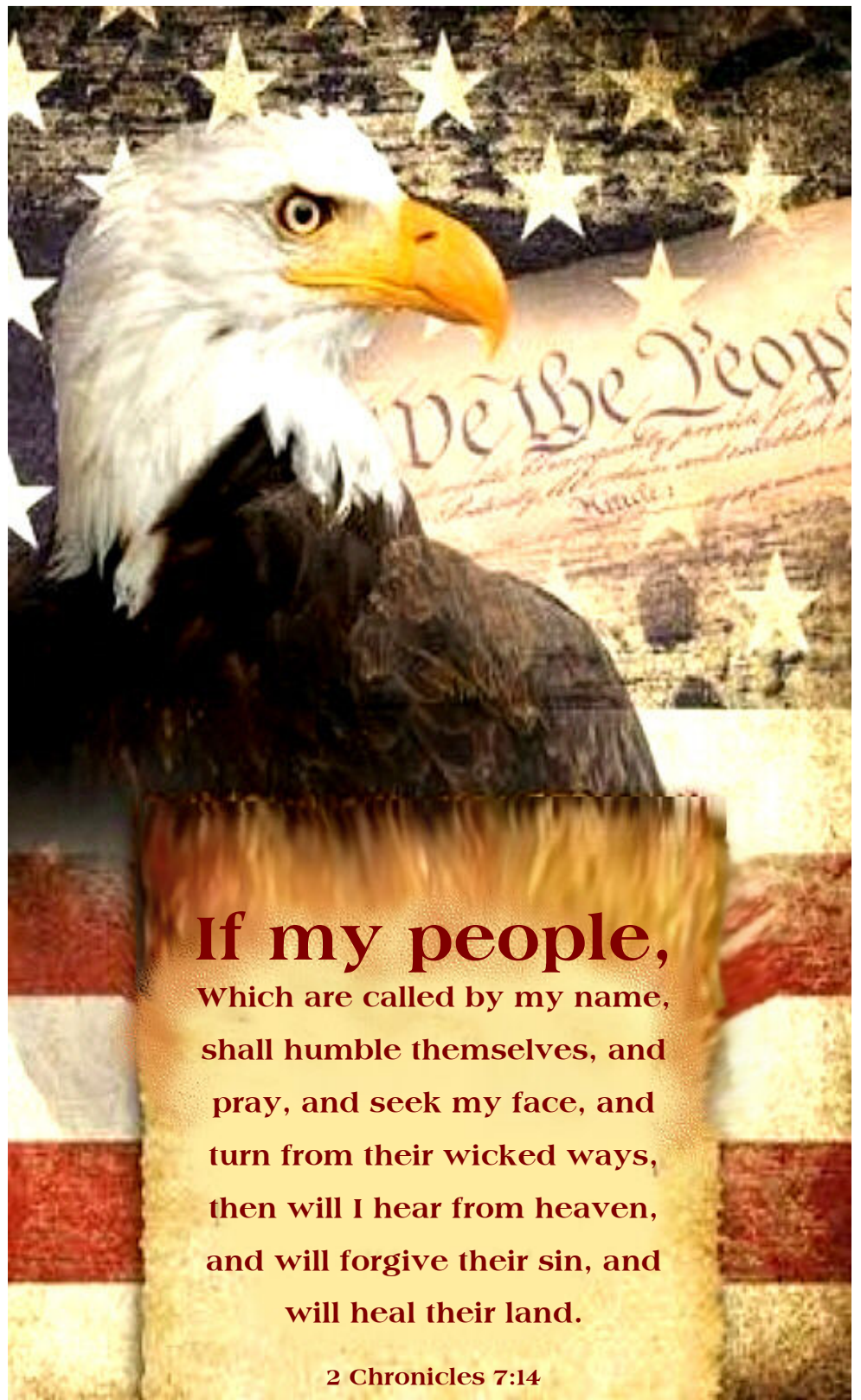


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The Newsletter of St. John's Episcopal Church, Naples, Florida



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**If my people,**  
Which are called by my name,  
shall humble themselves, and  
pray, and seek my face, and  
turn from their wicked ways,  
then will I hear from heaven,  
and will forgive their sin, and  
will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

# God Bless America!

## Deacon Bill Moyers Retires after 13 years

The Rev. Deacon Bill Moyers has retired after thirteen years of service. He and his wife, Cheri, were honored and thanked for the many contributions both have made to our church and its people at the Sunday, May 1, service and at the coffee hour which followed.

“Cheri and I would like to thank everyone at St. John’s for the wonderful celebration of my parish retirement. It was greatly appreciated,” said the Deacon.

While he will no longer be serving in parish ministry, he will continue to serve as an Avow Hospice Chaplain. □



Father Joe Maiocco  
Father Christian Maxfield  
Vestry of St. John’s Episcopal Church

April 19, 2016

On April 28, 2016, I will be celebrating my 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday. According to the National Canons of the Episcopal Church, as well as the Canons of the Diocese of Southwest Florida, all persons in ministry of this age must resign from all duties in the church. From that point on, it is at the discretion of the Bishop that one serve in any ministerial capacity. Accordingly, I have recently had a meeting with the diocesan leadership to discuss my future ministry.

My passion in ministry since I was ordained has always been to serve the elderly and sick. I feel blessed that I am presently working for my 6<sup>th</sup> year as a chaplain for Avow Hospice in Naples. This ministry has brought me much satisfaction, and I continue to feel that this has been one of my strongest callings in my 13 years of ordained ministry. It is my intention to continue serving hospice on a limited basis as a chaplain.

As a result of much prayer and discernment, both with my family and my spiritual advisor, I have requested that the bishop not reassign me to parish ministry, and to allow me to devote my remaining time and energy to limited hospice work. This assignment will facilitate my being able to continue traveling to the Midwest to help my brother’s family following his recent death.

Cheri and I have been blessed with wonderful friendships at St. John’s, and will continue to pray for the parish family as you serve both our community and the world in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

The Reverend Deacon Bill Moyers

## St. John's Adopts New Endowment Policy

On April 26, the Vestry approved a new policy which restructures existing endowments by category rather than by donor name. At the same time, however, the donor's name is retained in order to memorialize their generosity. The purpose of the restructuring is to give direction to future donors of the needs of St. John's.

It is important to note that gifts to St. John's that are specified for endowments are held in perpetuity and only the future earnings of these gifts are used in support of the designated purpose. For example, if a \$50,000 gift is made in support of Outreach, the \$50,000 gift (corpus) may never be touched, but its investment earnings can be used to support outreach efforts. A methodology is in place to protect, as best as possible, the corpus from stock market fluctuations.

Currently, there are three endowments which have been funded: Outreach, Property and Clergy Support. Three new ones, which have yet to be funded, are: Music, Youth and Operations. The new categories go deeper than their names imply:

**Outreach:** The funding of local, national and international charities in need of additional support. Recent examples of the use of outreach funds are St. John's support of Christians in Aleppo, Syria, gifts to our missionaries, Ned and Skye and Bishop Grant and Wendy, as well as adding funds to the St. John's benevolence fund to assist parishioners who face paralyzing financial needs.

**Property:** The purpose of this fund is to preserve, renovate and maintain our beautiful campus.

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## Glimpses of the Father's Heart



Fr. Joe Maiocco  
Rector

This April, I had the joy and privilege of baptizing Joseph Francis Maiocco V, my first grandson, at my son's home in Cincinnati. As friends and family gathered from across the country, that special Sunday arrived where parents and godparents made promises and offered prayers supporting Joey's spiritual journey. As I poured the baptismal waters over Joey's head, water from the Pacific Ocean where I baptized his sister, and water from the River Jordan, it was a special moment for all of us encircling Joseph. It was a memorable time of the Holy Spirit's presence, love, family and peaceful embraces.

After sharing a wonderful meal, we went on to celebrate Joey's first birthday, with Joey wearing his cake more than eating it. He then proceeded to the "water table" with his friends and commenced in splashing up as much water on himself and others as possible. I loved watching the kids play, enjoying the simplest things while shouting, laughing, eating and running all at the same time.

I want to encourage all the St. John's fathers and grandfathers in the life of your families. Your role as father is so important, an invitation to lead through service, an opportunity to love in celebration, the decision to have hope in the midst of the adversities you face. Heavenly Father, I pray every man reading this be embraced in your Empowering Love!

**The Father's Heart  
...Homecoming...Love...Family  
...Celebration**

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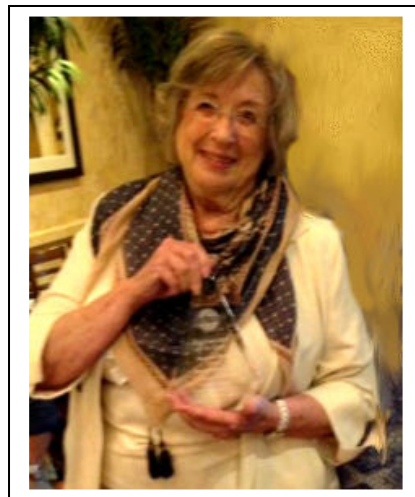
## Historian Bob Geroy honored

During the worship service on Sunday, May 22, Bob Geroy received recognition for his 34 years as Parish Historian.

Fr. Maiocco and Senior Warden Sue Boujoukos presented him with an etched crystal sculpture, as a way to thank him for his service.

"I've enjoyed the experience of preserving and organizing the fifty years of the Archives collection," said Bob. "It's been like a 'time warp,' sending me back to remember the people and events that made St. John's what it is today."

Bob has been an active member and leader since he and Kay joined St. John's in 1978. He has served as Clerk of the Works for the building of Sugden Hall, Sr. Warden, Stephen Leader, Thrift Shoppe organizer and Chairman, a member of the Columbarium design committee and on the Finance Committee, among many other activities. □



## Daphne Pfaff receives Toastmaster's award

Longtime St John's parishioner, Daphne H. Pfaff, was honored as "Toastmaster of the Year" by the Toast-of-the-Coast Toastmaster's Club at its May annual installation meeting.

It was the inaugural presentation of the award and recognized her dozen years with the club during which she has held virtually every office, advanced to the top speakers' ranking and created and edits a regular club newsletter.

But, according to Marianne Oscher, Club President who presented it, the award was prompted in recognition of Daphne's continuous efforts as teacher and mentor of members.

Daphne has served numerous roles with St. John's, including membership on the Social Concerns Commission, Stitches of Love knitting group, the committee which assembled, chose and crafted the original Worship Songbook used by the Parish each week. She has also volunteered with numerous other community organizations, many dealing with women and children. □



# St. John's Shoppe

for upscale thrift

## **“DAILY DEALS” bring “SUMMER STEALS”**

**JUNE 1 – AUGUST 31**

For you, our wonderful customers, shop this summer anytime Monday – Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to find out about the “Summer Steal” of the day which may include special sales on men’s or women’s apparel, housewares, furniture, home accessories, etc. It’s a surprise every day. You may just find that one thing you have been looking for is now on sale. Ask the cashier about the “Summer Steal” today and every day!

Don’t forget us with your donations this summer. In the cool air conditioning of your home, those hot, humid days are a wonderful time to clean out those no longer needed or wanted items that are still in great condition. Donate them to St. John’s Shoppe. Don’t consign. Give to your Parish’s Outreach Charities through the Shoppe. You will get a tax receipt for your donations and feel good about helping those less fortunate in our community. If you’re redecorating, we would love to have your “nearly new” home furnishings. Call Sharon at (239) 597-9518 for inspection and pick up.

If you have time on your hands, summer is an excellent time to begin your volunteer service at the Shoppe. A friendly spirit of camaraderie among our volunteers takes place with summer’s slower pace. We invite you to join us and know you will want to continue with your service with your new friends in the wintertime too.

We hope to see you there at Tamiami Square, 14700 Tamiami Trail, North. Call (239) 597-9518 for information. Sign up for announcements by email of special sales at [stjohnsthiftshoppe@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsthiftshoppe@gmail.com). □

Myra Tutwiler







## Colleen Spangler named Historian for St. John's Parish

The Archives of the Parish contain thousands of valuable historic documents, photos and videos covering the steps that brought St. John's to the church it is today. The materials are contained in three four-drawer file cabinets, located in the Librarian's office in Brewster Hall.

Effective June 1, Colleen Spangler, a St. John's member since 2003, will assume the role of Historian for the Parish in addition to her serving as Parish Librarian. She became the church's Librarian five years ago.

Born in Ironwood, MI (Upper Peninsula), Colleen is a graduate of the University of Michigan and went on to earn her Master's Degree in "Library and Information Science." She has three grown children. Her son, Ken, and his two children (Alex and Emma) also live here in Naples and are members of St. John's.

Bob Geroy, retiring Historian, said, "We are fortunate to have a person of Colleen's professional abilities to agree to answer this calling. She is a talented records organizer and has already spent many hours working with me to bring the Archives up-to-date."

"I value history and the preservation of the events in our church and the memories of its people," said Colleen. □



As we move thru May at St. John's, we continue to seek and receive the power of the Holy Spirit!

We have taken great joy in our Sunday School children and their pool party last week.

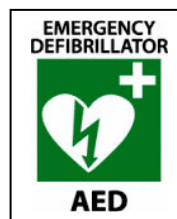
We celebrate Bob Geroy's 34 years of service as our Historian and look forward to Colleen Spangler stepping into this position.

Most especially, good news has come to us about Aleppo thru our contact, Jamie Treadwell. He recently wrote to let us know that the members of Emmanuel have remained safe through these past weeks of very intense fighting through their neighborhoods. Special thanks go to those providing security — sometimes at risk of their own lives.

In one of Father Joe's recent sermons, he spoke of hope and perseverance, mentioning Paul. I believe that's what's happening today — in Aleppo!

□

Sue Boujoukos, Sr. Warden



### AED ready for use and members trained

Vestryman Dick Clapp reports that twenty-eight members of St. John's were trained in CPR and on our new AED (automatic external defibrillator) on April 30. The AED is located on the wall in the hall to the left of the altar. We are now prepared in case of need. □



## Family Movie Night & Supper

6 – 9 a.m. in Sugden Hall

**Saturday, July 9**

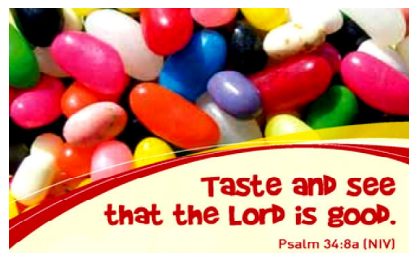
**SHOWING: The War Room**

**Rated PG**

- Brats, burgers and drinks provided
- Please bring a dish to share

Dinner will be served immediately following the Saturday 5 p.m. service and the movie will begin at 7, ending at 9 p.m.

*Child care available upon request.*



Fr. Christian  
Maxfield

***O taste and see that the Lord is good,  
happy are those who take refuge in  
him.” (Psalm 34:8)***

This verse from the book of Psalms mirrors the well-known phrase, “Try it, you’ll like it.” For both, there is not only a kind of school-yard dare coming through, but also a spiritual tone of blessing, in that blessings come to those who seek the Lord and put themselves in His path and presence.

This is not to say that we are to test the Lord, for Scripture says, “*Do not put the Lord your God to the test.*” (Luke 4:12) Rather, to taste and see is to gravitate toward and be involved with what the Lord is doing; and in so doing, we find the richness and goodness of His blessing.

This summer, we have a number of things happening at St. John’s for youth and families, which I truly believe are of the Lord; and I believe that anyone who chooses to be involved will be blessed.

We are looking forward to a fabulous summer of blessings as we seek to follow God and build godly relationships with one another! †

Cheers  
Fr. Christian+



**See you at the June 11  
Sunset Beach Picnic?**

Don’t forget to bring your own  
beverages, folding chairs &  
insect repellent!



## **GODLY PLAY** **July 3 – August 14**

In May, we had a team of St. John's adults trained to teach Godly Play, a Bible story-based curriculum that follows our Anglican lectionary and complements our liturgy.

During the Liturgy of the Word at the 10 a.m. Sunday service, the children will be invited to participate in Godly Play in Sugden Hall, where they will interact with a story of Holy Scripture through active listening, wondering and creative response.

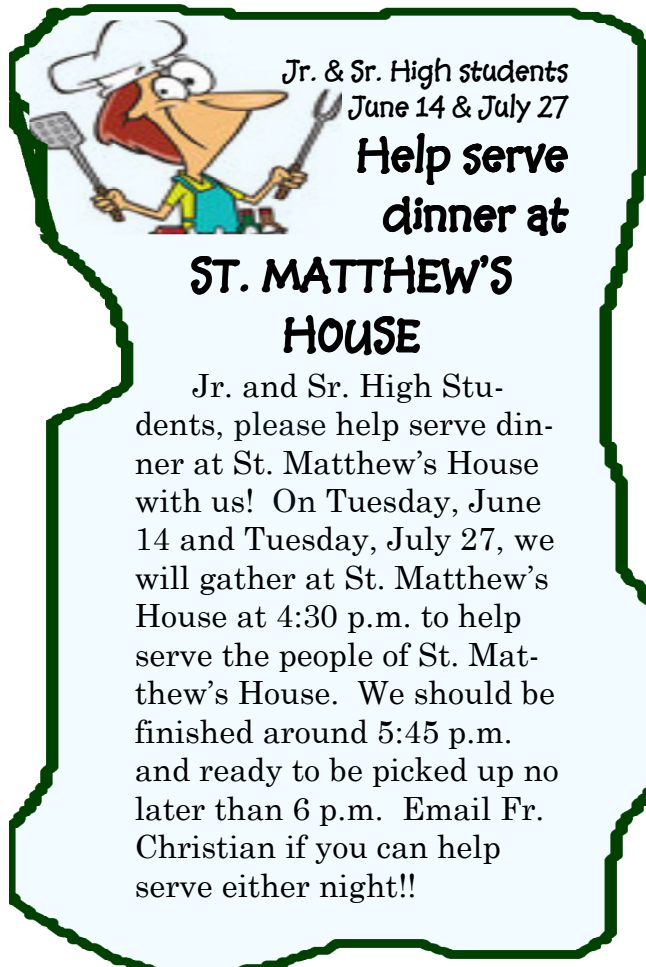
At the Peace, the children are encouraged to connect back with their families to participate in the Liturgy of Holy Communion.

We will be offering Godly Play in a seven-week segment this summer from July 3 - August 14.



## **DAYSPRING MINI-CAMP** **June 15 - 18**

I will be accompanying our rising 3<sup>rd</sup> —5<sup>th</sup> graders and friends to Dayspring for Breakout Mini Camp and a ton of camp fun as we make new friends and grow in our faith!



*Jr. & Sr. High students*  
*June 14 & July 27*

**Help serve  
dinner at**

## **ST. MATTHEW'S HOUSE**

Jr. and Sr. High Students, please help serve dinner at St. Matthew's House with us! On Tuesday, June 14 and Tuesday, July 27, we will gather at St. Matthew's House at 4:30 p.m. to help serve the people of St. Matthew's House. We should be finished around 5:45 p.m. and ready to be picked up no later than 6 p.m. Email Fr. Christian if you can help serve either night!!



# Summer fun for our Kids!

## 5-Day Club

for children K thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Monday-Friday from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

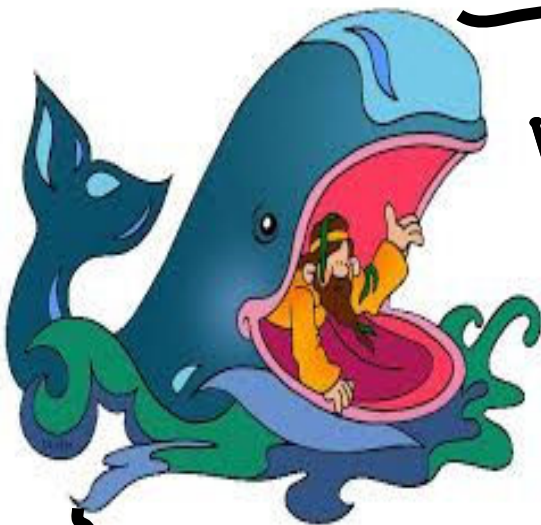
at Fleischman Park

**July 11-15**

Join us for songs, memory verse, games, lesson and a snack! No charge!

*(A Good News Club program by Child Evangelism Fellowship.)*

Contact Fr. Christian for more details.



## Vacation Bible Saturday July 30

8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Sugden Hall

**THEME: Jonah and the Big Fish**

What can you learn about trusting God  
even in the belly of a whale?

**Come find out!**

## Benevolence Fund needs assistance

I want to thank each of you for your continued financial support of St. John's ministries, also to make you aware there are a number of St. John's families currently having critical financial needs for the following reasons:

\*Debilitating medical conditions have forced them out of work.

\*They have spent their money and are having a hard time affording food, rent and other bills.

\*One family faces eviction. We're seeking a housing solution on their behalf.

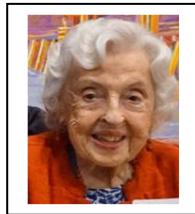
\*I have supported families in seeking any governmental or local assistance available. In some cases, this has provided much needed relief. In others, nothing has happened.

\*The Vestry has approved using some restricted funds designated for the "needy poor."

**\*THEY NEED HELP NOW!** Please consider making a generous check out to St. John's, memo line "Benevolence Fund," to be used for these needy families at this time.

My thanks who have already responded to this appeal! ✝

Fr. Joe Maiocco



## Note cards of Frankie Straw's watercolors of St. John's to go on sale

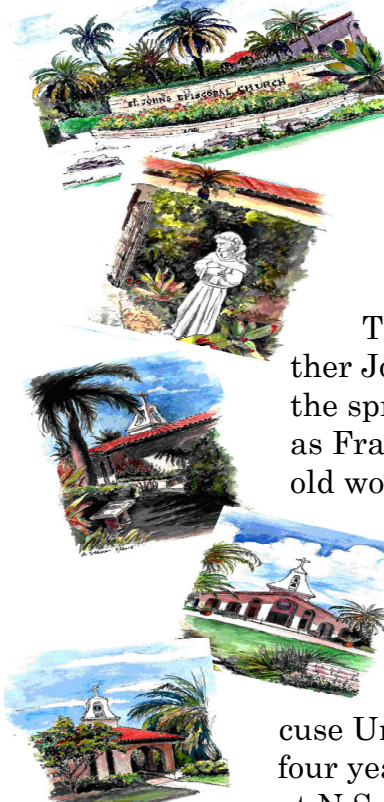
In order to share with our parishioners the wealth of talent we have at St. John's, note cards with copies of beautiful watercolor scenes of our Parish will soon be for sale in the church office and at coffee hour after services. Packages of eight cards of different scenes, with envelopes, will sell for \$10 a set.

The watercolors were presented to Father Joe by artist Francis M. Straw during the spring of this year. Better known to all as Frankie, this talented dedicated 101-year-old woman spent this past winter on a stool with an easel and paint brush in hand, creating colorful outdoor scenes of St. John's Parish.

Born in 1915 in Towanda, PA, Frankie spent four years at Syracuse University in the School of Fine Arts, four years in the Navy and twenty-four years at N.S.A. She and her husband retired to

Naples in the summer of 1971 where they found St. John's. As she states in her biography "it became our second home." We are so lucky to have her talent in our midst. Thank you and God Bless you, Frankie! □

Myra Tutwiler



## New leadership for Usher Ministry named

Effective July 2016, the new usher coordinators will be Richard & Lauralee Uihlein.

I want to thank Ruth Adams for her scheduling of the ushers and greeters over the past years.

We welcome any interested greeters to join the usher ministry during this transition. ✝



Fr. Joe Maiocco

*(Endowment, continued)*

**Clergy Support:** To provide funds to our clergy for education and sabbaticals, as well as provide financial assistance to seminarians.

**Music:** Our music is a true gift to St. John's. However, funds to hire additional professional singers, develop a children's choir and otherwise enhance our music program are lacking. While this endowment has no current balance, promoting it may lead donors to direct their gifts to this area.

**Youth:** We need funds to help in the development and maturation of programs for children and youth at a time when our young people in this country are led away from Christ-centered educational programs and activities.

**Operations:** Often donors want to leave the use of their funds up to the Clergy and Vestry. This endowment offers them an opportunity to make gifts for general use to support day-to-day operations.

If you wish to learn more about making an endowment gift or have questions about our new endowment policy, call or write Peter Zimmermann, the Treasurer of St. John's at (239)263-4547 or at [rpz40@mac.com](mailto:rpz40@mac.com). □

Peter Zimmermann, Treasurer

*(Rector's Message, continued)*

St. John's Lenten Series 2016 was a special time of food, fellowship and hearing one another's stories.

Four people were videoed sharing their life journey and the spiritual experiences they had. It was fun to get to know them more, as well as people who participated in the small group discussions. During the 3<sup>rd</sup> week we welcomed college students who are part of CCO (Coalition for Christian Outreach), a Christian organization reaching out to college students. After sharing dinner, they participated in different small groups and shared about their outreach experience in Immokalee and Naples.

Becky shared that night, a powerful story of God's love, life struggles and healing. She testified that God used prayer and the Holy Spirit to save her life and how the special gift of a St. John's prayer shawl continues to bless her.

As we approached the end of our night, I had the St. John's family encircle the CCO students and we prayed for them, asking God to continue to bless and keep them. Then I placed a prayer shawl on one of their members as we asked God's love to enfold them.

CCO students have shared the following about that evening: "As soon as I entered St. John's I felt a rush of love wash over me." "Everyone was so friendly and just wanted to get to know me and my story." "As they prayed for us, it brought me to tears having them love on us and appreciating what we're doing in the community." "As they were praying, I was brought to tears. It was such a powerful night and I could feel all the love they had for us who they just met. I had a feeling as they prayed over us I cannot explain. We share the prayer shawl with those on campus at Ball State and then send it on to our friends at Edinboro." "For the first time I experienced a real Christian Community." †

**The Father's Heart...Sharing a Meal...One's Story...Loving Community**

Fr. Joe Maiocco, Rector





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## NEW MEMBERS

Robert R. Swanson

## BURIALS

Peggy Hobbs Shaw  
May 25, 2016

Please inform Parish Secretary Ann Witmer of any additions or corrections.

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