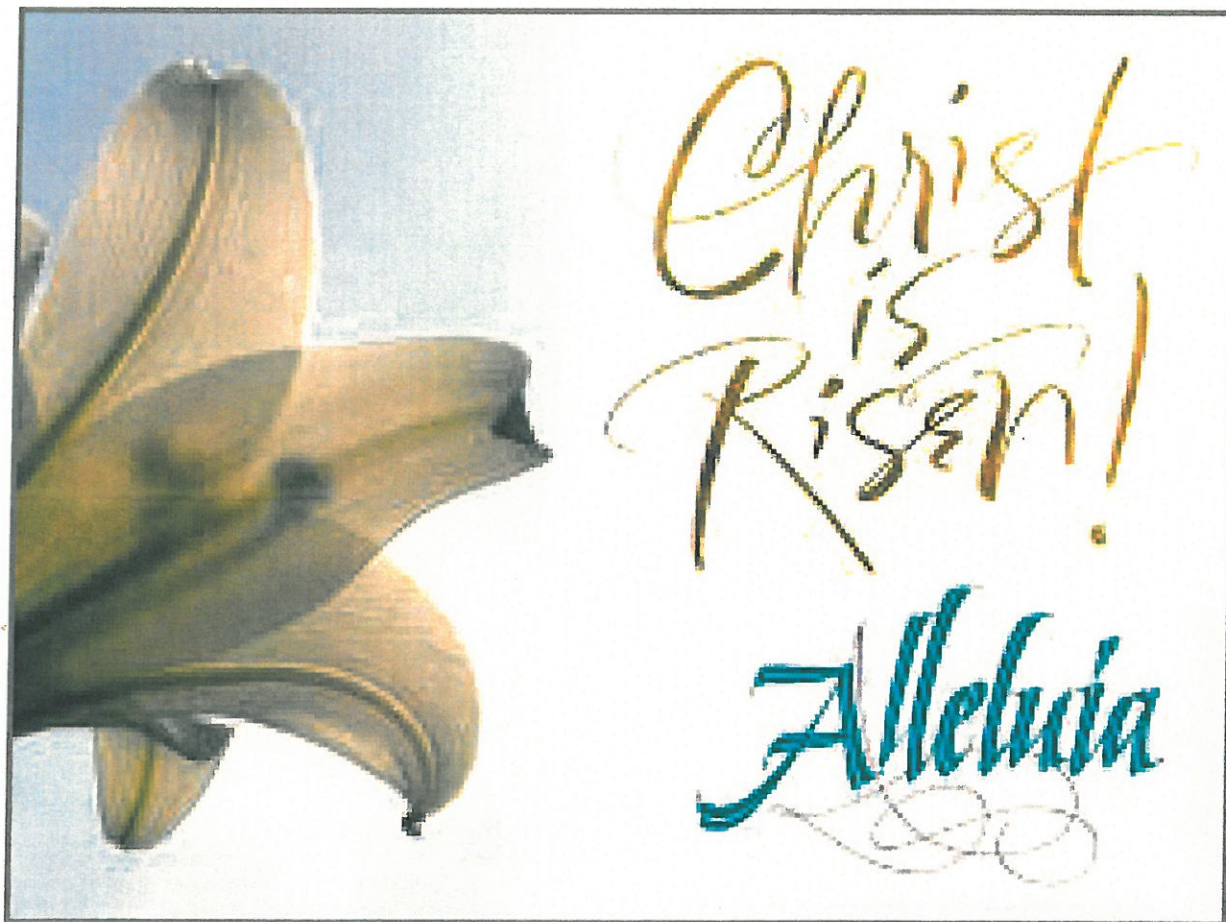


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The Newsletter of St. John's Episcopal Church



"He is not here, but has risen."

Luke 24:6





## The Resurrected King Is Resurrecting Me

There are so many things that make Easter special, including the colorful flowers, family and friends gathering, Easter eggs, candy and the music. Songs and sounds celebrate our Lord's triumphant resurrection from the dead and fill us with joy! "Resurrecting" by Elevation Worship invites the listener to sing ancient truths alongside contemporary refrains that inspire one's life. True of the entire song, I've found one part reverberating in my spirit:

"By your Spirit I will rise from the ashes of defeat  
The resurrected King is resurrecting me  
In your name I come alive to declare the victory  
The resurrected King is resurrecting me"

Music to my ears celebrates Jesus' triumph over the grave and His personal call in my life to resurrect now! I love the reality that "the resurrected King is resurrecting me", and you, them and anyone who calls him Lord! Whether rising from defeat or declaring your victory in faith, the resurrected King is resurrecting you TODAY!



Fr. Joseph Maiocco

Welcome the work of the resurrected King into your life. Resurrecting life will have the unmistakable marks of hope, joy, love and abundant life! Jesus can bring victory from your defeat, light into darkness, a new direction from being stuck. Follow His Spirit!

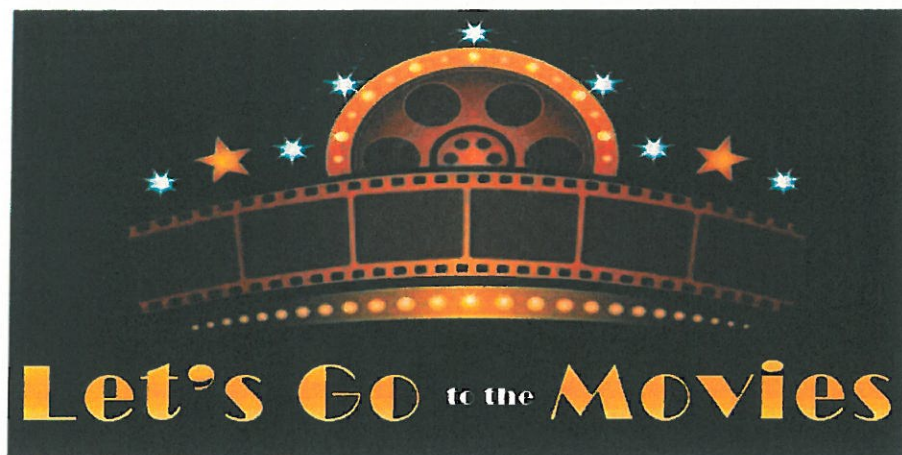
**Embrace the Resurrected King Resurrecting You!**

## New Members

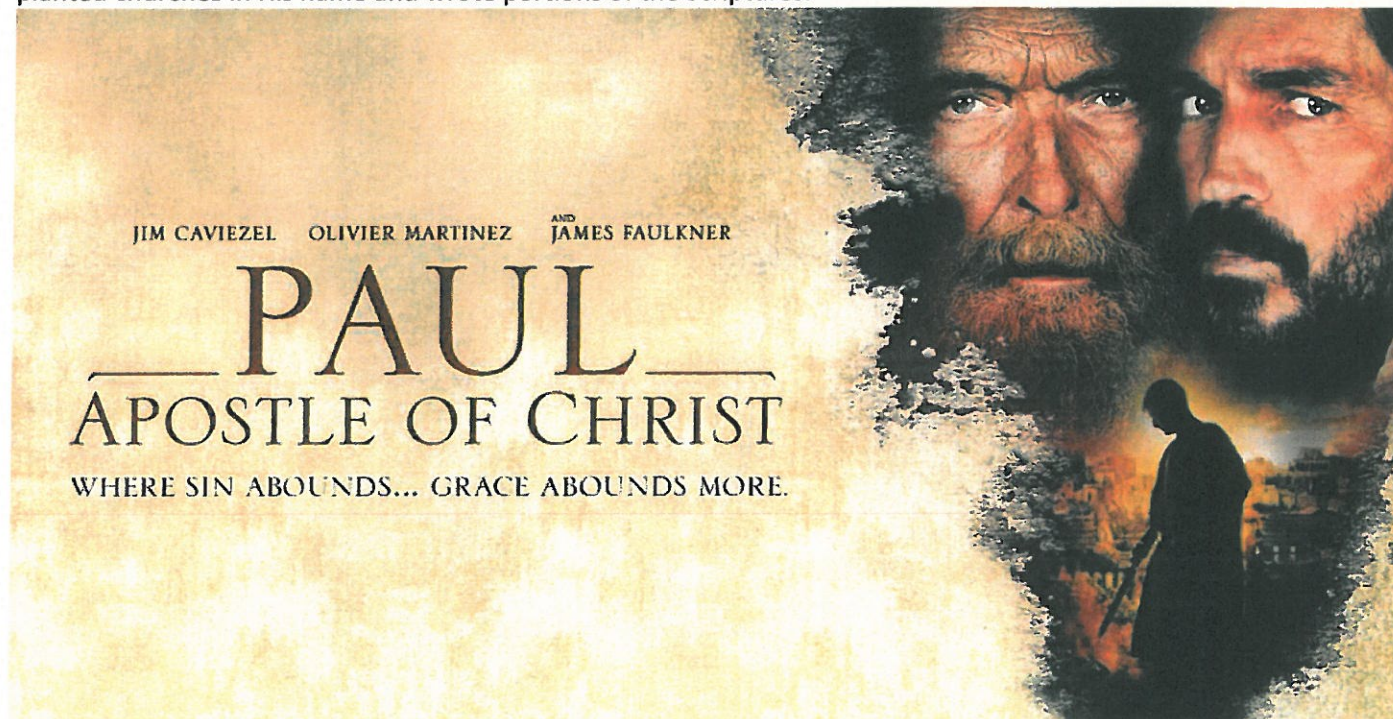
*St. John's welcomed 26 new members over the past year, with 18 attending a special celebration of gift giving, song and a reception. Welcome to St. John's!*







It is always exciting when media dovetails and reinforces what is happening at your church. Both the men's and women's Bible studies this year have been studying the Acts of the Apostles at their weekly Bible studies. A unique opportunity to reinforce the understanding and inward digestion of a great book of the Bible- one of my favorites- presents itself to us in the near future: going to watch it on the big screen! Celebrate the season of Easter with us by gaining more understanding and insight into those who were nearest to our Lord, who, inspired by the Holy Spirit, planted churches in His name and wrote portions of the Scriptures.



Sign up to go with St John's to a showing of *Paul: Apostle of Christ* for a morning matinee at 11am on Tuesday, April 3. After securing your spot by calling the St John's office or by emailing Fr. Christian at [clergy2@stjohnsnaples.com](mailto:clergy2@stjohnsnaples.com) or Ann Witmer at [parishsecretary@stjohnsnaples.com](mailto:parishsecretary@stjohnsnaples.com), meet us at the Paragon Theater in the Pavilion at Vanderbilt Beach Road the day of the movie. Tickets will be bought in advance from the theater. Tickets are \$6's each and should be paid to St John's prior to the event.

Call or email now to reserve your spot!!

Fr Christian+





#### A CHANGE OF SEASON

Are you up for a change of season? We've already set our clocks ahead to Daylight Saving Time (maybe for the last time?). Spring training is winding down—Major League Baseball will be soon underway. Opening Day for my favorite team (the Baltimore Orioles) is March 29! March Madness will soon be over and we can forget all about our broken brackets.

At St. John's, the season is changing too! We are embracing new members. Some of our seasonal members are preparing to head back north (We'll miss you!). My grandmother would be doing her spring housecleaning. Like her, we can cull through our stuff and donate our "like-new" clothing and household items to St. John's Thrift Shoppe. Our FOYERS groups are planning their end-of-season gatherings. The Altar Guild is busy dressing the altar for a new season.

Spiritually speaking, we're transitioning from the season of Lent to the season of Eastertide. We've solemnly prayed, fasted, decreased, and pondered the Lord's suffering and death. We're ready to celebrate His glorious resurrection! It's said that "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." It's remarkable that in 2018 March literally goes out with the Lamb—the risen Lamb of God!

And they sang in a mighty chorus:

"The Lamb is worthy—the Lamb who was killed.

He is worthy to receive power and riches

and wisdom and strength

and honor and glory and blessing."

Revelation 5:13



Donna Beecher



# St. John's Shoppe

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**WE ARE LOW ON INVENTORY**

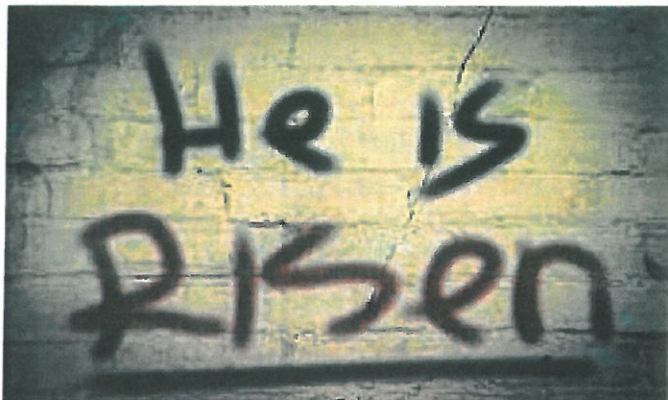
## DONATIONS NEEDED FOR ST. JOHN'S SHOPPE An Upscale Thrift Shoppe

If you have items that you are getting rid of due to replacement, moving, downsizing or just plain tired of those items please call St. John's Shoppe at 239-597-9518. We can arrange to have your furniture picked up at no cost to you. We are in need of household items, gently used clothing for men and women, jewelry, shoes, hats, purses, belts, etc. **The first Wednesday of the month between 10 to 12 noon**, you may drop off your household items and clothing at St. John's church in the back parking lot.

If you have a **neighbor, friend or relative** that is looking also to get rid of furniture, household items and clothing please tell them to call us at 239-597-9518. **Let them know you do not have to be a member of St. John's Episcopal Church** in order for us to pick up your furniture or donate to the Shoppe. We welcome everyone.

## **WE NEED YOU**

**We are in need of volunteers at St. John's Shoppe.** Once a month, once a week, morning, afternoon, or what ever fits into your schedule. **Call 239-597-9518 we are waiting for your call.**



## **HEALING MISSION 2018**

Joan Hunter was the guest speaker and trainer at the 2018 OSL Healing Mission from Friday, March 2 thru Sunday, March 4. Joan is a compassionate minister, dynamic teacher, an accomplished author, and an anointed healing evangelist. Approximately 95 people attended the training and healing session.

Of those in attendance, the following are the healing testimonies received:



- ✚ Jacki: No left knee pain and disappearing scar after prayer.
- ✚ Don prayed in proxy for Mary Jane's severe back pain (5-10 level). No back pain after years of suffering. Also prayed for Carol suffering 3<sup>rd</sup> bout of cancer and declining. Husband stated doing better than he has seen in months.
- ✚ Patty: Neck's pinched nerve healed with no more pain in fingers.
- ✚ Skip: Severe headache healed.
- ✚ Nancy: Both knees healed of pain with no meds since.
- ✚ Mike: Prayer for back and knee pain, as well as legs to be same length. Healed!
- ✚ Ruben: Told Dad, "I'm healed" after prayer to heal diabetes. Blood sugar in 100's since with no insulin.
- ✚ Joan: No more sciatica or shooting pain after additional healing prayer by St. John's.
- ✚ Jackie: Tremendous emotional healing of past relationships through forgiveness and surrendering everyone to Jesus Christ.
- ✚ For those who received some improvement or none, please be in touch with St. John's OSL for continued prayer.

**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.**

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*Quiet Day 2018*  
*Centering & Intercession*

**Psalm 46:10 NIV**

"Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."

**Matthew 6:6 NIV**

"But when you pray, go into your room,  
close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen.  
Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

Quietly God's children entered the church 'room'. Glenn lead us though songs of praise and worship of the trinity. Father Joe's opening message focused on Christian Centering Prayer. A packet of meditations and pages to write our prayers were distributed and a variety of books were made available for our time of personal intercession for ourselves, our families, our friends, our country and the nation. We were free to find our 'room' or personal space to center and intercede.

As we walked to the well to deposit our intercessory prayers, we felt the crisp air, but also felt the warm direct sunrays. We were given a chance to share and pray for each other's deepest prayers. We concluded our time centering and praying by depositing our prayers in the prayer well.

The finale was joining in our noonday Eucharist.

Members and friends are encouraged to join our St. John's Centering Prayer time on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 in the prayer room.

Katy Esterline







**SPIRIT ALIVE FINALE**  
**SUNDAY APRIL 15, 2018**  
**2:00 - 5:00 PM**

**EMPTY BOWLS -5 Star Non-Profit Organization**  
**Meals of Hope Warehouse, 2221 Corporation Blvd Naples, FL 34109**

Calling all who enjoy a fun time painting, a creative time, and a social time!

Join us for an opportunity to give to those in great need of food to nourish their bodies.

We have accepted Empty Bowls of Naples invitation to become involved in the community effort to fight hunger in our community.

Although it is not required, we are asking that you sign up in the church office for this event so we can let them know how many of us will be attending. We will meet at the above address on April 15.

We are looking forward to this event and hope to enjoy your company as we paint our bowls for the hungry in our community.

Katy Esterline



## Parish People

**New Members:** Heather Barber; Brent Guillot; Vanda Lee Guillot; Cheryl Fraser; Max & Jacki Guinn; Michael & Louise Yakubisin; William & Karin Weber; Barrie & Peter McKernan.

**Transfers Out:** Dan Blount; Kathi & Robert Wilkinson; Frank Napoleon.

**Baptism:** Vanda Lee Guillot



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# Praying Psalm 9

by Sylvia Gunter

It was a very unsettled and stressful time that involved lots of practical decisions and actions. I found myself tossing and turning at night, rehearsing all the details to be resolved in some major decisions that effected my life, ministry and family. It felt like it was up to me to handle it all or no one else would. A timely reminder came from Matthew 16:24-25 in the Message. "Jesus told His disciples, 'Anyone who intends to come with Me has to let Me lead. You are not in the driver's seat. I am. Self-help is no help at all.'"

I drew a line down the middle of the next page in my prayer notebook. I labeled the left column "Self-help" and the right column "God's help." It would have been silly to write anything I was worrying about on my side of the ledger. I knew I couldn't do it in my own strength and wisdom. On God's side of the ledger, I listed everything we were facing. Lots of big things far beyond my ability to handle, but they all demanded my attention NOW.

During this time, I read Psalm 9. It is a great scriptural framework to remind me about my part and God's part. God never intends for His children to handle His part and ours, too. God is sure to engineer for us valuable lessons and opportunities for letting Him be God.

## Psalm 9

### My part

1 I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart;  
I will tell of all your wonders.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in you;  
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

### God's Part

3 You make my enemies turn back;  
4 For you have upheld my right and my cause;  
You have sat on your throne, judging righteously.  
5 You have rebuked the nations and destroyed the wicked;

6 Endless ruin overtaken the enemy,  
You have uprooted their cities;  
Even the memory of them has perished.

7 You reign as Lord forever;  
You have established your throne for judgment.

8 You will judge the world in righteousness;

You will govern the peoples with justice.

9 You, Lord, are a refuge for the oppressed,  
A stronghold in times of trouble.

### My part

10 I know your name and will trust in you.

### God's part

10 He has never forsaken those who seek him.

### My part

11 I will sing praises to the Lord, enthroned in Zion;  
I will proclaim among the nations what he has done.

### God's part

12 He does not ignore the cry of the afflicted.

### My part

13 O Lord, see how my enemies persecute me!  
Have mercy and lift me up from the gates of death.

### God's part

16 The Lord is known by his justice;  
The wicked are ensnared by the work of their hands.

18 But the needy will not always be forgotten,  
Nor the hope of the afflicted ever perish.

19 Arise, O Lord, let not man triumph;  
Let the nations be judged in your presence,

### My part

14 That I may declare your praises in the gates...  
And there rejoice in your salvation.

That act of laying it all out before God showed me dramatically that I could carry the burden for each item, or God would, if I let Him. God did so many things so quickly that in a short time I wrote "Praise the Lord" across all items of the transition. Most important, I never fretted another minute about it, because God was carrying our cares.

In the Amplified Bible Proverbs 16:3 says, "Roll your works upon the Lord. Commit and trust them wholly to Him; [He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will, and] so shall your plans be established and succeed." Who can do the most, you or the God of heaven and earth?





✚ Come join us for some fun for the whole family Easter Sunday at our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Hunt follows the 9am service April 1, beginning approximately at 10:30am. Don't forget your Easter Basket.

✚ Jr. and Sr. High Youth, join us for an ice cream party Sunday (4/8) after the 11:15am service. Bring your favorite topping to share.

✚ Mark your calendars for some summer fun at Vacation Bible School! Come and meet some extraordinary people whose lives were "Turned Around" when they met Jesus finding true life & Life to the FULL. June 25-29. 9am to noon.

✚ Summer Camp brochures are in the Narthex. See Fr. Christian if you would like to spend a week of fun meeting new friends, discovering more about yourself and what it means to have a living relationship with the God who made you, at Summer Camp!!



To our church family,

As we look into the upcoming season for our Outreach here at St. John's, please feel free to recommend your Collier County charity. We welcome your selections.



Sue Boujoukos



If you're leaving Naples over the summer, please stay connected to St. John's via:

✓ Parish Life by sending Ann your email address.

✓ Accessing our calendar and sermons at [www.stjohnsnaples.com](http://www.stjohnsnaples.com)

✓ Keeping us in Prayer as we Pray for you!

Stay tuned for more information on Summer Bible Studies, Sunset Beach Picnic, Movie nights and Fellowship Opportunities in future editions of ENEWS and Parish Life!

God Bless You!

Fr. Joe



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