MISSION STATEMENT
Addiction is a spiritual illness that disconnects a person from self, loved ones, and God. The Substance Addiction Ministry (SAM)’s goal is to help these individuals re-connect: with self, loved ones, and God.

SAM will provide education about addictive disease; increase awareness of the pain in people’s lives; and refer those in need to places where help can be found. Support, acceptance, understanding, and healing will be extended to those touched by addiction. "Addiction is a disease as well as a spiritual illness...." 

POLICY ON SUBSTANCE ADDICTION
When the life of one whom we love is at risk, and when the quality of life for those close to that person is threatened, we are charged with the responsibility to respond in a direct and loving manner.

Alcohol and drug addiction is epidemic in our society. The entire family is "affected", not just the "afflicted" member. Addiction is an illness that devastates the whole person, physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

Substance addiction is not a moral problem or weakness. The American Medical Association classified alcohol and drug addiction a primary disease, characterized by distinct stages of development, with specific signs and symptoms. If left untreated, it can be fatal.

Characteristic of addictive disease is denial, based in shame and maintained by a conspiracy of silence. The first step in addressing the problem is to begin talking about it, thus reducing shame, and opening the door to treatment and recovery of the entire family.

HOW CAN A SAM TEAM HELP?

SAM teams are stewards of the church’s most valuable “treasure”, it’s people.

SAM team members share their “time” and “talent”, offering hope, healing and reconciliation to members touched by addiction.

SAM teams provide a safe and confidential place for members to call for help and referral.
Why SAM?

Nothing can destroy a family or relationship quicker than addiction.

Education about the disease is essential.

SAM’s goal is to help individuals with addictions to re-connect through education, prevention, referral, and family support.

It became apparent that “church” can play an important role as “healer”. Our local SAM group is modeled after the Office of Substance Addiction Ministry (SAM) established by the Diocese of Palm Beach in 1998 to assist its many members touched by addiction.

When?

S.A.M. meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the Evangelization Center at 7:00 pm

If Drugs or Alcohol has caused problems in your home,

You are not alone.....