



December 3rd, 2017
1st Sunday of Advent



Saint Elizabeth Seton

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Everyone is welcome... *where we're alive in the Spirit!* Todos son bienvenidos... *estamos vivos en el Espíritu!*

HOPE

You, Lord, are our Father. Our Redeemer, you are named forever. Why do you let us wander O, Lord, from your ways, and harden our heart so that we fear you not?

Isaiah 63:16b NABR



Offertory for 11/18 & 11/19

Total Offertory \$20,773
Church & School \$1,450
Restoration Fund
Power Pack Program \$391
Guadalupe \$387
Florida Catholic \$2,662

Attendance En: 984 | Sp: 640
Envelopes: 568

Offertory for previous weekend on page 13

Total Consecration to Jesus



Bishop Dewane has called all members of the Diocese to participate in a total consecration to Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Our Parish's participation begins the week of November 27th and will culminate on the Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 24th). Please pick up a flyer at the entrance to the gym before or after Mass.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Dec 2nd	6:30 pm	Carmen Amparo Torres (D)
Mon, Dec 4th	8 am	Nancy Rice (D)
Tues, Dec 5th	8 am	John Such (D)
Wed, Dec 6th	8 am	Robert Mankowski (D)
Thur, Dec 7th	8 am 7 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Manuel (D) Immaculate Conception Norma Ortega (D)
Fri, Dec 8th	7:30 am 10 am	Pierre Hemon (D) Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Sat, Dec 9th	8 am 3 pm 4:30 pm 6:30 pm	Edward Barnowski (D) Eileen Nix (D) For St. Elizabeth Seton Family For St. Elizabeth Seton Family

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Liturgy (Mon-Sat) 8:00 am

November-April Season

Saturday Vigil 3:00 pm and 4:30 pm
Saturday Spanish Mass 6:30 pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am

Reconciliation Saturday

November - April Season
Saturday 8:30 am & 2:00 pm
Saturday Spanish 5:30 pm

Due to numerous requests, we are pleased to announce the office is now accepting Mass intentions through November of 2018. We ask that all requests be made in person at this time. Come by the Church Office any time between 9:00am and 4:00pm.

Events are now listed on Page 9

All are welcome!

We're alive in the spirit!

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.



Knights of Columbus

Meet 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 pm.
KOC Hall @ 6120 Golden Gate Pkwy.
Christian Davis, GK 239-370-1408

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E: fatherrussell@stelizabethseton.org

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FROM PADRE...

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus,

As you may have seen or read in the news, the terrorist group who has perverted the Islamic religion (ISIS) has officially declared a war against our Holy Father (Pope Francis) and on Roman Catholic Christians this Christmas. Their mission and goal is to eradicate us by implementing fear and violence. Again, this is not the truth of Islam; it is the work of humans who use religion to justify sinful actions.

I encourage and invite all of us to see this egregious circumstance as an opportunity to reflect somberly on the meaning and grace of the Advent season: We are recalling when Jesus arrived upon earth, opening up ourselves to receive Him this Christmas season; and preparing for when He comes again.

God is calling all of His children to prepare to receive the God of hope, peace, joy, and love by accepting His Word-Jesus. As we anticipate and wait for Emmanuel (God-with-us), let us not recoil in fear, but trust that God will be with His people, even when there are those against us. God remains our strength and stronghold. Amen.

FROM BISHOP DEWANE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection, coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO), benefits nearly 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests whose communities lack retirement savings. The funds offer financial support to religious communities by providing long-term care for older members while ensuring younger religious can continue the good works of their community.

Through generous self-sacrifice and devotion, the retired Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have educated the young, cared for the sick, and ministered to the neediest among us, etc. With the ever-rising cost of health care and the increased number of those needing care, many religious communities struggle to provide for their aging members. Your support truly makes a difference.



The annual Retirement Fund for Religious Collection will be held December 9 and 10, 2017 in the Diocese of Venice. Your gift provides vital support for medications, nursing care, senior living space and much more. This Collection gives the opportunity to say thank you for their example of faith, hope and love. Kindly support retired religious who have dedicated their lives to serve our Church and the Faithful. Thank you for your generosity to this collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

I take this opportunity to extend to you the assurances of my continued consideration as well as my prayers for you and your family. Have a Blessed Advent Season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane

Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

For online donations to donate to this campaign or general offertory, please visit <https://stelizabethseton.weshareonline.org/> Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Lectionary: 2

Reading IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7

RSP PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Reading 1 COR 1:3-9

Gospel MK 13:33-37



PRAY THE ROSARY

Monday through Saturday 7:25 am
Every Saturday 5:45 pm in Spanish

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena
Every Monday before the 8:00 am Mass

†Adoration†

*Every Tuesday after the 8:00 am Mass
until 11:30 am*

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Every Tuesday and Friday after the 8:00 am Mass

St. Jude Novena

Every Wednesday after the 8:00 am Mass

Litany of the Sacred Heart

Every Friday before the 8:00 am Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet w/Mysteries of the Rosary

Every Third Saturday after the 8:00 am Mass

WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF GOD'S CREATION

"Each of us has a personal responsibility to care for creation, this precious gift which God has entrusted to us. This means, on the one hand, that nature is at our disposal, to enjoy and use properly. Yet it also means that we are not its masters. Stewards, but not masters," Pope Francis' speech to members of the EU.

The green environments of St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church (flower beds, plants and landscaping) are creative responses by committed parishioners who believe in our

stewardship of God's creation. In our care for the earth, we also care for its beauty, since all of God's creation gives glory and honor to God and is provided by God for our enjoyment. God may be inviting and calling you to participate in this ministry. It is another opportunity to contribute your time and talent and partake in community and fellowship.

Interested? Contact the Parish Office at 239-455-3900.



NOVENA OF MASSES FOR LIFE

Join us on the 25th of each month through Christmas in praying for a greater respect for all human life. See the scheduled Masses throughout the Diocese at www.dioceseofvenice.org/offices/respect-life/novena-of-masses-for-life.



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

You are invited to register to spiritually adopt an unborn child in danger of abortion. Prayer cards are available at the church entrances. To register, visit the DOV website and receive monthly updates on the development of the child in the womb.



PROJECT RACHEL

Don't suffer in silence. There is healing after abortion through Project Rachel. Contact Fonda at 239-719-7210 or project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org

For Respect Life questions or prayer cards, contact Jeanne Berdeaux at 941-441-1101 or berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org

TREATS WITH SANTA!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH FROM 10 AM TO 1 PM

\$5.00 per person (treats, hot chocolate & Picture). Please find Ticket Order Forms in the gym lobby before or after Mass. Please Return the bottom portion of the form to your child's Faith Formation Teacher. There will be an assortment of doughnuts, cookies, & hot chocolate!

Santa Claus is coming to Seton! Children will be able to take a picture with Santa. Pictures will be sent to parents email and all children will be given a cardboard frame for their picture. There will be a letter-writing center so the children can write a letter to Santa.

Parents: Please fill the form out clearly and return the portion in an envelope marked, "Treats with Santa", with \$5.00 cash, and have your child turn it in to his or her Faith Formation teacher by, Sunday, December 3rd. Thank you for your support and Merry Christmas!



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please pick up your Offertory envelopes if you have not already done so. **Why is this so important?**

1. Tithing is giving to God a return for ALL that God has first given to us. We respond to God's gift of His Son by being cheerful givers.

2. As a member of this Community of Faith, each of us participates in the responsibility by sharing our talent, time and treasure to continue St. Elizabeth Seton's role in proclaiming Jesus' Gospel. The parish needs everyone's support—no matter the talent, the amount of time or the dollar amount of one's tithe.

3. **Offertory envelopes save you and our staff extra work during tax season when gathering vital donation records.**

So please stop by the office to pick up your envelopes during office hours. Peace and thanks.

WRITE TO REV DENNIS HARTEN

If you'd like to send a post-surgery get well card or letter to our prior pastor at SES, use the info below:

Rev. Dennis Harten, OSA | St. Augustine Preparatory School
611 Cedar Avenue Richland,
New Jersey 08350

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Friday, December 8, 2017

Mass Times

Dec 7th bilingual 7pm

Dec 8th 7:30am (school Mass) & 10am

The Immaculate Conception, according to the teaching of the Catholic Church, is the belief that at Mary's conception, she was free from original sin by virtue of the merits of her Son, Jesus Christ. That means that Mary's conception was brought about in the normal way, but without the stain of original sin.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

Goal	\$203,000
Pledged	\$243,661
Collected	\$235,786

The Church's reach is a vast and glorious force, upon which we look with awe.

Congratulations, St. Elizabeth Seton! **Our balance due is \$9,428.** If we reach our pledge, over \$30,000 will be returned to us. Our overage is non-assessible.



SACRAMENTS

Marriages

Arrangements must be made six months in advance by calling the Parish Office.

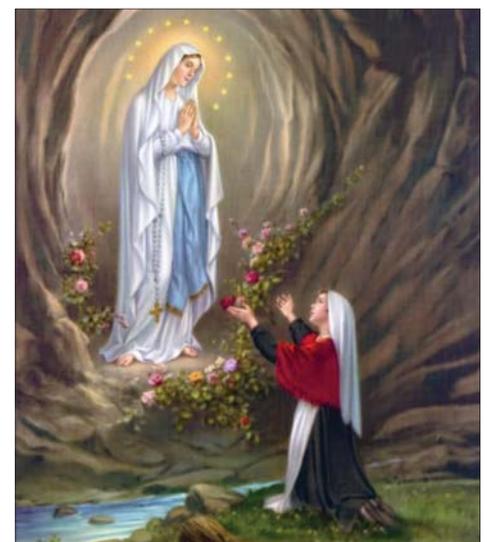
Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office for further information.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES MINISTRY

"WHEN I WAS SICK AND LONELY, YOU VISITED ME"

Our Lady of Lourdes Ministry is comprised of men and women who are Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist called to visit the homebound in the hospital, hospice or assisted living facilities. St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church is responsible for the ministerial care of the Roman Catholic patients at AVOW Hospice. Presently, this is the focus of our ministry, but we have a greater vision. We are seeking those who are committed to learn the ministry of pastoral care for those in these facilities. **We are in need of persons who are bilingual or speak only one language (English, Spanish, French or Creole), so that we may reach out to ALL people.** Some patients have no family or friends nearby or at all. Please bring this to prayer, and ask God the Holy Spirit to assist your discernment and guide you. For any further information, inquiries, and questions, please call the office to leave a message for Patricia Davis (facilitator).



CLASE DE BIBLIA PARA ADULTOS

Los Miercoles de 7:00 - 9:00 pm
 Centro Parroquial (Parish Center)
 Profesor: Padre Luis H. Pacheco



HORARIO DE MISAS

Misas en Inglés	8:00 am
Lunes a Sabado	
Sábado	3:00 pm
	4:30 pm
Domingo	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am
Misa en Español	6:30 pm
Sábados	

Las fotos de la Confirmación y de la Primera Comunión están aquí en la Oficina de la Iglesia. Por favor venga durante las horas normales de oficina para recogerlos.

EL MINISTERIO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LOURDES

El Ministerio de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes está compuesto por hombres y mujeres que son Ministros Extraordinarios de la Eucaristía, llamados a visitar a los pacientes terminales en el hospital, en un hospicio o en instalaciones de vida asistida. La Iglesia Católica St. Elizabeth Seton es responsable del cuidado ministerial de los pacientes católicos en el hospicio AVOW. Actualmente, este es el enfoque de nuestro ministerio, pero tenemos una visión mayor. Estamos buscando a aquellas personas que están comprometidas a aprender sobre el ministerio en Cuidado Pastoral para aquellos en estas instalaciones. Necesitamos personas bilingües o que hablen un solo idioma (inglés, español, francés o creole), de modo que podamos comunicarnos con TODAS las personas. Algunos pacientes no tienen siquiera familiares o amigos cerca. Por favor, ponga esto en oración, y pídale al Espíritu Santo que lo asista en su discernimiento y lo guíe. Para cualquier información adicional, consultas y/o preguntas, por favor llame a la oficina para dejar un mensaje a Patricia Davis (facilitadora).

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING ON IMMIGRATION

The Catholic Catechism instructs the faithful that good government has two duties, both of which must be carried out and neither of which can be ignored.

The first duty is to welcome the foreigner out of charity and respect for the human person. Persons have the right to immigrate and thus government must accommodate this right to the greatest extent possible, especially financially blessed nations: "The more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner in search of the security and the means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin. Public authorities should see to it that the natural right is respected that places a guest under the protection of those who receive him." Catholic Catechism, 2241.

The second duty is to secure one's border and enforce the law for the sake of the common good. Sovereign nations have the right to enforce their laws and all persons must respect the legitimate exercise of this right: "Political authorities, for the sake of the common good for which they are responsible may make the exercise of the right to

immigrate subject to various juridical conditions, especially with regard to the immigrants' duties toward their country of adoption. Immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and



2010 protest in San Diego against Arizona immigration law (Bob Davis)

spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws and to assist in carrying civic burdens." Catholic Catechism, 2241.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) opposes "enforcement only" immigration policies and supports comprehensive immigration reform.

Full scope of the Catholic position on immigration at: <http://www.usccb.org/>

BIENVENIDOS, NUEVOS FELIGRESES!

Pueden inscribirse en la parroquia todos los Sábados después de la Misa en Español en el salón de entrada de la Iglesia. Gracias por hacerse miembros de nuestra familia. Dios lo bendiga! -Padre Luis H. Pacheco

Bautizos

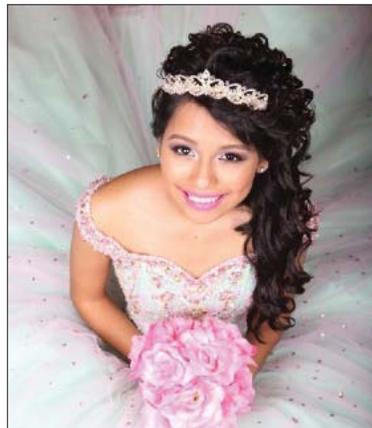
Para poder bautizar en nuestra comunidad, la familia tiene que estar registrada en la parroquia un mínimo de tres meses antes del Bautismo con asistencia regular a la Santa Misa. Por favor, al registrarse en la parroquia, utilizar los sobres con el número de su familia en la colecta como prueba de participación y de asistencia a la Santa Misa.

Matrimonios

Se debe hacer una cita con el Padre Luis para abrir el expediente matrimonial por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha de Boda. Hay que estar registrados en la parroquia un mínimo de seis meses antes de abrir el expediente matrimonial con asistencia regular a la Santa Misa. Se necesitan las partidas de bautismo ACTUALIZADAS no más de seis meses y han de ser originales, no copias.

Quinceañeras

Las quinceañeras tienen que haber hecho la Primera Comunión y necesitan comprobante de haberlo hecho. La familia tiene que estar inscrita en la parroquia un mínimo de seis meses antes de reservar la Iglesia para la quinceañera con asistencia regular a la Santa Misa y ha de estar activa o en la doctrina o en el grupo juvenil o en un grupo parroquial con asistencia regular comprobada.



Confesiones

El Padre Luis confiesa por 1 hora todos los Sábados antes de la Santa Misa. Aquellos que deseen confesarse, por favor, llegar a la Iglesia por lo menos media hora antes de la Santa Misa.

LLAMADOS A SERVIR

Donde puedas invertir tus dones, hazlo y ganarás un tesoro en el Cielo. Si quieres estar más cerca de Dios, aquí tienes los diferentes ministerios donde puedes invertir tus talentos, tus dones y tu tiempo.

Coordinador General de la Comunidad Hispana **Padre Luis H. Pacheco**
239-455-3900 ext. 207

Ministros Extraordinarios de la Eucaristía
Alejandro Santiago 239-307-9261
Silvia Ortiz 239-777-1889

Ministerio de Música de Emaús
Francisco Castillo 239-601-6358

Ministerio de Ujieres
Miguel Martínez 239-821-5891

Ministerio del Rosario
Vicente Saavedra
Norma Flores 239-784-3081

Ministerio del Grupo de Oración
Elio Gorrostieta 239-404-9195

Ministerio de Emaús Hombres
Freddy Zavala 239-330-0929
Javier Aguilar 239-919-7035

Ministerio de Emaús Mujeres
Erika Saldaña 239-404-5136
Marcelina Rodríguez 239-692-1354

† ESTA SEMANA EN LA IGLESIA

Domingo 3 de Diciembre

Este fin de semana no habrá clases de Formación en la Fe ni de los Grupos Juveniles

Lunes, 4 de Diciembre

7:00 pm Emaús Hombres (PC)

Martes 5 de Diciembre

7:00 pm RICA clases (PC)

Miércoles, 6 de Diciembre

7:00 pm Clase de Biblia (PC)
6:30 pm Practica del Coro (SG)

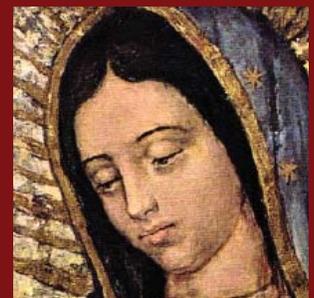
Jueves, 7 de Diciembre

No hay Grupo de Oración

Sábado, 9 de Diciembre

5:30 pm Confesiones (GYM)
6:30 pm Santa Misa (GYM)

C - Iglesia
FF - Formación de Fe
SG - Gimnasio
SC - Salón Parroquial
CC - Capilla de Niños
MR - Cuarto de Conferencia
PC - Centro Parroquial



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FINANCE REPORT 2017

The St. Elizabeth Seton Finance Council, under the direction of Father Russell Ruggiero and with the assistance of the Parish Business Manager, Jonathon Harhen, presents the 2017 fiscal year-end (FY2017) financial position of the parish. We continue to strive to be good stewards of your gifts to ensure the parish facilities are adequately maintained so that we can continue our pastoral mission and faith formation.

Finance Committee

Father Russell Ruggiero, President
 Jacqueline R Conrecode, Chair
 Barry Coutant
 Terry McConnell
 Carla Trombly



Results of Activities for the year ended June 30, 2017		
INCOME		
Ordinary income (Offering Collections)	\$792,078.71	
Other income (Gifts, Interest, 2nd Collection, Fees) etc.)	183,591.97	
Catholic Faith Appeal Collections	221,984.62	
Fundraising, net of costs	4,932.30	
	Total Income	\$1,202,587.60
COSTS		
Stewardship costs		
Pastoral Ministry Costs	163,474.60	
Catholic Faith Appeal Assessment & Costs	230,000.00	
St. E Seton School support	71,348.50	
	Total Stewardship costs	464,823.10
Facility and Operating costs		
Property, Plant, and Equipment maintenance	82,316.46	
Utilities (Water, Electric, Internet, Phone)	67,260.97	
Property/Liability Insurance/Workmen's Comp	51,362.52	
	Total Facility and Operating costs	200,939.95
Administration costs		
Personnel	474,021.97	
Office and Operational Expenses	39,008.81	
	Total Administration costs	513,030.78
	Total Operating Costs	1,178,793.83
	Net Results of Activities excluding prior items and depreciation	23,793.77
	Depreciation Expense & prior items	(736,659.20)
	Net Fiscal Year Results of Activities	(\$212,865.43)

As of June 30, 2017	
Assets	
Total Cash	\$442,217.70
Prepaid Assessment (CFA)	164,636.79
Other Prepaid Accounts	88,157.65
	Total Current Assets
Property/Plant/Equipment (PPE)	695,012.14
	Property
	144,959.00
	Plant, net
	7,420,408.85
	Equipment, net
	128,539.83
	Total PPE, net
	7,693,907.68
TOTAL ASSETS	\$8,388,919.82
Liabilities and Equity	
Accounts Payable and other payables	\$94,137.58
Total Liabilities	94,137.58
Total Equity	\$8,294,782.24
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$8,388,919.82

FAITH FORMATION

December 3

Faith Formation Classes

All students of Faith Formation and youth groups continue classes this Sunday, in their respective schedules.

December 10

Faith Formation Classes

All students of Faith Formation and youth groups continue classes this Sunday, in their respective schedules.

Reconciliation Retreat & Celebration Dates (2018)

The Retreat begins at 8:45 AM and ends at 10:00 AM, then the Celebration of Reconciliation starts at 10:00 AM.

For Grades 2-3, February 3 at 8:45 AM - 11:00 AM

For Grades 4-5, February 10 at 8:45 AM - 11:00 AM

For Grades 6-11, February 17 at 8:45 AM - 11:00 AM

First Communion Rehearsal Dates (2018)

For Grade 2, Friday, April 20 at 5:30 PM

For Grade 3, Friday, April 20 at 7:00 PM

For Grades 4-5, Friday, April 27 at 5:30 PM

For Grades 6-11, Friday, April 27 at 7:00 PM

First Communion Celebration Dates (2018)

For 2nd Graders, April 21 at 9:30 AM

For 3rd Graders, April 21 at 11:30 AM

For Grades 4-5, April 28 at 9:30 AM

For Grades 6-11, April 28 at 11:30 AM

First Communion Retreat Dates (2018)

First Communion Retreat is DURING the Sacramental Preparation Class on April 15.

For Grades 2-5, April 15 at 9:15AM - 11:15 AM

For Grades 6-11, April 15 at 11:30AM - 1:30 PM

FORMACIÓN EN LA FE

Diciembre 3

Formacion en la Fe (Classes)

Todos los estudiantes de Formacion en la Fe y de los grupos juveniles continuan sus clases este domingo, en los horarios respectivos.

Diciembre 10

Formacion en la Fe (Classes)

Todos los estudiantes de Formacion en la Fe y de los grupos juveniles continuan sus clases este domingo, en los horarios respectivos.

Fechas del Retiro y Celebracion del Sacramento de Reconciliacion (2018)

El retiro comienza a las 8:45 AM y va hasta las 10:00 AM, despues tenemos la Celebracion del Sacramento de la Reconciliacion, la cual comienza a las 10:00 AM.

Para los Grados 2-3, Febrero 3 entre 8:45 AM - 11:00 AM

Para los Grados 4-5, Febrero 10 entre 8:45 AM - 11:00 AM

Para los Grados 6-11, Febrero 17 entre 8:45 AM - 11:00 AM

Fechas del Ensayo para Primera Comunion (2018)

Para el Grado 2, Viernes, Abril 20 a las 5:30 PM

Para el Grado 3, Viernes, Abril 20 a las 7:00 PM

Para los Grados 4-5, Viernes, Abril 27 a las 5:30 PM

Para los Grados 6-11, Viernes, Abril 27 a las 7:00 PM

Fechas de la Celebracion de Primera Comunion (2018)

Para los de 2do Grado, Abril 21 a las 9:30 AM

Para los de 3er Grado, Abril 21 a las 11:30 AM

Para los Grados 4-5, Abril 28 a las 9:30 AM

Para los Grados 6-11, Abril 28 a las 11:30 AM

Fechas del Retiro de Primera Comunion (2018)

El Retiro de Primera Comunion sera DURANTE la clase de Preparacion Sacramental en Abril 15.

Para los Grados 2-5, Abril 15 a las 9:15AM - 11:15 AM

Para los Grados 6-11, Abril 15 a las 11:30AM - 1:30 PM

EVENTS

Sun 12/03

9 am Faith Formation | PC

4 pm Middle School Youth Group

6 pm High School Youth Group

Mon 12/04

7 pm Eng. Prayer group | FF

Tues 12/05

6 pm Boy Scouts | 6th grade classroom

Wed 12/06

7 pm Penance Service & Confessions

Thurs 12/07

3 pm Eng. Children Choir | PC

7 pm Eng. Adult Choir | PC

Fri 12/08

7:30 am Mass - 10 am Mass

Sat 12/09

6:30 pm Feast of Our Lady of

Guadalupe (Bilingual)

St Vincent de Paul Van Pickup

Building Codes

C - Church

CC - Children's Chapel

FF - Faith Formation

MR - Meeting Room

O - Office

PC - Parish Center

SC - School Cafeteria

S - School

SG - School Gymnasium





PRAISE NOTES

Maranatha! Come Thou Long Expected Jesus. Lord how we need You! We will be singing before Mass. Come early everybody and join us!

At St. Elizabeth Seton, our Church is our Choir, so sing out with all your heart!

Is the Holy Spirit prompting you to join the music ministry? Call Carl at 609-927-5999

OUT AND ABOUT THE DIOCESE

2018 Women's Conference - Women of all ages, you are invited to a day filled with the richness of our faith at the 2018 Diocese of Venice Women's Conference. The event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday, February 3, at Bishop Verot Catholic High School in Fort Myers. Cost in advance is \$20 (pre-registration on line), students \$5 pre-registration. Cost at the door is \$30, and \$10 for students. This year's speakers are Kimberly Hahn, Sonja Corbitt, and Rosario Rodriguez. Join us in enjoying the tenderness of God's love and mercy! For Conference details and to register go to dioceseofvenice.org/womens.

2018 Men's Conference - The Diocese of Venice extends an invitation to all men who desire to encounter the presence of God to attend the 2018 Diocese of Venice Men's Conference from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 24 at Bishop Verot Catholic High School in Fort Myers. Cost in advance is \$20 (pre-registration on line), students \$5 pre-registration. Cost at the door is \$30, and \$10 for students. The speakers this year are Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Patrick Coffin, and Bob Rice. Come be filled and transformed with the fire of God's love! For Conference details and to register go to dioceseofvenice.org/mens.

ADVENT JOURNEY TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

"It is through the most Blessed Virgin Mary that Jesus Christ came into the world, and it is also through her that he will reign in the world."

-St. Louis de Montfort, True Devotion to Mary

Advent is a season of preparation; preparing ourselves for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Therefore, the proper preparations must be made: preparing the house for the family, food for the guests, and gifts for the children. But let us note that we ought to turn thoughts upwards and inwards.

The true house to be readied is our bodies which are temples of the Holy Spirit. "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you...?" (cf. 1 Cor 6:19). We recall the words of Jesus when He says to us, "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him" (cf. John 14:23) whereby we become the dwelling place of the Holy Trinity by keeping God's Word.

The true food is the Body of Christ who is the Bread of Life, which we must ready our hearts to receive as our daily bread in the Eucharist. Finally, the true gift is the Gift of God Himself, namely, the Holy Spirit who is poured forth into our hearts (cf. Romans 5:5) and testifies with our spirit that we are children of God whereby we cry out, "Abba! Father" (cf. Romans 8:16-17). We are the children who are receiving and have received the gift (cf. Acts 2:38; 1 John 2:20-28)! We should be called children of God and so we are (cf. 1 John 3:1)!

Advent culminates with the coming of Christ, whose Incarnation is our Christmas gift. Let us call to mind the way by which God willed to send His Son: through the Immaculate Ever-Virgin Mary. The first Saint in our preparation for Marian Consecration is St. Louis de Montfort, who points out that since it is through Mary that Jesus comes into the world, it is through her that He will reign. It is not only in the world that He must reign, but also in the hearts of all mankind.

St. Louis de Montfort was so moved by Mary's special place in the story of salvation that he dedicated himself to the promotion of Marian devotion with the knowledge that if anyone desires to come to Christ, they must go through His Mother. If any are to have God for their Father, they must also have Mary as their Mother, since it is by her that Jesus comes to us and we then become children of God.

Mary continues in this role of spiritual motherhood throughout the ages. If we desire to grow closer to God, who better to lead us than the Immaculate Mother of God. If someone were to bring a gift to the King, wouldn't it be better to first give it to the Queen, who would then place it on a golden dish surrounded by flowers before presenting it to the King herself? With Mary as our mediator, our prayers, now offered as a gift, have been united to the love and care of Jesus's mother. How could Jesus turn such a prayer down?

This Advent Season we are given yet another chance to approach the Lord. We can do so alongside the woman who knew and loved Jesus in a unique and powerful way. Guided by his Mother, we can echo her words and sing, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my savior" (cf. Luke 1:46).



St. Louis de Montfort

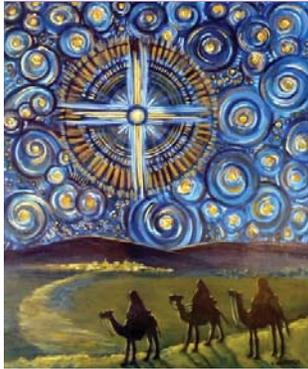
THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent wreath is an old German tradition that has gained much popularity in the last few years. Most Christian homes and communities practice this custom during the Advent season. This sacramental is rich in meaning

The devotion is usually incorporated during the family meal, or during family night prayers. Fastened to the wreath are four candles standing upright, at equal distances. These candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Three of the candles are purple, reminding us of the penitential nature of the season. A rose or pink candle is lit for the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete (rejoice) Sunday. The name is taken from the entrance antiphon or Introit "Rejoice (gaudete) in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice." It is reminding us that the end of Advent is almost here, and we can hardly contain our joy.

The wreath should be in a circle, a symbol of eternity, and a reminder that God has no beginning and no end. The evergreen is a symbol of eternal life and a reminder that God is immutable or unchangeable.

On the First Sunday of Advent, the father of the family blesses the wreath, praying: "O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen." He then continues for each of the days of the first week of Advent, "O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen." The youngest child then lights one purple candle.



During the second week of Advent, the father prays: "O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen." The oldest child then lights the purple candle from the first week plus one more purple candle.

During the third week of Advent, the father prays: "O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen." The mother then lights the two previously lit purple candles plus the rose candle.

During the fourth week of Advent, father prays: "O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen." The father then lights all of the candles of the wreath.

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"Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane" -

Join Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, for his monthly radio program on Relevant Radio. "Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane" can be heard now the last Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m. on 1660 AM in Naples and 1410 AM and 106.7 FM in Fort Myers. Listen anywhere online at RelevantRadio.com. The program will continue to air on the last Friday of each month.

OLPH Advent Retreat - All are welcome to attend the "Prepare Your Heart for Christmas Retreat" from Thursday, December 7 to Friday, December 8, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center, 3989 S. Moon Drive, Venice. The cost \$115, double occupancy; \$140, single occupancy; and \$75, commuter day occupancy. For more information or to register for the retreat please visit www.olph-retreat.org or call 941-486-0233.

Formation Classes in Spanish - Registration for the Formation Classes in Spanish is now open. Classes will be held on Fridays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The cost for all classes is \$25. This year the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church will be taught. Those who register and attend 80% of the classes will receive a diocesan certification. For registration, information, dates and places where classes will take place: <http://dioceseofvenice.org/programs/hispanic-apostolate/plan-de-formacion-en-espanol/>. Information: pastoralhispana@dioceseofvenice.org.

The Catholic Charities Ball will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 27th at the Ritz-Carlton Grand Ball Room in Sarasota. The evening will include a cocktail hour, auctions, dinner, and dancing. For additional information and tickets visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org or call 941-355-4680, ext. 311 or email mzorger@ccdis1.org.

Mark Your Calendar - The Venetian Charity Ball will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 3rd at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort in Bonita Springs. The evening will include a cocktail hour, auctions, a raffle for a car and other exciting items, dinner, and dancing. For information and tickets visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org or call 239-337-4193 or email venetianball@ccslee.org.

Walking God's Paths "Metaphors For A Unique Relationship"

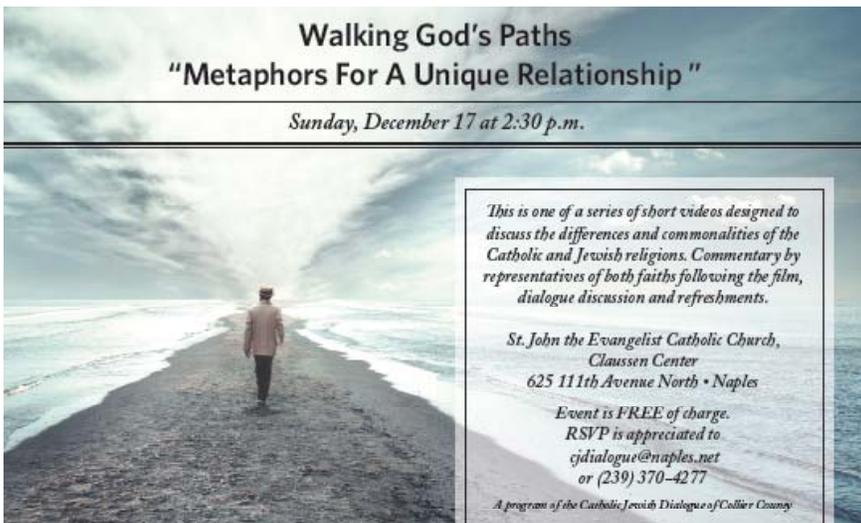
Sunday, December 17 at 2:30 p.m.

This is one of a series of short videos designed to discuss the differences and commonalities of the Catholic and Jewish religions. Commentary by representatives of both faiths following the film, dialogue discussion and refreshments.

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church,
Claussen Center
625 11th Avenue North • Naples

Event is FREE of charge.
RSVP is appreciated to
cjdialogue@naples.net
or (239) 370-4277

A program of the Catholic Jewish Dialogue of Collier County





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Save the Date - The Bethesda House Mardi Gras Madness will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 10th at Michael's on East in Sarasota. The evening will include a cocktail hour, auctions, Mardi Gras festivities, dinner, and dancing. For information and tickets visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org or call 941-355-4680, ext. 301 or email nmuth@ccd1.org

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center Fashion Show - Please join us at 12:00 p.m., Saturday, January 13, at Jacaranda Trace, 3000 William Penn Way, Venice for an afternoon of friendship, fashion and food to benefit Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with an opportunity to bid on auction items. Lunch starts at noon with a fashion show during dessert. The show is hosted by Connie Blum and fashions are provided by Chicos and Patchingtons. For more information or to buy tickets please visit www.olph-retreat.org or call 941-486-0233.

Operation OLPH Mystery Dinner Theatre - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center, 3989 S. Moon Drive, Venice, invites everyone to a Saturday, February 10, Mystery Dinner Theatre, presented by Florida Studio Theatre. Songs from the 40's by the Boogie Woogie Bugle Girls will be featured at the sponsor's cocktail hour. For more information or to buy tickets, please visit www.olph-retreat.org or call 941-486-0233.

Ignatian Preached Retreat - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center hosts Ignatian Preached Silent Retreats that include scheduled conferences each day, Mass, and an opportunity to meet at least once with the retreat director. The next available opportunity is Thursday, February 22 to Sunday, February 25 at the

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In conjunction with the Christian Service Committee, the St. Elizabeth Seton conference of St. Vincent dePaul of Naples will once again sponsor the Advent Giving Tree Program.

An established holiday tradition of our parish, this project allows our parish family to bestow gifts on the needy here in Golden Gate and Collier County.

An Advent tree will be erected in the Gymnasium beginning the weekend of December 2nd-3rd. The tree will be decorated with 500 tags printed with suggested gifts for those helped by the St. Vincent dePaul Society and the less fortunate among our own parish family.

Parishioners are asked to take one or more tags, acquire the gift(s) and return to under the tree. Please return the tag with the gift. Gifts may be wrapped or unwrapped. If you are giving a gift card, please put it in either a small gift bag or an envelope.

Please return all gifts on or before Sunday, December 17th.

A word about gift cards: You will notice that there are an unusual number of gift card tags on the tree. In talking with the leadership of our Hispanic parish family, we have concluded that gift cards would be the most sensible and appreciated gifts. Thus,



2017/2018 Florida State Council,
Knights of Columbus

\$45,000
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FIRST PRIZE - \$25,000
2nd Prize: \$10,000 3rd Prize: \$5,000
(5) \$1,000 Prizes

Donation \$1.00 - Donor need not be present to win
2018 Drawing will be held on
Saturday May 26, 2018 at
the Hyatt Hotel, Orlando, Florida

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All Prizes Paid by Florida K of C Charities, Inc.



SVDP THRIFT STORE

Our Davis Blvd Thrift Store location was seriously damaged as a result of Hurricane Irma. The storm ripped off a major part of the roof which in turn caused water damage inside the building to walls, flooring, and of course merchandise.

The compromise of the structure has forced us to close the store while we consider the alternatives. The store will be closed for an as of yet undetermined length of time.

The loss of revenue created by the closing is having a devastating effect on our ability to help the needy. We are currently investigating the possibility of opening a temporary location or possibly adding another location. Please visit our social media sites for announcements.

We are still available to accept your donations of quality merchandise. For a pickup of larger items please call 239-992-1899 option 1. Smaller items may be dropped off at our Bonita Springs store, 3725 Bonita Beach Road or at our Family Assistance Center, 4451 Mercantile Avenue. In order to better accommodate our valued patrons, we have extended our hours at our Bonita Springs location. The store is open from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday thru Saturday.

As always, we are grateful for your support. We remain forever focused on our mission of serving God through helping those in need.



2017/2018 Consejo de Estado de la Florida,
Caballeros de Colón

\$45,000

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PRIMER PREMIO - \$25,000

2° Prize: \$10,000 3° Prize: \$5,000

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Vocation Dinner Dance - The Knights of Columbus of St. John the Evangelist Parish, 625 111th Ave. N., Naples, invites everyone to the annual Vocation Dinner Dance at 6:00 p.m. Friday, January 12. Support Diocesan seminarians and thank the priests with a night of fun, food, dancing and entertainment sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Paul Curti at 612-616-5535, or <https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/2017VocationsDinner>.

LOOKING TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

For those wanting to enter into the Catholic Church, we have opened up pre-registrations for next year's Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program.

Through this program, you may be baptized (if necessary) and receive the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.

The program examines the teachings, beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church. We are also looking for volunteers to help with RCIA. To pre-register or to receive further information, contact Jigs Silang at 239-285-3656 or e-mail noel.silang@centurylink.com.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Offertory for 11/11 & 11/12

Total Offertory \$15,460

Church & School \$10,119

Restoration Fund

Charismatic Mass \$235

Guadalupe \$452

Attendance En: 1,258 | Sp: 700

Envelopes: 440



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-Maria Niebuhr | Principal

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- Time-honored Catholic traditions
- 1:1 iPad program for 5th - 8th grade
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Memorial Pavers can make a difference.

St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School has Memorial Pavers available. This program provides an opportunity for those seeking to assist us in our reparation and restoration from the devastation caused by Hurricane Irma. Contact the school at 239-455-2262 to inquire and support our recovery. Download the form here: <http://saintelizabethseton.com/pavers/>

Keep Catholic School education alive in Golden Gate! The school is an integral part of our parish's ministry, and your contribution will guarantee that SES remains a vital agent in our children's and community's lives.

Please contact the school or parish office for more information. Forms also will be provided in the gym at all daily and weekend Masses. Thank you for your consideration.

Blessings,

Maria Neibur, Principal

