

# PARISH LIFE

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HAST GIVEN  
SO MUCH ♦ TO  
US ♦ GIVE ONE  
THING MORE  
♦ A GRATEFUL  
HEART ♦

## "Spirit Alive" welcomes the Season



Fall brings such joy and excitement to St. John's. As Don and I return at the end of September, we so enjoy our reunion with our faith friends and look forward to our time together with you this season.

The Spirit Alive Card Ministry is always beckoning for names of our fellow parishioners who could benefit from a caring card. Please don't hesitate to call the office and give Father Joe or Ann the name and address of the person who needs a card so we can extend our parish caring to them.

We invite you to join with others at St. John's on a field trip, attend St. John's 2015 Order of St. Luke's Healing Mission, discuss a book and experience the presence of God during our Lenten Quiet Day.

Watch for updates on the bulletin board, in church bulletins and future *Parishlife* articles about our mid-January field trip, February 7 Healing Mission, February 19 book discussion and Quiet Day at St. John's on March 25, the Wednesday before Holy Week.

Spirit Alive extends another invitation to you. As you look at our activities, we would like you to consider joining Spirit Alive. Perhaps you would like to be part of planning and coordinating field trips, or are interested in book discussions, or enjoy sending cards. If you want to know more about the work we do, the time commitment, or have questions, please call me at 239-325-8283 or my cell phone 517-206-4641. We look forward to your sharing your spirit with us at St. John's this season. □

Katy Esterline

## Words from the Senior Warden



On October 18, I had the pleasure of attending the Diocesan Convention in Punta Gorda. This is an annual meeting during which the "business" of the Diocese is reviewed, elections are held for committees, councils and boards and the annual budget is approved. Some seventy parishes were present and it is quite an experience to be sitting with so many clergy and lay persons celebrating their service to the Lord.

We started the day with Morning Prayer. I must admit I miss Morning Prayer. The liturgy is so rich and it took me back to my childhood when it was the typical Sunday service at my church, St. Peter's in Glenside, Pennsylvania. (I even sang in the children's choir until my voice began to sound like a frog with a cold instead of that of a boy tenor. But, that's another story.)

Bishop Dabney Smith began the business day with his reflections on the "State of the Diocese" and its programs. He punctuated each success with a simple statement: *"We have this treasure..."*

It made me think of our St. John's and the treasures we have. So, here are some thoughts:

Our beautiful sanctuary. *"We have this treasure..."*

Father Joe and his family. *"We have this treasure..."*

Music that fills the church. *"We have this treasure..."*

Our beautiful gardens. *"We have this treasure..."*

Our growing group of younger families.

*"We have this treasure..."*

Our lay leadership and lay participation.

*"We have this treasure..."*

I am sure there are many other "treasures" that we are blessed with at St. John's. The list keeps on growing and is a constant reminder that we are the clay and He is the potter.

Thank you, Lord, for all of these treasures. □

Peter Zimmermann  
Senior Warden

# THIRD QUARTER FINANCIALS



Our revenues continue to be impressive, thanks to you, the St. John's family. Revenues are presently \$21,492 above budget with total expenses coming in at \$7,208 below budget. As you read this, the last phase of restoration is being paid with no debts incurred.

As we enter November, we will be concentrating on our budget for next year. Our budget is based upon your pledges, so I would encourage everyone to send in their pledges and order their envelopes early.

Some of our members choose to use the white envelopes in the pews for cash donations. Please print your first and last name on the envelope so that you will get proper credit for your donation.

	Year-to-date Sept.	Budget Year to Date	Over (under) Budget	Annual Budget
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Pledges	\$ 328,214	\$ 328,000	\$ 214	\$ 420,000
Non-pledged	159,689	138,650	21,039	225,000
Other	1,739	1,500	239	2,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>489,642</b>	<b>468,150</b>	<b>21,492</b>	<b>647,000</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Salaries & benefits	221,973	207,504	14,469	274,728
Church facilities	38,827	46,875	(8,048)	144,954
Utilities	14,064	14,267	(203)	19,800
Administration	84,171	98,596	(14,425)	119,814
Ministries & Committees	65,872	64,873	999	87,704
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>424,907</b>	<b>432,115</b>	<b>(7,208)</b>	<b>647,000</b>
<b>Net Operating Total</b>	<b>\$ 64,735</b>	<b>\$ 36,035</b>	<b>\$ 28,700</b>	<b>0</b>

George Baitis, Treasurer



**...and Wednesday  
is a mid-week day  
of prayer at St.  
John's. Join us for**

**Morning Prayer  
7 a.m.**

**Centering Prayer  
9 a.m.**

**Healing Service  
10 a.m.**

**Order of St. Luke  
11 a.m.**

**Noonday Prayer  
11:30 a.m.**

**P.U.S.H.  
(Pray until something  
happens!)**



# Instant Church Directory



Technology companies like Google, Amazon, Microsoft, IBM, Netflix and Apple are changing the way we live. From computers to smart phones, tablets and internet, how we communicate and function technologically is being transformed before our very eyes. The church needs to participate in this revolution.

I shared in the last *Parishlife* my efforts to continue to move St. John's forward in the use of technology. Since my last article, there is continued work on St. John's website, both in terms of content and speed. Barbara Johnson is looking to integrate our web offerings in Sugden Hall with Youth Sunday School. I also want to introduce a new type of Church Directory for St. John's, one that will be printable, available online and always current.

Instant Church Directory is an online service that will enable us to offer the following:

- A St. John's Directory that can be viewed on any computer or mobile device and it will be password protected. Apple, Android and Kindle Instant Church Directory Apps can be downloaded to your device. Once downloaded, you'll be asked for your email address as it's listed in our current directory. Once you enter the email address, you will receive a password. Entering the password starts the directory download to your device, and once completed, you can search for members and call, email and text right from the app.
- Please send your email address to Ann at [parishsecretary@stjohnsnaples.com](mailto:parishsecretary@stjohnsnaples.com) if we don't have it. Also, more information about ICD can be found at [www.instantchurchdirectory.com](http://www.instantchurchdirectory.com).
- Online activity needs to be secure. There will be an administrator overseeing the directory, submissions and keeping member lists current.

Only those who have matching emails can access the directory via their app or on our website via a password secured from the administrator.

- We encourage you to allow your picture to be part of the Instant Church Directory. We only need head shots, or a small group picture, that can be emailed by you to Ann, or taken after St. John's worship services at a time to be announced. It is understood that when you submit a picture to us, you are giving us permission to post it on the online directory.

St. John's Instant Church Directory project has already begun and will go through April 2015. Printed Directories will be available after April 2015 by contacting Ann at 239.261.2355. This Directory will be continually updated and current. †

**THANKS FOR YOUR  
PARTICIPATION!**



## There's a place waiting for you at a Foyer Group table!

Sign-ups are now being accepted for this season's small groups.

You're invited to join others in sharing a simple dinner and conversation in one another's homes. There will be three get-togethers, beginning in January and ending in May.

Foyer groups are for singles as well as couples and this is a great way to get to know one another better.

For more information, or to sign up, please call the church office (261-2355 ext. 4) or Carolyn Souers (354-2187). You'll be glad you did! ☐



## Curtain going up!

Please join us for  
**Two Evenings  
at the Opera**  
Wednesdays  
**Nov. 5 & 12**

**7 p.m. in Sugden Hall**

A sequel to last year's "Opera and the Church," We will once again explore the richness of grand Opera with excerpts from *Madama Butterfly*, *Boris Godunov*, *Pagliacci* and others. We look forward to seeing you at this special cultural event. Bravo tutti! ☐

Glenn Saffran, Music Director



## Week-end Worship

**Saturdays at 5 p.m.**

Traditional service- Eucharist

**Sundays at 9 a.m.**

Traditional service – Eucharist

**Sundays at 11:15 a.m.**

Blended service – Eucharist

*Children's Sunday School  
11 a.m. in Sugden Hall*



## Gospel Reflections

Come to Brewster Hall on Sunday mornings and join in our adult discussion of the day's Gospel.

Discussions are held between services from 10:30 to 11:10 a.m. and continue weekly until Christmas.

**The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28, in celebration of Thanksgiving.**





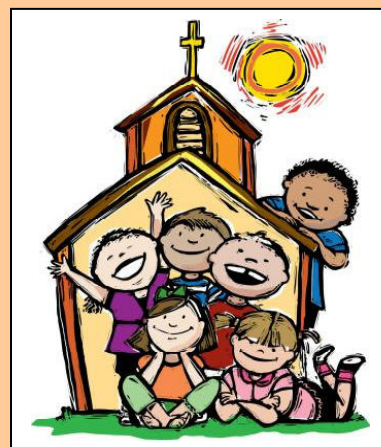
## Sunday School off to a great start

Our 2014-2015 Youth Sunday School began Sunday, October 19, with Children's Chapel in Sugden Hall. Deacon Moyers and Sub Deacon Gonzalez led us in a beautiful service. The children had many opportunities to participate in the service. November 16 will be our next Children's Chapel and all are welcome to join us.

Our lessons this fall will focus on building our trust in God. We will be learning that God listens to us, speaks to us, and we can speak to God through prayer.

A Family Devotion flyer will come home with your child each week (and will be emailed to each family). The Family Devotion flyers will help keep the faith discussion going throughout the week and include fun activities to do during the week. □

Barbara Johnson, Interim Youth Director



## Youth Sunday School Schedule through December

Sunday, October 26  
10 a.m.

Sunday, November 2  
11 a.m.

Sunday, November 9  
11 a.m.

Sunday, November 16  
11 a.m.

*Children's Chapel*

Sunday, November 23  
11 a.m.

Sunday, November 30  
No Sunday School

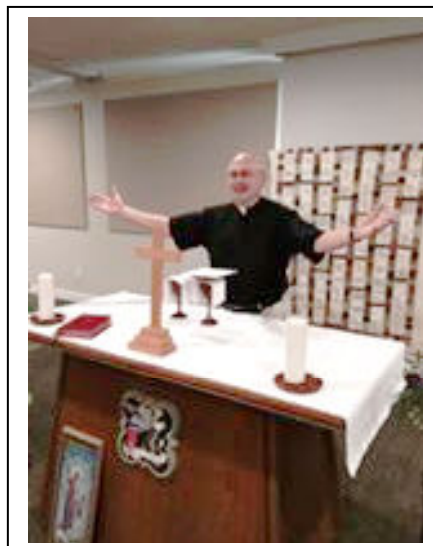
Sunday, December 7  
11 a.m.

Sunday, December 14  
11 a.m.

Sunday, December 21  
11 a.m.

Sunday, December 28  
No Sunday School

Sunday, December 4  
No Sunday School



# St. John's Shoppe

for upscale thrift

Help St. John's Shoppe kick off this wonderful season of "thanks" with the "Gift of Giving." Our annual Holiday Open House is just around the corner. Make St. John's Shoppe your first stop for holiday gifts all at bargain prices. A feeling of joy will be in the air as we gather with you, our friends of St. John's family, to begin celebrating this wonderful season with friendship, refreshments, and fun. Remember that all net proceeds of the Shoppe benefit the charities of Collier County through our parish's outreach.

We have scheduled the hours of this annual event a little longer this year for your convenience in shopping. Please note: Parking will be at a minimum behind the Shoppe, so please park across the street in the bank/medical complex or at the new Chase Bank on the corner.

If you cannot join us to celebrate on November 22, come get your holiday spirit with a visit to the Shoppe anytime in November or December.

See the ever-changing array of holiday decorations to dress your home, gift items for young and old, spectacular clothing and much more — all at affordable prices. Your one-stop shopping will bring you pleasure knowing you are helping others with your purchases and donations.

Don't forget us with your donations ... especially early this month, as we are beginning to collect items for the Open House. Call Sharon at 239-597-9518 for inspection and pick-up of furniture. If you are redecorating your home, your gently-used home furnishings will make some one else smile with Christmas joy! It is said, "The gift and joy that you give others, is the gift that comes back to you." Come share the joy and celebrate with us at the Shoppe. Tell your friends!

**The Shoppe will be closed Friday, Nov. 21  
in preparation for the Open use.**

Myra Tutwiler



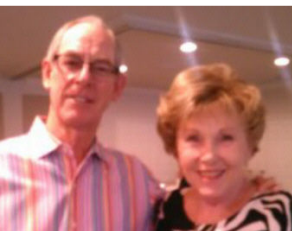
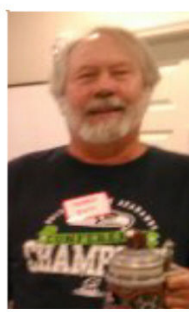
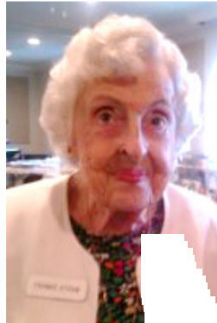
Annual Holiday  
Open House  
Saturday  
November 22

9 a.m. — 4 p.m.

886 110<sup>th</sup> Ave., North

*St. John's Shoppe is located one block south of the intersection of US 41 and Immokalee Road and is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.*

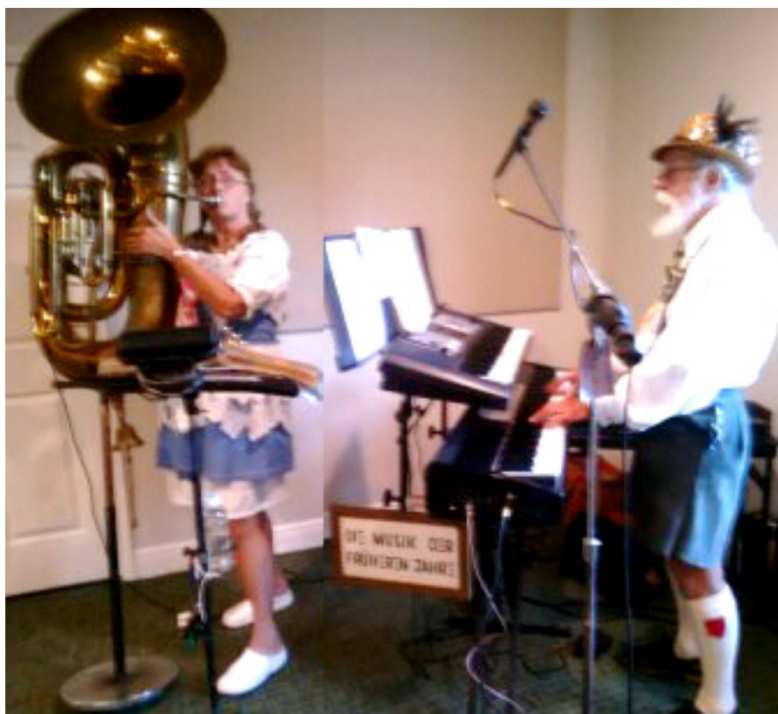




# OKTOBERFEST 2014

*Photos by Bob Geroy*





## Oktoberfest kicks off season with food, fun and song

The “Season” officially opened Saturday night, October 25, as Sr. Warden Peter Zimmermann and wife, Mary, hosted the second Oktoberfest to be held in the newly renovated Sugden Hall.

The Hall and the tables were beautifully decorated and the food, catered by Pepper’s, was outstanding. Once again, “Songs of Yesteryear” provided the non-stop oom-pah-pah musical entertainment. The committee outdid themselves in both presentation and content.

Unfortunately, the exceptionally poor acoustical problem still continues in Sugden Hall. The wall panels, which were installed since last year to supposedly solve the problem, seem to be of little use. It is still impossible to carry on conversations — even across the table — and the amplification of the music added yet another layer to the din.

Nevertheless, it was a wonderful evening and so good to see so many of our northern friends returning. Thanks to all who put so much effort into Oktoberfest 2014. □



A few weeks ago, I asked all of us, before making a pledge, to reflect on our blessings and gratitude to God for those blessings, and how much of our material blessings we are willing to commit to God’s work.

I am sure God has spoken to you of the amount of your gift to Him. He has only asked that we give a tithe of ten percent of His total abundance that He has graciously given us.

A pledge is a promise and a plan. It is a commitment with a purpose. When we pledge, we are saying thanks to God for all He has given us.

By tithing, we are putting God first in our lives and we are dedicating a portion he has given us for his purposes.

After prayerfully considering your commitment for the coming year, submit your pledge to the church office in person, via the mail, or place it in the offering plate.

On behalf of the Stewardship Campaign, a thanks to those of you who have so generously submitted your pledge for 2015.

Thanks be to God! □

Nevin Souers  
Stewardship Chairman

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*Thank you, Lord, for current resident or*

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239-261-2355, ext. 6

**Parish Historian:** Bob Geroy

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Pat Mills 230-596-8890

### **2014 Vestry:**

**Sr. Warden:** Peter Zimmermann

**Jr. Warden:** Mike Johnson

**Treasurer:** George Baitis

**Clerk to the Vestry:** Ann Witmer

**Members:** Sue Boujoukos, Fran Disselhorst,  
Gary Jarrell, Bonnie Schlichting, Nevin  
Souers, Linda Smith, Jack Wert

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

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

886 110<sup>th</sup> Ave., N., Naples FL 34108

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:** Beverly Herr

**Secretary:** Diane Coen

**Treasurer:** Barbara Bongard

**Members-at-large:** Lisa Kupcunas, Myra  
Tutwiler, Jean Morley

**Manager:** Sharon Marceau

**Vestry Liaison to Shoppe:** Sue Boujoukos



### **New Members:**

Lee & Lynn Walker,  
Lainey 10/8/14

### **Transferred In:**

Johanne Bowles Stride  
10/21/14

### **Deaths:**

William Gravalec  
9/29/14  
John Kley  
10/23/14

### **Transfers Out:**

Kevin & Yolanda Lilly,  
Drake, Teal 10/1/14  
Ed & Helen Snyder  
10/1/14

*Please inform Parish  
Secretary Ann Witmer of any  
additions or corrections.  
(261-2355 Ext. 4)*

**Deadline for Dec./Jan. Parishlife: Noon, Friday, November 21.**