



# ST. JOHN XXIII

## Catholic Church

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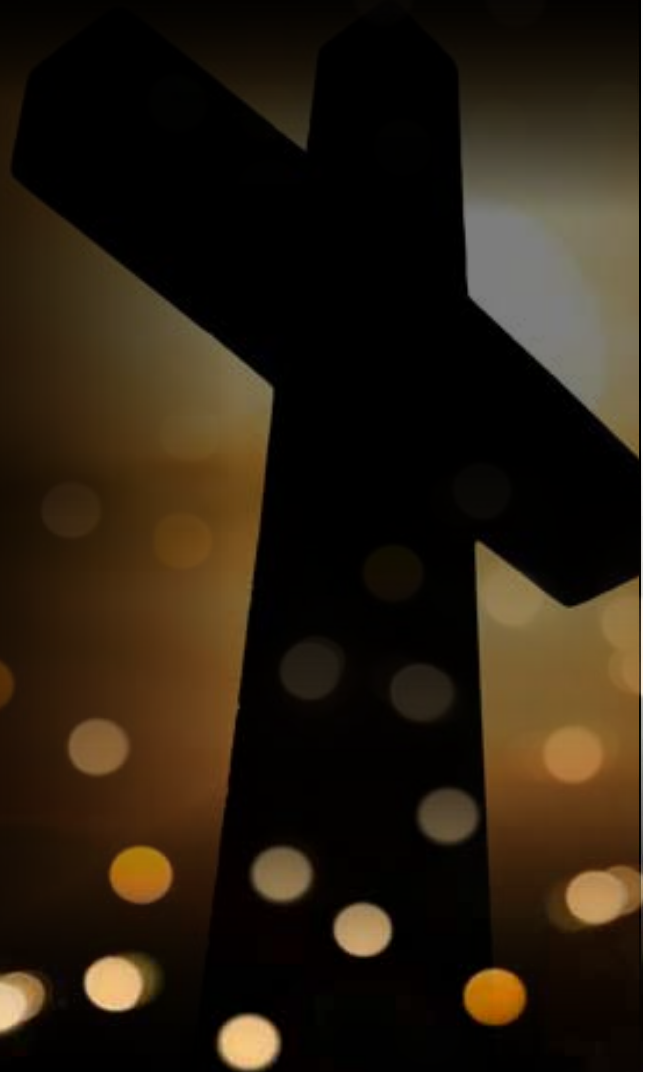
**October 31, 2021**

### *All Saints*

"I am the resurrection  
*and the life;*  
whoever believes in me,  
even if he dies, will live,  
and everyone who lives  
and believes in me  
*will never die."*

- JOHN 11:25

### *All Souls*



St. John XXIII Catholic Parish in Fort Myers, Inc. a Florida non-profit corporation

**October 31, 2021**

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

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

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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:** We still recommend wearing a mask during Mass and observe 3ft social distancing. The chapel will be open during weekend Masses for those who prefer additional space.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - ALL SAINTS DAY (NOT A HOLY DAY)**

- 8:00 AM † A.J. Cooper by Dodie & Tom Cooper
- 12:00 PM ♥ Parishioners of St. John XXIII

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - ALL SOULS DAY (NOT A HOLY DAY)**

- 8:00 AM † Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII
- 12:00 PM † Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

- 8:00 AM † Henry DeJoseph by The DeJoseph Family

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

- 8:00 AM † Katherina & Alfred Heck by Alwina Colon

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

- 8:00 AM ♥ Belinda Barsumian - Happy Birthday

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

- 8:00 AM † Anthony & Grace Lettieri by their son, Andrew
- 4:00 PM † Maryann Leisner by her mother, Mary
- 8:00 PM † Teresa - Vietnamese Mass

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

- 7:15 AM † Joan Bell by her husband, Everett Bell
- 9:15 AM † Josephine King by Carole & Jim Scazzaro
- 11:15 AM † Alvin & MaryAnn Schleinz by his family
- 1:30 PM † Carmen Quinones by her family - Spanish Mass

**THE 2022 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN 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.

**NOVEMBER 7, 2021 - READINGS**

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|---------------|---------------------------|
| • 1ST READING | 1 KGS 17:10-16            |
| • PSALM       | PS 146:7, 8-9, 9-10       |
| • 2ND READING | HEBREWS 9:24-28           |
| • GOSPEL      | MARK 12:38-44 OR 12:41-44 |

**REMINDER: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6**



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# Praying FOR ALL Souls

by: **Cynthia Marie - Catholic News**

On Tuesday, November 2, we will celebrate All Souls Day, but for Catholics the entire month of November is dedicated to praying for the souls in Purgatory.

Purgatory is the name the Church gives to the final purification after death and judgment, a period when those who die in God's grace and friendship undergo a purification to achieve the holiness necessary to enter into the joy of heaven. All souls in Purgatory are assured of eternal salvation, but they must first be cleansed of all their lesser sins before they can enter the glory of heaven.

But what about those souls we don't think were in a state of grace when they died? Should we continue to pray for our loved ones who were fallen-away Catholics? Our atheist friends? Or what about those (uncanonized) people who lived such holy lives that we figure they must already be in heaven?

When we're talking about the communion of saints and the body of Christ, there are all kinds of questions that come up with this topic, like whether we'll all enter heaven at the same time or whether it's an immediate judgment. The Catechism says there's an immediate judgment, but what does that mean when there's no time? You can kind of go cross-eyed and get a headache after a while.

So in fact, just keep praying. Never could we just give up hope and say, "Well, this person is probably in hell. I'm going to stop praying for them." That's not Christian. In fact, in the book of Romans we hear "hope against hope" – that's faith. That was Abraham's faith, and that's who Catholics are. We're the ones who hope against all hope that Jesus can purify and can save. We can't draw conclusions, we just keep praying."

**ALL SAINTS DAY** - Monday, November 1: 8AM and 12PM Masses

**ALL SOULS DAY** - Tuesday, November 2: 8AM and 12PM Masses

## *All Souls Day* NOVEMBER 2 - 6PM

All are welcome to join us Monday, November 2 in the Memorial Garden at 6:00pm. This Memorial Service is for all the departed souls of this year and also those who are laid to rest in the garden. The names read aloud are for those we have on record who have died since last November 2, 2020. Feel free to bring a lawn chair and flashlight for nightfall.





# Prayer FOR ALL Souls

Heavenly Father, who said, "Let light shine out of the darkness", allow Your light to shine in our hearts and give us the grace of Your compassion.

Jesus, dear Savior, on this day we prayerfully remember all our loved ones who have died.

Please give them comfort and hope and may they be at peace, knowing that they will rest in God's arms eternally.

Thank You for our memories of them and for the good times we shared. We ask You, please, through their intercession, to deepen our faith, strengthen our hope and increase our love.

Amen.



## Prayer List

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

Elaine Quan  
Marlene LaRose  
Erika Arquilla Hlavacek  
Jeff Hlavacek  
Gary Neubauer  
Tom Biedak  
Ron Hudepohl  
Denise Vannelli  
Laura Ford  
Tony Gagnet  
Cynthia & William  
Phyllis Benham  
Marilyn Dittrich  
Vicki Gelardi  
Bill Martin  
Chuck Nieset  
Carol Graver

Linda Barnas  
Melody Bitting  
Dustin Grossenbaugh  
Polley Sedahl  
Jack Gannon  
Peter Meade  
Kieran Rooney  
Phil Peterson  
Sue Edwards  
Doris Westberry  
Sandra Averhart  
Ken Marple  
Steven Clausen  
Donald Dantino  
Madlyne Terinoni  
Melissa Yost  
William Riehle

**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!  
**Bob Jarlenski**



### Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Henry DeJoseph**  
With love from: **The DeJoseph Family**



### Adoration Chapel

Special Intentions: **All Departed Souls**





## Weekly Calendar

### Monday, November 1: All Saint's (Not a Holy Day)

- **MASS AT 8AM & 12PM**
- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am-8pm
- Men's Gospel Forum: St. Martha & St. Mary - 7am
- Craftie Ladies: St. Martha & St. Mary - 1pm

### Tuesday, November 2: All Soul's (Not a Holy Day)

- **MASS AT 8AM & 12PM**
- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am-8pm
- Opening the Word: Zoom/PLC - 9am
- Bereavement: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 1pm
- All Soul's Memorial Service: Memorial Garden - 6pm
- Faith Alive: Zoom only - 6:30pm
- AA Meeting: St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

### Wednesday, November 3

- Walking with Purpose: Zoom/in Person - 10am
- Pastoral Staff Meeting: OCR - 10am
- Faith Formation 1st Session: PLC - 4:15pm
- Middle School Youth Group: PLC - 6pm
- Faith Formation 2nd Session: PLC - 6pm

### Thursday, November 4

- Rooted: St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm
- Walking with Purpose: Zoom - 7pm

### Friday, November 5

- First Friday Adoration: Church - 8:30am
- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am-8pm
- Bingo Night: PLC - 6pm
- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm

### Saturday, November 6

- DOV Youth Rally: Punta Gorda - 12pm-8:30pm
- Vigil Mass - 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass - 8pm

### Sunday, November 7

- Masses: 7:15, 9:15 & 11:15am
- RCIA: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 10:15am
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm

### EVERY SATURDAY (via FACEBOOK)

- 4:00pm Mass with Fr. Angelo

### EVERY SUNDAY (via PARISH WEBSITE/FACEBOOK)

- 11:15am Mass *\*(Mass is removed by Monday)*  
<https://johnxxiii.net/streaming-mass/>
- 1:30pm Spanish Mass (via Youtube)  
[www.facebook.com/ministeriohispano.sanjuan.1](https://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/](https://www.dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/communications/tvmass/)

## WELCOME

### New Parishioners

- Stacy Sherlock
- Robert Henley
- Thomas Cheslik
- Jim & Diane Flynn
- Peter & Barbara Terranova
- Christopher & Laura Stipek
- Matthew & Amanda Curbelo
- Laila Perez & David Cantor

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, February 13, 2022 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	Sgt. Nathaniel Broemmel
Sean Ball	Lt. Com. Mark Buonomo
Major Bart Boma	Col. Scott C. Woodward
Staff Sgt. Dennis Cosgrove	Private Nicholas Loeb, ARNG
Sgt. Phil Dellibovi	Andrew Hawkinson, USN
CPT Andrew Dugan, Spec. Forces	Cavalry Scout Specialist,
Major Andrew Duguay	Ryan Silva, Army
Sgt. Jared Gaudet	2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC
Capt. Kellyn C. Hall	Jared Broemmel, US Navy
Andrew Herman	2nd Lt. Edward Hudson
1st Lt. Paige Hortman	Tillinghast IV, Army
Sgt. Kathleen Hudepohl	Jethro Ignacio, US Air Force
PFC Michael P Hughes	1st Lt. Christopher Dryhurst,
SPC Michael Jednak	US Air Force
PFC Andrew Kanopkh	Com. Craig Fowler, USN
Michael Klem	Eric Sanchez, US Air Force
Capt. Bradley D. Laux	Lt. Col. Mike Garry, US Army
Capt. Jacob Mundo, US Army	82nd ABN
SSGT Anthony Padula	Lt. Ross Walker, US Navy
LCP James Palenik	PFC Eric Lyons, USMC
Master SGT Peter Parison	2nd Lt. Nicholas Meunier, US Army
Sgt. Justin Pingicer, Army	Robert Trenton Morell, Medic
Lt. Col. Brady Sexton	Specialist US Army
2nd Lt. Kristen Thompson	Michael Thomas Morell, US Navy
Christian Troutner, US Navy	PFC Judy Martinez, US Army
Alex Zizzo, US Navy Medic	1st Lt. Jeffrey Zivkovic, US Army
PFC Jordan Feil, USA	Christopher Dominski, PFC ARNG
Sgt. Hayden Linde, FLARNG	2nd Lt. Sara Wulff
Aaron Crump, USCG	

# Faith FORMATION

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

## NOVEMBER SCHEDULE:

**(Classes 4:15pm-5:30pm & 6pm-7:15pm)**

**11/3:** Faith Formation Classes

**11/10:** Faith Formation Classes

**11/17:** Sacrament **Preparation Only**

**11/24:** NO Faith Formation CLASSES



**Starting November 7 - 9:15am & 11:15am Masses**

## 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.

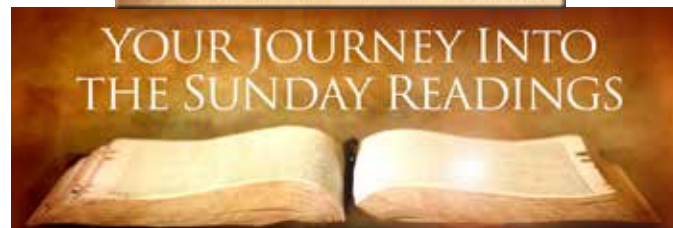
**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:** Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation is a two year process that begins at the start of 9th Grade and is celebrated in the Fall of 11th grade. (Older teens are certainly welcome!). Each year consists of Faith Formation through the parish Youth Group or a Diocesan Catholic 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:

## OPENING THE WORD



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

Meetings are available in person and through ZOOM. Masks are recommended while attending. 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.



## ACCESS ON THE GO!

There are two ways to get FORMED right at your fingertips:

1. Apple users can download the iOS app.
2. Android users can use FORMED on the go with these easy instructions.

For more audios and e-books visit: **[www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)**

## JOIN US ONLINE







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. Please check the Facebook page for more information.

- **November 4:** Margaret Kelly, instructor in the Creighton Model Fertility Care System will be presenting God's plan for marriage and fertility



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

### Confirmation Program

- **First Year Students: Sunday, November 14**

CHURCH HISTORY:

**The Goal:** To learn the history of our Catholic faith and how our church has been a big part of shaping our world today.

- **Second Year Students: Sunday, November 14**

SHARING THE FAITH:

**The Goal:** many people today do not have faith to fall back on in need or to know they are loved. Being able to invite friends in is exactly what Jesus calls us to do daily.

### High School Youth Group

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

All high school teens and their friends are welcome to attend. Sessions will be held outside unless bad weather. We will end each session in the Adoration Chapel for final prayer and quiet time with Jesus.

- **October 31:** No Session due to Halloween
- **November 7:** No Session due to the Youth Rally on 11/6.

### Middle School Youth Group

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

Please be sure to register. We will meet in the Parish Life Center but will be outside as much as we can while Covid numbers are high.

- **November 3:** Turning the Other Cheek

### Volunteer Opportunities

Visit Sign up Genius website to view and sign up for youth and adult volunteering opportunities. Confirmed high school students can sign up as small group leaders at the HSSS.

**Events:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c45aead2daaf58-youth>

## *Hispanic Ministry* **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



### *Misas en Español*

- Lugar: Iglesia Católica St. John XXIII
  - Hora: 1:30pm
  - Fecha: Todos los domingos del mes.
- Las misas también están siendo transmitidas a través de YouTube, ahí podrá encontrarnos como Comunidad Hispana St. John XXIII.

### *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.

### *Contáctanos*

Estamos ofreciendo el servicio de misas especiales como Quinceañeras, Bautismos y Matrimonios para más información comunicarse con nosotros al email: [comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net](mailto:comunidadhispana@johnxxiii.net)



# RCIA

A JOURNEY IN FAITH

*If you are thinking about joining the Catholic Church....*

The RCIA Inquiry is the starting place for adults who are considering it.

For more information, please contact:

**Leslie Robertson** at (239) 560-5617

## *Join Us!*



MEETINGS in the PLC or ZOOM:  
Sunday Morning after the 9:15am Mass



## 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/stjohnxxiiiichurch/>
- **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!
- **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>
- **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 your nonperishable items to church. These donations fill pantries in our area. Items can be dropped off in the Narthex.
- **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) or visit [www.bpjthrift.com](http://www.bpjthrift.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)
- **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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## 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*

## All SAINTS & All SOULS

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1:** Although this is NOT a Holy day, the St. Luke Adoration Chapel will be open from **8:30am-8:00pm**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2:** Remembering ALL those who have departed into paradise with the Lord. The St. Luke Adoration Chapel will be open from **8:30am-8:00pm**

**ALL SOULS MEMORIAL SERVICE:** A service will take place on Tuesday, November 2 at 6pm in the Memorial Garden. All are invited to remember the departed.

*"Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted."* - Matthew 5:4

## FIRST FRIDAY Adoration

On **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5**, 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.

## REGULAR CHAPEL Hours

**MONDAY - FRIDAY: 8:30am-4pm**  
**SATURDAY: 8:30am-3pm**

For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry:  
[johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/](http://johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/)



# Taking Time out to Bury the Dead

by Marianne Linka - *Catholic Star Herald*

In today's fast-moving world, everything is focused on instant satisfaction — fast food, mobile banking, microwaves and instantaneous communication. Gone are the times when one would take the time to write a letter and post it knowing that it might take up to a week to be received by the intended person.

Unfortunately, this culture of getting things done as quickly as possible has impacted the way we perform the corporal works of mercy of burying the dead. Too many families approach handling death as something to get done and over with. The cheapest, fastest method of handling a deceased body is to have it cremated and either scatter the ashes to take the cremated remains home to sit on a mantle place or shelf — that is, until it is in the way and ultimately ends up in a closet or attic.

This work of mercy calls us to go beyond this simplified, speedy process. We are called to treat the dead “with respect and charity, in faith and hope of the Resurrection” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, No, 2300). Offering prayers through the liturgies of vigil, funeral and committal does this. Having the remains of the deceased properly buried or entombed in a cemetery or mausoleum, either in full-body or cremated form, is a further way in which we treat the dead with respect and charity.

Our approach to those who are facing death either personally or through the death of a loved one is part of this corporal work of mercy. Take time to listen compassionately to those who are grieving. The sharing of memories is a good way for those who grieve to reconcile themselves with the loss. Remember that grieving does not end with the burial. Offer to assist with daily chores or bring meals while encouraging them to take care of themselves. Grief has no schedule. Many years after the death of a significant member in one's life grief can still take over unexpectedly. Accommodate someone in their grief while encouraging them to develop a life where their relationship with the person who has died has changed.

Having Masses said for a deceased person acknowledges the value of that person in the world and the lives of their family members. The Catholic Church celebrates The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed each year on the day following the solemnity of All Saints Day. This day, commonly referred to as All Souls' Day, calls us to remember departed loved ones in prayer and through visitation to their final resting place. Most Catholic churches and cemeteries hold special Masses on these days.

So, how do we practice the corporal works of mercy of burying the dead? By deed, word and prayer. Arrange for proper and respectful burial or entombment of the remains of the deceased. Reach out with words of compassion and love to those who are grieving, and ensure that all of the faithful departed are honored with the appropriate funeral liturgy and other Masses over time.

# ANGEL TREE

## 2021 FOOD/GIFT REQUESTS

Our **Angel Tree** will be in the Narthex on **November 19** with gift request tags for children in need: Veterans, Homebound, Catholic Charity elderly, and our Villa residents. They are depending on us to brighten their Christmas. **Please return your wrapped gift before December 5.**

**There are a variety of ways to support St. John XXIII Angel Tree Program:**

### SELECT A GIFT TAG:

Purchase & return your wrapped gift before **December 5** with the color-coded tag on top.

*(Please do not take a Tag if you are unable to return it by December 5)*

### DONATION:

Note **"Angel Tree"** in the memo portion of your check. Either drop it into the offertory basket or mail it to St. John XXIII Church, 13060 Palomino Lane, Fort Myers, FL 33912

### SPONSOR:

Provide gifts for a needy family. Contact **Stellamccaffrey@aol.com** to provide your specifics on the size family you wish to sponsor.

*Active Registered Parishioners in need of help, are invited to complete the Request Form below.*

### ST. JOHN XXIII - 2021 HOLIDAY FOOD/GIFT REQUEST FORM

<b>Parent Name:</b>		<b>Phone #</b>	<b>E-mail:</b>
<b>First Name</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>SUGGESTED GIFT (If Clothing, State Size)</b>

**(Please check ALL that apply):**

☐ **Food for Thanksgiving** (Pick-up at Parish Life Center on **Monday, November 22** from 1-3pm)

☐ **Food for Christmas** (Pick-up at Parish Life Center on **Monday, December 20** from 1-3pm)

☐ **Christmas Gifts** (Pick-up at Parish Life Center on **Monday, December 20** from 1-3pm)

**Total Number in my Family** \_\_\_\_\_ *For Food Estimate*

**REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 31, 2021**

**Eligibility:** Registered parishioners with regular Mass attendance. Email to: **Stellamccaffrey@aol.com**



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## Weekly Financials



	10-24-21	10-25-20	Difference
Offertory	\$24,274.02	\$20,253.50	\$4,020.52
Building Fund	\$3,364.00	\$1,843.50	\$1,520.50
Total	\$27,638.02	\$22,097.00	<b>\$5,541.02</b>
Mass Attendance	2433	1421	
Registered Families	3654	3617	

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 - NO UPDATE

2021 Goal	\$492,000.00
Pledge	\$568,735.58
% of Goal	115.60%
% of Households	17.66%
Payments	<b>\$545,510.07</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)**



## BEREAVEMENT AND BEYOND



If you lost a loved one, we offer a safe, supportive place to deal with this life changing event.

The Bereavement and Beyond Group is now meeting each Tuesday from 1pm-3pm in the Parish Life Center in rooms: St. Bernadette and St. Michael.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact the Parish office at **(239) 561-2245**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Paul McKenna and his wife Penny maintain the Vietnamese Memorial Garden and the pots on the St. Patrick Patio and at the Adoration Chapel. They are looking for a few able-bodied volunteers to help with weeding, trimming, mulching and watering. They frequent the Memorial Garden on Tuesday and Thursday after the 8am Mass for about an hour. Paul would also be available to meet volunteers on Saturday mornings.



**No expertise is required.** If you have any interest or questions, please email: **[007phm@gmail.com](mailto:007phm@gmail.com)**





# Follow the Challenge of Saint Martin DePorres

## *Patron Saint of Social Justice*

by Sandy Szymanski, Chair - *Social Justice Ministry*

Some days we feel extremely challenged by the difficulties we face. In our present world we are often overwhelmed by situations we believe are beyond our control...illness, such as the Pandemic; climate change, such as massive fires, flooding; inequalities, such as poverty, massive wealth, prejudice, injustice.

And so we pray for change. God hears our prayers and God, believing in us, challenges each of us to step forward. Accepting that challenge calls us to action. It calls us to make a difference. It calls us to be Christ for one another.

We, at St. Martin De Porres, accept the challenge as did our Patron Saint nearly 500 years ago. Life today is not entirely different than it was in the time of St. Martin. Poverty, inequality and prejudice remain as big a detraction today as it did back then.

A pious young man named Martin De Porres of Lima, Peru met the challenge of poverty and discrimination in the 1500s. Born to a Spanish nobleman and a slave of African and Native descent, Martin faced rejection throughout his life. In his early life, his father left the family and his mother strived to keep Martin and his younger sister fed and protected. He was sent away for schooling to be trained as a barber and a medical helper. Upon completion, Martin sought refuge as a helper at the Dominican Priory in Lima. While accepted as a kitchen helper, he was denied acceptance as a Dominican Brother because of his race.

Martin flourished in his role at the Priory and spent his off hours in service to the needs of the people in his extended community. People were fed, people were tended to in time of illness and, most important, people were lifted in prayer as Martin devoted much of the night in conversation with God. And miracles took place.

Recognizing Martin's personal relationship with God, the Dominican hierarchy finally welcomed him to join them as a Dominican Brother though priesthood remained out of the question because of his ethnicity.

Over the course of his life, Martin dedicated himself to being Christ for others. His outreached arms welcomed the mighty and the poor, the saintly and the sinner for in each he saw the face of Jesus.

Two hundred years after his death, Martin De Porres was beatified by Pope Gregory and was declared a Saint by Pope John XXIII in 1962. **We celebrate his Feast Day on November 3rd.**

We welcome all to join us as we volunteer our services to benefit those who seek our assistance as well as our compassion, understanding and Christ's love as confirmed by the actions of our beloved Patron Saint.





## *Volunteers Needed:*

St. Martin DePorres (SMDP Outreach) needs your help to continue to serve the poor and needy in the Tice region of Fort Myers. This nonprofit is 100% volunteer run, it takes about 15-30 volunteers daily, Monday-Friday, to feed and clothe the needy in this area.

## **POSITIONS NEEDED:**

- **Cooks**
  - **Kitchen Assistants**
  - **Servers**
  - **Drivers**
- and much more!*

We will happily take anyone with a servant's heart. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

## *For more information:*

If you are interested in serving weekly, monthly or even just once please contact **Elizabeth Andrews** at [Elipchik@hotmail.com](mailto:Elipchik@hotmail.com) or call **(734) 552-4560**

If you can make a difference in someone's life, it all starts with just one helping hand.

*"For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, "You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land."*

-Deuteronomy 15:11

*Your Help is a Blessing*

## **A PRAYER TO**

## **Saint Martin DePorres**

*To you Saint Martin de Porres, we prayerfully lift up our hearts filled with serene confidence and devotion. Mindful of your unbounded and helpful charity to all levels of society and also your meekness and humility of heart, we offer our petitions to you. Pour out upon our families the precious gifts of your solicitous and generous intercession; show to the people of every race and every color the paths of unity and of justice; implore from our Father in heaven the coming of His kingdom, so that through mutual benevolence in God, men may increase the fruits of grace and merit the rewards of eternal life.*

*Amen.*

**"Everything, even sweeping, scraping vegetables, weeding a garden and waiting on the sick could be a prayer, if it were offered to God."**

- St. Martin DePorres

# RESPECT LIFE

## CLOSING RALLY

Sunday, October 31 • 3pm-3:45pm



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## Luncheons 4 Life

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

These monthly events always take place the second Wednesday of the month. The cost is FREE but registration is required.

To get on our L4L list in the Ft. Myers/Naples area, contact either:

[Toni@defendingtheunborn.com](mailto:Toni@defendingtheunborn.com)

[kristaraej@gmail.com](mailto:kristaraej@gmail.com)

## Students for Life

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12 - Naples Event

6:30pm-8:30pm

Tickets: \$25.00

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For more information, please email Giovanni at: [gimowrey@studentsforlife.org](mailto:gimowrey@studentsforlife.org)

## Project Rachel

This program is always available to minister to those touched by abortion. We continue to pray for forgiveness and healing for women and men who have been affected by an abortion whether it was 10 days ago or 40 years ago, healing is ALWAYS possible. For more CONFIDENTIAL information in English or Spanish, please contact: **Sylvia Jiminez**

phone: (941) 412-5860

email: [project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org)

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## Will you be with an orphan or vulnerable child this Orphan Sunday?

All around the world, children are without love. And it's not just a need that exists in a faraway place - it's a need right outside your door. Many children wait right now for a loving family, mentor or friend. It takes just one loving person to change the life of a child.

Be with foster and adoptive families who are reaching vulnerable children. Everyone can do something!

*"I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you."* - Isaiah 43:1-2

**[orphansunday.org](http://orphansunday.org)**

You can get involved RIGHT HERE at St. John XXIII with our 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, contact:

**Elizabeth Andrews** at: [Elipchik@hotmail.com](mailto:Elipchik@hotmail.com)





The Knights of Columbus and The Women's Guild  
will be sponsoring Bingo night!

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

### Parish Life Center

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM

GAMES START AT 7:00PM

*Hot Dogs, Drinks and Snacks are available for Purchase.*

#### PRICE BREAKS

1 pack with 18 chances to win for \$20

If multiple packs are bought, it will be 2 packs of 18 chances for \$35

If multiple packs are bought, it will be 3 packs of 18 chances for \$50

We will also be selling smaller packs of game cards; 1 pack of cards  
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*All proceeds go to a charity in our community!*



## THE ST. JOHN XXIII WOMEN'S GUILD IS SPONSORING:

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# BREAST CANCER AWARENESS



## A PRAYER

### *Against Cancer*

*Lord Jesus Christ,*

*We call upon Your blessed  
name and we pray for  
Your merciful heart to  
surround us with love,  
strength and courage.*

*We ask that Your hands  
touch those with the  
power of healing.*

*May they be directed to  
the right treatment in Your  
blessed name as we ask  
You Lord to represent the  
physicians, doctors and  
medical care aids  
and administer them  
in Your spirit.*

*May every cancerous cell  
be cast out and replaced  
with a good one. May every  
spot of this deadly cell  
be wiped out by  
Your powerful hands.*

*Amen.*

**Survival Rate:** Between 1989 and 2015, death from breast cancer went down 39 percent among women in the U.S. In that time, 320,000 more people survived breast cancer. In fact, more than 3.5 million breast cancer survivors live in the U.S. today.

**Early Detection:** More people are surviving breast cancer because they're finding the cancer sooner (a.k.a. early detection) and getting effective treatment. There are three ways we can all increase our chances of finding cancer early if we ever get it (so we can treat it as soon as possible). Those are to know our risk, know our normal and get screened regularly.

**Risk Factors - History:** Overall, non-Hispanic black women are less likely to get breast cancer than non-Hispanic white women. But for women under 40, the opposite is true—non-Hispanic black women are more likely to get breast cancer than non-Hispanic white women. The median age at diagnosis for black women is 59, compared to 63 for white women. Whether it's due to gene mutations like BRCA1/2, similar lifestyles or other family traits, if someone in your family has had breast cancer, other members have a higher risk. That's why it's so important to talk to both your mother's and father's relatives about family health history and other factors that might affect your family's risk.

**Risk Factors - Age:** Family history and gene mutations increase the risk of breast cancer, but they're just a piece of the puzzle. The biggest risk factors for breast cancer are being female and getting older. That means we all need to take charge of our breast health, whatever our family history.

**Men at Risk:** Breast cancer in men is rare, but it happens. Men whose families have a history of breast cancer are at higher risk and may even benefit from regular screening. All men should talk to their doctor if they ever notice a change to their chests or nipples. It's also important to know if a man in your family has had breast cancer since it may mean other family members have a higher risk.

**Taking Charge:** Taking care of your health is always a good idea, but there's no magic guarantee against breast cancer. When it comes to cancer, the best defense really is a good offense.

There are no guarantees against breast cancer, but there are ways to reduce your risk. Getting exercise and minimizing alcohol are a great start. For new, soon-to-be, and some-day moms, breastfeeding can also reduce your risk. People at higher risk may be able to take medication or even get surgery to bring their risk down. And we can all increase our chances of surviving breast cancer if we get it by taking action to catch any problems early. That means understanding our risk, getting on a regular screening schedule and getting checked out if you ever notice a change in your breasts.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

[www.nationalbreastcancer.org/about-breast-cancer](http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/about-breast-cancer)



## Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

**Diocese of Venice Youth Rally:** The 2021 rally will be held on Saturday, November 6, from 12:00pm-8:30pm at Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center in Punta Gorda. Cost of attendance is \$25 and will include dinner, a snack, a t-shirt, and other giveaways. For more information contact Kelly at [kelly@johnxxiii.net](mailto:kelly@johnxxiii.net) or call (239) 561-3022

**Veterans Day Mass:** This year marks the 12th consecutive year the Diocese of Venice is holding a Memorial Mass on Veterans Day in honor of the men and women who have served our country and continue to serve and protect us today. Bishop Frank J. Dewane will celebrate the Mass at 3pm on Thursday, November 11 at the Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72/Clark Road. For more information call (941) 484-9543 or email [ardy@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:ardy@dioceseofvenice.org)

**Nine Day Novena Preceding Christ the King:** For the nine days leading up to the Solemnity of Christ the King Sunday, November 21, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has prepared a Novena to be prayed from Friday, November 12 through Saturday, November 20. Let us offer prayers to our Sovereign King for the freedom of the Church. To participate in the novena visit [www.dioceseofvenice.org](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org)

**Free Consultations:** The National Catholic Bioethics Center answers questions from individuals who seek to better understand or apply Catholic moral teaching to specific ethical issues they are facing in health care or the life sciences, real life problems or dilemmas. These consultations are free and confidential. Complete the online form at [www.ncbcenter.org](http://www.ncbcenter.org) or call 24 hours/7 days per week (215) 877-2660

**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).

**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.

**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)

**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)

**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



### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

#### PARISH LIFE CENTER - 7PM

The St. John XXIII young adult group Rooted, has guest speaker **Margaret Kelly, FCPI**. She is visiting our parish on November 4th with "The Introductory Session to the Creighton Model System".

We would like to invite the parish community to attend and learn about God's plan for marriage and fertility.

For more information:  
[kelly@johnxxiii.net](mailto:kelly@johnxxiii.net)  
(239) 561-3022



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