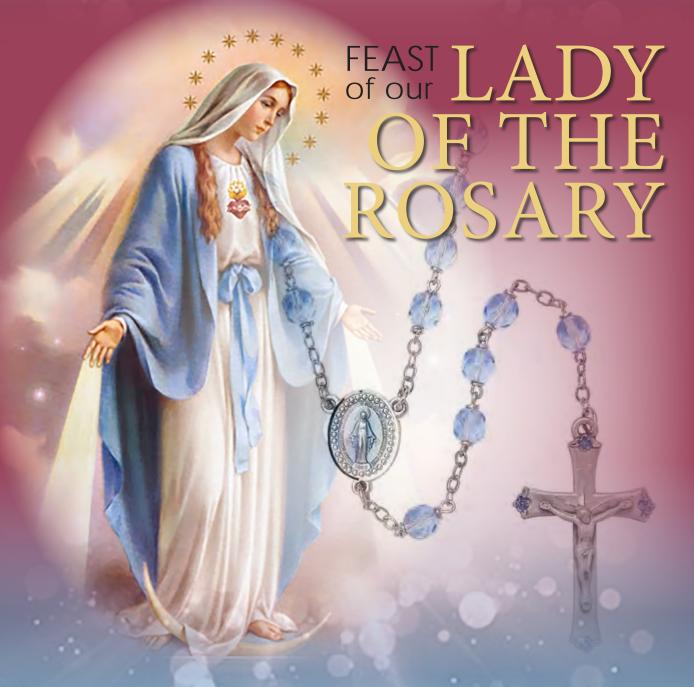


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October 4, 2020



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# 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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Fr. Simon Dao CRM

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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, OCTOBER 5

• 8:00 AM † Veronica Follo by Roy & Vilma Yates

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

• 8:00 AM † Roseamond Verruto by Claire & John

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

• 8:00 AM † Biagio & Elaine Dente by Emma Jean & Alan

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00 AM † George Leahy by Joe & Janice Ray

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

• 8:00 AM † John Kelly by Peggy & Frank Harmon

# SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 8:00 AM ♥ Francis Factora Happy Birthday from the Family
- 4:00 PM † Marie Gilmartin by Arlene & Vincent Felice
- 8:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

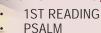
### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 7:15 AM † Douglas Martin by The Cortez Family
- 9:15 AM † Ron Norstrem by The SWFL Corvette Club
- 11:15 AM ♥ Paul & Virginia Lochner by Barbara Reilly
- 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.

# OCTOBER 10, 2020 - READINGS



2ND READING

• GOSPEL

Isaiah 25:6-10A Psalm 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6 Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14 OR 22:1-10

# 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 (239) 463-3993

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# of our LADY OF OHE THE ROSARY



by: Catholic News Agency

On October 7, the Roman Catholic Church celebrates the yearly feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Known for several centuries by the alternate title of "Our Lady of Victory," the feast day takes place in honor of a 16th century naval victory which secured Europe against Turkish invasion. Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was invoked on the day of the battle through a campaign to pray the Rosary throughout Europe.

The feast always occurs one week after the similar Byzantine celebration of the Protection of the Mother of God, which most Eastern Orthodox Christians and Eastern Catholics celebrate on October 1 in memory of a 10th-century military victory which protected Constantinople against invasion after a reported Marian apparition.

Pope Leo XIII was particularly devoted to Our Lady of the Rosary, producing 11 encyclicals on the subject of this feast and its importance in the course of his long pontificate.

In the first of them, 1883's "Supremi Apostolatus Officio," he echoed the words of the oldest known Marian prayer (known in the Latin tradition as the "Sub Tuum Praesidium"), when he wrote, "It has always been the habit of Catholics in danger and in troublous times to fly for refuge to Mary."

"This devotion, so great and so confident, to the august Queen of Heaven," Pope Leo continued, "has never shone forth with such brilliancy as when the militant Church of God has seemed to be endangered by the violence of heresy ... or by an intolerable moral corruption, or by the attacks of powerful enemies." Foremost among such "attacks" was the battle of Lepanto, a perilous and decisive moment in European and world history.

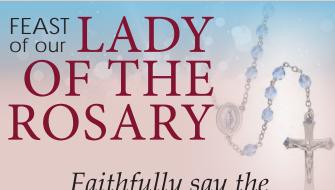
Troops of the Turkish Ottoman Empire had invaded and occupied the Byzantine empire by 1453, bringing a large portion of the increasingly divided Christian world under a version of Islamic law. For the next hundred years, the Turks expanded their empire westward on land, and asserted their naval power in the Mediterranean. In 1565 they attacked Malta, envisioning an eventual invasion of Rome. Though repelled at Malta, the Turks captured Cyprus in the fall of 1570.

The next year, three Catholic powers on the continent – Genoa, Spain, and the Papal States - formed an alliance called the Holy League, to defend their Christian civilization against Turkish invasion. Its fleets sailed to confront the Turks near the west coast of Greece on October 7, 1571.

Crew members on more than 200 ships prayed the Rosary in preparation for the battle - as did Christians throughout Europe, encouraged by the Pope to gather in their churches to invoke the Virgin Mary against the daunting Turkish forces.

Some accounts say that Pope Pius V was granted a miraculous vision of the Holy League's stunning victory. Without a doubt, the Pope understood the significance of the day's events, when he was eventually informed that all but 13 of the nearly 300 Turkish ships had been captured or sunk. He was moved to institute the feast now celebrated universally as Our Lady of the Rosary.

"Turkish victory at Lepanto would have been a catastrophe of the first magnitude for Christendom," wrote military historian John F. Guilmartin, Jr., "and Europe would have followed a historical trajectory strikingly different from that which obtained."



Faithfully say the Rosary everyday. Pray and offer sacrifices for all sinners.

I am Our Lady of the Rosary. Only I will be able to help you. In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph.



# 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 **Gary Neubauer Tom Biedak Curtis Atkins Andrea Ledhardy Deacon Francis Head Angela Blinkiewicz Liane Paul** Skip Vandover **Arthur Senegal** Jim Heron

**Barbara Shay Gregg Evans Henry Martinez Bill Becker Carlos Martinez** Fr. Ed Przygocki **Kevin Natella** Marilyn Kelley Dan Pieper James Heaney Steven Dakin **Neil Soeder Gene Damm** C. Tony Navy **Anthony Navy** Lou Rescineto **Nancy Wirick** 

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!



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!

Marion Lamone Anthony Santone



# Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: Biagio & Elaine Dente Requested by: The Dente Family



# **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, OCTOBER 3

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

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 11:15am with Fr. Simon
- 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



# WELCOME

# New Parishioners

- Patrick & April Emrich
- Jacie Stellick
- John & Stefanie Puccetti
- John & Debra Cabot

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. 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, November 15th after the 11:15am Mass.

This is your opportunity to become informed and active members of the parish. 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! <a href="https://www.johnxxiii.net">www.johnxxiii.net</a>

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

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# Faith Formation

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

# FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE:

# October:

**Faith Formation WEDNESDAY Classes** for the month of October will be held October 7 and October 21

Family Faith Formation 2020-2021 SUNDAY Class Schedule for October will be held Sunday October 4 from 10:30am-11:45am
PARENT/PARENTS AND CHILDREN MUST ATTEND.
Check your emails for more detailed information.

# 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.

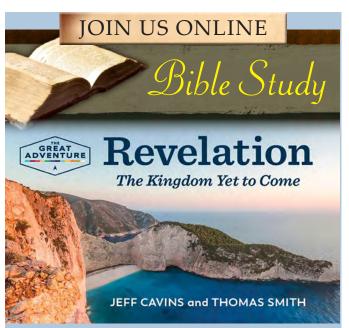
# **ADULT FAITH**

Education

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 **Linda Stanley** at: **lindastanley.ls@gmail.com** for more information.



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 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



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.

 EVENT CANCELLED: Thursday, November 5 Friendsgiving Dinner



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

# **Confirmation Program**

 October 25 is the the next Confirmation preparation class. Year 1 will be studying the Catholic Faith and our Creed. Year two will be working on how to choose a Saint name. Please watch your email for parent and sponsor at home discussion questions as well as in person and zoom offering choices.

# High School Youth Group

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

- REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED. All High school students are welcome and encouraged to attend. We hope to move this offering to an in-person ministry as soon as it is safe to do so. The sessions will be on the Zoom app. Please email Kelly for invitation link.
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11: NO SESSION

# 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, OCTOBER 7: The Power of Prayer

# Volunteer Opportunites

 For at home Youth Volunteer Opportunities please email Kelly Evers





# SPOTLIGHT

Samantha Lutz has been a tremendous help in youth ministry. Her dedication to the ministry and to the parish is a blessing. Samantha has given her time as a teen mentor, a counselor at Vacation Bible School, overnight retreats, and has volunteered at many church social events. She is in her second year of Confirmation study and will be confirmed this coming spring.



Why is your Catholic faith important to you? My faith is important because it lets me express my love for Jesus. I get to tell others about God and what He does for me daily. I also get to express myself through my religion and show others what it means to love and praise God even at your lowest times not only at the good times.

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

St. John is a family I love the welcoming feeling you receive when you walk into the church. Everyone is accepting and welcoming and they make sure you are doing alright not only your religion but you as a person. At the church everyone gathers like a family with the one intent to praise God.

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

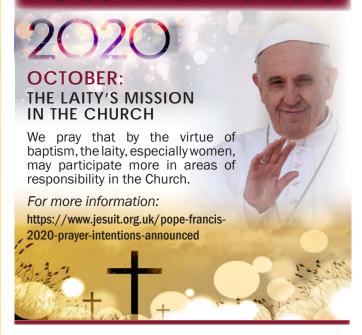
Disciple of Christ means to be welcoming to everyone in a way that is always ready to talk about God in any situation. You also show them not only that you are able to recite scriptures but to act like a Disciple of Christ and to show the love and acceptance God has shown you.



# **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, search "St. John XXIII Catholic Church" and "like" our page.
- Our Weekly Newsletter: Visit our website, johnxxiii.net, scroll down to "Stay Connected" and enter your email address.
- Download Our Parish App: 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/
- Daily Mass: 8:00am Mass has resumed Monday-Saturday in the Church. Please wear a mask, bring sanitizer and practice social distancing.
- 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 see a Sacristan to make a reuest.
- 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: Chapel Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-4pm & Saturday 8:30am-3pm. The Chapel will be open until 9pm every Friday during Lent. You can sign up to be an adorer by visiting the church website ministry tab or go directly to: https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/l/ enrollment/johnxxiii
- 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
- Yarn Needed: The Craftie Ladies appreciate all your generous donations in the past, and now we are in need of more yarn to make projects. You may drop off the donations in the church Narthex. Thank you in helping us do for others.
- 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
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# POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



# Information Websites

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

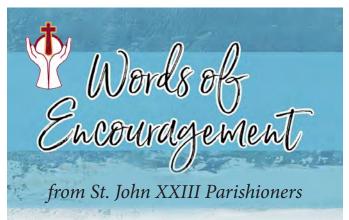
WHISPERS IN THE LOGGIA: whispersintheloggia.blogspot.com CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE www.catholicnews.com

**CRUX**: cruxnow.com

BISHOP BARRON: www.wordonfire.org

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





St. John XXIII parishioners have provided messages of faith, hope and encouragement. If you are interested in sharing a video on Facebook, contact **Jennifer Engelman** at **jennifer@johnxxiii.net** 

# 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 Masss

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.

# 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.

# No Bake - Bake Sale

St. John XXIII Women's Guild is asking for your help in a fundraiser to help fund the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for those in need. We normally have a bake sale to raise money but because of COVID we are unable to do so. Instead we are asking those who normally bake to donate the amount that it would cost them to make their items. Also, those who normally purchase items might donate what they would normally spend at the bake sale. Checks should be made out to St. John XXIII and on the envelope designate WG and put bake sale in memo line. Donations may be mailed to the office or put in an envelope and placed in the offertory as long as it is marked. Thank you for your help!

# **Trunk or Treat**

Saturday, October 24
EVENT CANCELLED



# Hispanic Ministry ANNOUNCEMENTS

# 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

# 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

 Visítenos en www.facebook.com/ ministeriohispano.sanjuan.1



# INQUIRY ZOOM MEETINGS: WEDNESDAY - 7:30PM

Oct. 7: Practices: Signs of the Cross

Oct. 14: Prayer Conversation with God

Oct. 21: Sacred Teaching

Oct. 28: Liturgical Year

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



# Online Givi



\$100 **Matching Gift** 



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/









	9-27-20	9-29-19	Difference
Offertory	\$18,762.00	\$27,775.98	(\$9,013.98)
Building Fund	\$2,133.00	\$4,954.00	(\$2,821.00)
Total	\$20,895.00	\$32,729.98	(\$11,834.98)
Mass Attendance	1210	2715	
Registered Families	3617	3721	

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

\$492,000.00 2020 Goal Pledge \$409,768.25 % of Goal 83.30% % of Households 31.29% **Payments** \$378,398.55

# 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. auestions, or wish to consider a gift annuity or trust for St. John XXIII Catholic Church, then please email:



# 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.

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

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OCTOBER 21: 11:30AM - 6:00PM
OCTOBER 28: 11:30AM - 6:00PM

# **ROSARY RALLY - OCTOBER 10**

Join us 12noon on Saturday, October 10th for a Rosary Rally at the Planned Parenthood location. Let us pray for our world and our nation through public prayer. Bring your own rosary and chair if you prefer to sit. Rosary programs will be provided. For more information contact Barb Quigley at (239) 267-7883



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# 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

# **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** 

# 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.catholicsmobilizingnetwork.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

# Why we celebrate Respect Life SUNDAY in October

by: Cynthia Marie - Catholic News

Back in 1972, the year before the United States Supreme Court ruled on Roe V. Wade to legalize abortion in the U.S., Pope John Paul II set aside the first Sunday of October as "Respect Life Sunday", also called "Sanctity of Life Sunday."

The Catholic Church has dedicated the month of October, starting with the first Sunday, to extra time and resources in advancing the culture of life. Such can be implemented through prayer, activism, and education against the falsehoods promoted by the pro-abortion advocates.

On the matter of abortion, the Catholic Church teaches the following through its Catechism.

"Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you.' [Jer. 1:5] 'My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth." [Psalm 139:15]

Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law: "You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish. God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves. Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes." [Gaudium et spes]

Formal cooperation in an abortion constitutes a grave offense. The Church attaches the canonical penalty of excommunication to this crime against human life. 'A person who procures a completed abortion incurs excommunication latae sententiae,' 'by the very commission of the offense,' and subject to the conditions provided by Canon Law. The Church does not thereby intend to restrict the scope of mercy. Rather, she makes clear the gravity of the crime committed, the irreparable harm done to the innocent who is put to death, as well as to the parents and the whole of society." [Catechism of the Catholic Church # 2270-2272]

# **A PRAYER**

# **FOR LIFE**

Oh most holy Lord, creator of heaven and earth, from Your gentle hand allows the gift of life. To Your sons and daughters You have given the role of steward to care for all Your creation from womb to tomb. Hear us as we pray for a greater respect for all life throughout our world:

- that the unborn may be born
- that the child may be safe
- that the teen may be prepared
- that the young adult may be centered
- that the aged may be revered
- that the deceased may rest in peace
- that the resources of creation may be used well
- that all Your creation may be blessed

Having served You loyally on earth, may we obtain the rewards of everlasting life.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



# **OPENING VIGIL WITH SHAWN CARNEY**

A Wonderful Inspiring Event!

The opening for our Fall 40 Day For Life Campaign was a huge success! We had a crowd of about 150 people. The highlight of the evening, of course was the presence of Shawn Carney, President and co-founder of 40 Days for Life. What an inspiration!

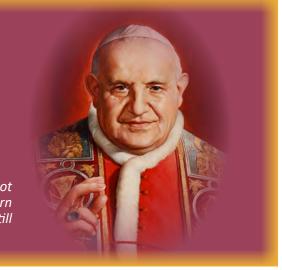
We could not have been more blessed....beautiful weather, wonderful music by Crystal Gabbard and her children, opening prayer by Father Anke Reddy from St. Andrew's, Jim Havens from Love will End Abortion and Gabriella Gabbard, a young girl from Naples, who fought and won the fight to get a pro-life group at her school, and Fr. Saji from St. John XXIII with the closing prayer.

Praise God for the prayers and support you have all given. Let's continue His work throughout the canvas.

# ST. JOHN XXIII

# WE OBSERVE ON: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tired and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do." - St. John XXIII





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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

**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 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.

**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



# VIRTUAL EVENT LIVE-STREAMED

# THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 7:00PM - 8:30PM

https://www.facebook.com/ Faithandwineleecounty

# PRESENTER: LIZ LARSON

"Lessons from Emma: A Walk in Faith"

Liz Larson will share her life-changing experience following the devastating diagnosis of her unborn child.

# Registration Opens OCTOBER 1

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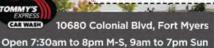


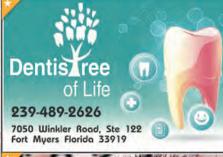


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