

# PARISHLIFE

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Lift up  
your  
Hearts  
in  
Praise!



*Happy Thanksgiving!*



# ***Blessing of the Animals***

## ***Saturday, October 3***





# Sunday School Rocks!

**Kick-off November 1, All Saints Day**

(Our last 10 a.m. service of the season)

Children's Sermon

## Beginning November 8

**5th grade and under Sunday School**

will be held in Sugden Hall  
during the 11:15 Sunday Service

## Beginning November 8

**Jr & Sr high students Christian Ed**

will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in  
Sugden Hall from 12:30 – 2 p.m., following  
the 11:15 Service. Lunch, games & lesson.

## Kids Connection

We had a great time at Kids Connection where we celebrate connecting kids with kids, parents with parents and everyone to our ever-loving God and His son Jesus.

Our Kids Connection gatherings meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month in Sugden Hall from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Join us November 10 and December 8 for story, songs, playtime and more! □



# This 'n' That

**Women's Bible Study** meets Monday mornings at 10 a.m. in Brewster Hall. Study: the book of Ezekiel.

**Sisters for Life Bible Study** meets at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Prayer Room.

**Morning Prayer** is held at 7 a.m. on Wednesdays.

**Men's Bible Study** meets Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. in Sugden Hall.

**Centering Prayer** meets in the Prayer Room at 9 a.m. Wednesdays.

**Order of St. Luke** (healing) now meeting on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. in Brewster Hall.

**Noonday Prayer** at 12 p.m. on Wednesdays.

**Women's Bridge** meets Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. in Sugden Hall.

**Welcome back to our seasonal members! Be sure to let Ann Witmer, Parish Secretary, know you're here so she can update your address and phone number.**  
(261-2355, ext. 4)



Fr. Christian Maxfield  
Assistant Rector

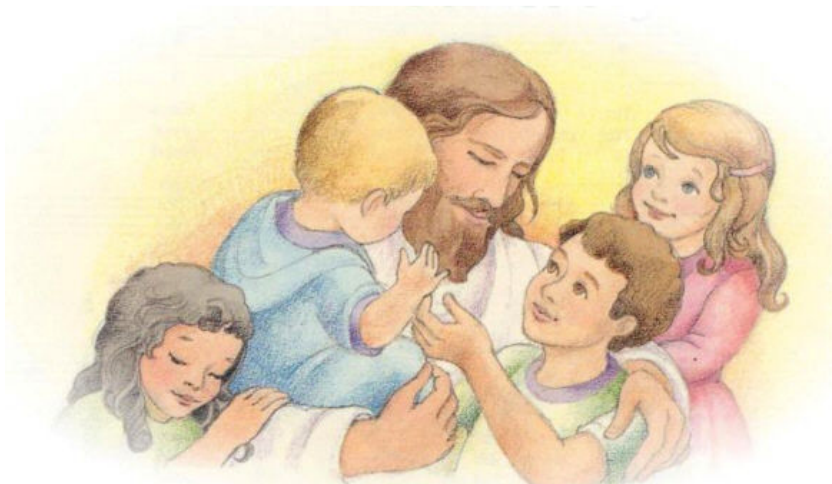
## A vision and a welcoming place for St. John's youth

Mark tells us in the tenth chapter of his gospel account, *"People were bringing little children to him [Jesus] in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them."*

In gathering the children together, Jesus was creating a youth presence by providing opportunities for them to be present and acknowledged.

At St. John's, my hope and desire is the same — that through Sunday school, youth gatherings, family gatherings, church events, socials ...both on and off church property, and in the greater Naples community through outreach ...we will begin to create a youth and family presence where we can laugh, grow and be blessed as we build into each other through relationships built on the foundation of God Himself. For the scriptures say, *"Be careful to obey all these regulations I am giving you, so that it may always go well with you and your children after you, because you will be doing what is good and right in the eyes of the Lord your God."* (Deut. 12:28)

I ask your prayers for our families and our children and youth at St John's, that we will continue to grow and be blessed even as we strive to be blessings to others.✙





## Jr. Warden reflects on parish love

Recently, I was invited to share a Stewardship moment with you, which I enjoyed doing very much. What I didn't communicate to you is how St. John's has truly impacted my walk with the Lord during my twelve years I have been a member.

Now I share some random thoughts with you – like attending a Stewardship Sunday when Skip spoke about how Sunday was his favorite day of the week; how Ellie warmly welcomed me to Women's Bible Study my first visit; the Sunday that Father Joe spoke in his sermon about the woman who would literally crawl on her knees to attend services; how Peggy Paradis, in such a very short time with us, showed her heart and her faith in the Lord ---SO much love in such a beautiful place. We are truly a blessed community.

Another milestone for me was attending my first convention last weekend in Punta Gorda. It truly impacted me –meeting some wonderful folks who are out there doing God's work!

Blessings to all my fellow parishioners. ☐

Sue Boujoukos, Junior Warden



*Fr. Joe and Fr. Christian escorted Tiffany Holt to The Palmetto Ridge High School Homecoming on October 9.*



## TRAINING SESSION

For Ushers and Greeters

**Saturday  
NOV. 21**

**In the sanctuary  
If you would like to vol-  
unteer for one of these  
wonderful ministries,  
please call the office  
(261-2355, ext. 4)**

**WINTER  
SCHEDULE  
begins  
November 8**

**Saturdays  
5 pm**

**Sundays  
9 & 11:15 am**





## A Foyer Group has a place waiting for you

Whether you're new to St. John's or a long-standing member, one of the best ways to get to know others in your church is through Foyer Groups.

**Definition:** Foyer is a French word meaning "hearthside" implying the warmth of a close, small group of friends sharing a common love and concern for each other.

**History:** After the World War II bombing of Coventry Cathedral, small groups of people began meeting to rebuild their community with a short litany, a modest meal, and conversation. In time, Groups began springing up in parishes all over Britain and America.

**What are today's Foyer Groups?** Foyer Groups are a fun and easy way for parishioners to gather together on a regular but informal basis for purely social reasons – to enjoy one another's company, to strengthen bonds of community, to meet new members and just to get to know other people who share a common interest in St. John's. There is no agenda or plan – just casual fellowship and a refreshing meal. Groups are made up of singles, couples, young people, retired folks, etc., in other words, a cross-section of the congregation. Out of the meetings, friendships develop among people who might not have any other opportunity to meet and get to know each other. Newcomers are especially invited to join one of the groups.

**How long do they stay together?** Each small group of eight to ten people meets three times, beginning in January and continuing



through May, in the home of one of the members of the group. Each group selects a date and time that are convenient for all members.

**Do I have to host a fancy dinner if we meet at my house?** Absolutely not! The host should email or call all members during the week before a get-together to remind them of the date and time and confirm the menu items attendees are bringing. The host provides the main course, while the other members fill in the rest of the meal such as appetizer, bread, salad, veggies, and dessert. Some groups have enjoyed gathering for a picnic lunch or meeting at a local restaurant. The main idea is for the gatherings to focus on Christian fellowship, to share a simple meal and have relaxed conversation.

**Are Foyer Groups for adults only?** At present, Foyer is for adult groups only.

**How do I get involved?** Simply call the church office or sign up on the clipboards that have been circulating during services. You will be randomly grouped with three or four other singles and/or couples. We will let you know who your group leader is. The group leader will be in charge of keeping the calendar and reminding everyone of who is hosting the Foyer Group each month. Sign up now! You'll be glad you did! ☐

# *St. John's Shoppe*

## Annual Christmas Open House



## Saturday, November 21

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We're all decked out for the holidays with beautiful clothing for the whole family, terrific home furnishings, accessories, books and holiday décor. Pick up gifts for friends and family and fulfill all your holiday decorating needs in one-stop shopping!

All proceeds benefit local charities through St. John's Outreach!

Come share the joy and help us celebrate our first Christmas season in our new location!

Refreshments served!



### NOTE

The Shoppe will be closed Friday, Nov. 20, in preparation for the Open House.

**TAMIAMI SQUARE, 14700 TAMIAMI TRAIL, NORTH**

(2 ½ miles north of Immokalee Road on the east side of Tamiami Trail)



## Wanted: Willing Hands and Hearts

Like in an old-fashioned quilting bee, the conversations and the friendships which occur as "Stitches of Love" ladies meet become as important as the finished projects their busy hands complete.

This fall we have found several great needs, both locally and in Haiti. These new projects require no special sewing or knitting skills, but do require LOTS of willing hands.

"Mother's Hearts," for new-borns too sick to go home with their moms, is one. Small, soft dolls for orphans to hold and snuggle with is another.

Stitches meetings provide an opportunity to both get to know others at St. John's, and also beautifully fulfill our willingness to "Serve The World." Come join us on the first and third Fridays of each month at 10 a.m. in Brewster Hall. □

Bonnie Schlichting

Please join us for

# BOHÈME

**Puccini's**  
La Boheme  
**Wednesday,**  
**November 4 & 11**  
at 7 p.m.  
in Sugden Hall

## BRAVO TUTTI

**FACILITATOR:**  
**Glenn Saffran**  
**St. John's Music Director**

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*Thank you, Lord, for current resident or*

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### 2015 Vestry:

**Sr. Warden:** Mike Johnson

**Jr. Warden:** Sue Boujoukos

**Treasurer:** Peter Zimmermann

**Clerk to the Vestry:** Ann Witmer

**Members:** Richard Clapp, Fran Disselhorst,  
Gary Jarrell, Robert Matthews, Linda Smith,  
Jack Wert

**Ministries:** Worship, Fellowship,  
Discipleship, Outreach

### St. John's Shoppe for Upscale Thrift

Tamiami Square  
14700 Tamiami Trail N., Naples, FL  
Ph: 239-597-9518

**Hrs:** Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Website:** www.stjohnsshoppe.com

### Shoppe Board of Directors:

**Chairperson:** Pat Costa

**Vice-Chairperson/Secretary:** Myra Tutwiler

**Treasurer:** Barbara Bongard

**Volunteer Recruiting:** Jean Morley

**Vestry Liaison:** Richard Clapp

**Outreach partnering:** Sue Boujoukos

**Member-at-Large:** Lisa Kupcunas

**Manager:** Sharon Marceau

**Asst. Manager:** Rosanne Sausser



## New Members

Sylvia I. Richter  
September 28, 2015

## Deaths

Don Nolte  
September 28, 2015

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

**Deadline for the combined December/January Parishlife is noon, Friday, Nov. 27. Word limit is 350. Send to kay-geroy@mindspring.com**