



# ST. JOHN XXIII

## Catholic Church

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June 26, 2022

# Finding **REFUGE** IN THE Lord

by: **Sheila Alewine - Bible Study Tools**



***“Keep me safe, my God, for You I take refuge.”*** - PSALM 16:1

The Hebrew word for refuge is chacah and means “to flee for protection, to confide in, to put one’s trust in.” The dictionary defines a refuge as a shelter or protection from danger, trouble, or to take refuge from a storm. It’s a place of safety, or anything to which one has recourse for aid, relief, or escape.

Every person who has ever lived has experienced troubles and tribulations at some level. Some people are like Job; if something bad is going to happen, it’s probably going to happen to you! For others, life seems to be kinder and brings less tribulation. But if we all took the time to tell our stories, we’d find we have a lot in common. As Job said, “Man is born for trouble, as sparks fly upward!” (Job 5:7).

### **How Can We Experience God as Our Refuge and Strength in Times of Trouble?**

Troubles come in all shapes and sizes. The Hebrew word is šārâ, meaning distress, troubles, straits, adversity, affliction, anguish, tribulation.

God is a Spirit. We can’t run into God’s physical presence and be shielded from the things that trouble us in this life. The life of faith is a spirit-life, but as human beings, we experience very real, tangible, physical troubles, and we need more than emotional comfort to see us through.

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**June 26, 2022**

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

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

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday-Friday,

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

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239-561-3713 (Fax)

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:**

A priest is on call 7 days a week,  
24hrs a day for these hospitals:

**Health Park - St. Columbkille**

**Church** 239-489-3973

**Lee Memorial - St. Francis**

**Xavier Church** 239-334-2161

**Gulf Coast - St. John XXIII**

239-561-2245

**RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT:**

You are encouraged to receive  
the Sacrament of the Sick before  
being admitted to a facility.

**St. Columbkille - Hope Hospice**

239-489-3973

9470 Health Park Circle,

Ft. Myers, FL

**St. Raphael - Lehigh Acres**

**Health & Rehab Center**

239-369-2194

1550 Lee Blvd, Lehigh Acres, FL

**Hope Hospice** 239-369-1831

1201 Wings Way, Lehigh Acres, FL

**St. Leo - Hope Hospice**

239-992-0901

27200 Imperial Pkwy,

Bonita Springs, FL

**St. Vincent de Paul - Select**

2073 Lafayette St. Ft. Myers

239-693-0818

*The Mission of St. John XXIII Catholic Church is to actively engage all those who desire to more fully accept and live out the message of Christ, welcoming and respecting all people regardless of background, history, race or color, as we strive to nurture spiritual growth and personal holiness on our journey to become more responsible stewards of God's gifts.*

*Mass Intentions*

**PLEASE NOTE:** 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, JUNE 27**

- 8:00 AM † Donald Kelly by The Bezdichek Family

**TUESDAY, JUNE 28**

- 8:00 AM † Jose Maisog by George & Leticia Lacson

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29**

- 8:00 AM † Fiore Gasparollo & ♥ Venida Gasparolla by Jennifer Eno

**THURSDAY, JUNE 30**

- 8:00 AM † Tom Pollack by Linda & Daryl Hill

**FRIDAY, JULY 1**

- 8:00 AM † Shirl Giribaldi by Bunni Switzendeg

**SATURDAY, JULY 2**

- 8:00 AM † Carl W. Licini by Barbara M. Pizzolato
- 4:00 PM † Lillian Santanello by Stella
- 8:00 PM † Simon - Vietnamese Mass

**SUNDAY, JULY 3**

- 7:15 AM † Phyllis Benham by Sue Arends & Family
- 9:15 AM † Alfred Donatelli by Anthony & Patricia Donatelli
- 11:15 AM † Celso & Judith Fernandez by Marc & Lucy Bingcang
- 1:30 PM † Helga Bollig by The Colon Family

**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.

**JULY 3, 2022 - READINGS**

- 1ST READING IS 66:10-14C
- PSALM PS 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20
- 2ND READING GAL 6:14-18
- GOSPEL LK 10:1-12, 17-20

**FIRST FRIDAY Adoration**

**JULY 1, 2022**

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

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# Refuge CONTINUED

While there have been many times when I experienced the presence of God's Spirit in a time of worship or prayer, God generally speaks to me through my mind, as I read His Word or when contemplating or meditating on the things of God. We cannot look for emotional experiences as the measure of God being our refuge. He is more than a "feeling." He is a living God, who is active in our lives, and He wants us to find refuge in something more lasting than a good emotional experience.

## God is Whom to Confide:

The first step of finding refuge is to go to God the Father in prayer. We must cry out to Him, confiding our fears, our hopes, our feelings of anxiety, our confusion, and our lack of ability to fix things. For God to be a true refuge, we have to be honest with Him. Prayer isn't how God learns what we are thinking...He already knows before we can articulate it. Psalm 139:4 says "Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it all." Prayer is how God reveals to us what is in our hearts. When we talk to Him in honest conversation, we expose what we're really thinking, what we might hide from the rest of the world.

Prayer is how we draw near into the presence of God. By faith, we believe He hears our prayers. Like a child unburdening herself to her loving parent, we are able to let go of trying to figure out how to solve our troubles, and trust that God will intervene in His time. God is a Person, and He tells us to "cast all our anxieties (burdens) on Him, because He cares for us" (1 Peter 5:7).

## God's Word is a Place of Protection:

A common aspect of troubles is that we need wisdom to make decisions. We need to know what to do. God's Word is a place of safety and protection that provides answers to every problem, every fear, every anxious thought. Sometimes we find ourselves in trouble of our own making. We've made decisions that, instead of leading to fulfillment and happiness, have only caused us pain. Perhaps it was foolishly running ahead of God instead of waiting on Him to provide. Perhaps it is a sin issue; we chose to disobey God's clear commands in Scripture and now we are reaping the harvest of what we've sown.

God's Word is literally the place we must run to. We must learn to trust that doing what God says is always best, even when the world or culture says it's foolish. For example, a young couple decides that it's more financially prudent to live together instead of getting married. The laws of the land tell them that's what they should do, but God's Word sets out a different path – the path of honoring God in marriage. The more difficult choice is to obey God's Word, but it is the place of protection and safety. God becomes our refuge when we trust His Word more than we trust the culture, or even (and especially) our own feelings.

The world tells you to "listen to your heart," but God says your heart will deceive you. God's Word is the only place we find security and protection because it is the only source of truth. Who is the Word of God? It is Jesus – God's perfect Son, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6). When we have fully committed our lives to obeying Jesus, we have found the place of refuge and safety, the place where we are protected from all the ways the enemy might try to harm us.

## God's Spirit Provides the Power:

While we can't physically run into God's presence, God has provided a way that He is physically with us, through the indwelling Spirit of God, who comes to live in every true Christ-follower at the moment of salvation. As we learn to confide in the Father and commit to obey the Word of God (Jesus), we are empowered (strengthened) by the Spirit of God.

## PRAYER OF WORSHIP

*I will praise and worship  
You, Lord, with my whole  
heart; I will tell of all  
Your marvelous works. I  
will be glad and rejoice in  
You; I will sing praise to  
Your name, Oh most high.*

**W** - Wait Upon the Lord

**O** - Offer Our Lives as a Living Sacrifice

**R** - Refuge in the Lord

**S** - Sing Unto Him

**H** - Humble Ourselves Before Him

**I** - Intimacy with God

**P** - Pleasing Him

## 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  
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  
Tony Navy  
JoAnne Walsh  
JC Alvarez  
Carmelo Santos  
Mary Collins  
John DePiro  
Bill Acini  
Colleen Ryan  
Cathy McManus  
Elethia Ajose  
Avery Brantley  
Barry Zielinski  
Sophia Bentz

**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!*

**Giacomo Asta  
Robert Monastero  
Regina Manfre**

### Adoration Chapel

In Memory of: **Deceased Parishioners  
of St. John XXIII**

### Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Donald Dantino  
Requested by: Diane Harlyvetch**







## Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER



### Monday, June 27

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

### Tuesday, June 28

- 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 29

- Pastoral Staff Meeting: Office Conference Room - 10am

### Thursday, June 30

- Hispanic Music Rehearsal: Main Hall - 7pm

### Friday, July 1

- 1st Friday Adoration: Church - 8:30am
- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am-8pm
- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm

### Saturday, July 2

- Vigil Mass: Church - 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass: Church - 8pm

### Sunday, July 3

- Masses: 7:15, 9:15 & 11:15am \* *Livestreamed*
- Hispanic Choir: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 11am
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm \* *via YouTube*



**PLEASE NOTE: Parish Office  
CLOSED Monday, July 4th**

**Adoration Chapel OPEN  
8:30am-3:45pm**



### 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

- Harry & Tessa Maisch IV
- Thomas & Arfilia Copeland
- Emilio & Antonella Vargas
- David & Anabel Turrubiardez
- Jose Castillo & Veronica Bahr

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, August 14, 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 Hudspohl  
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 YOU GOTTA HAVE

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.



### 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.

### TO REGISTER:

**<https://www.osvhub.com/st-john-xxiii-parish/forms/registration-1-1-2-2>**

# Thank You!

## VIDEO MINISTRY

We would like to thank the members of our Video Ministry for all their hard work ensuring we have Masses streamed to Facebook and our Website each Sunday, as well as, special feast days.

### *Video Ministry includes:*

- Paul Kielmeyer
- Tony Gravatte
- Tim Wells
- Damian Hanley
- Jake Spanberger
- Samantha Romero
- Chuck McCallum

In addition, thank you Fr. Angelo for streaming Mass each Saturday from your home. We are grateful to reach so many of our members and their friends who may be homebound, in the hospital or in their northern homes.

### *Join the Team!*

If you are interested in joining the ministry, please email [holly@johnxxiii.net](mailto:holly@johnxxiii.net)

## Information Websites

Below are suggested websites to stay current on what is happening in the Catholic church:

**WHISPERS IN THE LOGGIA:** [whispersintheloggia.blogspot.com](http://whispersintheloggia.blogspot.com)

**CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE:** [www.catholicnews.com](http://www.catholicnews.com)

**CRUX:** [cruxnow.com](http://cruxnow.com)

**BISHOP BARRON:** [www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)

**FR. RICHARD ROHR:** [cac.org/category/daily-meditations](http://cac.org/category/daily-meditations)







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.

- **July 7:** Please check the Facebook page for more information.



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

Confirmation Program: Sundays 5pm - 6pm

Registration for 2022-23 season will begin July 1st. Both Year one and Year two students must register through our parish website under the sacraments tab.

### High School Youth Group

**HSYG Social Sessions:** Sundays 11:15am Mass and Social



### Middle School Youth Group

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



Registration for 2022-23 Season will be online July 1 under the education tab on the parish website. Youth Ministry will open with a concert on August 28.

**Totus Tuus - July 11-15:** An evening camp for middle and high school youth.

### Youth Council

Meets quarterly: The mission of St. John XXIII Youth Council is to challenge and equip children of God with the tools to inspire and disciple others while giving a voice to young leaders to serve love and grow with the St. John XXIII Community.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Visit Sign up Genius website at:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c45aead2daaf58-youth>

## *Hispanic Ministry* **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



### *Misas en Español*

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

Las misas también están siendo transmitidas a través de YouTube. Recuerda el rezo del Santo Rosario (antes de la misa de los domingos, 12:45pm).

### *Grupo de Oración de Renovación Carismática*

- Lugar: Capilla Nuestra Señora del Rosario.
- Fecha y Hora: Todos los **martes** del mes. 6:45pm.

### *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





# Thank You!

Vacation Bible Camp was amazing! Thank you to everyone who helped with our "Monumental" theme this summer by praying, planning, participating and the generous donations! It takes every part the church body to make VBS happen. Thank you to the teens and adults who helped us lead these children on their faith journey. What a blessing to serve at St. John XXIII and see how God changes lives in amazing ways as we learn and celebrate His word!









# Out & About



*"for it is in  
giving  
that we receive."*

St. Francis of Assisi



## Our Church Parish

### Welcome **CAROLINE**

We would like to thank **Caroline Ravelo** for taking over as our E-Prayer Coordinator and ensuring that this wonderful ministry continues to reach our ever-growing community of Prayer Warriors!

Special thanks to **Betsy Engelbrecht** for her many years with the ministry. We wish her and her family happiness in their new ventures.

Thank you to **Bethany Myers** for helping with the transition process. We are blessed to have such a wonderful team!

## e-prayer

[epayer.stjohn23@gmail.com](mailto:epayer.stjohn23@gmail.com)

*Caroline  
Ravelo*



## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We need a couple of people that have a steady hand to **help us repaint the stones in our Memorial Garden**. You will need to be able to lift the stones and paint with a steady hand and then we seal them before reinstalling. Our maintenance team will meet with you and explain the details. There will be a covered area for you to work. Please call **Holly Atkins** at **(239) 561-2245** or email: [holly@johnxxiii.net](mailto:holly@johnxxiii.net)



Teams of Our Lady

## You are Invited!

### INFORMATION NIGHT Sunday, June 26 - 7:00PM

Teams of Our Lady was founded by Father Henry Caffarel in France in 1947, and since then has spread to over 10,000 teams world-wide. This Catholic lay movement is where like minded couples meet one each month to eat, pray and discuss topics to help couples deepen their faith and marriage. This includes married couples of all ages.

If you would like to invest in your marriage and see how Teams of Our Lady can bless your relationship, please join us for an information night on **Sunday, June 26, - 7:00pm** at the home of John & Linda Stankiewicz.

For more information contact: **Linda & John Stankiewicz**  
email: [jjlinstan@aol.com](mailto:jjlinstan@aol.com) phone: **(239) 481-1898**





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## Weekly Financials



	06-19-22	06-20-21	Difference
Offertory	\$25,366.71	\$22,251.00	\$3,115.71
Building Fund	\$1,277.00	\$1,338.00	(\$61.00)
Total	\$26,643.71	\$23,589.00	(\$3,054.71)
Mass Attendance	2058	1940	
Registered Families	3576	3586	

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	\$447,374.78
% of Goal	97.68%
% of Households	18.61%
Payments	\$357,792.97

## Planning Your Will



### Remember St. John XXIII

A bequest is a wonderful way to express gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings! The gift you give establishes a lasting legacy of love for others by helping the Church to continue our Catholic heritage through its many ministries.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Leaving money to the Parish in your will is not assessed and 100% goes to the parish.

The following is possible wording for including a bequest in your will:

*"I bequeath the greater of \$\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_% of the residue of my estate to Bishop Frank J. Dewane, (or his successor), Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida, a corporation sole, whose principal office is located at 1000 Pinebrook Rd., Venice, FL 34285, For the benefit of St. John XXIII Catholic Parish, in Fort Myers, Inc."*

The actual wording in your will should be determined by you and your attorney.

For more information, questions, or wish to consider a gift annuity or trust for St. John XXIII Catholic Church, then please email:

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



## CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL



The Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) is an annual opportunity for every member of our Faith family to support the life-changing work and outreach programs of the Diocese of Venice. The programs and services assisted by the CFA, make a meaningful impact on the lives of individuals, families and communities. By supporting the CFA, you share in the work of Christ and the grace of Catholic discipleship. Remember, **"The generous will be blessed, for they share ... with the poor"** (Proverbs 22:9).

### GIFT SUGGESTIONS:

- **CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD** can be used for a one-time gift or a monthly amount. Please visit [www.dioceseofvenice.org](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org) and click on Catholic Faith Appeal Donate Now.
- **CHECK** made payable to Catholic Faith Appeal with St John XXIII in the memo can be placed in the white envelopes in the Narthex and the donation will be sent to the Catholic Faith Appeal.
- **GIFT OF SECURITIES** - Federal tax laws allow a charitable deduction for the full market value of the appreciated securities on the date of your gift.
- **IRA** - In 2020 the law changed, requiring those 72 years and older to begin taking a required minimum distribution (RMD) from their individual retirement account (IRA). However, only those who will turn 70½ (born on or after July 1, 1949) in 2020 or later may wait until age 72 to begin taking required distributions. If you are currently receiving RMDs (or should be) because you are over age 70½, you must continue taking these RMDs. For traditional accounts this income is taxable! To avoid paying taxes on this income while also meeting the obligation of the RMD, you may designate the distribution as a gift directly from the IRA custodian to the CFA. You can donate up to \$100,000 and married couples can donate up to \$200,000 if the spouse has a separate IRA.



## 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.
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- **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:** 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.
- **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:** 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)
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# Save a Life

## DONATE BLOOD

Lee Health Bloodmobile

**SUNDAY, JUNE 26**

8am-1pm

St. John XXIII Parking Lot



## Blood Pressure Check

*Last Weekend of Every Month*



## We've missed you.

The Parish Nurses have missed you at the blood pressure table! For two years we have had to set aside face to face activities like blood pressure checks but now we are back!

Please come over and get back in the swing of those simple checks that help keep you healthy. Let us show the nurses some love!

**We're Back! JUNE 25-26**

**IN THE NARTHEX AFTER ALL MASSES**



# Craftie Ladies

## WHAT'S NEW?

### Scaling Back:

It has been a slow summer for us. Many members are on vacation up north or just not in the Florida area. We have decided to scale back our meetings from June through August. We currently meet on Monday afternoon in the Parish Life Center/St. Mary and St. Martha. Please see page 5 in the bulletin calendar section for information on the Monday dates we will be meeting. We will resume full time in September. We hope you are all enjoying and using the holy water bottles we worked so hard to get done by Easter!

### Items for Verity:

We have been cutting Verity tote bags, Verity blankets and veterans blankets. It is so nice to be in the Parish Life Center and have so much space to spread out and get lots of blankets cut in just 1 day.

### October Craft Fair:

Be sure to save the dates for our Annual Craft Fair.

**Saturday, October 15: from 9am - 5pm**

**Sunday, October 16: from 8am - 1 pm**

### Blast from the Past:

Enjoy the pictures below from last year. Our ladies who contributed to making the fun gifts for Hunter and Mercedes whom we lost in January.



### Yarn/Fabric Needed:

We ask that you ONLY donate yarn and fabric yardage to our donation basket located in the Narthex. Please DO NOT leave clothes, knickknacks, old curtains etc.

We are always looking for new members to join this very worthwhile ministry. For more information contact Judy Siegel at (414) 529-4978 or (239) 437-4978



## NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

To learn more about the National Eucharistic Revival, visit <https://eucharisticrevival.org>

You will find a free online course from Bishop Cozzens, "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church," which can be utilized in parishes, small groups, or for individual study. Bishop Cozzens is head of the Committee for Evangelization and Catechesis for the USCCB. this is a three year revival of the devotion of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. See prayer in English and Spanish below.

### Prayer for the Revival:

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You. (Three times)

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners.

*Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.*

### Oración para el avivamiento:

¡Dios mío, yo creo, adoro, espero y te amo! ¡Te pido perdón por los que no creen, no adoran, no esperan, no te aman! (Tres veces)

Santísima Trinidad, Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo, yo te adoro profundamente y te ofrezco el Preciosísimo Cuerpo, Sangre, Alma y Divinidad de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, presente en todos los Sagrarios del mundo, en reparación de los ultrajes con los que Él es ofendido. Por los méritos infinitos del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús y del Inmaculado Corazón de María, te pido la conversión de los pecadores.

*Nuestra Señora de Fátima, ruega por nosotros.*

# *Honoring our Knight*

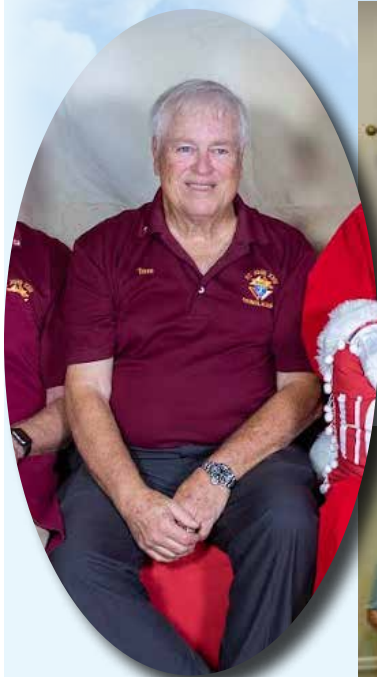
**THOMAS WILLIAM DOLAN JR. - GRAND NIGHT**

**JULY 1, 1945 - JUNE 11, 2022**





On behalf of the Knights of Columbus and parish staff, we thank Tom Dolan for his dedication and commitment to St. John XXIII.



## About Tom

Thomas W. Dolan Jr., 76, of Fort Myers, FL (formerly of Linwood, NJ) passed away Saturday, June 11, 2022. Born July 1, 1945 in Reno, NV, Thomas started his forty year career with the Federal Aviation Administration as an air traffic controller and later in aviation security.

For the past two years, Tom was the Grand Knight of the St. John XXIII Chapter of the Knights of Columbus. Through his involvement with the Knights he became closely involved with many charities especially St. Martin De Porres Outreach Ministries. He was a volunteer at Gulf Coast Medical Center and the St. John XXIII Thrift Shop.

Tom's many hobbies included photography, cooking, enjoying a fine cigar, and especially his passion for golf.

Thomas is predeceased by his parents Thomas W. Dolan Sr. and Pauline Dolan (Nee Palo). He is survived by his beloved and loving spouse of thirty years Marilyn (Nee Kopacz). Also survived by two sons Thomas W Dolan III and his wife Linda Spalding of St Petersburg and David Spina, his wife Kristen Spina, and his beloved granddaughter Sienna Rose Spina of Fort Myers. Tom is also survived by three sisters Nancy Hains of South Carolina, Elaine and Brad Arnhart of Virginia, and Marianne and William Berry of North Carolina. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

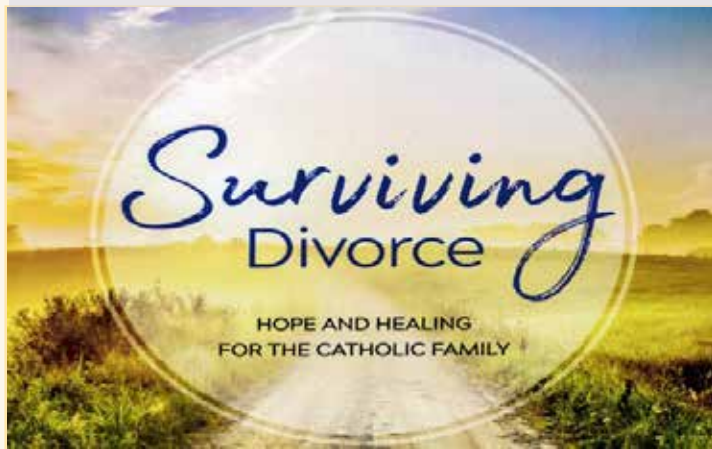
*Committees Tom Dolan chaired during his membership in the Knights Council:*

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7-01-2018 to 7-13-2020

**RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE**  
7-14-2020 to Present

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7-14-2020 to Present



*Next Session*  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 26**  
 9AM-10:30AM  
 PARISH LIFE CENTER

This ministry is open to anyone at any phase of divorce whether newly separated or divorced for many years. You are welcome to join any of the **Diocesan approved sessions** through November. For more information please contact **Carole Wheeler-Antle** at [wacarole@comcast.net](mailto:wacarole@comcast.net) or call/text (239) 850-7443

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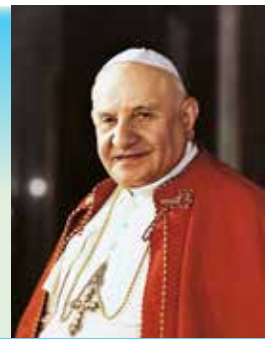
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# RESPECT LIFE



## PRO-LIFE HELP NEEDED

### At the FORT MYERS PLANNED PARENTHOOD CLINIC

Please consider becoming a **SIDEWALK ADVOCATE FOR LIFE** interacting with women (and men) who are dealing with an unplanned pregnancy and considering aborting their baby.

*A comprehensive training program is provided for this life saving ministry.*

Jesus said: *"the harvest abundant but the laborers are few"*. - Matthew 9:37

If you feel you are being called to make a difference, please contact Mary Claire Dant at: [maryclairedant@gmail.com](mailto:maryclairedant@gmail.com)

We are always peaceful and law abiding. A few hours a week or month would be a big help. All materials and handouts will be provided.  
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### JOIN US:

#### **365 PRAYER:**

Come join in 365 prayer every Wednesday any time from **12pm-5:00pm** at Planned Parenthood: 6418 Commerce Park Dr. Fort Myers

#### **FIRST FRIDAY of Every Month:**

If you are at the Adoration Chapel, we ask that during the regular hours people offer up special prayers for an end to the death penalty.

#### **THIRD WEDNESDAY of Every Month:**

Respect Life general meeting Parish Life Center at **8:45am**

### CONTACT US:

If you would like more information, or interested in volunteering, email: [respectlifejohn23@gmail.com](mailto:respectlifejohn23@gmail.com) or call Maureen Nash at (239) 823-6800

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## *Catholic Community* **HAPPENINGS**

**Religious Freedom Walk:** The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is once again promoting the celebration of Religious Freedom Week through Thursday, June 29. Each year the week encompasses the period between the Memorial of Saints Thomas More & John Fisher, through the Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul. The theme for this year is Life and Dignity for All. The Church plays a crucial role in both bearing witness to the gospel of life and serving all who will be affected by these discussions and their outcomes. Learn how you can pray, reflect, and promote religious freedom at [www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek](http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek)

**Homeless Service Day & Job Fair:** This is an opportunity to secure a replacement ID or Driver's license, employment opportunities, along with other social service referrals. Lunch graciously donated by Hope Clubhouse. Join us July 14 from 9am-1pm at Grace Church, 2415 Grand Ave. in Ft. Myers. For more information or to register online, visit [bettertogetherus.org/events/popup-jf](http://bettertogetherus.org/events/popup-jf)

**Ukraine Relief:** As the world continues to pray for peace and for the victims of the war in Ukraine, the Diocese of Venice has made it possible for the faithful to support charitable relief and assist in providing humanitarian aid, as well as necessary recovery efforts. Donations may be sent to the Diocese of Venice, with "Ukraine" indicated in the memo or note line at the following address: Diocese of Venice in Florida, Ukraine Relief, 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL 34285, or visit <https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/> and click the donate button. Also, please keep the people of the Ukraine in your prayers.

**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.

**Safe Environment Training:** The Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and trained in Safe Environment prior to beginning employment or volunteering. For further details please visit <https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/programs/safeenvironment/>

**Regret Having an Abortion?** There is hope and healing is available. Contact Sylvia at (941) 412-5860 for confidential help and information about the next Project Rachel One Day Retreat or visit [project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org)

**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)

**Catholic Charities Support:** 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

## **PRAYER FOR SAFETY** During Hurricane Season

**Through November 30**

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

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

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

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

*Amen*

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