



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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July 5, 2020

IN GOD WE TRUST



ONLINE BULLETIN ONLY - NOT PRINTED

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

July 5, 2020

Please Note:

There will be
CONFESSIONS
outside the church
Every Saturday
8:30am-9:00am
LIVE streaming
MASSES on
Facebook/Website

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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: You are welcome to attend 8:00am Daily Mass in the Parish Life Center. Weekend Holy Masses with a congregation present continues 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, JULY 6

- 8:00 AM † Rory O'Riordan by Mary Dowling

TUESDAY, JULY 7

- 8:00 AM † Jean Castaldi by Janet & Dorothy Brandon

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

- † MaryAnne Czerlinsky by Margaret & Henry Cassi

THURSDAY, JULY 9

- 8:00 AM † Cira Golins by her daughter, Carolina

FRIDAY, JULY 10

- 8:00 AM † Arthur Bingcang by Pete & Josie Nuqui

SATURDAY, JULY 11

- 8:00 AM † Marilou Mercado by Tom & Joanne Bresnan
- 4:00 PM † Ann A. Kibelbek by her husband, Joseph
- 8:00 PM † Joseph - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, JULY 12

- 7:15 AM ♥ Mary Anne Patalano by Tina McKendall
- 9:15 AM † Charlie Mottram by his family
- 11:15 AM † Christian McCarthy by Curtis & Holly Atkins
- 1:30 PM † Vin & Pat Capuano by the family

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.

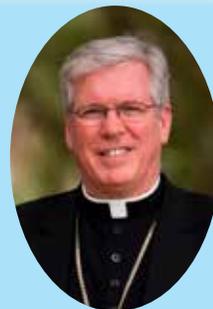
JULY 12, 2020 - READINGS

- 1ST READING IS 55:10-11
- 2ND READING ROM 8:18-23
- GOSPEL MT 13:1-23 OR 13:1-9

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP DEWANE

The dispensation given to all the Faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will remain in effect until **September 1, 2020**. At that time, it will be reevaluated.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Bishop Frank J. Dewane



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Celebrating INDEPENDENCE Day

AS A CHRISTIAN

by: **Nick Rabiipour - The Catholic Company**

July 4th is the national celebration of our Nation's independence. As we celebrate let us remember to pray that God will strengthen and bless America and make our nation a haven of liberty and justice for all - born and unborn.

How are we as Catholic Christians and Americans supposed to celebrate this great day? John Adams, one of the Founding Fathers of our country, wrote this about how to celebrate the fourth of July:

"It ought to be commemorated as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with parades, picnics food, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and fireworks from one end of this continent to the other from this time forward forever more."

Well, let's see how we're doing in celebrating the fourth of July the way one of the greatest Founders envisioned. Parades? Check. Picnic? Check. Sports? Backyard games count, right? Check. Bonfires? Check. Fireworks? Double check. Solemn Acts of Devotions to God Almighty? Um . . . I don't know about you, but I don't typically live up to that calling on the Fourth of July.

But, John Adams set an example for us. After everything's said and done, we owe God more than anyone else for what occurred 242 years ago. In fact, the most famous part of the Declaration of Independence explicitly points to God as the source of our freedom:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

There are many ways to honor God on this special day. Perhaps you can read a passage from the Catholic Bible with your family to kick off the festivities, or pray a family rosary with the special intention for our political leaders and our country's future.

Not our parents, or politicians, or government, are the source of our most important rights. Only God. As the source of our rights, He deserves the highest praise, honor, and glory on Independence Day and every day.



WISHING YOU A BLESSED
Independence Day

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

- 1 JOHN 3:16

INDEPENDENCE

PRAYER

July 4th, 2020

*God of justice and truth, we ask
your blessing on our nation.*

*Thank you for the freedoms we
enjoy, especially those we take
for granted.*

*Thank you for the diversity
of our people and enlarge our
capacity for tolerance and
mutual respect.*

*As we celebrate our
independence as a sovereign
nation, may we also celebrate
our independence.*

*Make us mindful of the blessings
of our rich and abundant land.*

*May your gracious Spirit inspire
us to work together to meet the
challenges of our times.*

*With all hope, faith, and trust
in you, we pray. 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
Linda Sayres
Richard Butler
Patty Heilman Normile
Patty Ruth
Michael Smith
Mike Foy

Lynn Graper Bowman
Henry Ramirez
Evelyn Williams
Bill Barrett
Scott Geiger
Jennifer Jackson
Doug Rizzi
Jim & Diane Wittenauer
Frank Carroll
Mary Ellen Walker
Susan MacDonald
Lucy Rose Dommoyer
Debra Santos
Meaghan Onofrey
Bill Acini
Kathleen Nelson
Maria Josephson
Eileen Maguire

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 eprayer.stjohn23@gmail.com

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!*

**Betty Schmitt
Cassandra Miller**



Tabernacle Candle

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



CREDIT CARD POLICY:

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

Thank You!



WATCH ON FACEBOOK

DAILY MASS

8:00am Monday - Saturday

SATURDAY, JULY 4

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

SUNDAY, JULY 5

- 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



ELECTRONIC GIVING

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

WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Charles & Monica Weber
- Frank & Judith Savino
- Mark & Jennifer Hathaway
- Reuben & Jennifer Ortiz

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

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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

FAITH YOU GOTTA HAVE

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 taking the first step even when you can't see the whole staircase.

ADULT FAITH

Education

ALL IN-PERSON CLASSES
ARE POSTPONED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE

Keep in TOUCH with your *Faith* ONLINE:

OPENING THE WORD

YOUR JOURNEY INTO
THE SUNDAY READINGS

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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YOUNG ADULT & YOUTH Ministries

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 Opportunitites

- We need ADULT small group leaders.



DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Youth SPOTLIGHT

We are proud to acknowledge **Fabricio Bravo** and his commitment to the parish. We will be awarding him with a *Disciples of Christ* award through the Diocese. *Fabi* also earned a scholarship for his work in the Usher Ministry.



Why is your Catholic faith important to you?

Since I was a little boy, I learned to pray to God, and through the years I learned that nothing is possible without His help. My faith is important because it helps get me through life knowing that God is by my side.

What do you like most about St. John XXIII parish?

I feel wonderful being part of this great parish. There are two things that I love the most: One is Father Bob's homilies and the other is the kids. Father Bob's homilies are wonderful and always have such a powerful meaning. It's always interesting to listen to what he has to say. The best thing about summer is VBS because I get to be a leader to the kids. I love talking to them and teaching them new things. They're so funny and sweet. Kids are the reason why I smile all the time.

What does it mean to you, to be a Disciple of Christ?

Being a Disciple of Christ is to be a follower of Him, by putting His Word in action, like serving and helping in our community; praying for others. It's to live the way Christ taught us to do live.



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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!
- **Follow us on Instagram:** St. John XXIII is now on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/stjohnxxiiichurch/>
- **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!
- **Low Gluten Hosts:** If you are interested in receiving low gluten hosts at Mass, then please go to the Sacristy before Mass starts to make your request with a Sacristan.
- **Non-Perishable Donations:** Please consider donating items to St. Martin DePorres or The St. John XXIII Villas to help people in need during this pandemic.
- **St. Luke Adoration Chapel:** The Chapel remains CLOSED. We will keep you updated with any changes. For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry visit: <https://johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/>
- **Thrift Store Open:** Monday-Saturday from 10am-4pm. Please consider purchasing home furnishings and furniture at our Thrift Store. Many items are 50% off through the end of June. 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
- **Yarn Needed:** The Craftie Ladies appreciate all your generous donations in the past, and now we are in need of more yarn for projects. You may drop off the donations in the church Narthex. Thank you in helping us do for others.
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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHAPEL

OPEN WEEKLY
for Silent PRAYER
and MEDITATION
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**

NEW PROCEDURE FOR MASS CARDS IN 2021



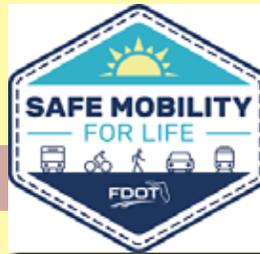
We are no longer able to “hold the date” for Masses. Your donation must accompany your request.

The Mass Book for January through June 2021 will open on July 1, 2020. There is a limit of 4 Masses per year, 2 weekend Masses and 2 daily Masses.

This policy will also apply when requesting the Tabernacle Candle.



www.FindaRideFlorida.org



FindaRideFlorida.org helps older adults stay safe and mobile for life. The Florida Department of Transportation’s Safe Mobility for Life Program partnered with the University of Florida, Institute for Mobility, Activity and Participation, partnered to launch this online listing of transportation service providers throughout all of the state’s 67 counties.

Older adults looking for transportation options beyond their driver’s seat, can take advantage of Florida’s new and improved statewide resource. Users can visit FindaRideFlorida.org to enter where they would like to start and end their trip, then click on “Find a Ride,” and the site will populate a list of transportation service providers that can take them where they want to go. The list appears in alphabetical order and contact information is provided.

FindaRideFlorida.org is helping adults to stay safe and mobile for life.

Find a Ride with Us!

For more information contact:
Helen Tuffy: helengtuffy@gmail.com



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Online Giving



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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





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Weekly Financials



	6-28-20	6-30-19	Difference
Offertory	\$12,982.00	\$21,416.40	\$8,434.40
Building Fund	\$2,880.00	\$2,752.00	\$128.00
Total	\$15,862.00	\$24,168.40	\$8,306.40
Mass Attendance	948	2609	
Registered Families	3641	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	\$330,829.25
% of Goal	67.24%
% of Households	18.73%
Payments	\$272,792.35

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



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.

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.

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

VOLUNTEER

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES is always in need of volunteers to assist on various work projects for their facility located at **4711 Palm Beach Boulevard in Ft. Myers.**

If you possess any of the following skills, then please consider giving a helping hand.

- Roofing
- Plumbing
- Pest Control
- Painters
- Electrical
- General Contractor

*“What are YOU
Doing for Others”*

Martin Luther King, Jr.

If you are interested in helping, then please contact their office at **(239) 693-4711**

You can make a difference in someone’s life. It all starts with just one helping hand!

For more information about St. Martin de Porres’ history, success and news, visit their website at: **www.stmartindeporresministry.org**

Your Help is a Blessing

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS

2020

JULY: OUR FAMILIES

We pray that today’s families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

For more information:

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



RESPECT LIFE

CONTACT US:

The Respect Life Ministry is open to all who are interested in learning about LIFE issues from conception to natural death. If you would like to be kept up to date please join our email list at at: **respectlifejohn23@gmail.com**

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Thinking about joining the Catholic Church but feel a little lost?

The RCIA Inquiry is the starting place for adults who are thinking about entering the Catholic Church.

For questions, please contact:

Ginny Whelan call or text **(239) 634-3239** or email **vwhelan99@gmail.com**

Let's Fill the Cross

ST. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church

St. Patrick's Patio Garden

**PURCHASE
A MEMORIAL
PAVER FOR:**

Birthdays
Family Name
Anniversaries
Special Occasions

Pavers make a nice gift!

AVAILABILITY:

Brick Size (186)
Square 12x12 (122)

For More Information
E-mail the Parish Office:
info@johnxxiii.net

St. Patrick's Patio Garden Order Form

**The 12"X12"
paver \$350.00**

**The 4"X8"
paver \$125.00**

Your Name _____
Address or PO Box _____
Unit/Apt # _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____ Email Address _____

If one or more of the pavers is a gift from you, we will send a notification letter to the person of your choice. Please fill out the following for your gift:

Name _____
Address or PO Box _____
Unit/Apt # _____
City/State/Zip _____

Paver # : _____
(Attach information for additional notification cards, on a separate piece of paper.)

I would like to pay by:

Cash Check
 Credit Card Visa # _____ Exp. _____
Master Card # _____ Exp. _____

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.

Sample

Line 1 | T | H | E
Line 2 | C | L | A | R | K | ' | S

Paver #1

Line 1 | _____
Line 2 | _____

Paver #2

Line 1 | _____
Line 2 | _____

Paver #3

Line 1 | _____
Line 2 | _____

The 4" x 8" pavers will border a cross of 12" x 12" pavers.

Quantity of 4" x 8" _____ X \$125 = _____

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

Total _____

All pavers will have an engraved cross above the character lines.



4th of July FUN FACTS

- Only John Hancock actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. All the others signed later.
- The White House held its first 4th of July party in 1801.
- Congress made Independence Day an official unpaid holiday for federal employees in 1870. In 1938, Congress changed Independence Day to a paid federal holiday.
- The stars on the original American flag were in a circle so all the Colonies would appear equal.
- Benjamin Franklin proposed the turkey as the national bird but was overruled by John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, who recommended the bald eagle.
- Every 4th of July the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia is tapped (not actually rung) 13 times in honor of the original 13 colonies.
- Approximately 150 million hot dogs and 700 million pounds of chicken are consumed on this day.
- In 2012, vast majority of imported U.S. flags (\$3.6 million) was made in China.
- Fireworks are a tradition of celebrating our national holiday. The U.S. imported \$227.3 million worth of fireworks from China in 2012. U.S. exports of fireworks, by comparison, came to just \$11.7 million in 2012, with Israel purchasing more than any other country (\$2.5 million)
- In 1776, there were 2.5 million people living in the new nation. Today the population of the U.S.A. is 316 million

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. This is an opportunity for you to memorialize a loved one for **\$5,000** each. **(14 TOTAL)**

For more information please contact **Holly Atkins** at **(239) 561-2245**

SIX STATIONS have already been memorialized! Please inquire on availability.



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



Meaning of: *Flag Draped Coffin*

All Americans should be given this lesson. Those who think that America is an arrogant nation should really reconsider that thought. Our founding fathers used GOD's word and teachings to establish our Great Nation and it is high time Americans get re-educated about our Nation's history.

Be proud of the country we live in and even more proud of those who serve to protect our "GOD GIVEN" rights and freedoms.

Take the time to read this. To understand what the flag draped coffin really means when the flag is laid upon it and is surrendered to so many widows and widowers.

Do you know that at military funerals the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies but here is its significance:

THE 1ST FOLD of the flag is a symbol of life.

THE 2ND FOLD is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.

THE 3RD FOLD is made in honor and tribute of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace.

THE 4TH FOLD exemplifies our weaker nature as citizens trusting in God; it is to Him we turn for His divine guidance.

THE 5TH FOLD is an acknowledgment to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."

THE 6TH FOLD is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE 7TH FOLD is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies.

THE 8TH FOLD is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

THE 9TH FOLD is an honor to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty, and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

THE 10TH FOLD is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first-born.

THE 11TH FOLD represents in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

THE 12TH FOLD represents in the eyes of a Christian citizen, an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE 13TH FOLD or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their nations motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.

May God protect us always. One Nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all!



Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

Prayer for Safety During Hurricane Season: All are encouraged to pray for protection from the storms that often threaten Southwest Florida. The devastation of recent hurricanes reinforce the fact that we need to pray for God's protection and care.

Do You Need Help? If you need assistance from Catholic Charities for food, financial assistance or tele-mental health counseling, please call the number for your area listed below between the hours of 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday:

- Sarasota/Manatee/DeSoto/Hardee/Highlands Counties: (844) 385-2407
- Charlotte/Lee/Hendry/Glades Counties: (844) 385-2423
- Collier County: (844) 385-240

Help Your Parish: Parishes face increased risk of financial shortfalls due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and its effects on everyday life. Please prayerfully consider an online donation to your parish by visiting <https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/parish-donations-online/>

Catholic Charities Support: Financial support is needed during its response to the COVID-19 pandemic. To help, please visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org/donate or send a check to: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice Inc., 5824 Bee Ridge Road, PMB 409, Sarasota, FL 34233-5065

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)

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

Lee County Sheriff's Office SAFETY & SECURITY TIPS:

Are you Aware?



DEBIT CARD DANGER ZONES

Would you knowingly allow a stranger to have access to your bank account? It may seem like a silly question, but if you are using your debit card instead of your credit card to make purchases at risky locations, this is exactly what can happen. Although the two cards may look alike, their transactions are very different as purchases made with a debit card withdraw cash from your bank account, while credit card purchases use a line of credit extended to you by the issuing bank.

No matter which card you choose to use, the Lee County Sheriff's Office recommends that you never use your debit card at the following locations:

- **Outdoor Automated Teller Machines (ATM):** present a perfect opportunity for thieves to skim your debit card with devices that are placed over the real card slots or inserted into the machine. These skimmers capture information on the card's magnetic strip and are often hard to spot. Tip: Use an ATM located inside a retail outlet, banking institution or other high-trafficked, well-lit place.
- **Gas Stations:** While pretending to get gas, a fraudster can install a skimmer on a pump in just a few seconds. Pump skimming is popular with thieves because these skimmers can capture hundreds of card numbers in just one day. Tip: Use cash or credit card when filling up; however, if you must pay with your debit card, go inside the gas station and pay the cashier.
- **Online Purchases:** Just because you can order online with a debit card does not mean you should. Data breaches and malware can leave your bank account vulnerable to intrusion. Tip: For better protection and less risk against unauthorized transactions, use only a credit card for internet purchases.
- **Restaurants:** Anytime your debit card leaves your hands, fraud is possible. Restaurants, delivery orders placed over the phone, and merchants who do not take the necessary steps to safeguard your payment information can be problematic for consumers. Tip: Using a credit card or cash is the best way to keep unscrupulous employees from emptying out your bank account.

For more information, report a fraud or scam, to request a Crime Prevention Specialist to speak to members of your community, business, or organization, call the Sheriff's Office fraud line at 239-258-3280



Catholic Charities Offers **Free** Mental Health Counseling!

We are now actively providing **Free** Youth Tele-Mental Health Counseling Services.

Are your children:

- struggling with anxiety
- showing changed behavior
- feeling depressed

If you need help, please call to speak with Catholic Charities staff for support.

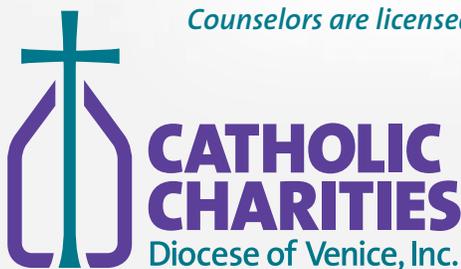
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Collier County: 844-385-2404

Counselors are licensed with 5 years of experience.



www.catholiccharitiesdov.org

**We are a licensed HIPAA compliant agency*

