



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

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May 30, 2021

MEMORIAL DAY

HONORING THEIR SACRIFICE



*"Greater **love** has no one than this, that one lay down his **life** for his friends."* - John 15:13

May 30, 2021

Please Note:
SATURDAY
CONFESSIONS
will resume in the
church starting
JUNE 5 from
8:30am-9:00am
LIVE streaming
MASSES on
Facebook/Website

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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 31 - MEMORIAL DAY

- 8:00 AM † Elizabeth Fiali by Joanne Walsh

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

- 8:00 AM ♥ Timothy Shea by Amy Shea

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

- 8:00 AM † Ivy Taebel by Amy Shea

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

- 8:00 AM ♥/† Rogers & Polodak Families by Rita Rogers

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

- 8:00 AM ♥ CJ & Monica Weber by The Bratcher Family

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

- 8:00 AM † Ron Cook by his family
- 4:00 PM † Diane Wittenauer by The Eberhard Family
- 8:00 PM † Teresa - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

- 7:15 AM † Jeanie Angel by Alice Bierch
- 9:15 AM † Marion Lamone by The Sacripanti Family
- 11:15 AM † Stephen Edward Harding by Carol & Nicholas Hahn
- 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.

JUNE 6, 2021 - READINGS

- 1ST READING EX 24:3-8
- PSALM PS 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18
- 2ND READING HEB 9:11-15
- GOSPEL MK 14:12-16, 22-26

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

MONDAY, MAY 31 - MEMORIAL DAY

St. Luke Adoration Chapel will be open from
8:30am - 12:00pm to honor our veterans.

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THE *Meaning* OF *Memorial Day*

by: **Jeremy Wells - Catholic Exchange**

Each May, the United States celebrates a day called Memorial Day. Does Memorial Day have meaning? What is the history of Memorial Day?

Memorial Day was first widely observed in May 1868. The celebration commemorated the sacrifices of the Civil War and the proclamation was made by General John A Logan. Following the proclamation, participants decorated graves of more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers.

In years since World War 1, the day has become a celebration of honor for those who died in all America's wars, as well as those who are Veterans and current members of the US military.

In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday. The United States celebrates this holiday the last Monday of May.

Many people are very free with their opinions about war, about whether or not we should fight this war or that, about where and how the military should be deployed or brought home. In some countries, freely expressing these opinions could land you in jail or worse. In America, our right to express them is protected by the highest law in our land. In America, men and women have given their lives defending that right.

Regardless of whether we support a particular war, we should always support the men and women who serve in our military.

Memorial Day is about honoring the fallen, giving thanks to all who have served and who are serving. It is about supporting the men and women who day after day put their lives on the line so that you and I can be free.

Does Memorial Day have meaning to you? Many communities around the United States have memorial day events at cemeteries where veterans and spiritual leaders speak. Other cities and towns host parades to honor the military. However, in many cities around the country, these events have been forgotten.

It is important for Americans to take time to remember the sacrifices that bought their freedom.

To all our veterans, the ones who came home and the ones who didn't, our debt to you is deep. Know that we remember you, we thank you, and we ask the good Lord to reward you for your faithful service to the United States of America.



Join Us!

MONDAY, MAY 31
after the 8:00am Mass

There will be a prayer service in the **Memorial Garden** on **Monday, May 31** right after the 8:00am Mass. Fr. Saji will be the celebrant. A special thank you to Mike Sullivan who will be putting flags on all graves of those who have served in the military.

PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 31



On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace. Amen.

Thank You
for your sacrifice

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

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!*

**Joyce Mraz
Donna Stutz**



Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Ernie & Mary Bartholomew**
Requested by: **Diane Harlyvetch
& Joanne Greer**



Adoration Chapel

Special Intentions: **All Veterans**





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:

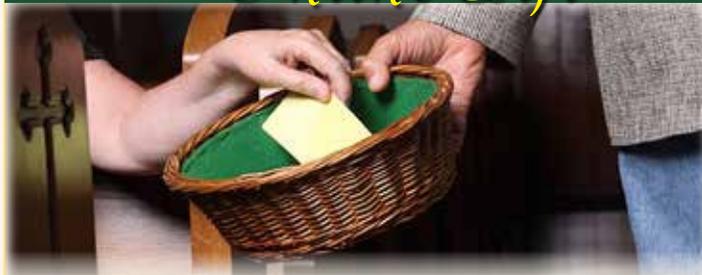
<https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/communications/tvmas/>

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



PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING YOUR

Online Gift



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

WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Andrea May
- Adam Schaffer
- Justin McElroy
- Shannon Hess
- Joshua & Perla Gaviria
- Jared & Giselle Mosley
- Dennis & Tina Byrd
- Thomas & Liliana Dryden

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

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 | chrisdre@johnxxiii.net

FAITH
YOU GOTTA HAVE

Faith Formation has completed the 2020-2021 year. As plans for reopening are being made, please watch the bulletin and our website for updates for the 2021- 2020 school year.

We are always in need of help with our various programs. Please consider sharing the gift of faith with the youth in our parish. For more information, contact **Chris Biel** at chrisdre@johnxxiii.net

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.

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



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with Jeff Cavins & Others at:
ascensionpress.com/pages/popular-studies



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 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 Opportunitites

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**



Thank You!



GINNY WHELAN

Ginny arrived in Fort Myers originally as a snowbird in 2007 and before she knew it Barbara Catineau was calling Ginny in her beautiful NJ beach home asking her to be part of the newly formed RCIA team here at St John XXIII. Barbara persisted in calling until Ginny agreed.....and that was the beginning of a 14 year membership in our RCIA Team. Ginny was a catechist and team member for nine years and then Team Leader for the last five years. She came to us well steeped in RCIA with close to 20 years leading the team in her NJ parish.

We have been blessed by her knowledge, love of, and dedication to this ministry that accompanies those seeking membership in the Catholic Church. Ginny would say instead, that it has been her blessing and privilege to walk with each and every one of them.

Ginny is not leaving us, but taking time to listen to the Lord's whispers as He guides her on the next chapter in her faith journey.



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 cdr609@aol.com





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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.
- **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!
- **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/
- **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
- **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
- **St. John XXIII Thrift Store:** Hours are Monday-Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. For more information email thrft@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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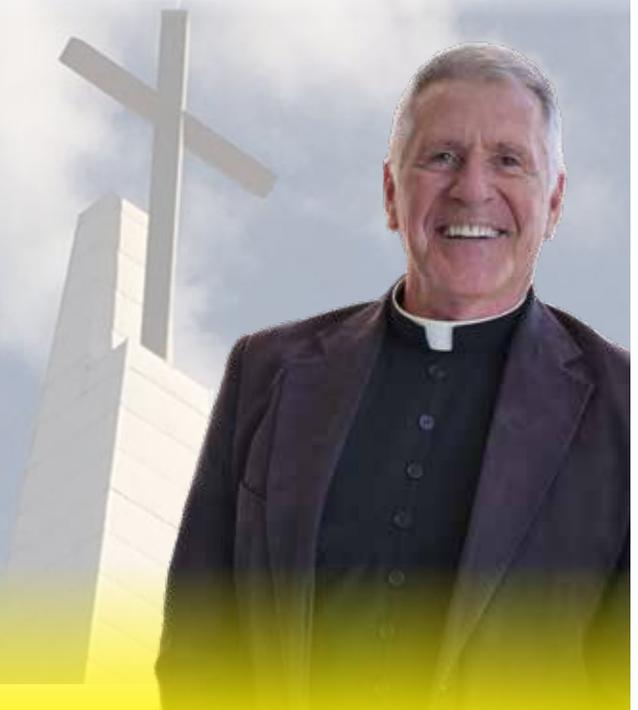
Important Updates

- Daily Mass and the Rosary will return to the Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel beginning Tuesday, June 1st.
- Saturday Confessions will resume in the church starting June 5th from 8:30am-9:00am.
- Per the Diocese of Venice, we ask that you please refrain from inquiring if staff or parishioners have been vaccinated for Covid-19. This is regarded as personal information and people may feel uncomfortable divulging this information to others.

Thank you for your continued patience as we move towards the summer.

Sincerely, Father Bob

Rev. Robert J. Jabart



Trinity Sunday



MAY 30, 2021

Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost to honor the Holy Trinity: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Although the word “trinity” does not appear in Scripture, it is taught in Matthew 28:18-20 and 2 Corinthians 13:14 (and many other biblical passages). The concept of the trinity can never be completely understood or rationalized, but it is clearly taught in Scripture. Understanding of all scriptural doctrine is by faith which comes through the work of the Holy Spirit; therefore, it is appropriate that this mystery is celebrated the first Sunday after Pentecost, when the outpouring of the Holy Spirit first occurred.

On Trinity Sunday, the Christian Church ponders with joy and thanksgiving what the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have done to accomplish the salvation of sinful humanity. It is brought to remembrance how Christians should respond to the love God has shown us, praising Him and giving Him glory. We remember the Father as our Creator, the Son as our Savior and the Holy Spirit as our Comforter. Scriptural readings for the Trinity Sunday ceremony may include Psalm 8, beginning and ending with, “O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.” Second Corinthians 13:11-13 appeals to believers to aim for perfection and live in peace, ending with the prayer that the grace of Christ Jesus, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all, including again the commission Jesus left for believers in Matthew 28:16-20.

In the Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Catholic churches, the Sunday of Pentecost itself is called Trinity Sunday (the Sunday after Pentecost is All Saints Sunday). The Monday after Pentecost is called Monday of the Holy Spirit, and the next day is called the Third Day of the Trinity. Though liturgical colours are not as fixed in the Eastern practice (normally there are simply “festive” colours and “somber” or Lenten colours), in some churches, green is used for Pentecost and its Afterfeast.

Today, Trinity Sunday is to explain, to the best of man’s ability, the clues written in Scripture to guide us to a fuller understanding of our triune God. The Father is God from the beginning (John 1:1); Jesus revealed Himself as equal to the Father in John 10:30, “I and the Father are one.” Together, they sent the Holy Spirit (John 14:26). “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19).

“With our eyes fixed on Jesus and His merciful gaze, we experience the love of the Most Holy Trinity....Everything in Him speaks of mercy. Nothing in Him is devoid of compassion.”

- POPE FRANCIS



PRAYER FOR THE HOLY TRINITY

Glory be to the Father who, by His almighty power, created me in His image and likeness.

Glory be to the Son who, by His love delivered me from my frustrations and opened the gates of heaven for me.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit who, by His mercy, sanctified me and continues this sanctification by the graces I receive daily from His infinite kindness.

Glory be to the three Persons of Trinity as They were in the beginning and as They are now and forever.

Amen.



ADORATION

CORNER

An hour actually passes very quickly, but if done on a regular basis, it establishes a structure for your entire week....

Come Sit With Me

HONORING OUR *Veterans*

The St. Luke Adoration Chapel WILL BE OPEN on **MEMORIAL DAY MAY 31**, from **8:30am until 12:00pm** only.

We remember those Veterans who have lost their lives for our country. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Church office will be CLOSED.

FIRST FRIDAY *Adoration*

On **FRIDAY, JUNE 4**, the St. Luke Adoration Chapel will be open from **8:30am-8:00pm**.

We have designated **4:00pm-8:00pm** as **"SPECIAL HOLY Hours"** (silent prayer) for those on our Prayer list that need Healing along with our own Special Intentions we hold in the Silence of our Hearts.

Please join us every 1st Friday for the Special Holy Hours of Silent Prayer with the Blessed Sacrament and bring a friend!

The Presence of the Blessed Sacrament is our Prayer of HOPE, HEALING, STRENGTH AND LOVE.

REGULAR CHAPEL *Hours*

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 8:30am-4pm

SATURDAY: 8:30am-3pm

For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry visit johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/



Knights of Columbus

WHAT'S NEW?



Grand Knight, **Tom Dolan** presented **Gloria Larson** a check for Haitian relief. This money will be used to send much needed rice to the Haitian people. Gloria also sends clothes and baby items to Haiti periodically throughout the year. Haiti is having a hard time recovering from recent hurricanes and also with the Covid 19 virus.

Pavers for Sale:

The Knights will be selling 12x12 pavers for the St. Michael the Archangel the **weekend of June 5/6 and 19/20**. Price is \$350 each. 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.

We look forward to this beautiful statue arriving in September!

Food Collection:

The next non-perishable food collection for St. Martin DePorres will take place on **Saturday, June 26** from **10am-1pm** in the church. If you are heading north, please consider dropping off your nonperishable items.





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Weekly Financials



	05-23-21	05-24-20	Difference
Offertory	\$22,185.00	\$24,596.00	(\$2,411.00)
Building Fund	\$1,731.00	\$2,537.00	(\$806.00)
Total	\$23,916.00	\$27,133.00	(\$3,217.00)
Mass Attendance	2043	734	
Registered Families	3561	3649	

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	\$371,712.12
% of Goal	75.55%
% of Households	14.74%
Payments	\$295,553.54

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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FR. ANGELO



A Faithful Reflection:

50 years ago, Bishop James Edward Walsh, MM, a prisoner in Communist China for 20 years, ordained me and 13 great men at Maryknoll, NY. Although I would have loved to have a wife and children there was never one day that I regretted becoming a priest.

I am eternally grateful for all that Maryknoll has blessed me with and have tried to incorporate each in my priesthood and preaching:

- 1) A belief in the universality of God vs any parochial narrow understanding of God.
- 2) A tremendous respect and hunger for proper theology vs devotionism.
- 3) A global perspective of the universal Church.
- 4) The importance and strength only found in diversity.
- 5) The universality of God's love and mercy, barring no one!
- 6) An appreciation of the full priesthood of Jesus Christ, shared in every Christian's baptism, and in Orders.

7) The inert sacredness of each person created in the image and likeness of God.

8) An understanding that finite humans cannot control an infinite God...

9) A humble appreciation that in the Incarnation, God once again reconfirms the sacredness of being human being.

10) A deepening sense of what covenant means and the importance of God as revealing Self as Abba (Daddy)

One more paramount insight, extremely important to me...a journey away from cultic priesthood to servant priesthood.

These principles define who I am, what I believe and will continue to form me for long as God continues to give me life.

The last four years of my priesthood have been especially blessed. When I retired and moved to Fort Myers I thought my priesthood was now a thing of the past. However, being invited by Fr. Bob to lend a hand at St. John XXIII's Parish, has given my priesthood new life and much joy. I can honestly say that these last 4 years are some of the happiest of my 50 years. Fr. Bob not only

accepted me, but has been a continual positive force in my life.

St. John XXIII Parish is the ideal model Catholic Christian Community, filled with awe-inspiring parishioners, who give so much of themselves in the Church's service. From the very first day of being at St. John XXIII, I have witnessed the outpouring of Christian service for love of God and of neighbor.

I would be remiss if I did not publicly thank Fr. Bob for his kindness and acceptance. Also, I am so blessed by having met such wonderful people of the parish and have missed you all during this pandemic. Missing the wonderful "High Fives" from your children has been the hardest for me.

May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

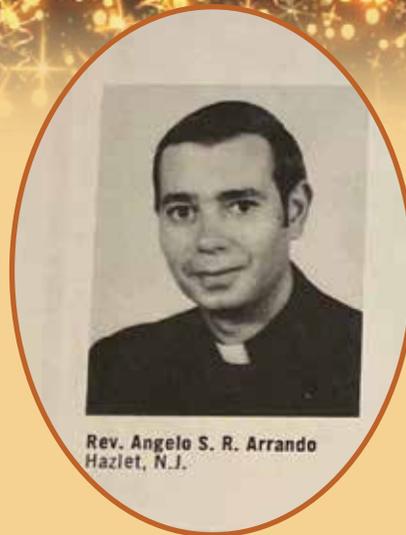
Love,
Fr. Angelo

About Fr. Angelo:

I was born in Savannah Beach, GA, 1943, where my father volunteered to do the ballast for navy ships during WW II. Both my parents were born in Italy, my father in Naples and my mom in Asti Piedmont.

We moved to Brooklyn, NY when I was 9 months old. Even though I left Brooklyn when I was 18, Brooklyn totally is a part of me.

At the age of 18, I began my 9 year preparation for the priesthood in the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of American (MARYKNOLL). After ordination I was assigned to Korea. When my father had a severe stroke, I returned to the US and began to work in the Diocese of Bridgeport. After serving in three parishes, I was appointed Pastor of St. Gregory the Great in Danbury, CT. I was Pastor there for 27 years, retiring in August of 1990. I moved to Fort Myers September 1 of 1990, and began my service to St. John XXIII a few years ago.



Memorial Day

FUN FACTS

- Would you believe that Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day? It wasn't declared the official name until 1967.
- It's estimated that approximately 32 million people travel by car over Memorial Day weekend.
- Memorial Day also marks the beginning of the summer vacation season while Labor Day marks the end.
- In some areas of the rural South, they hold annual Decoration Days around this time for certain cemeteries, often in the mountains.
- Memorial Day is sometimes confused with Veterans Day. However, Veterans Day honors all United States military veterans, while Memorial Day honors the soldiers who died while serving.
- Although not popular today, one tradition was to have a picnic while sitting on the ground of a cemetery. There are still some people in the rural areas of the South that continue to practice this tradition.
- The flag is supposed to be flown at half-mast until noon, and then raised to full mast until sunset on Memorial Day.
- Congress passed a law in 2000 that requires all Americans to stop what they are doing at 3pm on Memorial Day to remember and to honor those who have died serving the United States.

MONTH OF MAY



Women's Guild



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 crib 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:
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For more information contact **Sue Edwards** at:
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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.

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Be proud of the country we live in and even more proud of those who serve to protect our "GOD GIVEN" rights and freedoms.

Take the time to read this. To understand what the flag draped coffin really means when the flag is laid upon it and is surrendered to so many widows and widowers.

Do you know that at military funerals the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies but here is its significance:

THE 1ST FOLD of the flag is a symbol of life.

THE 2ND FOLD is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.

THE 3RD FOLD is made in honor and tribute of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace.

THE 4TH FOLD exemplifies our weaker nature as citizens trusting in God; it is to Him we turn for His divine guidance.

THE 5TH FOLD is an acknowledgment to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."

THE 6TH FOLD is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE 7TH FOLD is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies.

THE 8TH FOLD is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

THE 9TH FOLD is an honor to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty, and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

THE 10TH FOLD is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first-born.

THE 11TH FOLD represents in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

THE 12TH FOLD represents in the eyes of a Christian citizen, an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE 13TH FOLD or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their nations motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.

May God protect us always. One Nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all!



Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

Florida Vaccination Scheduling Line: You can now check appointment availability and schedule your COVID-19 vaccination online at myvaccine.fl.gov Should you need any assistance, you can reach one of our vaccination support specialists at (833) 540-2032 or for TTY assistance, please call (833) 476-1038

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

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.

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 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

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 or Patty Cox at 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.justiceformigrants.org

MILITARY APPRECIATION

With Memorial Day approaching Monday, May 31, we would like to recognize our military! This is an excellent time to honor both active and former members of our armed forces. To help do our part to thank those in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, Space Force, National Guard and beyond, we've rounded up more than 30 awesome military discounts available from the likes of Nike, Samsung and more.

What is Military Appreciation?

Officially recognized by Congress in 1999, National Military Appreciation Month includes several key dates pertaining to our soldiers: Loyalty Day, Military Spouse Appreciation Day, VE Day, Armed Forces Day and, of course, **MEMORIAL DAY ON MAY 31.**

Many of the military discounts found should extend far beyond these calendar dates, however, so these hard-working members of our community can get their thanks all year long. Keep in mind that some of the sites may require you to confirm your eligibility through third-party sites, but nabbing these exclusive discounts is still as easy as one, two, three.

Sign up for Discounts:

Join **Military.com** as we honor the service and sacrifice of members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, Space Force and National Guard as well as the contribution of their spouses.

Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month in 1999 to ensure the nation was given the chance to publicly show their appreciation for troops past and present.

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