



ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church

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February 10, 2019

Valentine FROM *God*

HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER

by: **Francis Cardinal George, OMI - Catholic Exchange**

Valentine's Day is marked each year as a celebration of human friendship and romantic love. In some people's minds, romantic love is quite different from love of God or God's love for us. Pope Benedict XVI's first encyclical [Deus Caritas Est] tries to show how every example of love feeds into every other. "God is love," the Pope tells us again, echoing St. John The Evangelist; and God's love for us shows itself in the love of husband and wife.

Often we presuppose that there must be a separation between eros understood as human desire, sexually expressed, and agape, a selfless, spiritual love. But every genuine love is a form of self-giving. Love is not a thing to be exchanged, but a gift that brings the giver intimately into another's life. Love transforms the lives of both lovers, because each receives his or her self back, transformed by their mutual love. Every love entails sacrifice for the beloved, but love makes even sacrifice a joy.

When being in love means a commitment only to an experience, then love disappears with the experience. When being in love means commitment to a person, then love lasts as long as the person loved. Modern culture has magnified the idea of love as spontaneous over the reality of love as a series of choices. People talk about being "swept away" and losing control of themselves. Yet if passion is the essence of love, then loving brings loss of

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses:

Monday-Saturday, 8:00am
Rosary-7:30am (Mon.-Sat.)
Divine Mercy after 8am Mass

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 8:00am, 3:30pm
and 5:30pm
Vietnamese Mass 8:00pm
Sunday, 7:15am, 9:15am
and 11:15am
Spanish Mass: 1:30pm every
Sunday

Reconciliation:

Saturday 8:30-9:00am

First Friday Adoration:

Friday 8:30-9:00am

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8:00am-Noon | 1:00-4:00pm
239-561-2245

MINISTRY TO THE SICK:

A priest is on call 7 days a week,
24hrs a day for these hospitals:

Health Park - St. Columbkille

Church 239-489-3973

Lee Memorial - St. Francis

Xavier Church 239-334-2161

Gulf Coast - St. John XXIII

239-561-2245

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT:

You are encouraged to receive
the Sacrament of the Sick before
being admitted to a facility.

St. Columbkille - Hope Hospice

239-489-3973

9470 Health Park Circle,

Ft. Myers, FL

St. Raphael - Lehigh Acres

Health & Rehab Center

239-369-2194

1550 Lee Blvd, Lehigh Acres, FL

Hope Hospice 239-369-1831

1201 Wings Way, Lehigh Acres, FL

St. Leo - Hope Hospice

239-992-0901

27200 Imperial Pkwy,

Bonita Springs, FL

St. Vincent de Paul

239-693-0818

The Mission of St. John XXIII Catholic Church is to actively engage all those who desire to more fully accept and live out the message of Christ, welcoming and respecting all people regardless of background, history, race or color, as we strive to nurture spiritual growth and personal holiness on our journey to become more responsible stewards of God's gifts.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 8:00 AM † Kelly George by Gary Kutner
- 3:30 PM † Catherine Hellow by Jim & Ann Kindle
- 5:30 PM † Ted Feindt by Marilyn Feindt
- 8:00 PM † Lisa Battaglia-Schwartz by her family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 7:15 AM † Pat Blaha Steimle by Judy Jernigan
- 9:15 AM † John Parker by Denise & Roger Boucher
- 11:15 AM † Grazia Mistretta by Dennis & Diana Gioiella
- 1:30 PM † Angel Federico Collado by his family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 8:00 AM † Marc Tarabocchia by Marie Rozzo

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 8:00 AM ♥ Jean Castaldi - Happy 90th Birthday

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 8:00 AM † Wolodymyr Nepip by The St. John XXIII Pastoral Team

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- 8:00 AM † David Capriotti by Nancy Capriotti

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 8:00 AM ♥ Theresa Mannion by Clare Mannion

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 8:00 AM † Kelly George by Josephine Smiarowki
- 3:30 PM † Salvatore Ortenzo by The St. John XXIII Pastoral Team
- 5:30 PM † Cres Morrison by Linda Collins
- 8:00 PM † Teresa

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- 7:15 AM † Mark Lynch by his friends
- 9:15 AM † Betty Hartwig by Pat & Dick Dohack
- 11:15 AM † Christina Gioiella by Dennis & Diana Gioiella
- 1:30 PM Spanish Mass

THE 2019 MASS BOOK IS OPEN FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR

To ensure availability throughout the year, we must limit requests for the English speaking Masses to no more than (2) weekend Masses and (2) weekday Masses for the entire year. Other options will remain available: Tabernacle Candle \$15 per week, Eucharistic Host \$15 per week.

FEBRUARY 17, 2019 - READINGS

- 1ST READING JER 17:5-8
- 2ND READING 1 COR 15:12, 16-20
- GOSPEL LK 6:17, 20-26

LECTOR TRAINING SESSION

We strongly recommend that all Lectors join us for a brief instructional update meeting after Mass. Meet your ministry leader and hear important updates in the Lector Ministry at our Parish.

- **FEBRUARY 23** after the **3:30PM MASS**
- **FEBRUARY 24** after the **9:15AM MASS**
- **FEBRUARY 24** after the **11:15AM MASS**
- **MARCH 10** after the **7:15AM MASS**

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Valentine CONTINUED

the very freedom that people claim they want to preserve when they hesitate making a permanent commitment to one another. During a conference [in Rome to discuss Deus Caritas Est], people from the world of films and popular communication spoke about how love as an experience is easier to portray on film than love as a personal commitment.

The Pope's letter also speaks of love's relation to justice. Again, some would separate charity from justice, as others separate God's love from romantic love. And, again, that would be a mistake. A perfectly just world would still need love. An economic and political system is never equal to the dignity of the human person if it is constructed apart from the dynamics of love. Officials of the World Bank and other economic institutions participated in the conference to speak to the connection between charity and economic and social development.

True love asks for nothing in return, for this kind of loving is how God loves us. The Blessed Trinity is a unity created by the total self-giving of the three divine persons, each to the others, for the others, in the others. The giving of oneself to others constitutes the nature of God. A gift of self is feared if it brings with it some kind of onerous demand, an obligation to the person giving. God's love teaches us that there are persons who make no demands in loving, who are not in competition with those they love. Experiencing divine love prepares us to love fully and gratuitously all those God places on our path of life, our family, friends and neighbors, even our enemies.

The Church, is to be a network of charity, a sacrament of God's love in the world. The Church is as committed to the service of charity in the form of Christ-like love as she is to the preaching of the word and the celebration of the sacraments. As Christ commissioned the Twelve to go, baptize, preach and make disciples (Mt. 28, 18-20), so the apostles early in the Church's life commissioned the Seven to the work of charity (Acts 6: 1-7). Think of the more than 600 deacons ordained for the Archdiocese in the past generation and their charitable service in our parishes and institutions. Think of the organization of loving service in the form of Catholic Charities, so well-developed here in the Archdiocese. Think as well of all the volunteers in every parish and family, giving of their time and goods to help with love the needy, the sick, the stranger, the prisoner, the hungry and homeless. This charity makes credible to the world the Gospel's proclamation that "God is love." Of course, the Church has no corner, no monopoly on work for the poor and for the elimination of economic and political injustice. The work of charity is ecumenical and universal, both in its scope and its workers.

This Valentine's Day, read with someone you love the Song of Solomon (Canticle of Canticles) in the Old Testament and the parable of the Good Samaritan in the New Testament (Luke 10: 29-37). Pope Benedict reflects on both these passages from Holy Scripture in his first Encyclical. May God's holy word touch your hearts and open them to the divine love that gives us the gift of our being and the promise of eternal life. God bless you.

Valentine Blessing

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

- John 3:16 KJV

A STATEMENT FROM BISHOP DEWANE

Responding to: "No-Limit Abortion" Law in New York

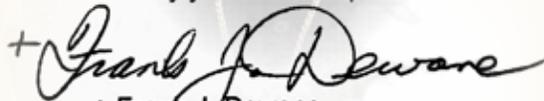
Let us be reminded that all Life begins at the moment of Conception, which for Catholics is not in dispute despite any new laws such as the recent law passed in New York State and introduced in the Virginia State Legislature.

Regarding abortion, the Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law." (2270-2271)

This should remind us that the killing of an innocent child through abortion is abhorrent. It is natural to want to speak out about such egregiousness, but first all are called to pray for an end to the scourge that is abortion. Pray also that our legislators and judges at the state and national levels stop celebrating laws that will end the life of a child.

If you disagree with laws such as the one recently passed in New York State, please write to your state and federal politicians to share your thoughts, disagreement and disgust on this critical issue. Meaningful change pertaining to this matter will not come until all stand together to give a voice to the voiceless, the vulnerable unborn children who in some places can now potentially face death up until the moment of their birth.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers all of our parish family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually, especially:

Elaine Quan
Ryan Novajasky
Lynne Haughey
Linda Sayres
Carol Clausen
Marlene LaRose
Erika Arquilla Hlavacek
Bernadette Frammarino
Antoinette Bosco
Michael Assante
Tim Smith
Jill Sokoloff
Mary Collins
Genevieve Wiesen
Juan Cruz
Jason Brown
Jerry North
João Mota Filho
Rosanne Catalino

Joe Beard
Pauline Moran
Tim O'Connor
Carol Roman
Betty Ross
Don Davies
Dan Pieper
Patty Waters
Ortenzo Family
Janet Lenz
Samantha Call
Laura Gansrow
Angie Campolo
Louis Meyer
Ron Pantano
Nancy Naughten
Donna Glassey
Wayne Hilson
John & Mary Petyo

These names are kept in the bulletin for one month. If you would like continual prayer, please add your name to the prayer book in the Narthex.

The best way to ensure your loved ones are consistently prayed for within our greater E-Prayer Community - email Betsy Engelbrecht at e-prayer@popejohn23.net

Their names will be circulated to an ever-growing list of people who will pray for them by name!

Ways to Memorialize

For requests to memorialize a loved one, you may call or stop in our Parish office.

Prayers for Eternal Life

*Life is changed, not ended.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!*

**Barbara Smuda
Dawn Lagergren wife of Paul Todd**



Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Eleanor Gearraughty**
Requested by: **Diane Filadora**



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myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish. You can also text the word "APP" to 88202!





ST. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, February 9

- Paul Todd tickets being sold before and after all Masses
- KofC (Knights of Columbus) selling boat cruise tickets
- Vigil Masses - 3:30pm & 5:30pm
- Vietnamese Mass - 8pm



Sunday, February 10

- Paul Todd tickets being sold before and after all Masses
- KofC (Knights of Columbus) selling boat cruise tickets
- Masses 7:15, 9:15 & 11:15am: Main Hall
- Sing/Ring Choir Rehearsal: Choir Loft - 8:45am
- RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): 9:15am Mass followed by 10:30am Session: Rooms St. Martha & St. Mary
- Parish Picnic: Outside - 12:30pm
- Spanish Mass - 1:30pm

Monday, February 11

- Men's Gospel Forum: Rooms St. Martha & St. Mary - 7am
- Craftie Ladies: Villas - 1pm
- Surviving Divorce/Adult Faith Education: Rooms St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 6:30pm
- KofC (Knights of Columbus): St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

Tuesday, February 12

- Opening the Word: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 9am
- Bereavement: Rooms St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 1pm
- Lector Leadership Meeting: St. Martha & St. Mary - 1pm
- Spanish Rosary: Cry Room - 6pm
- Matthew Bible Study Session 3: Rooms St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 6:30pm

Wednesday, February 13

- Faith Formation: Main Hall - 4:15pm
- Children's Choir Practice: Choir Loft - 5:25pm
- Middle School Youth Group Pizza Sales: Main Hall - 5:30pm
- Faith Formation: Main Hall - 6pm
- Middle School Youth Group: St. Martha & St. Mary - 6pm
- Middle School Choir Practice: Choir Loft - 7:17pm



Thursday, February 14

- PAC Meeting: (Parish Advisory Council): Rooms St. Martha & St. Mary - 8:45am
- Choir: Choir Loft - 6pm
- Hispanic Ministry Planning Meeting: Rooms St. Martha & St. Mary - 6pm
- Hispanic Choir: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 7pm

Friday, February 15

- Volunteer Mass: Church - 6pm followed by celebration in PLC

Saturday, February 16

- Paul Todd tickets being sold before and after all Masses
- KofC (Knights of Columbus) selling boat cruise tickets
- DOV Women's Conference: Bishop Verot - 9am
- Winter Choir Retreat: Church - 9:30am
- Vigil Masses - 3:30pm & 5:30pm
- Vietnamese Mass - 8pm



Sunday, February 17

- Paul Todd tickets being sold before and after all Masses
- KofC (Knights of Columbus) selling boat cruise tickets
- Masses/Hospitality 7:15, 9:15 & 11:15am: Main Hall
- RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): 9:15am Mass followed by 10:30am Session: Rooms St. Martha & St. Mary
- Spanish Mass - 1:30pm
- Confirmation Yr. 1: Rooms St. Martha & St. Mary - 5pm

WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Abelardo Diaz & Veronica Luna
- Brian & Danielle Bakalar
- Donovan & Louise Murray
- Ricardo Perez & Claudia Barrera
- Robert & Carole Wilczewski
- Claudio Reschini & Alnair Angulo
- Deborah Walker
- Deb Seymour
- James & Debra Acton
- Carmen Rivera
- Patricia Carroll
- Hillary Gonzalez

Those who are new to our Parish this year, and those who've been coming for years without being registered, we need your help in staying organized and planning for our future needs. Having an accurate database of our parishioners will help us know where and how we need to grow. Thank you to everyone who registered with our Parish. If you have not received a welcome letter, please call the Parish Office to confirm your registration. All new parishioners, and those interested in registering in our Parish, are invited to attend **The New Parishioner Orientation on Sunday, March 17th, 2019 at 12:30pm**

This is your opportunity to become informed and active members of the Parish and participate in our various ministries. Registering at St. John XXIII is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community. Please let the parish office know your email address OR you can even update it on the Parish website! www.johnxxiii.net

Frequently, those seeking to celebrate Marriage, Baptisms or serve as sponsors for Confirmation or Baptism request a letter stating that they are parishioners. To receive such a letter, one must be registered in the parish, attend Mass regularly, and be committed to stewardship of time, talent and treasure. One means of verifying participation is through the use of parish offertory envelopes. If you choose not to participate in the support of the parish or are unable to contribute at this time, please at least note your prayerful support on your envelope and place it in the weekly offertory basket.

PRAYERS FOR

Our Military Personnel

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| PFC Bryan Bard | LCP James Palenik |
| Sean Ball | Master SGT Peter Parison |
| Major Bart Boma | Sgt. Justin Pinger, Army |
| Staff Sgt. Dennis Cosgrove | Lt. Col. Brady Sexton |
| Sgt. Phil Dellibovi | 2nd Lt. Kristen Thompson |
| Staff Sgt. Chris Dominski | Christian Troutner, US Navy |
| CPT Andrew Dugan, Spec. Forces | Alex Zizzo, US Navy Medic |
| Captain Andrew Duguay | PFC Jordan Feil, USA |
| Sgt. Jared Gaudet | Hayden Linde |
| Tech Sgt Jeffrey K. Green | Aaron Crump, USCG |
| 1st Lt. Kellyn Hall | PFC Nathaniel Broemmel |
| Andrew Herman | Lt. Com. Mark Buonomo |
| 1st Lt. Paige Hortman | Col. Scott C. Woodward |
| Sgt. Kathleen Hudepohl | Private Nicholas Loeb, ARNG |
| PFC Michael P Hughes | Andrew Hawkinson, USN |
| SPC Michael Jednak | Cavalry Scout Specialist, |
| PFC Andrew Kanopkh | Ryan Silva, Army |
| Michael Klem | 2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC |
| Capt. Bradley D. Laux | Jared Broemmel, US Navy |
| Lt. Jacob Mundo, US Army | Army 2nd Lieutenant Edward |
| Sgt. Nicholas Mundo, USMC | Hudson Tillinghast IV |
| SSGT Anthony Padula | Jethro Ignacio, US Air Force |



Faith Formation

Contact **Chris Biel** | 561-7499 | chrisdre@johnxxiii.net



Our first graders have been learning about the Saints. They made their halos in class. Great job!

THIS WEEK IN FAITH FORMATION:

Faith Formation classes this Wednesday, February 13th. The schedule for February is as followed:

- **2/13:** Faith Formation
- **2/20:** Faith Formation
- **2/27:** (Sacrament Prep Yr II) NO Faith Formation

Mark Your Calendar Now for the best week of the Summer! **Vacation Bible Camp** will be held **June 24th to the 28th** for children in grades Kindergarten to entering 6th grade! We also have a PreK age 4 program. This year our theme will be **Roar! Life is Wild, God is Good!** Registration will start in April. Please watch the bulletin for future information!

SACRAMENT PREPARATION:

BAPTISM: Congratulations on your decision to baptize your child! At St. John XXIII we are happy to help your family prepare for the celebration. Baptisms are offered for registered members of Saint John XXIII and are scheduled only after the preparation process is completed by the parents. Please do not make arrangements for family members until you have actually received a date. Contact the office at (239) 561-2245 for more information or to begin the process.

FIRST COMMUNION: (also called First Eucharist and First Reconciliation) Children in First grade or above, who have expressed a desire and willingness and are attending Mass, are welcome to begin the two year process of preparing for these Sacraments. The first year consists of regular attendance at Faith Formation classes or through a Diocesan Catholic school. (Either St. Francis Xavier or St. Andrew) The second year continues those classes, but also adds in direct Sacramental Preparation (Reconciliation and Communion) sessions. Please contact Chris at 561-7499 for more information or to begin the process. Parents who Home school their children must contact the office during Year I.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation is a two year process that now begins at the start of 9th Grade and is celebrated in the Fall of 11th grade. (Older teens are certainly welcome also!). Each year consists of Faith Formation through the parish Youth Group or a Diocesan Catholic school (Bishop Verot) as well as scheduled Confirmation classes and a retreat. Please note: Students from Bishop Verot must register and attend the preparation classes at the beginning of 9th grade. If you are entering the 9th grade or would like more information on our program, contact Chris at (239) 561-7499 to begin the process.

ADULT FAITH

Education

All Are Invited to Opening The Word!

Opening the Word is a weekly Bible Study exploring the upcoming Sunday Readings. All are Welcome!

When? Tuesday Mornings from **9am-10am**

Next Session: Tuesday, February 12th

OPENING THE WORD

We will use the parish resource, Formed.org to prepare for the Readings that we hear each Sunday.

To register go to www.johnxxiii.formed.org and follow the instructions to sign in and to view Catholic content 24/7. We will watch a short video (7-10 minutes), share what the Readings say to us, and discuss how we can apply them to our lives.

This Bible Study meets every Tuesday morning in the **PARISH LIFE CENTER FROM 9AM-10AM IN ROOMS ST. BERNADETTE & ST. MICHAEL.**

JOIN OUR LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

REGISTER IN THE NARTHEX:
February 16, 17, 23, 24



MARCH 5 - APRIL 23 • 6:30-8PM

The next sessions will be offered Tuesday nights from 6:30-8pm in the Parish Life Center, in rooms St. Bernadette and St. Michael.

To join our study and register, go to: www.ascensionpress.com and create an account. Follow the instructions to join and register online. You will purchase your study set book at this time (\$19.95 + shipping) and it will be shipped directly to you. You will have online access to study videos and discussion forum.

For more information contact:
Robin DySard: robindysard@icloud.com

Young Adult Ministry - 561-3022 xt 107

Contact **Beth Benham** | beth@johnxxiii.net

Contact **Kelly Evers** | kelly@johnxxiii.net



Welcoming All Young Adults 18 -39

- **March 7** - Rooted will be hosting a Wine & Paint Fundraiser Event in the Parish Life Center. (Open to ALL Adults) We will have canvas or wooden signs to paint as well Paint and wine glasses. All proceeds will help support the Youth Mission trips. Contact Beth or Kelly in the Youth Ministry Office.



Join Our Facebook Group: *Rooted at St. John XXIII* for updates and local happenings.

Youth Ministry - 561-3022 xt 107

HSYG Contact **Beth Benham** | beth@johnxxiii.net

MSYG Contact **Kelly Evers** | kelly@johnxxiii.net

High School Youth Group

HSYG - Sundays 5pm to 6:30pm ***NOTE NEW TIME**

- **February 17** - Confirmation Session Yr. 1
- **February 20** - Confirmation Reboot Retreat with: Chris Stefanik
- **February 24** - Youth Mass with Fr. Bob at 4pm
- **February 24** - Dinner & Confirmation Session Yr. 2. We encourage all Confirmation students to attend the Youth Mass. We will be serving dinner following Mass for those attending the Confirmation Yr. 2 session.

M&M Mission Fundraiser UPDATE: We raised over \$6,000 for our Mission trips! Thank you for supporting our parish Youth!

HSYG Mission News: Please contact Beth Benham if you are interested in attending the 2019 St. John XXIII Mission Trip with Catholic Heart to Gainesville FL. Spots are filling up. We extended deadline to March 1st. E-mail Beth for more information.

Save the Dates:

REBOOT Retreat: February 20 **PLEASE TURN IN DOV FORMS ASAP!**

Youth Mass: Sunday Evenings at 4pm: Next scheduled Masses: February 24, March 24, April 28 and May 19

Middle School Youth Group

MSYG - Wednesdays 6pm to 7:15pm

- **February 13** - Spread the Love: An insight to Parish Ministry
- **February 20** - Speaker in North Cape Coral with: Chris Stefanik

THIS WEEK: We will dig deeper into several ministries that our youth can participate in here at St. John XXIII. Altar serving, lectors, music ministry and hospitality.



Thinking about joining the Catholic Church, but feel a little lost? The RCIA inquiry stage is the starting place for adults who are thinking about entering the Catholic Church.

"Be still, and know that I am God." – Psalm 46:10

In the inquiry stage, you're just finding out about Jesus, Christianity, and the Catholic Church. Talk to people, walk around in our shoes for a bit and get a feel for the place. As an inquirer, you're not yet sure exactly what you think about the Catholic Church. Your main task here is to develop your faith a little bit, get to know Christ, prayer, the Catholic Church, and how Christians live. That's the only way you can make an informed decision about entering the Catholic Church.

DOCTRINE SESSIONS

February:

2/10: - The Blessed Trinity

2/17: - Anointing of the Sick and Dignity of Life

2/24: - Marriage and Holy Orders

For questions please contact **Ginny Whelan** at: **(239) 362-1283** or email: vwhelan99@gmail.com



Have you received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Just as bodies and minds grow, Catholics believe that the soul also needs to grow in the life of grace. The Sacrament of Confirmation builds on the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Holy Communion, completing the process of initiation into the Catholic community.

Want to Hear More?

Please call the parish office at **(239) 561-2245** and make an appointment to meet with Father Bob.

Craftie Ladies

WHAT'S NEW?

As we do every January/February, the Craftie Ladies were busy making Comfort Blankets for Gulf Coast Hospital. To date, we have made well over 200!

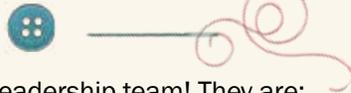
Nancy Roberts from GCH, paid us a visit the other day, and brought along Lots more fabric for us. Surprise, surprise! It seems the hospital is totally out of blankets. Thank you Nancy, we'll do our best!

New Email:



craftieladiesxxiii@gmail.com is the Craftie Ladies new email address. This is an easy way to communicate with us. The entire leadership team has access to this address. Members may continue to use the personal email provided on our membership list, or this one if there are questions/concerns for the leadership team.

New Team:



We have a wonderful new leadership team! They are:

- Kellie Glendon
- Judy Siegel
- Ceil Caulfield
- Darlene Piccone
- Trudy Fernandez



Join Us!

The Craftie Ladies meet every Monday at St. John XXIII Villas from 1-3pm. If you are interested in learning about this ministry, please stop by! No experience necessary and we provide on the job training!

Hispanic Ministry ANNOUNCEMENTS



Queremos invitarlos a las actividades en español que se están realizando en la Iglesia, contamos con su presencia para que los grupos se incrementen.

- Cada domingo a las 1:30 tendremos misa en español con el padre Lorenzo, favor ser puntuales.
- Los invitamos a que nos acompañen al rezo del Rosario todos los martes a las 6pm dentro de la Iglesia, no pierdan la oportunidad de acercarse a Nuestra Santísima Madre.
- Anímense a participar en la misa como lector o en otras actividades de preparación y celebración de nuestra misa. Escriba todas sus inquietudes, peticiones y preguntas a contactohispanosjpxxiii@gmail.com o puede visitar <http://www.facebook.com/HispanosJPXXIII>



ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church

"GODSPELL" AUDITIONS

Music, Art and Drama series being inaugurated in the new Parish Life Center. The musical "GODSPELL" will be performed on **April 13th & 14th**. Please contact **Tom Tihel** for an audition. tom@johnxxiii.net





Celebrate THE JOY

FATHER BOB TABBERT

Cordially Invites You

to share in the joy of celebrating
40 years as an ordained priest.

HOSPITALITY AFTER ALL MASSES
MARCH 2 AND MARCH 3

Ordination Anniversary



ADORATION

CORNER

The REAL Presence
is.... *Real*

Chapel Hours

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 9am-4pm
SATURDAY: 9am-3pm

We encourage you to become an adorer so that the Blessed Sacrament is never alone.

Being an adorer is committing to spending one (1) Hour with the Blessed Sacrament.

ALL NEW ADORERS are WELCOME to register now by visiting the Church Website Ministry tab or going directly to:

<https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/!enrollment/johnxxiii>

Keep in mind that ALL are Welcome to visit the Blessed Sacrament during the times that the St. LUKE Adoration Chapel is OPEN.

Come Sit With Me

Suppose you were told that Jesus wanted to meet with you personally for an hour at your parish. Who would say no to such an invitation? An hour actually passes very quickly, but if done on a regular basis, it establishes a structure for your entire week.

“Could you not keep watch for one hour?”

- Mark 14:37



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 2019: Human Trafficking

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

For more information:

www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/the-popes-monthly-intention.cfm



MAY WE SUGGEST....

RELAX!



Parents of Young Children:

God put the wiggle in your children so don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what is going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others! Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priest, altar servers, lectors, choir, and others. Help them find the hymns and prayers in the hymnal or booklets. Sing the hymns, participate in the liturgy, and pray! Children learn about worship and liturgical behavior by copying you. If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but **please come back**. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me". Remember that the way we welcome children in the church directly affects the way they respond to the church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in His house of worship.

Those Without Young Children:

The presence of children is a gift to the church and a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

Get more resources for families at:

www.themassbox.com



ST. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church

Weekly Financials



January 27, 2019 - NUMBERS NOT UPDATED

Offertory	\$30,098.11
Building Fund	\$7,112.00
Total	\$37,210.11
Mass Attendance	4451
Registered Families	3613
Kid's Offertory Envelopes	\$0.00

No money is kept on Church property. Thank you for your continued generosity!

***Please make your checks payable to "St. John XXIII"**

2018 Catholic Faith Appeal

2018 Goal	\$339,000
Pledge	\$601,580.88
% of Goal	177.46%
% of Households	29.62%
Total	\$598,529.88

PLANNING YOUR WILL

Remember St. John XXIII

A bequest is a wonderful way to express gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings! The gift you give establishes a lasting legacy of love for others by helping the Church to continue our Catholic heritage through its many ministries.

PLEASE NOTE: Leaving money to the Parish in your will is not assessed and 100% goes to the parish.

The following is possible wording for including a bequest in your will:

"I bequeath the greater of \$____ or ____% of the residue of my estate to Bishop Frank J. Dewane, (or his successor), Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida, a corporation sole, whose principal office is located at 1000 Pinebrook Rd., Venice, FL 34285, For the benefit of St. John XXIII Catholic Parish, in Fort Myers, Inc."

The actual wording in your will should be determined by you and your attorney.

For more information, questions, or wish to consider a gift annuity or trust for St. John XXIII Catholic Church, then please contact:

Holly Atkins at (239) 561-2245



MAKING A STOCK TRANSFER

When making a stock transfer to the Diocese of Venice on behalf of **St. John XXIII**, please email **holly@johnxxiii.net** to let us know you made the request. Sometimes a transfer comes to the Diocese with no name or no parish name. This will help us track the transaction. Thank you.

STOCKING OUR FOOD PANTRIES



Please consider bringing a food item to church with you each week and put it in the baskets provided in our Narthex. This allows us to help stock three food pantries in our community on a regular basis. Please bring in **NONPERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY**. This is a great way to teach your children to give to those in real need.

Thank You!



MEMORIALIZE A LOVED ONE

Here at St. John XXIII, we have several ways to memorialize your loved one.

If you are interested in learning more, call our Business Manager, **Holly Atkins** at **(239) 561-2245**

Memorialization

The art of commemorating the lives of those we love.



SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH • 6PM

PAUL TODD & FRIENDS

CONCERT

In The Parish Life Center



TICKETS: \$30 PER PERSON

CHILDREN 12 & under FREE

Parish Life Center opens at
4pm for Seating

Pre-concert with Tom Tiehel
at 5pm

Join Paul Todd, Paul Todd Jr., Amy Van Wyk,
Lisa Clark, Gabriela Frei and Summer McDavitt
for the biggest St. Patrick's Day Celebration in
Southwest Florida!

FOOD SERVICE BEGINS AT 4:30PM: Featuring a
corned beef & cabbage dinner with wine, beer,
soft drinks and Irish coffee for purchase.

FOOD NOT INCLUDED WITH TICKET PURCHASE

Tickets Available in the Parish Office and Before/After All Masses



Special Needs MASS

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

On **Saturday, March 16th**, we will have a Special Needs Mass at **10:30am** in our Chapel for those parishioners with dementia, memory problems or other cognitive difficulties.

This Mass is an opportunity to meet the needs of those who may be overwhelmed by the crowds and sounds of a standard Mass.

Please let the Parish Nurses know if your loved one needs home health aide support during this Mass or call the Parish Office at **(239) 561-2245**



Prepare to Care

Do you feel as if you are giving up your sense of self while caring for a loved one?

Do you feel alone trying to cope with the many roles of a caregiver?

We introduce you to ways you can care for yourself while caring for your loved one.

Attend one or all of these monthly meeting held in the Parish Life Center on Thursday afternoons from 2-3:30pm:

- FEBRUARY 21
- MARCH 28
- APRIL 25
- MAY 16



Sponsored by the

PARISH NURSE

TEAM

For more information contact:
Helen Tuffy at **(239) 826-6873**

SAVE THE DATES



PARISH MISSION

MARCH 31, APRIL 1 & 2

Live With Passion!



FR. CEDRIC PISEGNA, C.P.

We are excited about this year's Parish Mission with Fr. Cedric Piseгна! Watch the bulletin for more details.

- **Inspirational & Motivational Speaker**
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ST. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church

General Announcements

- **Have You Listened to Our Podcasts?** Listen to our weekly inspirational messages from Father Bob and homilies from Mass. Visit our site weekly at johnxxiii.podbean.com
- **“Like” our Facebook Page!** For all the latest happenings and inspirational messages “Like” us on Facebook. Just search “St. John XXIII Catholic Church”.
- **Our Weekly Newsletter:** Visit our website, johnxxiii.net, scroll down to “Stay Connected” and enter your email address.
- **Download Our Parish App:** Foster a stronger parish life at St. John XXIII and better engage the New Evangelization. Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone’s app store for myparish. You can also text the word “APP” to 88202!
- **St. John XXIII Catholic Church Mass Times:** Stay up to date and visit: <http://johnxxiii.net/info/new-mass-schedule/> for our Mass schedule.
- **Directory of Perpetual Adoration Chapels:** If you are visiting, vacationing or away from home, you can find churches that provide Adoration by visiting <http://www.therealpresence.org/states/perp.htm>
- **Interested in Serving our Parish Family During Mass?** Men, women and teens may serve as a Greeter, Usher, Lector, or Eucharistic Minister. Please contact the parish office at (239) 561-2245, if you feel called to serve in any of these areas, we can use your time and talent!
- **Nonperishable Donations:** When you are coming to Mass, please consider dropping off any nonperishable items in designated baskets located in the Narthex. These items help supply our food pantries and help those in need.
- **Low Gluten Hosts:** If you you are interested in receiving low gluten hosts at Mass, then please go to the Sacristy before Mass starts to make your request with a Sacristan.
- **Heavenly Children:** This ministry was founded to allow families who have lost children to gather together with other parents who understand the pain of losing a child. Please contact Emily Johnson at emily@ourmiraclesaroundus.com for more information.
- **FREE Rosary Repair:** Send broken rosaries in a padded envelope to: Betty & Dick Holden, 7930 Estero Blvd., #502, Ft. Myers Beach, FL 33931. Rosaries will be returned within a week of receipt. Old or broken rosaries may also be donated, repaired and sent to the missions. For more information email: holdenbnd@gmail.com or call Dick at (239) 463-3993
- **People Asking For Money Outside of Church:** We remind you that if there is anyone asking for money around the Church outside of Mass at our exits, ignore them. We have been contacted by the police regarding a group of professionals who travel to various churches. Be generous in giving to our Poor Boxes. That is where and how we can assist those who are truly in need. **Be sure to take your purses with you to Communion.**
- **If you are hospitalized at Gulf Coast Hospital** and would like to be visited by one of our Eucharistic Ministers or our Parish nurses, please let the Hospital Admissions Office know you are from our parish and contact our parish office, as well. Once you go home, if you are unable to attend Mass and would like to have the Eucharist brought to you, please call the parish office. (239) 561-2245

SOLES FOR SOULS

12th Annual Sneaker Drive

Sponsored by the Women’s Guild of St. John XXIII
(In support of Social Justice Ministry)

The SNEAKER DISPLAY in the NARTHEX signals the start of our annual sneaker drive **March 1 through March 29.**

Last year 500 needy children received sneakers in time for their return to school. Please help us raise sufficient funds to help the ever increasing number of children in need.

Please take an envelope from the display and return it with your donation, either by mail or in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you!

For more information contact:
Stella McCaffrey
stellamccaffrey@aol.com
or (239) 303-1935



JOIN THE FUN



FEBRUARY 20 • 6PM-9:30PM
ST. KATHARINE DREXEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

INFORMATION IN THE NARTHEX

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For Information & Tickets E-mail
Kelly Evers: kelly@johnxxiii.net or visit
www.RealLifeCatholic.com



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 13624
of St. John XXIII Catholic Church presents:

"Cruisin' The Caloosahatchee"

ABOARD THE PADDLE-WHEELER



SUNDAY, MARCH 3

BOARDING AT 1:30PM - SAILING 2PM - 6PM

Cruise the tranquil Caloosahatchee River on the way to the Franklin Locks. Observe the working locks and enjoy the sights of tropical vegetation and wildlife as well as beautiful homes along the river banks. The price includes a buffet luncheon, coffee, tea, dessert and gratuity. A cash bar is available for soft and hard beverages. D.J. will provide the music for your listening pleasure.

ADULTS ONLY - \$50 PER PERSON
TICKETS ARE LIMITED AND NON-REFUNDABLE

● **FOR TICKETS CONTACT:**

Read Sawczyn (813) 956-1468 | email: rsawczyn@gmail.com

Ken Meyers (906) 393-0009 | email: kennethmeyers@comcast.net

● **CHECKS MADE OUT TO:**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS via Read Sawczyn
12681 Creekside Lane, Ft. Myers, FL 33919

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DONATE 100% OF
THEIR PROCEEDS TO MUCH NEEDED CHARITIES



Wedding Anniversary Mass

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by **Bishop Frank J. Dewane** to an **Anniversary Mass** in their honor. The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in two locations: **11am on Saturday, March 2nd at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice** and **10am on Saturday, March 16th at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs**. Please call your local parish office for reservations no later than a week before the event you choose to attend.



Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

St. Francis Xavier Parish Spaghetti Dinner: Saturday, February 16th. Service begins at 3:30pm and ends at 6:30pm in the Xavier Parish Hall. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. The dinner ticket also includes parking and viewing area for the Edison Festival of Light Parade. Tickets may be purchased at the Parish Office at (239) 334-2161 or at the School Office, (239) 334-7707

Morning Conference with Dr. Susdan Muto: Tuesday, February 19th at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Lehigh Acres. The day begins with 8am Mass with refreshments and "Gratefulness and The Habit of a Grace-Filled Life" conference to follow.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Open House: The next scheduled date is Thursday, February 21st from 9am-10:30pm. For more information call (239) 334-7707

SFX Musical: St. Francis Xavier Catholic School presents Mary Poppins Jr. in the Father Thomas Anglim Gymnasium, 2055 Heitman Street, Fort Myers, FL. Tickets are \$10. 3 shows are offered: March 1st and 2nd at 7pm and March 3rd at 3pm. For more information email Monica Nelson at monica.nelson@stfrancisfortmyers.org

Mass in Appreciation of Volunteers: In appreciation of the volunteers of the Diocese of Venice, Bishop Frank J. Dewane invites all those to a Mass at 11am on Saturday, February 23rd, at Our Lady of Light Parish, 19680 Cypress View Drive, Ft. Myers. The Mass is an opportunity for all of us to extend gratitude and appreciation for those who generously give of themselves to the Church. All are invited to participate. A lunch will follow the Mass in the Parish Hall. There is no cost but registration is required to plan for lunch. Register at <https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/mass-in-appreciation-of-volunteers>, email ardy@dioceseofvenice.org or call Gail Ardy at (941) 484-9543

Catholic Days at the Capitol: This 3-day trip to Tallahassee is from March 26th to March 28th. Registration deadline is Wednesday, February 26th. Join others from around the state in making a difference while visiting our state legislators. Free bus transportation is provided. Contact Jeanne Berdeaux for registration and hotel information at (941) 374-1068 or email Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org

Televised Mass for the Homebound: For those who are unable to attend Mass due to medical or physical limitations, the Diocese of Venice offers a televised Mass each Sunday. For viewers in the northern portions of the Diocese, the Mass airs at 9:30am on the CW Network; and for those in the southern portions of the Diocese, the Mass is at 10:30am on WFTX-TV (FOX-4).

Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing: Are you suffering after an abortion? There is hope and healing for you. For confidential information, contact Fonda at (239) 719-7210 or email Fonda.rachel@gmail.com

Spiritual Adoption Program: You are invited to register to spiritually adopt an unborn child in danger of abortion. To register, visit www.dioceseofvenice.org/offices/respect-life/spiritual-adoption-program and receive monthly updates on the development of the child in the womb. For information, questions or prayer cards, please contact Jeanne Berdeaux at Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or call (941) 441-1101



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Welcome All Men
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 21ST
6PM at St. Leo the Great

with guest speaker:
LOU HOLTZ
"God's Bucket List"

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2019 AFCAAM CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH
CHECK IN AT 12PM

THE FOREST COUNTRY CLUB
6100 Partridge Club Rd.
Fort Myers, FL 33908

FYI

AFCAAM SECOND COLLECTION
Weekend of February 23 & 24

For more information regarding sponsorships and registration, contact: **Ted Duffy (239) 728-4571**
email: tduffy1942@gmail.com



Faith Wine Lee County

Welcome all Women
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 28TH
6:30PM at Our Lady of Light

with guest speaker:
SALLY MEWS
"Catholics Returning Home"

www.faithandwineleecounty.com

Women's Conference



JENNIFER FULWILER is the host of the Jennifer Fulwiler Show, which airs daily on the national SiriusXM network. She is the author of *Something Other than God*, as well as her new book, *One Beautiful Dream*, a humorous memoir which was a #1 bestseller at Barnes & Noble and in the Top 25 of all books on Amazon.



LEAH DARROW, drawing from her experience on American's Next Top Model and her work in fashion, exposes the lies that women encounter today regarding their self-worth. Through her engaging talks, listeners are drawn to the appreciation of their own real beauty.



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TO REGISTER!

ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR

✓ www.dioceseofvenice.org/offices/daily-resources/calendar/

☎ 941-484-9543

✉ evangelization@dioceseofvenice.org



LOCATION

Bishop Verot High School
5598 Sunrise Drive
Fort Myers

DATE

February 16, 2019

TIME

9 AM – 3 PM

COST

PRE-REGISTRATION
Adults \$20 | Students \$5.
AT THE DOOR
Adults \$30 | Students \$10.

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