



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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March 29, 2020

Spiritual Communion

DURING CORONAVIRUS

by: **Caitlan Marchand - Catholic Exchange**

When we received the news that Mass was cancelled my main feeling was one of disorientation. Most of us have missed Mass for illness or other serious reason a few times in our lives. But there is a very different feeling weighing whether one is allowed not to or even should not attend Mass and the knowledge that one can not. I feel a little adrift in time without the punctuation of Sunday Mass in the weekly rhythm. However, within minutes of finding ourselves in this strange new world opportunities, arose an opportunity for growth.

As we explained to the children that there would be no fish fry and public Stations of the Cross Friday, and no Mass on Sunday, one child asked us "what was the point" of Mass without a congregation. This led to a fruitful discussion of the Mass. While we are under obligation to attend the Mass for our own benefit, the Mass does not need us. We explained Christ's saving

action as priest and victim. We talked about how the Mass makes represent Christ's sacrifice on Calvary, by which we are all redeemed. This is why the Eucharist is both source and summit of the Christian life and a well-spring of grace in the world. This conversation did not only educate the children but comforted me, as I pictured the liturgical life of the church continuing on through the private Masses of priests all over the country.

The announcement was also a strange reminder of the blessing of apostolic authority in our faith. We have become so focused on the papacy in our era that we often think of our own bishops not at all or merely as bureaucrats. They are our shepherds and just as the Pope is the successor of Peter they are the successors to the other apostles. Bishops across the country and even the world made different prudential decisions from

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

March 29, 2020

Please Note:
CONFESSIONS
will be held
OUTSIDE of the
CHURCH every
Saturday from
8:30am-9am.
We will be
streaming MASS
on the website

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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

PLEASE NOTE:

The following Masses are being celebrated privately by one of our priests. We will be streaming Masses on our website.

MONDAY, MARCH 30

- † Betty Waschbusch requested by her family

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

- † Barbara Keister requested by her family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

- † Ron Rogers requested by his wife, Rita

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

- † Dora V. Roy requested by Sharon Beck

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

- † Mary Parris requested by Myra Pearsall

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

- † Bob Worthy requested by The Schultz Family
- † Frances Dombrowski requested by Maureen Dombrowski
- † John G. Cabai requested by Larry & Arlene Schuetz
- - In Thanksgiving

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

- † Michael Cullen requested by Lori Cullen
- † Karen Paugys requested by Joan Lambert
- † Deceased Members of The Francis Family requested by Cheryl Francis Pfister

THE 2020 MASS BOOK IS NOW 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 5 - PALM SUNDAY READINGS

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| • 1ST READING | MT 21:1-11 |
| • 2ND READING | IS 50:4-7 |
| • GOSPEL | PHIL 2:6-11 |
| • PASSION OF OUR LORD | MT 26:14-27:66 |

Confession UPDATE

Confessions will be held
OUTSIDE the CHURCH
every **SATURDAY**
8:30am-9am

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Spiritual Communion CONTINUED:

cancelling all public Masses to adding extra ones and everything in between. I was reminded of the priest who officiated our wedding as he gravely explained to us that he too would answer before God if he married us without believing we were properly prepared and serious about our vows. Such responsibility lies on all our priests and particularly our bishops in the exercise of their office. We must practice obedience, some of us even to decisions we do not like. They must attempt to make the very best decision for their large and varied flocks and own that decision before God. I took a moment to thank God for apostolic succession and pray for bishops.

Next we discussed what Sunday would look like without the usual routine of getting ready for and attending Mass. The Sunday obligation springs from the commandment to keep holy the Lord's Day. We discussed how we could still keep His day without attending Mass. This reminded me that attending Mass is also not the only requirement in keeping this commandment. How often do we attend Mass and then spend the rest of the day in drudgery, consumption, and isolation. We work, we shop, we fail to spend quality time with the loved ones under our own roof. While we are unable to go to mass we can focus on making the day restful and joyful throughout as well as prayerfully joining in spiritual communion with the mass celebrated throughout the world.

The discussion of spiritual communion is yet another invitation to look at our everyday lives in a new way that we can hold on to long after a return to normalcy. Spiritual communion, according to St. Thomas, is "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him." We are encouraged to do this if we are attending mass and unable to receive the Eucharist but also if we cannot attend Mass, or really at any time. To return to the teaching of Eucharist as source and summit one could say that our goal should be to live in spiritual communion, always and everywhere uniting our mind, heart, and will, in everything we think, say and do, with Christ's sacrifice. In this way we take our Sunday communion in church and carry it out into the world and the week. Perhaps as we practice acts of spiritual communion in this time of desperation we can work towards making them a regular part of our lives always. St. Jean Vianney said, "when we feel the love of God growing cold, let us turn towards the tabernacle; no wall can shut us out from the good God."

Yet it is hard to feel this separation from the life of the Church. One comfort we have is that our church is always open for private devotions. It would be a good time to learn whether the same is true at your parish. We can get so used to participating in the public, formal actions of the church that we forget it is there for us at other times and in other ways. Christ is present in His church in the tabernacle at all times! How generous He is to us! If you are able, what a precious thing it is to visit him now. After the news of statewide cancellations my family visited our darkened church and said stations and spent some time in adoration. I thought of the agony in the garden and was glad to sit with Him a little while.

Perhaps we will not all have such opportunities in the weeks ahead. It is very likely that things will be worse before they are better and as coronavirus enters our immediate communities we will be more isolated than we are now. But this will pass, and in a few months at the most. Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ are deprived of the public celebration of their faith for years or even a lifetime. Others take their lives in their hands every time they bravely fulfill their Sunday obligations.

We have lived our faith in great freedom and ease for a long time here in the West and will do so again shortly. Let us offer up our suffering at the current loss for those less fortunate in this regard. And perhaps, when in the not distant future we return to our pews and join our parish communities to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass together again we will remember that Sunday mass is not merely an obligation but much more importantly a joyful, astonishing, abundant blessing and privilege.

Spiritual Communion

PRAYER

*My Jesus, I believe that
You are present in the
most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all
things. And I desire to
receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this
moment receive You
Sacramentally, come at
least spiritually into my
heart. I embrace You as
if You were already there
and unite myself wholly
to You. Never permit me
to be separated from You.*

Amen

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
Carol Clausen
Marlene LaRose
Erika Arquilla Hlavacek
Jeff Hlavacek
Bernadette Frammarino
Antoinette Bosco
Gary Neubauer
Tom Biedak
Curtis Atkins
Meaghan Onofrey
Thomas Kniaz
Dennis Doiron
Joanne Donches
Jim Vogt
John & Mary Petyo
Ron Ouellette

Michael Dalton
Max Waters
John Kopp
Jennifer Salzman
Lea Frazier
Deborah Hufstedler
Bernice Pederson
Linda Sayres
Richard Butler
Patty Heilman Normile
Patty Ruth
Michael Smith
Mike Foy
Lynn Graper Bowman
John Walker
Henry Ramirez
Evelyn Williams
Marilyn Brummer
Bill Barrett

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!*

Joanne McNamara



Tabernacle Candle

**For all victims of the Coronavirus.
We pray for worldwide healing.**



Adoration Chapel

In Memory of: **Joseph Glowacki, Sr.**
Requested by: **The Harley's**





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Weekly Calendar

MASSES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

PLEASE NOTE: We will be STREAMING recorded MASSES on our website.

WATCH AT HOME:

<https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/communications/tvmass/>

WFTX-TV FOX 4 - Sundays at 10:30am

Download the parish app and get the daily readings!

DOWNLOAD OUR PARISH APP:

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



ELECTRONIC GIVING

We are grateful for your prayerful and continued financial support. Please consider on-line donations. You can enroll online through the St. John XXIII website at: **www.johnxxiii.net/give**

ALL MEETINGS, CLASSES & EVENTS ARE CANCELLED

PLEASE NOTE: The Adoration Chapel will be CLOSED until Masses resume.



WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Ricardo Avin & Florence Debrosse
- Fabricio Meza & Alejandra Reschini
- Jason Smith & Gabriela Iturralde
- Charles Brinkman & Carolyn Ivey
- Alexander Santana & Joana Macias

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 is on Sunday, May 17th, 2020 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
Capt. Kellyn C. 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

Schedule Update:

As a precaution to Corona Virus outbreak, Faith Formation classes for both Wednesday and Sunday have been cancelled until March 30th. This includes the March 25th Sacrament Preparation session.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Mark your calendars now! Vacation Bible Camp will be held June 22 to June 26th from 9am-12noon. The Camp is open to children in Kindergarten and to those entering 6th Grade. We also have a Pre K 4 program. These year's theme is Rocky Railway! Jesus pulls us through. Registration forms are in the parish office, Narthex, Church or at the Faith Formation office. The camp fills quickly. Please don't delay registering your child! Due to its popularity, the camp is only open to St. John XXIII parishioners.



LENTEN OUTREACH HELP:

Lifeline Family Center, Inc. is a home dedicated to saving the unborn, and providing young women in unplanned pregnancies with a comprehensive educational program in a safe, secure Christian home. Their goal is to enable them to redirect their lives and become self-supporting within two years after the birth of their children. Lifeline Family Center is unique in that they are not only concerned with saving a baby from abortion, but also with saving the child from a life of poverty and neglect. They care as much about the mother as they do the child, and the program addresses the needs of both.

During the weeks of Lent, Faith Formation will be collecting the following items for the Center. Please consider donating to help these mothers and their precious children. Donations can be dropped at the Church, the office, or Faith Formation office. Thank you in advance for your help.

- **Diapers - any size**
- **Baby Wipes - unscented**
- **Formula, Powder, Enfamil, Similac,**
- **Baby Food**
- **Baby Oil/Wash, Towels, Shampoo, Wash Cloths**
- **Baby Wipes, Diapers, Nail Clippers and Scissors**

For more information, please visit their website at:
<http://www.lifelinefamilycenter.org/>

ADULT FAITH

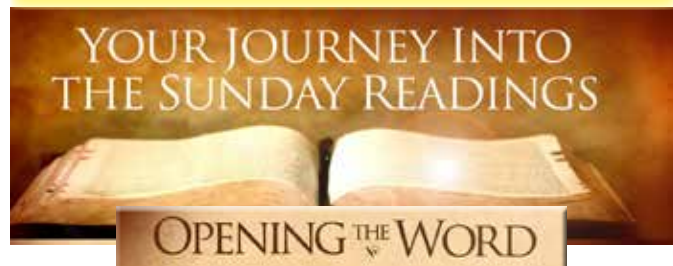
Education

All Are Invited to Opening The Word!

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

Tuesday Morning: from **9am-10am** in The Parish Life Center, rooms St. Bernadette & St. Michael.

Postponed until Futher Notice



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

Register at: <https://johnxxiii.formed.org/> and follow the instructions to sign in and view Catholic content 24/7.

We will watch a short video, share what the readings say to us, and discuss how we can apply them to our lives.



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: with Dr. Brant Pitre

POSTPONED UNTIL FUTHER NOTICE

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

CONTACT:

Linda Stanley - lindastanley.ls@gmail.com

LENTEN PROGRAM: with Dr. Edward Sri

POSTPONED UNTIL FUTHER NOTICE

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

Register online: join our study and order study pack at www.ascensionpress.com

CONTACT:



Robin DySard - robindydsard@icloud.com

Let's Fill the Cross

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St. Patrick's Patio Garden

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Anniversaries
Special Occasions

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**The 12"X12"
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Unit/Apt # _____
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Name _____
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(Attach information for additional notification cards, on a separate piece of paper.)

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Please print clearly. The pavers can have up to 2 lines of text with a maximum of 17 characters per line. Spaces between words do count as characters.

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Quantity of 12" x 12" _____ X \$350 = _____

Total _____

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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!
- **Free Mental Health Services :** Catholic Charities offers Free mental health services for adults, children and families. Counselors can help resolve with a wide variety of issues such as stress, anger, anxiety, relationship problems, trauma, depression, low self-esteem and grief. Call (239) 337-4193
- **Confessions:** Confessions will take place outside of the Church every Saturday morning from 8:30am-9am.
- **St. Luke Adoration Chapel:** The Chapel will be remain CLOSED until MASSES resume. We will keep you updated with any changes.
- **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.
- **Endowment Fund:** This fund with the Catholic Community Foundation of SW Florida is designed to help provide long-term support and sustainability far beyond our lifetimes. Anyone wishing to contribute to the future of our Parish, contact Michael Morse at (941) 441-1124 or Holly Atkins at (239) 561-2245
- **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.**
- **FREE Rosary Repair:** Send broken rosaries in a padded envelope to: Betty & Dick Holden, 7930 Estero Blvd., #502, Ft. Myers Beach, FL 33931. Rosaries will be returned within a week of receipt. Old or broken rosaries may also be donated, repaired and sent to the missions. For more information email: holdenbnd@gmail.com or call Dick at (239) 463-3993



GETTING TO KNOW OUR PARISH TEAM



Employee Spotlight

ANA THOMPSON

Bookkeeper

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Ana Thompson is a dedicated member of the Parish team. We thought you would be interested in getting to know her better!

How long have you worked at St. John XXIII?

I have been working at St. John XXIII since March of 2008. I began as an office assistant and transitioned to the position of Bookkeeper in 2010.

What do you want the parishioners to know about your role within the Church?

Being the bookkeeper of such a large and growing parish, comes with a huge responsibility. Honesty and confidentiality are words that come to mind. I have to be highly organized and detail oriented, focused to perform all financial activities. I work closely with the Parish Finance Committee, meeting with them on a regular basis.

How does your faith reflect in your Parish work?

I am accountable not only to the Diocese of Venice, but to you, the parishioners and most importantly to God.

How does your job benefit a parishioner?

There are many responsibilities in this ministry that are related to the parishioners; processing all donations and pledges, and preparing annual contribution statements, to name a few.

I am always available to meet with you if you have any questions or concerns.

Bookkeeping



Fasting & Regulations

The following information reminds the faithful of the regulations for fast and abstinence during the Lent and Easter season:

REGULATIONS ON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

All Fridays in Lent and Good Friday, April 10th are days of fast and abstinence from meat.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 years and 59 years (inclusive). On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.



ABSTINENCE from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. **Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent (and Good Friday) are the days of abstinence.**

NOTE: If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.

FASTING, ALMSGIVING AND PRAYER are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

Information Websites

Below are suggested websites to stay current on what is happening in the Catholic church:

WHISPERS IN THE LOGGIA: whispersintheloggia.blogspot.com

CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE www.catholicnews.com

CRUX: cruxnow.com

BISHOP BARRON: www.wordonfire.org

FR. RICHARD ROHR: cac.org/category/daily-meditations



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RelevantRadio.com





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ELECTRONIC GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

for **Recurring Payments to the Parish Offertory**

Authorization Agreement for ACH Automatic Payment

Personal Information

Your Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Banking Information

Bank Name: _____

Bank Account: _____ Tranist #: _____

Type of Account: ☐ Checking ☐ Savings ☐ Debit ☐ Weekly (Monday) ☐ Monthly (5th)

Debit Amount: ☐ Offertory Contribution \$ _____ ☐ Building Fund \$ _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Recurring Charge Authorization

Personal Information

Your Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Credit Card Information

Credit Card # _____ EXP _____

Only Visa or MasterCard Accepted

Month/Year

Order Information

Transaction Amount: _____ Purpose: _____

Frequency of Payment

☐ Monthly on the 5th ☐ Monthly on the 15th ☐ Monthly on the 30th

Start Date: _____ Term (number of payments) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please drop off form at The Parish Office or mail to: 13060 Palomino Lane, Ft. Myers, FL 33912

for **Catholic Faith Appeal**

How do I donate to the CFA on line? Visit **www.dioceseofvenice.org** and click on "Ways to Give" on the homepage. On the subsequent page, click on "Catholic Faith Appeal" on the left hand side of the page. Then click the "Donate Now" icon on the following page. You'll be taken to a secure PledgeConnect portal where you'll be directed to fill out a form. Be sure that you designate St. John XXIII from the Parish dropdown menu. A receipt will be sent automatically to your email address.

General FAQs

I would like to sign up on line, how do I go about that?

You can enroll online through the St. John XXIII website at: **www.johnxxiii.net/give** but only for a ONE-TIME donation. For recurring payments, please use this form.

Can I still receive my envelopes if I choose to donate online?

You can still request to receive envelopes at no charge. However, you can help us save money by opting out.

What if I receive tuition assistance for Catholic Schools?

Please continue to use your weekly envelopes, as this is the way we maintain our records for this program.

Are my donations tax deductible? YES!

But if I donate online and don't receive envelopes, what can I put in the collection? Electronic giving cards are available at the welcome desk in the Narthex. Please pick one up before Mass! They look like this (below), only bigger.

I'm an

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giver



BLESSED BUCKS

We are happy to support St. John XXIII through electronic giving.

Let us more and more insist on raising funds of love, of kindness, of understanding, of peace. Money will come if we seek first the Kingdom of God - the rest will be given. - Saint Teresa



ST. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church

Weekly Financials



March 22, 2020

Offertory	\$7,668.00
Building Fund	\$690.00
Total	\$8,358.00
Mass Attendance	0
Registered Families	3745
Kid's Offertory	\$0.00

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

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

2020 Catholic Faith Appeal

2020 Goal	\$492,000.00
Pledge	\$206,183.93
% of Goal	41.91%
% of Households	15.19%
Payments	\$128,768.33

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.

WRITING CHECKS

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



ENDOWMENT FUND



CREATE YOUR CATHOLIC LEGACY

HELP ENSURE THE LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY OF ST. JOHN XXIII

St. John XXIII now has an endowment fund with the Catholic Community Foundation of SW Florida. The endowment fund is designed to help provide long-term support and sustainability far beyond our lifetimes, and is open to anyone wishing to contribute to the future of our Parish. Please PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER SUPPORTING the endowment fund.

For more information, contact **Michael Morse** at **(941) 441-1124** or email **Holly Atkins** in the Parish Office at **info@johnxxiii.net**

Craftie Ladies

SPRING UPDATE

Welcome!

Craftie Ladies had their annual membership meeting in September. We would like to welcome 2 new members: **Fran T. and Judi B.**

Thank You!

We would like to thank Ceil for her guidance these past 2 years. Thank you Kellie for continuing to take care of our Verity commitment and thank you Dar for staying on with us!

October Craft Sale:

Our October craft sale dates are: Saturday, October 17, Sunday, October 18. We are currently working with the office on partnering with someone else for these dates. Mark your calendars now!

Adopt... Don't Shop:

Last fall, we had a visit from Karen, from Lee County Domestic Animal Services. She really opened our eyes as to how much these people love and care for all the animals that come through their door, many are strays, or simply abandoned. They are treated with the love and respect all Gods creatures deserve.

Pictured to the right, is Karen saying hi to Cocoa... a little dog adopted by our Mercedes from them. As soon as Karen entered the room, Cocoa sat up and got very excited. She remembered Karen! The adorable photo is of the two of them nose to nose, saying Hi. We can't thank Karen and staff enough for their wonderful dedication!



Huggy Hearts:

Dar, Barb C, and Coralie, and many more ladies made and delivered over 150 pillows to heart patients at Gulf Coast. The picture is of Coralie with a bag full. Thank you to this dedicated group of women!



Donations!

As always, the Craftie Ladies are looking for donations of yarn and fabric yardage. Please, no clothing or knick knacks! We can be reached anytime at our email: craftieladiesxxiii@gmail.com or call Judy at (414) 529-4978

Don't Get HOOKED

Did You Know?

4 in 5 emails are phishing or spam emails!



What Can I Do?

Look for the parish, school or diocese domain email address.

Be suspicious of: @yahoo.com, @gmail.com, @aol.com, @comcast.net, etc. or posing as someone from the parish.

When in doubt, call the parish office or contact the Diocesan IT Department.

If your gut says the message is strange, call the sender before clicking a link or opening a file. Don't wire money or buy gift cards if asked in an email, text message, or social media post.

The IT Helpdesk will never email a link telling you to click or a message: "your account will be disabled".

Report suspicious emails to:
ithelpdesk@dioceseofvenice.org

IT HELPDESK
(941)-486-4740 / ext.4357

VISIT:
dioceseofvenice.org
facebook.com/DioceseofVenice



SOLES FOR SOULS

13th Annual Sneaker Drive

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

PLEASE MAIL YOUR REQUEST OR DONATION to The Parish Office by **March 31, 2020**.

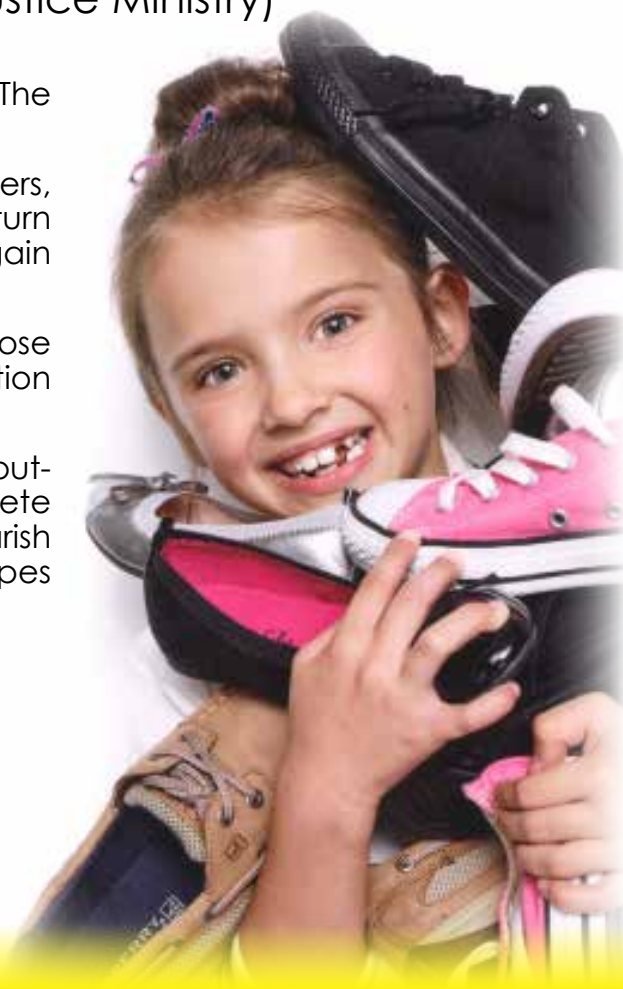
With your help, needy children receive Sneakers, Backpacks, & School Supplies in time for their return to school. Please help us raise sufficient funds again this year to help these kids.

Take an envelope from the Sneaker Display, enclose your donation, & return it by mail or in the collection basket at Mass.

Active Registered Parishioners in need of help outfitting their child for return to school may complete the Request Form below and return it to the Parish Office by March 31. Return-addressed envelopes are available on the Sneaker Display Table.

Thank You!

STELLA MCCAFFREY
Coordinator, Soles for Souls
(239) 303-1935



<u>PARENT'S NAME:</u>	<u>Phone #:</u>		<u>Email:</u>		
Child's First Name	Gender <i>Boy/Girl</i>	AGE	<u>Shoe Size</u> <i>Specify: Kid or Adult</i>	<u>Need Backpack?</u>	
				Yes / No	Grade

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What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support St. John XXIII every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. This includes Prime benefits if you are a Prime member. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same. Your login information will be the same as your Amazon.com account.

How do I select St. John XXIII Catholic Church as my charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you will need to search for and select Saint John XXIII to receive donations from eligible

purchases before you begin shopping. Our parish will be listed as *Saint John XXIII Parish in Fort Myers, FL*. **(PLEASE TYPE THE WORD SAINT)** Please be sure that the parish, along with city & state are correct, as there are many listings. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

How much of my purchase does Amazon donate?

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges. From time to time, we may offer special, limited time promotions that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services or provide for additional donations to charitable organizations. Special terms and restrictions may apply. Please see the relevant promotion for complete details.

Can I receive a tax deduction for amounts donated from my purchases on AmazonSmile?

Donations are made by the AmazonSmile Foundation and are not tax deductible by you.

Contact **Jennifer Baumgardner** for more information at: jennb@johnxxiii.net



Spiritually Adopt

an Unborn Child

PRAY

I will commit to pray this prayer
every day for 9 months
from now until Christmas:

“ Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
I love you very much. I beg you
to spare the life of the unborn baby
that I have spiritually adopted who
is in danger of abortion. ”

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen



Diocese of Venice
Respect Life
1000 Pinebrook Road
Venice, FL 34285
941-441-1101



www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife

CARING ABOUT RESIDENTS

in Lee County

The organization Builders Care, really does care about Lee County residents. As a volunteer working with a local church, we often run into problems that seem too difficult to fix.

We were working with a family unable to safely leave their home due to stair issues. They had many medical conditions that required them to leave their house. Price quotes for ramps ran into thousands of dollars that was just not available.

Lee Builders Care was contacted and they assessed the situation and decided they could help. They can provide emergency construction services at no cost to needy and deserving elderly and disabled homeowners who cannot obtain repairs through traditional means. Local member contractors give donated services and materials to help our neighbors in need. This assistance was also provided to the wife of a deceased veteran.

I want to thank them for making her life so much safer as she can be wheeled out of her home safely now. An answered prayer.

Sincerely,

Helen Tuffy - Parish Nurse



Builders Care in Ft. Myers - (239) 938-0056

For More Information Visit:

http://leebuilderscare.com/bc_project/elderly-and-disabled-resident-receives-remarkable-gift/

Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

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)

Holy Week: Please visit the Diocese of Venice website at www.dioceseofvenice.org, to watch pre-recorded daily and Sunday Masses online, and visit <https://www.facebook.com/DioceseofVenice/> for live streaming sessions during Holy Week.

Witnessing the Faith: Listen to Bishop Dewane on Relevant Florida Radio the last Friday of every month at 8:30am. Listen anywhere at RelevantRadio.com

A Disciple of Christ : To celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the Diocese of Venice, Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane launched an initiative for all to become "A Disciple of Christ." The campaign will continue through Lent, Easter, and conclude with Pentecost. Disciple of Christ prayer cards have been mailed to all Parishes and Missions. For additional cards contact Gail at ardy@dioceseofvenice.org

Project Rachel Post-Abortion: Reconciliation and healing is available to you. For more information, please call: Sylvia at (941) 412-5860 e-mail: project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org or visit: www.hopeafterabortion.com

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

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.

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

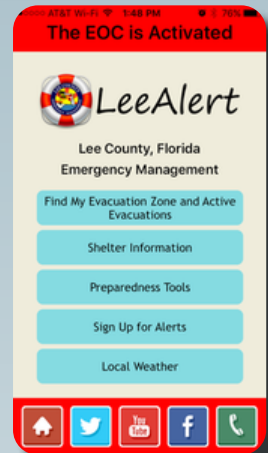
Treatment Center for Teens: Newly opened treatment center for teen substance abuse at the Vince Smith Center. Located at 2450 Prince St. in Ft. Myers. They offer a therapeutic environment for teens ages 13-17. Education is provided by the Lee County School District. For more information call (239) 338-2306

Catholic Charities Tours: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. is offering tours of their programs located throughout Southwest Florida. Anyone interested in learning more about the work of Catholic Charities and visiting services locations, contact Helen Rombalski at (941) 488-5581 or rombalski@dioceseofvenice.org

Informational Websites: Stay current with what is happening in the Catholic Church: Whispers in the Loggia (whispersintheloggia.blogspot.com), Catholic News Service (www.catholicnews.com), CRUX (cruxnow.com), Bishop Barron (www.wordonfire.org), Fr. Richard Rohr (cac.org/daily-meditations)



LeeAlert App



LeeAlert encourages preparedness and provides situational awareness when a disaster impacts Lee County. This tool is provided to assist individuals and families with preparing for and recovering from all types of disasters that may occur.

You can find information on: Find My Evacuation Zone and Active Evacuations, Shelter Information, Sign Up for Alerts, Preparedness Tools (including ASL videos), Local Weather, and Social Media feeds.

ADDITIONAL FEATURES:

- GPS Functionally for Locating Your Evacuation Zone
- Real Time Information on Shelter Openings with Mapping/Directions
- Current Emergency (EOC) Activation Level
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Links to Special Needs Registration for those with Special Medical Needs and/or transportation needs During an Evacuation
- Family Disaster Plan and Emergency Supply List
- American Sign Language Disaster Preparedness Videos
- Current Local Weather and Hazardous Weather Outlooks

LeeAlert applications requires an active internet connection and will indicate when data is unavailable. LeeAlert can be downloaded from iTunes and Google Play app stores.



OUR LADY OF THE
ROSARY CHAPEL

Stations of the Cross

MEMORIALIZE A LOVED ONE

Artist Chris Scala has designed the beautiful new Stations of the Cross in the Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel. You may want to memorialize one of the stations. The cost is **\$5,000** per station.

This would be a great way to memorialize a loved one. For more information contact **Holly Atkins** in the Parish Office at **holly@johnxxx.net**



ARTIST: CHRIS SCALA



*Please watch
the video of the
artist's design
process on our
facebook page.*



Memorialization

The art of
commemorating
the lives of
those we love.

