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!
## Mass Intentions For The Week

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13
- 5:00 PM For John Flannery by Denise Riggi

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14
- 7:30 AM For Leonard Sedor
  - by The Sedor & Stroker Families
- 9:00 AM For the intentions of Theresa Trota
  - by Arleen & Anthony Verdesca
- 10:45 AM For the intentions of our parishioners
- 5:00 PM For the Held & McMahon Families

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 15
- 8:00 AM For Marco, Mario & Anna Zuliani
  - by Anita Del Medico
- 5:30 PM For Aaron Bayliss by Kelly & family

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16
- 8:00 AM For Shawn Guin by Mary & Erin Murphy
- 5:30 PM For James Kover
  - by Bob & Aileen Gildersleeve

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17
- 8:00 AM For Joe & Ann Provissiero
  - by their family
- 5:30 PM For Tommaso Dirienzo
  - by Bob & Aileen Gildersleeve

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18
- 8:00 AM For Ann Sanborne
  - by Jim & Scotty Howell
- 5:30 PM For Tony Tschasik
  - by David, Kathleen, & Sean Ancona

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19
- 8:00 AM For the intentions of Clare Trosclair
  - by the Collection Counters
- 5:30 PM For the intentions of Frank D’Amato
  - by the Legion of Mary

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20
- 8:00 AM For the intentions of Theresa Trotta
  - by Gwen Germaine
- 5:00 PM For Rena and James Allen
  - by The Sedor & Stroker Family

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21
- 7:30 AM For Michael and Sophia Sedor
  - by Sedor & Stroker Family
- 9:00 AM For Tom Moore
  - by Arleen & Anthony Verdesca
- 10:45 AM For Michael and Mary Rouse
  - by John Rouse Family
- 5:00 PM For the intention of our parishioners

### 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.
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.

REST IN PEACE -  Eleanor Bleiler, Bobbie Morency
May they rest in God’s peace and may their families be strengthened in faith.

OFFERTORY FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7
$13,061.00
On-line - $1,441.00

Maintenance & Improvements
$3,387.00
On-line $230.00

God bless you for your generosity in supporting your church!

FOR DECEMBER 20/21
Sat., 5:00 PM – John Gintoli
Sun., 7:30 AM—Ann Kerley
9:00 AM - Jorge Perez
10:45 AM - Lee Vaughan
5:00 PM—Scotty Howell

FOR DECEMBER 20/21
Sat., 5:00 PM - Matthew Watts & Penelope Ryan
Sun., 7:30 AM - Anthony and Grace Kearns
9:00 AM - GiGi Giliberti & Mary Anne Doggett
10:45 AM - Sean Ancona
5:00 PM - Michael and Gabriel Agrama

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:

Chris Crassman, Kristin Ahr, Debbie Clark, Anne Desjarlais, Ernie Marketal

and...

John & Natalie Alberto
Susan Andreassi
Charlie Augustine
Charles Aviado
Linda Bartholomew
Hazel Carlough
Mary Carroll
Kimberly Chorniewy
Jeannine & Paul Chosson
Rosemary Clark
Brian Conn
Casey Crosby
Robert Dalessio

Reva Dessauer
Rita Dickson
Gina DiDonato
Rand Doane
Robert Fanelli, Jr.
Jack Frazier
Jim Gallagher
Brian Githens
Teresa Gorkowski
Mary Gyra
Fr. Henry
Karen Hohne
Ashley & Samantha Housel
Kathleen Israel
Margaret Johnson
Barbara Kaminski
John Keelor
Gene Konrad
Mary Lantrip
Glenda O’Leary Lavin
Rebecca Laughton
Michael Leth
Bob Lombardo
Susan Lurz
Neal Mackey
Mike Marino
Maria Elena Marlow
Meghan McGivney
Pat McJury
Cody Miller
Ruth Miller
Joni Mixon
Jacque Morrow
Gregory Mundie
Denise Murphy
Karen Murphy
Marci Nolan
Michelle Nowarth
Mike Piotrowski
Hunter Pugliese
Denise Keim

Larry Rachuba
Maria Reupke
Bill Robb
Al Sceber
Priscilla Searcy
Raymond Michael & John Alan Seymour
Brian Sidler
Mike Taylor
Jack Thomas
Christine Yascolt
Mary Vasquez
Michael Viscount, Jr.

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.
HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE
FOR LOCAL VETERANS

Our local VA Hospital is accepting donations for inpatient veterans during the Christmas holidays. They are requesting: socks, t-shirts (basic white, all sizes), shampoo, soap, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes (NO MOUTHWASH).

Holiday cards are also accepted to be distributed to the inpatient veterans. No embellishments on the cards please.

Please bring your donations to the church office attention CIA throughout December.

CIA students will be participating in this service project by taking tags off the tree on the first floor of the Parish Center Building.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
MORE THAN DISCIPLES

Each of today’s four scriptural roles—disciple, prophet, apostle, herald—forms a facet of our life in Christ as we live it day by day. Isaiah tells us that a prophet is anointed, as we were anointed at our baptism in water and the Spirit, to bring glad tidings and to promote God’s reign of healing, justice, and peace. An apostle, like Paul, is one who is “sent.” Each of us, in his or her own way, is sent by Christ to be a voice of rejoicing, to encourage prophetic voices in the world, and to make sure that the work of the Spirit thrives. John the Baptist shows us the job of the herald, making the Lord’s way straight, announcing the coming of the Light of the world.

Today we also hear from Mary, model disciple. Her song, the Magnificat, shows us the world we must believe in and work for: one in which God is praised, where God’s favor is bestowed on the humble, where the hungry are filled and the rich are sent away empty, a world that continues to know and rejoice in the mercy of God that lasts for all ages. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Readings for the week of December 15th

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Readings to prepare for the Liturgy of December 20/21

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever. (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word. (Luke 1:26-38).

Dear Parishioners and Friends!

THANK YOU for your generous support of our annual ‘Feed a Family’ gift card distribution program.

Through your thoughtful donations we distributed food and cards to more than 500 families for Thanksgiving.

We continue to distribute food year round to families in need.

God bless you all!
St. Paul of the Cross
St. Vincent de Paul
Van Ministry

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH
MUSIC MINISTRY

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Parish Center Renewal

OUR AVE MARIA BANQUET ROOM

We are truly grateful to all of you who have donated to our Parish Center Renewal. We have received approximately 2/3 of our goal. If you have not yet participated, please consider making a pledge or donation by calling the Parish Office.

Our total to date is $1,011,932.00

BYOBIBLE STUDY
Wednesday, December 17th
7:00 – 8:00 PM
in the Kaffeehaus

If you would like to read ahead...
“The Gospel of Mark, Chapters 9 – 12

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

THE COLUMBIETTES WILL BE WRAPPING CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM 8:30—12:30 THIS SUNDAY AND SUNDAY, DEC. 21ST. DONATIONS WILL BE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED!

2014 PARISH DIRECTORIES!
If you have been photographed for our new Parish Directory, stop by the office to pick up your copy.

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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________________________________________

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS & DECORATIONS

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REMEMBERING OUR SOLDIERS

Darrin Gabriel
LT Ruth Gaunt, Navy
Michael Gorczynski
Michael Gordon-Tenant, Army
PFC Thomas Greenia, Army
PFC Thomas Grubeska, 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, 101st 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

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,

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Major David Alberto, Air Force
Airmen First Class Jeremy Arent
CS 2 Christopher Avola
Spec. Thomas Bates
2nd Lt. Travis Blaschke, Army Aviation
PFC Adam Blazak, Army
Chris Bodley
Corporal Thomas C. Bochnlein, 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

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REMEMBERING OUR SOLDIERS

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Farmer
Major Matthew Farmer, Army
Matthew Fillimon
Jennifer Formell
Scott Fruedenthal, Army

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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.

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"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 Today, 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

Blessing the Christmas tree is fun for the family to do during the weeks before Christmas. You may bless the tree as soon as you put it up, or you can wait until after you have decorated it. When you are ready to do the blessing, gather everyone around the tree and designate someone to lead the following prayer.

Leader: Loving God, we stand before you once again. We stand here ready to celebrate the birth of your son, Jesus.

(Have everyone extend a hand in a gesture of blessing. Sprinkle water or holy water on the tree while praying the following prayer.)

Leader: Bless this tree, this sign of life and freshness and perseverance in our midst. It stands as a reminder that you are born anew in us each day. Bless our family and friends as we celebrate this joyous season. Keep us safe in our travels, kind in our conversations, and gracious in our giving and receiving. We ask you this in confidence, because we know you love us.

All: Amen. (Sing a favorite Christmas carol, such as “O Christmas Tree” or “Joy to the World.”)
Come with your friends—enjoy our silent auction, good food and music in the beautiful new Ave Maria Banquet Room!!

Hors d’oeuvre Reception at 6:00 pm
Silent Auction 6:00—6:45 pm
Dinner & Dancing at 7:00 pm

February 7, 2015
Music by Joey Dale
$55 per ticket

SILENT AUCTION
Silent Auction cocktail party — We need your items for this festive part of the evening: luxury gifts, practical items, gift cards, antiques, memorabilia, etc.
Please call Martha Ahr (622-3167) for information or pick-up.

In lieu of gifts to Fr. Art, take a congratulatory ad in our dinner dance program.

All proceeds from this celebration will go to our Parish Renewal Fund.
CONFESSIONS
Saturday, December 20 - 8:30 AM
Monday, December 22 - 8:30 AM
Tuesday, December 23 - 8:30 AM

NATIVITY OF THE LORD—MASSES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00 PM - CHILDREN’S PAGEANT
(Come early for pageant seats. Concert begins at 4:30 PM.)

8:00 PM (Concert begins at 7:30 PM.)
11:00 PM (Concert begins at 10:30 PM.)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM

NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

DAILY MASS
Wednesday, December 31 - 8:00 AM

MARY MOTHER OF GOD - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
MASSES
VIGIL - Wednesday, December 31  5:30 PM
Thursday, January 1
8:00 AM & 11:00 AM (no 5:30 PM Mass)

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
11:30 AM on Wednesday, December 24
Thursday, December 25
11:30 AM on Wednesday, December 31
Thursday, January 1
Cookies & Caroling

A Parish Event!

Cookie Exchange

Friday, December 19

7 PM

Parish Hall

Bring your favorite Christmas treat to share and your singing voice! (or your listening ears!)

Come one, come all! Fun for all ages!

NEWS

Sessions today, WELCOME!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Sessions resume, January 11th!

CIA SERVICE PROJECT

Thank you for taking a tag from the Veteran’s Christmas tree!

Story Keepers

Children infant to age 5 are welcome to come to the Parish Center during the 9 AM Mass on Sunday.

Confirmation I and II

Class, tonight, Dec. 14th

Merry Christmas!

Happy New Year!

See you January 11th!

Third Sunday of Advent Year B

The priest asked John the Baptist, “Who are you?”

Is 61:1-2, 10-11    Lk 1:46-50, 53-54
1 Thess 5:16-24    Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Directions: Read the descriptions and fill in the blanks with the correct person from the list.

DOCTOR    TEACHER    PRIEST    MAILMAN    PILOT

1. Who are you if you help someone learn how to read?

2. Who are you if you fly an airplane?

3. Who are you if you deliver a letter to someone?

4. Who are you if you say Mass on Sunday?

5. Who are you if you fix a broken arm?