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.
Christmas
Schedule
Inside!

“Go and tell what you hear and see: the blind
regain their sight, the lame walk, the deaf
hear, the dead are raised.” — Matthew 11:4-5

Reverend Thomas R. Lafreniere, Parochial Administrator
Msgr. James M. Burke, Retired          Rev. John Chandler, Retired
Rev. Daniel Devore, Assisting          Rev. Lee Smith, Retired
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10
5:00 PM  For the intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kiefer and Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Costos by Ed & Faith Ettinger

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11
7:30 AM  For Leonard Sedor by The Sedor & Stroker Family
9:00 AM  For Bernice Wilt by Mary Ann Keaver
10:45 AM For the intentions of our parishioners
5:00 PM  For J. Enrique Valdivia by Jose F. & Tery Valdivia

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12
8:00 AM For Larry Rachuba by Arlene Widmayer
5:30 PM For Jack Farino by Gordon & Jan Anderson

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13
8:00 AM For Stanley Marshall by Joe & Regina Botta
5:30 PM For Carla Presto by Gene & Donna Konrad

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14
8:00 AM For Joe O’Connor by The Devine Family
5:30 PM For Silvio Giannetti by Elena Reid

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15
8:00 AM For Dr. Frank D. Pelino by Andrew Pelino
5:30 PM For the intentions of Lourdes DeLaCruz by The DeLaCruz Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16
8:00 AM For Arthur T. Bent by Gracemary Bent Russell
5:30 PM For the intentions of Matt Scurry by Tim & Patti Wengierski

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17
8:00 AM For Mara Parodi De Gálvez by The Smith Family
5:00 PM For an anonymous intention

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18
7:30 AM  For Michael & Sophia Sedor by The Sedor & Stroker Family
9:00 AM  For Salvatore Frangione by his children
10:45 AM For Lawrence Travers Family, Living & Deceased
5:00 PM  For the intentions of our parishioners

Mass Intentions for the Week

Ministry of Religious Education & Confirmation
Kate Devine

RCIA/Faith Inquiry  Jim & Scotty Howell

Director of Music & Liturgy  Jeanne Clark

First Friday
Exposition & Holy Hour after 5:30pm Mass

Devotion to Mary
First Saturday of the month, rosary and procession to the grotto following 8:00am Mass. Rosary is prayed every Saturday after the 8:00am Mass, and with the Legion of Mary, Tuesdays after the 8am and 5:30pm Masses.

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 Chapel.

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 9am - 12noon

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 on our website, 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.
Baptisms
Celebrated on the second Sunday of each month at 12:00pm. Instructions on the first Saturday this month at 10:00am. Parents are encouraged to attend instruction class prior to the birth of their first baby. Call the Office to register.
Next Baptism Class is Saturday, Jan. 7th

FOR DECEMBER 17/18
Sat., 5:00 PM - Nancy Anderson
Sun., 7:30 AM - Cecile Vilardo
9:00 AM - Julie Bandy
10:45 AM - Betty Heaney
5:00 PM - Caitlyn McLoughlin

FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4
$ 15,235.00
Maintenance & Improvements Fund
$ 3,230.00

God Bless You and Thank You
for your generosity in supporting your church!

SECOND COLLECTION—this weekend is for the Diocesan Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious Brothers and Sisters.

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

Our beautiful new Ave Maria Banquet Room (capacity 325) and our renovated Parish Hall (capacity 175) are now available for rental for approved adult receptions and gatherings for occasions connected with church events.

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

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

It’s Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday! Light the third (rose-colored) candle on your Advent wreath. On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, "The Lord is coming." But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, "The Lord is near." This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation. Liturgically, the colors lighten as well. The priest usually wears rose-colored vestments, a hue seen only on Gaudete Sunday and Laetare Sunday. In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming with joy, not fear, but with tremendous joy.

The ADORATION CHAPEL is open during office hours. Come by yourself or as a family to spend some quiet time in prayer this Advent. ‘Every day we have the chance to choose God’s way. Every day we can show that we trust God, walk with Jesus, and love our Mother Mary.’

Readings for the Week

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<td>Monday</td>
<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 17/18

First Reading — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, “God is with us” (Matthew 1:18-24).

PLEASE Be a “Christmas Angel” for the Taping of the Christmas Televised Mass on Thursday, December 15, at 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius in Palm Beach Gardens. All are invited!

There will be great music performed by the choir and Bishop Barbarito will be the celebrant of this Mass that will air on Christmas morning on local television for the benefit of the sick, homebound and many others in our community.

It means so much to our viewers to see a large faith family of individuals and families sitting in the pews together in the Church.

Please come dressed in your holiday finest attire and join us for this special celebration! Light holiday refreshments will be served afterward.

For more information, contact the Diocesan Office of Communications at 561-775-9529 or dlaubert@diocesepb.org

Pray for Vocations

Inspire us as we grow to know you, and open our hearts to hear your call. We pray!

Where to Watch the Diocesan TV Mass

Christmas Mass on Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25th

9 - 10 AM

The Diocese of Palm Beach’s weekly Sunday morning Mass for the homebound airs on CW34 WTVX and at its normal time 9 a.m.—9:30 a.m.

CW34 can be found on the following channels:

- On Comcast Channels 4 & 435HD
- On AT&T/U-Verse Channels 4 & 1004HD
- On Hometown Cable Plus Channels 4 & 304 HD
- On Direct TV & Dish Network Channel 4
- On Digital Antennas Over-the-Air channel 34.1

If you have questions about the change, please contact the Office of Communications at 561-775-9529 or visit www.diocesepb.org/tv-mass
CONFESSIONS
Thursday, December 22 - 8:30 AM
Friday, December 23 - 8:30 AM
Saturday, December 24 - 8:30 AM

NATIVITY OF THE LORD—MASSES
SATURDAY, 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)

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

DAILY MASS
Saturday, December 31 - 8:00 AM

MARY MOTHER OF GOD
VIGIL - Saturday, December 31  5:00 PM
Sunday, January 1
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:45 AM & 5:00 PM

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
11:30 AM on Saturday, December 24
Sunday, December 25 & Monday, December 26
11:30 AM on Saturday, December 31
Sunday, January 1 & Monday, January 2
CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS & DECORATIONS
We will soon be decorating our church for Christmas with poinsettias, wreaths, trees, 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 RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) CLASSES
Meet on Sunday at 9:15 AM in the Coffee House

FAITH FORMATION
CIA, Middle School and Confirmation Classes

CIA (Religious Education)
1st - 5th grade
Sunday, 10:15 - 11:45 AM
Today, Dec. 11th & 18th
Mass & Service Project Jan. 8th
Jan. 22nd & 29th

Middle School, 6th & 7th graders,
Confirmation I & II
Sundays 5 PM Mass followed by dinner and class until 8 PM
NEXT Session Today, Dec. 11th & 18th
Jan. 8th, 22nd & 29th

STORY KEEPERS - Children, infant to age 5 are welcome to come to the Parish Center during the 9 AM Sunday Mass.
Hope you can join us! No Story Keepers on Christmas Day or New Years Day.

Confined Teens Team
Join Confirmation & middle school groups for Mass, dinner & class!

Young Adult Group
Call Kate in the parish office or email kate.devine@paulcross.org for more information

Faith Formation Christmas Project
Young people and their families will collect unwrapped stocking stuffer-sized gifts to be given to the children of incarcerated parents.
Suggestions are: books, card games, coloring books and crayons, dolls, matchbox cars, etc.
Drop gifts off in the Parish Office or at the Welcome Desk in Church.

Children’s Liturgy during the 9 AM Mass! Encourage your school age children to participate!!

Annual Christmas Eve Children’s Gospel Pageant
Saturday, December 24, 2016 5:00 PM
Concert begins at 4:30 PM

There will only be one rehearsal for the pageant. You must be available for both the rehearsal and the pageant.
Rehearsal is TODAY, Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 6:15 PM* - 7:30 PM in the Church.
*or when Mass is over!
If you are a seamstress and are available to help prepare and mend costumes please call the office or see Kate at the rehearsal. Thank you!

The Diocesan School of Christian Formation
St. Patrick’s in PBG on Tues. from 7 - 9pm. Next class, Liturgy & Sacraments starts Jan. 10, 2017
Cost is just $10. For more information, call 561-775-9544 or visit www.diocesepb.org/schools-of-christian-formation

Columbiettes
Last chance to purchase the Columbiettes one-of-a-kind boutique items today. In addition, the Columbiettes will be available to wrap your Christmas gifts after Mass.
Our church is in need of several items; some to enhance the Liturgy and some to ensure your comfort and convenience to get the most out of the Liturgy.

If you can help, please call the Parish Office for more information.

These gifts are available to memorialize your loved one.

God bless you all!!
Is “something” missing from my life?
paulcross.org/alpha

How do I learn more?
Come to our INFORMATION NIGHT on December 13, 2016 at Duffy's Sports Bar. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm, followed by a short movie and an opportunity to get all your questions answered. Signup for the Information Night can be found at the Welcome Center, in the Parish office, or on our website.

Why not take this opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a low-key, friendly environment?

"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.

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 NEXT Sunday, December 18

Each tag is assigned to a specific person; if you are unable to get a gift for the tag you took, please return the tag.

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!!
REST IN PEACE -
Aaron Price, Henry Gorman,
Gabrielle Smith,
May they rest in God’s peace and may their family be strengthened in faith.

JOIN US FOR A
MASS AND HEALING SERVICE
Thursday, December 15, 7:30 PM
Come share your prayers for yourself or for a loved one, and benefit from the precious healing power of the Eucharist.

SANCTUARY LIGHT
for the week of December 11th
is dedicated in loving memory of
Dr. James D. Murphy
on the occasion of his wife Peg’s birthday, by Mary Alice O’Brien Mecke

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 the one of a kind, hand selected Catholic gifts for everyone on your list!

PARISH EVENTS 2017
Jan.
7 Parish Picnic
8 Knights Breakfast
16 Spirit & Truth Evening
21 Luncheon/Fashion Show
28 K of C Neapolitan Night

Feb.
5 K of C Breakfast
13 Spirit & Truth Evening
17 Country Hearts Potluck
25 Parish Dinner Dance

Mar.
1 Ash Wednesday
5 K of C Breakfast
10/11/12 Caritas VII Retreat
17 K of C St. Patrick’s Dinner
26 Confirmation
27-29 Parish Mission

April
2 K of C Breakfast
7 Lenten Dinner
16 Easter
22 Knights Event

May
5 Columbiettes Dinner Dance
7 First Communion
21 K of C Breakfast

Dec.
1 Ministries Dinner

SAVE THE DATE
Fashion Show and Luncheon
Saturday, January 21, 2017
11:30 am Ave Maria Banquet Room
Fashions by Evelyn & Arthur
Tickets $45
Available in the Parish Office and Religious Shop

St. Paul of the Cross WOMEN’S WEEKEND RETREAT at Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center beginning, Friday, Jan. 13, 2017.
The retreat is open to all ages, begins on Friday evening at 8 PM and concludes Sunday at noon.
Please contact Mary Kay at 561-626-2931 for more information.

CARITAS VII
March 10, 11 and 12, 2017
Applications are available for this inspiring Parish Retreat!
Treat yourself or a loved one to a joy-filled weekend with fellow parishioners.
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:

Nancy Kelly, Kelly McDowell, Mary Fusco, Barbara Grimple, and...

Kim Aluisi  Adele Degidio  Leonardo Gonzalez  Bill Lynch  Mike Piotrowski
Charlie Augustine  Rita Dickson  Peggy Gorman  Neal Mackey  Mary Pitt
Charles Aviado  Gina DiDonato  Nancy Greene  Joshua MacNeil  Baby Mikaela Powell
Patti Azoto  Kristina DiDonato  Sue Gunther  Donna Malfonti  Marta Purucker
Albert Baker  Tom Dingle  Kari Hale  Tommy Malone  Judy Rapaldi
Kia Bidella  Rand Doane  Bob Harford  Karen Marasco  Lisa Reynolds
Peggy Black  Barbara Doherty  Earl Hartman  Ernie Markitell  Margaret Rittenhouse
Mary Ellen Blake  Alex Dolphy  Ginny Heffernan  Maria Elena Marlow  Fred Robinson
James Boyer  Robert Duncan  Adam Hewko  Melissa Marshall  Monette Robinson
John Bozzomo  Col. Bill Eckert  Ed Hildensbrand  Shelly Martin  Sandy Sand
Sandy Budd  Will English  Thomas Hollandsworth  Gina Martinovic  Algis Saurusaites
Mary Carroll  Mary Everett  Karen Hopkins  Kane McCarthy  Al Scerbo
Bill Cherrill  Joseph Fanelli  Marcia Horton  Brian McCormack  John Sedor
Cecilia I. Cheves  Robert Fanelli, Jr.  Linda Hutton  Jen Hoys  John Ray Seymour
Bob Cheviot  Helene Farrell  Barbara Kaminski  Joan Hyers  Chuck Shaw
Kimberly Chorniewy  Joseph Fink  John Keeler  Martha Keever  Ray Shindorf
Jeanine Chosson  Clyde Foley  Gene Konrad  Anne Kroha  Cameron Simpson
Lila Chosson  Lila Fons  Gail Ganzlin  Susan Lurz  Ki and Beth Spicer
Matthew Cleary  Mike Forte  Louis Kert, Jr.  Rebecca Laughton  Kelly Suddell
Debbie Coccia  Rhonda Gagliardi  Peter Kileeather  Emma & Tommy Lewis  Rose Marie Tancredi
Barbara Couto  Jose Galvez  Clara Klippstine  Frank Licari  Rebecca Timmons
Don Crawford  Magdalena Galvez de Bazan  Gene Knead  Randy Lowe  Leslie Triplet
Eileen Cowell  Gail Ganzlin  Anne Kroha  Glenda Lavin O'Leary  Jeana Tumbarello
Tom Culligan  Britany Garcia scenes  Paul Danko  Jose Uribe
Christopher Curran  Elaina Gargano  Rebecca Laughton  Michael Nicholson  Sherman Weiss
Lenny D'Agostino  Eleanor Garrett  Emma & Tommy Lewis  Patricia O'Hagan  William Werner
Robert Dalessio  Frances Garvan  Riccardo Gravina  Glenda Lavin O'Leary  Richard Wetter
Rick DeBlasio  Robert Gibbons  Michael Gintoli  Michael Palumbo  Felix Wilson
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.

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,

CS 2 Christopher Avola  Spec. Thomas Bates  Lance Cpl Tyler Geary, USMC  Fr. Tom O'Flanagan, Chaplain, USN
Tyler Blank  Maj. Travis Blaschke, Army Aviation  LT Ruth Gaunt, Navy  Chaplain, USN
Maj. Travis Blaschke, Army Aviation  Maj. Travis Blaschke, Army Aviation  Michael Gorczycki  Fr. Tom O'Flanagan, Chaplain, USN
Tyler Blank  PFC Adam Blazak, Army  PFC Thomas Greenia, Army  Staff Sgt. Derek D. Ragion, Marines
Maj. Travis Blaschke, Army Aviation  PFC Adam Blazak, Army  PFC Thomas Greenia, Army  Capt. Brice Roberts, Army
Josh Curtis  1st Lt. John F. Dowd, Army  Capt. Paul Dowd, USMC  Robert Shanker, Army
LCpl Giulio D'Alatri, Marines  LCpl Giulio D'Alatri, Marines  Capt. Kristine Hochschwender  Capt. Christine Stevens
PFC Gabriel D'Alatri, Marines  PFC Gabriel D'Alatri, Marines  Lt. Tyler Hochschwender  Steve Stropp, Air Force
2nd Lt. Sam Dowd, Army  2nd Lt. Andrew King, Army  Capt. Jeff Keating, Marines  Sergeant Emily A. Konkle, USMC
Army  Army  Captain Karl Kuencheimaster, Army  Tech Sgt. Marcy Vaughn, Air Force
Hanah Eastwood  Staff Sgt. Jonathan Farmer  PFC Adam Blazak, Army  Amanda Wilson
Matthew Fillmon  Matthew Fillmon  Joseph Joseph  Gustavo Madry, USMC
Scott Freudenthal, Army  Scott Freudenthal, Army  Matthew March C.P.O. Navy  Gustavo Madry, USMC
Darrin Gabriel  Darrin Gabriel  Ens. Daniel Mongiove, Navy  Gustavo Madry, USMC
Private Matthew Gainey  Private Matthew Gainey  Bryan Neumann  Gustavo Madry, USMC
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. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord. Amen. Mary, help of Christians, pray for us.