



# ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church

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September 5, 2022

## Labor Day BLESSINGS

YOU WILL ENJOY THE FRUIT

*of your labor,*

HOW

*Joyful*

AND

*Prosperous*

YOU WILL BE

- PSALM 128:2

**September 4, 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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**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, SEPTEMBER 5**

- 8:00 AM † Robert Wallace by Bill & Diann Ford

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

- 8:00 AM † Ted Bierch by Alice Bierch

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

- 8:00 AM † Edward Kreczkebich by Michael Filipowski

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

- 8:00 AM † Jim Mantey by the Chung family

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

- 8:00 AM † Mike W. Hesselbach by Mike & Cleo Hesselbach

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

- 8:00 AM † Stephen Martin by Linda Fraistat
- 4:00 PM † Stella Songin by Jan Hoffert
- 8:00 PM † Joseph - Vietnamese Mass

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 - NEVER FORGET**

- 7:15 AM ♥ Joseph & Yolanda Wezkiewicz by John
- 9:15 AM † Ellis & Elaine Haroldson by Linda & Jim Krone
- 11:15 AM † Dorothy Colegate by Peggy & Dan Pieper
- 1:30 PM † Arturo Reyes, Jr. by Marisa Zavala



**MASS INTENTION UPDATE**

The 2023 book is NOW open. Please visit the parish office for requests. Other options will remain available such as Tabernacle Candle \$15 per week and Eucharistic Host \$15 per week.

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 - READINGS**

- 1ST READING EX 32:7-11, 13-14
- PSALM PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
- 2ND READING 1 TM 1:12-17
- GOSPEL LK 15:1-32

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 - LABOR DAY

**ST. LUKE ADORATION CHAPEL**  
OPEN from **8:30am - 3:45pm**

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# Labor Day

## and the VIRTUE of WORK

by: **James Bemis - Catholic Exchange**



### Labor Day Roots:

The first Labor Day celebration took place in New York on September 5, 1882, and featured a march around Manhattan's Union Square by 10,000 workers. Later, there were picnics, dancing, fireworks and, naturally, speeches extolling the virtues of the working class. So successful was the event that unions called for its annual celebration, designating the first Monday in September as Labor Day.

The idea caught on. From its union roots, Labor Day began honoring the broader contribution made by all workers to life in these United States. Oregon first recognized Labor Day on February 21, 1887. Within a few years, Labor Day became a federal holiday, fulfilling Peter McGuire's dreams.

### The Church View:

Catholic social teaching has long stressed the value of work in developing the dignity of each person. As the great Pope Leo XIII said in his 1891 encyclical, *Rerum Novarum*, "gainful occupations are not a mark of shame to man, but rather of respect, as they provide him with an honorable means of supporting life."

More recently, in his encyclical *On Human Work*, Pope John Paul II wrote, "Work is a good thing for man – a good thing for his humanity – because through work man not only transforms nature, but he also achieves fulfillment as a human being and indeed in a sense becomes more a human being."

Much of our thinking in this country about the value and dignity of a good day's labor comes from what sociologist Max Weber called "the Protestant work ethic," a term you don't hear much anymore. Under Weber's thesis, American settlers brought an attitude of hard work and thrift as religious and moral obligations.

For earlier generations of Americans, work was considered a calling, a way of honoring God. Thus, any legitimate work had inherent value, no matter how menial or low-paid. Laura Ingalls Wilder's "Little House" books — among this country's greatest literary works — provide some of the best portrayals of the old American work ethic. Her parents' self-reliance and industriousness would shame today's hardest-working entrepreneurs.

### Time-Honored Work Ethic:

Although the welfare state has undercut much of this work ethic, belief in the value of industry in building character and responsibility remains strong. Our own self-image and spiritual well-being are still directly tied to how productively we spend our waking hours — no different than in Laura Wilder's day.

Today, of course, Labor Day signals the final breath of summer, the end of vacation, the last bit of fun before school starts. But it's also fitting that we pause to pay tribute to the simplest, as well as the most complex, of human endeavors: the time-honored notion of good, honest labor that earns its daily bread.

## PRAYER FOR

# Labor Day

*Lord, on this Labor Day,  
we thank you for  
the blessings of work.*

*We ask for the strength  
to complete each day.*

*We ask for rest for  
when we are weary.*

*We ask for Your guidance  
for everyone seeking  
employment, and we ask  
that You be with those  
whose faces we might  
never see but who work  
tirelessly each day for  
the good of us all.*

*Amen*

## Prayer List

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

Marlene LaRose  
Gary Neubauer  
Ron Hudepohl  
Denise Vannelli  
Laura Ford  
Tony Gagnet  
Cynthia & William  
Bill Acini  
Colleen Ryan  
Cathy McManus  
Elethia Ajose  
Avery Brantley  
Kathy Prichinello  
Hank Hilldinger  
Lena Officer  
Barbi Cooper  
Urs Pfister  
John LeBreck

Charles Nieset  
Dominick Pautler  
Tyler Stoffler  
John Carlson  
Deborah Young  
Alma Walton  
Pauline Saliga  
Carol Gannon  
Sophia Bentz  
Diane Hedges  
Jim Benham  
Janene  
Elethia  
Dr. Gerardo Alfaro, Jr.  
Doug Thompson  
Tabatha Zavetsky  
Kelly Graham  
Deborah Moerner

**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!

Join our ePrayer community and give the gift of prayer. Register at: <https://johnxxiii.net/e-prayer/>

## 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!*

**Marilyn Brummer  
Darren McCarthy**

### Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Charles Hannon, III**  
Requested by: **The Harley's**

### Adoration Chapel

In Memory of: **Linda Sayres**  
Requested by: **Dan & Judi Weller**





## Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER



### Monday, September 5

- PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am-3:45pm
- Men's Gospel Forum: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7am

### Tuesday, September 6

- Opening the Word: Zoom/PLC - 9am
- Bereavement: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 1pm
- Hispanic Charismatic Prayer Group: Chapel - 6:45pm
- AA Meeting: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

### Wednesday, September 7

- Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius: PLC/Main Hall - 9am
- Pastoral Staff Meeting: Office Conference Room - 10am
- Children's Choir Practice: Chapel - 5:30pm
- MSYG Family Meeting/Dinner: PLC/Main Hall - 6pm
- Adult Choir Practice: Chapel - 6:15pm

### Thursday, September 8

- Manor Care Mass: - 10am
- Faith Formation Parent Meeting: PLC/Main Hall - 6pm
- Hispanic Music Rehearsal: PLC - 7pm

### Friday, September 9

- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm

### Saturday, September 10

- Spanish Baptism Class: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 11am
- Vigil Mass: Church - 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass: Church - 8pm



### Sunday, September 11

- Masses: 7:15, 9:15 & 11:15am \* *Livestreamed*
- Children's Choir Practice: Chapel - 10:30am
- Dedication to the 9-11 Statue: Memorial Garden after the 11:15am Mass
- Hispanic Choir: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 11am
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm \* *via YouTube*
- Confirmation Session Year 2 Parent Meeting: Chapel - 3pm
- Confirmation Session Year 1 Parent Meeting: Chapel - 5pm



### 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*

- Nestor Montoya
- Linda Thompson
- Paul Maroon
- Wayne Solsberg
- John & Laura Nixon
- John & Isora Stout
- Zack & Brittney Ward
- Peter & Diane Ciano

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 Sunday, October 9, 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*

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| PFC Bryan Bard                 | Andrew Hawkinson, USN             |
| Sean Ball                      | Cavalry Scout Specialist,         |
| Major Bart Boma                | Ryan Silva, Army                  |
| Staff Sgt. Dennis Cosgrove     | 2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC            |
| Sgt. Phil Dellibovi            | Jared Broemmel, US Navy           |
| CPT Andrew Dugan, Spec. Forces | 2nd Lt. Edward Hudson             |
| Sgt. Jared Gaudet              | Tillinghast IV, Army              |
| Capt. Kellyn C. Hall           | Jethro Ignacio, US Air Force      |
| Andrew Herman                  | Com. Craig Fowler, USN            |
| Sgt. Kathleen Hudepohl         | Eric Sanchez, US Air Force        |
| PFC Michael P Hughes           | Lt. Col. Mike Garry, US Army,     |
| SPC Michael Jednak             | 82nd ABN                          |
| PFC Andrew Kanopkh             | CPL Eric Lyons, USMC              |
| Michael Klem                   | 2nd Lt. Nicholas Meunier, US Army |
| Major Bradley D. Laux          | Robert Trenton Morell, Medic      |
| Capt. Jacob Mundo, US Army     | Specialist US Army                |
| SSGT Anthony Padula            | Michael Thomas Morell, US Navy    |
| LCP James Palenik              | PFC Judy Martinez, US Army        |
| Master SGT Peter Parison       | 1st Lt. Jeffrey Zivkovic, US Army |
| Sgt. Justin Pingicer, Army     | Christopher Dominski, PFC ARNG    |
| Lt. Col. Brady Sexton          | 2nd Lt. Sara Wulff                |
| 2nd Lt. Kristen Thompson       | Sean Dryhurst US Navy             |
| Christian Troutner, US Navy    | Lt. Amanda Macaluso               |
| Alex Zizzo, US Navy Medic      | Anthony An Schroeder,             |
| PFC Jordan Feil, USA           | 11 Bravo Infantry                 |
| Sgt. Hayden Linde, FLARNG      | Derrick Hambling, Army Airborne   |
| Aaron Crump, USCG              | Infantry                          |
| Sgt. Nathaniel Broemmel        | Maj. Paige Blevins USAF           |
| Lt. Com. Mark Buonomo          | Maj. Christopher Blevins USAF     |
| Col. Scott C. Woodward         | Capt. Cameron Hortman USAF        |
| Private Nicholas Loeb, ARNG    | PFC Alan Copeland                 |

# Faith FORMATION

Contact: Frannie Cerniglia | 561-7499 | [franniedre@johnxxxiii.net](mailto:franniedre@johnxxxiii.net)

## FAITH FORMATION PARENT MEETING:

Join us **Thursday, September 8 at 6:00pm** in the Parish Life Center Main Hall. This meeting is for all parents of children enrolled in both the 4:15pm and 6:00pm, K-5 Faith Formation Program. This is a parent only meeting, so students do not need to attend, but are welcome.

We have some exciting changes to our program this year that we can't wait to share with all of you! We will also review our new arrival and dismissal plan, as well as provide an opportunity to complete required Diocese of Venice paperwork.

## 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 Frannie at 239-561-7499 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, please contact Frannie at 239-561-7499 to begin the process.



# Join Us

## SEPTEMBER 11 *In the Memorial Garden*

On **Sunday, September 11**, after the **11:15am Mass**, a Ceremony will be held in Our Memorial Garden to dedicate a statue commemorating the 9-11 attack on our country.

This statue in our Memorial Garden has remains from Ground Zero. Members of our Council #13624, as well, are cordially invited to attend this Mass and dedication ceremony.





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.

- **October 6:** Please check the Facebook page for more information.



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

### Confirmation Program:

**Sunday, September 11**

**YEAR 1** has a Family Baptismal Retreat at **5PM**

**YEAR 2** has a parent/candidate meeting at **3PM** in the Our Lady of Rosary Chapel

### High School Youth Group

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

REGISTRATION and SCHEDULE are located under the EDUCATION TAB on Parish Website.

### Middle School Youth Group

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

Registration and the schedule are located under the education tab on Parish Website.

### 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:  
[www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c45aead2daaf58-youth](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c45aead2daaf58-youth)



# Confirmation PROGRAM



*Is your child a*  
**FRESHMAN**  
*in High School?*

They are eligible to begin the Confirmation program here at St. John XXIII.

Please take time to review the requirements, dates, and obligations to the program on our parish website under the sacrament tab.

### *Registration:*

**RUNS NOW THROUGH SEPTEMBER 9, 2022**

If you are not ready, that is ok too. Your child can begin the program in their Sophomore or Junior year of high school. After high school, RCIA is available.

For more information contact **Kelly Evers:**  
[kelly@johnxxiii.net](mailto:kelly@johnxxiii.net) or **239-561-3022**



Starting  
NEXT  
WEEK



# Retreat IN EVERYDAY LIFE



## EXPERIENCING GOD'S PERSONAL LOVE

God's love is unconditional, merciful, personal, and intimate. Through prayer exercises based on the *Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola*, you are invited to open yourself more completely to the experience of God's personal love for you.

Join us for this unique four-week Retreat that includes prayer experiences, input on prayer and faith sharing. Retreatants are expected to devote a half-hour to quiet prayer each day.

- PRESENTERS:** Holly Atkins, Judy Warenkiewicz, Fr. Mike Young  
**DATES:** Wednesday, September 7, Mondays: September 12, 19, 26  
**TIME:** 9:00am-10:00am  
**PLACE:** Parish Life Center Main Hall

Come join us for this 4 week Retreat, increase your prayer life, make a new friend and grow in God's goodness. **There is no cost and we do need a RSVP to prepare materials.**

### RSVP for the RETREAT in EVERYDAY LIFE

*Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_



## General Announcements

- **Have You Listened to Our Podcasts?** Listen to our weekly inspirational messages from Father Bob and homilies from Mass. Visit our site weekly at [johnxxiii.podbean.com](http://johnxxiii.podbean.com)
- **Like our Facebook Page:** For all the latest happenings, search “St. John XXIII Catholic Church” and “like” our page.
- **Download Our Parish App:** Download our app today at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com) or search your phone’s app store for myparish. You can also text the word “APP” to 88202!
- **Our Weekly Newsletter:** Visit <https://www.johnxxiii.net/e-newsletter-sign-up/> and enter your email address.
- **Follow us on Instagram:** St. John XXIII is now on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/stjohnxxiiichurch/>
- **St. John XXIII Catholic Church Mass Times:** Stay up to date and visit: <http://johnxxiii.net/info/new-mass-schedule/>
- **Serve our Parish Family During Mass:** Men, women and teens may serve as a Greeter, Usher, Lector, or Eucharistic Minister. Contact the parish office at (239) 561-2245, if you feel called to serve in any of these areas, we can use your time and talent!
- **Text to Give:** Text the dollar amount to 239-356-6529 to donate to our Offertory Fund and it will be processed.
- **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. **(PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES)**
- **St. Luke Adoration Chapel:** Chapel hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-3:45pm and Saturday 8:30am-3:30pm. First Friday Adoration 8:30am-8pm. For information on the chapel, visit: [johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/](http://johnxxiii.net/adoration-chapel-ministry/) or e-mail: [stjohnxxiiiadorationchapel@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnxxiiiadorationchapel@gmail.com)
- **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
- **Free Rosary Repair:** Send broken rosaries in a padded envelope to: Betty & Dick Holden, 7930 Estero Blvd., #502, Ft. Myers Beach, FL 33931. Rosaries will be returned within a week of receipt. For more information email: [holdenbd@gmail.com](mailto:holdenbd@gmail.com) or call Dick at (239) 463-3993
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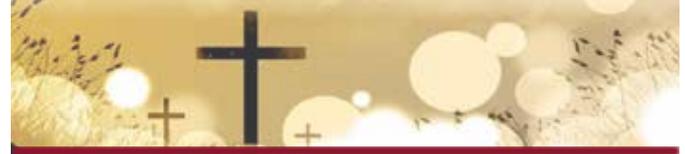
## POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

# 2022

### SEPTEMBER: FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

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



ST. JOHN XXIII

# THRIFT store



Selling quality goods  
for the good of others.

# September

**30% OFF** Footwear, Boyd's Bears, Sets of China/Dishes Framed Artwork, Canvas Art, Lamps, Plastic Containers, Dish/Beverage-ware, "Tupperware", Non-colored Crystal/Glass Servingware, Room Rugs 4' & up, Small Kitchen Appliances, DVD's, CD's, Cassettes, and Phone Cases

**Sale DOES NOT include seasonal merchandise.  
Sales CANNOT be combined with other sales/offers.**

MONDAY-FRIDAY 10AM - 5PM  
SATURDAY - 10AM - 4PM  
[www.bpjthrift.com](http://www.bpjthrift.com)

# Out & About

Our Church Parish



*Knights of Columbus*

## WHAT'S NEW?

The Knights of Columbus have generously donated for the past 4 years to our parish's Journey to Hope Team, who also participate in NAMI Walks. This awareness raising National Alliance on Mental Illness fundraiser walk enables individuals and families to receive education, referral and support locally. Our Journey to Hope family support group is one example of how people can gain assistance from NAMI in navigating their journey through the mental health system. The year's donation for the October 1st NAMI Walks was gratefully accepted by Gloria Larson.



### *September Food Collection:*

The next non-perishable food collection for St. Martin DePorres will take place on **Saturday, September 10** from **10am-1pm** in the church parking lot.

## Thank You

GLORIA LARSON



Gloria Larson began as a volunteer in October 2009 and plans to retire as a volunteer at the Thrift Store after nearly 13 years working there. The board had voted to hire someone to assist the store manager during the upcoming expansion. The store manager immediately knew Gloria would be the best person to hire for that job. Gloria helped build the Thrift Store into the success it is today. She was quick to learn, adapted to the fast-paced environment and possessed the physical stamina to succeed and thrive at the store.

It will be quite a tall challenge to replace her. She has been much more than an employee. She has been and still is very dedicated to our mission. Her work ethic is only surpassed by the support she has offered to the store and many volunteers, charities, church groups and others. We are grateful that she will be sharing some of her well-deserved retirement with us on Saturdays.

### *Save the Date:*

## DINNER DANCE

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7**

*6PM-10PM in the Parish Life Center*

Tickets are **\$45 PER PERSON**, which includes a **catered dinner** and **2 FREE drink tickets**. Music provided by the SWFL band **ELECTRIC LIPSTICK**. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

*Seating is limited to 250 people - Advance purchased tickets only.*

**TICKETS AVAILABLE NEXT WEEKEND IN THE NARTHEX**





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## Weekly Financials



	08-28-22	08-29-21	Difference
Offertory	\$20,942.28	\$19,877.50	\$1,064.78
Building Fund	\$1,483.50	\$2,838.00	(\$1,354.50)
Total	\$22,425.78	\$22,715.50	(\$289.72)
Mass Attendance	2356	1757	
Registered Families	3638	3630	

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	\$505,568.41
Payments	<b>\$453,980.76</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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# THRIFT store



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### PART-TIME STORE ASSISTANT

We have an opportunity at the St. John XXIII Thrift Store for a Store Assistant, reporting to the Thrift Store Manager, Cynthia Conzatti and responsible for supervising volunteers with other duties.

#### JOB SUMMARY:

Proactively assist in the fulfillment of the mission of the Thrift Store through the effective and timely support of customers within the store, donors, and volunteers. Responsible to maintain a clean, safe, and secure environment in the store. Prepare yourself through training and development to serve as backup to the store manager where needed.

This is a part-time position requiring some Saturdays and an ability to multitask, and change priorities as sales, donations, and volunteer needs dictate.

#### MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES/ACTIVITIES:

Volunteer, donor, and customer support. Administrative and Retail functions not limited to opening and closing the store, balancing daily receipts. Assessment, processing, research, pricing, and display of donations.

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Knowledge of designer goods. Strong computer and standard office equipment skills. Cash register/charge card experience. Ability to lift/carry bags/boxes of donations/merchandise regularly. Good balance necessary to utilize a ladder to get down or put-up merchandise and/or donations. Able to move furniture both with and without the aid of a dolly and/or hand truck occasionally.

#### SUCCESS FACTORS:

You need to have a positive attitude and be flexible when working with other employees, volunteers, and customers.

#### CONTACT:

CYNTHIA CONZATTI: [thrift@johnxxiii.net](mailto:thrift@johnxxiii.net)  
**(239) 433-4097**  
15200 S. Tamiami Trail #110  
Ft. Myers, FL 33908



# ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church

Contact: **Richard Owen** | [musicdirector@johnxxiii.net](mailto:musicdirector@johnxxiii.net)

## MUSIC MINISTRIES AT ST. JOHN XXIII

We will shortly begin our exciting music ministry programs (*see below*). We are seeking faith-filled singers and musicians of all ages to assist at Masses and lend their talents and love of the Lord to serve Him and our parish.

If you are interested in any of our programs, or assisting in other ways (children's choir admin, librarian, etc.), please contact our music director, Richard Owen, at: [Musicdirector@johnxxiii.net](mailto:Musicdirector@johnxxiii.net)

### PARISH CHOIR:

The Parish Choir is composed of adult women and men who lead the congregation at the Sunday 11:15AM Mass as well as special feasts and events. Weekly rehearsals are Wednesdays, 6:15-7:30PM (September - June).

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR:

The choir is composed of children age 6 - 17 who sing monthly at the first Sunday 11:15AM Mass as well as other Masses, feasts and events. Repertoire will be age-appropriate, joyful and uplifting and gives children an opportunity to take a leadership role in the church. Rehearsals are on Wednesday (twice a month) 5:30PM-6:00PM and Sundays (twice a month) from 10:30-11AM in the Chapel.

### MODERN ENSEMBLE:

Starting in October, this vocal and instrumental group (singers, guitar, keyboard, winds, drums) will include teenagers and adults and present diverse upbeat repertoire at a monthly Sunday afternoon Mass and special events.

*For more information visit:*  
**[johnxxiii.net/music-ministries](http://johnxxiii.net/music-ministries)**

*"Those who sing, pray twice", said St. Augustine  
and "Those who sing well, sing thrice".*



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**  
**10AM-1PM**



**PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES**

## WEEKLY BRIDGE GAME

RESUMES SEPTEMBER 22



Our weekly bridge group will RESUME every Thursday at 12:30pm in the Parish Life Center starting on **September 22**

*If you are interested in playing, please contact:*  
**Jan Krahn** at **(239) 689-1142**

Please leave a message if there is no answer, or email at [krahnd@hotmail.com](mailto:krahnd@hotmail.com) with "bridge" in the subject line. Please register with Jan before coming to play.

RESPECT  
LIFE



September 28 - November 6

40 DAYS FOR LIFE



Help **SAVE LIVES** in Fort Myers!

*Kick Off Event*

Opening Rally September 13 - 6:30pm

*All are welcome!*

Join us Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30pm as we start the Fall 40 Days for Life campaign. The event will be highlighted by national pro-life speaker and author Terry Beatley.

Location: Sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood.  
6418 Commerce Park Dr, Fort Myers

Questions? Email: [40DaysForLifeFM@gmail.com](mailto:40DaysForLifeFM@gmail.com)

NO RSVP REQUIRED!

Call a friend and join us to be inspired and to pray for the mothers and children of our community and an end to abortion in Lee County!

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*Closing Rally:*

Sunday, November 6 - 1:00pm

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*Journey to Hope*

NAMI Walks  
YOUR WAY

The Journey to Hope Mental Health Ministry will be walking for the fifth year on Saturday October 1 at sunset across the Edison Bridge for NAMI Walks. We walk to promote public awareness of mental health, to reduce stigma and to raise funds for National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI's) mission of education and support for those individuals with a mental health diagnosis and their families. Most especially we want to let people know that they are not alone in their journey to achieve optimal mental health. Families are most challenged when a loved one suffers with a brain chemistry disorder affecting mood, thinking or behavior. Our faith community has been very supportive for the past 8 years hosting our NAMI Family Support Group. Please join us as we walk to insure no one suffers alone and stand for education and support so that no one ever feels like suicide is the only answer to their pain.

Join in walking or donating by going to: [www.namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donordrive.team&teamID=51249](http://www.namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donordrive.team&teamID=51249) or email: [Jhalt@namilee.org](mailto:Jhalt@namilee.org)



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# LABOR DAY

# FUN FACTS

- The first celebrated U.S. Labor Day was on Tuesday, September 5th, 1882 in New York City, planned by the Central Labor Union.
- The decision to make Labor Day the first Monday of September was approved on June 28, 1894.
- Labor Day started as a part of the labor union movement, to recognize the contributions of men and women in the US workforce, but currently is seen as a chance to celebrate the last weekend of summer.
- 10,000 workers marched from City Hall all the way to 42nd Street and then met with their families in Wendel's Elm Park for a picnic, concert, and speeches.
- There is disagreement about who actually proposed Labor Day as a holiday. Some say it was Peter J. McGuire, who was the cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, while others believe that it was Matthew Maguire, a machinist.
- Oregon was the first state to celebrate Labor Day as a legal holiday in 1887.
- Americans worked 12-hour days seven days a week during the 19th century!
- The "Adamson Act" was passed on September 3rd, 1916 to establish an eight-hour work day.
- Historians say the expression "no white after Labor Day" comes from when the upper class would return from their summer vacations and stow away their lightweight, white summer clothes as they returned back to school and work.

## Parenting Pointer:

**GRANDPARENT'S DAY:** Next Sunday, September 11, is Grandparents Day. Join with your children in telling your (or their) grandparents how much they mean to you. Grandparents are the carriers of history. Ask them what they've learned and how the world has changed. Listen. If they are no longer living, talk with them in prayer.

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## ECO-FRIENDLY TIPS AND TRICKS

while you're out and about

### COOLING & HEATING

Invest in a programmable thermostat to make these changes easy so you don't cool or heat your home when no one is there. **AC & Heating:** In the summer avoid AC until the inside temperature is above 78°; In winter try to wait until the inside temperature is under 68° to turn on the heat. You can always put on a sweater.

Buy a ceiling fan. In warm weather run it counter-clockwise to cool. In cold weather run it clockwise to force warm air down into the living space.



## Marriage Moment:

**LABOR DAY:** Isn't it ironic that Labor Day is a day when many adults get OFF work. However sweet your love for each other may be, the work of love takes no holiday. Do a favor for your honey today. Open a door, get a cold drink, watch the kids unbidden. It needn't be major, just do it.

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## Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

**Marian Movement of Priests Meeting:** On September 21 at 6pm, there will be a Marian Movement of Priests meeting at the Church of Ascension on Fort Myers Beach. The National Director of MMP is Fr. Richard Cortese who is honoring us with his visit having a Cenacle including Rosary, Adoration, Consecration to Our Lady, followed by a Mass and short gathering in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to come for a holy evening with friends. For more information, please call Betty Holden at (860) 595-6370 or holdenbnd@gmail.com

**Reading Volunteers Needed:** The United Way offers a wonderful program called Reading Pals, where a volunteer commits to reading to a child between 3-5 years old throughout the school year—to help develop the skills and love for reading. There is training and a curriculum to follow. This is only a one-hour commitment through the school year. <https://unitedwaylee.org/readingpals/>

**Statewide Culture of Life Conference:** The Diocese of St. Petersburg is hosting the 2022 Annual Culture of Life (Respect Life) Conference at the Bethany Center in Lutz on October 14-15. The conference will include an opening prayer and one session on Friday evening starting at 7pm with the main conference on Saturday from 9am to 5pm. This year's theme is Commitment to Care. For details and registration, see [www.dosp.org/culture-of-life-conference/](http://www.dosp.org/culture-of-life-conference/). If you are interested in a possible bus trip to attend the conference, contact Jeanne Berdeaux at (941) 374-1068 or email [Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org)

**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.

**Walking with Moms in Need:** A nationwide program in the Catholic Church to connect pregnant women with pregnancy help centers. Join the effort to walk with her! For more information visit [www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife) or call (941) 441-1101

**Regret Having an Abortion?** Hope and healing are 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)

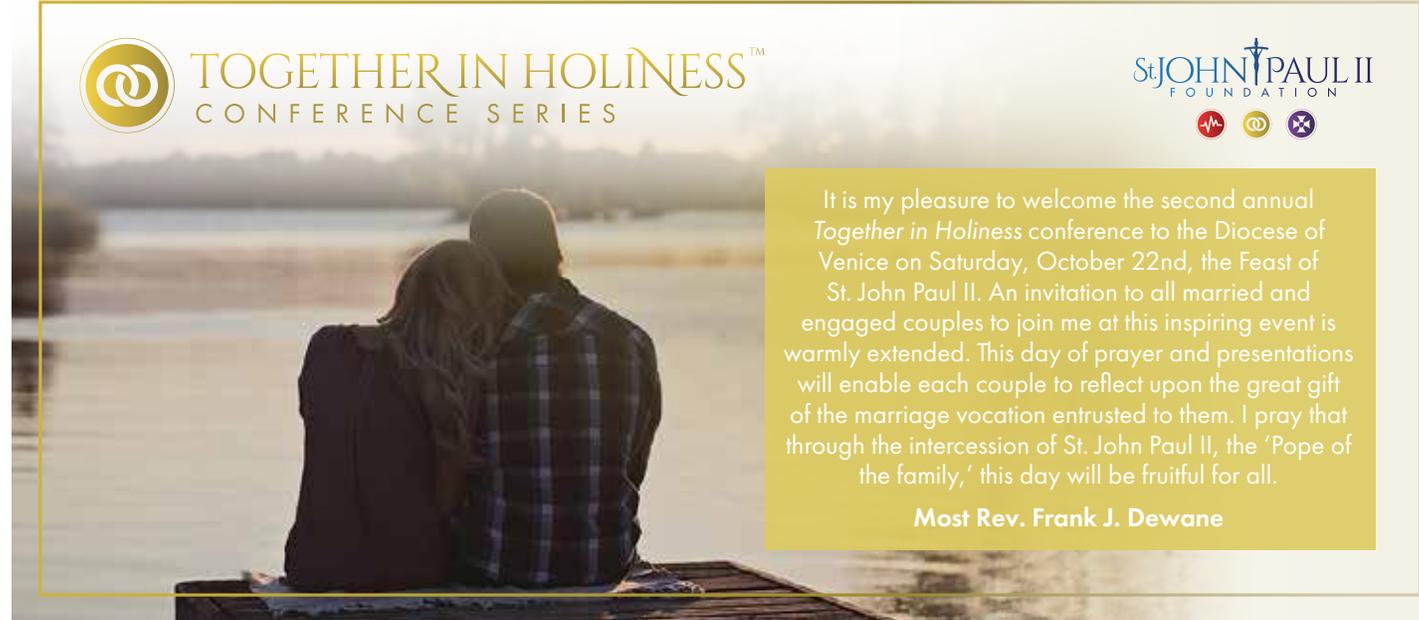
**Men's Support after Abortion Program:** Men, you are not alone. According to a national survey, 71% of men said they had an adverse effect after abortion. You are invited to participate in a confidential and free healing series for men. It will be led by Father Mark Harris at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Naples, and Nathan Misirian, Support After Abortion. To schedule/register for the virtual sessions, call (941) 412-5860 or [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)



- **EXCESSIVE SADNESS OR MOODINESS:** Long-lasting sadness, mood swings, and unexpected rage.
- **HOPELESSNESS:** Feeling a sense of hopelessness about the future, with little expectation that circumstances can improve.
- **SLEEP PROBLEMS:** Restless or erratic patterns.
- **SUDDEN CALMNESS:** Becoming calm after a period of depression or moodiness can be a sign that the person has made a decision to end his or her life.
- **WITHDRAWAL:** Choosing to be alone and avoiding friends or social activities are also possible symptoms of depression, a leading cause of suicide. This includes the loss of interest or pleasure in activities the person previously enjoyed.
- **CHANGES IN PERSONALITY OR APPEARANCE:** A person who is considering suicide might exhibit a change in attitude or behavior, such as speaking or moving with unusual speed or slowness or suddenly become less concerned about their appearance.
- **DANGEROUS OR SELF-HARMFUL BEHAVIOR:** Potentially dangerous behavior, such as reckless driving, engaging in unsafe sex, and increased use of drugs and/or alcohol might indicate that the person no longer values his or her life.
- **RECENT TRAUMA OR LIFE CRISIS:** A major life crises might trigger a suicide attempt. Crises include the death of a loved one or pet, divorce or break-up of a relationship, diagnosis of a major illness, loss of a job, or serious financial problems.
- **MAKING PREPARATIONS:** A person considering suicide will begin to put their personal business in order, such as, visiting friends/family, giving away personal possessions, making a will, or cleaning their room/home. Some will write a note before suicide, buy a firearm or other means, like poison.
- **THREATENING SUICIDE:** 50% to 75% of those considering suicide will give someone a warning sign. However, not everyone who is considering suicide will say so or follow through. However, every threat of suicide should be taken seriously.





It is my pleasure to welcome the second annual *Together in Holiness* conference to the Diocese of Venice on Saturday, October 22nd, the Feast of St. John Paul II. An invitation to all married and engaged couples to join me at this inspiring event is warmly extended. This day of prayer and presentations will enable each couple to reflect upon the great gift of the marriage vocation entrusted to them. I pray that through the intercession of St. John Paul II, the 'Pope of the family,' this day will be fruitful for all.

**Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane**

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Catholic married and engaged couples throughout the Diocese of Venice and beyond who desire to grow together in holiness and learn to form their children in the Catholic Faith.

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**St. John XXIII Catholic Church**  
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**REGISTRATION**

**Early Bird Couple \$54 | Early Bird Individual \$35**

Early Bird discount available through September 5

**Couple \$64 | Individual \$40**

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Full and partial scholarships are available, please inquire

For more information, contact Conference Coordinator **Ellen Clements** at [ellen@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:ellen@forlifeandfamily.org) or 832-779-1070.

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