

St John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Diocese of St Augustine, Interlachen, Florida

"We are a welcoming and embracing community centered on Jesus in the Eucharist."

March 4, 2018

3rd Sunday in Lent

Welcome All Visitors to the Azalea Festival in Palatka!



How wonderful to see the azaleas blooming around our Church, St. John's Mission and grounds. Hiking in the Ravine Gardens has been a blessed prayer experience for me. Please get out and enjoy God's beauty.

Last week in my homily I shared with you a prayer that could help us

with our journey through Lent and the mountain transfiguration. The woman at the well experienced the same words. Her mountain experience was to walk miles to the water and carry it back daily at the hottest time of the day. I invite you to pray this prayer every day for the next week. See how it changes your perspective. It really is a fast.

Find a quiet space. Breathe in slowly... and breathe out... about seven times. Then allow God to bless you and love you for who you really are.

***O God, I am your Beloved,
made in you Image.***

You delight in being with me as I am.

You enfold me in your presence.

***You shower me with your tenderness
and unconditional love.***

I saw this in the newspaper last Saturday:

In 1949, Palatka Mayor James Millican Jr. declared "Fr. Becker Day," honoring the town's religious leader who was observing his 50th anniversary as a priest and his 25th at St. Monica's Church.

Now that is quite impressive. Father Becker was the pastor of St. Monica's through the great depression and World War II! Have a most Beautiful Week in the Desert!

Love, joy, peace,
Father Ron Moses +

Do you Want to Fast this Lent?

(in the words of Pope Francis)

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with Joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent, so you can listen.

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday evening during the Season of Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross in the church at 6:00 PM. This will be followed by a Lenten meal of soup and bread. Please plan to attend.

Lenten Soup & Bread Schedule

Mar 09 – K of C

Mar 16 – Spanish Community

Mar 23 – SVdP/Altar Servers

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MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, Mar 4 - Third Sunday in Lent

11:30 AM - Repose of Joseph Martin Cihacz

Requested by Dee Dee Sheler & Sue Boosamra

2:00 PM - Repose of Samuel Velazquez

Requested by Laura Ramirez

Monday Mar 5 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM - Word Service

Tuesday Mar 6 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM - Word Service

Wednesday, Mar 7 - Lenten Weekday

6:00 PM - Knights of Columbus for the Good of the Order

Requested by Parishioners of St John

Thursday, Mar 8 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM - Word Service

Friday, Mar 9 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM - Repose of Connie St Sauveur

Requested by Dot Jones

Please note: All 11:30 Am Sunday Mass intentions from now on will be for Parishioners of St John.

4th Sunday in Lent - 03/11/2018

Altar Servers - Katlyn

Reader - Bud - Katlyn

EMHC - Meva - Mary M. - Grace - Ed

(Note: On Mar 4 we will be receiving both the host and wine.)

The Sanctuary Candle

burns this week for

Connie St Sauveur

Requested by Dot Jones



Let us pray this week for all families, who are mourning the death of a loved one. May all our departed find rest and peace in the Mercy of God.

Your Parish Support

Collections for 02/26/2018

Offertory 1923.05

Maintenance Fund 1.00

Central & East Europe 2.00

Total \$1926.05



Please Remember in Your Prayers

All members of our parish who are not in perfect health: **Allison Widmeyer, Carmen Concepcion, Roger Coutu, Susan Collins, Luisa Velazquez, and Barbara Hogue.** Note: Names on our prayer list are for individuals who are hospitalized, undergoing surgery, in hospice care, or dying.

"Into the Deep" with Father Ron

Father Ron's class is every Wednesday at 4:30 PM. We are studying the book of Mark. The class helps give us a better understanding of the Gospel and is very informative. All are welcome!

Upcoming Events

Feb 28 - 9 AM Faith Sharing

Feb 28 - 4:30 PM Father Ron's bible study

Mar 11 - 11:30 AM Installation of PPC Council Members

Mar 11 - 1:15 PM PPC Meeting

Mar 12 - 7 PM Knights of Columbus

June 24 - 30 - Urban Plunge



"Our Faith in Action: Today's Society of St. Vincent de Paul"

"Our Faith in Action: Today's Society of St. Vincent de Paul" airs on Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN). Sundays starting, March 4th at 6:30 & 4:30 and Saturdays starting March 10 at 6:00 PM Live your faith! Call 386-684-2797 or visit 111 North Francis Street Interlachen.

St Vincent de Paul News

The Society would like to thank the following Volunteers for the many years of dedicated service to helping us help others. Their tireless efforts run the gamut from stocking and dispensing items from the pantry, sorting and pricing items for the thrift store, helping set up, giving out food from our monthly distribution and breaking down afterwards, Toys for Tots, Annual School Supplies, stocking of food bags and many other facets of work at 111 North Francis Street. My special thanks go to: Ray and Angie Kusa, Lois McKaig, Dot Jones, Joyce Martin, Jim and Pat Dandeneau, Jean Jurski, Gladys Torres, Gail Mack, Parks and Midge Corley, Mary Jo Gioia, Allen and Theresa Lucia, Mary Mikan, Trisc Branch, Diane Butler, Grace Digiovanni, Joe and Carmen Grasso, Robert White, Paul and Camille Ship, Gail Blank, Milt Wagner, Mike Gintic, Ruben and Vivian Rosas, Joe Emanuele, and again all the members of our board. May God Bless You, Bud Surratt, Outgoing President

Installation of Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

Father Ron will install the new PPC members during the 11:20 AM Mass on March 11th.

Easter Egg Hunt for our Children

Our Parish Cursillo Group will again sponsor the Easter Egg Hunt this year. It will be held Easter Sunday, April 1, right after the 11:30 AM Mass. We are needing donations of candy (no chocolate) and plastic eggs and baskets. All are invited... bring your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors. Contact Pam Mathes 386-916-9581 for more information or to make donations. Thank you.

Urban Plunge

Urban Plunge will once again return this year (week of June 24 - 30). Applications will be available this weekend. Please fill them out and return them as soon as possible to Joe Grasso in the office.

Getting to Know You



My name is Mary (Baptismal Name) Ruth Eva Green Lucchetti Liguori. Like Meva, I have a long handle. I was born in Rome, Pennsylvania. When I permanently moved to Interlachen in 2009, I came from Athens, PA and joined St John the Evangelist Church. I was one of 10 children and still have one older brother and two younger sisters who live in PA. In 1944 I graduated from Rome High School. I went into factory work for the next 7 years making ladies garments. Leaving that job, I went to work for Westinghouse Electric for the next 27 years. I am proud to say that I had a part in making the camera that was left on the moon. Good old Interlachen is where I am enjoying my retirement. No more shoveling snow! I do like to do outside work and tending to my flowers. This is just me. Many thanks to my good friend M.K. who helps me a lot. The best to all my brothers and sisters here at St John's.

Father Ron's Book "Tear In the Desert"

Father Ron has copies of his book for sale for only \$20.00 per copy. Great reading.

Youth Director Assignment

St John's and St Monica's would like to welcome Emma Rose Gazdecki as our new Youth Director effective March 1, 2018. Emma brings a wealth of experience of working with youth.

New Stations of the Cross

Have you noticed our new, beautiful Stations of the Cross. They were a donation from an individual who wishes to remain anonymous. Thank you very much for your generous donation.

St John's Liturgical Coordinator Assignment

Effective March 1, 2018, Connie Ostrowski will assume the additional responsibilities as the St John's Liturgical Coordinator.

Eucharistic Congress

March 16 & 17, 2018. "To contemplate Christ involves being able to recognize him wherever he manifests himself, in his many forms of presence, but above all in the living sacrament of his body and his blood. The Church draws her life from Christ in the Eucharist" POPE JOHN PAUL II, Ecclesia de Eucharista #6.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

Easter Flowers

This Sunday you will find donation envelopes for Easter Flowers in the vestibule as you enter the church. Please put your donation envelopes into the collection basket. If you are using a check, please address it to St John the Evangelist Catholic Church and put "Easter Flower Donation" in the memo box. Thank you

Annual Pilgrimage to St Joseph Monastery

Our Parish Small Faith Sharing Group wants to welcome everyone to their 8th Annual Pilgrimage to the St Joseph Monastery near Bunnell, FL. We will be carpooling from the church parking lot, leaving at 9 AM on March 26th. At the monastery we will be walking the beautiful outside Stations of the Cross. On our way back to Interlachen we plan to stop for lunch and should arrive back at the church about 3 PM. All are welcome. Contact Lois McKaig (386-684-6278) for more information.

Are you Blessed with a Talent to Write?

Summer is rapidly approaching and someone with computer and typing skills is needed to take over the preparation of the bulletin for a few months. We will be producing a smaller bulletin again this summer and preparation time should be greatly reduced. Training will be provided for working with the software. Please contact either Joe Grasso in the office (386-684-2528), or Jim Dandeneau (386-336-0933) for further information or to volunteer for this opportunity.

Bulletin/Web Site Inputs

Your inputs to the bulletin and our web site are important to keep our parishioners informed. Please e-mail inputs to Jim Dandeneau at dandeneau32148@gmail.com or put them in the box in the office.

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