



# ST. JOHN XXIII

## Catholic Church

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**October 25, 2020**

*In Loving Memory*

**DEACON FRANCIS HEAD**

February 12, 1970 - October 16, 2020

**October 25, 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:

Monday-Friday,  
9:00am-Noon Only  
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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 as well as weekend Holy Masses in the Church. We ask that you please wear a mask, bring sanitizer and practice social distancing. We will continue to livestream Masses on Facebook and the Website.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 8:00 AM † Donald Burmeister by Mary Jo Schulte

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 8:00 AM † Peg Fragnoli by The St. John XXIII Thrift Store

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 8:00 AM † Bob Marshall by his family

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 8:00 AM † Joe Lonetto by Paul & Virginia Lochner

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 8:00 AM † Tom Lodato by Judi & Dan Weller

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 8:00 AM † Almeida Alacillo by Oliva Verde
- 4:00 PM † Patricia Stransky by Pat & Steve Lane
- 8:00 PM † Deacon Francis Head - Vietnamese Mass

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 7:15 AM † Grant Chignoli by Charles & Joanne Donches
- 9:15 AM † Anita Mahan by Linda & Gary Bushelli
- 11:15 AM † AJ Cooper by Dodie & Tom Cooper
- 1:30 PM † Victor Valderrama & Genara Noriega by Victor & Mily Cerna - 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.

### NOVEMBER 1, 2020 - READINGS

- 1ST READING RV 7:2-4, 9-14
- PSALM PS 24:1BC-2, 3-4AB, 5-6
- 2ND READING 1 JN 3:1-3
- GOSPEL MT 5:1-12A

## 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.



### Pastoral Team

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# IN MEMORIAM

## DEACON FRANCIS HEAD

February 12, 1970 - October 16, 2020

On behalf of Fr. Bob, clergy and the staff at St. John XXIII, we are deeply saddened by the loss of Deacon Francis Head. He was a dedicated son of God and served our parish community in the following areas:

- Cypress Point Senior Living Facility
- American House Senior Living Facility
- Chaplain for Eagle Scout Camp
- Stations of the Cross
- Assisted at Mass and Funerals
- Performed Rite of Committal

We will come together to celebrate the life of Deacon Francis on Saturday, October 31st at 1:30pm with a funeral Mass in his honor. Visitation will be in the Narthex at 1:00pm with the funeral Mass to follow in the church at 1:30pm. Deacon Francis will be buried in our Memorial Garden.



*"My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart  
and my portion forever."*

- Psalm 73:26

## FUNERAL MASS WILL BE HELD

Saturday, October 31 at 1:30pm

## PRAYER FOR GRIEVING

*I am grateful that You are here for me. Lord, help me find a productive activity which honors the memory of my loved one and glorifies You.*

*Show me how to minister to others through their own grief. Father, please help me not to be consumed by my grief. Empower me Lord Jesus to get through this difficult time with Your grace upon me.*

*Thank You, Jesus, my friends and family for the support provided to me during this time of sorrow.*

*Amen*

***"You have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice and no one will take your joy from you."***

**- John 16:22**

## 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  
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 Rescine  
Nancy Wirick  
Henry Martinez  
Diane Distler

**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!*

**Mandee Connor  
Deacon Francis Head  
Maria Janssens**



**Mass Dispensation  
EXTENSION  
November 27th**







## WATCH ON FACEBOOK

### DAILY MASS

8:00am Monday - Saturday

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

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

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

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 11:15am with Fr. 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*

- Regis & Paula Suarez
- James & Jessica Cochara
- Heriberto & Milagros Ferreyra
- Oscar & Janneth Vargas

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! [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  
Lt. Ross Walker, US Navy  
PFC Eric Lyons, USMC  
2LT Nicholas Meunier US Army



## Faith Formation

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

### FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE:

The next **WEDNESDAY Faith Formation Classes** will be held **November 4 and 18**

The next **SUNDAY Family Faith Formation Class** will be held **Sunday, November 1**



### 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 being sure of what you hope for.*

## 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, 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 25:** Mandatory Confirmation Classes
- **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1:** Two Great Commandments

### 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 28:** All Hallows Eve

### Volunteer Opportunities

- For at home Youth Volunteer Opportunities 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: THURSDAY - 6:30PM**

**Oct. 29:** The Story of God's People

**Nov. 5:** Blessed Virgin & The Saints

**Nov 12:** Catholics Belief: Nicene Creed

**Nov. 19:** The Blessed Trinity

**Nov. 26:** NO SESSION - Thanksgiving





## 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, please see a Sacristan to make a request.
- **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-4pm. The Chapel will be open 8:30am-9pm on Tuesday, November 3rd. For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry please visit: [johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/](http://johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/)
- **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
- **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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## The *Family* that Prays TOGETHER, stays TOGETHER

St. John XXIII is excited to welcome back more and more parishioners who feel comfortable attending services in person.

With the arrival of seasonal residents, we would like to remind families to sit only at the ends of pews clearly marked with blue tape.

Only family members should sit together to provide safe distancing for all in attendance. We know that families come in all sizes. Some blue spaces will have only one or two person families. The middle section of the pew will remain empty.

We strive to provide a safe environment for all worshipers and will open the chapel and PLC as our Mass attendance grows.



## Thank You FROM FR. BOB

I would like to thank our ushers and greeters that are helping us with the Masses. I appreciate the work you are doing and I would encourage others to consider these ministries, as we can use the the assistance. Please contact one of the ushers if you are able to serve in one of these important ministries.

Thank you, Fr. Bob

*Rev. Robert J. Jankart*







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!

## ORDER A PIZZA and *HELP* those in *NEED!*



Order a pizza from TWO MEATBALLS IN THE KITCHEN, located at **8880 Salrose Lane in Ft. Myers**, on November 9th through November 12th and mention The St. John XXIII Women's Guild. Two Meatballs will donate 20% of the sale to the Women's Guild to be used for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for those in need. Please take advantage of this offer and help others.

## *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](https://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)
- Visitenos en [www.facebook.com/ministeriohispano.sanjuan.1](https://www.facebook.com/ministeriohispano.sanjuan.1)



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# Online Giving CHALLENGE



Online Giving  
Recurring Account  
Registration

+

\$100  
Matching Gift  
Fund

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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/>**







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## Weekly Financials



	10-18-20	10-20-19	Difference
Offertory	\$23,652.28	\$30,222.52	(\$6,570.24)
Building Fund	\$1,839.00	\$4,111.00	(\$2,272.00)
Total	\$25,491.28	\$34,333.52	(\$8,842.24)
Mass Attendance	1367	3182	
Registered Families	3619	3717	

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	\$475,469.25
% of Goal	96.64%
% of Households	21.34%
Payments	\$451,595.95

## Planning Your Will



### Remember St. John XXIII

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Holly Atkins: [holly@johnxxiii.net](mailto:holly@johnxxiii.net)**



## GIVING TO THE CFA Through a Qualified Charitable Distribution

In 2020 the law changed, requiring those 72 years old or 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.

Help lower your tax burden while making a **GIFT OF HOPE** to those in your community!

### DOUBLE YOUR GIFT

Matching gifts are a type of corporate philanthropy that allows donors giving smaller donations the opportunity to maximize the impact of their donation on an organization.



In a matching gifts program, a company donates to a nonprofit organization in response to one of their employees giving a gift.

These gifts can range in maximum sizes and ratio, but many companies will match an employee's donation at a 1:1 ration, starting at \$25. Retirees and/or spouses may also qualify.

To find out if your company offers a matching gift program, please visit:

<https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/stewardship-and-development/matching-gifts/>

# Remembering DEACON FRANCIS

## *About Francis*

Deacon Francis deSales Head, Jr. was born in Griffin, Georgia on February 12, 1970. He enlisted and was preparing for a career in the military when he was involved in a motorcycle accident in 1990. During his rehabilitation, he attended college where he met his wife, Stacey. They were married in 1992 and lived near their hometown. In 2004, Francis and Stacey adopted their son, Will, through Catholic Charities in Atlanta.

Deacon Francis earned a bachelor's degree from Clayton State University in Information Technology. He enjoyed a career that included working for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games and the Georgia-Pacific Corporation. His most recent position was as a teacher and technology coordinator at St. John the Evangelist Catholic School in Georgia.

The Head family was heavily involved in several ministries in their church when Francis was called to the permanent diaconate. He attended the Diaconate formation program in the Archdiocese of Atlanta for five years and on February 2, 2013 was ordained by Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory. He served as a deacon for five years, assigned to St. Gabriel Catholic Church in Fayetteville, Georgia. In addition to parish ministry presiding at baptisms and weddings, he served as a member of the Archbishop's Advisory Committee on Disabilities Ministry. He was also a member of the core team for Toni's Camp, a respite camp for people with developmental disabilities.

Since being assigned to St. John XXIII, Deacon Francis served at Cypress Point Senior Living Facility, American House Senior Living Facility, Chaplain for Eagle Scout Camp, Stations of the Cross. He was a great preacher and assisted at Mass, funerals and performed the Rite of Committal.

When his wife Stacey and son, Will moved to Florida from Atlanta 3-4 years ago, they felt so welcomed to our parish. Stacey is currently a special education teacher at Heights Elementary School. 16 year old Will, who was just confirmed in March at St. John XXII, is a junior at Cypress Lake High school and he participates in ROTC, cross country and soccer. Let us hold them both in our prayers that they continue to flourish under the watchful loving eyes of God and Deacon Francis, a devoted husband and father.

*"There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They are messengers of overwhelming grief and of unspeakable love!"*

*- Washington Irving*







# WHAT? NO *Diapers?*

## How do ABORTIONS and DIAPERS relate?

The most common reason given for why abortion is considered for someone facing an unplanned pregnancy is "financial". During the early days of the pandemic, that became nearly the only reason we heard as we met with those facing such a circumstance.

Diapers represent an essential need and one of the largest practical, ongoing expenses new parents face with a newborn baby. Walking the diaper aisle will shock you when you consider the impact of this cost for new parents.

## Verity can HELP!

We provide our parents with a supply of diapers periodically to ease the financial burden.

Our supplies are very low in the following sizes:

- Newborn
- Larger sizes: 4 - 5 - 6

***You can help, and there are a few options:***

1. Buy diapers and drop them off at Verity.
2. Purchase a gift card to Walmart or Target and mail it or drop it off at Verity. We will do the shopping for you!
3. Order diapers on Amazon or other online retailer and have them delivered to Verity.

We thank you and our mommies and daddies thank you!



**Verity Pregnancy & Medical Resource Center**  
8890 Salrose Lane, Suite 104, Fort Myers, FL 33912  
(239) 433-1929 Email: [Becky@VerityPMC.com](mailto:Becky@VerityPMC.com)

THROUGH NOVEMBER 1

# HELP SAVE LIVES

IN FT. MYERS

**ST. JOHN XXIII**  
Catholic Church

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD**  
6418 Commerce Park Dr. Ft. Myers, FL 33966

Wednesday, OCTOBER 28: 11:30AM - 6PM

**CLOSING RALLY:**

Sunday, NOVEMBER 1: 6:30PM

# RESPECT LIFE

## WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED:

"Walking with Moms in Need" 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)

## FEDERAL EXECUTIONS:

The Federal government has resumed Federal executions due to many prisoners on death row. This is still a very difficult subject for many Catholics. To learn more information, please visit [www.catholicismobilizingnetwork.org](http://www.catholicismobilizingnetwork.org)

## MENTAL HEALTH:

Drug addiction and mental health issues have steadily increased as a result of Covid, especially among young adults and the elderly. If you or someone you know is suffering, please call **1-800-950-NAMI(6264)** or text NAMI to 741741. More information is available at [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.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)



# WHAT IS THE MEANING OF **RIGHT TO LIFE?**



Abortion is a serious matter. When the church teaches about it, we listen. In March 2018, Pope Francis wrote an Apostolic Exhortation called GAUDETE ET EXSULATE. It was a pastoral letter to holiness, to the entire Church. The pope said it was a written to “repropose a call to holiness in a practical way, for our own time.”

He writes that “our defense of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate” he continues by saying that the lives of the poor, the vulnerable, those in danger of being euthanized, victims of human trafficking and slavery are also sacred. We must not consider the dignity of others on the periphery to be less than sacred. Every single soul stands dignified in the eyes of God.

*Here are some of words of Pope Francis Exhortation:*

(101) The other harmful ideological error if found in those who find suspect the social engagement of others, seeing it as superficial, worldly, secular, materialist, communist or populist. Or they revitalize it, as if there are more important matters, or the only thing that counts is one particular ethical issue or cause that they themselves defend. Our defense of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the

poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned, and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and the elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery and every form of rejection. (84) We can not uphold an ideal of holiness that would ignore injustice in a world where some revel, spend time with abandon and live their lives only for the latest consumer goods, even as others look from afar, living their entire lives in abject poverty.

(102) We often hear it said that, with respect to relativism and the flaws of our present world, the situation of migrants, for example, is a lesser value. Some Catholics consider it a secondary issue compared to the “grave” bioethical questions. That a politician looking for votes might say such a thing is understandable, but not Christian. For whom the only proper attitude is to stand in the shoes of those brothers and sisters of ours who risk their lives to offer a future to their children. Can we not realize that this is exactly what Jesus demands of us, when he tells us that in welcoming the stranger we welcome him? (Mt25:35) Saint Benedict did so readily, and though it might have “complicated” the life of his monks, he ordered that all guests who knocked at the monastery door be welcomed “like Christ” with a gesture of veneration; (86) and poor and pilgrims were to be met with “the greatest care and solicitude.”

## 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.

**Monthly Days of Prayer/OLPH Retreat:** The retreat center of our diocese continues to offer single days of prayer and weekend retreats in a safe, tranquil setting along the Myakka River. Next dates are Nov. 8 and Nov. 11. The day begins at 9:30am with continental breakfast, and includes two conferences, lunch, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, and opportunities for Sacrament of Reconciliation. A weekend retreat, "Women at the Well," will be offered Nov. 6-8. Both events can be viewed online if you are unable to attend in person. To register, call (941) 486-0233 or please visit [www.olph-retreat.org](http://www.olph-retreat.org) and click on "Schedule of Events."

**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](http://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

**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 the last Friday of every month at 8:30am. Listen anywhere at [RelevantRadio.com](http://RelevantRadio.com)



## INAUGURAL K of C Charity Golf Tournament

**Friday, October 30**

REGISTRATION: 8:30AM  
SHOTGUN START: 10:00AM  
Lunch & Awards: 2:30PM



**THE FOREST Country Club**

6100 Club Blvd. SW Ft. Myers, FL 33908

**ENTRY FEE:**  
**\$125 Per Player**

**FORMAT:** Shamble - Blind Partners  
*Everyone has a chance to win!*

**Additional Information:**

REGISTER ONLINE:  
**[www.kc23.org](http://www.kc23.org)**

CONTACT: Bryan Chung  
**[Bryan@kc23.org](mailto:Bryan@kc23.org)**  
**(407) 796-1645**

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Hospice and Special Equestrians**

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AVAILABLE**

CONTACT: Ange Ford  
**(216) 496-0269**

REQUIRED INFORMATION:  
Players names for your foursome,  
phone numbers, email and HDCP

*More details available on the  
website: **[www.KC23.org](http://www.KC23.org)***





# Craftie Ladies

## ORDER REQUESTS

### *Place an Order:*

Please contact **Judy Siegel** at: **(239) 437-4978** or **(414) 529-4978** and she will channel your request to the right Craftie Lady who makes the item. They will then contact you and set up a meet time. **ONLY CASH** will be accepted.

For other questions or inquiries, please email us at: **[craftieladiesxxiii@gmail.com](mailto:craftieladiesxxiii@gmail.com)**

