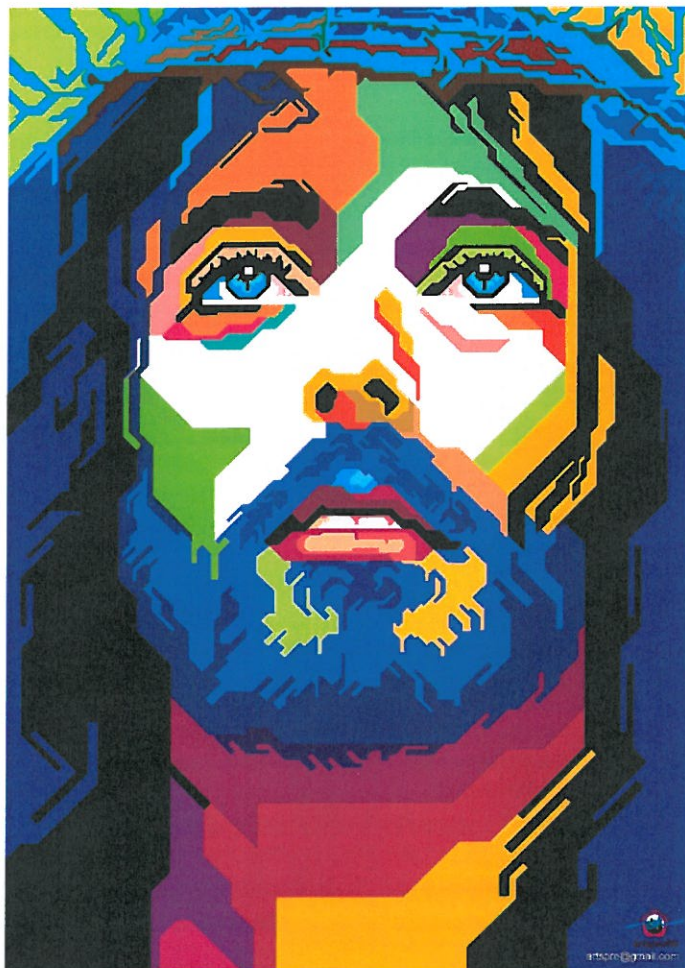


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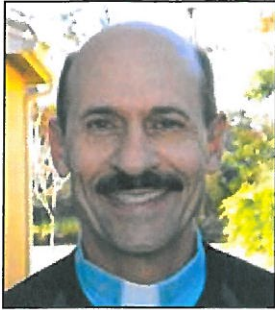


**I AM THE RESURRECTION
AND THE LIFE**

JOHN 11:25

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Fr. Joe Maiocco

Guyana Mission

Sue Boujoukos, Mike Johnson and I traveled to Guyana March 6-13 to bring healing and revival to this South American nation. We traveled with Global Awakening, an International mission group founded by Randy Clark, that has done 100's of similar missions worldwide with tremendous spiritual impact. Our Guyana team of approximately 30 people was small compared to usual numbers, but I was impressed by the spiritual maturity and boldness of our ministry team.

Our first and last days were for travel encompassing 14 hours in cars, planes and exciting Guyana taxi rides. We had 6 ministry days, 3 with the Full Gospel International Conference (Our Host Church) and 3 Crusade days. Our usual day began with 6am prep, 7am breakfast, 830am bus ride to morning Conference session (Worship, Message, Healing Prayer); 1pm lunch, 2-4pm Team session, 5pm dinner, 630pm bus ride to evening Conference session (Worship, Message, Healing Prayer). We arrived back at the hotel around 1030 pm and ready for bed. There was some schedule flexibility, including a tour day and occasional afternoon breaks, but there was much ministry and learning happening.

My Key Lessons:

Spiritual Vitality includes Church Worship, Inspiring Biblical Messages, Heartfelt Prayers for others, the Holy Spirit's Presence, Passionate people in ministry lifting up Jesus Christ to the World!

Some Healed & All Loved was Global Awakening's ministry theme. The reality was some were healed, some weren't, but every person was loved, embraced and encouraged.

Be Open to Change as each day is an opportunity to learn something new and use it. I plan to increase use of "Words of Knowledge" (Revelation of what God is doing NOW) since miracles follow; "Exercise Faith" (Move that leg or arm to gage Healing); "Always Love Them" (God's love is the Heart of Healing).

Street Ministry: Be open to go to the streets, markets and neighborhoods, simply offering to pray!

Miracles and salvations came from this in Guyana and team members are doing this in the US already.

We plan to host an informational gathering about our Guyana Mission Trip, complete with videos, pictures and commentary. Stay tuned for details about this exciting event.

In closing, please keep the Guyanese Church and people in your prayers as Revival breaks out in their midst. This was an exciting start to a process God has been nurturing for years and we we're blessed to be part of it. I leave you with the following stats from our week in Guayana:

2017 Guyana Stats:

7400 Attended the week.

353 Physical Healings

887 Sovereign Healings

116 Emotional/Deliverance

276 Salvations

196 Blasted (Resting in Spirit)

15 Blind...3 Deaf...12 Tumor...1
Lame...2 Metal (Implants)



Fr. Christian Maxfield

Passiontide

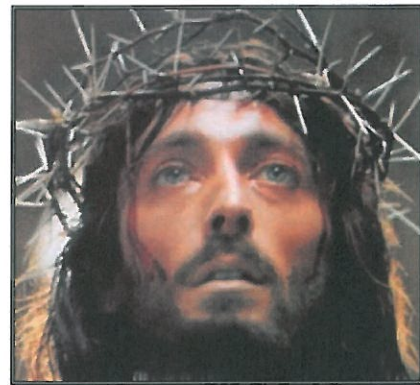
This month we are invited to embark on a journey along the path our Lord followed as we remember the week of His Passion, also known as Passion Week or Passiontide. Churches around the world will begin this week with Palm Sunday, when we wave palm branches in celebration and shed tears of sadness recalling the events of the week to come by reading the Passion narrative, which is then traditionally read again on Good Friday.

On Thursday (Maundy Thursday), most churches begin by recalling Jesus sending His disciples to make preparations for the Passover meal and sharing His last meal with them in the upper room. This is really the place where Jesus participated in His last activities where He called the shots. For after this meal, Jesus is handed over in the garden of Gethsemane and becomes the One to whom things are being done. He was arrested, He was led to the high priest under the cover of night, He was laughed at and beaten, He was led to the chief priests and teachers of the law, He was brought before Pilate, He was wrongfully accused, He was stripped and dressed in a royal robe, He was led to the place of The Skull, He was spit upon and mocked, He was hung and nailed to a tree and He was lifted high into the air, left for dead. All these things happened to our Lord and He chose to have no control.

Author Henri Nouwen has said that it is in the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ that new life becomes visible, because it is in the passion of our Lord that we see the love of God that does not seek control. It is in the passion of our Lord that we can see God's Love shine through the darkest of any circumstance. It is in the passion of our Lord that my life, your life, and every man, woman and child's life has been acted upon: past present and future. It is only as we come to grips with the passion of our Lord, wrestling at times with the truth of the Gospel and allowing God's Word to infiltrate our hearts, that we can come in touch with the new life that Jesus' passion offers each and every person. The practice of walking through Passiontide for Christians is a reminder that the key to knowing God's love and grace in our lives is not action, it is passion as we let the love, the grace and the Spirit of God move our hearts and imprint on our very souls- leading, guiding and reordering our lives each and every day.

I encourage you as followers of Christ to attend the traditional Holy Week services walking alongside our Lord and Savior as He is celebrated as King coming into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, washes His disciples feet and institutes the last supper on Maundy Thursday, walks the way of the cross on

Good Friday and is resurrected on Easter Sunday! Make the most of this Holy Week by taking time to worship our Lord, celebrating the marvelous things He has done, remembering with sober judgment that it is only through the shedding of His blood as the pure, spotless Lamb that we are brought into a right relationship with God.



Sunday (4/2) – Youth Group (No Fooling!). Following the 11:15am Service. 12:30 – 2pm.

EASTER SUNDAY:

- **Sunday school** during the 9am Sunday Service.
- **Easter Egg Hunt** at 10:30am. – Meet in Sugden Hall.
- **No Youth Group** – Spend some good quality time with your family for Easter!!



Trip to Guyana

Sue Boujoukos

I wish to give a short piece this month on my impressions of our trip to Guyana. I

had the privilege of traveling with Fr. Joe and Mike Johnson there and spent a week in this Country which is located northeast of Brazil. When approached about traveling with Global Awakening as a team member, it was the farthest thing from my mind. Let me just say that whatever traveling I have done with my husband, it was always done in "safe places" where we would be "comfortable". Guyana was so far removed from my comfort zone that I had no choice but to turn to God and pray into my journey. Guess what! From the moment I turned it over to Him, I never looked back or questioned my decision and it turned out to be my trip of a lifetime. We as a team of 25 spent every day being in praise and worship as well as spending time healing. Essentially, for me the trip was all about affirming God! The faith that these folks brought with them to be healed by us was overwhelming. They are a people of grace. I shall keep in my heart those who so believed that we could remove their wounds, heal their sick and bring newness into their lives. Yes, Guyana was a most powerful journey for me and that I had the honor to be chosen to be with these people turned out to be a blessing.



Parish People

NEW MEMBERS: Dennis & Linda Ritchie, Stephen & Carol Viehe, Tamara Connolly, John & Carol Peters; Clair & Joan Watkins; Geoffrey & Deborah Moore; Frank & Deanna Lawatsch; George & Dede Heckler, Roger & Sheila Lockwood.

DEATHS: Jeannine Marie Shanard (01.12.17), Barbara A. Nielsen (01.27.17), Robert Swanson (01.31.17), Eileen M. Johnson (02.07.17), Spencer Gullicksen (02.17.17), Henry Haegg (02.25.17), Wanda Robes (03.16.17).

TRANSFERS OUT: Lois Hausler, Morgan and Jan Rees.



Stitches of Love

The Stitches members have really enjoyed their times together this season. Faithfully and enthusiastically gathering on the 1st and 3rd Friday mornings of every month, the group has welcomed several new women. Stitches has also been blessed with several donated sewing machines over the years, including one recently from Bob Geroy which belonged to Kay. The machines allow us to make Mother's Hearts and soft toys assembly-line fashion as some cut, some sew, some turn, some stuff, some finish while the conversation flows. Fun!

Bolstered by beautiful contributions from several women who are unable to attend the meetings, members have been amazed at the sheer quantity of Mother's Hearts, prayer shawls, and baby caps and little girls' dresses which have been completed. Members were delighted to learn that the Missionaries of Charity, Mother Theresa's Order of nuns, would welcome more soft teddy bears and dolls for their orphaned and sick little ones in their hospital in Les Cayes, Haitai. We've been busy at the last several meetings stitching and stuffing!

We always delight in having newcomers join us. For more information contact Bonnie Schlichting, [239-430-9766](tel:239-430-9766).

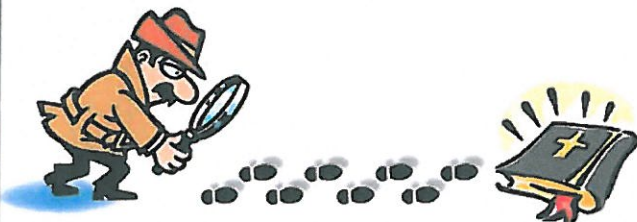
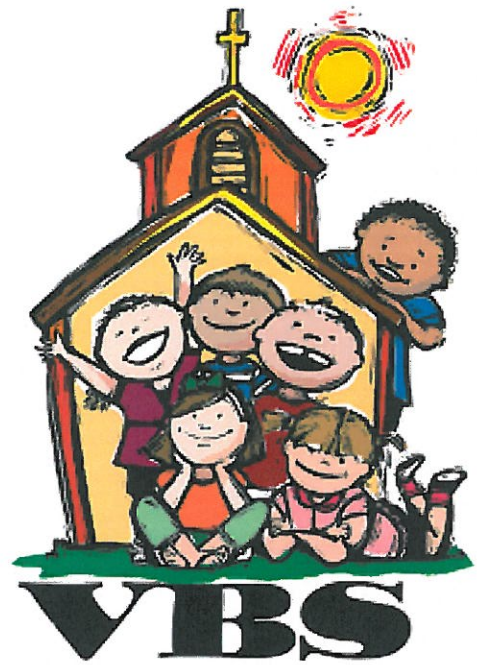
St. John's Shoppe

As we celebrate Easter this month, it is a time for renewal of spirit in all of us. The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ gives us the spiritual inspiration to "Embrace God, Love Our Neighbor, and Serve the World". We 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.


Our 2nd Annual Fashion Show Luncheon was a huge success and was sold out two weeks before the event. We are so thankful for the support of our Parish family, our volunteers, staff, and many others who helped along the way with this event. We are thankful to all who continue to build and foster this Ministry through prayers and hard work. It is truly the "Gift of Giving".

As many of you will be heading north after Easter, don't forget us with your donations before you leave. Due to the volume of sales during high season, we are low in stock of clothing and accessories as well as housewares and home furnishings. Always remember that your donations to the Shoppe become a true "treasure" to someone else. Call the Shoppe at (239) 597-9518 for furniture donations.

As our snowbirds leave us, we will be short-staffed for Volunteers at the Shoppe. Now is a great time to join our team. It is also fun to meet new friends and find special bargains for yourself while working as a volunteer. You can volunteer for as many hours as you have time to be involved. Call the Shoppe for more information. The Shoppe is located in Tamiami Square at 14700 Tamiami Trail, N., Naples, FL 34110. Business hours are 10 AM - 4 PM. Open Monday - Saturday. *May your Life be Blessed with God's Love on Easter and Always!!*



THIS SUMMER,

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Vacation Bible School!

June 19th - 23rd at 9:00am - 12:00pm

500 Park Shore Dr. Naples FL. 34103

Register by emailing Father Christian at
clergy2@stjohnsnaples.com



St. John's Welcomes 25 New Members at our Sunday Celebration on March 26, 2017!



- Lenten soup & bread continues Wed (4/5) at 6pm in Sugden Hall.
- Guyana Trip Presentation by Fr. Joe Maiocco, Sue Boujoukos and Mike Johnson on Sunday (4/2) at 10:30am in Sugden Hall.
- The final Outreach Tour this season will be to Habitat of Collier County on Tuesday (4/4) meeting at the church at 8:45 am to carpool. Please call Mary Tilney to sign up. 239.245.8235.

***Just a reminder to notify the Parish Secretary when you leave to go north,
or of any change of address, phone number or email address.***



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**April 8 & 9
Palm Sunday**

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

**April 13
Maundy Thursday**
7pm
Maundy Thursday Liturgy

**April 14
Good Friday**
Noon
Stations of the Cross
7pm
Veneration of the Cross

**April 15
Holy Saturday**
5pm
The Great Easter Vigil

**April 16
Easter Sunday**
7:30, 9 & 11:15am
Festive Holy Eucharist



Easter Egg Hunt Following 9am Sunday Service!

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Shield of Trust Prayer

Sylvia Gunter

When you don't understand, God invites you to lean into Him and to trust. The following prayer guides you how to pray holding up your shield of trust, regardless of what is going on around you.

Father, when things are shaky or dark and I don't understand, I redirect my focus to Your great heart of love for me and Your power and presence.

When I don't know what to pray,

I trust Your goodness. Ps. 31:19, 34:8, 100:5, 119:68, 136:1, 145:7

I trust that You are sovereign. You have all authority and all power. Matt. 28:18

I trust that nothing takes You by surprise. You know the end from the beginning. Isa. 46:9-10

I trust that Your Word is forever settled in heaven. All things serve you. Ps. 119:89, 91

I trust that there is no circumstance, person, place or time that the blood of Jesus does not cover. I trust that You who spared not Your own Son will freely give me Your best. Rom. 8:31-32

I trust that You are for me, and nothing can separate me from Your love. That was settled on the cross of Jesus. Rom. 8:35-39

I trust that Your loving kindness never ceases. Your compassions never fail. They are new every morning. I trust Your great faithfulness. Lam. 3:22-23

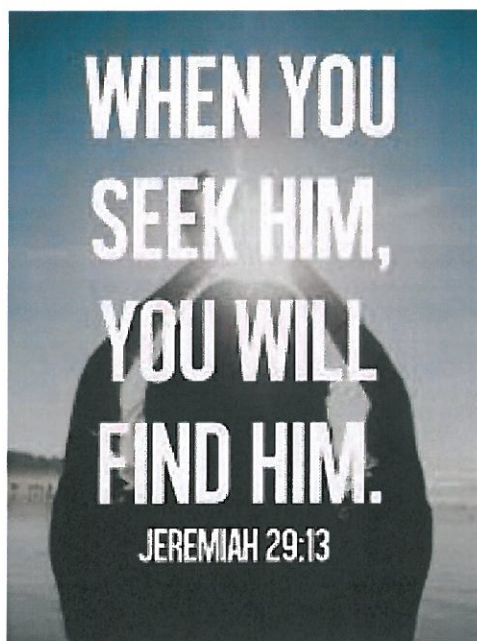
I trust that You know and care about me. The very hairs of my head are numbered. I trust that You supply all my needs through Your riches in Christ Jesus. Matt. 10:30, Phil. 4:19

I trust that You supply Your abundant grace to me in this situation, so that in all things, at all times, I have all Your sufficient grace I need. I trust You to show Your perfect power in my weakness. 2 Cor. 9:8, 2 Cor. 12:9-10

I trust that You are my shield, my strong tower, my refuge, my hope, my joy, my peace, my everything, my all. Ps. 18:1-3, Col. 3:11b

I trust that You renew my strength as I wait on You. Isa. 40:31

I trust that You never leave me or forsake me. You are with me, a very present help. You never go back on a promise. Heb. 13:5-6, Joshua 21:45



I trust that You guard what I have entrusted to You. 2 Tim. 1:12

I trust that You are God of all comfort, Father of mercies. I trust that You have a heart that tears can touch. You invite me to climb up in Your lap and cry. 2 Cor. 1:3-4, Heb. 4:15, Ps. 56:8

I trust that You give gladness instead of mourning and praise instead of fainting. Weeping may endure for a night, but You give joy in the morning. Isa. 61:3, Ps. 30:5

I trust that You do all things for my good and Your glory, to make me like Jesus. Rom. 8:28-29

You are enthroned on the praises of Your children. When I lift You up in a sacrifice of praise, I glorify You in this situation in the here-and now. Ps. 22:3 NASB, Heb. 13:15

Father, glorify Yourself this hour. John 12:28a

In Jesus' name, amen.



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.

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On Sunday (12/11/16), fourteen charities were the recipients of a total of \$160,000 from St. John's Outreach Ministry. Today we would like to highlight one of those special charities, Charity for Change Giver Program.

Since 2008, Charity for Change has engaged more than 20,000 pre-K through 5th grade children in developing character, volunteering and giving habits through our academic Giver Program.

Research shows that teaching children social and emotional skills has long-range benefits affecting children's success in school, careers and life. Practicing behaviors such as cooperation, respect, empathy and compassion replace negative behaviors such as violence, disrespect, apathy and under achievement.

In 2016, thanks to the generosity of St. John's Episcopal Church outreach ministry, the Giver Program expanded to summer school to address the learning gap for at-risk children. Preliminary study results show children actually made gains in math and improved character. This is a significant result for children who typically lose up to 9 weeks of instruction over the summer. The Giver Program also continues to serve children through the afterschool and in-school programs.

Children from all socioeconomic backgrounds learn that by taking action for the benefit of others through charity, they can be contributing members of their community. While completing academic activities, children participating in the Giver Program have raised more than \$115,000 for 72 charities and have benefited from 900 classroom visits from their charity representatives.

We are grateful to St. John's Episcopal Church for investing in our children, empowering them to achieve their full potential as successful, engaged members of our community.

Lenten Soup For The Soul

- Wednesday (4/5) at noon. Location: St. Agnes Catholic Church. 7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road. Naples, FL 34120
- Wednesday (4/12) at noon. Location: East Naples United Methodist Church. 2701 Airport Rd. S. Naples, FL 34112

Sponsored by the Theological Center in Naples, FL.

Reminder...

If you have important or exciting news to share, please remember the deadlines below and send your information to the Parish Secretary at

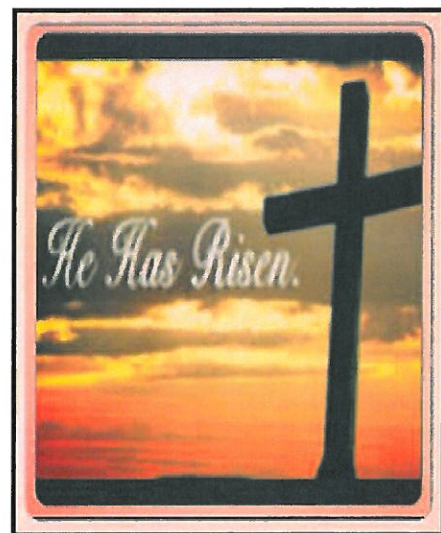
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Enews	September	8/18/2017
ParishLife	October	9/15/2017
Enews	November	10/20/2017
ParishLife	December	11/17/2017

Please enter these dates on your calendar NOW.

Articles must be no longer than 300 words, submitted in MS Word or Excel formatting and any pictures must be submitted in .pdf or .jpeg file format.



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