THIRD SUNDAY
OF Advent

As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord God make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11

A Catholic Community Where People Choose to Belong!
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
5:00 PM  For Wayne Domres by Kyle Caparosa

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
7:30 AM  For Leonard Sedor
by The Sedor & Stroker Families
9:00 AM  For the intentions of our parishioners
10:45 AM  For Don Culligan
by David, Kathleen & Sean Ancona
5:00 PM  For Jason Jablonski by The Faris Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18
8:00 AM  For the intentions of Kathleen Ancona
by Edith Smith
5:30 PM  For John Morsut by Chris & Hank Stauder

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19
8:00 AM  For Jeffrey Wellington by Judith Marsala
5:30 PM  For Richard Lescher by his wife & family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20
8:00 AM  For John Aumente by his family
5:30 PM  For Jeanette Marino by Arlene Widmayer

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21
8:00 AM  For Kathryn Vaughan and Charles Vaughan
by Lee & Ana Margarita Vaughan
5:30 PM  For Ophelia Lopez by The Arcalas Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22
8:00 AM  For John Obzansky by Mary Obzansky
5:30 PM  For John Kopal by Dagmar Prchlik

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23
8:00 AM  For The Hamel & Hochschwender Families
by Claire Hochschwender
5:00 PM  For Louis & Helen Stroker
by The Stroker & Sedor Families

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7:30 AM  For Michael & Sophia Sedor
by The Sedor & Stroker Families
9:00 AM  For the intentions of The Cerini Family
by The Lammert Family
10:45 AM  For the intentions of our parishioners

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24—CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00 PM  For Rena & James Allen
by The Sedor & Stroker Families
8:00 PM  Charles E. Kelley
by The Sedor & Stroker Families
11:00 PM  The deceased members
of the Cervelli & D’Amico Families
by their children & grandchildren

Ministry of Religious Education & Confirmation
Kate Devine

RCIA/Faith Inquiry
Deacon Gregory C. Quinn

Director of Music & Liturgy
Jeanne Clark

Director of Family Life Ministries
Jon Niven

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 the Parish Office.

Charismatic Prayer Group
Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Parish Center. Mass &
Healing Service 3rd Thursday of each month in the 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
Baptisms
Celebrated on the second Sunday of each month at 12:00pm. 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, January 13th

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

Our beautiful 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.

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

Thank you and God bless you!

ST. VINCENT de PAUL Thrift Store
250 W. INDIANTOWN ROAD #108
Call 561-401-9585
Mon. - Fri. 10am-4pm & Sat. 9am-3pm
Come visit our Christmas Room!!

This week, December 18th, at a glance...
Monday:
8:30 AM Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
2 PM Yarn & Rose Knitters
5 PM Sandwich Makers
Tuesday:
8:30 AM Legion of Mary
1:30 PM Bereavement Group
6:10 PM Legion of Mary
Wednesday:
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
7 PM The Bible Timeline Bible Study
7 PM Columbiette Meeting
Thursday:
7:30 PM Mass & Healing Service
Friday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday: CHRISTMAS EVE—OFFICE CLOSED
Monday: MERRY CHRISTMAS—OFFICE CLOSED

Looking forward to, in the near future:
Mondays 5:30 PM – Al-Anon Meeting; 12/25 OFFICE CLOSED; 12/31 & 1/1 OFFICE CLOSED; 1/14 & 1/21 Christ Child Layette collection; 1/20 4th Annual Parish Fashion Show, Luncheon and new Boutique; 1/27 Neapolitan Knight; 3/2 Parish Casino Night

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

SUNDAY OFFERING
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
DECEMBER 8
$ 2,465.00 Online $ 51.00

FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
$ 14,119.00
Online $ 1,459.00

Retirement Fund for Religious Brothers and Sisters
$ 5,001.00 Online $ 95.00

God Bless You and Thank You for your generosity in supporting your church!
Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God’s coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God’s coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today’s readings are full of joy. Mary’s Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
**Tuesday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:26-38
**Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
**Thursday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
**Friday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
**Saturday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

**To prepare for the Readings of Dec. 23/24**

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (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).
CONFESSIONS
Thursday, December 21 - 8:30 AM
Friday, December 22 - 8:30 AM
Saturday, December 23 - 8:30 AM

DAILY MASS
Saturday, December 23 - 8:00 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SATURDAY VIGIL, Dec. 23rd 5 PM  Sunday, Dec. 24th  7:30, 9 and 10:45 AM

NATIVITY OF THE LORD—MASSES
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
5:00 PM - MASS WITH A 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)
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM
NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

MARY MOTHER OF GOD
Monday, January 1
8:00 AM, 12:15 PM
NO EVENING MASS ON NEW YEAR’S DAY

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
Sunday, December 24 and Monday, December 25
Sunday, January 31 and Monday, January 1

St. Paul of the Cross WOMEN’S WEEKEND RETREAT at Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center
beginning, Friday, Jan. 12, 2018. 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.
FAITH FORMATION
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CIA - Religious Education for 1st - 5th grade, Sundays 10:15 - 11:45 AM
12/24 Christmas Eve Gospel Pageant
Jan. 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th

Middle School, 6th & 7th graders and Confirmation I
8th graders, Confirmation II
9th graders
Sundays 5 PM Mass & 6 PM - 8 PM, dinner and class
Dec. 17th, Jan. 14th & 21st

Join a great team! Altar Server’s needed!
Altar Servers are a vital part of the Mass.
If you would like to be an Altar Server and you have received your First Communion, please call the office. Adults are welcome to serve.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS
SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:15 AM
IN THE COFFEE HOUSE.
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 561-626-1873.

PARISH BREAKFAST
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 12322
TODAY, SUNDAY, Dec. 17th
10am—12:30 pm
Tickets are $10 per person
Children 12 & under free

Baptism

Hunter Riley Williams
son of Stephen & Sylvia
Jerrad Paul Jasper, Jr.
son of Jerrad & Amie
WELCOME!

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

NO STORY KEEPERS
CHRISTMAS EVE OR NEW YEARS EVE
Children, infant to age 5 are welcome to come to the Parish Center during the 9 AM Sunday Mass.

2nd Sunday Lunch Bunch Group
2017--2018 Season
We will meet on the 2nd Sunday through April 8th Grande’s Bella Cucina 4580 Donald Ross Rd. Suite 119
RESERVATIONS & Information please contact
Annette Law Beverly 561-389-0985 or annette.beverly@gmail.com
January 14th @ 11:30 AM $20 Dennis Richards, Safe Harbor Financial Resources Investment

Please be a “TV Christmas Star” for the Taping of the Christmas Televised Mass on Monday, December 18, 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

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for coffee, donuts and fellowship after all Sunday morning Masses in the Parish Hall.

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Catholic Radio 98.3
New Parishioners - Registration forms are available on our website, in the office during the week, and in the vestibule 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. SO...

For every new registration and any updates made for registered parishioners the family will receive $20 Casino Cash to use at the Parish Casino Night in March!! Thank you for helping us to keep our records up to date!

Knights of Columbus meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month; the next meeting is Wed., Jan. 10th (officers meet on the 1st Wed.; the next meeting is Wed., Jan. 3rd) at 7 PM in the Coffee House.

If you are interested and would like to become a Columbiette, please contact Carol at 561-818-0342 or Wanda at 718-877-9100.

Please consider joining the Knights of Columbus at St Paul of the Cross Parish.
Contact Jonathan Knaus @ 561-603-8303 or email kofc12322@gmail.com

Are you or a loved one in need of a CARING FRIEND to take you to Mass, shopping, or a doctor's appointment, etc.? Please contact Lee Vaughan at 561-309-3692 or the parish office at 561-626-1873.

Mark your Calendar!
Save the Date!

TICKETS
NOW AVAILABLE
Stop by the Religious Shop or Parish Office
4th Annual Parish Luncheon, Boutique & Fashion Show
Sat., January 20th, 11 am
Tickets $55

Columbiette meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, the next meeting is, Dec. 20th at 7 PM in the Coffee House. Refreshments begin at 6:30 PM.
Annual Christmas Eve Children's Gospel Pageant Mass
Sunday, December 24, 2017 5:00 PM
Concert begins at 4:30 PM
Rehearsal is TONIGHT, SUN., Dec. 17, 2017 at 6:15 PM* - 7:30 PM in the Church.
*or when Mass is over!
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.

THE BIBLE TIMELINE:
The Story of Salvation,
Wed, Dec 20th at 7PM in the Ave Maria Room.
By being a part of this study, you will not only benefit personally, but you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we all grow closer to Christ.
Please call the office for more information.

OUR LADY'S GROTTO BRICK PAVERS
Our Lady’s Grotto is paved with bricks. If you would like to have a memorial brick, one for a special intention, or a gift for any occasion, consider giving this lasting remembrance.
The donation is $50.
Your brick is inscribed with your custom message. The maximum space is 3 lines per brick and 12 spaces per line. Stop by or call the Parish Office.
"UN-TRIM THE TREE"
Parish Advent Program

DUE TODAY, Sunday, December 17

If you forgot your gift today, please bring it to the Parish Office by Monday at 9 am!

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 this week before Christmas!

UN-TRIM THE TREE FOR CHRISTMAS AND WELCOME THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR BY SHOWING OTHERS HOW MUCH WE CARE!!

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We were blessed for the second year in a row to have had Anthony Sicignano and his daughter, Sophia, as our guest chefs for our annual Ministries Dinner! We were treated to a beautiful and tasty dinner, including dessert. Thank you Anthony and Sophia for the gift of your time and talent!!!

God bless you!!
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: Richard Dziedzic, Corinne Saldana, Claire Knoetgen and Susanna Pancell

Diane Alberto
Peter Allone
Charlie Augustine
Albert Baker
Clare Bellucci
Ted Bielaczyk
Peggy Black
Beau Bloomquist
James Boyer
Phillip Brennan
Sandy Budd
Bill Cahill
Coralie Cahill
Rusty Canant
Mary Carroll
Henry Chenette
Bill Cherrie
Cecilia I. Cheves
Kimberly Chorniewy
Jeannine Chosson
Wayne Clark
Debbie Coccia
Shellie Colon
Kristin Snyder Costa
Don Crawford
Eileen Crowell
Lenny D’Agostino
Rick DeBlasio
Ena Elias De Galvez
Richard Dalessio
Rita Dickson
Gina DiDonato
Kristina DiDonato
Tom Dinge
Rand Doane
Robert Duncan
Jane Faulkner
Patricia Fetter
Joseph Fink
Mike Forte
Terri Reekers Francisco
Evelyn Frazier
Anna Elias Galvez
Jose Galvez
Gail Ganzlin
Brittany Garcia
Eleanor Garrett
Robert J. Gibbons
Nancy Greene
Barbara Grimple
Sue Gunther
Patricia Halloran
Bob Harford
Robert Healy
Adam Hewko
Ed Hildenbrand
Francis Holden
Thomas Hollandsworth
Karen Hopkins
Marcia Horton
Nancy Hutchinson
Linda Hutton
Barbara Kaminski
John & Joan Keeler
Marta Keever
Louis Kerti, Jr.
Peter Kilfeather
Rebecca Laughton
Warren Leichter
Michael Leth, Sr.
Emma & Tommy Lewis
Frank Licari
Sam Loria
Randi Lowey
Jim Lumbra
Bill & Barbara Lynch
Neal Mackey
Maria Elena Marlow
Melisa Marshall
Shelly Martin
Stephen Mazzarella Jr.
Renee McCullough
Kathleen McDonald
Kelly McDowell
Bob McElhaney
Ardan Miller
Jaquie Morrow
Pat McJury
Deborah Muligan
Robert Mulligan
Gregory Mundie
Denise Murphy
Karen Murphy
Nancy Nagler
Amal Nawal
Pat Nolan
Patricia O’Hagan
Glenda Lavin O’Leary
Mary Otis
Kevin Parise
Jim Perrella
June Petrello-Henig
Mike Pietrowski
Marta Pruceler
Chris Rachuba
Michael Richardson
Fred Robinson
Aigis Saurusties
Mark Scarmazzo
Al Sbarbo
Scott Schweitzer
Charles Sears
Patricia Sears
John Sedor
Lorraine Seville
Ray & John Seymour
Chuck Shaw
Ray Shindor
Richard Shorter
Linda Siepmann
Cameron Simpson
Patricia Smith
Mila Solts
Anthony Speciale
Charles Speer
Ki & Beth Spicer
Kelly Suddell
Rene Tabony
Maryann Talamo
Rebecca Timmons
Leslie Triplett
Jean Tumbarello
Mary Turnbull
Joe Uribe
James Vannoy
Bobby Venezia, Jr.
Rosemary Ware
Albert Wiker
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 Trump and his advisors and for,

CS 2 Christopher Avola
Spec. Thomas Bates
Tyler Blank
Maj. Travis Blaschke, Army Aviation
PFC Adam Blazak, Army
Chris Bodley
Corporal Thomas C. Boehnlein, USMC
Angela Browning
Capt. Eric Arthur Bruns
Maj. Nicolas Chighizola, Air Force
Col. John Cross, Army
Michael Grumpe
1st Lt. Michael J. Culler, 101st Airborne
Josh Curtis
LtCol Giulio D’Alatri, Marines
PFC Gabriel D’Alatri, Marines
Command Sgt. Maj James Dickens, Army
Staff Sgt. Stephen Dickens, Army
1st Lt. John F. Dowd, Army
2nd Lt. Sam Dowd, Army
Capt. Michael Andrew Dytrych, Army
Hanah Eastwood
Staff Sgt. Jonathan Farmer
Major Matthew Farmer, Army
Matthew Fillmon
Lt. Col. Douglas Y. Finn, USMC
Lt. Col. Jennifer Formell
PFC Chase Forrest, Army
Scott Freudenthal, Army

Bryan Neumann
Fr. Tom O’Flanagan, Chaplain, USN
Chad Owens
Staff Sgt. Derek D. Ragion, Marines
Staff Sgt. Nick Raich, Army
Capt. Brice Roberts, Army
Maj. Andrew Rupp, Air Force
Lt. Col. Laura Sepeda
Robert Shaner
Capt. Christine Stevens
Steve Stropp, Marines Special Ops
Sergeant Emily A. Konkle, USMC
Capt. Patrick K. Thompson, Army
Tech Sgt. Marcy Vaught, 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.
This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord. Amen. Mary, help of Christians, pray for us.

Darrin Gabriel
Private Matthew Gainey
Lance Cpl Tyler Geary, USMC
LT Ruth Gaunt, Navy
Michael Gorczynski
Michael Gordon-Tenant, Army
PFC Thomas Greenia, Army
PFC Thomas Grodaska, Army
Capt. Matthew Guidone, Army
Capt. Thomas Harris, Army
Major Cornelius Hickey, USMC
Capt. Kristine Hochschwender
Lt. Tyler Hochschwender
Captain Steve Irving, 101st Airborne
Sgt. Christian Marcelo Jakobsen, USMC
Capt. Mitchell Joslin, Army Ranger
Capt. Jeff Keating, Marines
Captain Karl Kuechenmeister, Army
Spencer Calvin McGuire
Brian Metzger
2nd Lt. Andrew King, Army
Maj. Jennifer Lammert-Rupal
Capt. Kelly Lammert, Air Force
Private Joseph LaSasso, Army
Master Sgt. Kyle Mack
Daniel Malloy, USMC
Matthew March C.P.O. Navy
Ens. Daniel Mangione, Navy