Each of us has our own unique spiritual journey. Some have chosen pathways separate from Christ and His Church. Whatever the reasons may be, if and when you are ready to consider a return, please know that we extend the Lord’s welcome to come home! You are missed! You are valued! You are one of us!
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29
5:00 PM For John Miltenis by Rich & Donna Michau

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30
7:30 AM For the intentions of our parishioners
9:00 AM For Vincent Riggi by The Cárarosa & O’Hagan Families
10:45 AM For Pat & Betty Malone by Julie & Deacon Frank Bandy
5:00 PM For The Held & McMahon Families

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1
8:00 AM For Dorothea Kerley by her family
5:30 PM For the intentions of Katherine McMillan by her family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2
8:00 AM For Marco, Mario & Anna Zuliani by Aníta Del Medico
5:30 PM For Rosemarie Foerch by William & Kay Morrow

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3
8:00 AM For David Roundtree by Jim & Scotty Howell
5:30 PM For Paul Beltz by his wife Catherine

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4
8:00 AM For Rosemarie Foerch by Alice Brightbill
5:30 PM For the intentions of William Kearns by The Kearns Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5
8:00 AM For Alex Schnare by David, Kathleen & Sean Ancona
5:30 PM For Dorothy Scarmazzo by The Colcolough Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6
8:00 AM For John Obzansky by his wife Mary
5:00 PM For John Liberatore, Jr. by Gene & Joyce Hansen

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7
7:30 AM For Mr. & Mrs. Louis Stroker by The Sedor & Stroker Families
9:00 AM For the intentions of our parishioners
10:45 AM For the intentions of Kathleen Ancona by The Collection Counters
5:00 PM For Mercedes Perla by Russell & Edith Smith

Masses
Daily 8:00am & 5:30pm
Saturday 8:00am, Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:45am, & 5:00pm

Confessions
Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 am or by appointment

Ministry of Religious Education
Pre-K - 7th grade Kate Devine
Confirmation/Youth Jim Chesnes
RCIA/Faith Inquiry Jim & Scotty Howell

Director of Music & Liturgy Jeanne Clark

First Friday Devotion
Benediction & Holy Hour after 5:30pm Mass

Devotion to Mary
First Saturday of the month following 8:00am Mass
Rosary is prayed every Saturday after the 8:00 AM Mass

Adoration Chapel
Open for quiet meditation before the Blessed Sacrament during office hours. Located across from Parish Office.

Charismatic Prayer Group
Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Parish Center.
Mass & Healing Service
3rd Thursday of each month in church.

Hospital/Homebound Visits
If someone is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please advise the Parish Office.

Parish Office Hours
Monday-Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday & Sunday 9:00am - 1:00pm

Religious Shop - 624-1752
Monday - Friday 8:30am - 1:00pm
Saturday 8:30am - 5:00pm
Sunday 8:30am - 12:00pm & 4:30pm - 6:30pm

New Parishioners
Registration forms are available in the office during the week and in the foyer of the church in the wall rack. Please help keep our Census current by advising us of any changes of address, phone numbers, and family additions or deletions.
November 30, 2014

Baptisms
Celebrated on the second Sunday of each month at 12:00pm. Instructions on the Saturday before the second Sunday at 10:00am. Parents are encouraged to attend instruction class prior to the birth of their baby. Call the Parish Office to register.

Marriages
Arrangements should be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. Call the Parish Office.

FOR DECEMBER 6/7: Sat., 5:00 PM - Joan Cashon; Sun., 7:30 AM - Richard Mullaney; 9:00 AM Ken Dwyer; 10:45 AM - ; 5:00 PM - Andy Weir

FOR DECEMBER 6/7: Sat., 5:00 PM - Matthew & Cate Hofmann; Sun., 7:30 AM - Olivia & Sofia Perez; 9:00 AM - Gigi Giliberti & Mary Anne Doggett; 10:45 AM - Nick Castriz; 5:00 PM - Michael & Gabriel Agrama

As we enter into the flu season, everyone is reminded that practices such as holding hands during the recitation of the ‘Our Father’ and shaking hands during the ‘Sign of Peace’, while commendable, are not obligatory. (A smile’s as good as a handshake!) Consequently, please do not be offended if those sitting next to you do not participate in this practice, and please do not feel as if you are offending anybody if you yourself refrain from this practice.

SECOND COLLECTION - next weekend if for our monthly Maintenance and Improvements Fund. Please use your envelope from your December mailing packet.

RESPECT LIFE - “Women are sanctuaries of human life. We bear the most amazing privilege of having life formed within our own bodies. What a glorious gift from God, what a wonderful sanctity He has bestowed on women.” These words from a prize-winning essay by junior high school student Anna Maria Divozzo should cause all pro-life hearts to rejoice this Thanksgiving season.
For women who have had abortions, that they may find healing and peace in Christ, we pray!

ADORATION CHAPEL - is open during office hours. Come as a family to spend some quiet time in prayer this Advent.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO MARY - this coming Saturday, December 6th. Begin with the 8:00 AM Mass followed by rosary procession to the grotto.

MONTHLY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Friday, December 5th from 6:00 to 7:00 PM in the Chapel.

Whether or not we are present at Church, we remain one in the Lord. Please keep the following members of our parish family in your prayers:

Tonia Diaz, Harry Alexander, Adonay Menniti, John Land, and...

John & Natalie Alberto  Reva Dessauer  Ashley & Samantha Housel
Susan Andreassi Gina Dickson Kathleen Israel
Charlie Augustine Gigi DiDonato Margaret Johnson
Charles Aviado Rand Doane Barbara Kaminski
Hazel Carlough Robert Fanelli, Jr. John Keelor
Mary Carroll Jim Fitzgerald Gene Konrad
Jeannine & Paul Chosson Mary Lantrip
Rosemary Clark Jim Gallagher Glenda O’Leary
Brian Conn Brian Githens Lavin
Casey Crosby Teresa Gorkowski Rebecca Laughton
Robert Dalessio Mary Gyra Michael Leth

We extend a special thanks to the following who volunteered their time and services this month:

Neal Mackey
Larry Rachuba
Mike Marino
Maria Reupke
Maria Elena Marlow
Bill Robb
Meghan McGivney
Al Scebo
Pat McJury
Priscila Searcy
Joni Mixon
Raymond Michael &
Jacque Morrow
John Alan Seymour
Gregory Mundie
Brian Sidler
Denise Murphy
Raymond Michael &
Mary Lantrip
John Alan Seymour
Glenda O’Leary
Brian Sidler
Lavin
Joni Mixon
Jacque Morrow
Raymond Michael &
Diane Hargis
John Alan Seymour

PLEASE NOTE: Please call the Parish Office if you are being admitted to the hospital or know of someone in our parish who requests a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister.
“Watch!” This word occurs three times in today’s Gospel passage. Moreover, it is placed at significant points: the beginning, the center, and the end. Though this is technically a parable, it is quite short (four verses). The threefold repetition of “watch” leaves no doubt as to what the story is about.

We often think of Advent as a time of waiting, but it truly is a season of watchfulness, a very active form of waiting for the coming Day of the Lord. It is that day, more than Christmas day, that the Christian community faithfully expects, using all of our gifts and talents for this purpose, as Paul reminds us in the Letter to the Corinthians. When we use these gifts in faithful watching and expectation, we become like the servants of the parable, set to their tasks, not waiting around idly, but engaged in the master’s work until his return. May our Advent be a time when we return or rededicate our lives and our communities to this work—the active and diligent faithfulness that the Lord will expect to find. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**Readings for the week of December 1st**

**Monday:** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Readings to prepare for the Liturgy of December 6/7**

**First Reading** — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

**Psalm** — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

**Second Reading** — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

**Gospel** — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:8).
We are truly grateful to all of you who have donated to our Parish Center Renewal. We have received more than $1,000,000 in pledges which is approximately 2/3 of our goal.

If you have not yet participated, please consider making a pledge or donation to our beautiful facilities.

Our total to date is $1,011,932.00

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Make checks payable to: St. Paul of the Cross

Please circle: Mr. and/or Mrs. Miss Ms. Rev. Dr.
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Signature:____________________ Date:____________________________
CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS & DECORATIONS - We will soon be decorating our church for the Christmas Season with poinsettias, wreaths, garlands, and lights. Your memorial will help us to do this. The offering for a memorial of a loved one is $10. Please print CLEARLY the name of the deceased in the space provided below, place the offering in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office. The names of the deceased will appear in our bulletin in January.

NAME_________________________________________

CARDINAL NEWMAN HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST - Saturday, December 6th. Bring two #2 pencils and arrive by 7:30 AM at the school. In order to take the test, you must file an application at the school. 8th graders interested in attending Cardinal Newman next year must take this examination. For applications please contact Anna Christie or Julie Carr at 683-6266 ext. 1050 or 1048.

THANK YOU - for your donations of $5,085 to the Baby bottle Campaign. On behalf of all of us at Miracle House we want to thank you for all you do to benefit those that choose life. Please visit us at Miracle House on 45th St. and see our Chapel offering Saturday Mass at 9:30 AM followed by Adoration until noon.

PLEASE PRAY
for the men and women in our armed forces stationed overseas, for the military commanders who lead them, for President Obama and his advisors and,

Major David Alberto, Air Force
Airman First Class Jeremy Arnt
CS 2 Christopher Avola
Spec. Thomas Bates
2nd Lt. Travis Blaschke, Army Aviation
PFC Adam Blazak, Army
Chris Bodley
Corporal Thomas C. Boehnlein, USMC
Angela Browning
Capt. Eric Arthur Bruns
Capt. Laura Lammert Chighizola, Air Force
Capt. Nicolas Chighizola, Air Force
Col. John Cross, Army
Michael Crump
1st Lt. Michael J. Culler, 101st Airborne
Josh Curtis
Command Sgt. Major James Dickens, Army
Staff Sgt. Stephen Dickens, Army
Capt. Michael Andrew Dytrych, Army
Staff Sgt. Jonathan Farmer
Major Matthew Farmer, Army
Matthew Fillimon
Jennifer Formell
Scott Fruedenthal, Army
Darrin Gabriel
LT Ruth Gaunt, Navy
Michael Gorczynski
Michael Gordon-Tenant, Army
PFC Thomas Greenia, Army
PFC Thomas Grodeska, Army
Capt. Matthew Guidone, Army
Capt. Thomas Harris, Army
Sgt. Matthew Hess, Army
Major Cornelius Hickey, USMC
2nd Lt. Kristine Hochschwender
Lt. Tyler Hochschwender
Captain Steve Irving, 101 First Airborne
Mitchell Joslin, Army
Capt. Jeff Keating, Marines
2nd Lt. Andrew King, Army
Capt. Jennifer Lammert-Rupp
Lt. Kelly Lammert, Air Force
Private Joseph LaSasso, Army
Master Sgt. Kyle Mack,
Minnesota Air National Guard
Matthew March C.P.O. Navy
Spencer Calvin McGuire
Brian Metzger
Ens. Daniel Mongiove, Navy
Bryan Neumann
Fr. Tom O’Flanagan, Chaplain, USN
Chad Owens
PFC Brian H. Pearce, Army
Staff Sgt. Derek D. Ragion, Marines
Capt. Brice Roberts, Army
Capt. Andrew Rupp, Air Force
Laura Sepeda
Capt. Christine Stevens
Steve Stropp, Marines Special Ops
Corporal Emily A. Konkle, USMC
Capt. Patrick K. Thompson, Army
Tech Sgt. Macy Vaughn, Air Force
Amanda Wilson

Merciful Father, You desire the welfare of all your children. Stretch out Your protecting arm over our men and women in the service. Shield them from every danger to body, mind and soul. Comfort them in loneliness, sustain them in hardship, give them the courage they need to fulfill their duty and so do Your will in all things. Bestow on our leaders and the leaders of the world the wisdom and prudence which will bring peace and justice to all men. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord. Amen. Mary, help of Christians, pray for us.
WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS - The Christmas luncheon will be held Sunday, December 14 at Mangrove Bay, US Hwy 1, Jupiter. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy (boy or girl) to continue our traditional help for the U.S. Marines “Toys for Tots” program. As usual, the price is $18, all inclusive. Register at 12:30 PM and dine at 1:00 PM. For reservations please call Gloria, 622-3789.

Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.
— Mark 13:33

PARENTS AND CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

1 Hour, 2 nights: The Church and The Family
By Fr Chamindra

The institution of the family is one that has endured from antiquity and continues to be a fundamental component of any society. Since Catholics believe that the family is the domestic church, all are invited! Please bring a pen and some paper, listen and perhaps learn, as Fr Chamindra talks about the Church’s teaching and understanding of the family.

Parish Hall: 7-8pm, Monday, Dec. 1st and 8th.

Our first Spirit and Truth was held on Monday, November 17th. The topic was Theology of the Body.

THANK YOU Diane McNeal for an inspirational presentation.
Our next presentation is in January; watch for the announcement of the topic and presenter.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Each of the seven sacraments, like other aspects of the Church’s pastoral plan, is an attempt to be faithful to the image of Christ we discover in the Gospels. Anointing of the sick is rooted in Jesus’ saving deeds of healing and even rescue from death. What is your favorite encounter of Jesus with a sick person? Often, it seems that Jesus would go at once to the person in a crowd who was in the most pain, in the deepest need. A man born blind, Peter’s mother-in-law, a woman afflicted by years of uncontrollable hemorrhages, a little Roman girl beloved by her soldier father, a crippled man lowered from the rafters, and even a man who lost his ear to a swinging sword in the garden of agony. This list reads like an admissions chart in an emergency room, and perhaps that is the point. The whole human experience from childhood to old age, from sudden catastrophic illness to chronic debilitating conditions, is represented by those for whom Jesus has such great compassion. This we can name a treasure of tradition with a capital “T.” We are a people of compassion for our sick, who reach out in tenderness to listen, to keep vigil, to strengthen, to touch with reverence, and to anoint with precious oil.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.
"UN-TRIM THE TREE"
Parish Advent Program

Like the three wise men who went bearing gifts to the Infant Jesus, please consider joining our parish community in bearing the light of Christ this Christmas through our **Un-trim the Tree** Parish Advent Program.

We will be distributing about 100 presents to the children at Holy Cross Preschool; 100 gifts to elderly residents at St. James and St. Andrews government-subsidized housing in West Palm Beach; as well as 100 gifts to the residents at Villa Regina in West Palm Beach and Villa Franciscan in Riviera Beach, both of which are subsidized by Catholic Charities. We will also give gifts to 50 or so handicapped people, 20 children through a local outreach program, and several families we serve directly.

The presence of our Parish ministering to those who are less fortunate throughout the year, and especially at Christmas, is truly a blessing to them, and to us.

Each parish family may participate in the following way:

1. Take one or more paper ornaments from the Advent Tree in our Sanctuary along with a "directions" flyer which can be found in a basket beneath the tree.
2. Purchase & wrap the gift and tape the **SAME TAG** on top.
3. Place the gift under the bare tree **no later than Sunday, December 14.**

Your gift will be delivered during the week before Christmas.

**UN-TRIM THE TREE FOR CHRISTMAS AND WELCOME THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR BY SHOWING OTHERS HOW MUCH WE CARE!!**

**ADVENT CUSTOMS FOR THE FAMILY**

**THE EMPTY MANGER:** Each child may have his own individual manger, or there may be one manger for the whole family. The idea is that when acts of service, sacrifice, or kindness are done in honor of Baby Jesus as a birthday present, the child receives a piece of straw to put into the manger. Then, on Christmas morning, “Baby Jesus” is placed in the manger. Encourage your children to make Jesus’ bed as “comfortable” as possible through their good deeds. In the process, explain Christ’s incomparable self-gift at Christmas and Easter that enables us to be part of God’s family.

**ADVENT WREATH** - Place an Advent Wreath in a special area of the home. Light the candles and pray the prayers together at mealtime or bedtime.
Annual Christmas Eve
Children's Gospel Pageant
Wednesday, December 24, 2014  5:00 PM

Parents: Help make Christmas meaningful and memorable for your children! Please, encourage them to participate in our pageant to be held during the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass.

Sheep: 4-year olds, Kindergarten and First Graders - wear regular Christmas clothes. Costumes will be provided.

Shepherds: Grade 2-4 - wear some sort of shepherd's garb.

Donkey: The first fourth, fifth or sixth grader who signs up. Wear shepherds garb, you will lead the donkey.

Angels: Grades 2-4 - wear a long white "angel" costume with silver trim at the hem and at the edge of the sleeves. Wings and halos needed.

Archangel & Star: The first two fifth graders who sign up.
Archangel needs an angel costume with gold trim.
Star wears regular Christmas clothing.

Kings: First three sixth/seventh graders who sign up. Costumes will be provided.

There will only be one rehearsal for the pageant. You must be available for both the rehearsal and the pageant.

Rehearsal is Sunday, December 21, 2014 at 6:15 P. M.* - 7:30 P. M. in the Church.
*or when Mass is over!

I am willing to help as a volunteer. Parent Volunteers are invited and needed to help children with costumes, lining up, leading and directing them to their places, clean up, prop preparation etc.

To participate, please complete the following and return to the Parish Office by Monday, December 15th or call/email Kate at 626-1873/kate.devine@att.net.

Family Name:                                                                                                          
Daytime phone/email:                                                                                                 
Child: __________________________ Age _____ would like to participate as: _______________________  
Child: __________________________ Age _____ would like to participate as: _______________________  

If any school age child is interested in singing for the pageant, you may do both.
Mission Possible:
Read the Gospel and then complete the mission.

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."
Is 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16
1 Cor 1:3-9
Mk 13:33-37

No Story Keepers, today!
Happy Family Day!

Children infant to age 5 are welcome to come to the Parish Center during the 9 AM Mass on Sunday; We will tell you a very special Bible story and do a fun activity. We will also have snack and ‘play time’. Hope you can join us!

Story Keepers resumes next week, 12/7!!

Adirondack Catechism
A twenty minute SON-burst for adults.

What does Advent mean in your family?

NEXT Weekend,
Sunday,
December 7th
10:20 AM
Room 305

NEWS
No Sessions today, Happy Family Day!!
First Sunday of Advent! See you next week, Dec. 7th, Sessions and Second Sunday of Advent!

What time of the day or night will He come? Will you be ready for Him?

COMING SOON...

December 8th & 15th - Fr. Chamintra, evening talk
December 14th - Last Session before Christmas
December 19th - evening of Cookies & Caroling

Sign up for this years Christmas Eve Pageant - 12/7

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Confirmation I and II

Classes: No class today!
See you on, December 7th and December 14th