St. John XXIII Catholic Church

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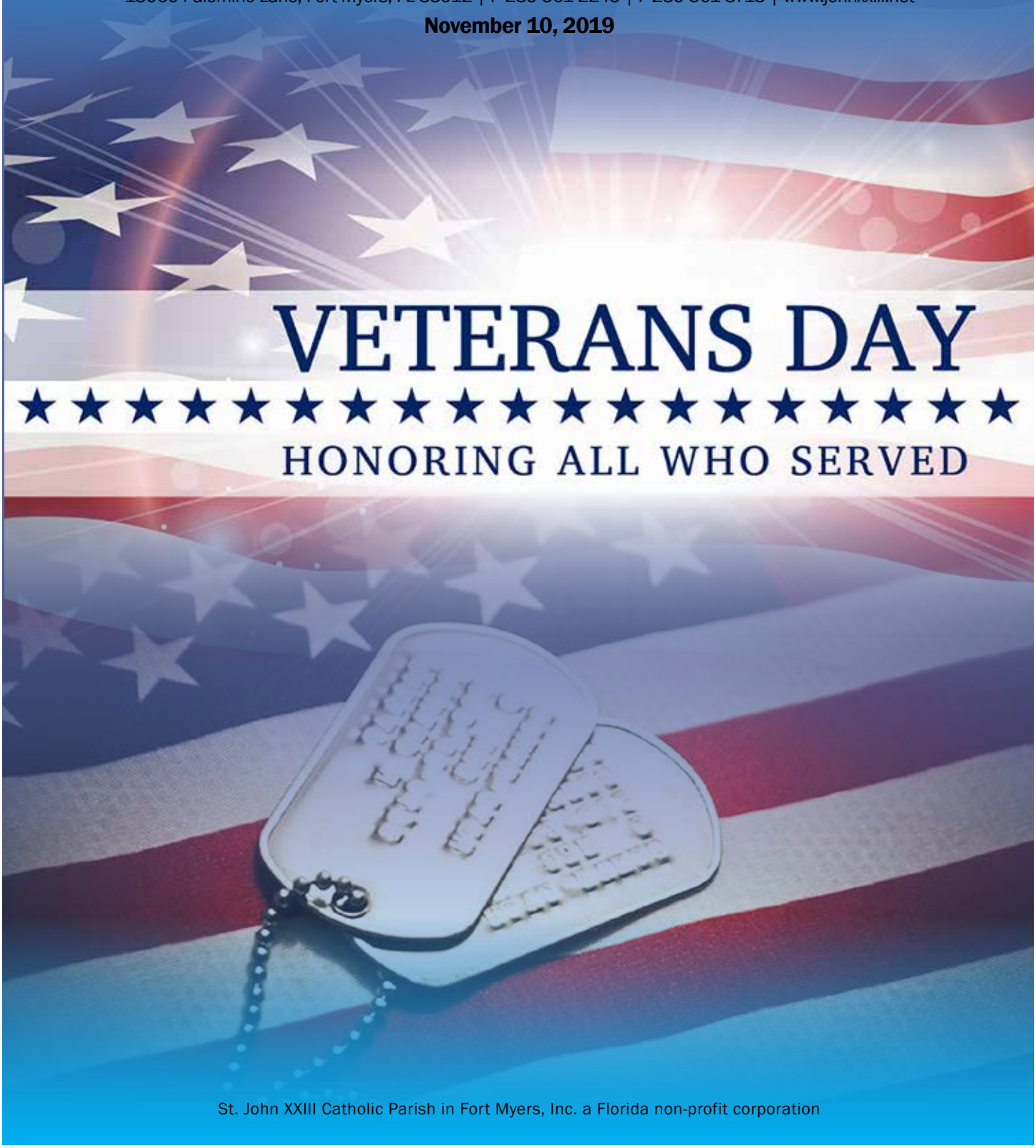

St. John XXIII Catholic Parish in Fort Myers, Inc. a Florida non-profit corporation

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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, 4:00pm
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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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday-Friday,
8:00am-Noon | 1:00-4:00pm
239-561-2245
239-561-3713 (Fax)

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 - Select
2073 Lafayette St. Ft. Myers
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, NOVEMBER 9
- 8:00 AM † Dennis Tully by The St. John XXIII Thrift Store
- 4:00 PM † Leonard Persinski by Tom & Dodie Cooper
- 8:00 PM † Mary - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10
- 7:15 AM † Baby Genevieve Mary Buonomo by Stephen & Deborah Buonomo
- 9:15 AM † Elona Ferris by Ernie & Connie Stryjak
- 11:15 AM † Julita Aberion by Marinela Aguas
- 1:30 PM † Carmen Quinones by her family

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11
- 8:00 AM † Dorothy & Ralph Sipple by their daughter, Mary Jane with husband, Ray Loudis

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
- 8:00 AM † Timothy Amata by his parents

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13
- 8:00 AM † James Carlo by Bob & Christine Gaetano

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14
- 8:00 AM † Gerry Snyder by John & Ernestine Bruno

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15
- 8:00 AM † George Suico by Ruben Suico

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16
- 8:00 AM † Al Pantuso by Sara Noel
- 4:00 PM † Brian Roehm by Skip & Joan Collins
- 8:00 PM † Teresa - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17
- 7:15 AM † Ron Rogers by Rita
- 9:15 AM † John Cavallo, Jr. by Michelle Synder
- 11:15 AM † Theresa Hudson by her husband, Bert
- 1:30 PM † Pedro Lopez & Jacinto Salazar by Jessica Lopez

THE 2020 JANUARY - JUNE MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN

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.

NOVEMBER 17, 2019 - READINGS

• 1ST READING	MAL 3:19-20A
• 2ND READING	2 THES 3:7-12
• GOSPEL	LK 21:5-19

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Foster a STRONGER PARISH LIFE at **St. John XXIII** and better engage the New Evangelization.

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

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Thank You for Your Service

VETERANS DAY

History of November 11th

It was the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month in 1918 when the world celebrated, as a treaty was signed ending what was to be "the war to end all wars" - World War I.

One year later, on what came to be known as Armistice Day, Americans came together to remember and honor the sacrifices of the men and women who served during the war. Soldiers who survived the war marched in parades and were honored by speeches and ceremonies recognizing their contribution to peace throughout the world.

Congress declared Armistice Day a national holiday in 1938. By this time, with unrest in much of the world, Americans realized World War I would not be the last war. After the Second World War, which was even bloodier than the first, Armistice Day continued to be observed. In 1954, Congress changed the name of the holiday to Veterans Day to include veterans of all United States wars.

Today, Americans honor the service and sacrifice of our armed forces in the past as well as the present on Veterans Day. The official, national ceremony takes place at Arlington National Cemetery at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers. A color guard representing all the branches of the military executes "Present Arms" at the tomb, a Presidential wreath is placed on the graves, and a bugler plays "taps."

In communities across the country, there are parades, ceremonies and speeches. At 11:00am in the morning, Americans observe a moment of silence to remember those who fought for freedom. Let us remember every day the bravery of everyone who has served our country.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

VETERANS DAY BLESSING IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN AT 8:30AM

Fr. Saji will preside at the blessing in the Memorial Garden for all veterans in our Memorial Garden. The Knights of Columbus will be providing the flags by all plots for those buried.

A LETTER FROM

Bishop Dewane

MILITARY COLLECTION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

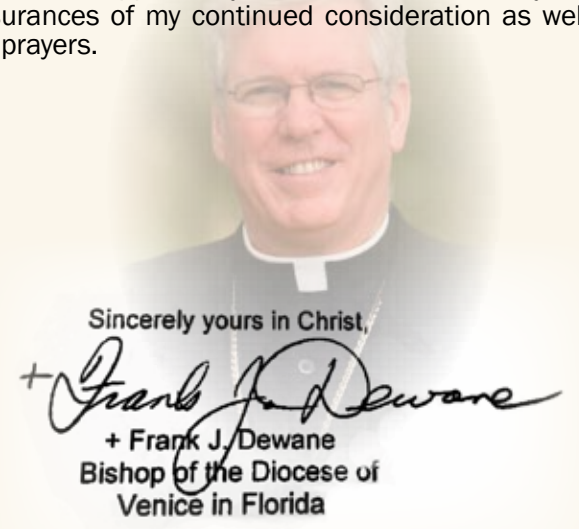
Increasing the Catholic Community's awareness about the Archdiocese for the Military Services in the United States is of critical Importance. Its sole responsibility is for the spiritual care of approximately 1.8 million Catholic men, women, and children who hail from all 50 states and U.S. territories, including those from the Diocese of Venice.

Many of you may be veterans, as well as members of your family and friends. It is truly a selfless sacrifice to serve in the military whether here in the USA or overseas. I take this opportunity to extend my deep appreciation to all those in our parishes who have served or continue to serve to protect our country.

Military Chaplains bring the sacraments, faith formation and other ministries to the 1.8 million Catholics currently serving in the armed forces, their families, students at military academies, and veterans in VA Medical Centers. There are no territorial borders, or parishes with weekly collections to fund their mission. The Diocese of Venice will take up this collection on **November 16 and 17**, the weekend following Veterans Day.

There is great reason to support the mission of the Military Chaplains as they continue to face many challenges. Please know of my gratitude to you for your financial contribution, thus helping to ensure that our military personnel continue to have the spiritual support they need and deserve. Thank you for your generosity!

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you the assurances of my continued consideration as well as my prayers.



Please make checks payable to St. John XXIII
Thank You

Prayer List

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

Elaine Quan	**Joanne Donches**
Ryan Novajasky	**Arlene Brummer**
Lynne Haughey	**Sally Stobb**
Carol Clausen	**Walter & Jeanne Stobb**
Marlene LaRose	**Peggy Stobb**
Erika Arquilla Hlavacek	**Tony Stobb**
Jeff Hlavacek	**Alex Walser**
Bernadette Frammarino	**Martha Solon**
Antoinette Bosco	**Eileen Brahney**
Sal Pantano	**Jennifer Miller**
Gary Neubauer	**Linda Quinn**
Bev Martin	**Ann Carpenter**
Mary Jo & Michael Rheaume	**Lonny Hill**
Jan Brinich	**Regina Cugini**
Curtis Atkins	**Robert Mogel**
Alec Dominski	**Connie Roessler**

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!
Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII

Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Christine Saliga Sullivan**
Requested by: **Mr. & Mrs. James Duane**

Eucharist Host

In Memory of: **Christine Saliga Sullivan**
Requested by: **her husband, Mike**

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Catholic Church

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, November 9
- Thanksgiving Food Collection
- Vigil Mass - 4pm
- Dancing Through the Decades Fundraiser: Main Hall - 5:30pm
- Vietnamese Mass - 8pm

Sunday, November 10
- Thanksgiving Food Collection
- Masses/Hospitality: 7:15, 9:15 & 11:15am
- Hispanic Choir: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 11am
- RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Session: St. Martha & St. Mary - 10:15am
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm
- Fall Festival of Music: Church - 4pm

Monday, November 11
- Men's Gospel Forum: St. Martha & St. Mary - 7am
- Craftie Ladies: Villas - 1pm
- The Eucharist in Scripture Bible Study: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 1:30pm
- Knights of Colimbus: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 7pm

Tuesday, November 12
- Opening the Word: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 9am
- Bereavement: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 1pm
- Journey to Hope: St. Therese - 6pm
- Spanish Rosary: Cry Room - 6pm
- CANCELLED - Acts Bible Study
- AA Meeting St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

Wednesday, November 13
- Adoration Chapel open until 7:30pm
- Luncheons 4 Life: Holiday Inn Ft. Myers Airport at Town Center - 11:30am
- Faith Formation 1st Session: Chapel/Classrooms - 4:15pm
- Middle School Youth Group Pizza Sales: Main Hall - 5:30pm
- Faith Formation 2nd Session: Chapel/Classrooms - 6pm
- Middle School Youth Group: Main Hall - 6pm

Thursday, November 14
- Adoration Chapel open until 6pm
- Parish Advisory Council Meeting: St. Martha & St. Mary - 8:45am
- Nourish: St. Martha & St. Mary - 2pm
- Faith & Ale: Main Hall - 5:30pm
- RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) St. Martha & St. Mary - 6:30pm
- Hispanic Ministry Planning Meeting: - 7pm

Friday, November 15
- Couples Date Night: Main Hall - 6pm

Saturday, November 16
- Parish Survey Conducted at all Masses
- Thanksgiving Food Collection
- Vigil Mass - 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass - 8pm

Sunday, November 17
- Parish Survey Conducted at all Masses
- Thanksgiving Food Collection
- Masses/Hospitality: 7:15, 9:15 & 11:15am
- Hispanic Choir: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 11am
- RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Session: St. Martha & St. Mary - 10:15am
- Faith Formation Classes K - 3: Classrooms - 10:30am
- New Family Orientation: Chapel - 12:30pm
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm
- Youth Mass: Chapel - 4pm
- Confirmation Year 1 & 2: Main Hall/Classrooms - 5pm

WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Sara Sidfrid
- Arthur & Marlene Harris
- Lenin & Magda Arroyo
- Uy Dao
- Andrew & Isabel Mata
- Graciela Jones

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, November 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

PFC Bryan Bard
Sean Ball
Major Bart Boma
Staff Sgt. Dennis Cosgrove
Sgt. Phil Dellibovi
Staff Sgt. Chris Dominski
CPT Andrew Dugan, Spec. Forces
Major 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
Capt. Jacob Mundo, US Army
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
Sgt. Hayden Linde, FLARNG
Aaron Crump, USCG
Sgt. 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
Eric Sanchez, US Air Force
1st Lt. Colin Snook, 82nd ABN
Lt. Col. Mike Garry, US Army
82nd ABN

Faith Formation

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

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE:

November

WEDNESDAY FAITH FORMATION CLASSES:

- **11/13:** Faith Formation
- **11/20:** NO CLASSES - Sacrament Preparation Year II students and parents 6pm-7:15pm
- **11/27:** NO CLASSES - Thanksgiving Break

SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION CLASSES:

- **11/10:** NO CLASSES
- **11/17:** Faith Formation
- **11/24:** NO CLASSES - Thanksgiving Break

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 begins at the start of 9th Grade and is celebrated in the Fall of 11th grade. (Older teens are certainly welcome!). 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.

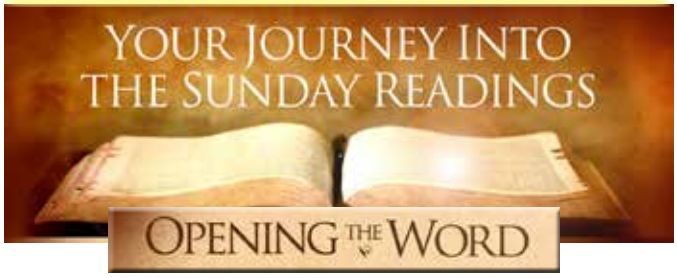
ADULT FAITH Education

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** in The Parish Life Center, rooms St. Bernadette & St. Michael.

Next Session: Tuesday, November 12



We will use the parish resource, Formed.org to prepare for the upcoming Sunday readings.

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.

The Eucharist in Scripture:

THROUGH NOVEMBER 11

Monday afternoons from 1:30pm-3:30pm in Parish Life Center, rooms St. Bernadette & St. Michael

NO FEES ● NO READING REQUIRED
NO MATERIALS TO PURCHASE ● NO HOMEWORK

Contact Linda Stanley: lindastanley.ls@gmail.com

Acts - The Spread of the Kingdom Bible Study: *11/12 CANCELLED*

NEW: NOVEMBER 26 & DECEMBER 3

Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm - 8pm in Parish Life Center, rooms St. Bernadette & St. Michael

REGISTER ONLINE:
www.ascensionpress.com

Contact Edith Trafford: lancith@aol.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

- **December 5 - 7:15pm Trivia Night:** Deck the Halls at the Parish Rectory Christmas Party. Check out our Facebook Group: Rooted at *St. John XXIII.* For more info contact Beth or Kelly to sign-up.

Mission Trip:

ADULTS/YOUNG ADULTS 18 and older that would like to volunteer or go to the CHWC Mission Trip with the HSYG program please contact Beth Benham.

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

- **November 17:** Sunday 4pm Youth Mass
- **November 17:** Right Judgment Guest Speakers is open to all high school teens. **PLEASE NOTE:** Confirmation Students **MUST ATTEND** 5pm-6:30pm

Thank You!

A special thank you to our Youth Rally Chaperones: **Michael Levatino**, **Linda Baker** and **Yesenia Gracia**. This was time well spent with our youth! God is Good!

Middle School Youth Group

MSYG - Wednesdays 6pm to 7:15pm

- **November 13:** - Jesus the Founder of the Catholic Church
- **November 20:** - Fire, Faith & Fun
- **THIS WEEK:** - We will discuss the life of Jesus and his ministry here on earth.

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:

Sundays 10:30am - St. Martha & St. Mary

11/10: - Baptism & Confirmation
11/17: - Anointing of the Sick and Dignity of Life, Redemption Suffering
11/22: - Advent Family Night w/Dinner - 6pm

Inquiry Sessions:

Thursdays 6:30pm - St. Martha & St. Mary

11/14: - Church is called the Eucharist (Mass)
11/21: - Liturgical Year

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.

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

This Sunday!

FALL FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

NOVEMBER 10 - 4PM

JOIN US IN THE CHURCH as the musicians of the St. John XXIII Music Ministry present an afternoon of music featuring the talented choirs, instrumentalists and soloists!

NEW KEYBOARDS NEEDED

The music ministry must replace the two aging keyboards due to age, use, malfunctioning buttons, audio distortion and display screen failure. The instruments are over 15 years old and technology has surpassed several generations of improvement. The keyboards are utilized weekly for rehearsals and each week during Mass, in addition to concerts and musicals in the Parish Life Center.

The cost for two state of the art keyboards is approximately $10,000. Both are high quality and will meet the flexibility and demands of our growing music ministry.

Please contact Tom Tiehel for more information or to make a donation.

Hispanic Ministry

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rezo del Santo Rosario

- Lugar: Iglesia Católica St. John XXIII
- Hora: 6:00pm

Fecha: Todos los martes del mes.

Misas en Español

- Lugar: Iglesia Católica St. John XXIII
- Hora: 1:30pm
- Fecha: Todos los domingos del mes.

Grupo de parejas con Padre Lorenzo

- Lugar: St. Michael & St. Bernadette PLC.
- Hora: 7:00pm
- Fecha: Primer viernes del mes.
- Cuidado de niños y niñas disponible.

Contactanos

- Para cualquier informe o preguntas relacionado al ministerio hispano, por favor enviarlos al correo contactohispanosjpxxiii@gmail.com

The Women's Guild wishes to thank all bakers, workers, and buyers from our bake sale in October. Through your generosity we were able to donate over **$1700** to help with Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for those in need.

Congratulations!

On **Saturday**, **November 2**, 95 year old parishioner, **Dorothy Adams**, was awarded for her service to the homeless at St. Martin de Porres Outreach Ministeries by the Homeless Coalition of Ft. Myers.

Dorothy Adams is an amazing "young woman" who volunteers every day of her life. She has been helping SMPD Outreach since 2014. She helps feed the homeless and less fortunate by creating a dinner for over 100 people two of the five nights that dinner is served every week. She not only cooks and helps serve, but she works hard to ensure that every individual who eats feels loved, accepted and respected. Her salads are displayed like a high-end restaurant and her Friday spaghetti dinner is very popular with the SMPD guests.

In addition to cooking, Dorothy also serves at the St. John Thirft Store and is a member of the Craftie Ladies. She creates a variety of items for Gulf Coast Hospital, homeless individuals, and those suffering from the cold. Her day never stops as she continues to be an incredible value to many organizations.

Thank you Dorothy, for all the wonderful ways you give back to the parish community!

Craftie Ladies

FAIR

SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 7
3PM - 6PM

SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 8
8AM - 1PM

PARISH LIFE CENTER
ALL CLASSROOMS

Giving in Thanksgiving

SOCIAL JUSTICE FOOD COLLECTION

THROUGH NOVEMBER 17

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Rice
- Pinto Beans
- Maseca Flour
- Cooking Oil
- Canned Soup
- Pasta
- Sauce
- Mac & Cheese
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Publix Gift Cards
- WalMart Gift Cards

For More Information:

SANDY & GEORGE SZYMANSKI
szysan05@comcast.net

PARISH SURVEY REMINDER

This survey, administered by Gallup, will be conducted next weekend.

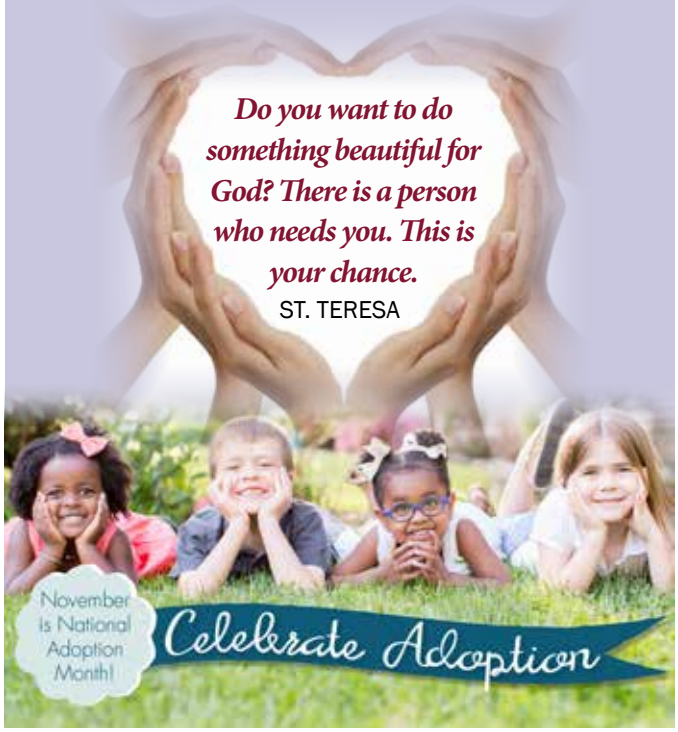
- **EVERYONE 18 AND OLDER IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE**
- **CONFIDENTIALITY IS ASSURED**
- **PLEASE BE PREPARED TO USE YOUR SMARTPHONE**
- **PAPER SURVEYS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE**

We look forward to better understanding the overall spiritual health of our parish!

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.

NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH



St. John XXIII
Catholic Church

Weekly Financials

	10/27/2019	11/03/2019
Offertory	$24,641.00	$35,416.00
Building Fund	$11,988.00	$6,153.00
Total	$ 36,629.00	$41,569.00
Mass Attendance	3280	3421
Registered Families	3713	3719
Kid's Offertory Envelopes	$0.00	$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	$521,229.05
% of Goal	150.21%
% of Households	24.90%
Total	$498,191.92

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**

REMINDERS FROM THE

DEPARTMENT

Envelopes:

Please use your envelopes whenever possible. If using pink or green envelopes located at the back door and welcome center in the Narthex, include your envelope number. All registered parishioners are provided an envelope number. Otherwise, please fill in the envelope completely with name and address.

Credit Card Donations:

Please remember to update the parish office with any changes to your card. Please call the office if your card has expired or been compromised. This will allow your donations to continue without interruption.

Checks:

Please use only BLACK or BLUE ink when writing checks. PINK, PURPLE, RED, etc. does not scan well when deposited.

CFA: (Catholic Faith Appeal)

The large WHITE envelopes in the pews are for the Catholic Faith Appeal. Please make checks payable to the CFA.

Thank you for helping us save time and keep our records accurate.

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.
- **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!
- **St. Luke Adoration Chapel:** Chapel Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-4pm & Saturday 8:30am-3pm. The Chapel will be open every 1st Friday until 9pm and extended hours on Wednesday night. Sign up to be an adorer by visiting the church website ministry tab or going directly to: https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/l/enrollment/johnxxiii
- **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.
- **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.
- **Journey to Hope:** We offer support and education to families with mental illness or with dual diagnosis. Meetings are now the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6pm in the Parish Life Center, Room St. Therese. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12th.
- **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

Craftie Ladies

VETERANS BLANKETS

As many of you know, The Craftie Ladies have been making blankets for our beloved veterans for quite a few years now. This is one of our proudest yearly projects.

These blankets go out to mostly veterans in hospice care. We hope that this gift brings them joy and that they know their service has been greatly appreciated.

Donations:

Much of the fabrics we use on these blankets, and many of our projects, are made from your donations.

Please keep us in mind if you have patriotic fabrics, as well as red, white and blue.

We owe so much to them. Let's keep these blankets coming for many more years.

Next Sale:

Please visit our craft sale on December 7th and 8th. Christmas will soon be sneaking up on us! Once again, we thank you for your continued support of the Craftie Ladies. See you at the sale!

Craftie Ladies + St. John XXIII Parishioners = God's Team

Thank You

FOR YOUR SERVICE

Join Us!

The Craftie Ladies meet every Monday at St. John XXIII Villas from 1-3pm. No experience necessary and provide on the job training! For more information email us at: **craftieladiesxxiii@aol.com**

faith&aLe
a gathering of catholic men

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14 - 6PM
St. John XXIII Parish Life Center
$10 Donation
www.faithandale.com

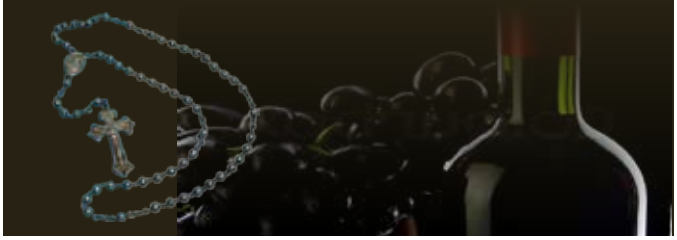
Guest Speaker:
GEORGE PHILLIPS
(Retired USMS Captain and Chairman, of the Father Capodanno Guild)

"The Life and Heroic Death of Vietnam War Chaplain, Father Capodanno"

Faith & Wine Lee County

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 - 6:30PM
Church of the Resurrection
$12 Donation
www.faithandwineleecounty.com

Guest Speaker:
BARBARA ALDERFER
"We CAN Change the World! How to Pray Powerfully!"



SCRIPTURE CLASS ON ESSENTIAL OILS

Gifts of the Magi

GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, MYRRH, OTHER OILS IN SCRIPTURE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

6:30PM - 8:00PM

PARISH LIFE CENTER

St. Bernadette & St. Michael

Learn:

- WHAT THE GIFTS REPRESENT
- LEARN THE HISTORICAL AND PROPHETIC SIGNIFICANCE OF ESSENTIAL OIL

Trace God's hand through scripture as you understand how oils point to Christ, *"...Their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing"* Ezekiel 47:12

You will love this class! OILS OF THE BIBLE GIFT will be given to everyone attending! Oil safety instructed.

This is an opportunity to experience essential oils. Essential oil infused snacks will be served.

Instructed by: ROBIN DYSARD

Please RSVP to **PTdoctoroils@gmail.com** or call **(239) 949-7000**

REGISTRATION IN THE NARTHEX THIS WEEKEND

Parish NURSING MINISTRY

HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK

THROUGH NOVEMBER 15

The month of November is a time set aside to consider prayerfully, the homeless in Lee County. It is estimated that there are 2957 persons in Lee County without a place to call home. The Lee County Homeless Coalition is working to end homelessness in our community. Every November the Lee County Homeless Coalition sponsors several events during Hunger and Homelessness Awareness month to promote awareness in the community and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers.

November is a time for all of us to walk in the shoes of the homeless, to think about what we are grateful for, and a perfect time to share our compassion with our neighbors who are experiencing hunger and homelessness. Faith based communities can help to make known these struggles in our own community and can support these initiatives. At St. John XXIII, we help in many ways: we raise donations of food during this time, we contribute to shelters, and we pray for those living in poverty.

The mission is "to advocate, educate, and promote awareness of issues and obstacles facing homeless individuals in Lee County through community collaboration, planning, and implementing solutions." The Lee County Homeless Coalition is a non-profit advocacy group made up of community and faith-based service providers, local businesses, people who are currently experiencing or who have experienced homelessness, and other advocates committed to ending homelessness.

For more information visit: **www.leehomeless.org**

Lee County Homeless Coalition

RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Our Parish Nurse Team

Joann Andrews, Judy Balyeat, Toni Granchi and Helen Tuffy are available for health counseling, health education and emotional/spiritual support.

Catholic Community
HAPPENINGS

Safe Environment Training: As Christian adults, we have a moral and legal responsibility and are entrusted by God with the spiritual, emotional and physical well-being of minors and vulnerable adults. To provide a safe and nurturing environment for everyone, we ask all volunteers to attend the Safe Environment Training Class once their fingerprints have been cleared. To view the next sessions go to www.dioceseofvenice.org website, click on Offices, Programs and Safe Environment. Select Training Schedule to see the list of classes. Click on "Start Registration" at the top of the page to register for a class. All registrations must be done through the Diocese of Venice website.

Bishop Verot Visit Day: The last Verot visit day is scheduled for November 11th. Registration is required. Please visit www.bvhs.org/admissions to fill out an application or register. For more information email Admissions Director Patty Holmes at patty.holmes@bvhs.org

Father & Son Event: Join this retreat from 10am-4pm on Saturday, November 16th at Donahue Academy, 4955 Seton Way, Ave Maria. The day will include three different talks by David DiNuzzo on how to be a virtuous man. Enjoy laser and archery battles, food trucks and more! The cost is $25 per father and son. To register visit www.dioceseofvenice.org/calendar. For more information contact Kim Elsmore at elsmore@dioceseofvenice.org

2nd Annual Falcon Family Bazaar: Friday, November 22nd from 8am-2pm at St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall located at 2057 Cleveland Avenue in Ft. Myers.

"Enchanted Sea" St. Andrew Gala: Saturday, November 23rd at The Westin Cape Coral Resort at Marina Village. Live entertainment, casino, and live/silent auctions. For sponsorship and ticket information visit: SandSgala.com

"Best of Broadway XXI: Join Lee Van Asten and friends on Sunday, November 24th at Peace Lutheran Church, located at 1580 McGregor Boulevard in Ft. Myers. Performances start at 2pm. Tickets are not required but free will offerings will be accepted.

Mother & Daughter Advent Retreat: The 3rd Annual Advent Retreat and Tea is being held from 9am-12:30pm on Saturday, November 30th at St. Ann Parish, Rooney Hall, 995 Third St. S., Naples. Prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas and enjoy some mother-daughter time! The cost is $25 per mother and daughter. Register at www.dioceseofvenice.org/calendar. For more information contact Kim at elsmore@dioceseofvenice.org

Free Mental Health Counseling: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. is offering free mental health counseling services for adults, children and families who lived in Florida during Hurricane Irma. Counselors can help resolve a variety of issues. Visit the website at www.catholiccharitiesdov.org or call Joan at (941)-355-4680 ext. 311

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. Visit www.dioceseofvenice.org/offices/respect-life/spiritual-adoption-program and receive monthly updates on the development of the child in the womb. Call (941) 441-1101 or email Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org

JOURNEY TO hope

The Journey to Hope support group meets in order to support our loved one's recovery from mental illness/substance abuse and to offer hope to those who are searching for answers to what is often a mystifying disease. We offer education and support in a caring and a confidential setting, actively partnering with NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) of Lee County and other local agencies.

NEXT MEETING: **NOVEMBER 12 • 6pm**

PARISH LIFE CENTER

Room St. Therese

Joanne Halt: joanne.halt@gmail.com

RESPECT LIFE
UPCOMING EVENTS

EVERY SATURDAY:

12pm-1pm: Silent Adoration Time for the Respect of All Life in the St. Luke Adoration Chapel.

EVERY 4TH SATURDAY:

9:15am-9:45am: Monthly Prayer Walk at Ft. Myers Abortion Clinic - 3900 Broadway Avenue

PLANNING MEETING:

Join us in the Parish Life Center in the St.. Elizabeth Ann Seton classroom on Tueday, **November 19th** at **6:30pm** for the Respect Life meeting.

For more information contact the parish office at **(239) 561-2245**

NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS:

November is National Adoption Awareness Month and **Saturday November 23rd** is Adoption Awareness Day to raise awareness of the 125,000 children awaiting to be adopted from Foster Care in the United States. We have MANY individuals and families at St. John XXIII that have been adopted, are adoptive parents, as well as foster parents.

respectlifejohn23@gmail.com

A LETTER FROM

Father Bob

My Dear Parishioners,

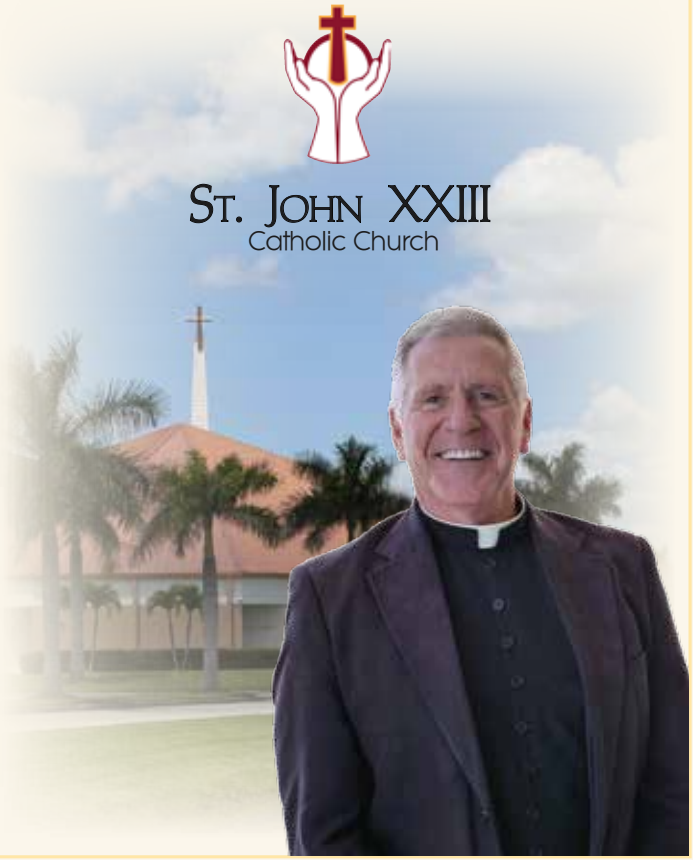
It is with great joy that I present to you our parish financials for the fiscal year of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. I also have some interesting statistics to share. We are growing! It is with your support and generosity that we reached our Catholic Faith Appeal goal, kept our parish running smoothly and raised the money for our now flourishing Parish Life Center.

I am truly humbled and thankful to each of you for your stewardship. As we grow in numbers, so do the needs of our parish. It overwhelms me to see all the many ministries offered at the parish and the many volunteers who give of their time, talent and treasure. The hands of Christ are at work.

The spirit of St. John XXIII is truly alive and well at our parish.

Blessings,

Rev. Robert D. Tabbert



OUR GROWING *Community*

Below are the Status Animarum Vital Statistics from:

JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

Estimated # of Individual Catholics: 8,170
Estimated New Families Registered: 357

Baptisms:

Infant (Up to age 7): **73**
Minor Baptism (between ages of 7 & 17): **12**
Total Children Baptisms: **95**
Adult Baptisms (18 & over): **10**

First Communion:

Total First Communion Children: **122**
Adults (Received into Full Communion): **17**
Total Confirmations: **23**

RCIA/Adult Education:

RCIA Participants: **23**
Adult Faith Ed Sessions: **76** (Total 4 Bible Studies)
Participants Total (amongst different sessions): **estimated 25-30 per session**

Catechesis/Religious Education Classes: Faith Formation and Youth Group

Elementary: **240**
Middle School: **81**
High School: **145**
Total Elementary/Middle School and High School in Faith Formation: **466**

Number of Children Attending Catholic Schools:

St. Francis Xavier: **130**
Bishop Verot High School: **95**

Marriages:

Catholic: **7**
Interfaith: **3**
Not specified (mixed): **3**
Total: **13**

Deaths:

Total: **68**
Buried Here:
With Funeral Mass: **8**
With Memorial Mass: **5**
Burial Only: **12**
Total # of Burials in Memorial Garden: **20**

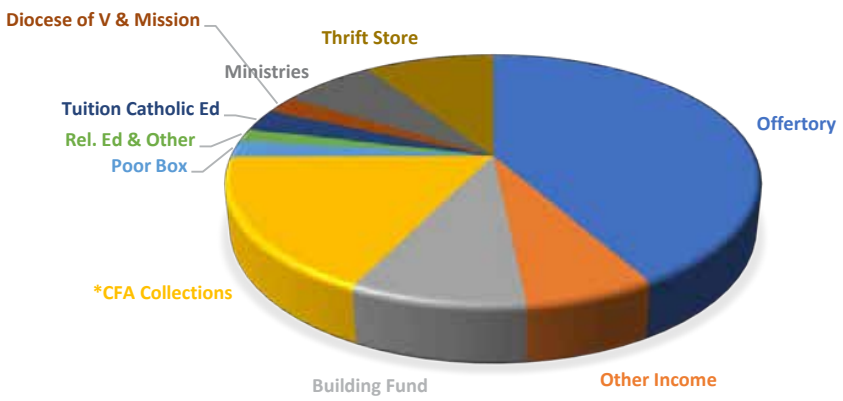
ST. JOHN XXIII CATHOLIC CHURCH

Annual Overview

Fiscal Year JULY 2018 - JUNE 2019

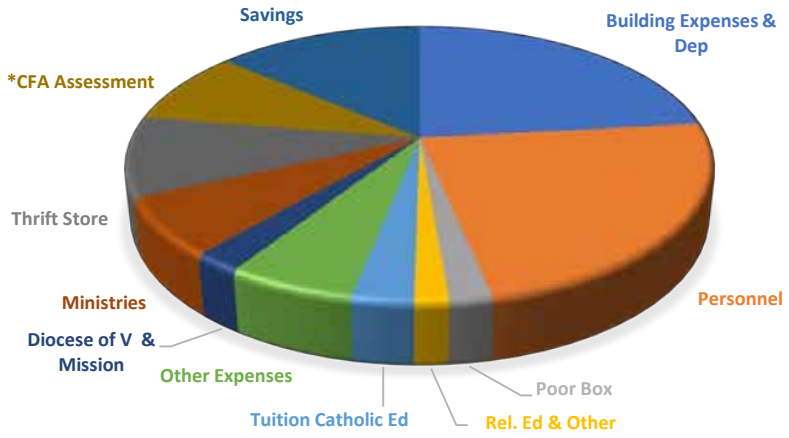
Income	
Offertory	1,605,783.14
Other Income	256,400.45
Building Fund	346,495.18
*CFA Collections	676,669.88
Poor Box	86,488.23
Rel. Ed & Other	59,303.86
Tuition Catholic Ed	110,284.25
Diocese of V & Mission	87,119.09
Ministries	262,900.30
Thrift Store	360,050.15
Total Income	**3,851,494.53**

INCOME



Expense & Reserve	
Building Expenses & Dep	895,335.76
Personnel	902,121.86
Poor Box	77,309.34
Rel. Ed & Other	60,855.86
Tuition Catholic Ed	110,686.25
Other Expenses	230,850.28
Diocese of V & Mission	87,054.20
Ministries	258,690.14
Thrift Store	361,753.78
*CFA Assessment	339,000.00
Savings	527,837.06
Total Expenses	**3,851,494.53**

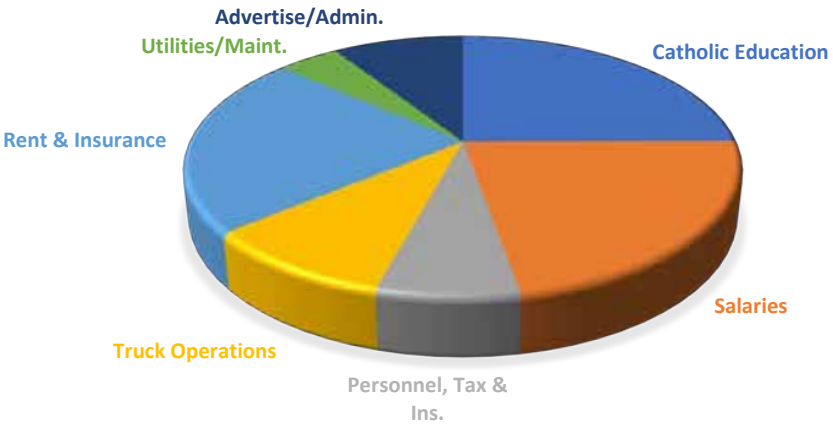
EXPENSE & SAVINGS



BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY

Assets	
Current Assets	1,199,922.29
Preppaid CFA & Liab Ins.	488,037.92
Fixed Assets	13,256,022.47
Total Assets	**14,943,982.68**
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	77,862.46
Retained Earnings & Equities	14,866,120.22
Total Liabilities & Equity	**14,943,982.68**

THRIFT STORE



*CFA numbers reflect the Calendar year instead of the Fiscal Year per Diocesan Policy.