



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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January 10, 2021

Baptism OF THE Lord

"You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own forever." - Ephesians 1:13



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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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8:00am-Noon & 1pm-4pm
239-561-2245
239-561-3713 (Fax)

MINISTRY TO THE SICK:

A priest is on call 7 days a week,
24hrs a day for these hospitals:

**Health Park - St. Columbkille
Church** 239-489-3973

**Lee Memorial - St. Francis
Xavier Church** 239-334-2161
Gulf Coast - St. John XXIII
239-561-2245

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT:

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

St. Columbkille - Hope Hospice
239-489-3973

9470 Health Park Circle,
Ft. Myers, FL

**St. Raphael - Lehigh Acres
Health & Rehab Center**
239-369-2194

1550 Lee Blvd, Lehigh Acres, FL
Hope Hospice 239-369-1831
1201 Wings Way, Lehigh Acres, FL

St. Leo - Hope Hospice
239-992-0901

27200 Imperial Pkwy,
Bonita Springs, FL

St. Vincent de Paul - Select
2073 Lafayette St. Ft. Myers
239-693-0818

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

Mass Intentions

PLEASE NOTE: You are welcome to attend 8:00am Daily Mass 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, JANUARY 11

- 8:00 AM † Jon Kielmeier by Gary & Shirley Miller

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

- 8:00 AM † Michael Biel by Steve & Jennifer Engelman

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

- 8:00 AM † Raymond Cook by Paul & Judy Cook

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

- 8:00 AM † John Gioia by Denise & Vincent LaRosa

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

- 8:00 AM † Antoinette Bosco by Ria Brown

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

- 8:00 AM † Diane Wittenauer by The St. John XXIII Women's Guild
- 3:30 PM † Joseph Birsa by Bob & Pat Ryan
- 5:30 PM † Josephine Cabai by Larry & Arlene Schuetz
- 8:00 PM - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

- 7:15 AM † Antoinette Bosco by The Faith & Wine Board
- 9:15 AM ♥ Felix Jose by Suja Thomas
- 11:15 AM † Kiara Marie Gibbs by Loretta Gibbs
- 1:30 PM - Spanish Mass

THE 2021 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR

To ensure availability throughout the year, we must limit requests for the English speaking Masses to no more than (2) weekend Masses and (2) weekday Masses for the entire year. Other options will remain available: Tabernacle Candle \$15 per week, Eucharistic Host \$15 per week.

JANUARY 17, 2021 - READINGS

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| • 1ST READING | 1 SM 3:3B-10, 19 |
| • PSALM | PS 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 |
| • 2ND READING | 1 COR 6:13C-15A, 17-20 |
| • GOSPEL | JN 1:35-42 |

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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Baptism OF THE Lord

By: **Cynthia Marie - Catholic Exchange**

This Sunday, the Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

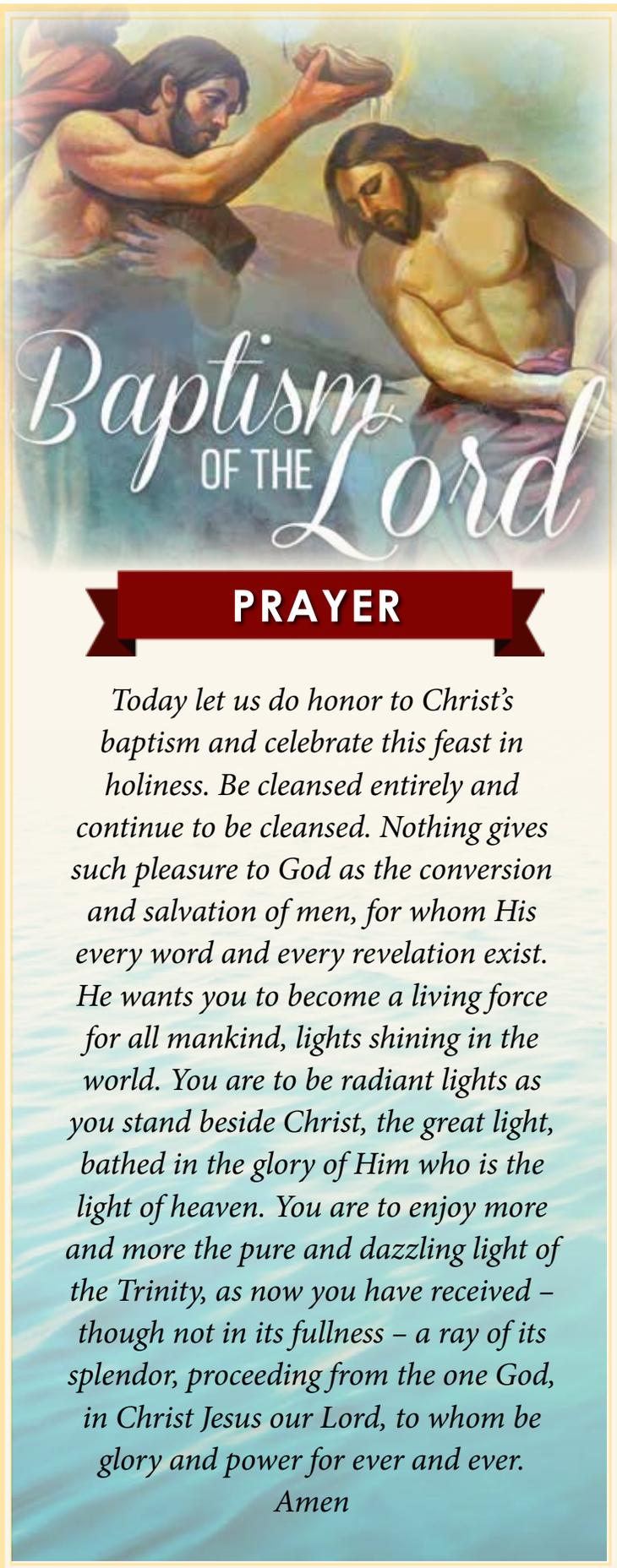
In the Eastern Church, this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan, God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism, the heavens were opened; at our baptism, heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.



“In Jesus Christ you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves in Christ.”

- GALATIANS 3:26-27



PRAYER

Today let us do honor to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom His every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of Him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received – though not in its fullness – a ray of its splendor, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever.

Amen

Prayer List

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

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| Elaine Quan | Anthony Navy |
| Ryan Novajasky | Lou Rescineo |
| Lynne Haughey | Nancy Wirick |
| Carol Clausen | Linda Sayres |
| Marlene LaRose | Baby Henry Patrick Koch |
| Erika Arquilla Hlavacek | Anna Acini |
| Jeff Hlavacek | Pauline Reid |
| Gary Neubauer | Katie Cassidy |
| Tom Biedak | Denny Uhlik |
| Kevin Natella | Caroline Ann Toussaint |
| Marilyn Kelley | Ron Hudepohl |
| Dan Pieper | Donna Hart |
| James Heaney | Meaghan Onofrey |
| Steven Dakin | Wayne & Carol Hilson |
| Neil Soeder | Darlene Sardone |
| Gene Damm | William James |
| C. Tony Navy | Tony Raimo |

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

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!*

- Bo Broemmell**
Linda Sorlie
Jeanie Angel



Tabernacle Candle

- In Memory of: **Mike Biel**
Requested by: **The Harley's**



Adoration Chapel

- In Memory of: **Ann Pavlan**
Requested by: **Marilyn Brummer**





WATCH ON FACEBOOK

DAILY MASS

8:00am Monday - Saturday

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

- 3:30pm with Fr. Angelo
- 8:00pm Vietnamese Mass

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

- 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/tvmass/>

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

PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING YOUR



Online Gift



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

WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Robert Henley
- Mike & Maryellen Inglis
- Luis & SandraDee Martinez
- Jorge & Francina Leonett

Those who are new to our parish, or have been attending mass without being registered, we need your help in staying organized and planning for our future needs. If you have not received a welcome letter, please call the parish office to confirm your registration. All new parishioners or those interested in registering in our parish, are invited to attend the **New Parishioner Orientation on Sunday, January 17, 2021 after the 11:15am Mass**

Registering at St. John XXIII is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community. Please let the parish office know your email address or you can even update it on the parish website: www.johnxxiii.net

Frequently, those seeking to celebrate marriage, baptisms or serve as sponsors for confirmation or baptism, request a letter stating that they are parishioners. To receive such a letter, you 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 or are unable to contribute at this time, please note your prayerful support on your envelope and place it in the weekly offertory basket.

PRAYERS FOR

Our Military Personnel

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| PFC Bryan Bard | PFC Jordan Feil, USA |
| Sean Ball | Sgt. Hayden Linde, FLARNG |
| Major Bart Boma | Aaron Crump, USCG |
| Staff Sgt. Dennis Cosgrove | Sgt. Nathaniel Broemmel |
| Sgt. Phil Dellibovi | Lt. Com. Mark Buonomo |
| Staff Sgt. Chris Dominski | Col. Scott C. Woodward |
| CPT Andrew Dugan, Spec. Forces | Private Nicholas Loeb, ARNG |
| Major Andrew Duguay | Andrew Hawkinson, USN |
| Sgt. Jared Gaudet | Cavalry Scout Specialist, |
| Tech Sgt Jeffrey K. Green | Ryan Silva, Army |
| Capt. Kellyn C. Hall | 2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC |
| Andrew Herman | Jared Broemmel, US Navy |
| 1st Lt. Paige Hortman | Army 2nd Lieutenant Edward |
| Sgt. Kathleen Hudepohl | Hudson Tillinghast IV |
| PFC Michael P Hughes | Jethro Ignacio, US Air Force |
| SPC Michael Jednak | 1st Lt. Christopher Dryhurst, |
| PFC Andrew Kanopkh | US Air Force |
| Michael Klem | Com. Craig Fowler, USN |
| Capt. Bradley D. Laux | Eric Sanchez, US Air Force |
| Capt. Jacob Mundo, US Army | Lt. Col. Mike Garry, US Army |
| SSGT Anthony Padula | 82nd ABN |
| LCP James Palenik | Lt. Ross Walker, US Navy |
| Master SGT Peter Parison | PFC Eric Lyons, USMC |
| Sgt. Justin Pingicer, Army | 2LT Nicholas Meunier US Army |
| Lt. Col. Brady Sexton | Robert Trenton Morell, Medic |
| 2nd Lt. Kristen Thompson | Specialist US Army |
| Christian Troutner, US Navy | Michael Thomas Morell, US Navy |
| Alex Zizzo, US Navy Medic | |



Faith Formation

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



FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE:

The next SUNDAY Family Faith Formation Class will be held **JANUARY 10 - 10:30AM**

The next WEDNESDAY Faith Formation Class will be held **JANUARY 13 - 4:15PM & 6:00PM**

SACRAMENT PREPARATION:

BAPTISM: Congratulations on your decision to baptize your child! At St. John XXIII, we are happy to help your family prepare for the celebration. Baptisms are offered for registered members of Saint John XXIII and are scheduled only after the preparation process is completed by the parents. Please do not make arrangements for family members until you have actually received a date. Contact the office at (239) 561-2245 for more information or to begin the process.

FIRST COMMUNION: (also called First Eucharist and First Reconciliation) Children in first grade or above, who have expressed a desire and willingness and are attending Mass, are welcome to begin the two year process of preparing for these Sacraments. The first year consists of regular attendance at Faith Formation classes or through a Diocesan Catholic school. (Either St. Francis Xavier or St. Andrew) The second year continues those classes, but also adds in direct Sacramental Preparation (Reconciliation and Communion) sessions. Please contact Chris at 561-7499 for more information or to begin the process. Parents who home school their children must contact the office during Year I.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation is a two year process that begins at the start of 9th Grade and is celebrated in the Fall of 11th grade. (Older teens are certainly welcome!). Each year consists of Faith Formation through the parish Youth Group or a Diocesan Catholic school (Bishop Verot) as well as scheduled Confirmation classes and a retreat. Please note: Students from Bishop Verot must register and attend the preparation classes at the beginning of 9th grade. If you are entering the 9th grade or would like more information on our program, contact Chris at (239) 561-7499 to begin the process.

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

ADULT FAITH

Education

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 for more information.

JOIN US ONLINE

Bible Study



The Bible Timeline

The Story of Salvation

JEFF CAVINS, SARAH CHRISTMYER, and TIM GRAY

The Bible Timeline® Study Program takes you on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins, shows you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and gives you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven through Scripture.

We will meet on Zoom, Tuesdays from 6:30-8pm from January 12 through March 30, 2021 for the first 12 weeks. The next 12 weeks will be scheduled in Fall 2021.

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.

- **PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the current pandemic, Rooted has been cancelled until further notice.



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

Confirmation Program

Mandatory Session - Sunday 5pm to 7pm

- **January 31** is the next Confirmation session. Please check the website for more information.

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 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.
- **January 10** - Goal Setting
- **January 17** - Making Good Choices

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.
- **January 13** - Making Good Choices

Volunteer Opportunites

- For at home Youth Volunteer Opportunities please email Kelly Evers



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

RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

INQUIRY ZOOM MEETINGS: THURSDAY - 6:30PM

1/14: Understanding the Rites of RCIA

1/21: Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation

1/28: Sacraments of Penance and Anointing of the Sick

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



ST. JOHN XXIII
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General Announcements

- **Have You Listened to Our Podcasts?** Listen to our weekly inspirational messages from Father Bob and homilies from Mass. Visit our site weekly at johnxxiii.podbean.com
- **Like our Facebook Page:** For all the latest happenings, search “St. John XXIII Catholic Church” and “like” our page.
- **Our Weekly Newsletter:** Visit <https://www.johnxxiii.net/e-newsletter-sign-up/> 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/>
- **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.
- **Online Giving:** We appreciate your donations to keep our parish running. You can enroll online through the St. John XXIII website at: <https://johnxxiii.net/giving>
- **Non-Perishable Donations:** Please consider bringing nonperishable items to church each week to be given to food pantries in our area.
- **St. Luke Adoration Chapel:** Chapel Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-4pm & Saturday 8:30am-3pm. For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry please visit: johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/
- **Respect Life Ministry:** This 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
- **St. John XXIII Thrift Store:** Hours are Monday-Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. For more information email thrift@johnxxiii.net
- **Craftie Ladies Order Requests:** Please contact Judy Siegel at: (239) 437-4978 or email craftieladiesxxiii@gmail.com
- **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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A LETTER FROM

Bishop Dewane

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Faithful of the Church in Latin America face many challenges. For the past 55 years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has helped the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean through an annual collection. This assistance has addressed barriers faced in increasing the growth of the Faith, including lack of resources, shortage of vocations, and poor infrastructure making relatively simple things difficult.

Many projects are needed in Latin America to offer the family, the basic unit of any society, a way to be strengthened and affirmed, as well as to celebrate their life together in faith. With the Church continuing to point the way to Christ as the source of love and healing within the family and society, they are offered a new and hopeful vision for a deeper relationship with God and with one another.

The annual collection for the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean this year will not only provide for pastoral initiatives, priestly formation, and educational programs, but will do so in the context of the COVID Pandemic. As historical assistance has been provided to our brothers and sisters in our Southern Hemisphere, let us again respond to this challenge with charity and compassion.

In the parishes throughout the Diocese of Venice, the Collection for the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean will take place **next weekend, January 16 and 17, 2021**. For the poor and the economically distressed living in this region, your support will truly make a difference. Please be generous!

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you my blessings for your safety in this New Year. Thank you and may God bless you and your family for your support of the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



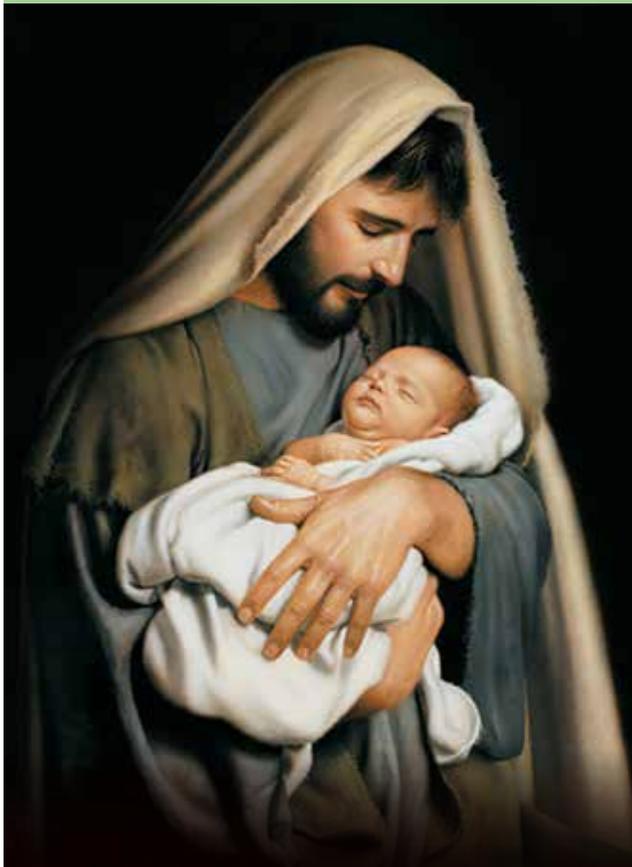
+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

JANUARY

Mike Sullivan

by: **Maureen Dombrowski**

Marking the 150th Anniversary of St. Joseph being declared patron of the universal church, Pope Francis proclaimed a year long celebration dedicated to the foster father of Jesus. Each month during this special year, we will feature an interview with a member of the St. John XXIII parish whose life reflects the virtues and characteristics of St. Joseph.



LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH

“Joseph, most courageous, pray for us.”

“Comfort of the afflicted, pray for us.”

“Hope of the sick, pray for us.”

“Patron of the dying, pray for us.”

MICHAEL SULLIVAN, retired Chicago policeman, Vietnam veteran, 4th Degree Knight of Columbus, Eucharistic Minister, says he relates to St. Joseph because he would be “lost without my faith in God” and that Joseph was “a working guy” taking care of his family.



“Having faith in difficult situations,” sustained Mike in his work as a policeman. For more than two years his duties included informing members of a police officer’s family that a loved one had been killed in the line of duty. “Oh God, be merciful to this dear hero, “was Mike’s prayer the seven times he had to perform this act of comforting the afflicted.

Striving to be a “father figure, a living representative of the Holy Family” is his goal when serving as a member of the Knights of Columbus honor guard at funerals for 4th degree Knights or their spouses. Also, Mike is proud of the work the Knights do providing help to those in need with donations to Ft. Myers Rescue Mission and Hearts and Homes, an organization that supports veterans.

In a very personal effort to honor a fallen veteran, Mike dedicated a paver in the Guardian Angel Walkway that will surround the parish St. Michael the Archangel statue to US Army CWO-W2, helicopter pilot, Daniel C. Schuster, who was killed in action during a rescue mission in Vietnam on July 13, 1968. Daniel was the husband of Melody Schuster, a distant cousin of Mike’s. When Daniel went overseas, Melody was pregnant with their only son, James. Daniel’s sacrifice for his family and country reminds Mike of St. Joseph and the quote, “What greater act of love, but to lay down one’s life for another.”

Another aspect of Mike’s work with veterans includes Collier-Lee county Honor Flights, which take veterans from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam, to Washington DC for the day. These heroes are then welcomed back to RSW Airport by large crowds of cheering supporters, which include Knights of Columbus and the Color Guard. Also, Mike helps decorate the graves of veterans with flags in St. John’s XXIII Memorial Garden every Memorial and Veteran’s Day.

As St. Joseph lovingly cared for his wife, Mike was at his wife, Christine’s side, during her 4 year battle with cancer. Their strong faith sustained them during this difficult time and after Chris “went home to the Lord,” Mike dedicated the second and sixth Stations of the Cross in the Holy Rosary Chapel in her honor. He continues to work with the bereaved, personally calling those in need of comfort and counsel.

In an effort to bring hope to the sick, Mike took the Eucharist to those at Gulf Coast Hospital before Covid restrictions curtailed this ministry. His work as a Eucharistic Minister has led him to many father-like relationships, including being asked to serve as a Confirmation sponsor for a young man in our parish.

Like St. Joseph, Mike sees his role as being there to “comfort families and help people in time of need.”

Guardian Angels

WALKWAY

PAVER MEMORIALIZATION



St. John XXIII Parish, along with the Knights of Columbus and The Women's Guild, are excited to offer **12x12 pavers**, which will be placed on the walkway around the site for our St. Michael the Archangel statue. **The price for each paver is \$350.** This is a wonderful way to pay tribute to a loved one who has served, or is currently serving in the military or as a first responder.

Defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, Oh Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Guardian Angels WALKWAY

Name _____

Address or PO Box _____

Unit/Apt # _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Payments may be made by cash, credit card or check.

I would like to pay by:

CASH CHECK CREDIT CARD

If paying by check, please make checks payable to the Knights of Columbus.

To order, or check the status of an order, please contact The Knights of Columbus:

LARRY EVENER: larryevener@yahoo.com or

TOM DOLAN: mtd0522@yahoo.com

The Women's Guild Contact:

SUE EDWARDS: sgedwards007@gmail.com

PAVER ORDER FORM

Please circle the graphic to be added to the stone:



Please print clearly. The 12x12 paver has 3 lines.

LINE 1 NAME _____

example: John Doe

LINE 2 RANK _____

example: SGT. USMC

LINE 3 SERVICE _____

example: WWII

Please sign and date verifying all information is correct on the paver.

PRINT NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____



ST. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church

Weekly Financials



	12-27-20	12-29-19	Difference
Offertory	\$69,345.00	\$91,518.95	(\$22,173.95)
Building Fund	\$2,330.00	\$6,766.00	(\$4,436.00)
Total	\$71,675.00	\$98,284.95	(\$26,609.95)
Mass Attendance	1999	6377	
Registered Families	3578	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

2020 Goal	\$492,000.00
Pledge	\$646,118.99
% of Goal	131.32%
% of Households	23.47%
Payments	\$642,727.99

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



Congratulations

FALL RAFFLE WINNERS

11/02: \$100 EACH
- Michael Foxx
- Dennis Cosgrove

11/09: \$200 EACH
- A. John Birkle
- Fred Jones

11/16: \$300 EACH
- Pam Bratton
- Raymond Kelly

11/23: \$400 EACH
- Elizabeth Greco
- James Fetzner

11/30: \$500 EACH
- John Dondero
- Jeanne Ceresa

12/07: \$2,500 GRAND PRIZE
- Ann J. Pavlan

MAKING A STOCK TRANSFER

When making a stock transfer to the Diocese of Venice on behalf of **St. John XXIII**, please email holly@johnxxiii.net to let us know you made the request. Sometimes a transfer comes to the Diocese with no name or no parish name. This will help us track the transaction. Thank you.

ENDOWMENT FUND

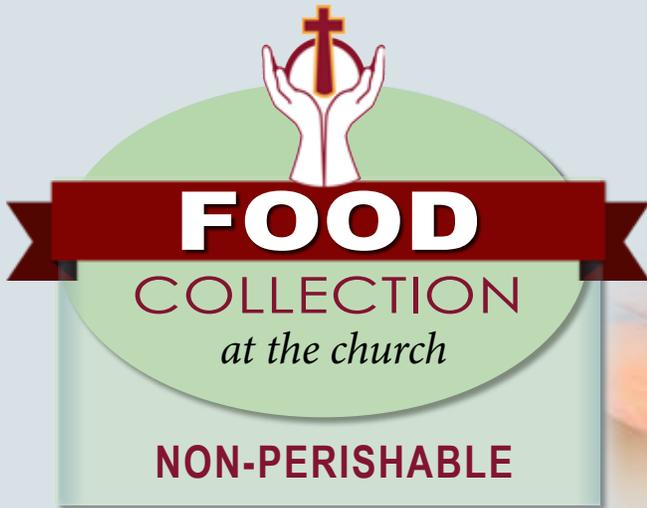


CREATE YOUR CATHOLIC LEGACY

HELP ENSURE THE LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY OF ST. JOHN XXIII

St. John XXIII now has an endowment fund with the Catholic Community Foundation of SW Florida. The endowment fund is designed to help provide long-term support and sustainability far beyond our lifetimes, and is open to anyone wishing to contribute to the future of our Parish. Please **PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER SUPPORTING** the endowment fund.

For more information, contact **Michael Morse** at (941) 441-1124 or **Holly Atkins** in the Parish Office at (239) 561-2245



JANUARY 16 • 1-3PM

The Knights of Columbus and The Women's Guild will be collecting items for **St. Martin DePorres**.

The next food collection will take place on **Saturday, January 16** from **1-3pm** at the Church. Your help is greatly appreciated during these trying times.



Thank You!

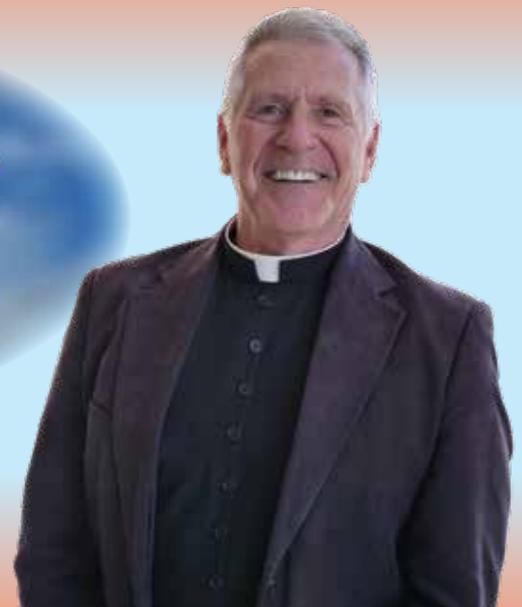
Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass



All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in two locations. This year, considering the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, each location will have two Masses to allow for appropriate social distancing. **The Masses are 10am and 12pm on February 6 at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Ave. W., and 10am and 12pm, March 6 at St. Leo the Great Parish, 28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs.** Please call the parish office at (239) 561-2245 for reservations no later than a week before the event you choose to attend.

Welcome to Church

New Parishioner Orientation
Sunday, January 17th after the 11:15am Mass



A Message From

JENNIFER ENGELMAN

Coordinator of Parishioner Engagement

It is interesting how our life journey can bring us full circle and thankfully back to God! Upon returning to the Catholic Faith in 2006, after many years of being away, I felt something incredibly special the first time I walked into St. John XXIII Catholic Church. I am sure many of you will agree with me!

Since joining the parish staff in May 2011, I have been blessed to be part of this wonderful parish community and thank all the priests, deacons, staff, ministries and parishioners for their support. Serving alongside many of you, I am amazed everyday by your selfless giving through the many ministries and committees.

Special thanks to Fr. Bob for trusting in me and for seeing my God-given gifts as a means for growing parishioner engagement and ministries. Holly Atkins, Chris Biel and the rest of our staff are true examples of Christ's love and all have helped me grow in my faith by their friendship and support throughout the years.

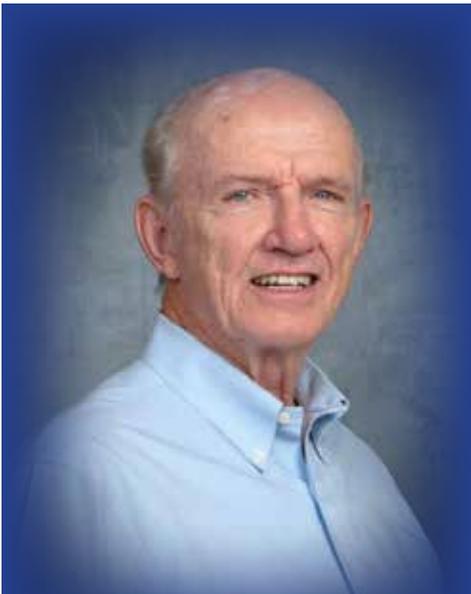
Retiring is bittersweet, but I look forward to the coming months as my husband, Steve, and I plan to visit with family and friends and continue our love of the outdoors by playing golf, camping, hiking, biking, and backpacking throughout the many areas of our vast and beautiful country. Our "base camp" will remain in Fort Myers and we will continue as parishioners at St John XXIII - after all, this is where our heart is!

Although my final day as a staff member is February 26th, I will continue to serve on the board of Faith & Wine Lee County. All ladies are invited to join us for our faith-filled events.

Remember that God has a plan for each one of us—we just have to listen. *"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope."* - Jeremiah 29:11



FAREWELL
Jennifer
WE WILL
MISS YOU



ABOUT TOM POWER

A HISTORY OF SUCCESS

- Professor, clinical supervisor, marriage and family therapist focusing on the prevention of family problems.
- Mentor and supervisor of therapists.
- Family therapy instructor for MSW and PhD clinicians.
- Educator teaching parents family life skills.
- Interested in enhancing and improving the quality of marital and family relationships through education and consulting services.

EDUCATION

- Family Institute of Westchester, Faculty Member and Director of Community Education
- Ackerman Family Institute
- Member and Approved Supervisor of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy and a member of the Family Therapy Academy for over 20 years.
- Masters Degrees in both Counseling and Social Work, New York University

INVEST

IN YOUR FAMILY'S WELL-BEING PARENTING PROGRAM

Parishioner Tom Power, will be offering a program to strengthen family relationships and build stronger communication skills in a 5 week workshop. The program is for all parents: single, married, divorced, or looking to start a family. Tom's experience in his professional life has gifted him the knowledge and compassion to help other parishioners work on their relationships and hopefully guide the group to stronger personal and community bonds raising their children.

PARENTING PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

Join us on **ZOOM** from **7pm to 8:15pm** starting **Thursday, January 21, 2021**

The sessions will run for 5 weeks (1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18)
We are hoping this program can be in person.

COST:

\$25.00 for the family. Scholarships are available through Faith Formation & Youth Ministry.

SIGN UP:

There is limited seating for this program and it will be on a first come basis. To sign up, please contact **KELLY EVERS** at kelly@johnxxiii.net





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PRESENTATIONS BY

Fr. Bill Jarema

IN THE PARISH LIFE CENTER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

9:30am - 12:30pm - Parish Life Center

- **CELEBRATE WHAT IS RIGHT WITH YOUR WORLD**
- **POSITIVE WAYS TO HANDLE GRIEF AND LOSS**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

6:30pm - Parish Life Center

- **FOR THE LOVE OF IT**

Explore the power of gratitude as a healing balm for any ache or pain. If you want to expand your level of happiness expand your capacity for gratitude.

Please Note:

- **THIS EVENT IS FREE TO ATTEND (FREE WILL OFFERINGS)**
- **NO FOOD OR DRINKS PROVIDED**
- **SAFE SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE PRACTICED**
- **PLEASE WEAR A MASK AND BRING SANITIZER**
- **BOOKS AND TAPES WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER EACH PRESENTATION FOR PURCHASE**

For more information:

CHRIS BIEL (239) 561-7499



Rev. William J. Jarema is an international retreat and workshop provider. He has been an ordained Catholic priest for 37 years and a clinical psychotherapist for 41 years. Fr. Bill has published numerous books and CD's on healing and personal growth and development. Fr. Bill's books and CD's will be available at the retreat.

For more information about Fr. Bill and his work with the Mercy Center Inc. and a list of all his retreats and workshops held in Colorado Springs, books and CD's go to:

themeracycenter@aol.com



Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

Safe Environment Training: As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and trained in Safe Environment prior to beginning employment or volunteering. Visit www.dioceseofvenice.org/safeenvironment for further information.

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

Livestreamed Mass from Catholic Center: Please join Bishop Frank J. Dewane at 9:15am for daily Mass from the Catholic Center at www.dioceseofvenice.org or <https://www.facebook.com/DioceseofVenice/>

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).

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

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/>

Witnessing the Faith: Listen to Bishop Dewane on Relevant Florida Radio at 8:30am the last Friday of every month. Listen anywhere at RelevantRadio.com

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.

Know Your Immigration Rights: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has numerous resources outlining the rights of immigrants located on the website www.justiceformigrants.org



THURSDAY, JANUARY 21 - 7:00PM
LIVE ON ZOOM

Registration Required:
www.faihandwineleecounty.com

Guest Speaker:
KITTY CLEVELAND

"Beloved: Finding My Identity in Christ"



THURSDAY, JANUARY 21 - 6:00PM
LIVE ON ZOOM

Advanced Registration Required
Registration Opens January 8
www.faihandale.com

Guest Speaker:
TIM STAPLES

Catholic Convert, Speaker, Apologist
and Author

"Why Be Catholic? Black & White
in a World of Gray"



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- Running Club
- Student Council
- National Junior Honor Society

UPCOMING OPEN HOUSE 2020 DATES:

Tuesday, February 2, 9am - 2pm

Thursday, February 4, 9am - 2pm

Join us to meet our faculty and students,
tour our campus and see if
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is the right fit for your family.

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