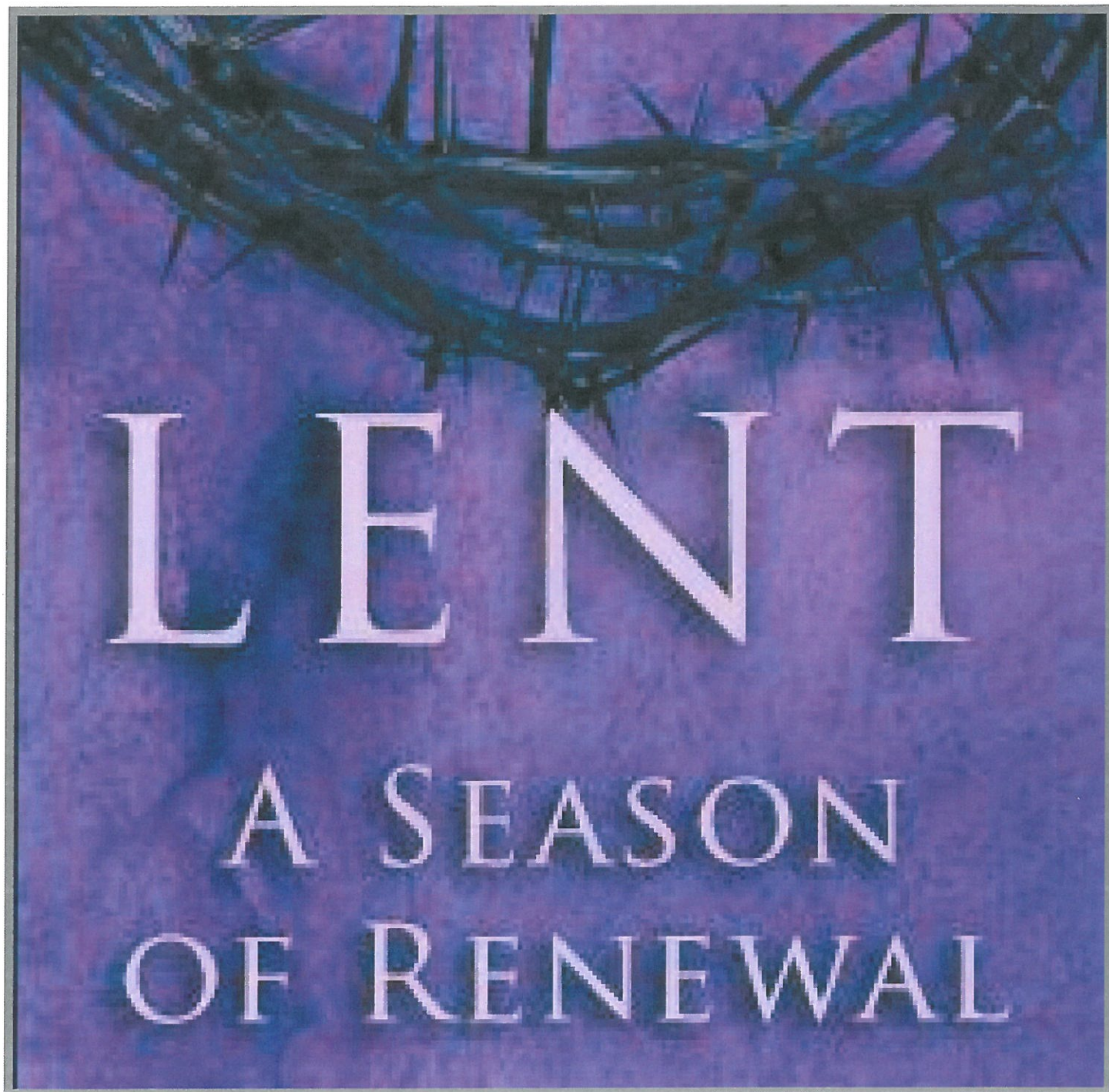


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Fr. Joseph Maiocco

A Lent of Giving

Lent comes early on February 14 when we begin a 40 day penitential season on Ash Wednesday. Fasting, prayer and a tone of preparation are hallmarks of this ancient tradition, and I believe our Lord has been setting things in place for a memorable Lent 2018.

- ✚ A St. John's couple was so touched by Nouwen's "A Spirituality of Care Giving" that they've given financially to purchase some books for St. John's members. I'll be leading a 4 week Lenten study on Care Giving starting Sunday (2/18) at 10:30am in Sugden Hall.
- ✚ *Another St. John's parishioner was moved to knit mini prayer cloths for the St. John's family. These prayer cloths will be blessed and distributed during Lent. I will be encouraging members to use these prayer cloths as a way to pray with family, friends and neighbors for the miracles of God.
- ✚ *40DAYS4HIM begins Ash Wednesday with Worship, Praying, Fasting and Serving.
- ✚ *Our Lenten series will be Naples Community Soup for the Soul. Stay tuned for details.
- ✚ *The Order of St. Luke Healing Mission will be March 2-4 and led by Joan Hunter, internationally known teacher and healer. She will lead a Community Healing Service Friday night that we hope will provide healing for many!
- ✚ *Jews for Jesus Seder will be led by a Messianic Jew on Thursday (3/29). Details are still being worked out, but mark your calendar for this special Holy Week Seder!



Mini Prayer Shawls

Observing a Holy Lent means taking time to allow oneself to be touched by our Lord and others. Prayerfully consider the opportunities above and participate in life changing ways!

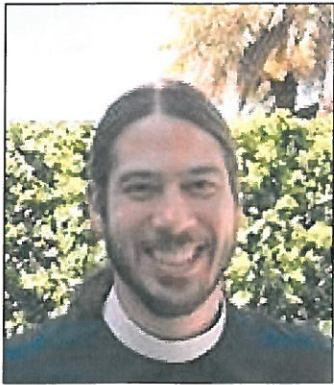


ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild meets in the sanctuary on Saturday mornings at 9am to prepare for the weekend services. Come and see what we do, ask any questions you may have, and consider engaging in this ministry that is so important to our mission of Embracing God! - *Donna Beecher*

If you would like to purchase Altar flowers (or a Sanctuary Candles) for a loved one, there is a sign-up book in the Narthex along with an envelope for your contribution. You may also contact Ann Witmer in the Parish Office at (239) 261-2355 if interested.





Fr. Christian Maxfield

Shrove Tuesday



While it is not necessary to stuff oneself with pancakes and sausage on Shrove Tuesday in order to be on ones way to observing a Holy Lent, it may not hurt either! The Ash Wednesday liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer states, "the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination, and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." (BCP pg. 265)



In preparation for the the next 40 days of Lenten fasting we invite you to an evening of Lots of Food, Fun and Fellowship, on Shove Tuesday: The day households traditionally would use up the last of the sugar, fat and other foods in their kitchens from which they would be fasting during the coming season of Lent.



The Season of Lent is to be an intentional time of preparation as we make more time in our day-to-day to spend with our Lord and Savior in prayer, worship, fasting and service, which is paramount to our growth and use within the Kingdom of God. We hope you will come and that you will please consider bringing a friend, for food is often a great way to invite someone to church who may not otherwise come on their own.



Bring out the family, fill the cars, leave your belts at home and be our Guest, Tuesday, Feb 13th from 5-7pm for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Mardi Gras Celebration!



Spirit Alive's 2018 Season Continues...

Book Discussion of 'Shaken' by Tim Tebow
Thursday (2/22) from 10am – Noon in Sugden Hall
TWO COPIES HAVE BEEN PLACED IN OUR LIBRARY

Who are you when life is steady?

Who are you when storms come?

Where do you go?

Where do your children and grandchildren go when life challenges arrive?

Most of us have been on the receiving end of rejection, a broken dream, or heartbreak. And while this is not an easy space to go through, when we are grounded in the truth, we can endure the tough times.

In this powerful book, Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow passionately shares glimpses of his journey staying grounded in the face of disappointment, criticism, and intense media scrutiny. Following an exceptional college football career with the Florida Gators and a promising playoff run with the Denver Broncos, Tebow was traded to the New York Jets. He was released after one season.

In *Shaken*, named the 2017 Christian Book of the Year, Tebow talks about what he's learned along the way, building confidence in his identity in God, not the world. This moving book also features practical wisdom from Scripture and insights gained from others who have impacted Tebow in life-changing ways.



Katy Esterline

Cursillo - Extravagant Love

Cursillo #138

Extravagant Love

February 22-25, 2018

Cursillo in Spanish means "short course in Christian living"

Candy Newman, Rectora will lead the weekend

St George's Bradenton, FL.

Serving on the team from St. John's Susan Rober,

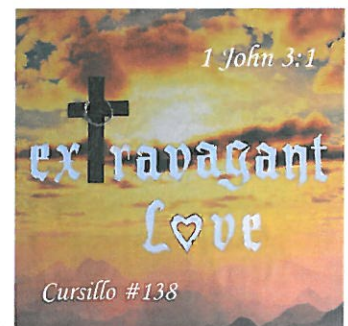
Lisa Maioccio and Dorothy Lowrie.

Attending from St John's

Heidi Morrison, Rick Walker and Jackie Pollakoff.

Please keep Cursillo # 138 in your prayers.

Dorothy Lowrie, Parish Rep





Ann Witmer

Shout for Jesus!

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Lord has laid it upon my heart to encourage you today that as Christians we should share our testimonies with others.

As I sit like a bird, perched in my 'secretary' seat, I watch and listen to some amazing stories of healings and walks with Christ. Yet I see hesitation, maybe some unbelief that people do not want to share these amazing stories... miracles of God with others. Do not be scared or hesitant to share with others the amazing works of God! Did you know that in the Bible, there are 25 verses about testimony?

Sharing your testimony, your faith and trust in God, is a way to bring others closer to God. This is our purpose in this life here on earth. Do not be ashamed of the Gospel... 2 Timothy 1:8, "Therefore, never be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me, his prisoner. Instead, by God's power, join me in suffering for the sake of the gospel." Matthew 10:32 "Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven". And Daniel 4:2, "I want you all to know about the miraculous signs and wonders the Most High God has performed for me."

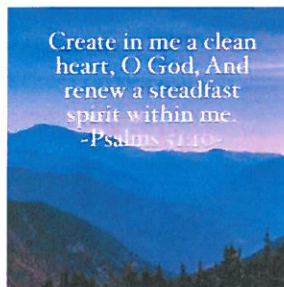
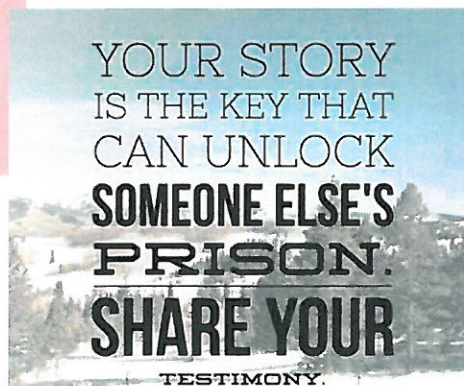
Be braggadocios about what God has done for you! Unbelievers and believers alike need to hear you witness your testimony! Tell your friends conversation in the grocery done for you! Praise and thank

and neighbors, write an article, bring up a line about the wonderful things God has Him daily. Amen? Amen!

DON'T BE
ashamed of
your story
IT WILL
INSPIRE OTHERS

Jesus promises His followers triumphant living.

What keeps us from really walking in the joy of the Lord? Join **Sisters for Life**, Mondays 7-8:15pm in the church Library as we study together Neil T. Anderson's **VICTORY Over the Darkness** to fully realize and live daily in the power of our identity in Christ. - Connie Pinckney



St. John's Shoppe Fashion Show!



St. John's 2017 Fashion Show St. John's Upscale Shoppe

WHERE WILL YOU BE ON MARCH 10, 2018?

It is that time of the year that St. John's Upscale Shoppe will host its Third Annual Fashion Show. Throughout the year, the Shoppe receives furniture, various items, and clothing as donations.

Among the clothing received are items that are put aside for the fashion show due to the quality and the brand name of the clothing. Even though some clothing is put aside to be modeled at our fashion show, the clothes at the Shoppe are still the best. If you have not visited the Shoppe it is well worth the trip to visit and shop.

We are inviting you to attend our Third Annual Fashion Show to be held on March 10, 2018 in the Sugden Hall at St. John's Episcopal Church. The doors open at 11:30am and lunch will be served at 12:30pm. You will be amazed at the fashions worn by our models. The fashion show will start around 1:00pm but not before we announce the winners of our silent auction items and items won by you purchasing raffle tickets. The cost of the tickets is \$45.00. You may purchase the tickets by visiting the Shoppe or calling the Shoppe at 239-597-9518, contacting any one of the volunteers, or getting in touch with any of the St. Shoppe's board members. You may also contact St. John's church office at 239-261-2355. You may pay for the tickets by check or cash. Do not wait to purchase your tickets as last year we sold out.

We have various items donated from the business in the area for the raffles as well as great auction items. We have a wonderful lunch that will be served that includes salad, an entrée, and desserts.

What a great time to meet up with old friends as well as meet new ones for an afternoon for lunch as well as enjoy watching a fashion show.

The money raised by you purchasing tickets goes to St. John's Church outreach Charities.

In December 2017, we had a grant of \$143,000 given to 11 charities. Our goal this year is to increase that amount in 2018. What a blessing it is to be surrounded by love, giving, caring and sharing through St. John's Church outreach.

OSL & Healing

Approximately 60 people gathered for worship led by Mega Praise, teaching by Frenchie from W.Y.A.M. and empowering prayer with believers from many churches. The Holy Spirit touched many lives!



Fr. Joe led a powerful 3-day Order of St. Luke training that included teaching, practicum and worship at Faith Lutheran Church. Faith Lutheran had 9 participants, St. John's 12 and other churches 2. Faith Lutheran will become an OSL site, spreading the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ and his healing power!



Ash Wednesday Cancellations:

- ❖ Centering Prayer
- ❖ Noon Day Prayer

Join us for the OSL / Joan Hunter Healing Mission at St. John's! Brochures containing more information can be found in the Narthex or in the Parish Office. \$20 Pre-paid Registrations include lunch and are due no later than Wednesday (2/28). This is a service you won't want to miss!

2018
Healing Mission
Fri. March 2, 7:00 PM
Healing Service
Sat. March 3, 8:30-4:00
Healing Training
St. John Services
With Joan Hunter
Sat. 5:00 PM
Sun. 9:00 & 11:15 AM



WANTED



WANTED: WILLING HANDS...to iron, hands to cut out patterns, hands to stuff, hands to turn fabric right side out and poke out the corners, (bring chop sticks), hands to do a bit of hand stitching. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**

Stitches of Love

New hands and faces are most welcome to join a friendly and enthusiastic group meeting weekly in Brewster Hall to work on a number of projects in informal assembly line fashion. We are known as Stitches of Love.



Currently, we are making small stuffed colorful "pillows" which will be used in a Mom & Toddler program teaching English and kindergarten readiness skills at Grace Place in Golden Gate. We've also made about half of the "Mother's Hearts" which will go to the NICU at Golisano Children's Hospital in Fort Myers.



We will also be making more stuffed animals for the orphans in Haiti. A number of our Stitches make prayer shawls, quilts, and knit baby caps at home, and others are making small knit prayer squares. All our finished articles are blessed at the altar before they are sent or shared. Join us: Fridays, 10am in Brewster Hall!

—Bonnie Schlichting

What's Happening?



St. John's
Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper & Mardi Gras
celebration.

February 13, 2018
5:00 - 7:00 pm

Family friendly evening of Food,
Fellowship and Fun!

Gourmet pancakes begin being
served in Sugden Hall at St John's
Episcopal Church at 5:00 pm

- Flavored or regular pancakes
- Sides of sausage, applesauce,
coffee and milk
- Crafts and games for kids
- Free-will offering taken



St John's Episcopal Church
500 Park Shore, Naples, FL 34103

Fun for all ages!

For questions or more information
please contact Fr. Christian
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Ash Wednesday services will be at 9am & 7pm on
Wed (2/14).

40DAYS4HIM begin Wednesday (2/14) with Ash
Wednesday and continues through Lent with worship,
prayer, fasting and serving. Join us in repentance and
seeking God's reviving of Naples, our Nation and
World. You're invited to register at
www.openheavenrevival.org.

Fr. Joe will lead a 4 week coed study on "A Spirituality
of Care Giving" by Henri Nouwen. Join us on Sunday
(2/18) at 10:30am in Sugden Hall for study and prayer
for care givers. Books are available in the Narthex.

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ing Tim Tebow's book 'Shaken'. Two copies are availa-
ble in the library.

St. John's Upscale Thrift Shoppe Third Annual Fash-
ion Show is Saturday (3/10). Limited reserved seating
is provided; tickets are \$45 and may be purchased by
cash or check at the Shoppe, St. John's Parish Office,
volunteers or any board member.

The Order of St. Luke is offering Healing Prayer on
Wednesdays from 10-Noon in Brewster Hall. Also a
more intense, in-depth healing prayer will be available
by appointment. You may call the office at
239.261.2355 or Vickie Bauch at 239.249.0957.

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We are in need of small bud vases. Please drop them
off in the Narthex.

2018 News Article Deadlines		
Publication	Month of Publication	Deadline: Friday (3rd Fri/mo)
Enews	March	2/16/2018

OUTREACH



St. John's Outreach...almost 38% of the Church's revenues are spent on outreach activities!

	2017 Projected	2016 Actual	% of Total 2017	% of Total 2016
St. John's and St. John's Thrift Shoppe Outreach Grants	\$143,000	\$160,000	37.1%	48.8%
Benevolence	60,512	71,917	15.7%	21.9%
Church of God/Aleppo	29,867	20,000	7.7%	6.1%
Missionary support	8,122	7,000	2.1%	2.1%
Hurricane relief:				
Harvey	24,615		6.4%	
Irma	46,405		12.0%	
Diocesan Support	62,700	55,590	16.3%	16.9%
St. Matthew's House - Golfathon	5,422	9,153	1.4%	2.8%
Food for the Poor/Feed the 5,000	5,000	4,466	1.3%	1.4%
Total	\$385,643	\$328,126	100.0%	100.0%
Revenues:				
2017 Projected / 2016 - Actual	\$804,000	\$819,000		
Thrift Shoppe Contribution	60,000	100,000		
Special donations:				
Outreach	108,000	35,000		
Benevolence	47,272	89,237		
Total	\$1,019,272	\$919,000		
Outreach compared to Revenues	37.8%	35.7%		

Parishioner Volunteer Outreach Ministries:

St. Matthew's House Dinners
Stitches of Love
Habitat for Humanity
St. John's Thrift Shoppe
Christian Healing Center

Fasting & Feasting



Fast from judging others;
Fast from emphasis on differences;
Fast from apparent darkness;
Fast from words that pollute;
Fast from discontent;
Fast from anger;
Fast from pessimism;
Fast from worry;
Fast from complaining,
Fast from negatives;
Fast from unrelenting pressures;
Fast from hostility;
Fast from bitterness;
Fast from self-concern;
Fast from personal anxiety;
Fast from discouragement;
Fast from facts that depress;
Fast from lethargy;
Fast from suspicion;
Fast from thoughts that weaken;
Fast from shadows of sorrow;
Fast from idle gossip;
Fast from problems that overwhelm;

feast on the Christ dwelling in them.
feast on the unity of all life.
feast on the reality of light.
feast on phrases that purify.
feast on gratitude.
feast on patience.
feast on optimism.
feast on trust.
feast on appreciation.
feast on affirmatives.
feast on unceasing prayer.
feast on nonviolence.
feast on forgiveness.
feast on compassion for others.
feast on eternal Truth.
feast on hope.
feast on truths that uplift.
feast on enthusiasm.
feast on truth.
feast on promises that inspire.
feast on the sunlight of serenity.
feast on purposeful silence.
feast on prayer that undergirds.

Gentle God, during this season of fasting and feasting, gift us with your presence, so we can be a gift to others in carrying out your work. Amen.

- *Attributed to William Arthur Ward (1921 - 1994)*

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Tamiami Square

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Phone: 239-597-9518

Hours: Mon-Sat. 10am-5pm

Website: www.stjohnsshoppe.com

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Susanna Bayer, Jason Roxberry,

Debbie Wikander.

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Brownlee, Ted & Gail Gravenhorst; Larry & Diane Cohen.

Deaths: Ken Block (1/23/18)**PARISHLIFE**

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