

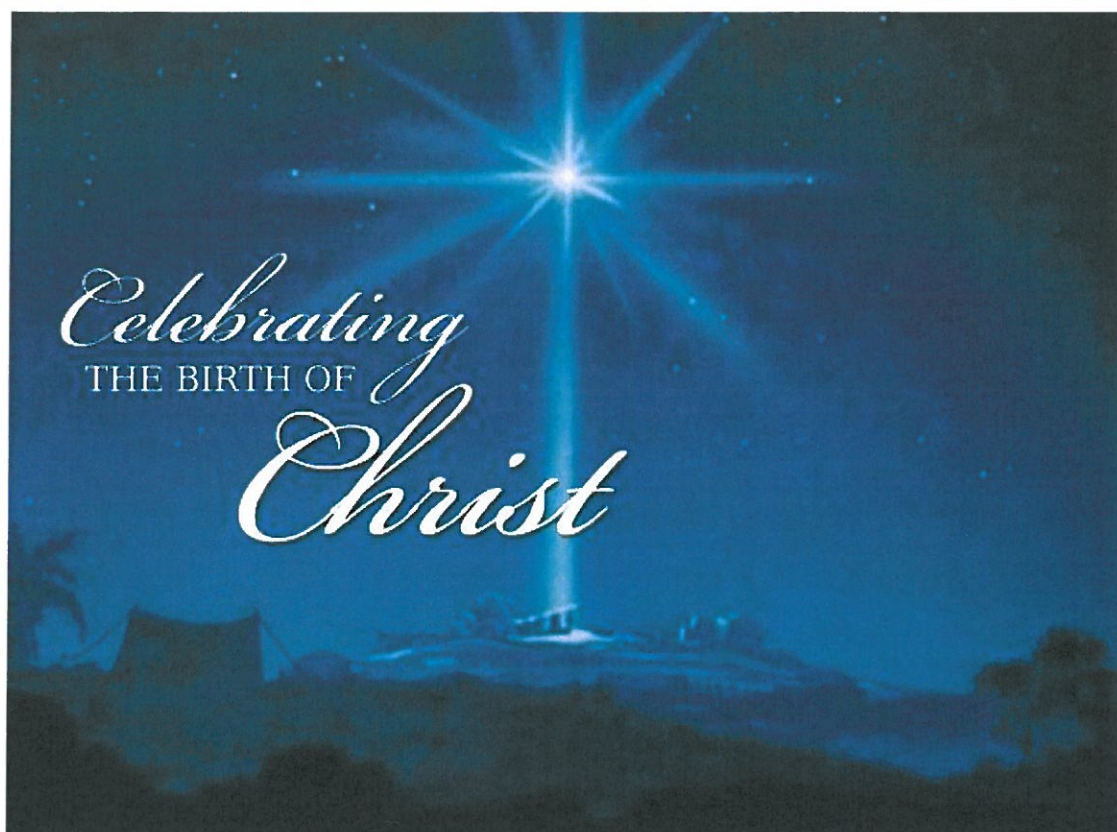


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Fr. Joe Celebrate Love

Dear St. John's Family,

I hope your plans for a wonderful Christmas are coming together. Whether traveling to see family or remaining here, preparation of traditional dishes and family gatherings make this time special. We are so blessed to be able to celebrate this season in relative peace and abundance.

I especially encourage us this year to celebrate love! God's great love gave us the gift of his son over 2,000 years ago, and Jesus is the gift that keeps on giving, continuing to transform every human being connected to him. Love is the best gift anyone can have, brings light into darkness, warmth into cold hearts and holds the entire universe together!

Dear Loving Abba, thank you for the gift of Jesus and abounding Love!

Blessings & Love,

Fr. Joe



Fr. Christian DECEMBER FAMILY EVENTS

KEEP
CALM
AND
COME TO
EVENSONG

Evensong and Wassail Reception **December 4, 2016, 5 - 7 pm**

Please join us for a fun, festive evening for everyone!
Our evening begins with a lovely Evensong service of lessons, canticles and song -a true Anglican tradition.
Evensong is followed by a Wassail reception in Sugden Hall where you can enjoy a cup of holiday wassail or punch and a light snack.
This event is for the whole St. John's family, including fun St. Nicholas activities for the kids. We hope to see you there. This is also a great event to invite friends to who do not have- or are not participating with- a church family.

Youth Group Christmas White Elephant Party **Sunday, Dec 11, 2016, 4:30 - 6:30 pm** **At the Rober's Home, 1080 9th St SW, 34117**

Calling all Jr. and Sr. High students for a festive holiday tradition. Join us for a white elephant party at the Rober's home.
Look around the house and find something that isn't being used but that you think is pretty nifty, wrap it up and bring it for the party. *Remember-- if it is not yours, ask first!

Children and Youth Christmas Pageant **Sunday, Dec 18, 2016, 9am Service**

Make sure to mark your calendar for our annual Christmas Pageant. Everyone is a star!! Show up, get outfitted with a costume and sing some wonderful Christmas songs with the congregation.
* See Fr. Christian if you would like to be a reader.
* We will be practicing our pageant songs with the children on Sundays leading up to the 18th during our Sunday school time.

Sue Boujoukos **SR. WARDEN**

Our seasonal members of St. Johns are returning and we are delighted to welcome them! In store for partaking this year is a host of wonderful programs along with a number of new ones that might interest you. Please locate them on the back of the bulletin or in the office.

Some of us have just come off another 40 days of fasting and praying. I can only speak for myself in how rewarding an experience it has been for me. I have found that by praying with others, my faith continues to deepen. I recommend it highly.



We have an extensive update on our friends in the Emmanuel Community in Aleppo on the bulletin board. Our brothers and sisters continue to persevere thru horrendous atrocities, random bombings, ongoing ceasefires, etc. For 1200 years, this used to be a neighborhood where life has been shared and rooted in place, passed down thru generations. And now today they are bound together by their strong faith. May God continue to shower them with His love!

Blessings to all,
Sue Boujoukos
Senior Warden

VESTRY NOMINEES!

Donna "discovered" her spiritual home in St. John's the first Sunday she visited Naples in 2012. She joined the choir right away, became a seasonal member and then a year-round member after moving here full-time in October 2015. She and her husband "Beech" enjoy Foyers.

Donna is part of the Godly Play team-telling Bible stories to St. John's children using a Montessori-style curriculum. She also helps with the Good News Club, which St. John's sponsors at the Gulf Coast Charter Academy-last year 70 students stayed after school every Thursday, eager to learn songs, hear Bible stories, recite Bible verses and have fun!

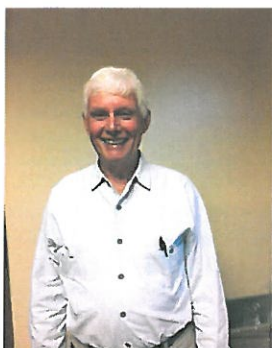


Donna Beecher

As a volunteer with the Literacy Council of Collier County, Donna teaches English to a class of recent immigrants who work for a family-run business with close ties to St. John's. She participates in the Naples day women's class of Community Bible Study, an in-depth Bible study with classes around the world.

Before moving to Naples, Donna served 32 years as a human resources executive with the federal government in Washington, D.C. She retired to Lewes, Delaware and joined St. Peter's Episcopal Church, where she served on the vestry--guiding their strategic planning process, supporting their outreach ministries and leading their search for a music minister. As a member of Bible Study Fellowship International for 12 years, she led small group discussions and served as a children's leader.

Donna and Beech have 2 adopted children (twins): Jeremy lives in Northern Virginia and Stephanie lives in Aurora, CO with her husband Adam and their 3 children-Brianna (10), Nicholas (8) and Hunter (4).



Skip Ruch

Kathy and I moved to Naples in 1990 after being in the corporate retail world. We wanted to do our own thing and invested in retail in Naples. It was the perfect time and we enjoyed working together. We ran three businesses until 2008 and then entered retirement.

I came to St. John's in 1993. Since then I have centered my ministry in teaching the men's Bible Study and coed studies. I am active in OSL and as a lay Eucharistic minister. I have served on the vestry and as a Senior Warden.

I truly believe that we are living in a special time where the Spirit is moving in our church and throughout the world where Jesus is declared as Lord. I am excited to be a part of St. John's and the world of God's Kingdom.

Roger Stiefel was born and raised a Presbyterian in Fort Madison, Iowa. Roger attended the University of Iowa and graduated from Iowa Wesleyan College with a degree in economics and business. He did post graduate work at Colorado State University. He is married and has two married adult daughters: J.J. who lives in Naples, and Sarah who lives in Kansas City, and three grandchildren.



Roger Stiefel

Roger is a full-time year-round resident of Naples, FL having moved here in 2000. He and his wife, Susan, lived in Madisonville, KY from 1977 until moving to Florida. There they owned and operated a True Value Hardware Store and a John Deere power equipment dealership. Prior to that, they lived in Denver, Colorado for 8 years.

Roger has been a member of the Episcopal Church for the past 30 years. He served three years on the vestry at St. Mary's in Madisonville, KY and served as Junior Warden. He also served on the garden and grounds committee and took care of the church grounds for 12 years.

Roger was on the vestry at St. Mary's Bonita Springs, for three years starting in 2005. He was elected Jr. Warden in January of 2006. With that position came the responsibility of overseeing the construction of the Flora Linda Garden project. Roger served as Senior Warden in 2007. He was elected to the Vestry again in 2008 to serve a two-year term and was elected Jr. Warden both years.

In 2008, Roger was elected to the Penny Wise Board of Directors to serve a 3-year term. He served as chairman in 2009. He has worn many hats there, including day manager and furniture coordinator.

Roger was active in the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization from 2000-2009.

Roger, Susan, and their Black Lab named Roxie, live in the Vanderbilt Beach area of Naples. For fun, Roger likes to garden, fish, play golf and go boating.

Spirit Alive ANNUAL EVENTS FOR 2017



Spirit Alive hosts a card ministry. The Spirit Alive's Caring Card Ministry is active all year long. We are asking every parishioner to help us. Would you be willing to call the office (239-261-2355 or parishsecretary@stjohnsnaples.com) and tell us that there is someone who would benefit from a caring card. Just let us know the member's name and what type of card would be appropriate. Perhaps they are just feeling down and would welcome a thinking of you card or perhaps they're home or in the hospital and would benefit from a get well card. Thank you for helping us to reach out to our members with a card.

On Thursday, January 26, spirit alive is hosting a trip to the Collier County Museum. There is much to be learned about the community we live in. We would be delighted to have you put this date on your calendar and join us that morning. Perhaps you have a family member or friend that would enjoy joining us, please feel free to invite them. More details will be in the church bulletins in January, or you can call the office.

The Daniel Prayer by Anne Graham Lotz, Billy Graham's daughter will be the book for this year's book discussion. Father Joe continues to invite us into more prayer and to go deeper in prayer. In our communities, our country and the world today there is such a great need for Christians to enhance their prayer life to help bring love and hope to others and invite people to meet Jesus. Ann shares many ways that we can honor God by taking a little more time and commit to praying more and more deeply. We will meet in the library (Brewster) on Thursday, February 9th from 9:30 - 11:30.

Spirit Alive will assist the Order of St. Luke with this year's Healing Mission on Saturday Feb. 25th at St. Johns.

Quiet Day is a special day at St. John's when we prepare for holy week by responding to Jesus request. He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Look for the date and times the week before holy week.

Lastly, if you have an interest in any of our activities or would like to be a part of Spirit Alive, please contact Katy Esterline (katyesterline@gmail.com or 517-206-4641).

Blessings,

Katy Esterline

Thank You! THE HOLT FAMILY

On behalf of myself and five grateful children, I sincerely thank the St. John's family for your continued support of us as we endure and continue to face trying circumstances. We appreciate and highly value your prayers as well.

Love,

Rob and the kids,
Tifa, Sophie, Max, Sabrina and Seth.



Outreach Committee

The second week of November, the Outreach Committee met to interview fourteen charities to be awarded grants from the money raised through the St. John's Thrift Shoppe, St. John's Church and private donors.



The 2016 recipients are: Christian Healing Center, Habitat for Humanity, Shelter for Abused Women and Children, Alzheimer's Support Network, Laces of Love, Harry Chapin Food Bank, St. Matthew's House, Baby Basics of Collier County, Charity for Change, Literacy Volunteers, Salvation Army, Angels Undercover, Naples Equestrian Challenge, and YMCA of the Palms.

These agencies will be honored at the Outreach Grant Celebration Sunday (12/11) at the 9am service. This will be a great celebration and you are encouraged to attend.

During the interview process and the telling of their story, we could sense the compassion and love each representative expressed for their charity and meeting the needs of the underprivileged and impoverished. All showed grace and mercy to those they serve.

Each year, when the Outreach Committee meets, we look at not only who is our neighbor, but also to whom we can be a neighbor. The parable of the Good Samaritan calls us to open our eyes and ears to know where the suffering are crying out for help.

Since 1982, St. John's Thrift Shoppe, St. John's Church and anonymous donors have donated over \$2,700,000 supporting local charities, serving local people in need and making a difference in the lives of others. We are thankful for all who contribute their time, talent and treasure, so the needs of our neighbors can be met.

Members of the Outreach Committee are: Julia DuRoss, Mary Tilney, Betsy Eschholz, Jean Morley, John Soggs and Leo Velazquez.

Nevin B. Souers

Outreach Chairman

Christian Healing Center

www.chcnaples.org

"A safe place where people from all walks of life can come for healing prayer. An outreach supported by St. John's Episcopal Church Community and inspired in part by the Lord's growth of St. John's Chapter of The International Order of St. Luke the Physician, CHC offers healing prayer to anyone seeking and asking for prayer."



I would encourage you to take a few moments to visit this wonderful place. I was moved from the very moment I entered through the doors. I pray God's blessings, favor and healing over every person who enters into the Christian Healing Center. In Jesus name, Amen.

Ann Witmer

Welcome New Members

Highlighting Our New St. John's Members!

Please take a few moments to welcome them to our wonderful family!



Welcome new members Jackman & Jane Vodrey, winter residents from E. Liverpool, OH.

Jackman is currently a lawyer, and has served as Treasurer at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in E. Liverpool, OH., and also as President of Tuition Mission Foundation.

Some of Jackman's favorites things are the Pittsburg Steelers (Go STEELERS!!) and the Ohio State University Buckeyes.



Jackman & Jane Vodrey

Robert Swanson recently transferred back to St. John's Episcopal Church.

Robert is a Division, Vice President of Marshall Fields. He enjoys golf, cards, rummy, the gym, tennis and swimming. His specialized ministry is working at the St. Mary's Thrift Shop.

Going to church and reading a good book are two things Robert enjoys the most.

Welcome to St. John's Robert, Jackman and Jane. It is great to have you worshipping along with us.



Robert Swanson

Parish People

PARISH STATISTICS

NEW MEMBERS

ROBERT SWANSON 10/24/2016

JACKMAN VODREY 11/01/2016

JANE VODREY 11/01/2016

BAPTISMS

BRIAN JOSEPH FERRERIA 11/06/2016
(AGE 1)

TRANSFERS OUT

FR. ROBERT BURNS 11/14/2016

GREG SILVERMAN 11/14/2016

St. John's Shoppe

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

We are entering the season of Christmas, family, fellowship, and gratitude for our many blessings. In this season of hope and generosity, many local charities benefit from St. John's Shoppe's proceeds. Through our Parish's Outreach, we are celebrating 2016 charitable grants at the 9:00am service at St. John's on Sunday, December 11, 2016. Please join us in this celebration.

As a new year begins, our hearts are filled with gratitude to you, our donors, volunteers, and customers for the gifts we are able to provide for those less fortunate in our community. We are truly blessed each and every year with your support and the success of St. John's Shoppe. Come see us at the Shoppe!

Thank You.....
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!!
May God Bless You All.....

Board of Directors
St. John's Shoppe



St. John's Shoppe FASHION SHOW!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

ST. JOHN'S SHOPPE

2ND ANNUAL FASHION SHOW

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017

12:00 PM ~ SUGDEN HALL

(Call the Shoppe for more information on reservations
@ 239.597.9518)



Christmas Week Worship

CHRISTMAS EVE:

5PM: - Festive service with special Christmas carols, guest musicians, candle lighting and Holy Eucharist.

9PM: - Christmas celebration of wonderful carols, inspiring message, Silent Night by candle light and Holy Eucharist.

CHRISTMAS DAY:

10AM: - Celebration of Jesus' birth with singing, reflection and Holy Eucharist.

NEW YEAR'S DAY:

10AM: - Blended Musical Celebration and Holy Eucharist.

FOR UNTO US
a child is born,
unto us a son is given:
*and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called*
WONDERFUL,
COUNSELLOR,
THE MIGHTY GOD,
The everlasting Father,
THE PRINCE OF PEACE.
Isaiah 9:6

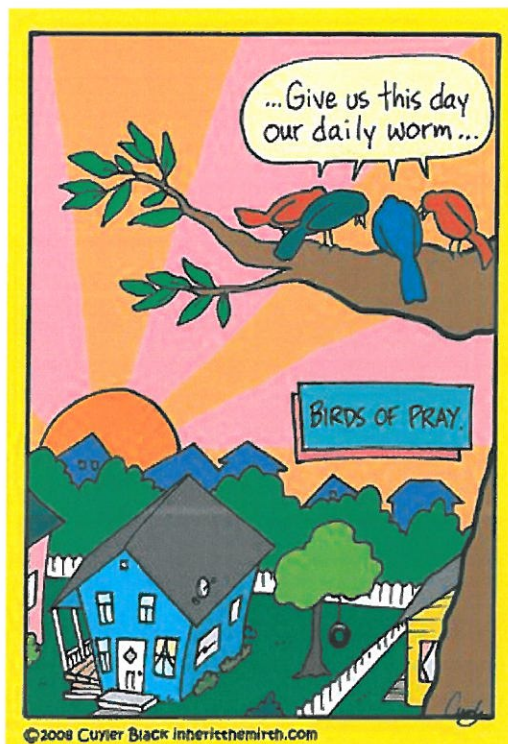
Calendar of Events

- Our annual Outreach Grant Celebration will be Sunday (12/11) at the 9am service. Please join us as we give \$160,000 in grants to some wonderful Collier charities.
- Please join us for caroling at Heritage Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center on Sunday (12/11) at 1pm. Located at 777 9th st. N, Naples, FL 34102
- Bishop Garrison will be joining our 9am & 11:15am services Sunday (1/15). Come along and celebrate our new confirmation candidates



Please pray for.....

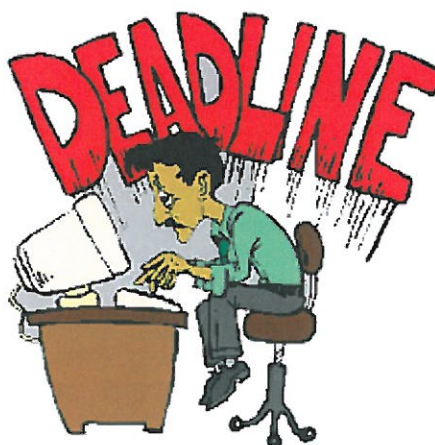
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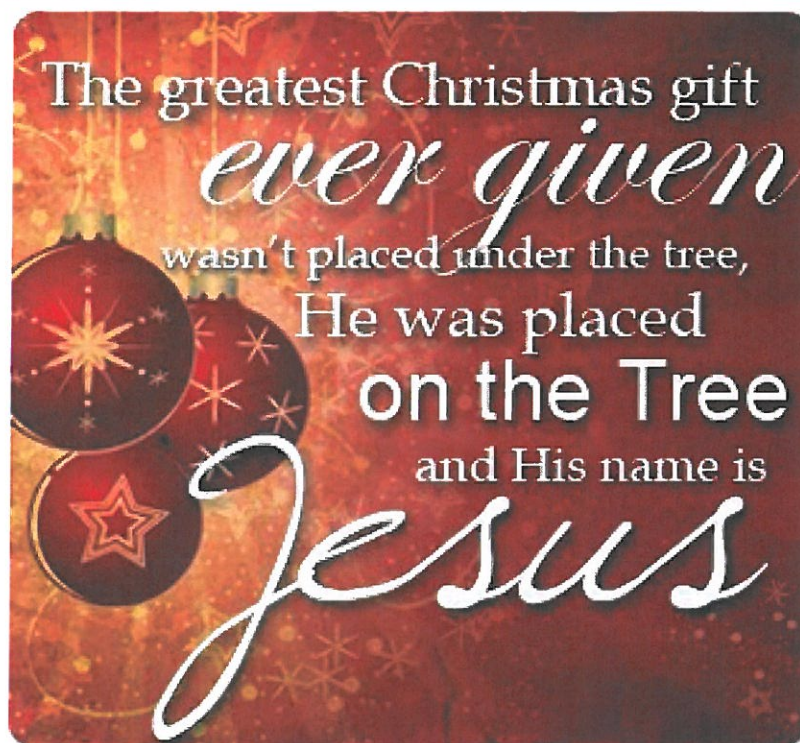


Deadline

The deadline for the January Parishlife is noon on Friday (12/16). Word limit is 300. Send to Ann Witmer at parishsecretary@stjohnsnaples.com

My heartfelt prayers go out to Kay Geroy who's personal touch is very much missing from this issue of Parishlife. May the Lord be with you. Godspeed. Ann.





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Jr. Warden: Gary Jarrell
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Clerk to the Vestry: Ann Witmer
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