

13060 Palomino Lane, Fort Myers, FL 33912 | P 239-561-2245 | F 239-561-3713 | www.johnxxiii.net **November 7, 2021**

VETERANS DAY

HONORING THEIR SACRIFICE



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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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: The chapel will be open during weekend Masses for those who prefer additional space. However, due to Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays, Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel will not be available during the 9:15am & 11:15am Masses.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8:00 AM † Joan Reese by Carol Tomaselli

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:00 AM † Patricia Finnegan by Jean Szalay

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:00 AM † Antonella Alessi by Neil & Susan Bencivengo

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - VETERAN'S DAY

8:00 AM † Timothy Amata by his parents

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:00 AM † Donald Laux by Susan Laux

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 8:00 AM † Linda Romano by Lynn Lewis
- 4:00 PM Living/Deceased of the Francis Head Family by Elizabeth & Jude Sommerfeld
- 8:00 PM † Teresa Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- 7:15 AM † Renate Tesch by Alwina Colon
- 9:15 AM † Larry Waldsmith by Sharon
- 11:15 AM † Joan Reese by Carol Tomaselli
- 1:30 PM † Raquel Natali 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 14, 2021 - READINGS

- 1ST READING
- **PSALM**
- 2ND READING GOSPEL

DN 12:1-3

PS 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 HEBREWS 10:11-14, 18

MARK 13:24-32

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VETERANS DAY

History of November 11th

It was the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month in 1918 when the world celebrated as a treaty was signed ending what was to be "the war to end all wars" - World War I.

One year later, on what came to be known as Armistice Day, Americans came together to remember and honor the sacrifices of the men and women who served during the war. Soldiers who survived the war marched in parades and were honored by speeches and ceremonies recognizing their contribution to peace throughout the world.

Congress declared Armistice Day a national holiday in 1938. By this time, with unrest in much of the world, Americans realized World War I would not be the last war. After the Second World War, which was even bloodier than the first, Armistice Day continued to be observed. In 1954, Congress changed the name of the holiday to Veterans Day to include veterans of all United States wars.

Today, Americans honor the service and sacrifice of our armed forces in the past as well as the present on Veterans Day. The official, national ceremony takes place at Arlington National Cemetery at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers. A color guard representing all the branches of the military executes "Present Arms" at the tomb, a Presidential wreath is placed on the graves, and a bugler plays "taps."

In communities across the country, there are parades, ceremonies and speeches. At 11:00am in the morning, Americans observe a moment of silence to remember those who fought for freedom. Let us remember every day the bravery of everyone who has served our country.



Knights of Columbus Service in the Memorial Garden THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

All parishioners are invited to join the Knights of Columbus Council #13624, at the 8:00am Mass on Veterans Day. After Mass, all are invited to process to our Memorial Garden to honor those veterans buried there as well as other veterans of our parish buried elsewhere. The names of these brave men and women will be read and a bell will be rung after the reading of each name.

VETERAN'S DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, We thank you profoundly for our brave American heroes! As we honor them, give us all a fresh and renewed spirit of love for them and for our nation. Open our eyes to the sacrifices they have made to keep us free to worship You in peace. Thank You for our beautiful land, a land of abundance and freedom, and a beacon of liberty. We also thank You for our Veterans and active duty heroes who put their lives on the line to maintain our freedom. Help us to retain that blessing by honoring all the gifts and freedoms You provide us.

Amen.

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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 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 **Desiree Vinci**

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

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

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



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! Juan Daniel Roa Alegria Phyllis Benham



Tabernacle Candle

To: Usher Patrick at the 7:15am Mass and his mom, Nancy. All the Best! Requested by: Tom Cheslik



Adoration Chapel

In Memory of: William J. Leavy, Jr.

Cynthia Leavy Feth

Requested by: Colleen Leavy & Nick Delucia





Weekly Calendar



Monday, November 8

- Men's Gospel Forum: St. Martha & St. Mary 7am
- Craftie Ladies: St. Martha & St. Mary 1pm
- KofC Meeting: St. Martha & St. Mary 7pm

Tuesday, November 9

- Opening the Word: Zoom/PLC 9am
- Bereavement: St. Bernadette & St. Michael 1pm
- Journey to Hope: St. Terese 6pm
- Faith Alive: Zoom only 6:30pm
- AA Meeting: St. Martha & St. Mary 7pm

Wednesday, November 10

- 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 11 - Veterans Day

- KofC Veterans Day Service: Memorial Garden after the 8am Mass
- Walking with Purpose: Zoom 7pm

Friday, November 12

• Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm

Saturday, November 13

- KofC Food Collection: Parking Lot 10am-1pm
- Vigil Mass 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass 8pm

Sunday, November 14

- Masses: 7:15, 9:15 & 11:15am
- RCIA: St. Bernadette & St. Michael 10:15am
- Spanish Mass: Church 1:30pm
- Confirmation (Mandatory): Main Hall 6pm

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

WATCH AT HOME

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

ONLINE

www.dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/communications/tymass/

WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Joan Caraballo & Jolimi Puche
- Jim & Tammy Scanlon
- Lance & Heather Sowder
- Juan Bayas & Silvia Hidalgo

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

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 CPT Andrew Dugan, Spec. Forces Major Andrew Duguay Sgt. Jared Gaudet 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 2nd Lt. Edward Hudson Tillinghast IV, Army 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 Navv PFC Eric Lyons, USMC 2nd Lt. Nicholas Meunier, US Army Robert Trenton Morell, Medic Specialist US Army Michael Thomas Morell, US Navy PFC Judy Martinez, US Army 1st Lt. Jéffrey Zivkovic, US Ármy Christopher Dominski, PFC ARNG 2nd Lt. Sara Wulff



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

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE:

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

11/10: Faith Formation Classes

11/17: Sacrament Preparation Only

11/24: NO Faith Formation CLASSES

Advent Wreath Making Event: Sunday, November 21, following the 11:15am Mass in the Parish Life Center. There will be a light lunch followed by Advent Wreath making. The Cost is \$20 per family and includes wreathmaking materials. For us to plan, you must RSVP with the number in your group. Please see page 13 for more details.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Join us every Sunday after the 9:15am and 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

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

The St. John XXIII Liturgical Ministries are always open to new volunteers interested in serving our parish community. We can use bright, smiling faces at the doors of the Church welcoming all those who enter, as well as, friendly faces inside the Church guiding our congregation to their pews. We are also continuously searching for volunteers who feel a calling to bring the Body and Blood of Christ to their brothers and sisters through the Eucharistic Ministry.

"for it is in **giving**that we receive."- St. Francis of Assisi



For more Information:

If you have an interest in volunteering as an Usher, Greeter, or Eucharistic Minister, please call the parish office at (239) 561-2245 to speak with:

Bethany Myers, Liturgy Coordinator email: bethany@johnxxiii.net



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. Please check the Facebook page for more information.

• **December 2:** Annual Christmas party and white elephant gift exchange.



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.

• 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 10: Thanks be to God - A lesson in Gratitude

Volunteer Opportunites

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://https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c45aead2daaf58-youth



Crecimiento en la Fe

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

Misas en Español

- Lugar: Iglesia Católica St. John XXIII
- Hora: 1:30pm
- Fecha: Todos los domingos del mes.

Las misas tambien estan siendo transmitidas a traves 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



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!

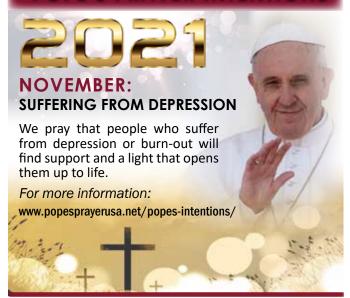
MEETINGS in the PLC or ZOOM: Sunday Morning after the 9:15am Mass



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
- 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!
- 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. 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/
- 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, November 9.
- 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
- Yarn/Fabric Needed: The Craftie Ladies are in need of more yarn to make projects. You may drop off the donations in the church Narthex.
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POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS





COVEMBER

30% OFF Sets of China/Dishes. Room Rugs 4' and up, Small Kitchen Appliances

20% OFF All Clothing and Undergarments, Footwear, White Tag Evening Bags, Costume Jewelry, Hats, Socks, Table Linens, Bakeware

All November Sales Exclude Christmas Items

MONDAY-FRIDAY 10AM - 5PM SATURDAY - 10AM - 4PM

www. bpjthrift.com

FRIDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER NEEDED

For more information email Cynthia at: thrift@johnxxiii.net







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.

PAVER ORDER FORM

Please circle the graphic to be added to the stone:

Guardian Angels WALKWAY

WALKWAY	POLICE POLICE	
Name		
Address or PO Box	SHERIFF O	
Unit/Apt #		
City/State/Zip	Plane with death. The 12:12 arms has 2 lines	
Phone	Please print clearly. The 12x12 paver has 3 lines.	
Email	LINE 1 NAMEexample: John Doe	
Payments may be made by cash, credit card or check. I would like to pay by:	LINE 2 RANKexample: SGT. USMC	
CASHCHECKCREDIT CARD	LINE 3 SERVICE	
If paying by check, please makes checks payable to the Knights of Columbus.	example: WWII	
To order, or check the status of an order, please contact The Knights of Columbus:	Please sign and date verifying all information is correct on the paver.	
LARRY EVENER: larryevener@yahoo.com or	PRINT NAME	
TOM DOLAN: mtd0522@yahoo.com The Women's Guild Contact:	SIGNATURE	
SUE EDWARDS: sgedwards007@gmail.com	DATE	



Weekly Financials



	10-31-21	10-01-20	Difference
Offertory	\$30,046.22	\$25,040.00	\$5,006.22
Building Fund	\$2,831.00	\$1,861.00	\$970.00
Total	\$32,877.22	\$26,901.00	\$5,976.22
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Mass Attendance 2391 1571 Registered Families 3639 3625

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
 \$580,931.78

 % of Goal
 118.08%

 % of Households
 17.86%

 Payments
 \$559,985.60

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:

Will & Testament

Holly Atkins: holly@johnxxiii.net



RETURN DATE

Please return gifts before



to ensure delivery.



VOLUNTEERS NEED!

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**

Thank You BARBARA LANGE



With the hiring of a full-time music director, we want to take this opportunity to thank Barbara Lange for filling in as our Acting Music Director for the past 22 months. She was able to bring music back to the parish during the pandemic.

Her past experience as a Music Director in Cleveland, gave her the ability to plan our liturgies, schedule the cantors and get the congregation back to some normalcy. And, funerals and weddings at our church were always able to have beautiful music!

Although there are no hymnals available, it is evident that the people certainly do love to sing- even if it is a refrain!

Barbara wants to thank the cantors that have willingly offered their gift of song each week: Bethany Myers, Debbie Marino, Marie Talley, Lisa Clark, Gene Terenoni and Gabi Frei, who plays the piano and leads us in song. She also wants to thank Diego Davila who became the musician for the 7:15 AM Mass on Sundays. St. John XXIII has been blessed with some truly amazing singers and musicians.

The adult choir members who regularly sing at the 11:15 AM Mass have been so dedicated. They are sure to be happy with the arrival of our new music director, as will the children's choir and the handbell choir.

Barbara's final weekend is November 13-14. She says it is somewhat bittersweet as she truly has enjoyed doing what she loves. Her piano and organ music will be missed, but she will remain here at St. John XXIII working in the office- she composes the Prayers of the Faithful and our weekly Announcements, in addition to other duties. And, if our new Music Director needs to take a vacation, Barbara will happily be his #1 substitute!

Thank you again, Barbara, and all our wonderful Music Ministers!



Bishop Dewane VETERANS DAY Memorial Mass

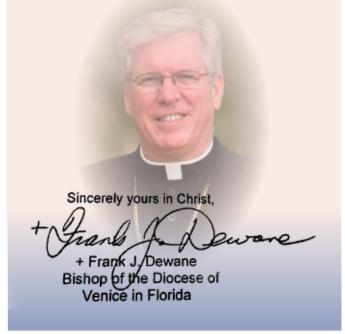
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Blessings and peace to you! This year marks the 12th consecutive year the Diocese of Venice has held a Memorial Mass on Veterans Day. The Mass this November 11 will be held at 3:00 p.m. in the Amphitheater at the Sarasota National Cemetery.

Each year, the Diocese hosts this Mass to recognize all Military Veterans for the sacrifices made by themselves and their families. We gather to pray for those who are living and deceased; some who perhaps are laid to rest in the National Cemetery.

It is hoped that you will be able to join me this year, as many of you have in previous years. Your presence and support are not only greatly appreciated by me, but by all who attend, especially veterans.

I look forward to seeing you on November 11. I also take this opportunity to assure you of my continued consideration as well as my prayers for you.



Third Annual

ADVENT WREATH MAKING FAMILY EVENT

We hope all will attend this special event to prepare us for the birth of Christ Our Savior. You will learn about the history and significance of Advent and make an Advent Wreath to take home.

This event is a chance for the ENTIRE COMMUNITY to come together and kick off the ADVENT SEASON in such a fun and memorable way!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Parish Life Center - 12:30PM LUNCH AND GUEST SPEAKER

PER FAMILY or Individual

IF USING WREATH FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

PER FAMILY **INCLUDES WREATH FORM**

AT THE DOOR IF SPACE AVAILABLE

- ALL SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE **WREATH-MAKING**
- ADDITIONAL CRAFTS FOR THE LITTLE ONES
- **WREATHS WILL BE BLESSED**
- **LUNCH PROVIDED/BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE**



3rd Annual ADVENT WREATH MAKING FAMILY EVENT

Family Name:	Phone Number:
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Number of Adults:	Number of Children:

Please fill out this form/money by **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15** so we have enough food and supplies. You can return to the Parish Office or Faith Formation Office. Thank You and God Bless!



A new cross was installed on the front of the Adoration Chapel. We would like to thank our anonymous donor for the donation to have this beautiful cross made by Chris Scala. The cross is illuminated at dawn and dusk.





Guardian Angels WALKWAY

UPDATE

The artist who has been contracted by our anonymous donor let us know the delay is with the foundry where the statue will be bronzed. They have had people leave because of COVID and it has set them back on their work. They have lost some of their best workers and rather than have someone not as skilled work on this large project, they are trying to hire more skilled workers. They hope to have this completed in 2022 in the spring. We know it will be worth waiting for as we agree we want quality work on this statue.





SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting items for **St. Martin DePorres**.

The food collection will take place on **Saturday**, **November 13** from **10am-1pm** in the church parking lot.

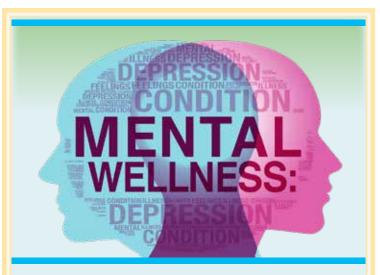


INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX THIS WEEKEND

Giving in Thanksgiving SOCIAL JUSTICE FOOD COLLECTION COLLECTING NOVEMBER 13-14

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Rice
- Pinto Beans
- Maseca Flour
- Cooking Oil
- Canned Soup

- Pasta
- Sauce
- Mac & Cheese
- Cereal
- Jelly
- Publix Gift Cards
- WalMart Gift Cards



CHANGING OUR MINDS

by Joanne Halt, M.A.

This holiday season with increased rates of adult and youth mental health treatment, we're more aware of our own fragility and the vulnerability of loved ones. This awareness can motivate us to build our psychological resilience and to strength train our 'Christ discipleship muscles' (principles often echoed in evidence based psychology). Holidays find me thinking of our family cut-offs. Perhaps it's because the hardest spiritual muscle for us to develop is forgiveness of those we expected the most from. Expectations are thoughts commonly called "resentments under construction" because the brain's default program is 'forecast and judge', not 'observe and understand' which takes a lot more energy.

Join me in discipleship exercise. Journal about a memory of failed expectations which caused lingering tension or cut-off in a close relationship. Who said/did what? What expectation did you have of the other? Identify feelings: shock, hurt, angry, confused, fearful. Was it clashing personalities or was behavior due to their mental health condition or your own? Having a mental health condition often produces over sensitivity to perceived rejection or over-expressiveness. Was your own or their substance addiction (drugs or alcohol distort perception) involved? What occurred afterward? Did you label or blame yourself or the other as your story embedded in memory? Blaming (=shaming) is a reactive limbic brain response and is not problem solving, which is what healthy relationships require.

Christ required changed consciousness from his disciples as proof they got His message; same for us. Our thought distortions (tricks our mind uses to convince us of negative things that aren't true) are our responsibility to clean up. We all have them. We all avoid cleaning up our mess. Imagine telling Christ, "I love you," and He responds with: "Then ask Me what I want you to do in this situation." Listen. You might be prescribed Forgiveness (tough medicine) and have to request assistance of the Holy Spirit, our strength trainer in discipleship for help in cleaning up and following through.

Journey to Hope by: J. Halt

People with mental illness and their families often feel isolated from their faith community and thus isolated from God. Isolation is often caused by the stigma of the disease, or fear of being judged as inadequate or weak willed, or the misperception that God is punishing them or from the communities misperception of what mental illness is and how it affects the individual and their families. As a healing community we offer support and education at our Journey to Hope monthly meeting to families dealing with mental illness or with the dual diagnosis of substance abuse and mental illness.



INTERESTED IN PLAYING



We are looking to start a bridge group at St. John XXIII, starting in October. We will be playing on Thursday afternoons in the Parish Life Center.

If you would like to find out more, please contact parishioner, Jan Krahn at (239) 689-1142 (please leave a message if there is no answer)

or email at **krahnd@hotmail.com** with "bridge" in the subject line.



Catholic Community

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

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 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).

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.

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. Please visit https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/

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

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

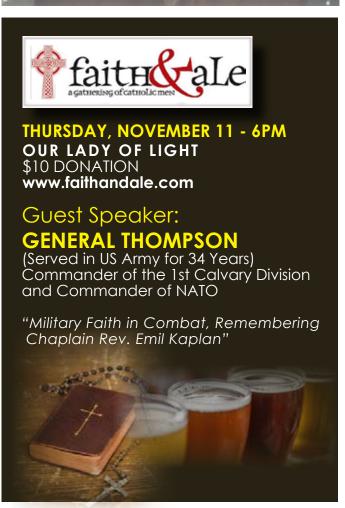
Help Your Parish: Parishes face increased risk of financial shortfalls due to the pandemic. Please consider an online donation to your parish by visiting https://dioceseofvenice. org/ways-to-give/parish-donations-online/

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

Witnessing the Faith: Listen to Bishop Dewane on Relevant Florida Radio at 8:30am the last Friday of every month. Listen anywhere at RelevantRadio.com

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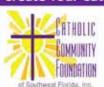


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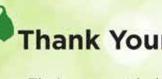
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