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#### by: by Joanne Halt. M.A., NAMI FaithNet

Thoughts matter. A major emotional resilience builder is observing and managing thoughts to learn how we construct our inner reality. How do we choose to interpret what we see or experience? What behaviors/desires come from our attitude? What brings us guilt or shame? The former (I did a wrong) can empower behavioral change. The latter (I am defective) brings a

cascade of stress chemicals, lowers emotional resilience, and actually changes our nervous system for the worse. Ever been unable to let go of regret, worry, resentment, worthlessness, and end up spiraling downward (rumination)? Managing ANTs (anxious negative thinking) is a learnable skill and a spiritual discipline. It's healthier than drinking or drugging to forget. Detaching

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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

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Deacon John Gaulin

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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

239-561-2245

Lee Memorial - St. Francis Xavier Church 239-334-2161

**Gulf Coast - St. John XXIII** 

#### 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 Pastoral Team and respecting all people regardless of background, history, race or color, as Business Manager we strive to nurture spiritual growth and personal holiness on our journey to Holly Atkins 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 8

8:00 AM † Domingo DeJesus by Ramon DeJesus

#### TUESDAY, MAY 9

8:00 AM † Jose Ines Villanueva by the Villanueva family

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

8:00 AM † Edna Schaake by Richard

#### THURSDAY, MAY 11

8:00 AM † John Adams by Bruce Letmanski

#### FRIDAY, MAY 12

8:00 AM † Greg Evans by Marc & Lucy Bingcang

#### SATURDAY, MAY 13

- 8:00 AM † Joseph Calio by Marian Louden
- 4:00 PM † Margaret Friend by Charles & Caroline Nieset
- 8:00 PM † Peter Vietnamese Mass

#### SUNDAY, MAY 14 - MOTHER'S DAY

- †/♥ All Deceased & Living Mothers/Grandmothers
- 7:15 AM, 9:15 AM, 11:15 AM Masses
- 1:30 PM Spanish Mass

#### MASS INTENTION UPDATE

The 2023 book is 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.

#### **MAY 14, 2023 - READINGS**

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

ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17

PS 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 1 PT 3:15-18 JN 14:15-21



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# Mental Health continued:

from the belief that we are our thoughts is the first step. Attachment is destructive. Our thoughts and emotions come and go and have no substance; our eternal life in God, our true self, is changeless. Jesus said of Satan (also called The Accuser) "He is a liar...from the beginning." (Jn. 8:44). We should expect deceit from our mind. I think of Judas: his betrayal of self and God; the mental constructs and emotions that preceded his attitude toward self and others. Peter also betrayed Jesus, to a lesser degree: was guilt ridden, but stood on the promises of Jesus, managed fear, anxiety and anger; kept himself in community and chose trust. Judas could not. Judas or Peter, shame or guilt. We can call upon the Holy Spirit for direction and hope when our eyes open to our human condition and to our self-deceit. Start by being a curious non-judgmental observer of thought. Be like a mirror as they arise, just reflecting back. Disengage by bringing attention to your breath, then imagine a compassionate response to what reveals itself in thought or emotion. Be curious about reactions and open up a dialogue with your inner critic. Dispute what isn't true. Get active by moving and doing; break negative self -talk with exercise (mindful walking, tai chi, yoga), dance, sing. If ANTs seem to be winning, seek professional help. "Let nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you; all things are passing; God never changes." Teresa of Avila

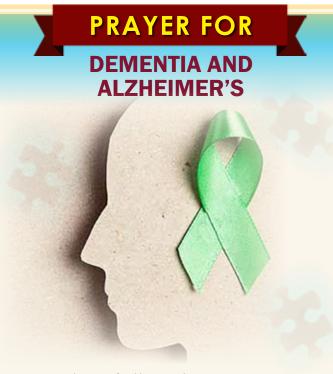


# Join Us - Journey to Hope:

We will be resuming our monthly support group, Journey to Hope NAMI Family Support, for family members who need to understand how to best support their loved one. We will meet in the St. Therese room in the Parish Life Center starting on Thursday, May 11 at 6pm.

If you need help now in understanding how best to support your loved one (or yourself) with a mental health difficulty, email joannehalt@gmail.com





Father of all goodness, Your Son brought healing of mind and body to show that Your Kingdom is here.

In our hour of need, we look to You, we seek to understand Your purpose, through Joseph, the faithful and honorable husband of Mary.
You show us care and compassion in adversity, You give us a model of generosity and care.

We pray for those whose lives we share and who live with the knowledge of weakness, whose memory now fades, whose enjoyment of life's story is changing.

Make us aware of the needs of others, of the dignity of life at every stage, of the collective memory that we own.

Bless those who care for the sick, who share the journey. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, in Your good time.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,

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 Laura Ford **Tony Gagnet Scott Dugan Braden O'Halloran Infant Anthony Vardaan** Jim Benham Cynthia & William **Kevin Sutton** Michael D. **Peg Gaffney Laurie Gilligan Lois Patterson Elethia Oliver-Ajose Cathy McManus** Jim Aversa

Stephen & Connie Kahn Le Pat Kennedy **Chris Connolly Karen Yurko William Dewes** Junemarie Navy Floyd Nagler Sue Yingling **Katie McCarty** John Polgar The Conley Family John Uhl Mary-Lyn Monaco John Hagan & Marie Hagan **David Rodgers** 

# 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.

**Nancy White** 

Sandy Szymanski

The best way to ensure your loved ones are consistently prayed for within our greater e-prayer community, email eprayer.stjohn23@gmail.com

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



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, Oh Lord!

Doris Chouiniere Cheryl Kelly



Tabernacle Candle

In Honor of: Our First Communicants



#### **DOWNLOAD OUR PARISH APP:**

**myparishapp.com** or search your phone's app store for myparish. You can also text the word "APP" to 88202!





#### Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER



#### Monday, May 8

- Men's Gospel Forum: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary 7am
- Craftie Ladies: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary 1pm
- KofC Monthly Meeting: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary 6pm

#### Tuesday, May 9

- Opening the Word: Zoom/PLC 9am
- Bereavement: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael 1pm
- Bingo: Main Hall (Doors open 5:30pm/Games 6:30pm)
- Hispanic Charismatic Prayer Group: Chapel 6:45pm
- AA Meeting: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary 7pm

#### Wednesday, May 10

- Pastoral Staff Meeting: OCR 10am
- Adult Choir Practice: Chapel 6pm



#### Thursday, May 11

- Manor Care Mass- 10am
- Bridge: PLC/St. Michael/St. Bernadette 12:30pm
- Journey to Hope: PLC/St. Therese 6pm

#### Friday, May 12

- MSYG Overnight Retreat: PLC/Classrooms 7pm
- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church 8pm

#### Saturday, May 13

- MSYG Day of Service: until noon
- Spanish Baptism Class: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael - 11am - 1pm
- Vigil Mass: Church 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass: Church 8pm

#### Sunday, May 14 - Mother's Day

- 7:15am, 9:15am & 11:15am \* Livestreamed
- Children's Choir Rehearsal: Chapel 8:45am
- RCIA: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael 10:15am
- Spanish Mass: Church 1:30pm \* via YouTube
- Praise & Worship: Adoration Chapel 4pm

#### **USE QR CODE ON YOUR PHONE**





#### **WATCH AT HOME**

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

#### ONLINE

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



#### **WELCOME**

### New Parishioners

- Jonathan Ferrer
- Jill McCarthy
- Diane Michaelis
- Anna DeSantis
- Alex & Nicole Barrios
- Adam & Lauren Villa
- Jorge & Yusimy Lemes
- Alexandria Borromeo

Those who are new to our parish, or have been attending mass without being registered, we need your help in staying organized and planning for our future needs. If you have not received a welcome letter, please call the parish office to confirm your registration. All new parishioners or those interested in registering in our parish, are invited to attend the New Parishioner Orientation on Sunday, May, 21, 2023 after the 11:15am Mass

Registering at St. John XXIII is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community. Please let the parish office know your email address or you can even update it on the parish website: www.johnxxiii.net

Frequently, those seeking to celebrate marriage, baptisms or serve as sponsors for confirmation or baptism, request a letter stating that they are parishioners. To receive such a letter, you must be registered in the parish, attend Mass regularly and be committed to stewardship of time, talent and treasure. One means of verifying participation is through the use of parish offertory envelopes. If you choose not to participate or are unable to contribute at this time, please note your 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 Master SGT Peter Parison Sgt. Justin Pingicer, Army Lt. Col. Brady Sexton 2nd Lt. Kristen Thompson Christian Troutner, US Navy Alex Zizzo, US Navy Medic PFC Jordan Feil, USA Sgt. Hayden Linde, FLARNG Aaron Crump, USCG Sgt. Nathaniel Broemmel Lt. Com. Mark Buonomo Col. Scott C. Woodward Andrew Hawkinson, USN Cavalry Scout Specialist,

Ryan Silva, Army 2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC Jared Broemmel, US Navy 2nd Lt. Edward Hudson Tillinghast IV, Army Jethro Ignacio, US Air Force Com. Craig Fowler, USN Eric Sanchez, US Air Force Lt. Col. Mike Garry, US Army, 82nd ABN CPL Eric Lyons, USMC 2nd Lt. Nicholas Meunier. US Army Robert Trenton Morell, Medic Specialist US Army Michael Thomas Morell, US Navy SPC 4 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 Augustus Gagis, Major, USAF

Zachary Gagis, Lieutenant, USN



#### **General** Announcements

- Like our Facebook Page: For all the latest happenings, search "St. John XXIII Catholic Church" and "like" our page.
- Download Our Parish App: Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish. You can also text the word "APP" to 88202!
- Our Weekly Newsletter: Visit https://www.johnxxiii.net/ e-newsletter-sign-up/ and enter your email address.
- Follow us on Instagram: St. John XXIII is now on Instagram https://www.instagram.com/stjohnxxiiichurch/
- St. John XXIII Catholic Church Mass Times: Stay up to date and visit: http://johnxxiii.net/info/new-mass-schedule/
- Serve our Parish Family During Mass: Men, women and teens may serve as a Greeter, Usher, Lector, or Eucharistic Minister. Contact the parish office at (239) 561-2245, if you feel called to serve in any of these areas, we can use your time and talent!
- 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.
- Free FORMED Account: Discover all the best Catholic content in one place! Go to formed.org and click on "register". Create your FREE account by entering our parish code and your email address. Our Parish Code is 1823ee
- St. Luke Adoration Chapel: Chapel Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-3:45pm and Saturday 8:30am-3:30pm. Every first Friday with extended hours from 8:30am-8pm. For information on The Adoration Chapel Ministry please visit: 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 or visit www. bpjthrift.com
- 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 expirations dates.
- Keep Our Database Current: Have you moved, changed email addresses, dropped a landline or changed your cell number? Please email maryann@johnxxiii.net with any changes or additions to your contact information.
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# POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



MAY:

### FOR CHURCH MOVEMENTS AND GROUPS

We pray that ecclesial movements and groups may daily rediscover their evangelizing mission, placing their own charisms at the service of the world's needs.



For more information:







30% OFF Artwork, CDs

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MONDAY-FRIDAY 10AM - 5PM SATURDAY - 10AM - 4PM www. bpjthrift.com

# MAY CROWNING

# Sunday May 7

The **St. John XXIII Women's Guild** is hosting a May crowning of the statue of Mary, *Mother of the Life Within*, in the **Memorial Garden** on **Sunday, May 7** at **12:30pm**.

All members of the parish are invited to join us for this celebration in the Memorial Garden. Bring your rosary and come help us honor Jesus' mother.



#### MONTH OF MAY



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 ages 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: "Women's Guild Baby Shower"

All gift cards and checks can 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: sgedwards007@gmail.com





**June 26 - June 30** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Open to Children PreK 4 to entering 6th grade

NOW is the TIME to Register for Vacation Bible School! Simply go to the link below and sign up!

Registration deadline is May 26, 2023. Camp space fills quickly! Please do not delay registering.

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

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to popularity, VBS is open to **Parishioners of St. John XXIII ONLY**.

It's sure to be STELLAR!! So let's help "Shine Jesus' Light"!



#### 2ND CAMP OPPORTUNITY THIS SUMMER:

Open to children entering 1st grade through 12th grade *More Information to follow!* 





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#### HERE IS HOW EASY IT IS:

- 1.) Go to formed.org
- 2.) Click on Register
- 3.) Create your FREE account by entering our parish code and your email address. Our Parish Code is **1823ee**

# Information Websites

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

WHISPERS IN THE LOGGIA: whispersintheloggia.blogspot.com

**CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE:** 

www.catholicnews.com

**CRUX:** 

cruxnow.com

**BISHOP BARRON:** 

www.wordonfire.org

FR. RICHARD ROHR:

cac.org/category/daily-meditations



Coordinator of Youth Ministries 561-3022 xt 107 Contact: Kelly Evers | kelly@johnxxiii.net

#### Rooted at St. John XXIII

#### Welcoming all Young Adults 18 - 39

We are reformatting the Rooted Ministry and looking for small group leaders. If you have a small group idea and would like to meet on the first Thursday of each month 7pm -8:30pm, please contact Kelly Evers.

#### Here are a few group ideas:

- Rooted in College
- Rooted Special Needs
- Rooted 20 years of age to 30
- Rooted and Married (children welcome)
- Rooted 30 years of age to 55



#### Confirmation Program:

Registration will begin for both Year 1 and Year 2 starting on July 1.

#### High School Youth Group

**HSYG Social Sessions:** Published dates and registration will begin July 1

#### Middle School Youth Group

**MSYG Sessions:** Published dates and registration will begin July 1

#### 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 Opportunites

Visit Sign up Genius website at:

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





# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Come for a faith-filled week of "OUT OF THIS WORLD FUN" and earn volunteer hours for Confirmation, and school programs.

# REQUIREMENTS Needed for all YOUTH VOLUNTEERS:

- DATES: June 26 to 30
- MANDATORY MEETING: Wednesday June 21 at 6pm
- DAILY VOLUNTEER TIME 8:30am 12:30pm
- Rising 7th grade to Rising 12th grade
- Complete OSV Registration Form
- Complete Virtus Safe Environment Training Course Online.
- Complete Volgistics Form to Receive a Sign-in Pin Number to Track Hours

Links to safe environment training will be provided in the OSV registration online form. Please scan QR code to be directed to the site.

For questions, please email Kelly@johnxxiii.net



The Women's Guild, are excited to offer 12x12 pavers, which will be placed on the walkway around the site for our St. Michael the Archangel statue. The price for each paver is \$350. This is a wonderful way to pay tribute to a loved one who has served, or is currently serving in the military or as a first responder.

#### Paver orders may also be placed at www.KC23.org

Defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, Oh Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

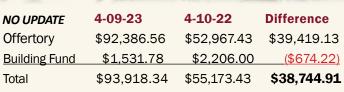
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# Guardian Angels

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To order, or check the status of an order, please contact The Knights of Columbus:	Please sign and date verifying all information is correct on the paver.			
LARRY EVENER: larryevener@yahoo.com	PRINT NAME			
The Manage's Could Countries	SIGNATURE			
The Women's Guild Contact: SUE EDWARDS: sgedwards007@gmail.com	DATE			



#### Weekly Financials



Mass Attendance 6544 4063 Registered Families 3683 3542

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

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

#### -2023 Catholic Faith Appeal-

2023 Goal \$488,000.00 Pledge \$306,807.00 \$211,003.49 **Payments** 

# 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 \$ % 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:

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Holly Atkins: holly@johnxxiii.net

### You Can Make a Gift **AND** Receive Lifetime Payments!



When you establish a Charitable Gift Annuity, you receive an immediate tax deduction, then receive guaranteed payments for life (with a portion of your payments being tax-free). At the end of your life, the remainder of the annuity will benefit St. John XXIII Catholic Church. You can even avoid capital gains tax if you donated appreciated assets like stock.

Charitable Gift Annuities are managed by the Catholic Community Foundation and the remainder can be restricted for offertory, debt reduction, capital project, CFA, or building our parish endowment.

To learn more about charitable gift annuities, contact the Catholic Community Foundation: Michael Morse at (941) 441-1124





# **HAPPENINGS**



### **MORNING WITH MARY**

### SATURDAY, MAY 20

Parish Life Center - 9:00am - 12:00pm

St. Michael and St. Bernadette

The St .John XXIII Women's Guild invites **ALL WOMEN** of the parish to a gathering on **Saturday**, **May 20** from **9:00am to 12:00pm** in the Parish Life Center/St. Michael and St. Bernadette. Come and join us for a light breakfast, a great speaker, and a rosary.

**SESSION TOPIC: Mary, the Mother of Joy.** 

NUMBER ATTENDING:



Deacon John Gaulin was ordained in the Diocese of Buffalo in June, 2008. He served at the diocesan level as the founder and director of the Sons of St. Stephen ministry (in service to the deacons of the diocese), along with planning and running deacon convocations, and in support of some of the early transition programs designed to help parishes cope with the many diocesan organizational changes.

At the parish level, beyond the regular weekend liturgical responsibilities, Deacon John led many programs including directing the Parish Sabbatical, teaching many Adult Education programs, and heading up the parish strategic planning process. In addition, Deacon John led various activities including Divine Mercy Sunday, server and lector training, and parish merger teams.

Personally, Deacon John is married to his wife Debbie. They have two adult children, along with three grandchildren. He retired in May, 2021 and the family moved from Buffalo to Fort Myers in late 2022. They joined St. John XXIII parish last November.



Featured Speaker: **DEACON JOHN** 



#### MORNING WITH MARY SATURDAY, MAY 20 • PLC 9AM-12PM

To ensure that we have enough food, we ask you to RSVP by returning this tear off.

NAME:	

Please return to the parish office or drop in the collection basket by May 14th



# MAY 9 PARISH LIFE CENTER

Doors open at 5:30pm Games begin at 6:30pm

Sponsored by:

The Women's Guild and The Knights of Columbus

MUST BE 21 TO PLAY

All proceeds will go to a charity in our community.

#### **WEEKLY BRIDGE GAME**



Our bridge group meets every Thursday in the Parish Life Center. The next scheduled game will take place on May 11 at 12:30pm

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our last game will take place on June 22 and resume in September.

Please register with Jan before coming to play.

Jan Krahn at (239) 689-1142 or email her at: krahnd@hotmail.com with "bridge" in the subject line.



# Pancake Breakfast

**SUNDAY, MAY 21 - PARISH LIFE CENTER** 

AFTER THE 7:15am and 9:15am MASSES

The Knights will be selling tickets at Masses next weekend.

ADULTS: \$10

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The music ministry is seeking inspired volunteers to join our exciting music programs. Please find below more information or contact our music director, **Richard Owen**, at: **Musicdirector@johnxxiii.net** 

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

#### St. John XXIII Parish Choir:

The Parish Choir is composed of adult women and men who lead the congregation at the Sunday 11:15AM Mass. Weekly rehearsals are Wednesdays, 6-7:00PM.

#### St. John XXIII Children's Choir:

The choir is composed of children age 6 - 14 who sing monthly at the Sunday 9:15AM Mass. Rehearsals are on Sundays from 8:45-9:05AM in the Chapel.

#### St. John XXIII Modern Ensemble:

This vocal and instrumental group of teenagers and adults present diverse upbeat repertoire at a monthly 4:00pm Sunday Mass. Rehearsals are twice a month on Wednesdays from 7-8:00PM in the church.



# Muscians/Singers Needed:

We are looking for volunteers to help with our 3 musical groups: Children's choir, Adult choir and Modern Ensemble. For more information contact Richard at: Musicdirector@johnxxiii.net

We always welcome instrumentalists, drummers and singers who are interested in praising the Lord in an upbeat and traditional repertoire!



#### SUNDAY, MAY 14 - 4:00PM St. Luke Adoration Chapel

Come join our Praise & Worship Ministry in the St. Luke Adoration Chapel on **Sunday, May 14** at **4:00pm**, and sing a joyful song to the Lord in the presence of Jesus. We are happy to report that we are witnessing increased attendance!

**ALL ARE WELCOME:** No choir experience necessary, just a loving prayerful heart.

For more information, contact:
Gaby Frei at gabriela@gabrielafrei.com



# KEEP OUR YOUTH Connected TO THE CHURCH

Did you know that 80% of students stop practicing their faith at some point during college, while only 15% look for a campus ministry on their own?

The Diocese of Venice would like to support our incoming college freshmen by connecting them to Catholic organizations at the Universities they will be attending.

The Newman Connection is a data entry program that assists in this effort at the national level. We will have Newman Connection cards available at the Welcome Desk for those parents and/or grandparents who wish to fill out the card. The only information needed is the student's name, college choice and the college's city. The Campus Ministry will welcome the students and reach out to them when they arrive.

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# Parenting Pointer:

Ask your family if they are willing to free themselves of digital devices (with the exception of work or school) for one full week. Experiment with human or outdoor entertainment. Secret weapon: Tell your child it would make a great Mother's Day gift.

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**CHALLENGING:** Find out if your bank has large investments in fossil fuels. JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America, Citibank, and Wells Fargo are among the top contenders. Act on this information.



# Marriage Moment:

Some couples learn about how to have a successful marriage from their own parents. Some take classes, get counseling, or are just lucky. Some life lessons also come from people who have divorced. Do you know anyone who has learned marriage the hard way? Listen to them.

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# Catholic Community

St. Columbkille Choir Concert: Join us on Monday, May 8th at 7pm for "A Concert of Sacred Choral Music". 15 New choral works for choir and piano composed and conducted by Thomas Palmersheim. Location: St. Columbkille Catholic Church Sanctuary, 12171 Iona Road, Fort Myers, FL 33908. A free-will offering will be taken. Music Directors will be able to obtain a copy of any of the music they might be interested in performing with their choirs.

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).

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/

Diocese Flocknote: The Diocese of Venice is now using Flocknote to communicate with the faithful. If you are not signed up for Flocknote, but would like to receive messages, simply text DIOCESE OF VENICE to 84576, or connect with us online at www.dioceseofvenice.flocknote.com

Sidewalk Counselors Needed: The Fort Myers Planned Parenthood has increased its abortion days to three times per week. The team of Sidewalk Advocates for Life is in need of individuals willing to be trained to offer women life-affirming alternatives and help to save lives. For training information, contact Jeanne Berdeaux, (941) 374-1068

Novena of Masses for Life: Participate in a Mass near you and pray for life! Visit www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife for the monthly schedule of Novena of Masses for Life.

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

Spiritual Abortion: You are invited to begin a 9-month journey of spiritually adopting an unborn child who is at risk of being killed by abortion. Through prayer, you will be united with the mother of this child who is considering the decision of abortion. For a pamphlet or prayer card contact Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-374-1068

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#### 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.

#### Sign up for Discounts:

Join Military.com as we honor the service and sacrifice of members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, Space Force and National Guard as well as the contribution of their spouses.

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