

PARISH LIFE

The Newsletter of St. John's Episcopal Church, Naples, Florida



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He was raised
on the third day
in accordance
with the Scriptures

1 Corinthians 15.4



SENIOR WARDEN

Born again to a living hope! *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,* (1 Peter 1:3 ESV) and it is in this “living hope” that our hearts open to the Holy Spirit and God transforms us moment-to-moment into the likeness of Jesus.

One of my favorite moments is the reception between Sunday services. We welcome newcomers and greet friends, hear each other’s stories, and learn how God is moving us. What is God doing with us today? For one thing He is healing. Last Sunday I was blessed to learn that a 24-year-old lady had come to Wednesday healing services after hearing about us a few days before when she was in Jacksonville! She was one of 18 people who had come seeking Christian fellowship and prayers for healing. The Order of St. Luke is being “born again to a living hope” and, by the grace of God, we are being transformed into His likeness.

Listen and look: people of St. John’s are growing by faith through hope. We are stepping out, trusting God more and more. His word is true. Our hearts are open and the Holy Spirit is overflowing with examples of lives being restored to God. He is building up the body of Christ here at St. John’s. We are especially blessed by God to have Fr. Joe and Jan and Fr. Christian and Kate with us. Their being “born again to a living hope” opens the Church for the Holy Spirit to create growth for everyone. Have you noticed the increasing number of servant leaders in this time of new beginnings? Where would God have you and me working in the Kingdom now?

All praise and thanks be to God that we can ask the question and live His reality! Happy Easter! ☐

Mike Johnson, Senior Warden

JUNIOR WARDEN

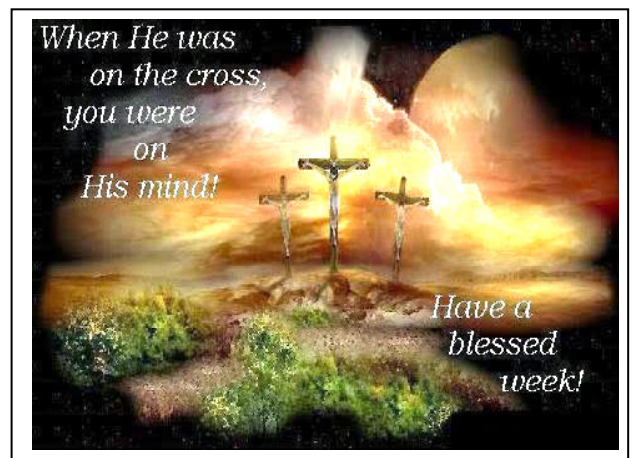
As I spend time on the campus of St. John’s, I grow in appreciating all the work that has gone into our church and its grounds over these many years, culminating in the restoration and the celebration held recently,

Most recently, we have:

- replaced lights in the sanctuary
- added a blind to the window in the storage shed
- changed the timers and clocks throughout to reflect the change in times
- added a hot water tank as needed in the sanctuary
- taken on the project of making a more secure office

Know that we have a community of parishioners who assist and guide me in my endeavors as your Junior Warden. For these efforts, I am grateful to those angels. ☐

Sue Boujoukos, Junior Warden





Barbara Amadori



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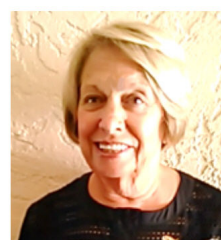
Cindy Koch



Dorothy Lowrie



Jeannette McDonald
(& Thomas)



Rose Prescott



Tom Spitz



Lainey & Lynne Walker
(& Lee)

Photos by Bob Geroy

New members welcomed at Sunday service

A full house warmly welcomed those new members, shown above, who attended the 9 a.m. service on Sunday, March 22.

Since November 20, 2014 through March 25, 2015, over forty people have officially joined St. John's parish and become active participants in its educational studies and fellowship activities.

They are: Jane & Rick Baker; Donna Beecher; Cynthia Benney; Kenneth Block; Mary Lou Boone; Cookman Boyd; Jackie & David Brooks; Rebekah Casey; Thomas Cinquini; Vincent, Kathy & Faith Costanzo; Beth & Tom Eckert; Jim & Betsy Etz; Lawrence Gill; Nancy Golwitzer; Clayton & Deborah Jones; Stephen, Meredith, Raley & Harper Kirby; Dorothy Lowrie; Edythe McCutcheon; Jeannette & Thomas McDonald; Yvonne Miller; Leonard & Kimberly Norman; Rose Prescott; Lee Sharr; Tom Spitz; Johanne Stride; Lee, Lynn & Lainey Walker; Joanne & Bill Whitman; Cynthia Koch. □

A new beginning for St. John's Shoppe

As we celebrate Easter this month, it is a time for renewal of spirit in all of us. The joyful news that *"He Is Risen"* gives us the opportunity to look at our lives and seek a new beginning to "Embrace God, Love Our Neighbor, and Serve the World."

The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ gives us the spiritual inspiration to begin anew to do the work, accept the discipline, and make the sacrifice to benefit those less fortunate in our little piece of the world. That is the Mission and Vision of St. John's Shoppe, our staff, and many volunteers.

As we opened the doors to the "new" St. John's Shoppe in March, we celebrated 33 years in business and the many people that helped to pave the way for this new beginning.

We could not have been a beacon of light to so many in need over the years without the St. John's family and your sacrifices of time, energy and goodwill. We will always be grateful to you for the support and love you have given that contributed to the growth and success of this ministry.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our new location. Come visit! Come shop! Come donate! Come volunteer! ☐

Myra Tutwiler



Photos by Bob Geroy



The Board of Directors of St. John's Shoppe
wishes to gratefully acknowledge
the contribution and support of our many partners
in the concept, creation and completion of the "New"

St. John's Shoppe

St. John's Episcopal Church Vestry & Congregation

Father Joseph F. Maiocco, III

All Volunteers, Staff & Patrons

Sharon Marceau, Manager

Roseanne & Bud Sausser

St. Matthew's House & Justin's Place

Habitat for Humanity

Steve Jacobs, Ironwood Construction

Bradd Kornet, Gamma Tech Services

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Comcast

Jeff Bradtmiller, Sign Pro Graphics

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Florida Weekly

Naples Daily News

SW Spotlight Magazine

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The painters of St. John's parish

Kathy Ruch

Randy Stewart

Morgan Rees & Don Esterline

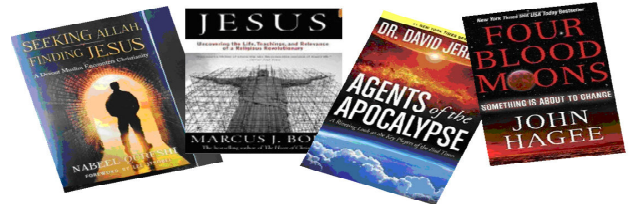
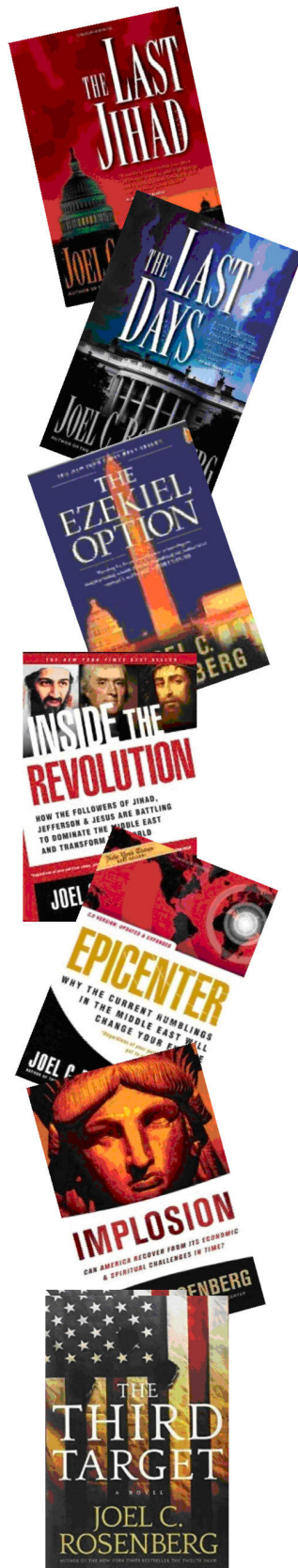
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Check out the Spring arrivals in Brewster Library

The Last Jihad, a novel written by Joel C. Rosenberg, a Messianic Jew, was published nine months before the attack on the World Trade Center and opens with a plane hijacked by radical Islamic terrorists attacking an American city. His dynamic video, shown in Sugden Hall March 4, sparked interest in reading more of his books.

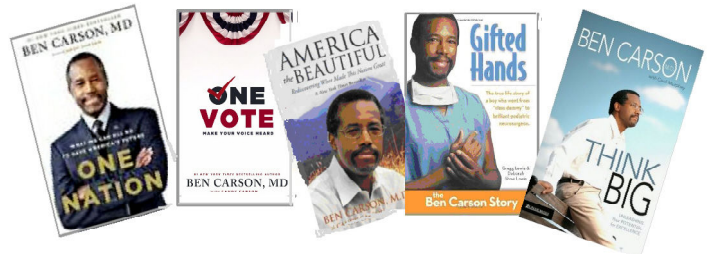
We now have the following:

- Rosenberg's Trilogy in the Political Series, books 1 – 3: *The Last Jihad*, *The Last Days* and *The Ezekiel Option*.
- *Inside the Revolution: How the Followers of Jihad, Jefferson and Jesus are Battling to Dominate the Middle East and Transform the World*.
- *Epicenter 2.0: Why the Current Rumblings in the Middle East Will Change the Future*.
- *Implosion: Can America Recover from its Economic and Spiritual Challenges in Time?*
- *The Third Target*.



Other important titles of current interest are:

- *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus: A Devout Muslim Encounters Christianity* by Nabeel Qureshi, whose rational approach to Christianity results in finding peace in Jesus.
- *Jesus: The Life, Teachings, and Relevance of a Religious Revolutionary* by Marcus J. Borg.
- *Agents of the Apocalypse: A Riveting Look at Key Players of the End Times* by Dr. David Jeremiah.
- *Four Blood Moons: Something is about to change* by John Hagee.



NY Times bestselling author Dr. Ben Carson also has several inspiring books:

- *One Nation: What we can all do to save America's future*.
- *One Vote: Make your voice heard*.
- *America the Beautiful: Rediscovering what made this nation great*.
- *Gifted Hands: The true life story of a boy who went from the back of the class to brilliant neurosurgeon*.
- *Think Big: Unleashing your potential for excellence*. □

Colleen Spangler



March 28 & 29

Palm Sunday

Saturday 5 pm & Sunday 9 & 11:15 am
Blessing of the Palms,
Passion Narrative &
Holy Eucharist

April 2

Maundy Thursday

7 pm

Maundy Thursday Liturgy & Foot-washing

April 3

Good Friday

Noon

Stations of the Cross

April 4

Holy Saturday

5 pm

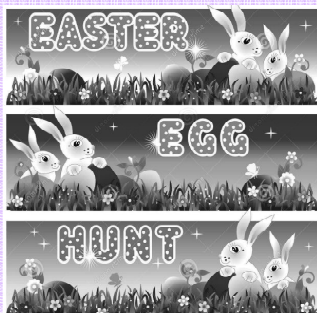
The Great Easter Vigil

April 5

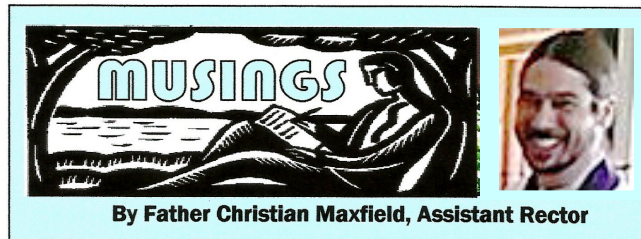
Easter Sunday

7:30, 9 & 11:15 am

Festive Holy Eucharist



**Easter Egg Hunt
Following 9 am
Sunday service**



By Father Christian Maxfield, Assistant Rector

Building relationships Jesus style:

Breaking bread, having tea, beach-waking, engaging in conversation. TOGETHER.

Was Jesus an introvert or an extrovert? There is some debate on this subject, and while I have my suspicions of which He was, I know this: over and over again in the Scriptures, after Jesus taught, preached, healed or was just “with” people, He often would get into a boat and sail for the opposite shore or go up into the hills to pray. I believe He did this to recharge His batteries after building into relationships with those around Him. He drew on the strength of His Father and I believe this gave Him the strength and will to persevere in His call.

Why am I wondering how Jesus might score on a personality test? Ministry can be exhausting and glorious in the same breath. Kate and I have had the privilege of getting to know you over the past month during Sunday receptions, in various small groups, during our Wednesday night Lenten Study and one-on-one. While it can be exhausting, it has been truly wonderful getting to know you and we have only scratched the surface!

While we are careful to take the rest we need to recharge our batteries and draw on the strength of the Father, Kate and I also want to say what a great blessing it has been getting to know you. And, in the days, months and years to come, we would love to meet with you over a meal, grab some tea, walk the beach, meet you in your home, in our home or elsewhere. We plainly and simply cannot wait to get to know all of you!

Please shoot us an email or give us a call to set up a time and place to get together in the future. Here are our “digits:” ckmaxfield@mac.com, clergy2@stjohnsnaples.com, 309-229-6572 (Fr. Christian), 309-229-6573 (Kate).

Help us celebrate the Easter season right by doing as our Lord and Savior did, building lasting relationships with those around us, praying for one another and speaking truth and love into each others’ lives to God’s glory and honor. ✝



Memories that last a lifetime spur reunion

Participants of St. John's November 2011 Holy Land trip held a reunion on Saturday, March 14, to rekindle and share those special moments.

Using daily journals as a guide, photos of the places visited were assembled in a reunion booklet for all to keep.

Mary Tilney coordinated another delicious Israeli meal with help of others from the trip.

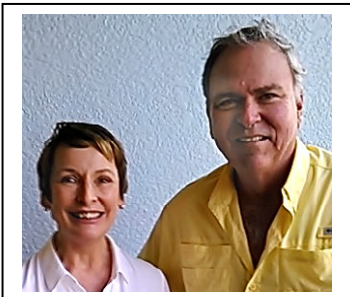
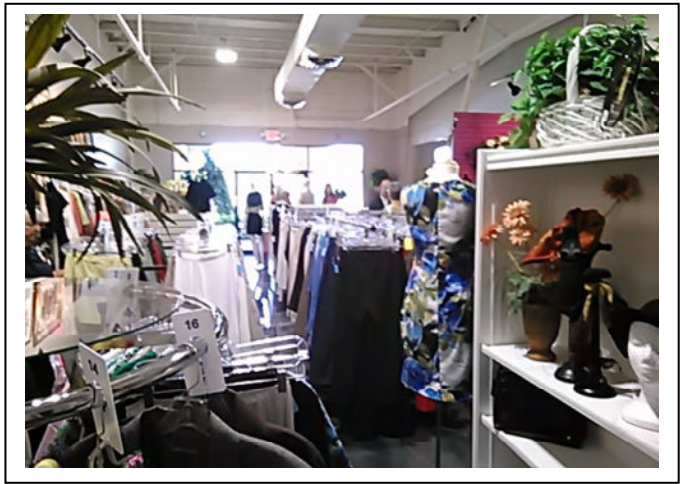
The same slideshow that had been shown upon their return to St. John's parish ran continuously on the big screen in Sugden Hall as memories were shared. While actual pictures of the group's Via Dolorosa "Way of the Cross" Jerusalem walk played on the screen, Fr. Joe led us through the Stations of the Cross.

It was a very meaningful evening, and gave us a deeper reverence to the experience of Holy Week.

What an unbelievable blessing it was to walk where Jesus walked. □

Katy Esterline





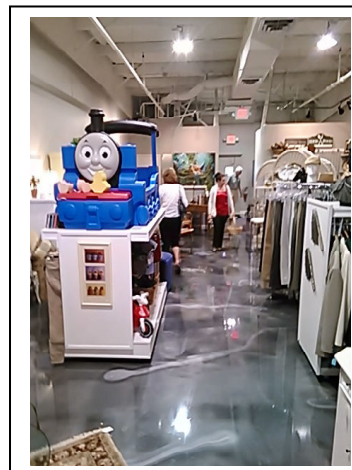
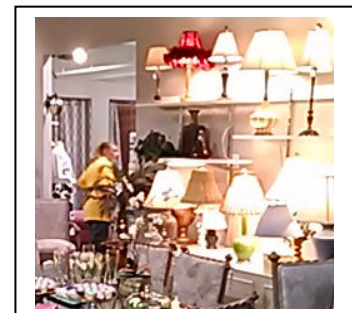
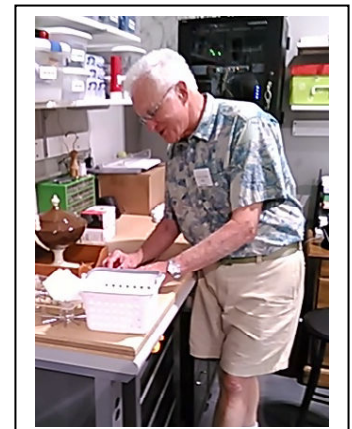
April named St. John's Shoppe Donation Month

Father Joe has designated April as St. John's Shoppe Donation Month. Donations will be accepted at the new location. Come visit us and see our beautiful new décor. The new Shoppe has an updated look with lots of room for furniture donations as well as clothing and other items. With plenty of walkways and room for customers and volunteers to browse and work, we welcome you to join us as a volunteer in this new clean work environment.

We know you will enjoy the large parking lot of the shopping center, which is a huge improvement over the previous location where parking was at a minimum.

If you have furniture donations, please call Sharon Marceau, Manager. If you need help with your donations, please call a Volunteer or Shoppe Board Member. Otherwise, we'll see you at the Shoppe, a little further up Tamiami Trail, just past Old US 41 on the east side of Tamiami Trail. You'll find us here:

**Tamiami Square Shopping Center
14700 Tamiami Trail, N
Naples, FL 34110
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Photos by Bob Geroy



St. John's Prayer Room a very special "quiet place"

In Father Paul Feider's book, *The Journey to Inner Peace*, chapter three is titled "Quieting and Listening." He cites Mark 1:35 (NIV): "Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed."

A very special place in our church is the Prayer Room. There, a group of members and other friends in Christ gather Wednesday mornings at 9 throughout the year to still our minds and center on Jesus. In quiet we discipline ourselves to empty our minds of thoughts so that our Lord can send the Holy Spirit to be with us, speak to us, refill us and to fill us with His peace.

We welcome everyone to gather with us with the sole intention of being quiet with our Lord. □

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Lainey's birthday a happy shoe-in

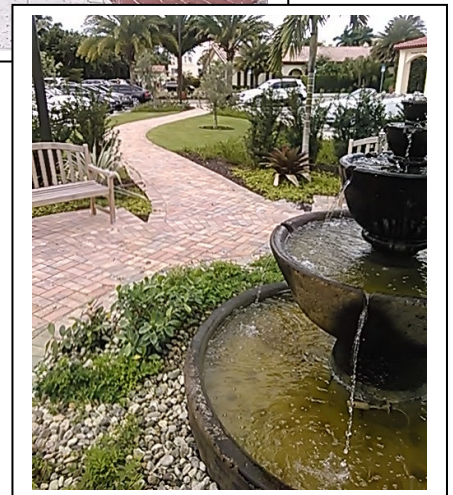
Lainey Walker, daughter of new members Lynn & Lee Walker, decided to give presents instead of receive them on her recent birthday. Invitees were asked to bring a pair of new shoes for Laces of Love, a local charity providing shoes for needy children. 'Atta gal, Lainey, and happy birthday! □

How does our garden grow?



ABOVE:
Prayer Garden
with new
repository for
petitions and
quiet reflection.

BELOW:
Beautiful
new fountain
inspires in
South Parking
area!





Perfect weather and powerful prayers, music fill Quiet Day

March 25, a gorgeous Naples day and lovely background music on the patio greeted 33 people at St. John's for Quiet Day.

Praise songs, with Father Joe on guitar, preceded Morning Prayer, led by Walter Roxey. Morning meditations were shared by Ellie Leigh from Women's Bible Study, Jim Bongard from Centering Prayer and Vickie Bauch from Order of St. Luke the Physician and helped prepare us with "food for thought."

The next hour and a half provided several choices for individual meditation in various outside areas: Butterfly Garden, Rain Garden, Garden of the Resurrection or in the church.

Three different facilitated experiences — Candle Prayer, Centering Prayer and Intercessory Prayer — were offered each half hour before everyone returned to the church for a half-hour of personal quiet reflection.



After lunch, we walked or rode to Park Shore beach where we culminated our delightful day with our Lord with a Gulfside Eucharist.

We all sang and praised the Lord for a deep meaningful spiritual day under the sun in our Naples paradise. ☐

Katy Esterline

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NEW MEMBERS

Jim & Betsy Etz

Dorothy Lowrie

Thomas & Jeannette McDonald

Mike & Rebekah Casey

Lynne Looney

DEATHS

Frances Hampton 3/5/2015

MARRIAGES

T.M. Hayes & Dragica (Dee) Motic
2/28/2015

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corrections or omissions.*

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