St. Paul of the Cross

A Catholic Community - Where People Choose to Belong!

Masses
Daily:
Mon. - Fri.
8:00 am & 5:30 pm;
Sat. 8:00 am

Sat Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday
7:30 am, 9:00 am,
10:45 am & 5:00 pm

Confessions
Sat 8:30 am - 9:00 am or by appt.

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

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REV. ARTHUR J. VENEZIA, Pastor
Msgr. James M. Burke, Retired
Rev. John Chandler, Retired
Rev. Daniel B. Devore, Assisting
Rev. Lee Smith, Retired
Deacon Bill Rich Deacon Frank Bandy
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Ministry of Religious Education

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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, and with the Legion of Mary, Tuesdays after the 8 am and 5:30 pm Masses and Wednesday after the 5:30 Mass.

Adoration Chapel  
Open for quiet meditation before the Blessed Sacrament during office hours. Exposition every Friday. 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

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Religious Shop - 624-1752

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SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND is for our Maintenance and Improvements Fund.

SECOND COLLECTION-Next weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious Brothers and Sisters. This annual appeal benefits 33,000 senior religious who have consecrated their lives to serve God.

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

_Holy Day of Obligation_  
Tuesday, December 8, 2015  
8:00 AM and 5:30 PM Masses  
**“PENANCE AND PIZZA”**  
Advent Penance Service following the 5:30 Mass, and then Dinner in the hall.

**This week, December 7th, at a glance…**

**Monday:**  
8:30 AM Noena to our Lady of Perpetual Help  
2:00 PM Yarn and Rose Knitting Group  
5:00 PM Sandwich Makers  
6:00 PM Wyldlife

**Tuesday:**  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
8:40 AM & 6:10 PM Legion of Mary  
10:00 AM Christ Child Meeting  
6:30 PM Penance Service  
7:00 PM After Penance Pizza Party  
7:00 PM Young Adult Homegroup - Chesnes Home

**Wednesday:**  
10 AM Walking with Purpose – Women’s Bible Study  
6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

**Thursday:**  
7 PM Walking with Purpose – Women’s Bible Study  
7:30 PM Charismatic Prayer Group Potluck Dinner

**Friday:**  
9 AM - 5 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday:**  
9 AM Contemplative Prayer Group  
10 AM Baptism Instructions

**Sunday:**  
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship  
9 AM Story Keepers  
9:30 AM RCIA  
10:15 AM CIA-Religious Education  
12:00 PM Communal Baptism  
6:15 PM Confirmation I & II  
6:15 PM 6th/7th Religious Education

**Looking forward to, in the near future:**

12/13 The Widows and Widowers Lunch Group;  
12/16 Columbiettes Meeting;  
12/17 Walking with Purpose Christmas Party;  
12/18 Cookies and Caroling;  
12/24 Christmas Eve Pageant;  
1/7 Alpha;  
1/12 Diocesan School of Christian Formation-New Testament;  
1/16 Parish Luncheon/Fashion Show;  
3/11,12,13 Caritas VI

**All Saints Catholic School**  
"All Saints students, through the Student Government, collected food baskets for each of our six parishes for Thanksgiving. We have done this the last few years and our students are happy to give back to the parish families."

All Saints is dedicated to providing all students with a nurturing, learning environment reflecting Gospel values and teaching the traditions of our faith. **Come see for yourself!**

More information is located on the website at: www.allsaintsjupiter.org.

Our _Open House for the 2016-2017 school year_ will be held on January 22, 2016 at 8:30am. All Saints now has Step Up for Student Scholarships available. Please call the school at 561-748-8994 for inquiries or a tour.

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Jupiter, FL  33458  
(561) 748-8994  www.allsaintsjupiter.org

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FOR DECEMBER 12/13  
Sat., 5:00 PM - Gail Feustel  
Sun., 7:30 AM - Cecile Vilardo  
9:00 AM - James Hook  
10:45 AM - Julie Bandy  
5:00 PM - Brian Seifel

FOR DECEMBER 12/13  
Sat., 5:00 PM - Annabelle McCullough & Michael Sicignano  
Sun., 7:30 AM - Anthony & Grace Kearns  
9:00 AM - Matthew Watts  
10:45 AM - Penelope & Parker Ryan  
5:00 PM - Cate & Matthew Hofmann

**FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22**  
$15,339.00 Online  
$1350.00

**FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29**  
$11,463.00

_God Bless You and Thank You_  
for your generosity in supporting your church!
St. Paul of the Cross presents:

“The Best of Eastern Europe”

with Grand Circle Travel

May 9—25, 2016

Join fellow parishioners for a 16-day land tour of
Berlin * Warsaw * Krakow * Prague * Budapest

Land tour from $2,395 + $1,450 airfare from PBI  Add 3 nights in Vienna for $645.
Contact Frank in the Gift Shop, 624-1752 or 676-6700  Colorful brochure available

There is a December 14th deadline to join the 30 travelers
and keep this a St. Paul’s trip. 10 additional travelers needed!!

RELIGIOUS SHOP SALE
Stop by the shop and check out our sale. Boxed Christmas cards, ornaments and Nativity Sets are 20% off. We have a great selection of Advent Books, Wreaths and Candles. Check out Catholic gifts for everyone on your list!

CARITAS VI
March 11, 12 and 13, 2016
Applications are available for this inspiring Parish Retreat!
Treat yourself or a loved one to a joy-filled weekend with fellow parishioners.

First session of
ALPHA
Jan. 7th
6:30 - 8:30 PM
Kaffeehaus

Men are invited to join a dedicated and enthusiastic team as we explore the basics of what it means to be Christian, in a friendly, honest and informal environment.
Contact Deacon Bill Rich at wwkrich@gmail.com or 561-626-1873.

Ave Maria Banquet Room

We are truly grateful to all of you who have donated to our Parish Center Renewal.

BALANCE OF LOAN - $197,230.00

THANK YOU to our most recent donors!
The Sedor and Stroker Families

Watch the Catholic Mass Each Sunday
Tune in at 9 a.m. for the televised Catholic Mass on local station CW34 WTVX.
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:

Shirley Green, Noah Bawel, Genevive Simpson, Reem Abedrabbo, Ginny Uguccioni, Ken Kucher, Maria Martins, Susan Smith Lurz, and...

John & Natalie Alberto  
Donna Ivey Ard  
Charlie Augustine  
Charles Aviado  
Lia Barr  
Chris Bastien  
Dr. Ricardo Bedoya  
Roger Beine  
Frank Blankenship  
James Boyer  
Michael Brackett  
Sandy Budd  
Mary Carroll  
Scott Chandonnet  
Cecilia L. Cheves  
Bob Cheviet  
Kimberly Chorniewy  
Jeanne Chosson  
Eileen Clew  
Joanne Coia  
Edward Cottier  
Barbara Coutu  
Don Crawford  
David Dalessio  
Richard Dalessio  
Robert Dalessio  
Rick DeBlasio  
Mike DeSouza  
Liz Dedick  
Rita Dickson  
Gina DiDonato  
Kristina DiDonato  
Rand Doane  
Elaine Dytrych  
Rita Echo  
Lillian Elbacher  
Jeff English  
Will English  
Mary Everett  
Robert Fanelli, Jr.  
Stephen Fischbein  
Steven Fischbin  
Daniel Ford, Sr.  
Terri Francisco  
Jack Frazier  
Gail Ganzlin  
Eleanor Garrett  
Brian Githens  
Susan Giambalvo  
Michael Gintoli  
Frank Giugliano  
Marta Gomez  
Elaine Hill  
Karen Hopkins  
Samantha House  
Linda Hutton  
Joan Hyers  
Henry Inns  
Gwen Ivory  
Kathleen Israel  
Barbara Kaminski  
John Keeler  
Denise Keim  
Louis Kert, Jr.  
Janice Kilfeather  
Peter Kilfeather  
Ken Kucher  
Jeanette Land  
Marge Lantrip  
Rebecca Laughton  
Glenda O'Leary Lavin  
Michael Leth  
Bob & Carol Lombardo  
Jim Lumbra  
Susan Lurz  
Neal Mackey  
Diane Mancuso  
Ann Marino  
Maria Elena Marlow  
Shelly Martin  
Shirley Mattei-Spodak  
Stephen Mazzarella, Jr  
Beverly McCarthy  
Renée McCullough  
Dawn McKenzie  
Meghan McGivney  
Pat McLury  
Ray Montgomery  
Jacque Morrow  
Deborah Mulligan  
Gregory Mundie  
Denise Murphy  
Karen Murphy  
Amal Nawal  
Marci Nolan  
Michelle Nowarth  
Barbara Nyhan  
Joseph O’Connor  
Laurel O’Donovan  
Mary Otis  
Michael Palumbo  
Amber Ozog  
Angela Paquette  
June Petrello-Henig  
Mike Piotrowski  
Dagmar Prchlik  
Pam Reekers  
Marie Reupke  
John Riddle  
Fred Robinson  
Monette Robinson  
Al Scerbo  
Sherrill Schapveld  
Priscilla Seary  
Keith Stuart  
Mike Taylor  
Paula Triana  
Leslie Triplett  
Carol Truitt  
June Volpi  
Wendell Williams  
Christine Yascalt

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. Names will remain on the prayer list for two months, unless notified.

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  
PFC Giulio D’Alatri,  
2nd Lt. Johnny Dowd, Army  
Capt. Michael Andrew Dytrych, Army  
Hanah Eastwood  
Staff Sgt. Jonathan Farmer  
Major Matthew Farmer, Army  
Matthew Filimon  
Jennifer Formell  
Scott Friedenthal, Army  
Darrin Gabriel  
Private Matthew Gainey  
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, Major  
Cornelius Hickey, USMC  
2nd Lt. Kristine Hochschwender  
Lt. Tyler Hochschwender  
Captain Steve Irving, 101st First Airborne  
Mitchell Joslin, Army  
Capt. Jeff Keating, Marines  
Spencer Calvin McGuire  
Brian Metzer  
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  
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 Sepeeda  
Capt. Christine Stevens  
Steve Stropp, Marines Special Ops  
Sergeant Emily A. Konkle, USMC  
Capt. Patrick K. Thompson, Army  
Tech Sgt. Marcy 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.
Emmanuel,
God - with - us,
Every advent I hear
this call to make
straight your paths,
to fill in the potholes,
to smooth out the
rough surfaces. Could
it be that what I am
really longing for is a
deeper tenderness,
an openness to your
Word at work in my
life? Help me to
straighten out my priorities. Soften the edges of my
heart and melt whatever is hardened to your
presence in others. Amen. May it be so!

For God has commanded that every lofty mountain
be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges
be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance
secure in the glory of God. Baruch 5:7

Family Activity: Write a letter to Jesus,
thanking him for the gifts
you received throughout the year.
Then, think about donating like-new toys and
books you've outgrown to needy families.

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________________________

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

COMMUNITY SINGING OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS - Tenth
annual Christmas Celebration, today, Sun., Dec., 6th
from 4 - 5 PM. 4404 Burns Road PBG Recreation Center.
Music provided by PBA University. Free admission and
refreshments following.
A fun afternoon for the whole family!
FACEBOOK: search tenth annual Christmas Celebration

FAITH FORMATION
Religious Education - CIA
1st - 5th graders
Sunday’s 10:15 am - 11:45 am
Dec. 13th & 20th, Jan. 10th & 24th,
6th - 7th graders Sunday Evening Sessions
12/13; 1/10 & 1/24 6:15 PM - 8 PM

Confirmation I & II
Sunday evening, 6:15 - 8 PM
Dinner Parish Hall/Class Third Floor
Class - Dec. 13, Jan. 10 & 24
Confirmation II Retreat Weekend 1/29 - 1/31

STORY KEEPERS
Children, infant to
age 5, are welcome to
come to the Parish
Center during the 9 AM Mass on Sunday.
Hope you can join us!

Young adults -
homegroup
hosted by
Jim and Laura Chesnes
7-8:30pm
130 E. Hampton Way
Jupiter
Tuesdays
RSVP: 626-1873

Children’s Liturgy
during the 9 AM Mass!

FACEBOOK:
search
tenth annual Christmas Celebration
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
PUT ON JOY

Today, Baruch speaks of the splendor that lies ahead for the city of Jerusalem and for all of us, regardless of where home is for us. Throw off strife, he tells us, and put on joy. Like a favorite old sweatshirt, joy fits, and how warm it keeps us, even when the winds blow cold.

Paul knows of this joy as he pens his letter to the Philippians, praying that they may grow in their ability to discern what is righteous and good. And Luke speaks to us of John, who was foretold by Isaiah and who sings a similar song—“Prepare the way of the Lord,” for salvation is at hand.

A man ahead of his time, Baruch spent his days joyfully awaiting a distant glory. On this Second Sunday of Advent, Paul and John know that this glory is upon us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Readings for the Week

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<td>Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19</td>
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<td>Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712</td>
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To prepare for the Readings of December 12/13

First Reading — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

Second Reading — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

St. Vincent de Paul would like to say “THANK YOU” to the many volunteers, and the generous donors of food, gift cards and money that made it possible to feed more than 250 families Thanksgiving week.

‘For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me,...’
Matthew 25:35

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 first baby. Call the Parish Office to register.

The next Baptism Class is next Saturday, December 12th

WALKING WITH PURPOSE
A Women’s Bible Study - Touching the Divine: The Gospel of John meets Wednesday at 10 or Thursday at 7 in the Kaffeehaus Dec. 9th or 10th Christmas Gathering –Thursday, Dec. 17th at 7 PM. Contact Kate or Joanne at 626-1873 for more information.

Enabling women to know Christ through Scripture

WOMEN’S WEEKEND RETREAT at Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center beginning, Friday, January 15, 2016. The theme for our retreat program this year is “Be Merciful As Your Father” The retreat is open to all ages, begins on Friday evening at 8 PM and concludes Sunday at noon.

REST IN PEACE - Mary Tornaben, Michael Viscount, Jr., Roger Benson, Juana Giner, Fr. Raymond Hubert, Baby Girl Sheperd, Gwen Ivory, Honey Graine, Ida Mazzacchelli, May they rest in God’s peace and may their families be strengthened in faith.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG - “THANK YOU” to all who have returned their baby bottles for Miracle House. So far, $5620.00 has been collected. If you still have a bottle, it is not too late to return it. Please, place it in the collection basket, or bring it to the parish office.

PRAYER GROUP
All prayer group members, guests and interested parties are invited to a potluck dinner on Thursday, December 10th at 7 PM in the Kaffeehaus. Bring your favorite dish and join us in the joy of The Lord!

Enabling women to know Christ through Scripture
"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; 100 gifts to senior 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 children from Family Promise, 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 13**

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!!**
Annual Christmas Eve Children’s Gospel Pageant

Thursday, December 24, 2015  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, Kindergartners, First Graders
Shepherds: Grade 2-4
Donkey: The first fourth, fifth or sixth grader who signs up.
Angels: Grades 2-4
Archangel & Star: The first two fifth graders who sign up.
Kings: First three 6th/7th graders who sign up.

There will only be one rehearsal for the pageant.
You must be available for both the rehearsal and the pageant.
Rehearsal is Sunday, December 20, 2015 at 6:15 P. M.* - 7:30 P. M. in the Church.
*or when Mass is over!

To participate, please complete the following and return to the Parish Office by Monday, December 14th or call/email Kate 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._____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.
Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

During this Year of Consecrated Life, Pope Francis has asked the faithful to recognize the special witness that consecrated women and men offer our Church and world. In his Apostolic Letter marking the inauguration of this special year, he says, “I ask the whole Christian people to be increasingly aware of the gift which is the presence of our many consecrated men and women.”

Next weekend, the second collection will be the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. This annual appeal benefits some 33,000 senior Catholic Sisters, Brothers, and religious order priests—women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church.

Our beloved religious women and men gave up everything to follow Jesus Christ and to serve His Church in poverty, chastity and obedience. Their evangelical witness continues to be an inspiration to the faithful blessed by their loving ministry, their faithful service and their ardent hope.

Today the Church is blessed by their continued ministry, for they faithfully strive to witness to the love of Christ, even in their retirement years. Our parishes are blessed by the presence of religious women and men who courageously work for the greater glory of God and they Church. Our prayerful and financial assistance is but a small gift in recognition for a life of faith, hope and love.

So I ask you to join with Pope Francis in acknowledging the gift of consecrated life. Please pray for God’s blessing on all religious and give generously to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

With gratitude for your continued generosity and every prayerful wish, I am
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito
Bishop of Palm Beach

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**A Parish Event!**

**Cookie Exchange**

Friday, December 18

7 PM

Parish Hall

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**Cookies & Caroling**

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

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Come one, come all! Fun for all ages!