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.

“And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?”
Luke 1:43

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Msgr. James M. Burke, Retired
Rev. John Chandler, Retired
Rev. Daniel B. Devore, Assisting
Rev. Lee Smith, Retired
Deacon Bill Rich     Deacon Frank Bandy
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19
5:00 PM  For the intentions of our parishioners

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20
7:30 AM  For Michael and Sophie Sedor
          by The Sedor and The Stroker Families
9:00 AM  For The Burgess and Lammert Family
          by Dr. & Mrs. Gary Lammert
10:45 AM For Arleen & Anthony Verdesca
          by Colin Slean
5:00 PM  For The Held & The McMahon Families

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21
8:00 AM  For the intentions of Bryant Smith
          by Blanca Perla
5:30 PM  For Osmundo Sanchez by Patty Perricone

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22
8:00 AM  For John Obzansky by his wife, Mary
5:30 PM  For Frank Pelino by Andrew Pelino

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23
8:00 AM  For the intentions of
          John and Nancy Kennedy
          by Maryann and Gary Mancewicz
5:30 PM  For James Payton by Dorothy Brown

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24
8:00 AM  For Jerry Hochschwender and Jody
          Withycombe by Claire Hochschwender
5:00 PM  For Mike Marino by The Calderaio Family
8:00 PM  For Mr. & Mrs. Thomas R. Nicoletti
          by Thomas E. Nicoletti
11:00 PM For Alex Schnare by his grandmother

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25  CHRISTMAS DAY
7:30 AM  For the intentions of The Lesser Family
9:00 AM  For the intentions of our parishioners
10:45 AM For Lawrence Travers & Virginia Travers
          by The Travers Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26
8:00 AM  For John Gioia by his wife, Patty
5:00 PM  For Leonard Sedor
          by The Sedor and Stroker Families

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27
7:30 AM  For the intentions of our parishioners
9:00 AM  For The Cerini Family
          by Dr. & Mrs. Gary Lammert
10:45 AM For Michael Marino
          by Robert Irene & family
5:00 PM  For Russell & Edith Smith by their family
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 Saturday, January 9th

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

All Saints Catholic School
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.
1759 Indian Creek Parkway
Jupiter, FL 33458
(561) 748-8994 www.allsaintsjupiter.org

FOR DECEMBER 26/27
Sat., 5:00 PM - James Cioffi
Sun., 7:30 AM - Dolly Thompson
9:00 AM - Ken Dwyer
10:45 AM - Joan Cashon
5:00 PM - Maureen McGuckin

FOR DECEMBER 26/27
Sat., 5:00 PM - Annabelle McCullough & Michael Sicignano
Sun., 7:30 AM - Anthony & Grace Kearns
9:00 AM - Mary Anne Doggett
10:45 AM - Matthew Watts
5:00 PM - Michael & Gabriel Agrama

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www.osvonlinegiving.com
or call 1-800-348-2886, Ext. 4
Or email onlinegiving@osv.com
Online Giving App Now Available!
CONSCIOUS CONTACT ON THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

Deacon Bill Rich walked 500+ miles this past fall on the spiritual pilgrimage, Camino de Santiago and will present his experience here on Monday evening, Jan 4th at 7 PM in the Parish Hall.

Mark your calendars and don’t miss his inspiring talk, ‘It’s good to have a dream’.

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“ON THE SUNNY SIDE OF THE STREET”

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WOMEN’S WEEKEND RETREAT beginning, Friday, January 15, 2016. The theme for our retreat program this year is “Be Merciful As Your Father”
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meets Wednesday at 10 or Thursday at 7 in the Kaffeehaus. Resumes Jan 6/7
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Enabling women to know Christ through Scripture

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March 11, 12 and 13, 2016
An inspiring Parish Retreat!

Treat yourself or a loved one to a joy-filled weekend with fellow parishioners.

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First session of ALPHA
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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.

BALANCE OF LOAN - $197,621.00

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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:

Pat Roswell, Bob O’Neill, and...

Reem Abedrabbo
John & Natalie Alberto
Donna Ivey Ard
Charlie Augustine
Charles Aviado
Lia Barr
Chris Bastien
Dr. Ricardo Bedoya
Roger Beine
Peggy Black
Frank Blankenship
James Boyer
Michael Brackett
Sandy Budd
Mary Carroll
Scott Chandonnet
Cecilia I. Cheves
Bob Cheviot
Kimberly Chorniewy
Jeanenne Chossen
Eileen C pew
Joanne Coia
Edward Cotter
Barbara Coutu
Robert Dalessio
Rick DeBlasio
Mike DeSouza
Rita Dickson
Gina DiDonato
Kristina DiDonato
Rand Doane
Elaine Dytrch
Rita Echo
Jeff English
Will English
Mary Everett
Robert Fanelli, Jr.
Stephen Fischbein
Daniel Ford, Sr.
Terri Francisco
Jack Frazier
Gail Ganzlin
Eleanor Garrett
Brian Githens
Susan Giambalvo
Don Crawford
Michael Gintoli
Frank Giugliano
Marta Gomez
Shirley Green
Carol Greider
Elaine Hill
Karen Hopkins
Samantha House
Linda Hutton
Joan Hyers
Robert Iff
Henry Inserra
Kathleen Israel
Barbara Kaminski
John Keelor
Denise Keim
Louis Kerti, Jr.
Janice Kilfeather
Peter Kilfeather
Ken Kucher
Marge Lantrip
Rebecca Laughton
Glenda O’Leary Lavin
Michael Leth
Bob & Carol Lombardo
Jim Lumbría
Susan Lurz
Neal Mackey
Diane Mancuso
Ann Marino
Maria Elena Marlow
Shelly Martin
Maria Martins
Shirley Mattei-Spodak
Stephen Mazzarella, Jr.
Renée McCullough
Dawn McKeich
Meghan McGivney
Pat McLur
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
Norman Pekar
June Pettrello-Henig
Mike Piotrowski
Pam Reekers
Julie Rapp
John Riddle
Fred Robinson
Monette Robinson
Al Scerbo
Sherrill Schapveld
Priscilla Seary
Genevieve Simpson
Keith Stuart
Mike Taylor
Paula Triana
Leslie Triplett
Carol Truitt
Jeana Tumbarello
Ginny Uguccioni
Jose Uribe
Wendell Williams
Christine Yascott

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
Tyler Blank
2nd Lt. Travis Blaschke, Army Aviation
PFC Adam Blazak, Army
Chris Bodley
Corporal Thomas C. Bohnhlein, USMC
Angela Browning
Capt. Eric Arthur Bruns
Capt. Laura Lammert
Chighizola, Air Force
Capt. Nicole Chighizola, Air Force
Col. John Cross, Army
Michael Crump
1st Lt. Michael J.
Culler, 101st Airborne
Josh Curtis
PFC Giulio D’Alatri, Marines
Command Sgt. Major
James Dickens, Army
Staff Sgt. Stephen Dickens,
2nd Lt. Johnny Dowd, Army
Capt. Michael Andrew
Dytrch, Army
Robert Dalessio
Rick DeBlasio
Mike DeSouza
Rita Dickson
Gina DiDonato
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Rand Doane
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Kathleen Israel
Barbara Kaminski
John Keelor
Denise Keim
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Janice Kilfeather
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Maria Elena Marlow
Shelly Martin
Maria Martins
Shirley Mattei-Spodak
Stephen Mazzarella, Jr.
Renée McCullough
Dawn McKeich
Meghan McGivney
Pat McLur
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
Norman Pekar
June Pettrello-Henig
Mike Piotrowski
Pam Reekers
Julie Rapp
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Leslie Triplett
Carol Truitt
Jeana Tumbarello
Ginny Uguccioni
Jose Uribe
Wendell Williams
Christine Yascott

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,

Hanah Eastwood
Staff Sgt. Jonathan Farmer
Major Matthew Farmer, Army
Matthew Filimon
Jenifer Formell
Scott Frudenthall, Army
Darrin Gabriel
Private Matthew Gainey
LT Ruth Gaunt, Navy
Michael Gorczyński
Michael Gordon-Tenant, Army
PFC Thomas Greena, Army
PFC Thomas Grodeska, Army
Capt. Matthew Guindone, Army
Capt. Thomas Harris, Army
Major Cornellus 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 Metzger
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
Daniel Malloy, USMC
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 Sepeida
Robert Shaner
Capt. Christine Stevens
Steve Stropp, Marvels Special Ops
Sergeant Emily A. Konkle, USMC
Capt. Patrick K. Thompson, Army
Tech Sgt. Marcy Vaughan, 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.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
A NEW ORDER

“O, Little Town of Bethlehem.” A Philadelphia clergyman named Phillips Brooks penned these popular words back in the mid-1800s, but the prophet Micah could have used them first.

Micah knew that from small packages great treasures come. In today’s first reading, he knew that from tiny Bethlehem would come the Lord.

The writer in Hebrews explains that Christ came to us to do the will of God by establishing a new order and by becoming our perfect sacrifice. And Luke tells us that Elizabeth and John, the infant in her womb, understand that great and wondrous things are at hand with the coming of the Lord.

This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Soon we celebrate anew the fruit of Mary’s womb.

As we are told in Hebrews, Jesus’ new order is being established even today. And as Micah proclaims, his greatness is reaching even now to the ends of the earth. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Readings for the Week

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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__________________________

Life is fragile.

We like to consider ourselves strong and independent, but when it comes right down to it, we are pretty fragile. It does not take much to throw off our independence and strength. A medical setback, the process of aging, a personal loss, a severe storm, and even a broken-down car, can remind us how dependent we really are. Even when people are small, weak, defenseless, dependent, demanding or disgusting by worldly standards, God sees beauty. So should we see this beauty in ourselves and in others.

Pope Francis recently captured this when he reflected: "Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect." This message is captured in a moving one-minute video entitled "Open Your Hearts to Life," which can also be found on the USCCB YouTube channel.

Life is truly fragile. Life is incredibly beautiful.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS & DECORATIONS

The ADORATION CHAPEL is open during office hours. Come yourself or with your family to spend some quiet time in prayer this Advent.

To prepare for the Readings of Dec. 26/27

First Reading — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the Lord, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: "As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the Lord" (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.

Psalm — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or Psalm 128.

Second Reading — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) or Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17].

Gospel — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).
CONFESSIONS
Monday, December 21 - 8:30 AM
Tuesday, December 22 - 8:30 AM
Wednesday, December 23 - 8:30 AM

NATIVITY OF THE LORD—MASSES
THURSDAY, 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)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM
NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

DAILY MASS
Thursday, December 31 - 8:00 AM

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

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
11:30 AM on Thursday, December 24
Friday, December 25
11:30 AM on Thursday, December 31
Friday, January 1
Annual Christmas Eve Children's Gospel Pageant
Thursday, December 24, 2015  5:00 PM
Rehearsal TONIGHT
6:15 PM - 7:30 PM in the Church
Parent Volunteers are needed to help children with costumes, lining up, leading and directing them to their places, clean up, prop preparation etc.

Like the three wise men who went bearing gifts to the Infant Jesus, our parish community brought the light of Christ this Christmas through our "UN-TRIM THE TREE" Parish Advent Program and we would like to say:

THANK YOU!!

This picture represents only a portion of the tremendous amount of generosity you have shared with those less fortunate this Christmas. Gifts were distributed to Holy Cross Catholic Pre-School in West Palm Beach, senior citizens at Villa Regina, Villa Franciscan, St. James and St. Andrews Senior Residences and handicapped families in West Palm Beach. In addition, we distributed presents to 50 families who have gone through Family Promise, as well as other families who are in need in our community. You also provided the Prison Ministry with gifts for those who are incarcerated to give to their children.

Thank you for SHOWING OTHERS HOW MUCH WE CARE!!
Loving God, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the doors of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May Christmas morning make us happy to be your children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus’ sake. Amen

The Clergy and Staff wish you all a BLESSED and JOYOUS Christmas!

FAITH FORMATION

Story Keepers, Catholics in Action (CIA), Children’s Liturgy, Confirmation I & II, Youth Leadership, Young Adults, and RCIA

Wish everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Guild of Catholic Lawyers of the Diocese of Palm Beach is pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for the William J. Bosso, Sr. Law School Scholarship. Two scholarships will be awarded, each in the amount of $2500. Applications must be submitted no later than December 30, 2015. The form is available on the Facebook page of the Guild of Catholic Lawyers of the Diocese of Palm Beach at https://www.facebook.com/GuildOfCatholicLawyersOfTheDioceseOfPalmBeach/ or please call Kyle Caparosa at 561/845-8038 for further information.

The ministry of St. Vincent de Paul feeds many families on a continuous, much needed basis. They rely on donations from generous people such as yourself.

Thank you and God bless you for keeping our pantry full!

PARISH BREAKFAST

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 12322

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3rd

8:15am—12:30 pm

Tickets are $10 for adults, Children 12 & under $5

Did you know you can go to Google.com and search - St. Paul of the Cross North Palm Beach then click ‘See Inside’ for a virtual tour.

Now you can share pictures of your church, chapel and grotto, inside and out, online with all your friends and family!
The Corporal Works of Mercy

The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They "are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs" (USCCA). They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life.

The first two Corporal Works of Mercy are listed below. After each work of mercy there are also suggestions and words of advice for living them out in our daily lives. Have your own suggestions? Let us know @USCCB and use the hashtag #mercyinmotion.

1. FEED THE HUNGRY

There are many people in this world who go without food. When so much of our food goes to waste, consider how good stewardship practices of your own food habits can benefit others who do not have those same resources.

* Having delicious food for Christmas or any meal? Donate to a food drive so everyone can have something to eat.
* Research, identify and contribute financially to organizations that serve the hungry. The next time you make a recipe that can be easily frozen, make a double batch and donate one to your local food pantry or soup kitchen.
* Try not to purchase more food than you are able to eat. If you notice that you end up throwing groceries away each week, purchasing less groceries would eliminate waste and allow you to donate the savings to those in need.

2. GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY

Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ do not have access to clean water and suffer from the lack of this basic necessity. We should support the efforts of those working towards greater accessibility of this essential resource.

* We take it for granted that we have access to clean water. Donate... to help build wells for water for those in need
* Organize a group of children involved on a sports team (e.g. soccer) or a summer camp. Invite them to collect bottled water to distribute at a shelter for families. If parents can be involved, ask them to accompany their children in delivering the water to the families. Do the same for youth and young adult groups.
* Make an effort not to waste water. Remembering to turn off the water faucet when you are brushing your teeth or washing dishes can help, especially in regions suffering from drought.

“It is a favorable time to heal wounds, a time to offer everyone the way of Forgiveness and Reconciliation.”

Pope Francis

Your donations assist the poor in many ways. Poor boxes are located near the doors of the church. Please drop your loose change and help us help others. God bless you!