St. Paul of the Cross
A Catholic Community Where People Choose to Belong!

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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

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.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26
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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28
8:00 AM    For the intentions of Deanna Morel and her daughters, Gina, Renee, Ricki and Morgan by Jim and Helen Bloodgood
5:30 PM    For Fr. Fidelis Connolly by Deanna Morel

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29
8:00 AM    For The Apuzzo Family, living and deceased by Jim & Helen Bloodgood
5:30 PM    For Charlie J. Godbeson by his wife, Dora

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30
8:00 AM    For Jeanne Miller by Cheryl Houghtelin
5:30 PM    For Mara Fortune by Terry Bruno

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31
8:00 AM    For Charlotte Trueheart
           by Cheryl Houghtelin
5:30 PM    For Stella Flisek
           by Bob & Annette Lesser and family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 NEW YEARS DAY
8:00 AM    For Herb Fitzgerald by Joy Bonner
11:00 AM   For the intentions of our parishioners
            NO EVENING MASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2
8:00 AM    For Ashley Housel by Mildred Hennessee
5:00 PM    For the intentions of our parishioners

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3
7:30 AM    For Jamie Du by Mildred Coo
9:00 AM    For Gerald O'Donnell
           by Frank & Carol Aragona
10:45 AM   For Salvador Coo by Mildred Coo
5:00 PM    For Jim Mollo by The Sharkey Family

New Parishioners
Registration forms are available in the office during the week and in the foyer of the church in the wall rack.

Registered Parishioners, please help keep our census current by advising us of any changes of address, phone numbers, and family additions or deletions.

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, 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
Monday-Friday         9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday             9:00am - 1:00pm
Sunday in the vestibule of the church 9:00am - 1pm

Religious Shop - 624-1752
Monday - Friday      8:30am - 1:00pm
Saturday             8:30am - 5:00pm
Sunday               8:30am - 12:00pm & 4:30pm - 6:30pm
DAILY MASS
Thursday, December 31 - 8:00 AM

MARY MOTHER OF GOD
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
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 31
Friday, January 1

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

Our beautiful new Ave Maria Banquet
Room (capacity 300) and our renovated
Parish Hall (capacity 175) are now
available for rental for approved adult
receptions & gatherings for occasions
connected with church events.

All Saints Catholic School
Open House
January 22, 2016 8:30am
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 JANUARY 2/3
Sat., 5:00 PM - Deanna Morel
Sun., 7:30 AM - Patti Azoto
9:00 AM - Meme Collins
10:45 AM - Lee Vaughan
5:00 PM - Scotty Howell

FOR JANUARY 2/3
Sat., 5:00 PM - Annabelle McCullough &
Michael Sicignano
Sun., 7:30 AM - Anthony & Grace Kearns
9:00 AM - Bridget and Mallory Forgatch
10:45 AM - Sofia and Olivia Perez
5:00 PM - Michael & Gabriel Agrama

THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT - this Friday, January 1.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO MARY - this coming
Saturday, January 2nd. Begin with the 8:00 AM Mass,
followed by rosary procession to the grotto.

This week, December 28th, at a glance...
Monday:
8:30 AM  Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
2:00 PM  Yarn and Rose Knitting Group
5:00 PM  Sandwich Makers

Tuesday:
8:40 AM & 6:10 PM  Legion of Mary

Wednesday:

Thursday: New Years Eve
Office closes at 11:50 AM
8 AM & 5:30 PM Mass

Friday: New Years Day
Office closed
8:00 AM 11:00 AM Mass;
NO EVENING MASS

Saturday:
Sunday:
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Knights of Columbus Breakfast;
9:00 AM  Story keepers
10:15 AM  CIA - First Sunday Mass

Looking forward to, in the near future:
1/4 Deacon Bill’s Pilgrimage, Presentation;
1/6 or 1/7 Walking with Purpose; 1/7 Alpha;
1/11 Spirit & Truth – Judge Mary Lupo; 1/12 Diocesan School
of Christian Formation- New Testament, St. Patricks;
1/16 Parish Luncheon/Fashion Show;
1/30 Knights Neapolitan Dinner Dance;
2/13 Bishop Barbarito’s Anniversary Mass – Holy Spirit
Church; 3/11,12,15 Caritas VI
**Ave Maria Banquet Room**

We are truly grateful to all who have donated to our Parish Center Renewal. THANK YOU!

**BALANCE OF LOAN - $197,621.00**

**SECOND ANNUAL FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON**

"ON THE SUNNY SIDE OF THE STREET"

**SAVE THE DATE**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2016
11:30 am  Ave Maria Banquet Room
Tickets $45
Available in the Religious Shop, Welcome Desk, and Parish Office

**New Year's Eve**
**Evening of Reflection**
Dec 31, 2015 - Jan 1, 2016

Join us for an evening of prayer and celebration as we close out 2015 and begin 2016. Dinner is at 7pm, followed by Conference, optional Confession and 11pm Mass, closing with a party at midnight. You may chose to stay the night, ($80) a simple breakfast is served at 8:30am followed by Mass at 9:30 am on Jan. 1. ($60 commuter rate)
Reservations Required Call Maggie at 561-626-1300 ext. 117

**WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT**

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.

**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. Resumes Jan 6/7
Contact Kate or Joanne at 626-1873 for more information.

**Enabling women to know Christ through Scripture**

**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’.

**S P I R I T A N D T R U T H  E V E N I N G**

FEATURING

**J U D G E  M A R Y  L U P O**

Monday, January 11, 2016
7 - 8:30 p.m. in our Parish Hall

A retired Circuit Court Judge, and the first female judge in Palm Beach County, Judge Lupo served 27 years on the bench. A life-long Catholic and a former member of our parish, she will share her spiritual journey and how she lived her faith through her judicial position.

**Bereavement Group**

We are again offering a 12 week group for widows and widowers who have lost their spouse and need to deal with the pain and grief of such loss. We need a minimum of 6 people to begin the group. Jack Land (561-626-4913) and Patricia Booth (561-513– 2467) will again lead the group, please call one of us if you are interested, or refer someone to us if you see that he or she would profit from a caring, gentle, Christ-centered approach to the loss of a husband or wife.
Sessions will last 1 1/2 hours, with time and place to be decided.

**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.

**M A R C H , 2 0 1 6**

**CARITAS VI**

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

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

Applications are available in the foyer of the church, at the welcome desk and in the office.
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:

Eleanor Garrett, Felix Wilson, Jim Toller and...

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.

REMEMBER... in your prayers: the sick, the homebound, the dying, those in war and their families, all who are in need of your prayers.

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.
Family life is sacred, but it is not without trial. Perhaps this is the most important message we can glean from today’s readings. If Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can trip up sometimes—can disconnect—then we shouldn’t find it surprising when such things happen to us as well. And parents everywhere (children, too) can probably relate to—and take some solace in—the Gospel’s account of Mary and Joseph over Jesus explained why he stayed behind in the temple. They heard his words, Luke tells us, “But they did not understand what he said to them” (Luke 2:50). Amen! Nevertheless, Jesus does go back home with them, and continues to thrive under their care.

BABY ITEMS NEEDED

On the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade on January 22nd, we want to make a positive contribution to unmarried, pregnant women, so that we might support them as they prepare for motherhood. In our church, on the weekends of January 9-10 and 16-17, you will find a portable crib in which to place the following needed items for layettes: NEW or hand-knitted blankets, NEWBORN size sweaters, NEWBORN caps and booties, NEWBORN onesies, undershirts, hooded towels, receiving blankets, NEWBORN or size 1 disposable diapers and Ivory soap bars. Local members of The Christ Child Society, a national volunteer organization of caring people dedicated to helping children, will make and distribute the layettes to needy mothers. The layette consists of new and handmade clothes, diapers and accessories needed by the newborn. Anyone interested in joining the local chapter of The Christ Child Society should call Anne Kroha at 561-694-2697.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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To prepare for the Readings of Jan. 2/3

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Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).
Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).
Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews?” (Matthew 2:1-12).

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<td>Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28</td>
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Santa, his elves, the staff and all the children of Holy Cross Catholic Preschool had a wonderful Christmas Party thanks to your generosity! To see the JOY and LIGHT of Jesus on the faces of the youngest of God’s children is a blessing to us all!!

Thank you!!

The Clergy and Staff of St. Paul of the Cross wish you all a BLESSED and JOYOUS NEW YEAR!

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

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.

NEAPOLITAN ‘KNIGHT’

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

COME AND JOIN US FOR DELICIOUS ITALIAN CUISINE!

Saturday
JANUARY 30, 2016
DINNER & DANCING
6:00 PM

Live Music with Gianni Monti

Adults $30
Children 8 and under $15

Tickets are Limited
Buy your tickets before they're gone!!
Parish Office or from the Knights
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 next 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.

SHELTER THE HOMELESS

There are many circumstances that could lead to someone becoming a person without a home. Christ encourages us to go out and meet those without homes, affirming their worth and helping them seek a resolution to the challenges they face.

*See if your parish or diocese is involved with a local homeless shelter and volunteer some time.  
*Donate time or money to organizations that build homes for those who need shelter.  
*Many homeless shelters need warm blankets for their beds. If you can knit or sew that would be an extra loving gift.  
*There are millions of children and families who are on the move, fleeing from war, illness, hunger and impossible living conditions, and searching for peace and safety. Engage parish groups of children, youth, young adults, and families in doing some research on the causes and challenges that these families face to survive. Contact Catholic Social Services, or diocesan offices of peace and justice for help with your research. Seek ways to provide shelter for the homeless locally, regionally, nationally or internationally.

VISIT THE SICK

Those who are sick are often forgotten or avoided. In spite of their illness, these individuals still have much to offer to those who take the time to visit and comfort them.

*Give blood  
*Spend time volunteering at a nursing home – Get creative and make use of your talents (e.g. sing, read, paint, call Bingo, etc.)!  
*Take time on a Saturday to stop and visit with an elderly neighbor.  
*Offer to assist caregivers of chronically sick family members on a one-time or periodic basis. Give caregivers time off from their caregiving responsibilities so they can rest, complete personal chores, or enjoy a relaxing break.  
*Next time you make a meal that can be easily frozen, make a double batch and give it to a family in your parish who has a sick loved one.

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

Pope Francis