



St. JOHN XXIII  
Catholic Church

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**May 23, 2021**

# Pentecost Sunday

THE BIRTH OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**May 23, 2021**

**Please Note:**  
**There will be  
 CONFESSIONS  
 outside the church  
 Every Saturday  
 8:30am-9:00am  
 LIVE streaming  
 MASSES on  
 Facebook/Website**

**PASTOR**

Rev. Robert Tabbert

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DeaconRich@johnxxiii.net

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday-Friday,

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. In accordance with CDC Guidelines, All fully vaccinated parishioners are no longer required to wear a mask during Mass. We will continue to livestream Masses on Facebook and the Website.

### MONDAY, MAY 24

- 8:00 AM † Evelyn McConlogue by Dan & Rose McConlogue

### TUESDAY, MAY 25

- 8:00 AM † Paul L. Kreuser by Birdie Juice Girls

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

- 8:00 AM † Evelyn McConlogue by Olga Perez Toranzo

### THURSDAY, MAY 27

- 8:00 AM † Linda Sorlie by Dick & Pat Dohack

### FRIDAY, MAY 28

- 8:00 AM † Linda Sorlie by Marc & Lucy Bingcang

### SATURDAY, MAY 29

- 8:00 AM ♥ The Feliz Jose Family by Suja Thomas
- 4:00 PM † Craig Danko by Robert & Pat Ryan
- 8:00 PM † Teresa - Vietnamese Mass

### SUNDAY, MAY 30

- 7:15 AM † Margaret "Peggy" Braz by Sharon Katorincek
- 9:15 AM † John Lombardi by Peter & Nancy
- 11:15 AM † Marion Lamone by Thomas Harrington
- 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.

### MAY 30, 2021 - READINGS

- |               |                                |
|---------------|--------------------------------|
| • 1ST READING | DT 4:32-34, 39-40              |
| • PSALM       | PS 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 |
| • 2ND READING | ROM 8:14-17                    |
| • GOSPEL      | MT 28:16-20                    |

## NON-PERISHABLE Donations

If you are heading north, please consider bringing your nonperishable items to church. These donations fill pantries in our area. Items can be dropped off in the Narthex.



### Pastoral Team

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# WHAT IS Pentecost Sunday?

by: **Cynthia William - Catholic Exchange**

*P*entecost is the great feast that marks the birth of the Christian Church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means “fiftieth day” and is celebrated 50 days after Easter. Red is the liturgical color for this day and it is encouraged that the faithful wear red to Church that day. Red is symbolic of the love of the Holy Spirit and recalls the tongues of fire in which the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles that first Pentecost. The color red also reminds us of the blood of the martyrs. These are the believers of every generation who by the power of the Holy Spirit hold firm to the true faith even at the cost of their lives.

*P*entecost Sunday is a commemoration and celebration of the receiving of the Holy Spirit by the early church. John the Baptist prophesied of the first Pentecost when Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire (Matthew 3:11). Jesus confirmed this prophecy with the promise of the Holy Spirit to the disciples in John 14:26. He showed Himself to these men after His death on the cross and His resurrection, giving convincing proofs that He was alive. Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Father’s gift of the Holy Spirit, from whom they would receive power to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:3-8).

*A*fter Jesus’ ascension to heaven, the men returned to Jerusalem and joined together in prayer in an upper room. On the Day of Pentecost, just as promised, the sound of a violent wind filled the house and tongues of fire came to rest on each of them and all were filled with the Holy Spirit. They were given the power of communication, which Peter used to begin the ministry for which Jesus had prepared him. After the coming of the Holy Spirit, the disciples did not stay in the room basking in God’s glory but burst out to tell the world. This was the beginning of the church as we know it.

*T*oday, in many Christian churches, Pentecost Sunday is celebrated to recognize the gift of the Holy Spirit, realizing that God’s very life, breath and energy live in believers. During this service, John 20:19-23 may be the core of the message about our risen Savior supernaturally appearing to the fear-laden disciples. Their fear gave way to joy when the Lord showed them His hands and side. He assured them peace and repeated the command given in Matthew 28:19-20, saying, “As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” Then He breathed on them, and they received the Holy Spirit (John 20:21-23).

*T*he celebration of Pentecost Sunday reminds us of the reality that we all have the unifying Spirit that was poured out upon the first-century church in Acts 2:1-4. It is a reminder that we are co-heirs with Christ, to suffer with Him that we may also be glorified with Him; that the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good (1 Corinthians 12:7); that we are all baptized by one Spirit into one body (1 Corinthians 12:13); and that the Spirit which raised Jesus from the dead lives inside believers (Romans 8:9-11). This gift of the Holy Spirit that was promised and given to all believers on the first Pentecost is promised for you and your children and for all who are far off whom the Lord our God will call (Acts 2:39).

***“Let us invoke the Holy Spirit  
each day: He guides us along the  
path of discipleship in Christ.”***

- POPE FRANCIS

# PRAYER FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 23, 2021

*God of majesty, you sent the Holy Spirit upon your apostles as they were joined in prayer with Mary, the mother of Jesus; grant through her intercession that we may serve you faithfully and, by word and example, spread the glory of your name throughout the world.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*



## Prayer List

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

Elaine Quan	Cynthia & William
Ryan Novajasky	Donna Stutz
Lynne Haughey	Judy Walker
Carol Clausen	Bobby Perillo
Marlene LaRose	Thomas Kearns
Erika Arquilla Hlavacek	Dottie Zielinski
Jeff Hlavacek	Kevin Natella
Gary Neubauer	Lynn Palen
Tom Biedak	William Riehle
Ron Hudepohl	Linda Sayres
Denise Vannelli	Joyce Mraz
Michelle Snyder	Don Davies
Judy Montanye	Judy Walker
Jill Wagner	Laura Sands
Henry Martinez	Kenny Knapp
Daniella Naomi Mejia	Olga Oliva
Yinna Vesga	MaryAnn McDonald

**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](mailto: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!  
Sharon Doerr*



## Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Ann Pavlan**  
Requested by: **her daughter**



## Adoration Chapel

Special Intentions: **Cleo Hesselbach**





## WATCH ON FACEBOOK

### DAILY MASS

8:00am Monday - Saturday

### EVERY SATURDAY

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

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

### EVERY SUNDAY

- **11:15am** Mass
- **1:30pm** Spanish Mass

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



### WATCH AT HOME:

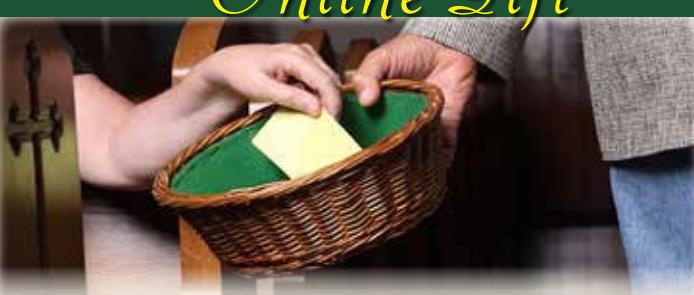
<https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/communications/tvmass/>

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

PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING YOUR



*Online Gift*



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

## WELCOME

### New Parishioners

- Bryan & Kristina Thompson
- Jose Bolivar & Leyla Echegaray
- Juan Carlos Fernandez
- Maureen Diaz-Fernandez

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, August 22, 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](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, 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      | PFC Judy Martinez, Army        |

# Faith Formation

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



We would like to thank everyone who participated in the May Crowning on Sunday prior to the 11:15 Mass.

## SACRAMENT PREPARATION:

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

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

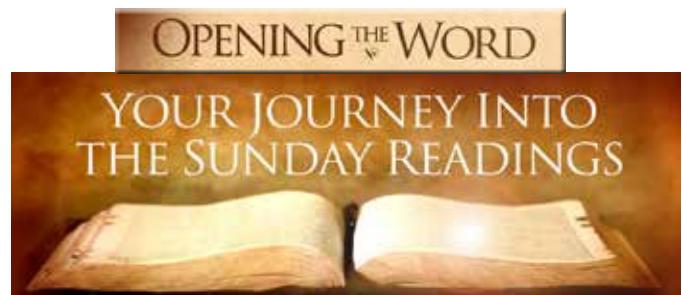
**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:** Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation is a two year process that begins at the start of 9th Grade and is celebrated in the Fall of 11th grade. (Older teens are certainly welcome!). Each year consists of Faith Formation through the parish Youth Group or a Diocesan Catholic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

*Faith is like WiFi: it's invisible but it has the power to connect you to what you need.*

## ADULT FAITH

# Education

Keep in **TOUCH** with your *Faith* **ONLINE:**



Watch a short video each week on Formed.org to help prepare you for the upcoming Sunday Readings. Register at <https://johnxxiii.formed.org/> and follow the instructions to sign in and watch Opening the Word. View all of the Catholic content 24/7.

**UPDATE:** The Bible Study has resumed in-person meetings in the Parish Life Center on Tuesday mornings at 9:00am

**PLEASE NOTE:** Masks DO NOT have to be worn for fully vaccinated individuals. For more information email **Linda Stanley** at: [lindastanley.ls@gmail.com](mailto:lindastanley.ls@gmail.com)



A very heartfelt thank you to **CATHERINE VAUGHN** for her years of service as our Eucharistic Minister Trainer! Catherine offered her time and talents to the training of many of our current and past Eucharistic Ministers, instilling in them her love for the Eucharist and her dedication to serving our parish community. Although Catherine has stepped down from her role as Eucharistic Minister Trainer, we continue to be blessed by her dedication to our parish as she serves as the Lead of the Arts & Environment team. Thank you, Catherine, for all you do for St. John XXIII!





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 in the Parish Life center flex rooms. Please check the Facebook page for more information.



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

### Confirmation Program

- **2021-22 Registration and Session Dates** will be available in July. We plan our dates in July to give families enough time to commit to the mandatory dates and program.

### High School Youth Group

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

- **2021-22 Dates** will be posted on the website in July under the education tab. All High school students are welcome. Confirmed students will earn community service as teen mentors.

### Middle School Youth Group

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

- **Registration for the 2021-22 Sessions** will be open in July. Please check the website under the education tab. The topics and dates will be listed as well.

### Volunteer Opportunities

We will be starting a new young adult, youth, and junior youth council. Please email Kelly Evers if interested in this leadership role.

- **Youth Council High School Students**



## *Hispanic Ministry ANNOUNCEMENTS*



### *Rezo del Santo Rosario*

(Antes de la misa los domingos)

- Lugar: Iglesia Católica St. John XXIII
- Hora: 12:45pm
- 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 sábados del mes.

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

### *Contactanos*

- Para más información contactarse a: [comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net](mailto:comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net)



### *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.

*For questions, please contact:*

**Leslie Robertson** call or text **(239) 560-5617**  
or email [vwhelan99@gmail.com](mailto:vwhelan99@gmail.com)



## General Announcements

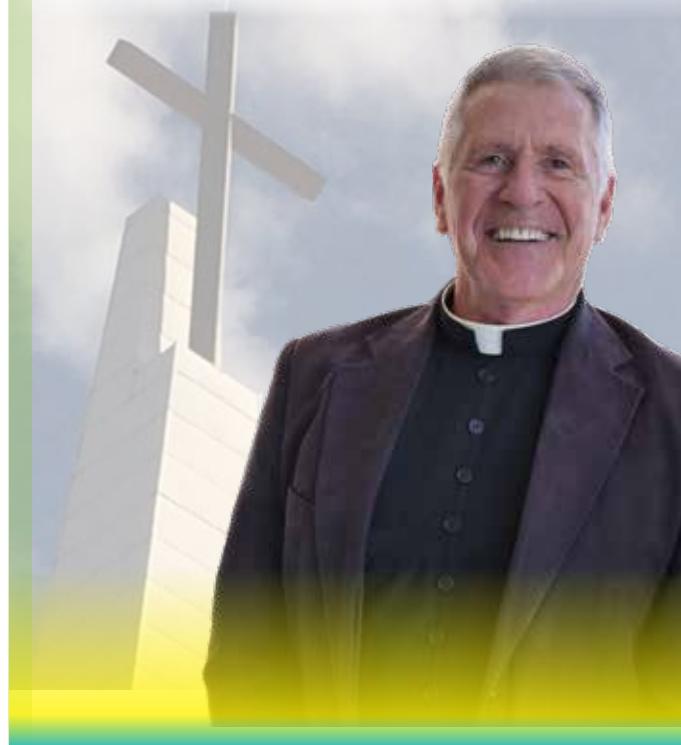
- **Have You Listened to Our Podcasts?** Listen to our weekly inspirational messages from Father Bob and homilies from Mass. Visit our site weekly at [johnxxiii.podbean.com](http://johnxxiii.podbean.com)
- **Like our Facebook Page:** For all the latest happenings, search "St. John XXIII Catholic Church" and "like" our page.
- **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!
- **Our Weekly Newsletter:** Visit <https://www.johnxxiii.net/e-newsletter-sign-up/> and enter your email address.
- **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/>
- **Serve our Parish Family During Mass:** Men, women and teens may serve as a Greeter, Usher, Lector, or Eucharistic Minister. 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 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. The chapel will be open every 1st Friday of the month from 8:30am-8pm. For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry please visit: [johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/](http://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: [respectlifejohn23@gmail.com](mailto:respectlifejohn23@gmail.com)
- **Open to Life Ministry:** O2L is looking for individuals who want to take action and make a difference in the lives of families in our community. For more information, please email Elizabeth Andrews at [Elipchik@hotmail.com](mailto:Elipchik@hotmail.com)
- **St. John XXIII Thrift Store:** Hours are Monday-Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. For more information email [thrift@johnxxiii.net](mailto: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
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# Thank You FROM FR. BOB

I would like to personally thank **Judy Seigel** and **Laura Sands** for their many years of service with the Funeral Ministry as Sacristans. Our priests appreciate the sacrifice you both have made and the way you served with love and humility. We are grateful that they will still be involved in other ministries within the parish.

I would also like to acknowledge **Sally Pratt** for her years of service as our Vice President of the Parish Advisory Council and her involvement in our Strategic Planning Committee. Her support and sound advise has helped to grow our parish in so many ways. We all appreciate your positive outlook and love for the parish. We know you will still be involved in other ministries in the parish as well.

Gratefully, Fr. Bob

## A LETTER FROM

# Bishop Frank Dewane

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Risen Lord! As Holy Mother Church celebrates the Solemnity of Pentecost, it is my prayer that you, the Faithful of the Diocese of Venice, may be filled with the graces of the Holy Spirit.

With this letter, I wish to address the face covering and distancing policy at Mass and Parish gatherings in the Diocese of Venice. As you are aware, on May 13, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provided updated guidance for vaccinated individuals with regards to face masks and distancing. Under the new guidance, those who are fully vaccinated are no longer required to wear masks or physically distance except where required by law.

In accordance with the new CDC guidance and effective immediately, masks and distancing will no longer be required at Mass in the Diocese of Venice. Masks remain encouraged and certainly permitted, particularly for those who are not yet vaccinated. Masks will no longer be required for Parish group activities or other Parish gatherings.

For those who have children in a Catholic School or Parish religious education program, and due to only recent age eligibility for vaccines for some of these age groups, the CDC has said that masking is a key strategy to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in schools. Thus, for the remainder of this academic year, masks will continue to be required. This will be reviewed with the close of the school year.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we all try to live in the context of the Pandemic and to be evermore mindful of our brothers and sisters around us who may be vulnerable, for whatever reason.

This opportunity is taken to extend to you the assurances of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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



# 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](mailto:larryevener@yahoo.com) or  
TOM DOLAN: [mtd0522@yahoo.com](mailto:mtd0522@yahoo.com)

The Women's Guild Contact:

SUE EDWARDS: [sgedwards007@gmail.com](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_



## Weekly Financials

	05-16-21	05-17-20	Difference
Offertory	\$26,464.00	\$14,836.00	\$11,628.00
Building Fund	\$1,702.00	\$925.00	\$777.00
Total	\$28,166.00	\$15,761.00	\$12,405.00
Mass Attendance	1921	0	
Registered Families	3558	3648	

No money is kept on Church property. Thank you for your continued generosity!

\*Please make your checks payable to "St. John XXIII"

### 2021 Catholic Faith Appeal

2021 Goal	\$492,000.00
Pledge	\$353,081.12
% of Goal	71.76%
% of Households	13.90%
Payments	<b>\$277,523.54</b>

## 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:

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# Thank You FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



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- Caron Hall
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### MAY 3 : \$500 EACH

- Betty Dadio
- Donald Koznicki

### \$2,500 GRAND PRIZE

- Anthony Poehailos

# Communion FOR THE Homebound

Our homebound Eucharistic Ministers are now able to bring the Eucharist to our homebound. However, there are strict procedures to follow to keep everyone safe during this time.

If you have a loved one at home whom you would like us to bring the Eucharist to, or you would like a visit from one of our Eucharistic ministers, please email [helengtuffy@gmail.com](mailto:helengtuffy@gmail.com) or call **(239) 826-6873** and she will add the name to the list and explain the procedures.

We are so grateful we can see our people once again who have been without the Eucharist!

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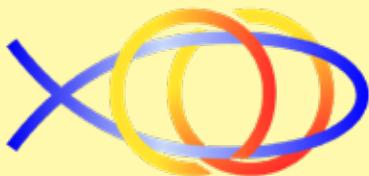
Join us for the opportunity to enrich and grow your marriage with the love of Christ. This Catholic lay movement is where like-minded couples meet once a month to eat, pray and discuss topics to help couples deepen their faith and marriage.

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Teams of Our Lady



MONTH OF MAY

## Women's Guild BABY SHOWER

During the month of May, The St. John XXIII Women's Guild is sponsoring a baby shower to support women in need of help with their babies. Items will be donated to the pro-life pregnancy centers in town.

All items donated must be new. Due to Covid, they are **unable to accept used items**.

You can donate one item or if you wish you can make up a basket for a child of a particular age. Items may be left at the display in the narthex. They are looking for items for ages 0-2T. Items needed are:

- Diapers of any size
- Onesies
- Clothing 0-2T
- Blankets
- Bibs
- Lotions etc.
- Crib sheets
- Gift cards to Walmart or Target
- Bottles
- Pacifiers
- Donations of cash for cribs and car seats



Please write in the check memo line:  
**"Women's Guild Baby Shower"**

All gift cards and checks can be left in the church office or in the collection basket. Please mark your envelope: **"WG Baby Shower"**

For more information contact Sue Edwards at:  
[sgedwards007@gmail.com](mailto:sgedwards007@gmail.com)

# *Sacrament of First* **HOLY COMMUNION**

On May 8th and May 15th, 81 children celebrated the Sacrament of First Eucharist. A sincere “Thank you” to all the parents and families for supporting your child’s faith journey. You are the first teachers of your child’s faith. Live God’s peace and love.

Thank you to all the Catechists and Assistants for helping to prepare the children for First Communion this past year. To the priests of St. John XXIII and to all who served in ministry for this Liturgy: The Sacristans, Ushers, Lectors, Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers. To Barbara Lange & Deborah Marino for providing the beautiful music.

To our photographers Danielle Green and Tony Gravette for capturing the moments of this special day. To Paul Kielmeyer for live-streaming on Facebook. To the Rosary group who made Rosary Beads for each of the First Communicants, the Knights of Columbus for funding the project., and to all those who helped with all the behind-the-scenes work.



**ALL PICS AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD:**

10:00 AM Ceremony:

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# Parish

## NURSING MINISTRY

### SUMMER TIPS

Stay cool this summer and prevent heat-related illnesses when participating in outdoor activities with these tips:

#### Hydrate Properly Throughout the Day:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that individuals who weigh less than 90 pounds need five ounces of water - that's 10 big gulps every 20 minutes.

#### Plan Ahead:

Wear protective clothing/sunscreen and avoid the heat during the hottest part of the day, around mid-day. Let someone know where and when you are going outdoors bring a phone for communication emergencies.

#### Take Frequent Breaks:

Move to shaded or breezy areas and wear clothing to allow for increased evaporative cooling.

## PREVENTING HEAT STROKE:

Heat stroke is a very seriously and potentially dangerous heat injury that requires medical attention immediately. This is the most severe form of heat-related condition that stems from milder illnesses such as heat cramps and heat exhaustion. The medical definition of heat stroke is a core body temperature of 105 degrees Fahrenheit or higher combined with central nervous system complications resulting from overexposure to high temperatures.

If you've spent a lot of time in the sun and you're experiencing any of the symptoms below, it's important to seek medical attention immediately.

Call 911 if you or others develop symptoms of heat stroke that are unable to be adequately treated.

- Incredibly Hot Skin
- Dizziness and Fainting
- Extreme Fatigue
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Rapid Heartbeat
- Mental Confusion
- Seizures
- Lack of Sweating
- Severe Headache



## GOOD STEWARD OF INFLUENCE



Everything you have is a gift from God; your health, your life, your salvation, your freedom, your friends, your family, your opportunities. God expects you to make the most of the things He gives you. The word for that in the Bible is called "stewardship."

Stewardship is the Old English word for "management." And just as you manage your time and your money, you also manage your influence.

God expects you to use your influence to help other people. What is influence? The Cambridge Dictionary defines influence as, "the power to affect how someone develops, acts or thinks." God expects you to be an influence.

You should want to be influential. In fact, it's quite selfish to say, "I don't really care about the rest of the world. I don't care about helping anybody else. I'm just thinking about little ol' me." In fact, Jesus commands that you use your influence for good in this world. You were put here to be an influence for good. God wants you to do that.

What we need in this world is a lot more positive influence. There are problems that need to be fixed and causes that need to be advanced, especially the cause of telling the whole world about Jesus, and we need every Christian to be influencing the world on Jesus' behalf. Here are some tips:

**RECOGNIZE YOUR INFLUENCE:** Stop and think about who you influence, and how you best influence them. Take inventory of your experiences, your talents and abilities, your passions and interests. And think about the people you seem to connect with the best. Realize that you do have influence and you simply need to recognize it.

**EXERCISE YOUR INFLUENCE:** Influence is like a muscle—use it or lose it. Most of us have far more influence than we've ever imagined. The influence that you have can be incredibly more powerful if you and I would just take the simple step of being a little more intentional about our influence.

**MAXIMIZE YOUR INFLUENCE:** There are only two legitimate reasons for expanding your influence. One is ministry and the other is mission. In other words, you expand your influence in order to help more people and to bring more people to Jesus. Any other reason for expanding your influence is illegitimate, self-centered, and selfish. On the other hand, there is almost nothing that God will not do for the person whose ultimate goal is the glory of God.

**Update**

# CIBORIA MEMORIALIZATION

**ONLY ONE LEFT!**

Do you have a family member who has gone home to be with the Lord but had a special connection to the Eucharist, possibly as a Sacristan or Eucharistic Minister? Or maybe you are looking for a way to honor a living family member or friend who currently volunteers with our parish or is about to celebrate a significant milestone.

We recently purchased 12 NEW CIBORIA to use during our Eucharistic Celebrations as our current ciboria have been well used and have begun to tarnish significantly.

**PLEASE NOTE: 11 Ciboria have been memorialized, leaving only 1 available.** If you would like to **memorialize one of the new ciboria for \$1000** to honor a family member or friend, either living or deceased, please contact **Bethany Myers** at the parish office: (239) 561-2245 or [bethany@johnxxiii.net](mailto:bethany@johnxxiii.net)



SUNDAY, JUNE 13

# BEEHIVE

THE '60S MUSICAL

Support and join The St. John XXIII Women's Guild on Sunday evening, June 13 for dinner and a show at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre as you take a trip down memory lane with this exciting and colorful salute to the powerful female voices of the 1960s. The talented cast will sing and dance to hits made popular by the Chiffons, the Supremes, Aretha Franklin, Connie Francis and more. Beehive includes 40 beloved songs that take you on a journey through the look, sounds and feel of the 1960s such as *My Boyfriend's Back*, *Son Of A Preacher Man*, *Me and Bobby McGee*, *R-E-S-P-E-C-T* and *It's My Party* and many others!

The Broadway Palm is adhering to all CDC guidelines. Masks are required while you are not sitting at your table and strongly recommend while not eating or drinking. Please see Broadway Palm website for all changes.  
<https://broadwaypalm.com/covid-19-safety-measures/>

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**Televised Mass for the Homebound:** For those who are unable to attend Mass due to medical or physical limitations, the Diocese of Venice offers a televised Mass each Sunday. For viewers in the northern portions of the Diocese, the Mass airs at 9:30am on the CW Network; and for those in the southern portions of the Diocese, the Mass is at 10:30am on WFTX-TV (FOX-4).

**Project Rachel Post-Abortion:** Reconciliation and healing is available to you. For more information, please call: Sylvia at (941) 412-5860 e-mail: [project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org) or visit: [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com)

**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.

**Help Your Parish:** Parishes face increased risk of financial shortfalls due to the pandemic. Please 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

**Free Mental Health Counseling:** Catholic Charities is providing free mental health counseling services. For help or support, please call our staff at (844) 385-2423 or visit [www.catholiccharitiesdov.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org)

**Safe Environment Training:** 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. For further details please visit <https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/programs/safeenvironment/>

**Theology on Tap:** Young Adults are invited to attend Theology on Tap at Southern Fresh Farms, 8500 Penzance Blvd, Fort Myers, for a lovely outdoor venue with picnic benches for food and refreshments as well as practical presentations. Feel free to bring a lawn chair if you are more comfortable. The event runs from 7-9pm on the second Thursday of each month. Please contact Joshua Mazrin at [evangelization@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:evangelization@dioceseofvenice.org) or Patty Cox at [patty@ourladyoflight.com](mailto:patty@ourladyoflight.com) with any questions.

**Treatment Center for Teens:** Newly opened treatment center 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

**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.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org)



## KEEP OUR YOUTH *Connected* TO THE CHURCH

### GRADUATES AND PARENTS - FIND YOUR CENTER

Did you know that 80% of students stop practicing their faith at some point during college, while only 15% look for a campus ministry on their own?

The Diocese of Venice would like to support our incoming college freshmen by connecting them to catholic organizations at the Universities they will be attending.

The **Newman Connection** is a data entry program that assists in this effort at the national level. We will have Newman Connection cards available at the Welcome Desk for those parents and/or grandparents who wish to fill out the card. The only information needed is the student's name, college choice and the college's city. The Campus Ministry will welcome the students and reach out to them when they arrive.

For more information visit the Newman Connection at: [www.newmanconnection.com](http://www.newmanconnection.com)

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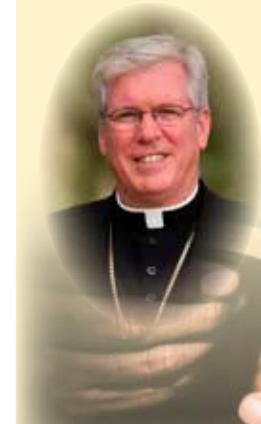
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OUR LADY OF THE  
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# *Stations of the Cross*

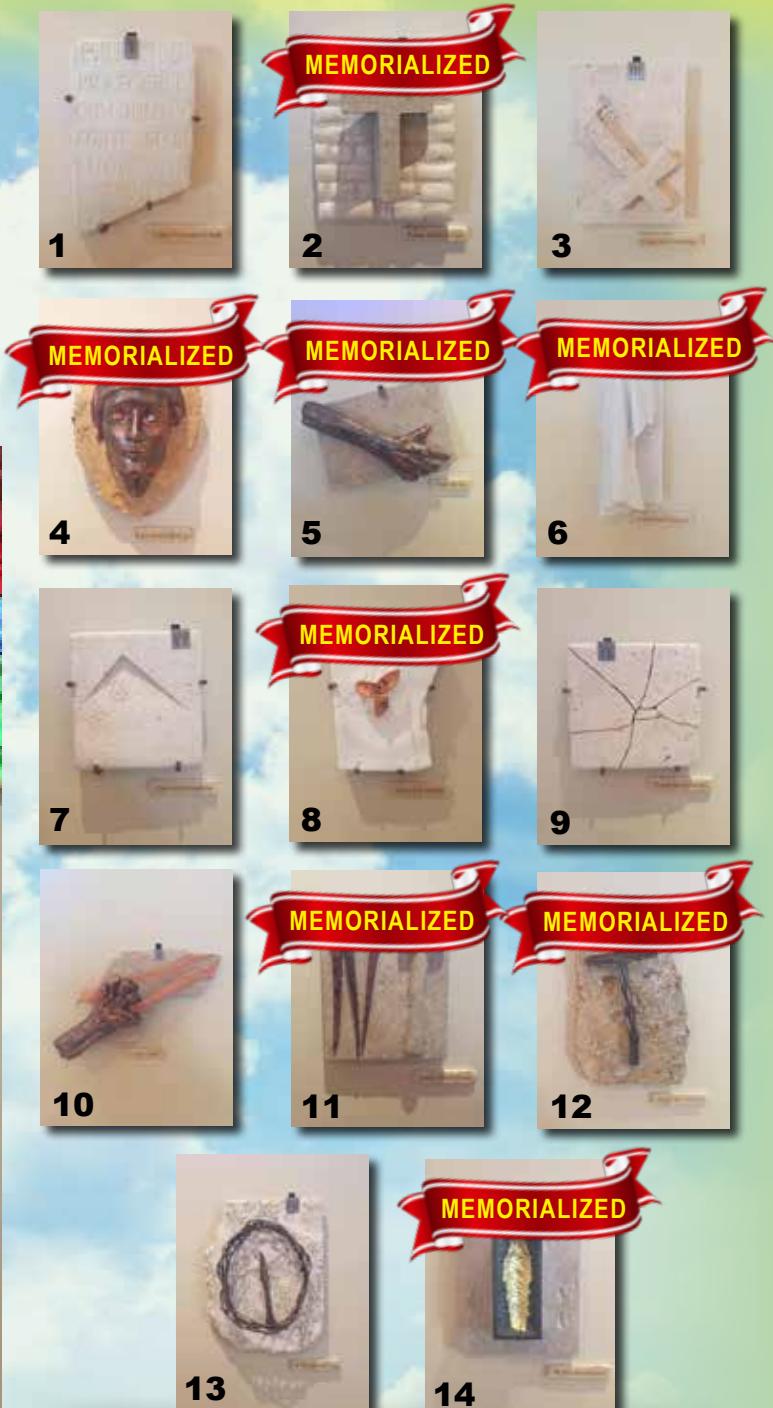
## MEMORIALIZE A LOVED ONE

Artist Chris Scala has designed the beautiful new Stations of the Cross in the Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel. You may want to memorialize one of the stations. The cost is **\$5,000** per station.

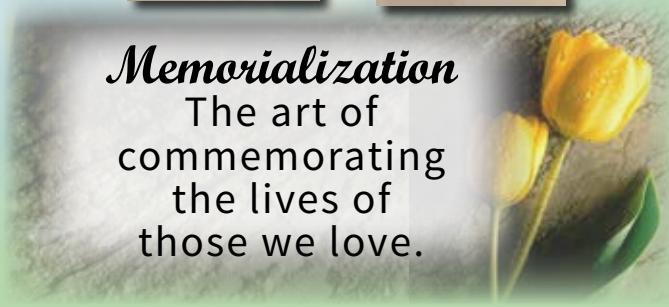
This would be a great way to memorialize a loved one. For more information contact **Holly Atkins** in the Parish Office at **holly@johnxxx.net**



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