



# ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church

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**May 29, 2022**

## *The Ascension* AND OUR JOURNEY HOME

by: **Constance T. Hull - Catholic Exchange**

### FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

"BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,  
UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE."



The Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord oftentimes is an understated event in the Church's liturgical year. We profess the reality of this historical and supernatural event each Sunday as we profess the Creed. It is a significant event, in fact, it is the climax before He sends the Paraclete. In returning to the Father, Jesus leads us into the Father's presence and forever tears the veil

dividing mankind from God. It is through the Ascension in light of the Paschal Mystery that we are able to go home. Our Lord, now sitting at the right hand of the Father, in His glorified incarnate form, brings us to the Father. We are now able to enter into the Heavenly sanctuary and behold the beatific vision at the end of our holy lives.

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

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

### PASTOR

Rev. Robert Tabbert

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### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday,

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

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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, MAY 30

- 8:00 AM † Philip Barnes by Ken & Linda Barnes

### TUESDAY, MAY 31

- 8:00 AM † Elizabeth Fiali by JoAnne Walsh

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

- 8:00 AM † Ian Wezkiewicz by Dad, Mom & Brit

### THURSDAY, JUNE 2

- 8:00 AM † Shirl Giribaldi by Bunni Switzenderg

### FRIDAY, JUNE 3

- 8:00 AM † Dr. Jose Maisog by Olivia Verde

### SATURDAY, JUNE 4

- 8:00 AM † Ackman, Gesner, Villiers Families by Claude & Family
- 4:00 PM † Jean & John Worthington by their daughter
- 8:00 PM † Teresa - Vietnamese Mass

### SUNDAY, JUNE 5

- 7:15 AM † Jose Maisog by Pete & Josie Nuqui
- 9:15 AM † Jim & Diane Wittenauer by The Eberhard Family
- 11:15 AM † Rick Leonardos by his family
- 1:30 PM † Villanueva & Garcia families by Yesenia Garcia

## MASS INTENTION REQUEST UPDATE

There are no Masses in English available until the 2023 book opens in July. Other options will remain available such as Tabernacle Candle \$15 per week and Eucharistic Host \$15 per week.

### JUNE 5, 2022 - READINGS

- 1ST READING ACTS 2:1-11
- PSALM PS 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
- 2ND READING 1 COR 12:3B-7, 12-13
- GOSPEL JN 20:19-23

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

MONDAY, MAY 30 - MEMORIAL DAY

St. Luke Adoration Chapel will be open from  
**8:30am - 3:45pm** to honor our veterans.

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## *The Ascension* CONTINUED

### The Ascension Reminds us that this is Not our Home:

In the glory, awe, mystery, and joy of the Resurrection we celebrate the gift of our salvation. We have been redeemed in Christ. The Lord's Ascension reminds us that earth is our temporary home. We are sojourners with our gaze fixed on the faraway land. We seek the white shores, the place of peace, eternity with our Beloved. Christ has paved the way for us and He calls each one of us to follow Him back to the Father, so that we may truly rest in the love of the Most Holy Trinity. We are now able to follow Christ back to our permanent home in Heaven. We too are called to return to the Father.

### Christ Intercedes for us Through our Joys and Sorrows:

The path home is an arduous journey. In our struggle to become holy through God's grace, we will constantly stumble and begin again. The spiritual life is a constant beginning again. St. Francis de Sales reminds us: "It is right that we should begin again every day. There is no better way to complete the spiritual life than to be ever beginning it over again." In the seemingly mundane experiences of daily life, we can become overburdened and frustrated with our failures in the spiritual life. In reality, Our Lord now sits at the right hand of the Father interceding on our behalf constantly. Through His grace, we are able to make progress. This progress may not even be obvious to us each day, but bit by bit we continue on the journey home. The point is to begin again and keep our eyes fixed on Christ and His desire to draw us to Him.

### We Always Live in Hope:

The Ascension is cause of great joy and hope. The Ascension points to Christ's kingship and the renewal of the world. We now wait in joyful hope for His glorious return. In a world marred by sin, pain, and suffering we are able to look in hope to our Heavenly home and the end of time. When we read the news, and see violence, pain, suffering, or when we ourselves experience sorrow and suffering, we can look in hope as the Apostles did when Our Lord returned to the Father at the Ascension. It is because Christ now reigns at the right hand of the Father that we can stand firmly in hope, faith, peace, and charity as the storms of this life rage on around us. The battle is won!

This hope does not take us away from our duty to bring the world into conformation with the Most Holy Trinity. It is precisely because we are redeemed and live in the hope of Christ that we must make "disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19) and bring others to the Eucharistic banquet. We live in an age when many people live in despair and loneliness. They do not know they are made for Heaven. They do not know the joy of Christ and the hope of the Paschal Mystery. It is on this great Solemnity that we once more look to Heaven in hope, pray for the strength to persevere on the journey home, and bring others along the pilgrim way.

## PRAYER FOR

# Ascension Sunday

*Risen Jesus,  
Help us to begin living  
eternal life today.  
Help us to know your  
presence with us now,  
even as we anticipated  
the joy of heaven.  
Teach us to live this  
life in a way that  
draws us into eternal  
life with you.  
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  
Gary Neubauer  
Ron Hudepohl  
Denise Vannelli  
Laura Ford  
Tony Gagnet  
Susan Davies  
Cynthia & William  
Lynne Mogell  
Ross Mannina  
Virginia Lochner  
Steve Lane  
Timothy Stephan Shea  
Mark Joseph Lattner  
Kimberly Ann  
Judy Mayer

Paul Rotz  
Laurie Gilligan  
Maria Elena Terinoni  
Michael Sturm  
Benito Gonzalez  
Brianna Bethany  
Ron Nardi  
George Lee  
Mary Monaco  
Patricia Biel  
Tom Dolan  
Tony Navy  
JoAnne Walsh  
JC Alvarez  
Carmelo Santos  
Mary Collins  
John DePiro

**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 [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!*

**Joseph Consolazio  
Raymond Driscoll**



### Adoration Chapel

In Memory of: **Carmella Paolino**  
Requested by: **her daughter**



### Tabernacle Candle

In Honor of: **Russ Willoughby**  
*Happy 96th Birthday*  
Requested by: **Ted & Mickey Veenhuis**





## Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER



### Monday, May 30

- PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am - 3:45pm
- Craftie Ladies NOT Meeting
- Men's Gospel Forum: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7am

### Tuesday, May 31

- Opening the Word: Zoom/PLC - 9am
- Bereavement: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 1pm
- Hispanic Charismatic Prayer Group: Chapel - 6:30pm
- AA Meeting: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

### Wednesday, June 1

- Pastoral Staff Meeting: Office Conference Room - 10am
- Sharing Our Faith Journey: Main Hall - 6pm

### Thursday, June 2

- Choir Practice: Church - 6pm
- Hispanic Music Rehearsal: Main Hall - 7pm
- Rooted: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

### Friday, June 3

- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am - 8:00pm
- First Friday Adoration: Church - 8:30am
- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm



### Saturday, June 4

- Vigil Mass: Church - 4pm
- No Vietnamese Mass

### Sunday, June 5

- Masses: 7:15, 9:15 & 11:15am \* *Livestreamed*
- Please note: The 11:15am Mass will be multi-lingual.**

## Farewell to Chris Biel

- Chris Biel Farewell Party after all Masses: PLC
- RCIA: St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 10:15am
- Hispanic Choir: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 11am
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm \* *via YouTube*

### 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

- Neal Davis
- Vanessa Bartolomucci
- Karen Maynard
- Catherine Mcmanus
- Barbara Jacques
- John & Susan Curiano
- Margaret Pure
- Ted & Lucia Palladino

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 is on Sunday, June 12, 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  
Sean Ball  
Major Bart Boma  
Staff Sgt. Dennis Cosgrove  
Sgt. Phil Dellibovi  
CPT Andrew Dugan, Spec. Forces  
Sgt. Jared Gaudet  
Capt. Kellyn C. Hall  
Andrew Herman  
Sgt. Kathleen Hudepohl  
PFC Michael P Hughes  
SPC Michael Jednak  
PFC Andrew Kanopkh  
Michael Klem  
Major 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 Broemmell  
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 Broemmell, US Navy  
2nd Lt. Edward Hudson  
Tillinghast IV, Army  
Jethro Ignacio, US Air Force  
Com. Craig Fowler, USN  
Eric Sanchez, US Air Force  
Lt. Col. Mike Garry, US Army,  
82nd ABN  
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. Jeffrey Zivkovic, US Army  
Christopher Dominski, PFC ARNG  
2nd Lt. Sara Wulff  
Sean Dryhurst US Navy  
Lt. Amanda Macaluso  
Anthony An Schroeder,  
11 Bravo Infantry  
Derrick Hambling, Army Airborne  
Infantry  
Maj. Paige Blevins USAF  
Maj. Christopher Blevins USAF  
Capt. Cameron Hortman USAF  
PFC Alan Copeland

# Faith FORMATION

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



Faith Formation classes have ended for the 2021-2022 School year. Registration for the 2022-2023 School year will begin in July. St. Francis students: if you have a child who will be entering 2nd grade next year, you will need to register and attend Sacramental Preparation Sessions. Please watch the bulletin for details.



## VACATION BIBLE CAMP:

**Vacation Bible Camp has now filled!**

## TOTUS TUUS:

Totus Tuus (Totally Yours), is a Catholic summer youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness and Eucharistic worship. The goal of Totus Tuus is to help young people grow in the understanding of, and strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ. It is only by establishing a real and personal relationship with Him that we can be led to love of the Father in the Spirit and so be made sharers in the life of the Holy Trinity. The camp is run by College age students hired by the Diocese and trained specifically for this Camp.

To learn more about the program, please visit:

<https://totustuus.church/>

The camp will be held at St. John XXIII July 11-15.

## CAMP TIMES:

Grades 1 through entering 5th from 9:00am-3:00pm Monday-Friday.

Middle and High School from entering 6th through 12 from 7:30pm-9:45pm Monday-Thursday.

## *A Message From:*

**CHRIS BIEL**



*D*ear Friends,

I am writing you with news that as of July 15, 2022, I will be stepping down from my position as Director of Religious Education and Sacrament Preparation at St. John XXIII. I assure you that this was not an easy decision, but it is time for me to move on to the next steps in God's plan for my life.

I want to first thank God for the opportunity that he has given me these past 16 years at St. John XXIII. It has been such a privilege to have been part of the faith journeys of so many families. I am humbled and blessed beyond words.

Secondly, I want to thank Fr. Bob and the staff. They have been so wonderful and supportive and leaving them will be so very hard.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you, the parishioners at St. John XXIII. Your kindness and friendships have gotten me through difficult times these past few years. The unexpected death of my husband was one of the hardest things I have ever endured, but your love and support helped get me through it.

I have been so blessed during my time here. Even though I will be retiring, I will still worship here. Just know, a piece of my heart will always be here with you all.



*You are Invited!*

**CHRIS BIEL**

*Farewell Party*

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5**

Parish Life Center  
*after all Masses*

Join us Sunday, June 5, after all Masses, as we honor Chris Biel and her 16 years of dedicated service to the St. John XXIII parish community!

Chris will be greatly missed but we wish her many wonderful blessings and adventures!

*Special ethnic food will be provided by the Spanish and Vietnamese communities after the 11:15am Mass in honor of Chris and Pentecost Sunday.*



## 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.
- **St. Luke Adoration Chapel:** Chapel hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-3:45pm and Saturday 8:30am-3:30pm. For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry please visit: [johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/](http://johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/)
- **St. John XXIII Thrift Store:** Monday-Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. For more information please email [thrift@johnxxiii.net](mailto:thrift@johnxxiii.net) or visit [www.bpjthrift.com](http://www.bpjthrift.com)
- **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.
- **Non-Perishable Donations:** If you are returning back home, please consider bringing your nonperishable items to church. These donations fill pantries in our area. Items can be dropped off in the Narthex.
- **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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## PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

*Monday, May 30*

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

*Thank You  
for your sacrifice*

# MEMORIAL DAY

## HONORING THEIR SACRIFICE

### THE *Meaning* OF *Memorial Day*

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

*Join Us!*

**MONDAY, MAY 30**  
*after the 8:00am Mass*

There will be a prayer service in the **Memorial Garden** on **Monday, May 30** right after the 8:00am Mass with Fr. Simon as the celebrant. A special thank you to the knights who will be putting flags on all graves of those who have served in the military.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# ORDINATION

## Anniversary



*Fr. Simon*  
JUNE 4, 2005  
17 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



*Sharing Our*

# FAITH

*Journey*

**LAST FREE SESSION:**  
**Wednesday, June 1**  
**6:00pm-7:30pm**  
**Parish Life Center**

As a follow up to the "**Growing Rich in Mercy**" classes with Fr. Bill Jarema, we will offer the last free class to share our faith stories with each other. A new topic will be presented with time for listening, praying, and sharing in small groups. **Holly Atkins** is facilitating.

Sign up for this class on our website:

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

For more information email: [holly@johnxxiii.net](mailto:holly@johnxxiii.net)



**PLEASE NOTE**

Every **1ST FRIDAY**  
the morning 8am  
weekday Mass  
will take place in  
the church.

**FIRST FRIDAY** *Adoration*

**JUNE 3, 2022**

**THE ADORATION CHAPEL**  
will be open **8:30am - 8:00pm**



## Download our PARISH APP

Download our app: [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com) or search your phone's app store for myparish. You can also text the word "APP" to **88202!**



**ST. JOHN XXIII**  
Catholic Church

## Weekly Financials



	<b>05-22-22</b>	<b>05-23-21</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Offertory	\$24,108.36	\$22,185.00	\$1,923.36
Building Fund	\$948.30	\$1,731.00	(\$782.70)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,056.66</b>	<b>\$23,916.00</b>	<b>\$1,140.66</b>
Mass Attendance	2803	2043	
Registered Families	3556	3561	

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

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

### 2022 Catholic Faith Appeal

2022 Goal	\$458,000.00
Pledge	\$405,968.78
% of Goal	88.64%
% of Households	18.12%
Payments	<b>\$312,050.19</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)**



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St. John XXIII Charity Link:  
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-4893911>

## WRITING CHECKS

Please use only **BLACK** or **BLUE** ink when writing checks. **PINK, PURPLE, RED**, etc. DO NOT scan well when deposited.



## Congratulations

### SPRING RAFFLE WINNERS

#### APRIL 4: \$100 EACH

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# *A Message From:*

**FR. ANGELO**

*Dear Parishioners of St. John XXIII Parish,*

It is so difficult for me to fathom that it has been 51 years ago since I was ordained as a missionary in the Society of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers by Bishop James E. Walsh, MM. It continues to unfold as an exciting journey.

I thank all of you for helping me celebrate that defining moment in my life. But the truth is that the celebration is not about me. The celebration is about us. We are God's People, God's children, God's very own. The celebration is about us because we are the recipients of God's enduring love, chosen and named in Baptism. Jesus clearly tells us that He has loved us, each of us, as the Father has loved Him. How precious and sacred that love continues to make each one of us. We are called to love as we are loved by Him. Each of us has a vital role to play in that calling, of bringing that love to a world, that is so in need of receiving it, hearing it, and embracing it. Each of us has been called. I thank each of you for allowing me to a part of the journey with you.

I want to especially thank my friend, Fr. Bob, for allowing me to serve at your wonderful parish. In each of our own ways, Fr. Bob and I preach, affirm, and celebrate the universality of God's enduring love for every man, woman, and child, all deserving of His ongoing acceptance, love and forgiveness. "Thank you, Bob!"

Lastly, I thank each of you for your kindnesses, love, well wishes, gifts, children's card, and your acceptance. Together, *we are a chosen, race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation.*

The journey continues!  
*Love, Fr. Angelo*





# PRAYER FOR SAFETY

During Hurricane Season

**June 1 - 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*

MONTH OF MAY



*Women's Guild*



## SHOWER

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

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

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

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



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

For more information contact **Sue Edwards** at:  
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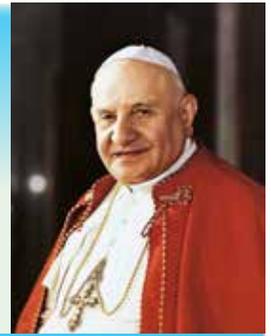
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If you are at the Adoration Chapel, we ask that  
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# Meaning of: *Flag Draped Coffin*

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!



# Memorial Day

## FUN FACTS

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

## MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

It's officially May, which means it's also National Military Appreciation Month: an excellent time to honor both active and former members of our armed forces. To help do our part to thank those in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, Space Force, National Guard and beyond, we've rounded up more than 30 awesome military discounts available from the likes of Nike, Samsung and more.

### What is National Military Appreciation Month?

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

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



**REMEMBER. HONOR. SUPPORT.**

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

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