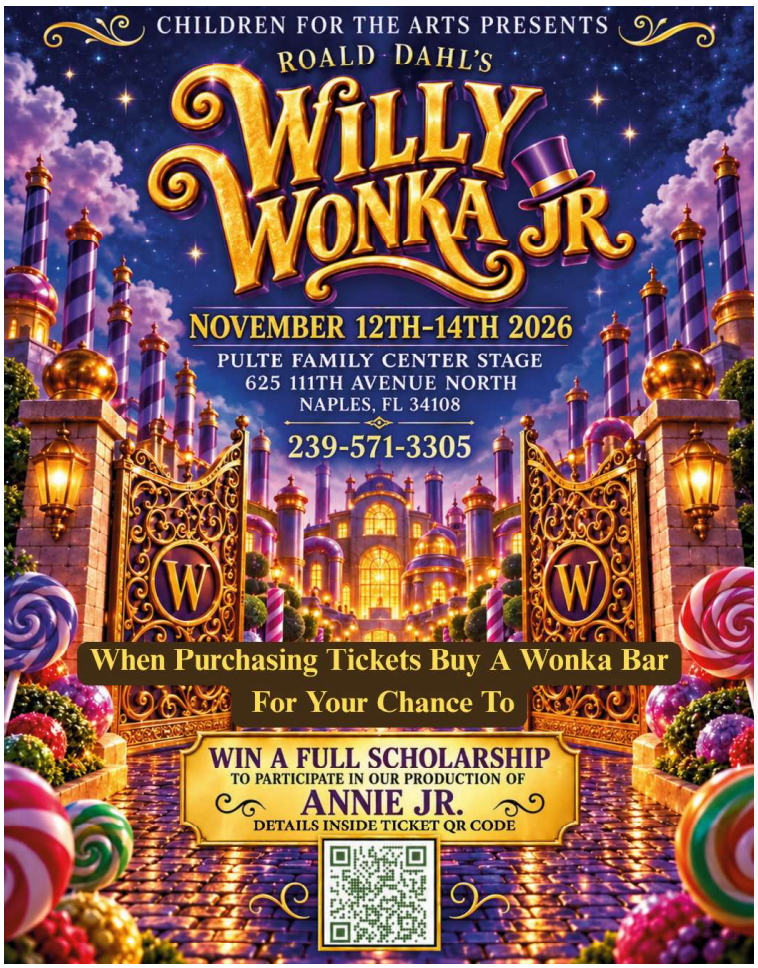
Bingo



Tuesday, November 10 at 1 p.m.
Pulte Center
$20 per bingo pack

$5 from each bingo pack donated to a Catholic Charity

Come for the fun.





Think you've got game?



Knights of Columbus 2026
Foul Shooting Competition
Girls and Boys Ages 9-14

Take your 25 shots anytime between **12-4pm**
Sunday, November 8, 2026 in the **Pulte Gym;**
St. John the Evangelist Church

Individual winner of each age group wins trophy and moves on to **Regional Competition!**

Competition takes place during *2026 parish fest!*


NIGHT to Shine
SPONSORED BY THE TIM TEBOW FOUNDATION
FORMAL ATTIRE
DONATIONS NEEDED!
Night To Shine Naples is a prom for those ages 14 to 100 who have a special need or disability. Each year, we host a complimentary "shopping experience" for our honored guests with the generous donations from our SWFL community. Take a moment and please consider donating your gently used or new formal/ dressy attire.
Donations Accepted
November 8, 15, and 22
from 11 am - 1 pm
in the Rome Room
LADIES
Ball gowns / cocktail dresses / wraps / Prom dresses / bridesmaid dresses (prefer sizes 8 up to 3XL)
Costume jewelry / Sparkle headbands / clutch
MEN
Tux / suits / suit jackets / Dress pants / dress shirts / vests / Bow ties / suspenders / cummerbunds
Fedoras
Questions?
Karen Szatkowski
kpd1569@gmail.com
Katie Nugent
Driscoll58@aol.com
We are also collecting NEW stuffed animals for prom guests.

Events & Programs - In Our Community

The Catholic-Jewish Dialogue of Collier County (CJD)
invites the community to our annual event

in commemoration of the 88th Anniversary of

KRISTALLNACHT

Sunday, November 8
2:30 PM
St. William Catholic Church
601 Seagate Drive
Naples, FL
Free community event
Light refreshments will be available

Scan to register or visit
JFGN.regfox.com/kristallnacht-2026

Sponsored by:

Jewish Federation of Greater Naples
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United by Faith Catholic-Jewish Dialogue of Collier County
Holocaust Museum & Cohen Education Center
Diocese of Venice in Florida
GenShoah SWFL

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faith&ale a gathering of catholic men

Faith & Ale, a Catholic Men's Apostolate presents:

Maj Gen Andrew Juknelis

WEST POINT GRADUATE, RETIRED FROM THE ARMY

"From Foxholes to Barstools: A Soldier's Take on Faith, Revival & America's Next 250"

NOVEMBER 12, 2026
6:30PM - 8:00PM

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
28290 Beaumont Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

$10 REQUESTED DONATION.
REGISTER TODAY.
PAY ONLINE OR AT DOOR.
HTTPS://FAITHANDALE.COM/EVENTS/WELCOME/

Night to Shine
TIM TEBOW FOUNDATION

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



FEBRUARY 12, 2027
3:30–9:30 PM

THREE PROM LOCATIONS
Center Point Community Church
Venture Church
Bethel International Ministries

SCAN TO VOLUNTEER

1,000 volunteers needed!

www.NightToShineSWFL.org

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Come and See

Is there a **Franciscan** inside of You?

- Live simply
- Love all creation
- Bring Christ to the world

Sunday, November 8
1:00 PM
Ministry Center, Room 2
St. Peter the Apostle
5025 Rattlesnake Blvd
Naples, FL

All are welcome!

"Peace begins with you."
— St. Francis of Assisi

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