

# PARISHLIFE

The Newsletter of St. John's Episcopal Church



*And he said, "Let me tell you a secret  
about a father's love.*

*A secret that my daddy said was just between us."*

*He said, "Daddies don't just love their children every now and then.*

*It's a love without end, Amen."*

*Aaron Barker*

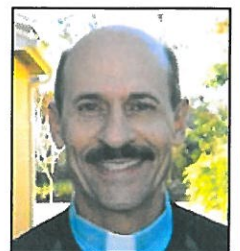
# Parable of the Loving Father



I give thanks for all dads and men as we celebrate Father's Day 2019 in June. Fathers play a key role in our life journey and the parable of the prodigal son is a perfect illustration of that. For this article, I'm renaming that story "The Parable of the Loving Father" since it rings true to the heart of the parable.

- The younger son asked for his inheritance, insulting his father by basically saying 'I wish you were dead.' In ancient Israel, he could have been disinherited, never to return to the family, or stoned to death.
- The loving father gives the inheritance which the son wastes. Broke and hungry for what the pigs eat, he turns toward home in an act of desperation and repentance.
- The loving father has been looking for him on the horizon, and as his son approaches, he runs and embraces him, welcoming him back. In ancient Israel, it was undignified for a father to act like this and make the first move. The loving father initiates family reconciliation.
- The older son is furious the father welcomes the rebel back, and of all things, throws a party for him! The eldest feels more deserving of that party since he is faithful.
- The loving father encourages the cherished older son to celebrate the lost sons return and bring healing to the family.

Fathers and men, there will be times the children and people in our lives will hurt us in word or action. May we grow in the qualities of the loving father, who listens to the difficult, forgives and welcomes back the repentant, honors the faithful and throws one heaven of a party!



Fr. Joseph Maiocco



## TWO PEWS FULL!

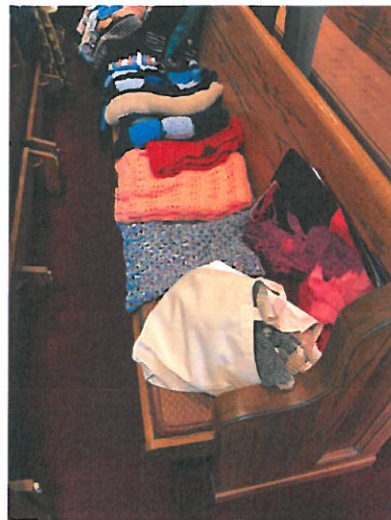
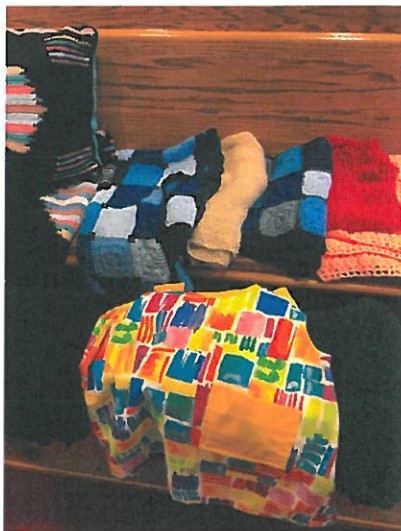
Church was quite full on the weekend after Easter. Not only were there lots of St. John members and family/visitors present, but the front pews on either side of the aisle were full to overflowing. .... with prayer shawls, lap blankets, quilts, toddler dresses, stuffed animals, Mother's Hearts, and two fidget quilts! This bounty was the result of many hours of loving labor by the Stitches gals, as well of a number of crocheted quilts and blankets given to St. Johns by an avid and prolific donor.



*Stitches of Love*

The items were on display at all three services and were prayed over by many St. John's members when they came up for communion. They were all also blessed by Fr. Joe. May all who receive from this bounty feel the love poured into each item.

Stitches will resume regular meetings in the fall, and new members are always welcome. For further information, contact Bonnie Schlichting at 239-430-9766.





To the St. John's family:

Your Outreach Committee welcomes your suggestions for charities/agencies within Collier County for the upcoming season. As we are all aware, there continues to be a real need for us here at St. John's to attempt to relieve their burdens. Feel free to contact the Outreach Committee thru me and thank you for caring!

Sue Boujoukos



**New Members:** Dave Bower, Lynn Bower, Lisa Tuell.

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Mon.- Sat. 10 Am— 5 PM

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## Blue Zones Purpose Workshop

Naples is making healthy choices with the help of the Blue Zones Project. St. John's is taking the initiative to be amongst the first churches to encourage the community to take part in a healthy life on many levels. Spiritual, physical and emotional health are encouraged as we walk together as a family and open our doors to the community. Be part of transforming well-being so the healthy choices become easy choices for you and our community.



Nuture your faith and your well being with a fun, interactive, personalized **Purpose Workshop Sunday, July 14th**. Potluck Luncheon served following the 10:00 a.m. service (11:30). Workshop 12:30-2:30 p.m. in Sugden Hall. We will learn how to apply our God-given talents to build a sense of purpose, experience community and create a legacy for our lives.

Did you know: Waking up with Purpose each day adds up to seven years to your life?

Belonging to a faith-based community and attending services regularly can add up to 14 years of your life?



Small changes contribute to huge benefits for all of us. Invite your neighbor, leave a legacy and have fun while working towards a common purpose.

"The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands." Psalm 138:8

Please RSVP to the office by Monday, July 8th.

Margie Rysner

### new signs installed on campus

You may have noticed that recently St. John's has installed four new towing signs on the property. No worries, as a parishioner and/or guest, you and your vehicle will be safe as your vehicles are always considered authorized for parking.



The signs were posted to keep parking abusers away from the lot and to keep the lot available for our parishioners, guests and event lot users.

#### 2019 News Article Deadlines

Publication	Month of Publication	Deadline: Friday (3rd Fri/mo)
Enews	July	6/21/2019
ParishLife	August	7/19/2019
Enews	September	8/16/2019
ParishLife	October	9/20/2019
Enews	November	10/18/2019
ParishLife	December	11/15/2019


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.



# 40 DAYS of LOVE

You are invited to a Strategic Leaders Conference on **"40 Days of Love"** on **Wednesday (6/19)** from 9:30am-11:30am. Join local spiritual leaders as we hear Chris Vennetti share his vision.



**40 DAYS of LOVE**

Sept. 29th - Nov. 7 2019

## 40 DAYS

Of Praying, Caring  
and Sharing the  
Gospel to Transform  
**America**

### GET INVOLVED IN THE BIGGER PICTURE

**A. SIGN-UP TO PARTICIPATE**  
Register your involvement and plan to participate with others in your community.  
[40DaysofLove.net/Signup](http://40DaysofLove.net/Signup)

**B. GET EQUIPPED**  
Learn about the Christ-Like Lifestyle Training and other free equipping resources that are being offered to everyone participating with the 40 Days nationwide.  
[40DaysofLove.net/Training](http://40DaysofLove.net/Training)

**C. FIND A GATHERING NEARBY**  
From **Sept 29-Oct 9** believers plan to give themselves to special prayer and fasting, personally and in various corporate gatherings. Find a prayer gathering near you and participate as often as you can.  
Learn more at [40DaysOfLove.net/10Days](http://40DaysOfLove.net/10Days)

**40 DAYS of LOVE**

[40DaysofLove.net](http://40DaysofLove.net)

Join the Movement on Facebook at:  
[Facebook.com/40DaysofLove](https://Facebook.com/40DaysofLove)

## Our Nation

is at a Crossroads

### It is time for CHANGE to take place

Experts tell us that if we do something over a prolonged period of time it will become a new habit or lifestyle.

During the **40 Days of Love** let's allow God to work so deeply in us that a lifestyle of Radical Prayer, Selfless Love, and Bold Proclamation of Jesus Christ becomes our new normal.

Let's make this lifestyle change together with hundreds and thousands of others all across the country so that it is not just one person or even one ministry that benefits, but our entire nation.

Consider this Brochure  
your Passport to a  
**Prayer, Care, Share**  
Lifestyle!



## NEW CO-ED BIBLE STUDY TO START JULY 14

Joseph and His Family: Lessons in Reconciliation

What can we learn about reconciliation from Joseph and his family? Joseph was born into a fractured family. His father (Jacob) was: (1) estranged from his paternal grandfather (Isaac); (2) exploited by his maternal grandfather (Laban); and (3) subject to death threats from his twin brother (Esau). Joseph's mother (Rachel) and her older sister (Leah) were desperately competing for Jacob's love by trying to give him sons. By the time Joseph was born, he had 10 half-brothers and one-half sister.

We'll look for God's role in reconciliation and take away lessons for how to reconcile our fractured or broken relationships. **See you at 9:00am in Sugden on the 14th of July!**

Donna Beecher



# Join us for the 2019 Sunset Beach Picnic

Saturday (6/8) from 6:30 – 8:30pm at Moorings Beach Private Park.  
2121 Gulf Shore Blvd N.  
Naples, FL 34102



## Have you changed a life today?

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## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



"When my father didn't have my hand, he had my back."

LINDA POINDEXTER



"Sometimes the poorest man leaves his children the richest inheritance."

RUTH E. RENKEL



"Lately all my friends are worried they're turning into their fathers. I'm worried I'm not."

DAN ZEVIN



"By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong."

CHARLES WADSWORTH

Source: <https://www.womansday.com/life/g2431/fathers-day-quotes/>

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