



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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January 17, 2021

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

JANUARY 18 - 25, 2021

"Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit." - John 15:1-17



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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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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 18

- 8:00 AM † Diane Wittenauer by JoAnne Walsh

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

- 8:00 AM † Nemesio & Trinidad Dorado by The Gagnon Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

- 8:00 AM † Don Kelly by Paul & Judy Cook

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

- 8:00 AM † John Schramm by Sherry & Bob Christie

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

- 8:00 AM †/♥ Marion & Gene Lamone in Honor of their 66th Wedding Anniversary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

- 8:00 AM † Remo Iozzia by John & Carmela Gorman
- 3:30 PM † Bruno Zielinski by Jim & Bonita Dooley
- 5:30 PM ♥ Bill Paultier by The St. John XXIII Pastoral Team
- 8:00 PM † Teresa - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

- 7:15 AM † Helen Nicolaus by The St. John XXIII Pastoral Team
- 9:15 AM † Anne Kleinfelder by Sue & Tim Lambert
- 11:15 AM † Neil Esposito by his family
- 1:30 PM † Dulce Maria Frias by Maria DeJesus - 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 24, 2021 - READINGS

- 1ST READING JON 3:1-5, 10
- PSALM PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
- 2ND READING 1 COR 7:29-31
- GOSPEL MK 1:14-20

**RESCHEDULED
JANUARY 23
1-3PM**

**FOOD
COLLECTION
at the church**

NON-PERISHABLE

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

by: **Junno Arocho Esteves - Catholic News Service**

The 2021 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity should help Christians see that the closer they draw to Christ, the closer they will be to one another, said materials for the week published by the Vatican.

“Divisions among Christians — moving away from one another — are a scandal because it is also moving further away from God,” the material said. “Christ’s prayer for unity is an invitation to turn back to him and so come closer to one another, rejoicing in the richness of our diversity.”

The resource material for the Jan. 18-25 octave of prayer, published on the website of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, was prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp, an ecumenical religious community of women based in Switzerland.

“The theme that was chosen, “Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit,” is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses the Grandchamp Community’s vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the church and the human family,” the pontifical council said.

The community’s reflections were adopted by the World Council of Church’s Faith and Order Commission and the pontifical council and are proposed to Christians worldwide for the week of prayer.

According to its website, the Monastic Community of Grandchamp is comprised of 50 religious sisters who dedicate themselves “to the work of reconciliation between Christians, within the human family and with respect to all creation.”

The Faith and Order Commission and the pontifical council alternate identifying communities to choose the Week of Prayer theme, draft a worship service, come up with sub-themes and Bible readings for each day of the octave and describe the ecumenical situation in their local community.

Representatives of the pontifical council and the commission met in Switzerland in September 2019 to work on drafting the reflections prepared by the Grandchamp community.

With input from international representatives and then approval from the World Council of Churches and the Vatican, the material was sent around the world.

Jesus’ call to “abide” in his love is an “inner attitude that takes root in us over time,” the community wrote. “It demands space to grow. It can be overtaken by the struggle for the necessities of life and it is threatened by the distractions, noise, activity and the challenges of life.”

Each day of the octave will reflect on a different aspect of Jesus’ words in John 15 and will be modeled after the monastic community’s life of prayer.

“In this tradition, three of the monastic prayer services — sometimes called ‘vigils’ or ‘nocturns’ in the Benedictine tradition — traditionally said during the night are combined into one evening service. In the same way, our service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is shaped by three sections, called ‘vigils,’ which follow a pattern used by the community of Grandchamp,” the resource material states.

The reflections drafted by the community, it said, “allowed the sisters to share the experience and wisdom of their contemplative life abiding in the love of God, and to speak about the fruit of this prayer: Closer communion with one’s brothers and sisters in Christ and greater solidarity with the whole of creation.”



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

JANUARY 18 - 25, 2021

The annual **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** begins on Monday, January 18. During this time, we reflect on the prayer of our Lord Jesus, recorded in John 17:21, *“that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”*

Let us join other Christian churches all over the world as we remember the 2021 theme, *“Abide in my love... you shall bear much fruit.”* - John 15:1-17

A new theme and resources for this celebration are developed each year, as commissioned jointly by the Vatican’s Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches. The details are assigned to a team from a different part of the world each year; this year’s team is from the monastic community of Grandchamp in Switzerland.

You are invited to Participate!

HERE’S HOW:

MARK YOUR CALENDAR to join the livestream service on Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 6:00 PM CST. Link will be posted soon on https://geii.org/learn_more/events/upcoming_events.html

JOIN THE DAILY PRAYERS beginning Monday, January 18 which will be posted in English and Spanish on the Facebook page managed by our parishioner, Patty, at: <https://www.facebook.com/WPCU.2021.SWFL/>

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
James Heaney
Steven Dakin
Neil Soeder
Gene Damm
C. Tony Navy
Anthony Navy
Lou Rescineo
Nancy Wirick

Linda Sayres
Baby Henry Patrick Koch
Anna Acini
Pauline Reid
Katie Cassidy
Denny Uhlik
Caroline Ann Toussaint
Ron Hudepohl
Donna Hart
Meaghan Onofrey
Wayne & Carol Hilson
Darlene Sardone
William James
Tony Raimo
Denise Vanelli
Bill Becker
Richard Vail

These names are kept in the bulletin for one month. If you would like continual prayer, please add your name to the prayer book in the Narthex.

The best way to ensure your loved ones are consistently prayed for within our greater E-Prayer Community - email **Betsy Engelbrecht** at eprayer.stjohn23@gmail.com

Their names will be circulated to an ever-growing list of people who will pray for them by name!



Ways to Memorialize

For requests to memorialize a loved one, please call the parish office at: (239) 561-2245

Prayers for Eternal Life

*Life is changed, not ended.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!*
Evelyn McConlogue



Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Michael Newman**
Requested by: **Diane Newman**



Adoration Chapel

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





WATCH ON FACEBOOK

DAILY MASS

8:00am Monday - Saturday

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

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

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

- 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

- Gina Gomez Burkat
- Scott & Rhonda Giusti
- Patrick & Debra Goodman
- Tom & Melinda Doyle

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 this 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

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
 Robert Trenton Morell, Medic
 Specialist US Army
 Michael Thomas Morell, US Navy
 PFC Judy Martinez, Army



Faith Formation

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



FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE:

The next WEDNESDAY Faith Formation Class will be held **JANUARY 20 - 4:15PM & 6:00PM**

The next SUNDAY Family Faith Formation Class will be held **FEBRUARY 7 - 10:30AM**

SACRAMENT PREPARATION:

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

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

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

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

ADULT FAITH

Education

Keep in TOUCH with your *Faith* ONLINE:

OPENING THE WORD

YOUR JOURNEY INTO THE SUNDAY READINGS



Watch a short video each week on **Formed.org** to help prepare you for the upcoming Sunday Readings. Register at <https://johnxxiii.formed.org/> and follow the instructions to sign in and watch Opening the Word. View all of the Catholic content 24/7. Please join our weekly Zoom meeting. Email **Linda Stanley** at: lindastanley.ls@gmail.com 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 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:

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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 17** - Making Good Choices
- **January 24** - March for Life

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 20** - March for Life

Volunteer Opportunites

- For at home Youth Volunteer Opportunities please email Kelly Evers



DISCIPLES OF
CHRIST

Youth SPOTLIGHT

Cassie Bravo's faith in God and commitment to the parish has earned her the title of *Disciple of Christ*. Cassie has been a loyal member of Youth ministry since 6th grade and is always willing to volunteer for various events



Why is your Catholic faith important to you?

My Catholic faith is important to me because it strengthens my relationship with God. When I receive the Eucharist I feel Jesus' presence and my faith continues to grow stronger.

What do you like most about St. John XXIII?

What I like most about St. John XXIII is the community. I feel that our community is one big faithful family who welcomes anyone who walks through our doors and never ceases to serve our Lord by spreading love and kindness. My family joined this parish when I was very young, and this community welcomed us with so much warmth that I couldn't imagine going to praise the Lord anywhere else.

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

Being a Disciple of Christ means I walk the Earth in the image of our Lord Jesus Christ. I plan to continue to serve our community where help is needed and to share the word of God with my peers. With the help of the Holy Spirit and Blessed Virgin Mary, I will continue to live my life with strong faith and devotion to the Lord.



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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/
- **St. John XXIII Thrift Store:** Hours are Monday-Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. For more information email thrift@johnxxiii.net
- **Free Mental Health Services:** Catholic Charities offers free mental health services for adults, children and families. Counselors can help resolve a wide variety of issues such as stress, anger, anxiety, relationship problems, trauma, depression, low self-esteem and grief. Call (239) 337-4193
- **Craftie Ladies Order Requests:** Please contact Judy Siegel at: (239) 437-4978 or email craftieladiesxxiii@gmail.com
- **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. For more information email: holdenbnd@gmail.com or call Dick at (239) 463-3993
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RESPECT LIFE

2021 UPDATES

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED:

This month on the anniversary of Roe V. Wade (January 22, 1973) St. John XXIII will jumpstart the USCCB’s initiative “Walking with Mom’s”. WWM’s is designed to educate parish communities about the pregnancy resources within their communities. St. John XXIII has had a longstanding relationship with Verity PMC located just around the corner from our parish campus. Throughout the coming months we hope to highlight the many resources and works of Pregnancy resources within our area.

LUNCHEONS 4 LIFE:

All parishioners are invited to the monthly Luncheons for Life held the second Wednesday of every month at the Holiday Inn Gulf Coast off Alico Road. The event is free but preregistration is required. Find out more (and watch past presentations) or register for upcoming events at www.luncheons4life.com There are NO POLITICS. No ask. Just life affirming speakers and fellowship.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE:

The Spring 40 Days for Life will begin on Ash **Wednesday, February 17th** and will kick off with 8am Mass at St. John XXIII celebrated by Bishop Frank DeWane; who will then lead the faithful in prayer at the planned parenthood clinic located at 6418 Commerce Park Drive (on block north of Daniels just west of Plantation Rd.) details on parking will be forthcoming. All are invited to participate and join in planning meetings.

LIFE ISSUES:

There are MANY Life issues which require our prayerful attention. The death penalty, euthanasia, hunger, homelessness, the elderly, mental illness, differently-abled etc. It can be overwhelming to address each in an effective manner and as such we will overtime make sure that we as a Catholic Community give our time to educating and providing resources as we are able. Given the nature of abortion and the violence it perpetrates against the most innocent and vulnerable in our society and the fact that it severs the sacred bond between a mother and child we will continue to give it preeminent importance, along with helping to heal the wounds of the long-term effects of abortion.

CONTACT US:

If you would like to learn about or become more involved in, please leave your name and contact information at the parish office **(239) 561-2245** or email respectlifejohn23@gmail.com

HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY

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



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

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

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

1/21: 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

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



	01-10-21	01-12-20	Difference
Offertory	\$27,244.67	\$34,080.00	(\$6,835.33)
Building Fund	\$2,340.00	\$3,415.00	(\$1,075.00)
Total	\$29,584.67	\$37,495.00	(\$7,910.33)
Mass Attendance	1670	4314	
Registered Families	3582	3728	

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	\$658,828.99
% of Goal	133.91%
% of Households	23.69%
Payments	\$655,577.99

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



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<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-4893911>

WRITING CHECKS

Please use only BLACK or BLUE ink when writing checks. PINK, PURPLE, RED, etc. DO NOT scan well when deposited.



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

ANGEL TREE THANKS

Attempting to bring Christmas cheer to the needy among us during a pandemic presented quite a challenge. Our very generous parishioners, sponsors, volunteers, and the young mothers and their children who helped shop for gifts, all rose to the challenge. It's that Spirit that makes our parish so special.

While gift giving under this year's modified angel tree program may not be as elaborate as in past years, our veterans, homebound, Catholic Charity elderly, Villa residents, parish families, children of farm workers, and 600+ children from St. Martin de Porres Outreach Ministry all received a gift.

They know that they are all in our thoughts, hearts, and prayers this Christmas.

Thank You! - Stella McCaffrey



Thank you for the Christmas gifts donated by St. John XXIII community members. Special thanks to Stella for organizing and making this happen and adding joy and smiles to these families. - Family Health Center



The Hispanic Ministry went to the three different Family Health Center - Social Services locations in Ft. Myers, Bonita Springs and LaBelle in order to distribute the gifts donated by our parish to the migrant families. They were so excited and happy. Some parents stated that this was going to be the only gift that their kids were going to receive this Christmas. God bless you! - Victor Cerna



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.

BETHANY MYERS: LITURGY COORDINATOR

WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

St. John XXIII Catholic Church is proud to introduce **Bethany Myers** to the Parish Team! We look forward to experience her faith and commitment to the Parish!
bethany@johnxxxiii.net

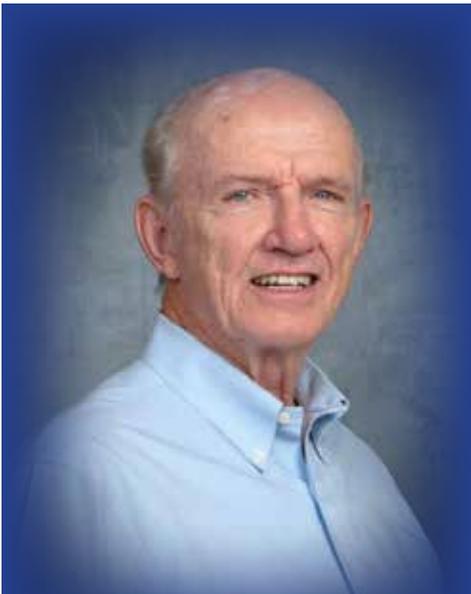
About Bethany

I have been a member of St. John XXIII parish since 2014 when my family moved to Fort Myers from Dayton, Ohio. Born in Longview, Texas, I spent most of my formative years in Catholic schools learning the fundamentals of Catholicism. But it was in grade school when I joined the Incarnation Church choir in Centerville, Ohio, that my faith took on a whole new meaning. Not only had I found a way to pursue my passion, I had found a way to reach out and connect to the other members of my church community, as well as, a way to pray in a more meaningful way – “He who sings prays twice” (St. Augustine).

In striving for a life of service, I went on to pursue a master's degree in Physical Therapy from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA, and graduated in 2001. I worked full-time in both skilled nursing and inpatient rehab settings for 12 years in Ohio, and it was through work that I met my wonderful husband, Ed, who is an Occupational Therapist and now teaches in the OT program at FGCU. With the birth of our twin daughters, we moved here to Fort Myers where I have been working part-time as a Physical Therapist for Lee Health at The Rehabilitation Hospital and full-time as mommy to my 7-year-olds Abby and Summer, all the while continuing to serve my church family in song as part of the choir and as a cantor.

I was beyond blessed to have discovered my ministry in the church at an early age. And I am very much looking forward to this new role at St. John XXIII where I can interact with all of you and assist anyone searching for a way to connect and serve our church family. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity!





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

Fort Myers Prayer Walk for Life: Join Bishop Dewane for Mass at 8:00am at St. John XXIII Church in Fort Myers on Ash Wednesday, February 17, followed by a rosary outside Planned Parenthood, 6418 Commerce Park Drive (approximately 9:15 a.m.) This event kicks off the 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign in Fort Myers. For details, email Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or call (941) 374-1068

OLPH Monthly Days of Prayer: The Retreat Center of the Diocese of Venice, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 3989 S. Moon Drive, Venice, continues to offer single days of prayer and overnight retreats in a safe, tranquil setting along the Myakka River. A Monthly Day of Prayer is offered on both the second Sunday and the second Wednesday of each month. To register call (941) 486-0233 or visit the website at www.olph-retreat.org and click on "Schedule of Events."

Virtual Catholic Days at the Capitol: Through the use of technology, Catholics will continue to bring their values and voices to Tallahassee to promote and protect human life and dignity. Register to participate in the February 2 and 3 virtual event <https://flaccb.org/cdac-registration> or contact Jeanne Berdeaux at (941) 374-1068 email: Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org

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).

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.



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

Registration Required:
www.faithandwineleecounty.com

**Guest Speaker:
KITTY CLEVELAND**

"Beloved: Finding My Identity in Christ"



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

Advanced Registration Required
www.faithandale.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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