

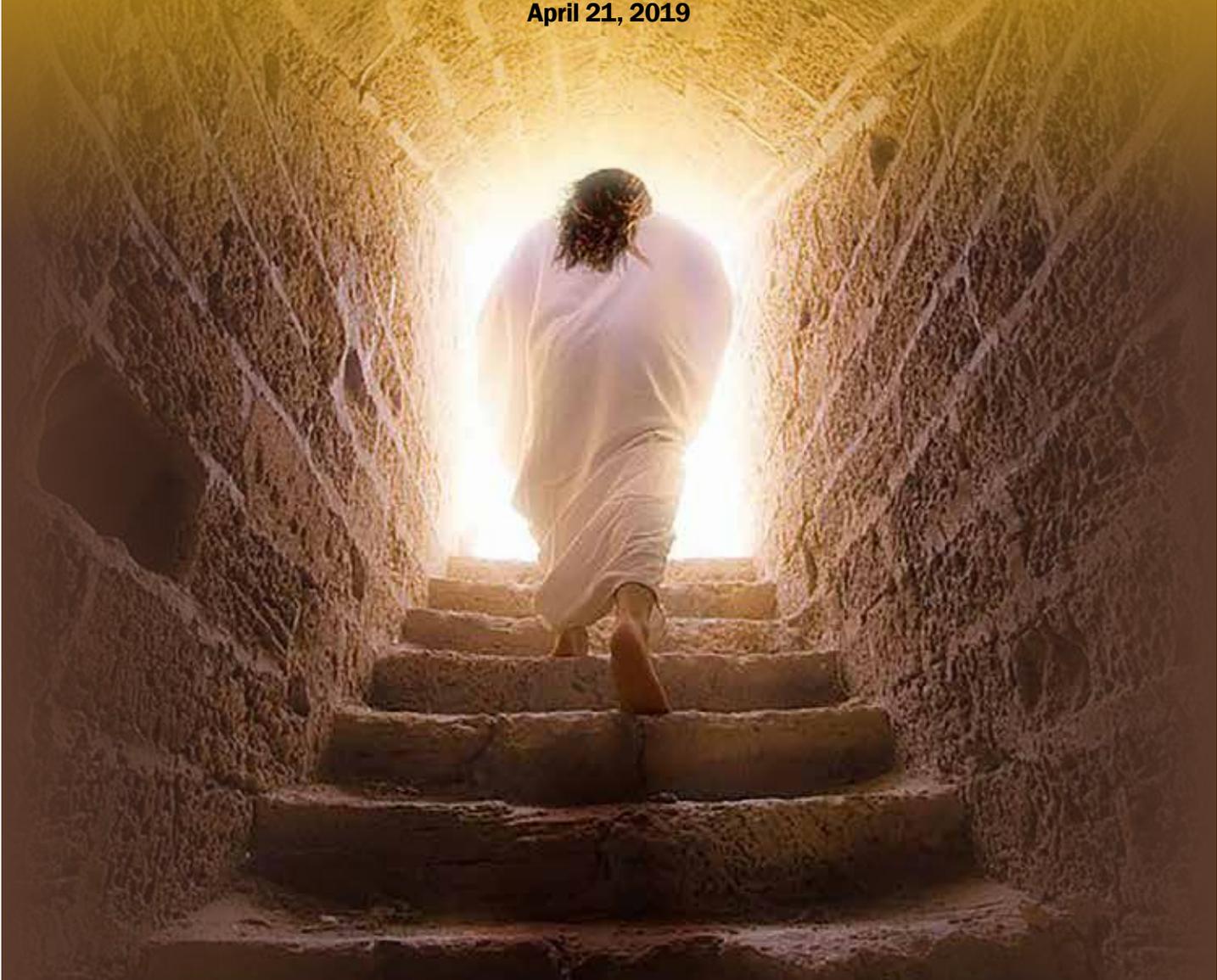


ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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April 21, 2019



He Is Risen!

St. John XXIII Catholic Parish in Fort Myers, Inc. a Florida non-profit corporation

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses:

Monday-Saturday, 8:00am
Rosary-7:20am (Mon.-Sat.)
followed by Divine Mercy

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, APRIL 20 - HOLY SATURDAY

- 8:00 AM - Morning Prayer
- 8:30 AM - Blessing of the Food

• **PLEASE NOTE: 8:00 PM - Vigil Mass Approximately 2 Hours**

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 - EASTER SUNDAY

- 7:15 AM, 9:15 AM & 11:15 AM Masses
- 1:30 PM - Spanish Mass
- 5:00 PM - Vietnamese Mass

MONDAY, APRIL 22

- 8:00 AM † Paul Iverson by Sharon Williams

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

- 8:00 AM † Michael Kelly by Charles & Susan Kelly

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

- 8:00 AM † Karl H. Mumme by Mary Zitnik

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

- 8:00 AM † Linda M. Shires by Barbara M. Pizzolato

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

- 8:00 AM † Louis & Nina Zinzi by the family

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

- 8:00 AM † William S. Wutzer by Barbara M. Pizzolato
- 4:00 PM † Lucy Laracuenta by Juan Laracuenta
- 8:00 PM - Unborn Children

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

- 7:15 AM † Santo Squillacioti by Vincent & Donna Fiore
- 9:15 AM † William Frazer by Lisa Lauture
- 11:15 AM † Catherine "Kitty" Pasateri by Diane
- 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.

APRIL 28, 2019 - READINGS

- 1ST READING ACTS 5:12-16
- 2ND READING REV 1:9-11A, 12-13, 17-19
- GOSPEL JN 20:19-31



SAVE THE DATE

FOR SATURDAYS ONLY

BEGINNING APRIL 27:

**OUR SATURDAY VIGIL MASS
WILL RESUME AT 4PM**



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Easter Sunday

RESURRECTION: HE IS RISEN, INDEED!

by: **Laura Bagby - CBN News**

Easter Sunday. To many it means the Easter bunny, a day of food and celebration. For some it is an obligatory church-attending holiday, after which life goes on as usual.

How sad that we have so quickly forgotten the true meaning of Easter. Our God reigns! Jesus Christ died, yes. But even more importantly, He rose again and is now seated at the right hand of God the Father, as we say in the Creed.

Jesus Christ literally defied death. But He did more than just a Houdini move. We “ooo” and “ahhh” over the narrow escapes by magicians like David Copperfield and others, but eventually even those daredevils will face death. Their power is limited.

But Jesus Christ was greater -- He defied death FOREVER. Jesus Christ lives and reigns for eternity, whether you or I believe that fact or not.

And He has reclaimed life for all those who believe in Him. This is the second miracle of Easter. Through God’s work on the cross, we have access to eternal life as well:

- *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: ‘The righteous will live by faith’ (Romans 1:16-17).*
- *If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved (Romans 10:9-10).*
- *Whosoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven (Matt. 10:32-33).*

Please consider today the wonder of God’s power and His love for you. He knows you. He knows what you have done. He knows what you are going to do. But He is waiting for your response, my friend. God doesn’t need your praise or your service to Him; He desires it. It is not what we do for God that gets us into heaven and gives us a right relationship with God. It is only by faith in Jesus Christ. Look at these Scriptures:

- *Know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified (Galatians 2:16).*
- *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith -- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God -- not by works so that no one can boast (Ephesians 2:8-9).*

“Accept the risen Jesus into your life. Even if you have been far away, take a small step towards him; he awaits you with open arms.”

Pope Francis

He is Risen!

Celebrate the Savior

Easter Message

from Bishop Dewane

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with great joy that we sing Alleluia! Jesus Christ has indeed Risen.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the source of Christian hope. By His action, Christ conquers sin and death and unlocks for the Faithful the path to life eternal.

This is a message that resonates with the deepest aspirations of the human heart. From the earliest times to the present, it is hope that has inspired so many Christians to endure suffering and even martyrdom due to religious persecution. Profound belief in the Resurrection is the very cause of persecution while at the same time the strength in the face of persecution for many Christians. This is especially true in the lands where Our Lord and Savior walked.

Let us pray in joyful hope for peace throughout the world and that everyone can fully celebrate Easter.

May the hope and the joy of the Risen Christ be with you and your family throughout this Easter Season! God Bless You!

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
Juan Cruz
Angie Campolo
Louis Meyer
Ron Pantano
Nancy Naughten
Donna Glassey
Wayne Hilson
John & Mary Petyo
Tom O'Keefe

Bill Acini
Dennis D'Archangelo
Angela Blinkiewicz
Cornelius Lewis
Chris Sullivan
Candy Foehl
Elizabeth Lawton
Virginia Lochner
Carol Wesch
Debbie Anderson & Family
Robert Smolka
John Mangione Jr.
Janet Fernandez
Bess Manderfeld
Clark Gordon
Walter & Jeanne Stobb
Rudy Stobb
Tony Stobb
Patricia Mannion

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!
Infant Azelie Eno
Norm Sanders



Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **John Gearraughty**
Requested by: **Diane Filadoro**



CREDIT CARD POLICY:

We **MUST** request that any credit card transactions made at St. John XXIII be a minimum of \$25.

Thank You!



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Weekly Calendar

Saturday, April 20

- Morning Prayer: Church - 8am
- Blessing of Food: Church - 8:30pm
- RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) 9:30am Easter Vigil practice (sponsor needed), 7:15pm Meet in Narthex w/sponsors followed by 8pm Easter Vigil Mass
- Choir Practice: Chapel - 7pm
- **Easter Vigil Mass - 8pm (LASTS 2 HOURS)**



Sunday, April 21 - Easter Sunday

- Masses: 7:15, 9:15 & 11:15am
- Spanish Mass: - 1:30pm
- Vietnamese Mass: 5pm

Monday, April 22

- **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
- Men's Gospel Forum: St. Martha & St. Mary - 7am
- Craftie Ladies: Villas - 1pm
- Men's Club: St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

Tuesday, April 23

- Opening the Word: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 9am
- Bereavement: Rooms St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 1pm
- Spanish Rosary: Cry Room - 6pm
- Follow Me - Meeting Jesus in Gospel of John: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 6:30pm
- AA Meeting (Alcoholics Anonymous): in Rooms St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

Wednesday, April 24

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

Thursday, April 25

- Nourish: St. Martha & St. Mary - 2pm
- Hispanic Choir: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 7pm

Friday, April 26

Saturday, April 27

- Blood Pressure Check by the Nurses in the Narthex
- Prayer Walk/Abortion Clinic - 9:15am
- **VIGIL MASS: NEW TIME - 4pm**
- Vietnamese Mass: - 8pm



Sunday, April 28

- Blood Pressure Check by the Nurses in the Narthex
- Masses: 7:15, 9:15 & 11:15am
- Mystagogy: St. Martha & St. Mary - 10:30am
- Hispanic Choir: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 11am
- Spanish Mass: Chapel - 1:30pm
- Confessions: Church - 2pm
- Divine Mercy Mass: Church - 3pm
- High School Youth Group Mass: Chapel - 4pm
- Spirit Night: Main Hall - 5pm



WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Frankie & Nicole Velez
- Stephen & Jeanine Ewing
- Janet Fernandez
- Kathleen Campisano

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, May 26th, 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

PFC Bryan Bard
Sean Ball
Major Bart Boma
Staff Sgt. Dennis Cosgrove
Sgt. Phil Dellibovi
Staff Sgt. Chris Dominski
CPT Andrew Dugan, Spec. Forces
Captain Andrew Duguay
Sgt. Jared Gaudet
Tech Sgt Jeffrey K. Green
1st Lt. Kellyn Hall
Andrew Herman
1st Lt. Paige Hortman
Sgt. Kathleen Hudepohl
PFC Michael P Hughes
SPC Michael Jednak
PFC Andrew Kanopkh
Michael Klem
Capt. Bradley D. Laux
Lt. Jacob Mundo, US Army
Sgt. Nicholas Mundo, USMC
SSGT Anthony Padula
LCP James Palenik
Master SGT Peter Parison

Sgt. Justin Pingicer, Army
Lt. Col. Brady Sexton
2nd Lt. Kristen Thompson
Christian Troutner, US Navy
Alex Zizzo, US Navy Medic
PFC Jordan Feil, USA
Hayden Linde
Aaron Crump, USCG
PFC Nathaniel Broemmel
Lt. Com. Mark Buonomo
Col. Scott C. Woodward
Private Nicholas Loeb, ARNG
Andrew Hawkinson, USN
Cavalry Scout Specialist,
Ryan Silva, Army
2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC
Jared Broemmel, US Navy
Army 2nd Lieutenant Edward
Hudson Tillinghast IV
Jethro Ignacio, US Air Force
1st Lt. Christopher Dryhurst,
US Air Force
Com. Craig Fowler, USN



Faith Formation

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



THIS WEEK IN FAITH FORMATION:

Classes will resume on Wednesday, April 24th.

REMINDER: There is NO Sacrament Preparation class on this Wednesday evening.

May Schedule:

- **5/1:** Faith Formation - Last Class
- **5/8:** Rehearsal for First Communion:
- 4:15pm-5:15pm and 6pm-7pm in Church/Chapel
- **5/11:** First Holy Communion:
- 10am Ceremony with line up at 9:30am in Chapel
- 1pm with lineup at 12:30pm in Chapel

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Registration for Vacation Bible Camp is in full swing! Forms are located in the Church Narthex, in the Main office or you can download forms on our website. The camp is 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!** Don't delay registering! The camp fills up quickly!

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

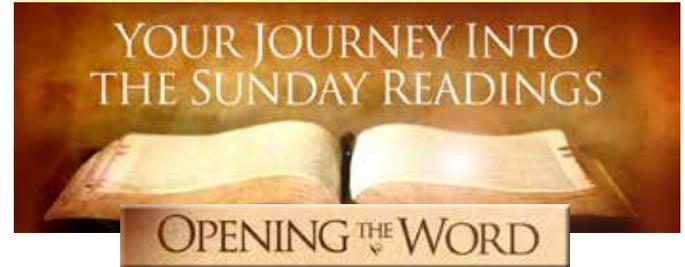
Education

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, April 23rd



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

To register go to <https://johnxxiii.formed.org/> and follow the instructions to sign in and 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



THROUGH APRIL 30 • 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



- **May 2** - The next 7pm Rooted session will take place at Dowd's Pub and Grill in Ft. Myers.



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**

- **April 28** - Spirit Night
- **May 19** - Summer Celebration



Save the Dates:

- **4pm Sunday Youth Mass:** April 28 and May 19 in Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel
- **Vaction Bible School:** Volunteer forms need to be in by May 1.

Middle School Youth Group

MSYG - Wednesdays 6pm to 7:15pm

- **April 24** - Kid's Choice Night
- **May 1** - St. John XXIII Scavenger Hunt

THIS WEEK: Kid's Choice Night



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

April:

4/28: - Mystagogy: Newly received Catholics (Neophytes) Life long journey growing closer to God/ Conversion a lifelong process

May

5/5: - Mystagogy: Living Your Strengths

5/12: - Mystagogy: Living Your Strengths

5/19: - Mystagogy: Deepening the Practice of their Catholic faith

5/26: - Mystagogy: Evangelization

June

6/4: - Pentecost

For questions please contact **Ginny Whelan** at: **(239) 362-1283** or email: **vwwhelan99@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.



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Contact **Tom Tiehel** | tom@johnxxiii.net

GODSPELL

Thank You

We would like to thank Tom Tiehel, the cast and everyone who participated, volunteered and attended the Godspell musical that took place April 13-14. It was a wonderful night of music and friendship in the Parish Life Center!



SUMMER CONCERTS

JUNE 30 - (4:00pm)
PATROTIC CONCERT

JULY 1 - (4:00pm)
PATROTIC CONCERT (Church) Picnic Supper

JULY 7 - (4:00pm)
PIANO & ORGAN

JULY 14 - (4:00pm)
BROADWAY & BEYOND (Main Hall) with Supper

JULY 15- 19 - (12:00pm - 3:30pm)
Children's Music Week: "Oh Jonah" (Main Hall)

JULY 21 - (4:00pm)
Children's Music Week Musical: "Oh Jonah!"
(with Reception)

JULY 28 - (4:00pm)
Youth Music Week Musical

Hispanic Ministry ANNOUNCEMENTS



Felices Pascuas

- “Si habéis resucitado con Cristo, buscad los bienes de allá arriba, donde Cristo está sentado a la derecha de Dios; aspirad a los bienes de arriba, no a los de la tierra. Porque habéis muerto; y vuestra vida está con Cristo escondida en Dios. Cuando aparezca Cristo, vida vuestra, entonces también vosotros apareceréis gloriosos, juntamente con él”. San Pablo a los Colosenses (3,1-4).
- “Crees que perdiste algo, lo que es imposible porque todo te fue dado, no hiciste ni un solo pelo de tu cabeza por lo tanto no puedes ser dueño de nada, además la vida no te quita cosas, te libera de cosas, te alivia para que vuelas más alto para que alcances la plenitud.
- De la cuna a la tumba es una escuela, por eso lo que llamas, problemas son lecciones y la vida es dinámica por eso está en constante movimiento, por eso sólo debes estar atento al presente, por eso mi madre decía: “yo me encargo del presente, el futuro es asunto de Dios” por eso Jesús decía: “El mañana no interesa, él traerá nueva experiencia, a cada día le basta con su propio afán”.
- No perdiste a nadie, el que murió simplemente se nos adelantó porque para allá vamos todos, además lo mejor de él, El Amor, sigue en tu corazón.
- Quién podría decir que Jesús está muerto, no hay muerte, hay mudanza y del otro lado te espera gente maravillosa...” Facundo Cabral.
- Los invitamos a participar cada domingo en la misa hispana a las 1:30pm con nuestro querido padre Lorenzo Gonzalez, los esperamos junto a sus familiares, vecinos y amigos.

An Easter Reflection

What is Resurrection?

Why are eggs associated with Easter? Why are they such a powerful symbol of resurrection? The word needs some care. It is not resuscitation, as if Jesus were simply brought back to life, like Lazarus or the widow's son at Nam (see John 9 and Luke 7:11-15). Resurrection is transformation. The symbols of resurrection are many. So then, why eggs and Easter? An egg is totally changed. What is yellow and white liquid becomes alive with feathers and a chirp. If you look at the liquid of eggs alone, you would never tell what they would become. A liquid goo becomes a chicken – a sea gull, crow or magpie. Another Easter symbol is the seed, or acorn. You can look at a seed and never imagine what colour it may turn out to have. Similarly with a caterpillar and butterfly. These are resurrection symbols because they become something else, totally unforeseen and beautiful. And yet there is continuity: the egg becomes a chicken; an acorn becomes an oak-tree; a caterpillar becomes a butterfly.

There are also human resurrection symbols: persons recovering from drug addiction or alcoholism become what they have despaired of happening. They are the same persons, but now transformed; they have new life, new hopes, and new possibilities. Another resurrection symbol might be a teenager becoming an adult: he or she is the same, but different with the new beauties of maturity.

The resurrection is an invitation to look around to see transformation, to see what is evil being changed, what is immature becoming adult; what appears inert like an egg or seed sprouting life.

But for the Christian, the resurrection has a still richer meaning. St. Paul, clearly repeating a catechetical formula that he had learned, says to the Corinthians:

I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day according to the scriptures (1Corinthians 15:3-4).

We can tease out this text by looking at accounts of the resurrection. They are quite subtle. The first thing we can see is that Jesus "was raised on the third day." Who raised him? The Father by the power of the Holy Spirit (see Romans 1:3-4; 8:11). When we look at the resurrection appearances we notice that Jesus is not at first recognised by those who loved him and who were his close associates or disciples. The exception seems to be the Beloved Disciple who had special insight (see John 20:8; 21:7). The others come to faith; indeed faith was necessary to identify Jesus. The Risen Jesus is then the same but different. This can be put in another way by saying that Jesus is not resuscitated, but is resurrected.

Christ is risen, and has promised to take us with him. This life is not the end; we too will be transformed in endless life and beauty. Human life is good, but it will end. The resurrection gives hope and meaning to our existence here. In our weakness we will after death be raised in glory. Again there is continuity: it is I (not just my body) that I hope will be raised. As Paul writes: So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body (1Corinthians 15:42-44).

Easter Sunday

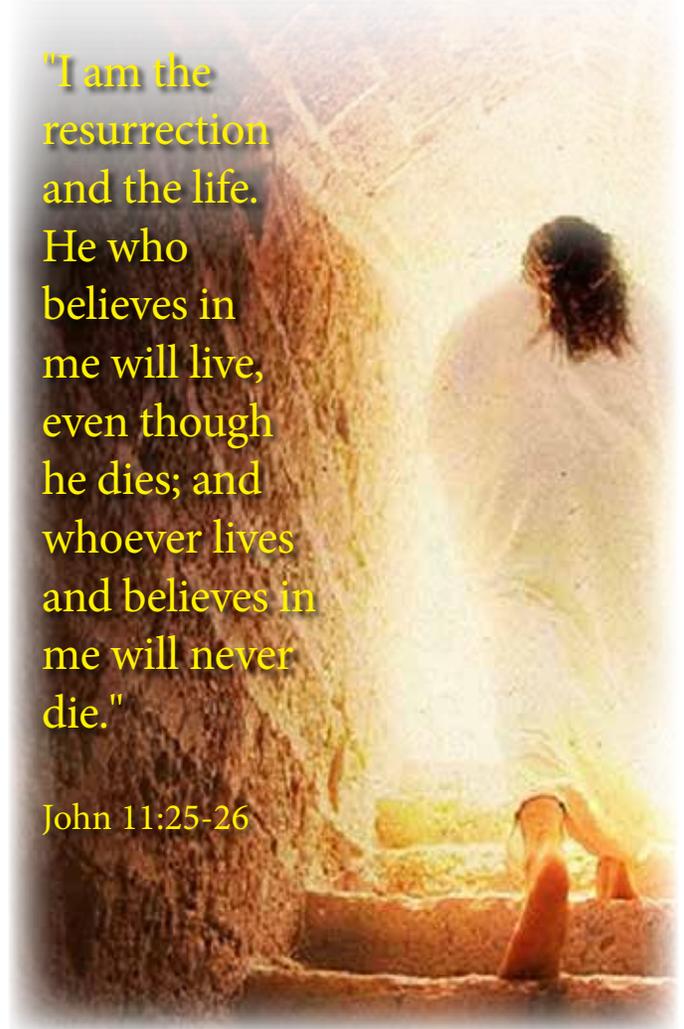
PRAYER

Jesus, Risen Savior, we rejoice with You today. You have risen! Alleluia, Alleluia. With You we celebrate new life, new beginnings, new hope and new joy. May Your risen glory shine through us in all that we do and say. We praise God for raising You up and for giving us the gift of Your eternal presence.

Amen

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

John 11:25-26



LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE

Feast of the Holy Innocents

On **FRIDAY, MAY 3RD** at **6:30PM**, St. John XXIII Catholic Church will hold a special Liturgy, which is the **FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS**. We will honor and celebrate the children of all ages that we have lost.

We will remember, hear their names and celebrate the life we had with them. The grief we experienced taught us how to bear our sorrow and be able to listen and comfort others that have suffered such a loss.

This Mass is presented to parents and family members who have lost children of all ages and by any circumstances: stillbirth, miscarriage, unforeseen situations, teenagers and adult children whose lives were lost due to accidents, addictions, suicide, or violence, extending this time of healing to as many members or our Faith Community as is possible.

Please bring an unframed picture of your child that can be pinned on a display. If no picture is available, we will have mementos that can be used.

All are welcome! There will be a social gathering after the Liturgy, so please feel free to bring friends or family members.

This Mass is planned by your Parish Nurses along with our gifted staff at St. John XXIII.

"There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, deep contrition and unspeakable love"

- Washington Irving



This special prayer card will be distributed.

ADORATION

CORNER

Come Sit With Me

Chapel Hours

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 8:30am-4pm

(Adorers Begin at 9am)

SATURDAY: 8:30am-3pm

(Adorers Begin at 9am)



PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 22 - OPEN
(REGULAR HOURS: 8:30AM-4PM)

STARTING MAY 3RD - EVERY FIRST FRIDAY
THE CHAPEL WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 9PM

NourishTM
For Caregivers

THURSDAY, April 24th
2pm-4pm

Rooms St. Martha & St. Mary

PREPARE TO CARE The Nourish workshop is for anyone who is juggling the challenges of life, career and family while caring for an aging parent, spouse, or grandparent. Explore in this workshop, the roles and impact of the family caregiver and discover ways to maintain your well-being.

Sponsored by the

PARISH NURSE

TEAM

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



ST. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church

Weekly Financials



April 7, 2019

Offertory	\$41,794.50
Building Fund	\$5,810.00
Total	\$47,604.50
Mass Attendance	4283
Registered Families	3586
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"**

2019 Catholic Faith Appeal

2019 Goal	\$347,000
Pledge	\$386,799.69
% of Goal	111.47%
% of Households	20.50%
Total	\$258,038.95

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.

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**

New Opportunities TO MEMORIALIZE



PERPETUAL LIGHT

in St. Luke Adoration Chapel



EUCHARIST

in St. Luke Adoration Chapel



Memorialization
The art of commemorating the lives of those we love.





April 27-28

The Bake Sale will take place before and after all Masses the weekend of April 27-28.

ALL BAKED GOODS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED. **(for those who do not bake, we also appreciate all purchased goods!)**

All donations may be brought to the Narthex before and after all Masses or can be dropped off at the Parish Office before 4pm on Friday, April 26th.

Proceeds from the bake sale go to Verity and Lifeline. Thank you for your kind generosity!

for more information contact:
Barbara Artale at: baagrammy322@gmail.com



NO CHARGE!
FRIDAY, MAY 10
6PM TO 8:30PM

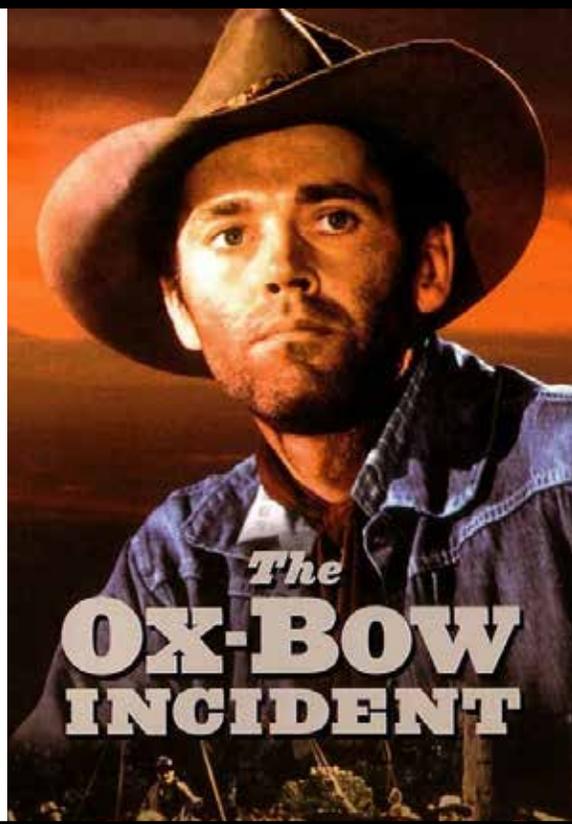
IN THE PARISH LIFE CENTER

The Faith Alive! Team is sponsoring a new series as part of our parish's Adult Faith Formation ministry. We will be showing movies in our Parish Life Center, followed by a discussion of the film. It is an opportunity to discuss and a chance to meet other parishioners and have a faith-filled discussion on an important topic.

Our next presentation is *The Ox-Bow Incident* starring Henry Fonda. This 1943 western film explores the nature of judgement and justice. Two drifters are accused of murdering a rancher and stealing his cattle. A posse captures the two and ponders what do to with them.

Please RSVP by May 7th
so we know how much food to prepare.

Pizza donated by:
The Knights of Columbus
RSVP via email:
deaconrich@johnxxiii.net



Divine Mercy Sunday

SUNDAY SERVICE: APRIL 28 - 3:00PM

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Octave of Easter (the eighth day of Easter i.e. the Sunday after Easter Sunday). Celebrating the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed by Christ Himself to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, this feast was extended to the entire Catholic Church by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, the day that he canonized Saint Faustina.

Christ, after His Resurrection, revealed Himself to His disciples. Nineteen centuries later, Christ appeared to a Polish nun, Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska, in a series of visions that took place over almost eight years. Among those visions, Christ revealed the Divine Mercy Novena, which He asked Sister Faustina to pray for nine days.

The Divine Mercy Novena starts on Good Friday and ends Divine Mercy Sunday. Each day the chaplet is prayed for certain souls:

- **Day 1 - Good Friday April 19:** All sinners
- **Day 2 - Holy Saturday, April 20:** Priest and Religious
- **Day 3 - Easter Sunday, April 21:** Devout and Faithful Souls
- **Day 4 - Easter Monday, April 22:** Those Who Do Not Believe in God
- **Day 5 - Easter Tuesday, April 23:** Those Who Have Separated Themselves from the Church
- **Day 6 - Easter Wednesday, April 24:** Meek and Humble Souls and the Souls of Little Children
- **Day 7 - Easter Thursday, April 25:** Souls Who Venerate and Glorify My Mercy
- **Day 8 - Easter Friday, April 26:** Those Detained in Purgatory
- **Day 9 - Easter Saturday, April 27:** Those Who Have Become Lukewarm in Faith

Jesus' special promise to those who complete the Divine Mercy Novena, Go to confession, and receive communion on Divine Mercy Sunday: "...shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow."

Baskets will be at the front and back door of the church starting Palm Sunday where you may leave your special intentions which will be presented during Divine Mercy Service. Bring your items to be blessed during the service (don't forget to pick them up after the service)

Our Holy Fathers have told us that Divine Mercy is the greatest attribute of God, and it is especially needed in our modern, secular times.

All are invited to attend our Divine Mercy Service to receive these powerful graces and blessings of Mercy.



Jesus, I Trust in You

To fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy, we should:

1. **Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter**
2. **Sincerely repent of all our sins**
3. **Place our complete trust in Jesus**
4. **Go to Confession, preferably before that Sunday**
5. **Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast**
6. **Venerate* the Image of The Divine Mercy**
7. **Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.**

*To venerate a sacred image or statue simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents in this case, our Most Merciful Savior.

For a complete background and detailed information on Divine Mercy Sunday visit thedivinemercy.org

FYI

THERE WILL BE COMMUNION AT DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SERVICE AS WELL AS CONFESSION PRIOR TO THE 3PM MASS



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.
- **St. Luke Adoration Chapel:** Chapel Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-4pm & Saturday 8:30am-3pm. Starting May 3rd, the Chapel will be open every 1st Friday until 9pm. Sign up to be an adoror by visiting the church website ministry tab or going directly to: <https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/l/enrollment/johnxxiii>
- **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!
- **Low Gluten Hosts:** If 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.
- **Nonperishable Donations:** If you are coming to Mass, or returning North, 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.
- **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.**
- **Advertise with us:** As much as you enjoy reading our bulletin, we’d love for you to be in it! If you own a business and are interested in advertising in our bulletin, please contact Dennis Gardner at J.S. Paluch (239) 470-9200
- **We need your help with keeping our database current:** Have you moved, changed email addresses, dropped a landline or changed your cell number? Please email maryann@johnxxiii.net with any changes or additions to your contact information.
- **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

BEREAVEMENT AND BEYOND



If you have lost a loved one, we offer a safe, supportive place to deal with this life changing event.

We invite you to join us as you journey to find new meaning and purpose in your life. You will be warmly welcomed.

The Bereavement and Beyond Group meets each Tuesday from 1pm-3pm in the Parish Life Center in rooms St. Bernadette & St. Michael.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact the Parish office at (239) 562-2245

 **belk** charity **sale**
PRIVATE TICKETED EVENT

SAVE ON RARELY DISCOUNTED BRANDS!

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH - 7AM

IN STORE ONLY

Ticket Cost: \$5.00 Each

SALE PRICES EFFECTIVE ALL DAY!

Your \$5 Charity Sale Ticket Supports The Women’s Guild of St. John XXIII (and our Outreach Ministries) plus you get **\$5 OFF** your first purchase!

PRE-SALE NOW THROUGH MAY 3RD

Shop at your leisure and pick up on **May 4th**

MAY 4TH - FREE GIFT CARD

to the first 100 customers in the store!
(Valued from \$5 to \$1,000)

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE by contacting:
Stellamccaffrey@aol.com or **(239) 303-1935**

EASTER FUN FACTS

- The tallest Easter egg chocolate was made in Italy in 2011. It stood at 10.39 meters and weighed an astounding 7,200 kg.
- The art of painting eggs is called pysanka, which originated in Ukraine. It involves using wax and dyes to color the egg.
- The term Easter gets its name from Eastre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess who symbolizes the hare and the egg.
- The exchange or giving of Easter eggs actually dates back to before Easter and the giving of eggs is actually considered a symbol of rebirth in many cultures.
- Americans consume more than 16 million jelly beans during this holiday. That is enough jelly beans to circle the globe not once, not twice, but three times.
- Peep peep! Did you know Americans buy more than 700 million marshmallow Peeps during Easter? This makes Peeps the most popular non-chocolate Easter candy.
- During the Easter holiday, more than 90 million chocolate bunnies, 91.4 billion eggs and 700 million Peeps are produced each year in the United States alone.
- Next to Halloween, Easter is the biggest candy consuming holiday of the year. Good thing they are almost six months apart, perfect for your yearly dentist check-ups!

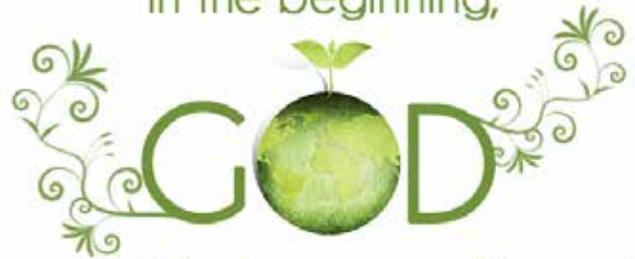
Happy Easter



A MESSAGE FROM BLESSED EARTH CARETAKERS



In the beginning,



created the heavens and the earth

Genesis 1:1

THE EARTH

GOD'S CREATION AND REVELATION

"Creation is the primary revelation and each being reveals something of the Divine. Everything, from the giant sequoia to the tiny wren, to the water in our wells, lakes and streams, to the air we breathe and the soil that grows our food is sacred. Every person—the child in the womb, the young, the elderly, laborers and unemployed, those who are vulnerable, economically poor, disempowered, or imprisoned—is to be revered and protected. Decisions concerning how we live our private and public lives and acquire and use resources are to reflect our care and concern for the well-being of the whole of creation."

From the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, Milwaukee, WI

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

WITH THE FT. MYERS COMMUNITY

Participate in events such as the cleaning of the local beaches or attend educational programs for all ages at the "Calusa Nature and Planetarium Center" located at 3450 Ortiz Avenue in Ft. Myers.

PRACTICE CARE

FOR THE EARTH IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD

Are any of the cleaning products, pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers that are being used in your home harmful to the environment? If so, what alternatives can be found?

EVERY DAY IS EARTH DAY!



Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

Project Rachel One Day Retreat: Saturday, April 27th, at a private, confidential location. All calls are confidential. Contact Sylvia via phone or text at (941) 412-5860 or email project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org

St. Francis Xavier End of Year Gala: Join us as we celebrate our 80th Anniversary with a "Back to the 80s" Theme on Friday, May 3rd from 7-11pm. \$80 per person and features food, slime bar and new wave music! For more information email Ester Kiesel at: ester.kiesel@stfrancisfortmyers.org or call (239) 334-7707 ext. 222

Scripture Conference with Scott Hahn: Saturday May 18th, at Bishop Verot High School, 5598 Sunrise Drive, Ft. Myers. Dr. Hahn will be giving several talks on aspects of the Scriptures, including on the Virgin Mary, the Eucharist, and the married family as the "First Society." This is something you will not want to miss! Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$30 at the door. Students receive a discount. For more information contact Joshua at (941) 484-9543 or register at: www.dioceseofvenice.org/events

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).

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 at 8:30am, Friday, April 26h on 1660 AM in Naples as well as 1410 AM and 106.7 FM in Fort Myers. Listen anywhere online at RelevantRadio.com. The program airs on the last Friday of each month.

Novena of Masses for Life: Participate in a Mass near you and pray for life! Visit www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife for the monthly schedule of Novena of Masses for Life.

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

Catholic Charities: Provide support, shelter, food and education to families and individuals in your community. Build up the people of Southwest Florida with the courage them to move beyond poverty and achieve self-sufficiency. A total of 92 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to clients. To donate, please visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org

SWFL Catholic Moms: Join other moms for coffee, brunch, childcare and fellowship the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, from 9:30am-11:30am at Church of the Resurrection's Parish Hall. 8121 Cypress Lake Drive in Ft. Myers. Contact Amanda Gavini at (239) 222-0452

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School: To set up a tour or for more information, call (239) 334-7707 or visit their website at www.stfrancisfortmyers.org

Congratulations!

AFCAAM WINNERS: This year all the winners are from St. John XXIII Catholic Church! Pictured below with Father Bob left to right: **Diane Harlyvetch, Sally Pratt, Kathi Ogan and Joan Lancellot.** Congratulations!



PAUL TODD CONCERT UPDATE

We would like to thank you for attending the Paul Todd Concert on Sunday, March 10th. It was a wonderful event, a great community builder and also a fundraiser.

A special thank you to all our volunteers that helped to make this event happen.

We also thank Paul Todd, his son PJ, and our parishioners, Lisa Stevens and Gabi Frei. In addition, Amy Van Wyk and Summer McDavitt.

Because of this fundraiser, we were able to send a profit of **\$9,075.33** to the Catholic Faith Appeal! Thank you!

"for it is in giving that we receive."

St. Francis of Assisi



STAY CONNECTED

BENEFITS TO HAVING A PARISH APP

Your church Mobile App is a powerful tool that brings great benefits to our local and seasonal parishioners.

There are many exciting possibilities to being connected. It is important to stay informed and take advantage of the resources that are available. Below are some stimulating avenues to explore:

- Bulletin
- Calendar
- Confession
- Giving
- Homilies
- Mass Times
- Messages
- News
- Parish Info
- Prayers
- Readings
- World News
- Groups
- Reflections
- Real Life Catholic
- Reflect Daily
- Daily Mass
- Rosary
- Audio Bible
- The Good News
- Resources

DOWNLOAD OUR NEW PARISH APP!

Help 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!

