



# ST. JOHN XXIII

## Catholic Church

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**September 20, 2020**

## SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

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Support  
Hope  
Faith*

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

**September 20, 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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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

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**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:**

A priest is on call 7 days a week,  
24hrs a day for these hospitals:  
**Health Park - St. Columbkille  
Church** 239-489-3973

**Lee Memorial - St. Francis**

**Xavier Church** 239-334-2161

**Gulf Coast - St. John XXIII**

239-561-2245

**RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT:**

You are encouraged to receive  
the Sacrament of the Sick before  
being admitted to a facility.

**St. Columbkille - Hope Hospice**

239-489-3973

9470 Health Park Circle,

Ft. Myers, FL

**St. Raphael - Lehigh Acres**

**Health & Rehab Center**

239-369-2194

1550 Lee Blvd, Lehigh Acres, FL

**Hope Hospice** 239-369-1831

1201 Wings Way, Lehigh Acres, FL

**St. Leo - Hope Hospice**

239-992-0901

27200 Imperial Pkwy,

Bonita Springs, FL

**St. Vincent de Paul - Select**

2073 Lafayette St. Ft. Myers

239-693-0818

*The Mission of St. John XXIII Catholic Church is to actively engage all those who desire to more fully accept and live out the message of Christ, welcoming and respecting all people regardless of background, history, race or color, as we strive to nurture spiritual growth and personal holiness on our journey to become more responsible stewards of God's gifts.*

*Mass Intentions*

PLEASE NOTE: You are welcome to attend 8:00am Daily Mass in Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel. 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, SEPTEMBER 21**

- 8:00 AM † Tinie Vriezolk by Ted & Mickey Veenhuis

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

- 8:00 AM † Dori Hudak by Pat & Steve Lane

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

- 8:00 AM † Josephine Villa by Judy & Paul Cook

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

- 8:00 AM † Patricia Logan by Tony & Carol Ciavarelli

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

- 8:00 AM † Joseph Holmes by Patricia Pasden

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

- 8:00 AM † Louis & Lucille DiZiglio by Bill & Barbara
- 4:00 PM † Josephine Calabretta by Stella McCaffrey
- 8:00 PM - Vietnamese Mass

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

- 7:15 AM ♥ Victor & Matt Gagnon by their family
- 9:15 AM † Paul deLaPorte by Eileen & Bob Maguire
- 11:15 AM † Jon Kielmeier by the St. John XXIII Pastoral Team
- 1:30 PM - Spanish Mass

**THE 2021 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN FOR JANUARY-JUNE**

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.

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 - READINGS**

- 1ST READING Ezekiel 18:25-28
- PSALM Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
- 2ND READING Philippians 2:1-11
- GOSPEL Matthew 21:28-32

**WE HAVE A WONDERFUL**

**Surprise**

*from a Generous Donor!*

**DETAILS COMING NEXT WEEK**

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# SEPTEMBER SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

by: **Joanne Halt M.A. NAMI FaithNet**

Our mind is only as healthy as our brain. Like other organs, our brain can get hurt from head trauma, ingesting harmful substances and not practicing healthy brain habits. When we have the genetic set-up, the brain can also malfunction when we experience too much environmental stress. This month we are asked to focus on suicide and how each of us can help decrease this ever growing health issue. Suicide happens in 98% of the cases due to an undiagnosed or undertreated brain disorder. Less than one third of adults and one half of children receive treatment. Suicides in American youth have increased by 73% from 1991 to 2017. It is now the second leading cause of death in 15-24 year olds and the third leading cause of death for 10-24 year olds. The moral injury of fighting a war on top of brain trauma by IED injuries results in 18-22 veteran suicides per day. We put a lot of effort into knowing the signs of cancer so we can catch it at stage 1. What if we were that diligent about catching mental health disorders at stage 1? How many lives might be saved?

Speaking up is something each of us can do. If you sense that a family member or friend is depressed, ask the question:

*“Sometimes people going through a rough time find they have so much emotional pain, that they think it would be wonderful to go to sleep and never wake up again. Have you thought that too?” Or be more direct and ask: “Sometimes emotional pain is so intense, it’s easy to think that suicide would solve the problem. Has this crossed your mind, even for a second?” If your friend answers “yes”, say “Thank you” right away because s/he trusted you. “I’m on your side and want to help you overcome this because I don’t want you to die. Let’s check some things out. My guess is that you wouldn’t consider this option if you felt less miserable.”*

The National Suicide Hotline is **800-273-8255** and our local Mobile Crisis Unit is **888-395-4432**

## Join Us - September 26th

Our Journey to Hope Family Support Group will be walking **September 26 after the 4pm Mass** around the perimeter of the parish grounds to the Memorial Garden weather permitting leaving from the courtyard door. In years past we have done the NAMIWalks fundraiser on this date with great parish support. We will socially distance and wear masks and water will be supplied. We walk in solidarity with the one out of five of us who lives with a brain disorder. Please put on your walking shoes and join us.



**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 their personal appearance.
- Dangerous/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 crises 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: 50% to 75% of those considering suicide will give someone a warning sign. However, not everyone will say so, or will follow through with it. Every threat of suicide should be taken seriously.



**NATIONAL LIFELINE**  
**SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE**  
 1-800-273-TALK (8255)  
 suicidepreventionlifeline.org

## Prayer List

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

Elaine Quan	Liane Paul
Ryan Novajasky	Skip Vandover
Lynne Haughey	Arthur Senegal
Carol Clausen	Jim Heron
Marlene LaRose	Barbara Shay
Erika Arquilla Hlavacek	Gregg Evans
Jeff Hlavacek	Henry Martinez
Gary Neubauer	Bill Becker
Tom Biedak	Carlos Martinez
Curtis Atkins	Fr. Ed Przygocki
Eileen Maguire	Kevin Natella
Robert Jarlenski	Marilyn Kelley
Linda Hill	Dan Pieper
Kathleen Nelson	James Heaney
Andrea Ledhardy	Steven Dakin
Deacon Francis Head	Neil Soeder
Angela Blinkiewicz	Gene Damm

**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 [epayer.stjohn23@gmail.com](mailto:epayer.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!*

**Diane Wittenauer**  
**Raymond Kugelmann**  
**Brian Burg**



### Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Albert J. Gibbs**  
 Requested by: **Loretta Gibbs**



### **DOWNLOAD OUR PARISH APP:**

[myparishapp.com](http://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, SEPTEMBER 19

- 4:00pm with Fr. Angelo
- 8:00pm Vietnamese Mass

<https://www.facebook.com/fort.myers.5454>

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 11:15am with Saji
- 1:30pm Spanish Mass

<https://www.facebook.com/ministeriohispano.sanjuan.1>



### WATCH AT HOME:

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

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



PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING YOUR

## Online Gift



<https://johnxxiii.net/giving/>

## WELCOME

### *New Parishioners*

- William & Carolina Gaitan
- Brandon & Jacqueline Pannone
- Carmen Torres Guzman
- Felix Ascona & Janet Diaz

Those who are new to our Parish this year, and those who've been coming for years without being registered, we need your help in staying organized and planning for our future needs. Having an accurate database of our parishioners will help us know where and how we need to grow. Thank you to everyone who registered with our Parish. If you have not received a welcome letter, please call the Parish Office to confirm your registration. All new parishioners, and those interested in registering in our parish, are invited to attend the **New Parishioner Orientation on Sunday, September 27th after the 11:15am Mass.**

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](http://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  
 Lt. Col. Mike Garry, US Army  
 82nd ABN



## Faith Formation

Contact **Chris Biel** | 561-7499 | [chrisdre@johnxxiii.net](mailto:chrisdre@johnxxiii.net)

Registration for Faith Formation Classes can be found on our website at [www.johnxxiii.net](http://www.johnxxiii.net)

In 2020, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 20, 2020, under the theme of "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you." On this day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to the community. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. A commissioning will take place at the 11:15am Mass.

### 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 seeing light in your heart when all your eyes can see is darkness.*

## ADULT FAITH

### Education

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 **Linda Stanley** at: [lindastanley.ls@gmail.com](mailto:lindastanley.ls@gmail.com) for more information.

#### JOIN US ONLINE



### Bible Study



## Revelation

*The Kingdom Yet to Come*



JEFF CAVINS and THOMAS SMITH

Perhaps no book in the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. Yet relatively few people have studied the book, especially from a Catholic perspective.

We will meet on Zoom, Tuesdays from **6:30-8pm through November 17**

To join our study, go to [ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com) and sign in or sign up (if you don't have an account). On your Menu dropdown select **Join a Study**, and select St. John XXIII and order your workbook.

#### CONTACT:

Edith Trafford - [lancith@aol.com](mailto:lancith@aol.com)



Coordinator of Youth Ministries 561-3022 xt 107  
Contact **Kelly Evers** | [kelly@johnxxiii.net](mailto: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.

- **EVENT CANCELLED:** Thursday, October 1  
Mystery Murder Event



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

### Confirmation Program

- **September 27** is the Baptismal Retreat. The celebration and retreat will be offered in person or home viewing. Please email Kelly to verify how your family will attend.

### High School Youth Group

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

- **REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED.** The sessions will take place on the Zoom app. Please email Kelly for invitation link.
- **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20:** True Friendship presented by Mr. A (aka Ryan Arciero)

### Middle School Youth Group

#### **MSYG Sessions** - Wednesdays 6pm to 7:15pm

- **REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED** at this time. We will host this program on **Wednesday evenings at 6pm** via the Zoom app. Please check the website under the education tab in the Middle school Youth ministry for more information and email Kelly for link to the Zoom invitation.
- **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23:** 7 Gifts of Love, the Sacraments

### Volunteer Opportunitites

- For at home Youth Volunteer Opportunitites please email Kelly Evers



# 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.

### **INTERESTED IN MEETINGS?**

For those who are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church or who are thinking about becoming Catholic, we have started Zoom meetings. All our welcome!

For more information, please call or text **GINNY WHELAN** at (239) 634-3239 or email: [vwhelan99@gmail.com](mailto:vwhelan99@gmail.com)



## *Join Us!*

### **INQUIRY ZOOM MEETINGS:**

**WEDNESDAY - 7:30PM**

**Sept. 23:** Sacraments of the Catholic Church, Historical Roots and Traditions

**Sept. 30:** God's Revelation: Human Beings are Created "In the Image of God"

**Oct. 7:** Catholic Practices: Signs of the Cross





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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](http://johnxxiii.podbean.com)
- **Like our Facebook Page:** For all the latest happenings, search "St. John XXIII Catholic Church" and "like" our page.
- **Our Weekly Newsletter:** Visit our website, [johnxxiii.net](http://johnxxiii.net), scroll down to "Stay Connected" and enter your email address.
- **Download Our Parish App:** Download our app today at [myparishapp.com](http://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/>
- **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.
- **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. If you wish 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 on behalf of St. John XXIII, please email [holly@johnxxiii.net](mailto: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.
- **Thrift Store:** Open Monday-Saturday from 10am-4pm. Please consider purchasing home furnishings and furniture at our Thrift Store. Email questions to: [thrift@johnxxiii.net](mailto:thrift@johnxxiii.net)
- **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](mailto:holdenbnd@gmail.com) or call Dick at (239) 463-3993
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## WEEKLY Confession

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



## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHAPEL



8:00am DAILY MASS  
**MONDAY - SATURDAY**

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

## Adoration Chapel

The St. Luke Adoration Chapel is OPEN REGULAR HOURS! Please wear a mask, use sanitizer and social distance.

**MONDAY - FRIDAY: 8:30am-4pm**  
**SATURDAY: 8:30am-3pm**

For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry please visit:

[johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/](http://johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/)

# October HAPPENINGS

## Rosary Walk Dedication

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

After the 11:15am Mass



## Rosary at the Walk

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

After the 8:00am Mass

We have a wonderful donor that wants to remain anonymous. This donor has great faith and devotion to the Blessed Mother and to praying the Rosary. They want to help pass on that faith to us and the generations that will come after us. A Rosary walk has been installed and wraps around our Adoration Chapel. Our Blessed Mother wraps her love around her Son present in the Eucharist and leads us all to be closer to Jesus.

## Blessing of the Pets

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

St. Patrick's Patio - 10:00am

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the Blessing of Pets will take place on the St. Patrick's Patio. Please make sure your furry loved ones are on a leash or caged and don't forget a baggie in case of an accident!

*Masks are REQUIRED.*



## Rosary Rally Crusade

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Memorial Garden - 12:00pm

Please join the St. John XXIII Women's Guild for much needed public prayer, repentance and conversion for our nation. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. The rally will take place at the St. John XXIII Memorial Garden. For more information, contact: **Joann Bernstein** at (503) 939-8659

*Masks are REQUIRED. Drinks and Chairs are OPTIONAL.*



## Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 24

EVENT CANCELLED



## Hispanic Ministry ANNOUNCEMENTS



El Ministerio Hispano te invita a participar todos los domingos de nuestras misas en la iglesia. Además, la misa se transmite a través de Facebook Live. El link es:

[www.facebook.com/ministeriohispano.sanjuan.1](http://www.facebook.com/ministeriohispano.sanjuan.1)

### Misas en Español

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

### Rezo del Santo Rosario

(Antes de la misa los domingos)

- Lugar: Iglesia Católica St. John XXIII
- Hora: 12:50pm
- Fecha: Todos los domingos del mes.

### Rezo del Santo Rosario (Via Zoom)

- Lugar: Video conferencia a través de Zoom
- Hora: 6:00pm
- Fecha: Todos los martes del mes.

### Charlas pre Bautismales

- Lugar: Iglesia Católica St. John XXIII
- Hora: 10:00am
- Fecha: Todos primeros sabados del mes.

NOTA: Registrarse previamente enviando un email al correo: [comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net](mailto:comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net)

### Contactanos

- Para más información sobre el link del rezo del Santo Rosario vía Zoom o preguntas relacionado al ministerio hispano, por favor dejarnos saber al correo [comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net](mailto:comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net)
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# Online Giving

# CHALLENGE



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Registration

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\$100  
Matching Gift  
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**IMPACT!**

For the MONTH OF OCTOBER, we are excited to announce a Gift Fund Challenge dedicated to promote Online Giving! A team of anonymous donors have generously offered to contribute \$100 to our parish Catholic Faith Appeal for every NEW Recurring registration.

- Online Giving is the Easy Way to Support your Church!
- Parishioners DO NOT have to Bring Envelopes to Mass.
- May Receive Points on Credit Cards.
- Manage Your own Donations and Print your Statements.

## This is an EXCITING OPPORTUNITY!

You can give to the Catholic Faith Appeal through our Diocese or to our parish offertory. If you are interested in participating as a donor to the Online Giving Challenge, visit:

<https://johnxxiii.net/giving/>





## Weekly Financials



	9-13-20	9-15-19	Difference
Offertory	\$14,801.00	\$22,336.00	(\$7,535.00)
Building Fund	\$1,409.00	\$4,111.00	(\$2,702.00)
Total	\$16,210.00	\$26,447.00	(\$10,237.00)
Mass Attendance	1083	2656	
Registered Families	3614	3730	

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	\$401,940.18
% of Goal	81.70%
% of Households	20.93%
Payments	\$362,412.08

## 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](mailto:holly@johnxxiii.net)**



## CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL



**The Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA)** is an annual opportunity for every member of our Faith family to support the life-changing work and outreach programs of the Diocese of Venice. The programs and services assisted by the CFA, make a meaningful impact on the lives of individuals, families and communities. By supporting the CFA, you share in the work of Christ and the grace of Catholic discipleship. Remember, ***"The generous will be blessed, for they share ... with the poor"*** (Proverbs 22:9).

### GIFT SUGGESTIONS:

- **CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD** can be used for a one-time gift or a monthly amount. Please visit [www.dioceseofvenice.org](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org) and click on Catholic Faith Appeal Donate Now.
- **CHECK** made payable to Catholic Faith Appeal with St John XXIII in the memo can be placed in the white envelopes in the Narthex and the donation will be sent to the Catholic Faith Appeal.
- **GIFT OF SECURITIES** - Federal tax laws allow a charitable deduction for the full market value of the appreciated securities on the date of your gift.
- **IRA** - In 2020 the law changed, requiring those 72 years and older to begin taking a required minimum distribution (RMD) from their individual retirement account (IRA). However, only those who will turn 70½ (born on or after July 1, 1949) in 2020 or later may wait until age 72 to begin taking required distributions. If you are currently receiving RMDs (or should be) because you are over age 70½, you must continue taking these RMDs. For traditional accounts this income is taxable! To avoid paying taxes on this income while also meeting the obligation of the RMD, you may designate the distribution as a gift directly from the IRA custodian to the CFA. You can donate up to \$100,000 and married couples can donate up to \$200,000 if the spouse has a separate IRA.

## HOW TO PRAY

### THE ROSARY

- Hold the crucifix, make the Sign of the Cross and then recite the Apostles' Creed.
- Recite the Our Father on the first large bead.
- Recite a Hail Mary for an increase of faith, hope and charity on each of the three small beads.
- Recite the Glory Be to the Father and the Fatima Prayer on the chain/cord.
- Recall the first Rosary Mystery and recite the Our Father on the large bead.
- On each of the adjacent ten small beads (also referred to as a decade, recite a Hail Mary while reflecting on the mystery.
- On the chain/cord, recite the Glory Be to the Father and the Fatima Prayer.



Each succeeding decade is prayed in a similar manner by recalling the appropriate mystery, reciting the Our Father, then Hail Marys, the Glory Be to the Father, and the Fatima Prayer while reflecting on the mystery.

When the fifth mystery is completed, the Rosary is completed, the Rosary is customarily concluded with the Hail Holy Queen and the Sign of the Cross.

# RESPECT LIFE

## WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED:

Our diocese is going to offer USCCB program called “**Walking with Moms in Need**”. It is designed to educate parishes about community resources for pregnant moms. If you would like more information please visit: [www.walkingwithmoms.com](http://www.walkingwithmoms.com)

## LUNCHEONS 4 LIFE:

Join us on **Wednesday October 14th** at the Holiday Inn Ft. Myers Airport at Town Center. Seating is limited! All luncheons are FREE. NO politics are allowed and ALL are welcome to hear timely and thought provoking speakers. Janine Marrone and Lisa Rowe speak on the topic: Reaching Women After Abortion, Current Research. Please RSVP via Eventbrite by October 10th. For questions or concerns, contact Bonnie LaVigne (239) 898-0687 or visit: [luncheons4lifeleecounty@gmail.com](mailto:luncheons4lifeleecounty@gmail.com)

## VIRTUAL CONFERENCE:

For the 34th year the Catholic Church in Florida is offering a conference on life issues, hosted by one of the seven dioceses. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the Diocese of Palm Beach is organizing a virtual conference to be held on **Saturday, October 24th**. This is a great opportunity for more people to participate from the comfort of their home, or even on the run via their cellphone, tablet or laptop. Since you will be providing your own meals, they are only asking for a \$25.00 donation per person to defray costs. Anyone who is not able to donate \$25.00 can watch anyway; no one will be turned away.

## FEDERAL EXECUTIONS:

Most are aware that the Federal government has resumed Federal executions due to many prisoners on death row who have committed heinous crimes. It is still a very difficult subject for many Catholics. To learn more please visit [www.catholicmobilizingnetwork.org](http://www.catholicmobilizingnetwork.org)

## 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](mailto:respectlifejohn23@gmail.com)

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**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

**ICSC Virtual Conference:** We welcome Cardinal Tobin to this year's ICSC Virtual Conference. "Encounter: Meeting Jesus on Higher Ground". The conference begins September 28th and extends to October 9th in your own living room! To register online, please visit: <https://catholicstewardship1.weshareonline.org/>

**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/>

**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](mailto:project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org) or visit: [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org)

**Novena of Masses for Life:** Participate in a Mass near you and pray for life! Visit [www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife) for the monthly schedule of Novena of Masses for Life.

**Treatment Center for Teens:** This treatment center is 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

**Witnessing the Faith:** Listen to Bishop Dewane on Relevant Florida Radio on Friday, September 25th at 8:30am. Listen anywhere at [RelevantRadio.com](http://RelevantRadio.com)

## Parish NURSING MINISTRY BOOKS BY MAIL

### CAN'T GET TO THE LIBRARY OR STORE TO GET A GOOD BOOK TO READ?

If you have a temporary or long-term physical condition or medical disability, the Books-by-Mail System through the Lee County Library System is a great solution.

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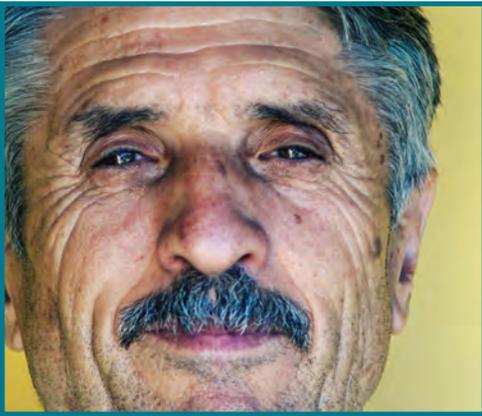
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If you need large print or audio books because of a visual or physical impairment, you can be certified by one of our Parish Nurses and you will be qualified for postage FREE DELIVERY. For more information, please call the parish office at **(239) 561-2245** and a Parish Nurse will return your call.

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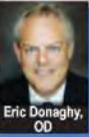
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