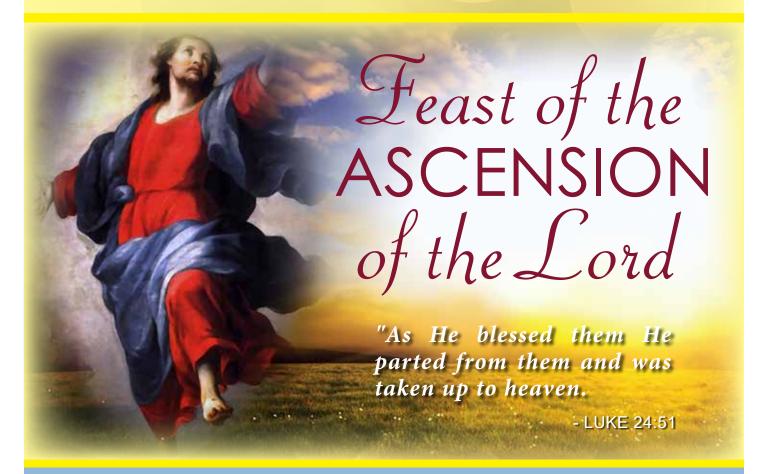


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# THE JOURNEY HOME

by: Constance T. Hull - Catholic Exchange

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

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

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# Please Note:

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

Livestreamed 11:15am MASS 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

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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 22

8:00 AM † Thomas Nauck by Elena Salazar

#### TUESDAY, MAY 23

8:00 AM † Joyce Mraz by Dave

# WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

8:00 AM † Jo-Ann Faircloth by her daughter, Patricia

#### THURSDAY, MAY 25

8:00 AM ♥ Diane Bednar Flynn by her husband, Jim

#### FRIDAY, MAY 26

8:00 AM † Darren McCarthy by Corvette Club Friends

## SATURDAY, MAY 27

- 8:00 AM ♥ Venida Gasparollo by Jennifer & Terry Dawson
- 4:00 PM † Joseph Testa by his wife, Patty
- 8:00 PM † All Souls Vietnamese Mass

#### SUNDAY, MAY 28

- 7:15 AM † James Bishop by Mary Bishop
- 9:15 AM † Blanchard & Guarrera Families by their children
- 11:15 AM † Lillian Mannina & Nina Curia by their family
- 1:30 PM † Arturo Reyes by Marissa
- 4:00 PM † Mary Jo Schulte Contemporary Mass

# MASS INTENTION UPDATE

2023 Mass intentions are ONLY AVAILABLE in Vietnamese and Spanish. Other options will remain available such as Tabernacle Candle \$15 per week and Eucharistic Host \$15 per week.

# **MAY 28, 2023 - READINGS**

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

# **Blood Pressure** Checks

Last Weekend of Every Month



MAY 27-28

IN THE NARTHEX **AFTER MASSES** 

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# The Ascension CONTINUED

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

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

# Christ Intercedes for us Through our Joys and Sorrows:

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

# We Always Live in Hope:

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

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

# PRAYER FOR

# Ascension Sunday Risen Jesus,

Help us to begin living eternal life today.
Help us to know your presence with us now, even as we anticipated the joy of heaven.
Teach us to live this life in a way that draws us into eternal life with you.
Amen



# Prayer List

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

Marlene LaRose Katie McCarty
Gary Neubauer John Polgar
Ron Hudepohl John Uhl
Laura Ford Mary-Lyn Mon

Tony Gagnet
Scott Dugan
Braden O'Halloran
Infant Anthony Vardaan
Jim Benham
Cynthia & William

Jim Benham
Cynthia & Willian
Pat Kennedy
Chris Connolly
Karen Yurko
William Dewes
Junemarie Navy
Floyd Nagler
Sue Yingling

John Uhl
Mary-Lyn Monaco
John Hagan & Marie Hagan
David Rodgers
Nancy White
Sandy Szymanski
J.Lemmenes
B. Lemmenes
Charlene Moore
Infant Sophie
Dominic Torres
Mary Jo Roe
Dolores Young
Deborah Young

**Mark Sullivan** 

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 eprayer.stjohn23@gmail.com

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, Oh Lord!

Ronald Walter Altpeter Marie Turi Marilyn Rohrbaugh



# Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: Robert Valek

Requested by: Ted & Mickey Veenhuis



# Eucharist Bread

In Memory of: Philip Seger Requested by: Agnes





# Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER



# Monday, May 22

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

## Tuesday, May 23

- 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, May 24

- Pastoral Staff Meeting: OCR 10am
- Hope Preserve Mass: The Preserve Ft. Myers 1:30pm
- Adult Choir Practice: Chapel 6pm

## Thursday, May 25

• Bridge: PLC/St. Michael/St. Bernadette - 12:30pm

# Friday, May 26

• Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm

# Saturday, May 27

- Blood Pressure Checks: Narthex after Masses
- Altar Server Training: Church 2:30pm
- Vigil Mass: Church 4pm
- Vietnamese Mass: Church 8pm

# \*

# Sunday, May 28

- 7:15am, 9:15am & 11:15am \* Livestreamed
- Blood Pressure Checks: Narthex after Masses
- Bloodmobile: Parking Lot 8am-1pm
- Children's Choir Rehearsal: Chapel 8:45am
- Pre-School Bible Class: PLC/St. Susanna 9:15am
- RCIA: PLC/St. Bernadette & St. Michael 10:15am
- Spanish Mass: Church 1:30pm \* via YouTube
- Contemporary Choir Rehearsal: Church 3pm
- Contemporary Mass: Church 4pm



#### WATCH AT HOME

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

## **ONLINE**

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



## **WELCOME**

# New Parishioners

- Daniel & Geraldine Perkins
- Louis & Patricia Daliso
- Richard & Jo Nardi
- Jose Briano & Yesenia Martinez
- Timothy & Berghetta Schmidt

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 this 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 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 has 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 expiration 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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# 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



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** 

# **ORDINATION**



Anniversary



Fr. Bill

40 YEAR ANNIVERSAY

May 28, 1983

About Fr. Bill:

Fr. William J. Jarema is a native Michigander and has been fortunate to live 15 years in the Maryland and the Washington D.C. area and for the past 23 years in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Fr. Bill completed his B.A. in philosophy at Oblate School of Theology in Washington D.C.; a M.S. in Pastoral Counseling Psychology from Loyola College, Columbia, Maryland; M.Divinity from Catholic University of America; and a Master in Applied Spirituality from the University of San Francisco. Fr. Bill has continued his personal and professional education with training in Psychological Testing and Assessment; Mandala Exploration/Integration; Trauma Resolution with EMDR; Inner Healing and Spiritual Direction Training and Supervision. As a priest of 28 years, Fr. Bill is incardinated in the Archdiocese of Kingston, Jamaica. The Mercy Center and the Society of Missionaries of Mercy have made a commitment to share all their resources, training programs and services so as to empower the clergy, religious and laity of the Antilles Episcopal Conference that includes 19 dioceses.

He has a BA, MS, M.Div., MAS. NCC, is an international retreat and workshop provider. He has been an ordained Catholic priest for 40 years and a clinical psychotherapist for 43 years. Fr. Bill has published numerous books and CD's on healing and personal growth and development. Fr. Bill's books and CD's are available at the classes.

For more information about Fr. Bill and his work with the Mercy Center Inc. and a list of all his retreats and workshops held in Colorado Springs, books and CD's visit: **themercycenter@aol.com** 

You are welcome to send your blessings and cards to: Rev. William Jarema, 1439 North Chestnut Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80907





# 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:

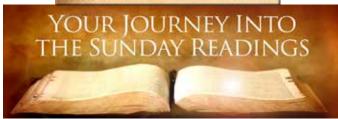
Open to children entering 1st grade through 12th grade More Information to follow!

# **ADULT FAITH**

Education

Keep in TOUCH with your  $\mathcal{F}aith$  ONLINE:

OPENING THE WORD



# **Tuesday Mornings at 9:00am** PARISH LIFE CENTER

Watch a short video each week on Formed.org to help prepare you for the upcoming Sunday Readings. You can register at https://johnxxiii.formed.org/ and follow the instructions to sign in and watch Opening the Word. View all of the Catholic content 24/7.





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, please join us on Thursday, June 1 in the Parish Life Center/St. Martha & St. Mary, from 7pm -8:30pm. Please RSVP to: kelly@johnxxiii.net

## 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.



# 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



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.

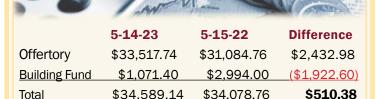
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The Women's Guild Contact:	SIGNATURE		
SUE EDWARDS: <b>sgedwards007@gmail.com</b>	DATE		



# **Weekly** Financials



Mass Attendance 2576 2716 Registered Families 3678 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 \$363,583.87 **Payments** \$266,283.74

# 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 begueath 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:

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Holly Atkins: holly@johnxxiii.net

# Thank You

# **FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**







Join us for the opportunity to enrich and grow your marriage with the love of Christ. This Catholic lay movement is where like-minded couples meet once a month to eat, pray and discuss topics to help couples deepen their faith and marriage.

For More Information Contact:

**Tony & Judy Fennell** 

(701) 361-8826 email: judyfennell1959@gmail.com



Teams of Our Lady

pictured: Sue Edwards President Women's Guild, Cindi Fidler, Our Mother's House Adm. Assistant, Larry Evener, KofC Grand Knight

We would like to thank our 60 April Bingo Players for their generosity to make this possible. *Our Mother's Home* provides a safe and nurturing environment for young mom's in foster care and their babies. This unique home is the only one of it's kind in Southwest Florida. They have a 90% success rate of preserving families, transitioning foster mothers to self-sufficiency and saving the lives of children by avoiding their re-entry into foster care.

Over the last years, more than 200 mothers and their children have benefited from *Our Mother's Home Mentored Living Program*. For more information: info@ourmothershome.org



# SATURDAY, JUNE 3 **HAMMOND STADIUM**6:00PM

Join us for our Faith and Family night on June 3 at 6pm as the Mighty Mussels take on the St. Lucie Mets!

The Sidewalk Prophets will preform a postgame concert! Please join us for a fun night of faith and fellowship!

The food voucher includes your choice of a hamburger or brat with chips and a drink.

Tickets can also be purchased on an individual basis or as a group through this link:

# https://fevo.me/ffnight23

For more information, please contact CHLOE RILEY at (239) 533-7662 or email criley@mightymussels.com





SUNDAY, MAY 28

IN THE CHURCH 4:00pm

# Monthly CONTEMPORARY MASS

Please come Praise the Lord at our next monthly Contemporary Mass on Sunday, May 28 at 4:00pm in the church.

Music will be uplifting praise and worship songs played by our modern ensemble and accessible through your smart phone (see QR code below).

If you would like to be involved as a volunteer, please reach out to Bethany at: bethany@johnxxiii.net





# What's New?

The Craftie Ladies had a busy month saying goodbye to our snowbird members.

The Rosary Ministry made 96 beautiful rosaries for First Communion.

Our fellow crafter, Carolyn, taught those interested in a card making class. We had a fun time learning a new craft together with an excellent instructor.

Fifty plus handcrafted pillows were donated to Gulf Coast Hospital. Staff give these to patients to use under an extremity, behind there back, etc. They are also used for post-op patients and for those suffering from anxiety or memory issues.

# Thank You:



A huge thank you to Mr. Nello Papi for his donation of rosary beads and supplies. The rosary ministry was so excited and we shared with Faith Formation. A big thank you to all who have donated fabric and yarn. This is greatly appreciated and we are always in need for more projects.

# Our Craftie Support:

Organizations which the group supported this year (from proceeds from the craft fair) include Verity, ACT: Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc., Eva's Closet, and pantry and tolietry items for the Villas.

# Fall Craft Sale:

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Be sure and mark your calendar for November 11 and 12. It will be time for our annual craft sale. The ladies have been busy making handcrafted items. More details to come later.

# Join our Ministry:

We LOVE new members! If you can't attend a meeting but would like to contribute somehow we would love to hear from you. Please contact the parish office and we will contact you.

Come and see what you are missing. Weekly attendanceis not mandatory.

God Bless to all of you from the Craftie Ladies. Cheryl Rajotte and Beth Gelormine

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# **PARISH LIFE CENTER**

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Our next presentation is <u>Stagecoach</u>. This 1939 film follows a group of strangers riding on a stagecoach through dangerous territory. In 1995, the film was deemed "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant" by the United States Library of Congress and selected for preservation in their National Film Registry.

**PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 30** so we know how much food to prepare.

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# Help Needed!

**ST. MARTIN DE PORRES OUTREACH** has said goodbye to many volunteers who are seasonal, leaving them with many open positions.

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- Cooks/Assistants most days Monday through Friday 10am - 2pm or serving the meal and cleaning up Tuesday and Wednesday 2pm - 6pm.
- Other opportunities are available to pick up donations or organize them.

# For more information:

Please reach out to our first ever staff and Operations Manager, Lisa at (239) 693-4711 She is available Monday through Friday 10am - 6pm at St. Martin DePorres.

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# WE WILL TRAIN! MANY SHIFTS ARE OPEN MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Please consider helping at our Thrift Store Ministry! We need Processors of Clothing, Handbags, Footwear, Table and Bed Linens.

We are also in need of dock attendants to receive donations at our dock, then to sort and disseminate the donations to the various departments within the thrift store.

For more information, please contact Clayton Goodridge, Tuesday through Saturday at (239) 433-4097 or email: thrift@johnxxiii.net

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# Catholic Community

**English Catholic Charismatic Renewal:** The English Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese of Venice will be hosting an original 2-day "Holy Spirit 101, For Such a Time as This" Spiritual Gifts Conference with Concert on June 2 and June 3. The event will be led by Singer, Songwriter, Author, and Speaker Tori Harris. The first day of the event will be a Praise and Worship Concert on Friday, June 2 from 6:30pm to 8pm. There is no cost to attend the concert. From 9am- 3:45pm on Saturday, June 3, the interactive Holy Spirit 101 Spiritual Gifts workshop will take place. Doors will open at 7:30am. The registration cost for Saturday is \$35 for individuals and for groups with 10+ people is \$20 each. Registration includes a continental breakfast, lunch and refreshments. The event will be held in the Epiphany Cathedral Parish Center Hall located at 310 Sarasota Street, Venice, FL. Plan for a day of praise and worship, healing prayer, and dynamic teaching. Early registration deadline is May 30. To register, please visit: https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/holy-spirit-101for-such-a-time-as-this

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

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

Catholic Charities Support: To help, please visit www. catholiccharitiesdov.org/donate or send a check to: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice Inc., 5824 Bee Ridge Road, PMB 409, Sarasota, FL 34233-5065

Free Rosary Repair: Send your broken rosaries in a padded envelope to Betty and Dick Holden, Free Rosary Repair Service, 7278 Salerno Court, Naples 34114. Rosaries will be repaired and returned within the week of receipt. Donations of old rosaries are also accepted which will be repaired and sent to missions. Include a note indicating repair or donation. For more details, please call (239) 463-3993 or email holdenbnd@gmail.com





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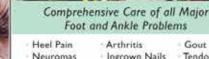
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