



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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April 5, 2020



Blessed

IS THE ONE
WHO COMES
IN THE NAME
OF THE LORD.
—*Matthew 21:9*

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

April 5, 2020

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

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Monday-Friday,
9:00am-Noon Only
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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

PLEASE NOTE:

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

MONDAY, APRIL 6

- † Robert & Mary Hickey by JoAnn Gair Wilson

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

- † Elizabeth Lehmkuhl by The Vaughns'

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

- † Janet McCallum by Chuck & Wanda McCallum

Blessed Palm DISTRIBUTION

Palms will be available in
the front of the Church:

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

8:30am - 12pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

8:30am-10am

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 12, 2020 - EASTER READINGS

- 1ST READING ACTS 10:34A, 37-43
- 2ND READING COL 3:1-42
- GOSPEL JN 20:1-9

Confession UPDATE

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

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Palm Sunday

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY OF JESUS

Jesus Christ was on his way to Jerusalem, knowing full well that this trip would end in his sacrificial death for the sin of humanity. He sent two disciples ahead to the village of Bethphage, about a mile away from the city at the foot of the Mount of Olives. He told them to look for a donkey tied by a house, with its unbroken colt next to it.

Jesus instructed the disciples to tell the owners of the animal that "The Lord has need of it." (Luke 19:31, ESV)

The men found the donkey, brought it and its colt to Jesus, and placed their cloaks on the colt. Jesus sat on the young donkey and slowly, humbly, made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. In his path, people threw their cloaks on the ground and put palm branches on the road before him. Others waved palm branches in the air.

Large Passover crowds surrounded Jesus, shouting "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Matthew 21:9, ESV)

By that time the commotion was spreading through the entire city. Many of the Galilean disciples had earlier seen Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead. Undoubtedly they were spreading the news of that astonishing miracle.

The Pharisees, who were jealous of Jesus and afraid of the Romans, said: "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out." (Luke 19:39-40, ESV)

POINTS OF INTEREST FROM PALM SUNDAY

When he told the disciples to get the donkey, Jesus referred to himself as 'The Lord,' a definite proclamation of his divinity.

By riding into Jerusalem on the colt of a donkey, Jesus fulfilled an ancient prophecy in Zechariah 9:9: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." This was the only instance in the four Gospel books in which Jesus rode an animal.

Throwing cloaks in the path of someone was an act of homage and submission. The people were recognizing Jesus as the promised Messiah.

The people's cries of 'Hosanna' came from Psalm 118:25-26. Hosanna means "save now." Despite what Jesus had foretold about his mission, the people were looking for a military Messiah who would overthrow the Romans and restore Israel's independence.

QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

The crowds refused to see Jesus Christ as he truly was, placing their personal desires on him instead. Who is Jesus for you? Is he someone whom you want to satisfy your selfish wants and goals, or is he Lord and Master who gave up his life to save you from your sins?

Palm Sunday

PRAYER

*Jesus, Lord of Life,
show us how to live.
When we are afraid,
angry, sad or rejected,
teach us to live deeply
into difficult experiences,
that we might find
meaning and purpose
even in the moments
which require dying.
May our deaths be just
another step in our living.
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, please call our Parish office at 239-561-2245 or email info@johnxxiii.net

Prayers for Eternal Life

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

**Ed Ward
Yvonne Gaudet
J. Edward Gaudet**



Tabernacle Candle

For all essential workers sacrificing their health for the good of others.



Adoration Chapel

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





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Weekly Calendar

**MASSES ARE SUSPENDED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

PLEASE NOTE: We will be STREAMING recorded MASSES on Facebook.

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

- Mariah Duniway
- Chris & Julia Pucel
- Don & Angie Wells
- J. Jesus & Judith Perez
- Elmer & Pilar Toro
- Laura Diaz Rosas
- Sal Neville
- Patrick Nunziante
- Chito & Josefina Crudo
- Greg & Tracey Bosch

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 will be determined.**

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

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

PRAYERS FOR

Our Military Personnel

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| PFC Bryan Bard | 2nd Lt. Kristen Thompson |
| Sean Ball | Christian Troutner, US Navy |
| Major Bart Boma | Alex Zizzo, US Navy Medic |
| Staff Sgt. Dennis Cosgrove | PFC Jordan Feil, USA |
| Sgt. Phil Dellibovi | Sgt. Hayden Linde, FLARNG |
| Staff Sgt. Chris Dominski | Aaron Crump, USCG |
| CPT Andrew Dugan, Spec. Forces | Sgt. Nathaniel Broemmel |
| Major Andrew Duguay | Lt. Com. Mark Buonomo |
| Sgt. Jared Gaudet | Col. Scott C. Woodward |
| Tech Sgt Jeffrey K. Green | Private Nicholas Loeb, ARNG |
| Capt. Kellyn C. Hall | Andrew Hawkinson, USN |
| Andrew Herman | Cavalry Scout Specialist, |
| 1st Lt. Paige Hortman | Ryan Silva, Army |
| Sgt. Kathleen Hudepohl | 2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC |
| PFC Michael P Hughes | Jared Broemmel, US Navy |
| SPC Michael Jednak | Army 2nd Lieutenant Edward |
| PFC Andrew Kanopkh | Hudson Tillinghast IV |
| Michael Klem | Jethro Ignacio, US Air Force |
| Capt. Bradley D. Laux | 1st Lt. Christopher Dryhurst, |
| Capt. Jacob Mundo, US Army | US Air Force |
| SSGT Anthony Padula | Com. Craig Fowler, USN |
| LCP James Palenik | Eric Sanchez, US Air Force |
| Master SGT Peter Parison | 1st Lt. Colin Snook, 82nd ABN |
| Sgt. Justin Pingicer, Army | Lt. Col. Mike Garry, US Army |
| Lt. Col. Brady Sexton | 82nd ABN |



Faith Formation

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



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. This year's theme is Rocky Railway! Jesus pulls us through. Registration forms are available online. 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.



Thank You!

BAGGED LUNCHES

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who made 450 bagged lunches for children, along with 60 plus bags of breakfast items. They were delivered to the Harlem Heights outreach, Elizabeth Kay Galeana center, Catholic Charities in Fort Myers and Our Lady of Guadalupe soup kitchen in Immokalee.

We were sad that we had to stop. All items were donated by the parishioners at St. John XXIII Catholic Church.



GETTING TO KNOW OUR PARISH TEAM



Employee Spotlight

CHRIS BIEL

Director of Faith Formation

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Chris Biel 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?

July 1, 2020 will mark 14 years that I have worked at St. John XXIII.

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

I wear many hats and I am never bored! I oversee the Children's Faith Formation program, Sacrament Preparation for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, Children's Liturgy of the Word. I also help with planning liturgies, blessings and prayers services throughout the year. I take my responsibility seriously as a DRE to make sure to form children and youth with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and prepare them for the reception of sacraments. I have a wonderful group of catechists, assistants and volunteers who are amazing and dedicate a lot of time to prepare and teach the children and youth in our parish. I am so grateful for all they do!

How does your faith reflect in your Parish work?

In addition to working with children and families, I have the privilege of working with the many parishioners who are involved in the various ministries at St. John XXIII. Over the years here, I have met so many wonderful people and have learned so much from them. I know your faith comes from God, but I know he uses experiences, especially with other people to help you grow in your faith. I feel so blessed and have grown in my faith so much because of it. I have seen so many miracles even in the saddest of times. I also work with the most amazing staff!

How does your job benefit a parishioner?

I am happy to help guide children and their families on their faith journey. Everyone is on a different path so it is important to meet people where they are at. I feel that I am a good listener. I have learned that before I start offering advice, insight, or solutions, it is important to listen to what the other person is saying and what their needs are. I think we work with our families and their different situations to help them grow in their faith and celebrate the sacraments.



CROSSROADS

Fr. Angelo S. Arrando

During these times of isolation from one another and from our faith community much of our time is spent in our homes. Blessing our homes reminds us that wherever we dwell is holy because we are a holy people. This is excellent for families with children but can easily be celebrated by anyone.

BLESSING OF A HOME

MATERIAL NEEDED: Bowl of water

Blessing of Water **(by mother or any individual)**

MOTHER: Lord God, all Loving Father, our family asks that You bless this water which we bless in Your Name. Let this water be a rich reminder of our baptisms which made us Your children and a reminder that You are always with us and we belong to You. **(Each person makes a sign of the cross over the water)**

ALL: Let this water make our home holy and bless all the members of our family. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. AMEN

BLESSING OF THE FRONT DOOR

FATHER: Your Son, Jesus, taught that in Your kingdom there are many dwelling places. Yet while on Earth we dwell in houses with our families, visited by friends. We pray that your protection may be with this house. Bless this door which family, friends and visitors shall enter and leave. May all who enter through this door be agents of peace and good will and may be received with respect.

(each child makes a cross with the water on the inside and outside of the door.)

ALL: AMEN

BLESSING OF THE KITCHEN & DINING AREA

FOOD PREPARER: Father, food shared between us is your gift, the first taste we know of love. May the preparation of food, the work of love done in this room, be a sign always that you are present forever with us. (sprinkle the room)

OLDEST CHILD: Bless us and this room, Father, in ways known best to you, for only you know our deepest needs. Through your grace, our need is more than filled in this home, in its nourishment, in its shelter. Teach us to share as we share food with one another. **(he/she sprinkles the room)**

ALL: AMEN

BLESSING OF SLEEPING AREAS

ALL CHILDREN TOGETHER: Father, sleep is a source of strength. May we trust in your loving protection as we rest each night. May we rise each morning with hope and expectation of a new day. Bless our sleeping areas and bless our love. May our lives be renewed in love to share that love with our family and with all your children.

(each child sprinkles each sleeping area)

ALL: AMEN

BLESSING OF BATH(S)

MOTHER: Father, water is also a sign of cleansing, a wonder of refreshment and cleanliness. Keep us aware of our new life in you, and of Your need of our cleansed hands to touch our world with love.

(each child sprinkles the bathroom)

ALL: AMEN

BLESSING OF FAMILY AREA

FATHER: Father, no room will have life unless touched by your love. You have given us new life in your Spirit that life may be shared. Each one of us has a special love that only we can share. Bless our family as we come together to enjoy each other's company. Let Your life be with our family always. **(each person sprinkles the area)**

ALL: AMEN

BLESSING OF THE ENTIRE HOME

MOTHER AND FATHER: All loving Father, we have called upon Your Name and Your blessing on our home. Help us with faith to live in peace, love and harmony and be living witnesses of Your love to all who enter our home.

ALL RAISE THEIR HANDS IN BLESSING: Bless our home and give us the protection of Your healing love. Bless our family and all our friends and visitors. May all be renewed from the cares of everyday life and be renewed in love as we ourselves want to be loved. May each one of us be living witnesses of Your love.

Bless this home and this family In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: AMEN



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 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.

"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy."

Pope Francis

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

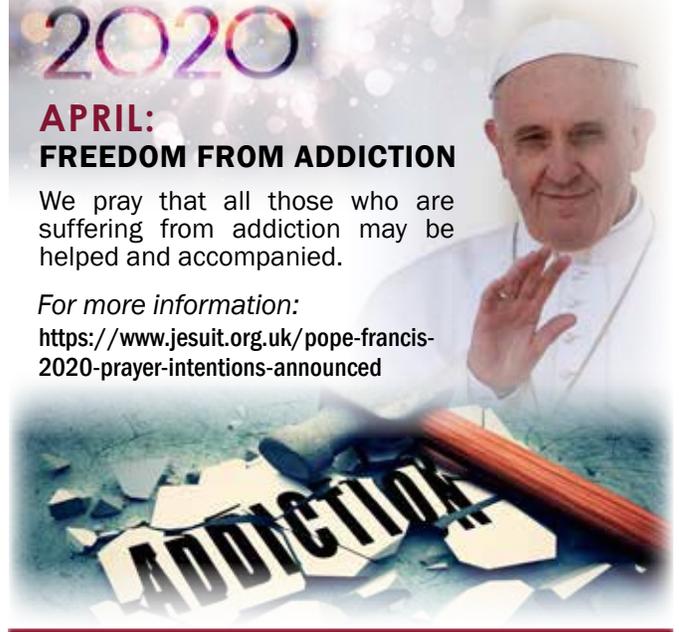
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APRIL: FREEDOM FROM ADDICTION

We pray that all those who are suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

For more information:

<https://www.jesuit.org.uk/pope-francis-2020-prayer-intentions-announced>



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



SAVE A LIFE

If you are interested in finding out about upcoming blood drives, or to find out if there is a blood drive near you, call the Blood Center at **(239) 343-2333**



MUSIC MINISTRY



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Contact: **Lisa Sreeton** | musicdirector@johnxxiii.net

LESSONS IN LITURGY

What is Liturgy?

The word *LITURGY* comes from a Greek term meaning "work done on behalf of the people." Liturgy in the Roman Catholic church dates to the second century AD where the celebration and order of Mass became well-defined and included music. Liturgy is ceremony and can take a formal tone (Sunday Mass, Feast Days, Solemnities and Holy Days) or informal tone (daily Mass). All Roman Catholic liturgies include the Eucharistic celebration, as well as Bible readings, hymns, homilies or sermons, and the offering of tithes for the work of the Church.



*"I will sing and make music
with all my soul."* - Psalm 108:1

PRAYER AGAINST CORONAVIRUS

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. or those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and hield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy.

Amen



CORONAVIRUS

A graphic showing a 3D model of a coronavirus particle, which is spherical with a textured surface of red and grey protrusions. Below the particle is a white rectangular box with the word "CORONAVIRUS" in bold, dark red capital letters.

ST. JOHN XXIII
THRIFT
store
CLOSED

The Thrift Store is Closed and is NOT accepting drop off donations, nor picking up at this time.

All questions may be emailed to thrift@johnxxiii.net during the shut-down.



ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church



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



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



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Weekly Financials



March 29, 2020

Offertory	\$6,108.00
Building Fund	\$6,313.00
Total	\$12,421.00
Mass Attendance	0
Registered Families	3741
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	\$240,434.93
% of Goal	48.87%
% of Households	15.82%
Payments	\$162,719.33

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.

Help Keep Our DATABASE CURRENT

Have you moved, changed email addresses, dropped a landline or changed your cell number? Please email **info@johnxxiii.net** with any changes or additions to your contact information.



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

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**



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!
- **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.
- **Thrift Store Closed:** The Thrift Store is closed and is not accepting drop off donations, nor picking up at this time. All questions may be emailed to thrift@johnxxiii.net during the shut-down.
- **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



Schedule for Masses and Services LIVE-STREAMED

SATURDAY, APRIL 4:

3:30pm and 5:30pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 5:

7:15am, 9:15am, 11:15am
and Spanish at 1:30pm

Holy Week

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 9:

Morning Prayer at 8:00am
Mass of the Lords Supper at 7:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10:

Morning Prayer at 8:00am
Service at 3:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Morning Prayer at 8:00am
Vigil Mass at 8:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12:

7:15am, 9:15am, 11:15am
and Spanish Mass at 1:30pm





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 so 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

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SAFETY & SECURITY



with Lee County Sheriff
Carmine Marceno



Car Theft Prevention:

Lee County Sheriff Carmine Marceno is asking for your help in putting a halt to a recent rash of car burglaries. You can assist us by using common sense steps to make your vehicle less appealing to thieves. Often, these crimes occur because owners fail to practice the preventative safety tips listed below:

- Lock your vehicle. The average burglar simply checks to see if a car is unlocked, spends less than a minute inside the vehicle, checking the glove box, door panels, and center console for valuables.
- Take your valuables with you. This includes your wallet, purse, computer, weapons and other items.
- Park in well-lighted areas. Two things burglars don't like – lights and witnesses.
- Do not leave personal identifying papers in car. This includes your license, social security card, motor vehicle registration, car title, credit card and bank statements. If stolen, these items can lead to identity theft.
- Consider theft prevention devices. There are a number of audible vehicle alarms that will scare off any burglar looking to grab your belongings.
- Be aware of your surroundings and report suspicious activity. See it. Say it. Make the call.

More Information:

To learn more about auto burglary or to arrange for a free auto burglary prevention seminar, contact the Community Response Unit at **477-1CRU (1278)**



SUICIDE PREVENTION awareness

WARNING SIGNS

- Excessive sadness or moodiness: Long-lasting sadness, mood swings, and unexpected rage.
- Hopelessness: Feeling a deep sense of hopelessness about the future, with little expectation that circumstances can improve.
- Sleep problems.
- Sudden calmness: Suddenly becoming calm after a period of depression or moodiness can be a sign that the person has made a decision to end his or her life.
- Withdrawal: Choosing to be alone and avoiding friends or social activities also are possible symptoms of depression, a leading cause of suicide. This includes the loss of interest or pleasure in activities the person previously enjoyed.
- Changes in personality and/or appearance: A person who is considering suicide might exhibit a change in attitude or behavior, such as speaking or moving with unusual speed or slowness. In addition, the person might suddenly become less concerned about his or her personal appearance.
- Dangerous or self-harmful behavior: Potentially dangerous behavior, such as reckless driving, engaging in unsafe sex, and increased use of drugs and/or alcohol might indicate that the person no longer values his or her life.
- Recent trauma or life crisis: A major life crisis might trigger a suicide attempt. Crises include the death of a loved one or pet, divorce or break-up of a relationship, diagnosis of a major illness, loss of a job, or serious financial problems.
- Making preparations: Often, a person considering suicide will begin to put his or her personal business in order. This might include visiting friends and family members, giving away personal possessions, making a will, and cleaning up his or her room or home. Some people will write a note before committing suicide. Some will buy a firearm or other means like poison.
- Threatening suicide: From 50% to 75% of those considering suicide will give someone – a friend or relative – a warning sign. However, not everyone who is considering suicide will say so, and not everyone who threatens suicide will follow through with it. Every threat of suicide should be taken seriously.

SUICIDE PREVENTION

suicidepreventionlifeline.org

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.

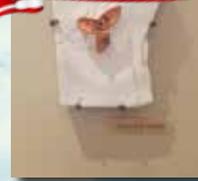
This would be a great way to memorialize a loved one. For more information contact **Holly Atkins** in the Parish Office at holly@johnxxx.net



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.



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/category/daily-meditations)

April is National Donate Life Month



Register today to be an organ, eye and tissue donor.
RegisterMe.org

National Donate Life Month (NDLM) was instituted by Donate Life America and its partnering organizations in 2003. Celebrated in April each year, NDLM features an entire month of local, regional and national activities to help encourage Americans to register as organ, eye and tissue donors and to celebrate those that have saved lives through the gift of donation.

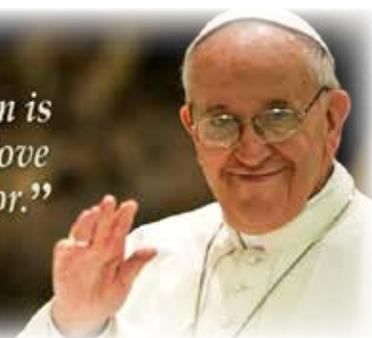
Donate Life America was inspired by the concept of the pinwheel for the 2017 National Donate Life Month artwork. A pinwheel evokes various images and meanings, but the strongest association revolves around opportunity and energy.

The pinwheel is symbolic of an instrument that turns obstacles into opportunities. The pinwheel's ability to capture and pass on energy parallels one's potential to make LIFE possible. Each Donate Life pinwheel has four sails supported by one stem, symbolizing the power one person has to be an organ, eye, tissue or living donor. For recipients, donation can turn sickness and injury into a second chance at life. For donors, their decision to register can turn a sorrowful time into a source of comfort for family as a result of renewed life for others.

The pinwheel reminds us that we all have the potential to capture and pass on life, comfort and hope to others by registering as a donor. This April, we encourage you to stop to feel the breeze, watch the pinwheels and think of the lives of those touched by donation and transplantation.

Thank you for your efforts in educating and registering others as organ, eye and tissue donors! For more information visit: www.donatelife.net

*"Organ donation is
a testimony of love
for our neighbor."*



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