



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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June 14, 2020

Corpus Christi SUNDAY

*Jesus, Body and Blood,
we are grateful for the
gift of Your life and the
way it strengthens us to
live ours.*

*Teach us to draw on
the gift of Your Body
and Blood for energy,
renewal, strength and
prayerful grace.*

*May we never take the
gift of Your presence for
granted.*

Amen.



ONLINE BULLETIN ONLY - NOT PRINTED

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

June 14, 2020

Please Note:

**There will be
CONFESSIONS
outside the church
Every Saturday
8:30am-9:30am
LIVE streaming
MASSES on
Facebook/Website**

PASTOR

Rev. Robert Tabbert

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Monday-Friday,
9:00am-Noon Only
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

PLEASE NOTE: You are welcome to attend 8:00am Daily Mass in the Parish Life Center. Weekend Holy Mass with a congregation present has resumed in the Church. Please wear a mask, bring sanitizer and practice social distancing. We will continue to livestream Masses on Facebook and the Website.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

- 8:00 AM † Robert M. O'Brien by Jim & Chirs Donahue

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

- 8:00 AM † Mary Jane Dowd by Stephen Dowd

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

- † Dora V. Roy by Tracey Sullivan McLoughlin

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

- 8:00 AM † Joseph Fiali by JoAnne Walsh

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

- 8:00 AM † Andrew & Stephen Debitetto by their brother

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

- 8:00 AM † Patricia Stransky by Rita Rogers
- 4:00 PM † Ed Harlyvetch by his wife, Diane
- 8:00 PM ♥ Family Peace - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, JUNE 21 - FATHER'S DAY ALL FATHER'S LIVING & DECEASED

- 7:15 AM, 9:15 AM, 11:15 AM and 1:30 PM Spanish Mass

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.

JUNE 21, 2020 - READINGS

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| • 1ST READING | JER 20:10-13 |
| • 2ND READING | ROM 5:12-15 |
| • GOSPEL | MT 10:26-33 |

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Corpus Christi SUNDAY

by: **Cynthia Genovese - Catholic News Agency**

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, which translates from Latin to "Body of Christ." This feast originated in France in the midthirteenth century and was extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264. This feast is celebrated on the Sunday following Trinity Sunday.

This feast calls us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist and the Church. The primary purpose of this feast is to focus our attention on the Eucharist. The opening prayer at Mass calls our attention to Jesus' suffering and death and our worship of Him, especially in the Eucharist.

At every Mass our attention is called to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ in it. The secondary focus of this feast is upon the Body of Christ as it is present in the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with his disciples. He expresses this in the gospels by using the metaphor of a body in which He is the head. This image helps keep in focus both the unity and the diversity of the Church.

The Feast of Corpus Christi is commonly used as an opportunity for public Eucharistic processions, which serves as a sign of common faith and adoration. Our worship of Jesus in His Body and Blood calls us to offer to God our Father a pledge of undivided love and an offering of ourselves to the service of others.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

*"For My Flesh is True Food
and My Blood is True Drink."*

- John 6:55



A Message From:

FR. LAWRENCE



*D*ear Parishioners,

After serving as a Parochial Vicar for the past three years at St. John XXIII parish, I will depart shortly for a new assignment. I am moving to Fort Worth, Texas, where I will serve as pastor at Christ the King, the Vietnamese Parish. I want to offer my gratitude to Father Bob, Father Saji, Father Angelo, Father Tony, the Staff and the people of St. John XXIII for what they did for me, and for the ways they opened their lives to me. They taught me what it means to be a priest. The way the people and this parish have embraced me has been wonderful. St. John XXIII Parish is very special because of who you are. It is a joyful, living church full of life. I thank God for the years I have been here.

I also want to thank all of you for the good times and the bad times, for the joys and the sorrows. In God's perfect plan, every experience moves those who believe towards eternal life. "All things work for the good for those who love God." (Romans 8:28).

No matter where we are living, the most important thing is to be aware of God's presence in us. He walks with us.

I pray that St. John XXIII parish will continue to grow in the years to come. The people of St. John XXIII will always be in my prayers. Please don't stop praying for me because your prayers make a difference.

Sincerely, Fr. Lawrence M. Nguyen, CFM

Prayer List

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

Elaine Quan	Michael Smith
Ryan Novajasky	Mike Foy
Lynne Haughey	Lynn Graper Bowman
Carol Clausen	Henry Ramirez
Marlene LaRose	Evelyn Williams
Erika Arquilla Hlavacek	Bill Barrett
Jeff Hlavacek	Scott Geiger
Bernadette Frammarino	Jennifer Jackson
Antoinette Bosco	Doug Rizzi
Gary Neubauer	Jim & Diane Wittenauer
Tom Biedak	Frank Carroll
Curtis Atkins	Mary Ellen Walker
Deborah Hufstedler	Susan MacDonald
Bernice Pederson	Lucy Rose Dommoyer
Linda Sayres	Debra Santos
Richard Butler	Meaghan Onofrey
Patty Heilman Normile	Bill Acini
Patty Ruth	Kathleen Nelson

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 the parish office at: (239) 561-2245

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 Honor of: **All Our First Communicants**



DOWNLOAD OUR PARISH APP:

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





WATCH ON FACEBOOK

DAILY MASS

8:00am Monday - Saturday

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

- 4:00pm with Fr. Angelo
 - 8:00pm Vietnamese Mass
- <https://www.facebook.com/fort.myers.5454>

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

- 11:15am with Fr. Bob
 - 1:30pm Spanish Mass
- <https://www.facebook.com/ministeriohispano.sanjuan.1>



WATCH AT HOME:

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

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



<https://osvhub.com/st-john-xxiii-parish/funds>

WELCOME

New Parishioners

- David & Linda Williams
- Richard & Cheryl McConahy
- Kenneth & Emily Segura
- Freddy & Gaby Mantilla

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 a date to 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

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



Faith Formation has completed the 2019-2020 year. As plans for reopening are being made, please watch the bulletin and our website for updates for the 2020-2021 School Year.

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.

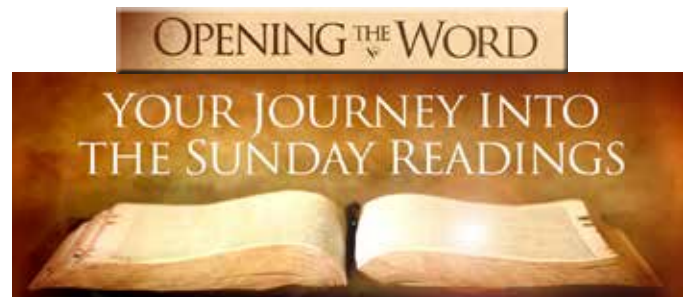
Faith is like WiFi, it's invisible but it has the power to connect you to what you need.

ADULT FAITH

Education

ALL IN-PERSON CLASSES
ARE POSTPONED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE

Keep in TOUCH with your *Faith* ONLINE:



Watch a short video each week on **Formed.org** to help prepare you for the upcoming Sunday Readings. Register at <https://johnxxiii.formed.org/> and follow the instructions to sign in and watch Opening the Word. View all of the Catholic content 24/7. Please join our weekly Zoom meeting. Email **Terry Penza** at: terry.penza@gmail.com for more information.



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1. Apple users can download the iOS app.
2. Android users can use FORMED on the go with these easy instructions.

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Coordinator of Youth Ministries 561-3022 xt 107
Contact **Kelly Evers** | kelly@johnxxiii.net

Rooted at St. John XXIII

Welcoming all Young Adults 18 - 39

Rooted meets on the first Thursday of each month. Check out our trifold at the welcome desk for planned events.



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

Confirmation Program

- A two-year program that meets once a month during the school calendar year. Sessions are mandatory which include Baptismal, Eucharist, & Confirmation retreat. Bishop Verot students must register and attend the monthly sessions with youth currently not enrolled in a theology class; Youth Group Social Session, and/or Teen Mentoring Program available weekly on Sundays or Wednesday evenings. Trifolds will be available in July to plan attendance.

High School Youth Group

HSYG Social Sessions - Sundays 5pm to 6:30pm

- Youth Ministry Small Group Social Sessions are held on Sunday evenings throughout the school calendar year. The goal of the group is to build connections with one another and the parish as they discuss today's tough issues and how their Catholic faith plays a part in the decisions they make.

Middle School Youth Group

MSYG Sessions - Wednesdays 6pm to 7:15pm

- Trifolds will be available in July. They include: session dates, planned topics, events, and volunteer opportunities throughout the 2020-21 school year.

Volunteer Opportunities

- We need ADULT small group leaders.



Thank You **2020** **GRADUATES**

Father Bob, the staff, and all parishioners of St. John XXIII offer to God their prayers in grateful appreciation for the dedication and devotion of our graduating seniors who through their faithful service in God's work have volunteered as altar servers, ushers, and lectors in our parish. May God continue to inspire others to follow in your footsteps. God bless you and know that you always have a home here at St. John XXIII.

Congratulations on your graduation. On behalf of the Knights of Columbus and Youth Ministry, we applaud your service and honor you with a scholarship.

- **DEISY BAUMGARDNER**
Altar Server Ministry
- **JENNA KOTSCHESKA**
Altar Server Ministry
- **MICHAEL POLSINELLI**
Altar Server Ministry
- **EMILY VENGLAR**
Altar Server Ministry
- **NICHOLAS VILLIERS**
Altar Server Ministry
- **SOWIE JOSE**
Altar Server Ministry
- **JULIA DANEHY**
Lector Ministry
- **FABRICCIO BRAVO**
Usher Ministry





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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!
- **Thrift Store Open:** Monday-Saturday from 10am-4pm. Donations are now being accepted. All questions may be emailed to thrift@johnxxiii.net
- **Free Mental Health Services :** Catholic Charities offers free mental health services for adults, children and families. Counselors can help resolve a wide variety of issues such as stress, anger, anxiety, relationship problems, trauma, depression, low self-esteem and grief. Call (239) 337-4193
- **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
- **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.
- **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
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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHAPEL

OPEN WEEKLY
for ADORATION of the
BLESSED SACRAMENT
10:00am to 1:00pm
MONDAY - FRIDAY

WEEKLY *Confession*

Confession continues
OUTSIDE the CHURCH
EVERY SATURDAY
8:30AM - 9AM

PARISH LIFE CENTER

8:00am DAILY MASS
MONDAY - SATURDAY

- **You MUST wear a Mask at all times**
- **Bring your own Hand Sanitizer**
- **Practice 6ft Social Distancing**

Farewell

FR. LAWRENCE



*“May God Bless You
on Your Journey”*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Fr. Lawrence is being transferred to another parish this month.

We, as a parish community, want to wish him well as he begins his new assignment and thank him for his dedicated service to the parishioners of the St. John XXIII family, especially the Vietnamese community.

Thank you, Fr. Lawrence. God bless you on your new journey.

We at St. John XXIII, will truly miss you!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rev. Robert Tabbert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rev. Robert Tabbert, pastor



Online Giving



ST. JOHN XXIII
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13060 Palomino Lane, Fort Myers, FL 33912
<https://osvhub.com/st-john-xxiii-parish/funds>

Dear Parishioners,

We are pleased to announce that Online Giving is available for you to make contributions to St. John XXIII parish. This option makes use of current technology and security standard, and allows you to easily setup recurring contributions. It also enables our parish to take advantage of new tools to become more efficient.

ONLINE GIVING PARISHIONER BENEFITS:

- Secure and confidential. No need to share payment information with the parish office.
- Efficient. Set up direct withdrawals from your checking or savings account or a credit card.
- Simple. Start, stop and change your contributions at any time.
- Convenient. No need to write a check or have cash available.

Online Giving is intended to be a convenient tool for you to use and we strongly support both Online Giving and offering envelopes for contributions to the parish. Online Giving is the electronic way to participate in weekly offertory.

START GIVING ONLINE TODAY!

- Visit our parish website at <https://osvhub.com/st-john-xxiii-parish/funds> and click on the online giving link.
- Create an Account
- Schedule Your Recurring Gifts

Please prayerfully consider giving online. If you have any questions, email the parish office at: info@johnxxiii.net

God Bless,

Father Bob Tabbert



Giving has never been easier!





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Weekly Financials



	6-7-20	6-9-19	Difference
Offertory	\$30,351.67	\$28,106.40	\$2,245.27
Building Fund	\$2,980.00	\$4,155.00	\$1,175.00
Total	\$33,331.67	\$32,261.40	\$1,070.27
Mass Attendance	996	2506	
Registered Families	3642	3625	

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	\$310,371.25
% of Goal	63.08%
% of Households	18.02%
Payments	\$250,206.95

Planning Your Will



Remember St. John XXIII

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

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

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

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

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

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

Holly Atkins: holly@johnxxiii.net



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 holly@johnxxiii.net

Congratulations

FALL RAFFLE WINNERS

April 20: \$100 EACH

- Francis Hassel
- Maggie Benton

April 27: \$200 EACH

- Joann Cooney
- James Simpson

May 4: \$300 EACH

- David Olman
- Mark Lattner

May 11: \$400 EACH

- Janet Snook
- Joseph Penkala

May 18: \$500 EACH

- Ronald Heim
- Elizabeth Lochiatto

May 25: \$2,500 GRAND PRIZE

- Joann Cooney

THE STORY BEHIND THE *Feast of Corpus Christi*

by: **Gretchen Filz - The Catholic Company**

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, historically known by its Latin name, Corpus Christi, celebrates the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It is traditionally celebrated on the Thursday following the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. The feast dates to the Middle Ages and originated with a visionary nun and a Eucharistic miracle.

In 1263 a German priest, Fr. Peter of Prague, made a pilgrimage to Rome. He stopped in Bolsena, Italy, to celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Christina. At the time he was having doubts about Jesus being truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. He was affected by the growing debate among certain theologians who, for the first time in the history of the Church, began introducing doubts about the Body and Blood of Christ being actually present in the consecrated bread and wine. In response to his doubt, when he recited the prayer of consecration as he celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, blood started seeping from the consecrated host and onto the altar and corporal.



Fr. Peter reported this miracle to Pope Urban IV, who at the time was nearby in Orvieto. The pope sent delegates to investigate and ordered that host and blood-stained corporal be brought to Orvieto. The relics were then placed in the Cathedral of Orvieto, where they remain today.

This Eucharistic Miracle confirmed the visions given to St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon in Belgium (1193-1258). St. Juliana was a nun and mystic who had a series of visions in which she was instructed by Our Lord to work to establish a liturgical feast for the Holy Eucharist, to which she had a great devotion.

After many years of trying, she finally convinced the bishop, the future Pope Urban IV, to create this special feast in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, where none had existed before. Soon after her death, Pope Urban instituted Corpus Christi for the Universal Church and celebrated it for the first time in Orvieto in 1264, a year after the Eucharistic Miracle in Bolsena.

Inspired by the miracle, Pope Urban commissioned a Dominican friar, St. Thomas Aquinas, to compose the Mass and office for the feast of Corpus Christi. Aquinas' hymns in honor of the Holy Eucharist, Pange Lingua, Tantum Ergo, Panis Angelicus, and O Salutaris Hostia are the beloved hymns the Church sings on the feast of Corpus Christi as well as throughout the year during Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



THANK YOU *from the Women's Guild*

On behalf of the Women's Guild, I would like to thank our church family and community for your support of the our fundraisers this year. A special thank you to the members of the Guild for their hard work and dedication in making these events happen:

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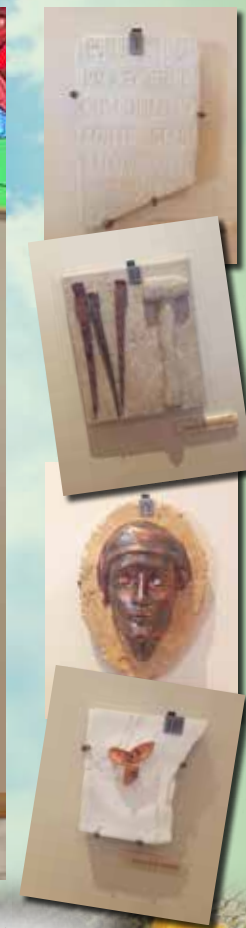
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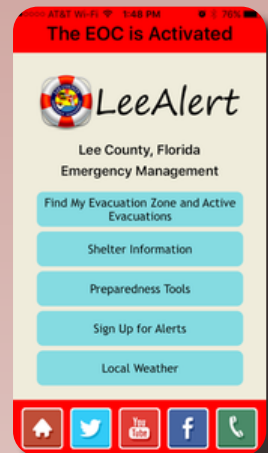
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WAYS TO RESPOND TO COMMON ABORTION QUESTIONS:

"WHAT ABOUT RAPE & INCEST?"

- Rape and incest account for 2% of all abortions. It's bizarre to say, "Let's kill 98% of children in the womb because... there's some other child who might have been conceived as a result of rape or incest." In other words, what about the 98% that aren't conceived via rape and incest?
- Do the conditions of your conception decide what species you are? Of course not. If they did, then all poor people would be sterilized to make sure they don't give birth. (Oh, wait! That was Margaret Sanger's and Marie Scope's mantra. They were the racists who started Planned Parenthood and Marie Stopes International, respectively.)
- Are you uncomfortable about the death penalty for rapists and murders? Then why would you wish to execute the innocent child of a rapist?
- It is true that the child might be the progeny of a rapist, but we know for certain that the child also belongs to her mother. Killing your own child to be free of a memory which, as everyone admits, can never be effectively removed from a woman's mind, is cutting off your nose to spite your face. Many women who have had abortions suffer depression because of their "right to choose death" — one often forced upon them by a husband or boyfriend.

"A WOMAN HAS A RIGHT TO CONTROL HER OWN BODY"

- No one has ever said differently. Outside of Islam and Islamic law, where a woman's worth is often treated as only a fraction of that of a man, nobody wishes to control women. Instead, a child in the womb is her own person - and if her body and life aren't respected, what reason is there to respect anyone's bodily autonomy and right to life?

"IT'S THE LAW"

- So is the right to life. In fact, it's the first civil right listed in the Declaration of Independence - a document that makes no mention to the "so-called" right to abortion. Abortion is a legal fiction. It's a bad day for democracy when people can take away a basic right that is clearly spelled out in our country's founding documents.
- Laws can and do change. Scientific determination and understanding of how and when human life begins does not.

"SOME PARENTS ARE INCOMPETENT"

- It's unfortunate that the two individuals responsible for the child's existence think more of their "right" to produce a child by their selfish carelessness rather than accepting their child as their new responsibility. Had their own parents, in turn, forsaken their new found responsibilities, those interested in abortion wouldn't be around to consider abortion as an option.
- Pregnancy centers offer free classes in parenting to expectant mothers and fathers.
- The couple in question might very well be incompetent, but their child is still a human being and can be raised by other more competent and loving people through adoption.

"MOTHERS ARE SUPPORTED"

- Perhaps this is true in developing countries where single mothers are looked down upon, but not in the West. We have myriad programs to care for pregnant women who find themselves in tight economic situations, including nearly 3,500 pregnancy centers - many of which are operated by Catholics. The centers provide close to 300,000 mothers and fathers with parenting classes every year. Pro-life pregnancy centers drew nearly 2 million clients in 2017 and provided more than \$161 million in free services. More than 24,000 clients received support after an abortion, including counseling and referral to professional help when needed.

"WHAT ABOUT POVERTY?"

- Cure poverty. Don't kill humans. Killing poor people will definitely "cure" poverty, but that's inhumane and senseless. Further, at what point is someone poor? When they can't

afford a summer vacation? When they can't afford their \$150 monthly cable bill or the newest iPhone model? Poverty isn't an issue in a welfare state. All children, including those of the poor, are human, welcomed and valued. Humans are never disposable.

"SHE'S NOT READY TO BE A PARENT"

- No one is ready to be a parent. It's called "baptism by fire." What could possibly be so important that the death of her child is the answer? Finishing college? Running for political office? Bringing peace to the Middle East? All of these jobs can be accomplished while pregnant and with children in tow.

"WHAT IF IT'S AN INCONVENIENT PREGNANCY?"

- We live in a universe in which we must become morally responsible and logically consistent in order to become logical, morally responsible adults. It behooves no one, especially the murdered child, to say, "Sorry, honey! I'm more important than you are and I've got places to be!"

"WHAT ABOUT INFANT DISABILITIES?"

- So the child isn't as "perfect" as you had hoped? Take a ticket and get in line. No one is perfect. Must all children possessing a normal range of intelligence (90% of the world's population) be killed to make room for the übermenschen of your utopic and eugenic imagination? I doubt many abortionists would be eager to sacrifice their own lives for the sake of someone "more worthy" than herself for the sake of the species. This is simply narcissism, plain and simple.
- If your child or loved one were to "become" less than perfect at a later time due to disease or accident, would the pro-abortionist be as eager to kill them then? Looking at a disabled person and seeing how they fall short of your own supposed perfection is an atrocious standard by which to make moral judgments.
- Do you know who really hates this ridiculous argument? People with disabilities, that's who. They don't like it when people insist that murder is the "compassionate option" for those who are "less than perfect."

"WE ALREADY HAVE TOO MANY KIDS"

- And the fact that a family has "too many" kids didn't factor into the decision-making process of whether to engage in sexual relations in the first place? That's odd. Those who make this claim insist it's a point of serious consideration. If it's not so serious a consideration to seriously consider before sex, then it's not a serious consideration to seriously consider after the pregnancy occurs.

"IT'S NOT A BABY"

- If it's not a baby, why do pregnant women say, "I'm having a baby?" Why must science and physical reality take a back seat to "feelings?" Facts are facts, and the fact is, it is a baby.

"IT'S NOT A HUMAN"

- If the baby isn't a human, what species is it?

"CONSIDER OVERPOPULATION & CLIMATE CHANGE"

- Climate change has happened throughout our planet's history and we're still here. The best hope for the planet is the next generation. Without it, the world and our species will be truly doomed.

"SHE'S GOING TO HAVE AN ABORTION ANYWAY, WE MIGHT AS WELL MAKE IT CONVENIENT."

- Murder is never convenient for the victim. Why stop at abortion? Perhaps we can make other crimes easier as well. This is bad reasoning of the first order. It's never been a wise choice for human societies to encourage bad behavior.

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