



ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church

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May 28, 2023

Pentecost SUNDAY

And there appeared to them, divided tongues as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

- ACTS 2:3

May 28, 2023

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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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday,
8:00am-Noon & 1pm-4pm
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MINISTRY TO THE SICK:

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

Health Park - St. Columbkille
Church 239-489-3973

Lee Memorial - St. Francis

Xavier Church 239-334-2161

Gulf Coast - St. John XXIII
239-561-2245

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT:

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

St. Columbkille - Hope Hospice
239-489-3973

9470 Health Park Circle,
Ft. Myers, FL

St. Raphael - Lehigh Acres
Health & Rehab Center
239-369-2194

1550 Lee Blvd, Lehigh Acres, FL

Hope Hospice 239-369-1831
1201 Wings Way, Lehigh Acres, FL

St. Leo - Hope Hospice
239-992-0901
27200 Imperial Pkwy,
Bonita Springs, FL

St. Vincent de Paul - Select
2073 Lafayette St. Ft. Myers
239-693-0818

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

Mass Intentions

PLEASE NOTE: The chapel will be open during weekend Masses for those who prefer additional space.

Sunday's Children's Liturgy of the Word, WILL NOT TAKE PLACE for the entire month of June.

MONDAY, MAY 29 - MEMORIAL DAY

- 8:00 AM † Pat Nacol by Jim & Diane Flynn

TUESDAY, MAY 30

- 8:00 AM † Ronald Podlas by Sal & MaryAnn Iradi

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

- 8:00 AM † Deceased Brummer Family Members by Marilyn

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

- 8:00 AM † Arlene Altmann by her family

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

- 8:00 AM † Angela Blinkiewicz by Flo & Dan Blinkiewicz

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

- 8:00 AM † Mark Lattner by Tim & Amy Shea
- 4:00 PM † Marilyn Majeri by Carolyn & Chuck Nieset
- 8:00 PM † All Souls - Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

- 7:15 AM † Members of Culler/Knaff Families by Marilyn Knaff
- 9:15 AM † Marilyn Palmer by Rick & Mary Powers
- 11:15 AM † Rick Leonardos by his family
- 1:30 PM † Maria Aurora Camas by Jamie Sanango

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.

JUNE 4, 2023 - READINGS

- 1ST READING EX 34:4B-6, 8-9
- PSALM DN 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
- 2ND READING 2 COR 13:11-13
- GOSPEL JOHN 3:16-18

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

MONDAY, MAY 29 - MEMORIAL DAY

St. Luke Adoration Chapel will be open from
8:30am to Noon to honor our veterans.

FIRST FRIDAY Adoration

JUNE 2: THE ADORATION CHAPEL
will be open **8:30am - 8:00pm**

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WHAT IS Pentecost Sunday?

It is the great feast that marks the birth of the Christian Church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means “fiftieth day” and is celebrated 50 days after Easter. Red is the liturgical color for this day and it is encouraged that the faithful wear red to Church that day. Red is symbolic of the love of the Holy Spirit and recalls the tongues of fire in which the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles that first Pentecost. The color red also reminds us of the blood of the martyrs. These are the believers of every generation who by the power of the Holy Spirit hold firm to the true faith even at the cost of their lives.

Pentecost Sunday is a commemoration and celebration of the receiving of the Holy Spirit by the early church. John the Baptist prophesied of the first Pentecost when Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire (Matthew 3:11). Jesus confirmed this prophecy with the promise of the Holy Spirit to the disciples in John 14:26. He showed Himself to these men after His death on the cross and His resurrection, giving convincing proofs that He was alive. Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Father’s gift of the Holy Spirit, from whom they would receive power to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:3-8).

After Jesus’ ascension to heaven, the men returned to Jerusalem and joined together in prayer in an upper room. On the Day of Pentecost, just as promised, the sound of a violent wind filled the house and tongues of fire came to rest on each of them and all were filled with the Holy Spirit. They were given the power of communication, which Peter used to begin the ministry for which Jesus had prepared him. After the coming of the Holy Spirit, the disciples did not stay in the room basking in God’s glory but burst out to tell the world. This was the beginning of the church as we know it.

Today, in many Christian churches, Pentecost Sunday is celebrated to recognize the gift of the Holy Spirit, realizing that God’s very life, breath and energy live in believers. During this service, John 20:19-23 may be the core of the message about our risen Savior supernaturally appearing to the fear-laden disciples. Their fear gave way to joy when the Lord showed them His hands and side. He assured them peace and repeated the command given in Matthew 28:19-20, saying, “As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” Then He breathed on them, and they received the Holy Spirit (John 20:21-23).

The celebration of Pentecost Sunday reminds us of the reality that we all have the unifying Spirit that was poured out upon the first-century church in Acts 2:1-4. It is a reminder that we are co-heirs with Christ, to suffer with Him that we may also be glorified with Him; that the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good (1 Corinthians 12:7); that we are all baptized by one Spirit into one body (1 Corinthians 12:13); and that the Spirit which raised Jesus from the dead lives inside believers (Romans 8:9-11). This gift of the Holy Spirit that was promised and given to all believers on the first Pentecost is promised for you and your children and for all who are far off whom the Lord our God will call (Acts 2:39).

“The Holy Spirit”, The Comforter Has Come. - John 16:7



PRAYER FOR

Pentecost SUNDAY

May 28, 2023

God of majesty, you sent the Holy Spirit upon your apostles as they were joined in prayer with Mary, the mother of Jesus; grant through her intercession that we may serve You faithfully and, by word and example, spread the glory of Your name throughout the world. 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	Sue Yingling
Gary Neubauer	Katie McCarty
Ron Hudepohl	John Polgar
Laura Ford	John Uhl
Tony Gagnet	John Hagan & Marie Hagan
Scott Dugan	David Rodgers
Braden O'Halloran	Nancy White
Infant Anthony Vardaan	Sandy Szymanski
Jim Benham	J.Lemmenes
Steve Lane	B. Lemmenes
Cynthia & William	Charlene Moore
Pat Kennedy	Infant Sophie
Chris Connolly	Dominic Torres
Karen Yurko	Dolores Young
William Dewes	Deborah Young
Junemarie Navy	Mark Sullivan
Floyd Nagler	David

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 epriayer.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!

Mary Jo Roe
Eileen Brahney
Pascal B. Daniels
Jim Aversa
Mary-Lyn Monaco
Ann Pezzano



Tabernacle Candle

Happy Anniversary to: **John & Lori Izral**



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Weekly Calendar

PLC = PARISH LIFE CENTER



Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day

- PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am - Noon
- Memorial Day Prayer Service: Memorial Garden after the 8am Mass
- Men's Gospel Forum: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7am

Tuesday, May 30

- 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 31

- Pastoral Staff Meeting: OCR - 10am
- Adult Choir Practice: Chapel - 6pm
- Vacation Bible School Adult Volunteer Meeting: PLC/St. Michael/St. Bernadette - 6pm

Thursday, June 1

- Mass at Cypress Point 9:30am
- Bridge: PLC/St. Michael/St. Bernadette - 12:30pm
- Rooted: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 7pm

Friday, June 2

- 1st Friday Adoration: Church - 8:30am
- Adoration Chapel open 8:30am - 8:30pm
- Faith & Film: Main Hall - 5:30pm - 8:30pm
- Vietnamese Choir Rehearsal: Church - 8pm



Saturday, June 3

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

Sunday, June 4

- 7:15am, 9:15am & **11:15am * Livestreamed**
- Children's Choir Rehearsal: Chapel - 8:45am
- Separation/Divorce Support Group: PLC/St. Martha & St. Mary - 9am
- Spanish Mass: Church - 1:30pm * *via YouTube*

WATCH AT HOME

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



ONLINE

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



WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Anthony Cordone & Rose Paolino
- Brian & Amanda Bartley
- Michael O'Brien & Anne Sacheli
- Oscar Zamora Vilchis & Lesly Zamora Bello
- Alberto Romero & Sandra Silvera

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

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| PFC Bryan Bard | Ryan Silva, Army |
| Sean Ball | 2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC |
| Major Bart Boma | Jared Broemmel, US Navy |
| Staff Sgt. Dennis Cosgrove | 2nd Lt. Edward Hudson |
| Sgt. Phil Dellibovi | Tillinghast IV, Army |
| CPT Andrew Dugan, Spec. Forces | Jethro Ignacio, US Air Force |
| Sgt. Jared Gaudet | Com. Craig Fowler, USN |
| Capt. Kellyn C. Hall | Eric Sanchez, US Air Force |
| Andrew Herman | Lt. Col. Mike Garry, US Army, |
| Sgt. Kathleen Hudepohl | 82nd ABN |
| PFC Michael P Hughes | CPL Eric Lyons, USMC |
| SPC Michael Jednak | Lt. Nicholas Meunier, US Army |
| PFC Andrew Kanopkh | Robert Trenton Morell, Medic |
| Michael Klem | Specialist US Army |
| Major Bradley D. Laux | Michael Thomas Morell, US Navy |
| Capt. Jacob Mundo, US Army | SPC 4 Judy Martinez, US Army |
| SSGT Anthony Padula | 1st Lt. Jeffrey Zivkovic, US Army |
| Master SGT Peter Parison | Christopher Dominski, PFC ARNG |
| Sgt. Justin Pingicer, Army | 2nd Lt. Sara Wulff |
| Lt. Col. Brady Sexton | Sean Dryhurst US Navy |
| 2nd Lt. Kristen Thompson | Lt. Amanda Macaluso |
| Christian Troutner, US Navy | Anthony An Schroeder, |
| Alex Zizzo, US Navy Medic | 11 Bravo Infantry |
| PFC Jordan Feil, USA | Derrick Hambling, Army Airborne |
| Sgt. Hayden Linde, FLARNG | Infantry |
| Aaron Crump, USCG | Maj. Paige Blevins USAF |
| Sgt. Nathaniel Broemmel | Maj. Christopher Blevins USAF |
| Lt. Com. Mark Buonomo | Capt. Cameron Hortman USAF |
| Col. Scott C. Woodward | PFC Alan Copeland |
| Andrew Hawkinson, USN | Augustus Gagis, Major, USAF |
| Cavalry Scout Specialist, | Zachary Gagis, Lieutenant, USN |

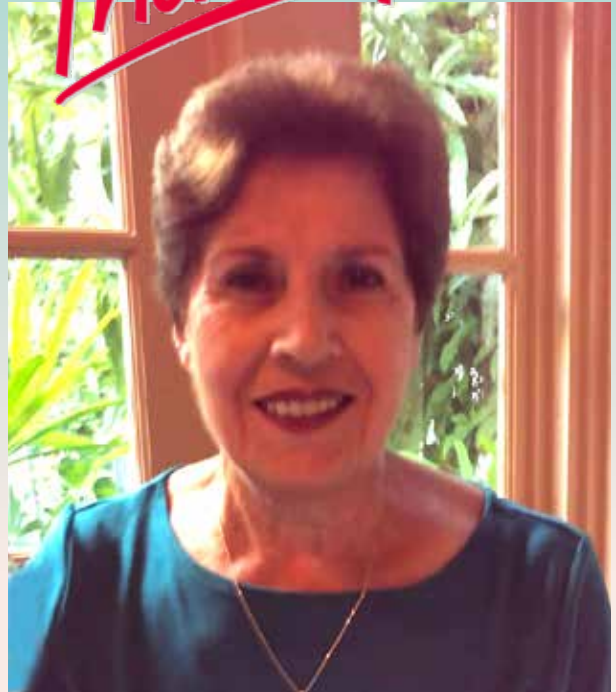


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General Announcements

- **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
- **Bereavement & Beyond:** If you have lost a loved one, we offer a safe, supportive place to deal with this life changing event. The Bereavement and Beyond Group meets each Tuesday from 1pm-3pm in Rooms St. Bernadette & St. Michael. For more information contact the Parish office at (239) 561-2245
- **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.
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Thank You!



Stella McCaffrey

Soles for Souls/Angel Tree Coordinator

On behalf of the entire parish staff, we would like to sincerely thank **Stella McCaffrey**, who organized our New Family Orientation for many years. She is passing the responsibility over to **Linda Stanley**.

We are blessed that she will continue to coordinate the Soles for Souls and the Angel Tree gifts for Christmas. Thank you Stella for your commitment to our parish community!

Message from Stella:

I have enjoyed seeing the St. John XXIII Parish numbers grow. I worked with both Fr. Sullivan, who recruited me, and Fr. Bob. Together, they grew this parish into the vibrant faith community that it is today. I will continue to assist the new Coordinator, Linda Stanley, when needed and look forward to working with her!

All Are Welcome

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, for
future Masses, please reach out to Bethany at:
bethany@johnxxiii.net*



Faith FORMATION

Contact: Frannie Cerniglia | 561-7499 | franniedre@johnxxiii.net

REGISTER NOW



Vacation Bible School

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"!



TOTUS TUUS

SAVE THE DATES

July 17 - July 21

2ND CAMP OPPORTUNITY THIS SUMMER:

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



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We are **DESPERATELY IN NEED** of more **VOLUNTEERS** for the **SUNDAY TEAM** of our Hospital Eucharistic Outreach Ministry.

In order for us to continue this WONDERFUL SUNDAY MINISTRY throughout the summer, and not disappoint the patients at Gulf Coast Medical Center, we need more volunteers willing to be the hands and feet of Christ taking Holy Communion to those people unable to receive at Mass.

For more information:

If you feel called to join this ministry, please reach out to our Liturgy Coordinator, **Bethany** in the parish office: **(239) 561-2245**



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

You are Invited

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

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

Thank You!

Many blessings and thanks to those who donated to the Easter flower fund in Memory/Honor of their love ones.

Jared & Rachel Roweton
Carol Lehan
Ruth and Orville Woolery
Mary & Alfred Giulini
Anna & George H. Cook
Salvatore T. Zizzo
Kulig Family
Chlebek Family
Zimmerman Family
Paul Vander Pol
Edna & Charles Dugan
Lucy & John DePasquale
Marilyn F. Bebbler
Derr Family
Broderick Family
Frankenberger Family
Hartman Family
Paul & Eva Edell
Frank & Esther Maselli
Theresa Edell
Don & Kathleen Maselli
Francis Maselli
Kathryn & Jim McDonough
Joanne & Frank Nolan
Ed Irons
Ernst Family
Thomas Family
Mary Kitty Joseph
Charlotte DiCasimirno
Ann Wendel Allison
Georgia Wendel
Asher Flory
Ernest & Mary Chuska
Mary Ann Golden
Mario C. Leno
Friends/Relatives that
have passed away
Charles & Loraine Weyer
Lee & Dorothy Reynolds
Patricia Ghimenti
George Kneck
James Hathaway
Farrell-Roche Family
Agnew-Shelton Family
Bowman-Collins Family
Rosemary F. Hubbard
Krutky Families
Harlan Families
Madden Families
Liberko Family
Lill & Bill Krippner
Helene & Bill Yalek
Mari & Joseph Veenhois
Elizabeth Iannucci
Jean Ressel
Beverly Ziehl
Dennis J. Agnew
Mr & Mrs Robert Boland
P. Kadime Naik

Clarence & Agnes Smith
Leann C. Arney
James & Virginia Frew
Elsie R. Frew
John & Agnes Hornick
Clarence & Dorothy Kurtz
William & Ruth Murray
William & Mary Jennessy
Linda Munoz Leclair
John David Noonan
Claire I. Meyrick
Lee & Alice Meyrick
Hector Williams
Raul & Betty Ribeiro
Papi Family
Elaine L. Dente
Biagio A. Dente
Schmitt-Dosch-Hoffman-
Miller Families
Jim S. Dooley
DeFeo Family
Dooley Family
Jewel Smelzer
John Lipari
Fred & Regina Nuzzi
Jack Walsh
Joseph Fiali
Elizabeth Fiali
Marie Cummings Walsh
Jim Walsh
Patricia Henchel Walsh
Letta Bunkelman
Jane Metcalf
Hoffman Family
Maria Menna
Betty Detroia
Denis St. Amand
Robert Carnevale
Michael Menna
Theodore Bierch
Daylene Saracki
Anthony F. Kwilas
John & Margaret Stanton
Danny Stanton
Diana Olczyk
Stanton Bros.
Arun Naik
Angeles Palmario
Aldrin Palmario
Gale F. Thompson
Jane K. Thompson
Carlos E. Martinez
Del Brocco Family
Buczak Family
Alexandria Kroll
Hickey Family
Morgan Family
Bongress Family
Frank & Mary Jane Capalbo

John P. Brown
Agnes Geary
Henry & Grace Ray
Joseph & Noella Ouillette
Gaunt Family
Donald Simpson
John (Bucky) O'Brien
Geno & Elsie Rossetti
Sam & Betty Matern
Rosanne Jones
Moe Aeves
Arango Family
Antonio Santos
Nan Whalen
Anthony & Marie Moccia
John Biase
Phyllis McLatchy
Mary & Peter Opalach
Vincent & Vera Munizza
Joan Pompa
Kulig Family
Anna & Anton Rednak
Mary Ann & Paul Kiesel
Joseph Vavra
Whitehead Family
Hinsky Family
John & Mary Rachon
Charles & Violet Fredo
Agnes Linn
Peg Barth
Glenn Barth
Dulce Maria Frias
Domingo De Jesus
Trina Pena
Sylvia Mendoza
Mina Frias
Percaciolo Family
Elaine Way
Kay De Phillips
Krzywonos Family
Howard Fred Wyatt
Seger Family
Mary Coyle
Rose Pelliccia
Anna Cafasso
Stephanie Melanson
Bob & Elaine White
Owen & Sandy Cobbum
Martek & Uhlmann Families
Amato Family
Emily Fishburn
Mary Ann B. Aquino
Barbara Downey
Gil & Mary Martin
Ruth Fishburn
Emily Middleton
Lisa Fishburn
Thomas Mary Widecan

Patrick & Elizabeth White
Edward & Vevna Kasiewicz
Hoey Family
Robert Garrett
Sophia Gazvoda
Don Crossley
Giacomo & Maria Grassia
Frank & Anna Vernace
Rizzuto Family
Frank & Jackie Guarin
Thesesa & Alfred Mantenfel
Margaret & Charles McDonald
Canjura Family
Devito Family
Lilian Maeger
Moskal Family
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Weekly Financials



	5-21-23	5-22-22	Difference
Offertory	\$26,256.05	\$24,108.36	\$2,147.69
Building Fund	\$961.85	\$948.30	\$13.55
Total	\$27,217.90	\$25,056.66	\$2,161.24
Mass Attendance	2451	2407	
Registered Families	3684	3541	

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-----2023 Catholic Faith Appeal-----

2023 Goal	\$488,000.00
Pledge	\$366,983.87
Payments	\$274,952.74

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 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

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- Sharon Killgore

Memorial Day

FUN FACTS

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

PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 29

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

Thank You
for your sacrifice

MEMORIAL DAY

HONORING THEIR SACRIFICE

THE *Meaning* OF *Memorial Day*

"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends."

- John 15:13

Join Us!

MONDAY, MAY 29
after the 8:00am Mass

There will be a **Prayer Service** in the **Memorial Garden** on **Monday, May 29** right after the 8:00am Mass with Fr. Mike as the celebrant. A special thank you to the Knights who will be putting flags on all graves of those who have served in the military.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Our next presentation is *Stagecoach*. 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.

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The Sidewalk Prophets will preform a post-game 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:

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SUNDAY, JUNE 4
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Meaning of: *Flag Draped Coffin*

All Americans should be given this lesson. Those who think that America is an arrogant nation should really reconsider that thought. Our founding fathers used GOD's word and teachings to establish our Great Nation and it is high time Americans get re-educated about our Nation's history.

Be proud of the country we live in and even more proud of those who serve to protect our "GOD GIVEN" rights and freedoms.

Take the time to read this. To understand what the flag draped coffin really means when the flag is laid upon it and is surrendered to so many widows and widowers.

Do you know that at military funerals the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies but here is its significance:

THE 1ST FOLD of the flag is a symbol of life.

THE 2ND FOLD is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.

THE 3RD FOLD is made in honor and tribute of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace.

THE 4TH FOLD exemplifies our weaker nature as citizens trusting in God; it is to Him we turn for His divine guidance.

THE 5TH FOLD is an acknowledgment to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."

THE 6TH FOLD is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE 7TH FOLD is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies.

THE 8TH FOLD is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

THE 9TH FOLD is an honor to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty, and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

THE 10TH FOLD is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first-born.

THE 11TH FOLD represents in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

THE 12TH FOLD represents in the eyes of a Christian citizen, an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE 13TH FOLD or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their nations motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.

May God protect us always. One Nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all!



Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

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-101-for-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).

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.

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

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

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

What is National Military Appreciation Month?

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

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

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

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