



# ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church

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July 4, 2021

*Blessed* IS THE NATION  
WHOSE *God* IS THE *Lord*

- PSALM 33:12

July 4, 2021

**Please Note:**  
**SATURDAY**  
**CONFESSIONS**  
have resumed in  
the church from  
**8:30am-9:00am**

We will continue  
**LIVE streaming**  
**MASSES** on  
**Facebook/Website**

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### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday,

8:00am-Noon & 1pm-4pm

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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 in the Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel as well as weekend Masses in the Church. In accordance with CDC Guidelines, all fully vaccinated parishioners are no longer required to wear a mask during Mass.

### MONDAY, JULY 5 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

- 8:00 AM † Fran Connerty by Jerrold & Eva Karliner

### TUESDAY, JULY 6

- 8:00 AM † Harold Jacobsen by Jim & Peggy Schweitzer

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

- 8:00 AM ♥ Laura & Karen Bissell by Mom & Dad

### THURSDAY, JULY 8

- 8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Walker by her husband, Jerry

### FRIDAY, JULY 9

- 8:00 AM † Joseph Arlinghaus by Ken & Sally

### SATURDAY, JULY 10

- 8:00 AM † Erlinda Emenheiser by Belinda Barsumian
- 4:00 PM † Arlene Altman by Dan & Judi Weller
- 8:00 PM ♥ Pray for Peace - Vietnamese Mass

### SUNDAY, JULY 11

- 7:15 AM † Jeldo Evangelisto by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Evangelisto
- 9:15 AM † Lee Warner by Dick & Pat Dohack
- 11:15 AM † Diane Distler by Brendan Deas
- 1:30 PM † Pat & Vin Capuano by Debbie Capuano

There are **NO MORE MASSES IN ENGLISH AVAILABLE** for 2021

**THE 2022 MASS BOOK WILL OPEN JULY 1 FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR**

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

### JULY 11, 2021 - READINGS

- 1ST READING AM 7:12-15
- PSALM PS 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
- 2ND READING EPH 1:3-14 OR 1:3-10
- GOSPEL Mk 6:7-13

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, JULY 5

**St. Luke Adoration Chapel** will be open  
regular hours from **8:30am - 4:00pm**

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# *Celebrating* INDEPENDENCE *Day*

## AS A CHRISTIAN

by: **Nick Rabiipour - The Catholic Company**

July 4 is the national celebration of our Nation's independence. As we celebrate let us remember to pray that God will strengthen and bless America and make our nation a haven of liberty and justice for all - born and unborn.

How are we as Catholic Christians and Americans supposed to celebrate this great day? John Adams, one of the Founding Fathers of our country, wrote this about how to celebrate the fourth of July:

***"It ought to be commemorated as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with parades, picnics food, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and fireworks from one end of this continent to the other from this time forward forever more."***

Well, let's see how we're doing in celebrating the fourth of July the way one of the greatest Founders envisioned. Parades? Check. Picnic? Check. Sports? Backyard games count, right? Check. Bonfires? Check. Fireworks? Double check. Solemn Acts of Devotions to God Almighty? Um . . . I don't know about you, but I don't typically live up to that calling on the Fourth of July.

But, John Adams set an example for us. After everything's said and done, we owe God more than anyone else for what occurred 242 years ago. In fact, the most famous part of the Declaration of Independence explicitly points to God as the source of our freedom:

***"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."***

There are many ways to honor God on this special day. Perhaps you can read a passage from the Catholic Bible with your family to kick off the festivities, or pray a family rosary with the special intention for our political leaders and our country's future.

Not our parents, or politicians, or government, are the source of our most important rights. Only God. As the source of our rights, He deserves the highest praise, honor, and glory on Independence Day and every day.



WISHING YOU A BLESSED  
*Independence Day*

***"Now the Lord is the Spirit, where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."***

- 1 JOHN 3:16

# INDEPENDENCE

## PRAYER

*Sunday, July 4*

*God of justice and truth, we ask  
your blessing on our nation.*

*Thank you for the freedoms we  
enjoy, especially those we take  
for granted.*

*Thank you for the diversity  
of our people and enlarge our  
capacity for tolerance and  
mutual respect.*

*As we celebrate our  
independence as a sovereign  
nation, may we also celebrate  
our independence.*

*Make us mindful of the blessings  
of our rich and abundant land.*

*May your gracious Spirit inspire  
us to work together to meet the  
challenges of our times.*

*With all hope, faith, and trust  
in you, we pray. Amen.*

## *Prayer List*

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

Elaine Quan	William Riehle
Marlene LaRose	Linda Sayres
Erika Arquilla Hlavacek	Judy Walker
Jeff Hlavacek	Laura Sands
Gary Neubauer	Kenny Knapp
Tom Biedak	Olga Oliva
Ron Hudepohl	MaryAnn McDonald
Denise Vannelli	Anita Dantino
Daniella Naomi Mejia	Betty Galvano
Yinna Vesga	Stephen Shay
Cynthia & William	Bob Jarlenski
Judy Walker	Jim Wilson
Bobby Perillo	Cindy Belisle
Thomas Kearns	Pat Dohack
Dottie Zielinski	Janet Edwards
Kevin Natella	Ron Lindabury
Lynn Palen	Steven Clausen

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

The best way to ensure your loved ones are consistently prayed for within our greater E-Prayer Community - email **Betsy Engelbrecht** at [epayer.stjohn23@gmail.com](mailto:epayer.stjohn23@gmail.com)

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



## *Ways to Memorialize*

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

### *Prayers for Eternal Life*

*Life is changed, not ended.*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!*

**Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII**



### *Tabernacle Candle*

In Memory of: **Mike Mullin**  
Requested by: **Linda Sayres**



### *Memorial Flowers*

In Memory of: **Christine Saliga Sullivan**  
Requested by: **her husband Michael**





## Weekly Calendar

### Monday, July 5

- PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am-4pm
- Men's Gospel Forum: St. Martha & St. Mary - 7am
- Craftie Ladies at The Villas - 1pm

### Tuesday, July 6

- Opening the Word: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 9am
- Bereavement: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 1pm
- AA Meeting: St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

### Wednesday, July 7

- Pastoral Staff Meeting - 10am

### Thursday, July 8

- RCIA Inquiry: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 6:30pm
- Respect Life Meeting: St. Martha & St. Mary - 8:45am
- Hispanic Music Rehearsal: PLC - 7pm

### Friday, July 9

- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm

### Saturday, July 10

- Vigil Mass - 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass - 8pm

### Sunday, July 11

- Masses: 7:15, 9:15 & 11:15am \*LIVESTREAM
- Hispanic Choir: St. Martha and St. Mary - 11am
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm



### DAILY MASS - NO LONGER LIVESTREAMED

Please note that the 8:00am Daily Mass will no longer be livestreamed from the church.

### EVERY SATURDAY

- 4:00pm Mass with Fr. Angelo

### EVERY SUNDAY

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

[www.facebook.com/ministeriohispano.sanjuan.1](http://www.facebook.com/ministeriohispano.sanjuan.1)

### WATCH AT HOME

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

### ONLINE

[www.dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/communications/tvmass/](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/communications/tvmass/)

## WELCOME

### *New Parishioners*

- Anthony & Janice Paldino
- Shane & Catherine Curtis
- Michael & Denise Carozza
- Ricardo & Yanetsi Collier

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*

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](mailto:chrisdre@johnxxiii.net)



Registration for the 2021-2022 Faith Formation classes has begun. Registration, schedules, and information is listed on our parish website. <https://johnxxiii.net/faith-formation-k-5/>

All registrations will be done online. Please check information listed below on Sacrament Preparation.

We are always in need of help with our various programs. Please consider sharing the gift of faith with the youth in our parish. Please contact **Chris Biel** at [chrisdre@johnxxiii.net](mailto:chrisdre@johnxxiii.net)



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are happy to announce that Children's Liturgy of the Word has resumed during 9:15am and 11:15am Masses. We need of volunteers to continue the program. Please contact **Chris Biel** for more information.

### 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 St. 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.

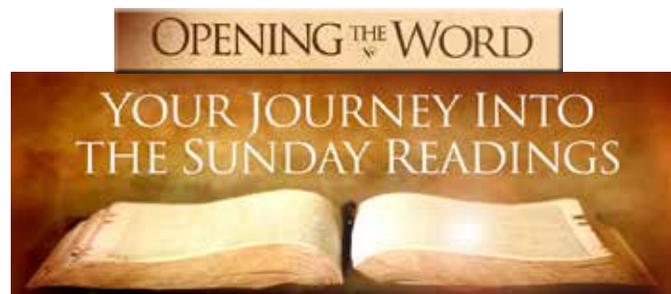
**FIRST COMMUNION:** (also called *First Eucharist* and *First Reconciliation*) Children in first grade or above, who have expressed a desire and willingness and are attending Mass, are welcome to begin the two year process of preparing for these Sacraments. The first year consists of regular attendance 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.

## ADULT FAITH

### Education

Keep in TOUCH with your *Faith* ONLINE:



**Tuesday Mornings at 9:00am  
PARISH LIFE CENTER**

We have resumed in-person meetings! 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)

Watch a short video each week on Formed.org to help prepare you for the upcoming Sunday Readings. You can 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.



As the Covid restrictions have eased throughout the Diocese of Venice, we have been slowly re-introducing the congregation's participation in the musical parts of our weekly Mass celebrations. Unfortunately, at this time we still do not have Breaking Bread missals available for general use among our parishioners. If you are, however, wanting to participate more actively in the singing at Mass, OCP has released a Breaking Bread app that includes music, readings, and the Order of Mass. This app has been approved for use in church by the USCCB during the 2021 liturgical year, but it does come with a **subscription fee of \$4.99 for the year**. If you are interested in downloading this app for use during our Masses, you can visit your app store on your smartphones or tablets and search for the **Breaking Bread 2021 eMissal app**.





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 Opportunites

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**



BLESSED



PLAYGROUP

### summer schedule

The events typically from **10:00am-noon**  
(unless otherwise noted on the schedule)

### JULY

- 7/8 - Miromar Outlets WINK Playland
- 7/15 - McGregor Reserve Pool (Hosted by Teresa)  
1452 Friendship Walkway, Fort Myers
- 7/20 - Tuesday Bonus Outing: Jumping Jacks
- 7/22 - Fort Myers Beach: Pier
- 7/29 - Lakes Park Splash Pads

### AUGUST

- 8/3 - Tuesday Bonus Outing: Cape Christian Fellowship Park
- 8/5 - Bowling at HeadPinz Entertainment Center (1:00pm-3:00pm)  
14513 Global Parkway sign up online:  
<https://www.kidsbowlfree.com/index.php>

for more information:

For questions or concerns, email Gabi and Teresa at:  
[blessedlittleangels23@gmail.com](mailto:blessedlittleangels23@gmail.com)

RESPECT LIFE



For those who may be unfamiliar with OUR MOTHERS HOME in Estero, please check out these opportunities to make a difference in the life of a young mother. Our mothers home is dedicated to fostering a positive environment for young moms who have been in the Florida Foster care system. There are many ways to help. Please prayerfully discern how you CAN make a difference by "WALKING with Moms in NEED"!

<https://www.ourmothershome.org/volunteer-opportunities/>



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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](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.
- **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>
- **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/](http://johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/)
- **Journey to Hope:** This family support group for mental health challenges, meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm in the St. Terese classroom. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 13.
- **St. John XXIII Thrift Store:** Hours are Monday-Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. For more information email [thrif@johnxxiii.net](mailto:thrif@johnxxiii.net)
- **FREE Rosary Repair:** Send broken rosaries in a padded envelope to: Betty & Dick Holden, 7930 Estero Blvd., #502, Ft. Myers Beach, FL 33931. Rosaries will be returned within a week of receipt. For more information email: [holdenbnd@gmail.com](mailto:holdenbnd@gmail.com) or call Dick at (239) 463-3993
- **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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## POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

# 2021

### JULY: SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

For more information:

[www.popesprayerusa.net/popes-intentions/](http://www.popesprayerusa.net/popes-intentions/)



ST. JOHN XXIII

# THRIFT store



Selling quality goods  
for the good of others.

# JULY

**30% OFF** Floor Rugs 4' & over  
Framed Artwork, Paintings  
Undergarments, Clothing, Footwear  
Sets of China/Dishes  
Shower Curtains, Shower Rods

*Sales Cannot be combined with other sales/offers*

MONDAY-FRIDAY 10AM - 5PM

SATURDAY - 10AM - 4PM

[www.bpjthrift.com](http://www.bpjthrift.com)



# FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Catholic Charities efforts toward food distribution will take place only at the following times and locations:

### **GUADALUPE SOCIAL SERVICES**

211 S. 9th St. Immokalee, FL

**(239) 657-6264**

Mondays - Friday: 9:00am to 11:00am

**PLEASE NOTE:** Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen now open daily. Soup Kitchen will provide meals-to-go

### **JUDY SULLIVAN FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**

3174 Tamiami Trail E., Naples, FL

**(239) 793-0059**

Tuesdays: 9:00am to 11:30am

### **ST. MARGARET PARISH**

208 Dean Duff St., Clewiston, FL

**(863) 983-8585**

Thursdays: 9:00am to 11:00pm

Fridays: 9:00am-10:30am

### **ELIZABETH K. GALEANA PANTRY**

4235 Michigan Avenue Link  
Fort Myers, FL

**(239) 337-4193**

Fridays - 9:00am to 12:00pm

### **ST. PAUL PARISH**

1208 E. Oak St. Arcadia, FL

**(863) 494-2611**

Fridays: 9:00am to 11:00am



## *Hispanic Ministry* **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Te invitamos a participar todos los segundos jueves del mes a las 7:00pm a nuestro encuentro mensual de Crecimiento en la Fe, donde podrás vivenciar que la lectura de la Palabra de Dios hace eco en cada uno de nosotros y en los acontecimientos de nuestras vidas.

### *Crecimiento en la Fe*

- Lugar: Video conferencia, enlace: <https://zoom.us/j/2555496221>
- Hora: 7:00pm
- Fecha: Todos los segundos jueves del mes.

### *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* (Vía Zoom)

- Lugar: Video conferencia a través de Zoom
- Hora: 6:00pm
- Fecha: Todos los martes del mes.

### *Contactanos*

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



### *Thinking about joining the Catholic Church but feel a little lost?*

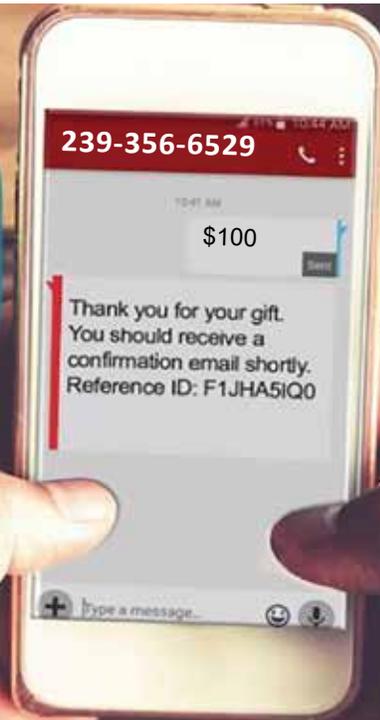
The RCIA Inquiry is the starting place for adults who are thinking about entering the Catholic Church.

For questions, please contact:

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## Weekly Financials



	06-27-21	06-28-20	Difference
Offertory	\$22,391.00	\$12,982.00	\$9,409.00
Building Fund	\$2,337.00	\$2,880.00	(\$543.00)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,728.00</b>	<b>\$15,862.00</b>	<b>\$8,866.00</b>
Mass Attendance	1973	948	
Registered Families	3586	3641	

*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	\$439,383.12
% of Goal	89.31%
% of Households	16.57%
Payments	<b>\$374,091.62</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:

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



## CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

### Ways To GIVE

#### PLEASE CONSIDER A PLEDGE TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

You greatly impact the lives of individuals, families and communities when you respond generously in support of the Catholic Faith Appeal. Please consider making a gift to the 2021 CFA.

Pledging your gift may allow you to make a more generous and affordable contribution to the CFA. The pledge can be spread out over several months. You may pledge with an initial payment while the remaining balance can be donated at any time during the next nine months. The Diocese will send you monthly reminders.

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\$10,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
\$ 5,000	\$ 500	\$ 500
\$ 2,500	\$ 250	\$ 250
\$ 1,000	\$ 100	\$ 100
\$ 500	\$ 50	\$ 50



YOUR GIFT TO THE **2021 Catholic Faith Appeal** will continue to make a difference in supporting the spiritual, educational, charitable and pastoral initiatives at the Diocese of Venice.  
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## Social Justice Ministries collaborating together, **DOING GOD'S WORK**

Last week, seven volunteers brought five full carloads of donations to **Pinecrest Elementary School in Immokalee**. Teachers use these donations as motivation for students, as well as giving them to children who are in need. Can't you just imagine the children excited and smiling!

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The students were so excited!"***

Rachael Cordeiro, M. Ed.  
*Literacy Coach: Pinecrest Elementary*





# 4<sup>th</sup> of July FUN FACTS

- Only John Hancock actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. All the others signed later.
- The White House held its first 4th of July party in 1801.
- Congress made Independence Day an official unpaid holiday for federal employees in 1870. In 1938, Congress changed Independence Day to a paid federal holiday.
- The stars on the original American flag were in a circle so all the Colonies would appear equal.
- Benjamin Franklin proposed the turkey as the national bird but was overruled by John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, who recommended the bald eagle.
- Every 4th of July the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia is tapped (not actually rung) 13 times in honor of the original 13 colonies.
- Approximately 150 million hot dogs and 700 million pounds of chicken are consumed on this day.
- In 2012, vast majority of imported U.S. flags (\$3.6 million) was made in China.
- Fireworks are a tradition of celebrating our national holiday. The U.S. imported \$227.3 million worth of fireworks from China in 2012. U.S. exports of fireworks, by comparison, came to just \$11.7 million in 2012, with Israel purchasing more than any other country (\$2.5 million)
- In 1776, there were 2.5 million people living in the new nation. Today the population of the U.S.A. is 316 million

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### *Stations of the Cross*

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# Meaning of: *Flag Draped Coffin*

All Americans should be given this lesson. Those who think that America is an arrogant nation should really reconsider that thought. Our founding fathers used GOD's word and teachings to establish our Great Nation and it is high time Americans get re-educated about our Nation's history.

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](https://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.

**Surviving Divorce Facilitator Training:** Virtual training will be held Thursday, July 8 via Zoom from 7-9pm. For more information, please contact Diocesan Family Life Coordinator Carrie Harkey at [harkey@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:harkey@dioceseofvenice.org).

**2021 Marriage Preparation Retreat:** The Diocesan Office of Family Life is offering "Day of Reflection" retreats for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The next scheduled retreat will take place Saturday, July 10. To register, please visit: <https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/marriage-preparation-retreat-2021>.

**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/>.

**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).

**Keep Tax Dollars from going to Abortion:** Take the simple step of signing the petition to preserve the Hyde Amendment at [www.not taxpayerabortion.com](http://www.not taxpayerabortion.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.

**Theology on Tap:** Young Adults are invited to attend Theology on Tap at Southern Fresh Farms, 8500 Penzance Blvd. in Fort Myers. 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).

**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.

**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/>.

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

## PRAYER FOR SAFETY During Hurricane Season

**THROUGH NOVEMBER 30**

*Oh God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.*

*You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.*

*During this hurricane season we turn to You, Oh loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.*

*Oh Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us.*

*Amen.*

# 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.*

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