Reverend Thomas R. Lafreniere, Pastor

Msgr. James M. Burke, Retired
Rev. Daniel Devore, Assisting
Rev. Lee Smith, Retired

Deacon Frank Bandy

Rev. John Chandler, S.J., Retired
Rev. Melvin Shorter, C.P., Assisting
Rev. Brian Flanagan, Retired

Deacon Gregory C. Quinn

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 - 9:00 am or by appt.

SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

AS JOHN THE BAPTIST WATCHED JESUS WALK BY,
HE SAID,
“BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD.”

JOHN 1:36

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A Catholic Community Where
People Choose to Belong!

Saint Paul of the Cross

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 13
5:00 PM For Mildred Schluttenhofer
by Joe & Lorraine Sabatella

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14
7:30 AM For Henry Inserra, Jr.
by Bob & Joanne Munson
9:00 AM For Christopher Sodders
by Tim & Patti Wengierski
10:45 AM For the intentions of our parishioners
5:00 PM For Ronald Zettel by The Chirskey Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 15
8:00 AM For Mario Sclafani
5:30 PM For Debbie Zimmerman by Elena Reid

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16
8:00 AM For Christopher Sodders
by Joe & Regina Botta
5:30 PM For Henry Inserra, Jr. by Charles Beckinella

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17
8:00 AM For Millie Schluttenhofer
by Jim & Scotty Howell
5:30 PM For Kathleen Ann Marsico by Terry Bruno

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18
8:00 AM For Henry Inserra, Jr. by Pat & Carol Nolan
5:30 PM For Jane Iannini by Jay & Elaine

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19
8:00 AM For Francis Geary, Sr. by The Bandy Family
5:30 PM For Owen Smith by Don Gore

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20
8:00 AM For Nicholas Rojo by his family
5:00 PM For Henry & Virginia Inserra
by Russell & Edith Smith

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21
7:30 AM For Christopher Sodders
by Russell & Edith Smith
9:00 AM For the intentions of our parishioners
10:45 AM For T. C. Widmayer by Arlene Widmayer
5:00 PM For the intentions of Bryant Smith
by his family

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.
Welcome
Beginning this weekend, Seminarian Robinson Aza will be with us for 6 months!

Seminarian Robinson Aza, was born in Cali, Colombia. Robinson is the youngest of five brothers. He began as an altar server while he was an elementary student at his parish school. Robinson advanced to sacristan in secondary school. He dedicated himself to serving his beloved community of faith at St. Mark Parish in his home town.

Robinson is not new to the Diocese of Palm Beach. He studied for our Diocese before and graduated in 2008 from St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami. He then returned to Colombia to care for his sick father, who, after couple months, passed away. In 2015, Robinson Aza, returned to the Diocese to continue his studies and now is in his second year in theology studies at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach. As part of his formation toward the priesthood, he will begin a pastoral program at St. Paul of the Cross in January 2018. He is happy to be part of this parish, “where people choose to belong.” He is very happy with his studies, but above all, he is very happy to serve and grow in his ministry in this community.

Some of his hobbies are: listening to music, reading and enjoying a movie with his friends. Among his favorite prayers are to the Virgin Mary and the Holy Spirit. One of Robinson’s favorite verses of the Holy Scriptures is 1 Thessalonians 5: 17: “Pray without ceasing.” According to him, it is the key to handling these times.

Our 2018 Parish Calendars have arrived!!
Pick up yours at the welcome desk or in the parish office.
One per family, please!

FOR JANUARY 20/21
Sat., 5:00 PM - Barbara Butkus
Sun., 7:30 AM - Patti Azoto
9:00 AM - Ann Scurry
10:45 AM - David Ancona
5:00 PM - Carter Stewart

SUNDAY OFFERING
FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 7
$ 16,693.00 Online $ 2,124.00

Maintenance and Improvements Fund
$ 3,940.00 Online $ 437.00

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

SECOND COLLECTION - this weekend is the Diocesan Collection for Catholic Education.

This week, January 15th, 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
6 PM Caritas VIII Team Meeting
6:10 PM Legion of Mary
Wednesday:
6:30 PM Columbiette Meeting
7 PM The Bible Timeline Study
Thursday:
7:30 PM Mass & Healing Service
Friday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday:
11 AM Annual Parish Luncheon, Fashion Show & NEW Boutique
Sunday:
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship
9 AM Story Keepers
9:15 AM RCIA
9 AM CIA Session
5 PM Confirmation I & II and Middle School Mass & Session

Looking forward to, in the near future:
Mondays 5:30 PM - Al-Anon Meeting;
1/14 & 1/21 Christ Child Layette collection; 1/27 First Reconciliation, Neapolitan Knight;
2/2-3 Confirmation II Retreat; 2/8 LIFT Worship Night; 2/17 Diocesan Anniversary Mass; Parish Mission Begins; 3/2 Parish Casino Night

FOR JANUARY 20/21
Sat., 5:00 PM - Adult Server
Sun., 7:30 AM - Volunteer Needed
9:00 AM - Kaley & Michael
10:45 AM - Matthew
5:00 PM - Volunteer Needed

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE LAMB OF GOD

“Behold the Lamb of God!” We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there’s a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today’s Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John’s own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Readings for the Week

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To prepare for the Readings of Jan. 20/21

First Reading — The people of Nineveh believed God and turned from their evil ways (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

Psalm — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:14-20).
Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions for the month of January
Evangelization: Religious minorities in Asia
That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of Palm Beach, will preside at the celebration of our 34th Annual Anniversary Mass for Married Couples on Saturday, February 17, 2018, at 10:30AM, here at St. Paul of the Cross Church. Cake, coffee and punch will be served in the parish hall after the Mass. All couples who will be celebrating 25, 40, or more years of marriage in the calendar year 2018 are invited to participate. To attend, please contact the parish office and register your names as soon as possible — but no later than Monday, February 5, 2018. We ask that all participating couples arrive by 10:00AM — thirty minutes prior to the start of the Mass, so you can receive your personal certificate.

Happy Anniversary Mass

Celebrating 25, 40, or more years
Worship Night
Come join us for a NEW monthly night of praise and worship, a dynamic talk, and Eucharistic Adoration with teens and families from across the diocese!

For more information you may contact our Director of Family Life Ministries, Jon Niven by phone at 626-1873 or by email at jon.niven@paulcross.org

Upcoming dates:
Mar. 8th, April 12th, May 10th
4th Annual Parish Luncheon, Boutique & Fashion Show

NEXT WEEKEND
Saturday, January 20th, 2018
11 am Ave Maria Banquet Room
Tickets $55
Last chance to get tickets!!
Don’t miss it!!

Avery Rian Gioia
daughter of Eric & Stefani

WELCOME!

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, February 10th

VAN MINISTRY
There is an opportunity for several volunteers to help with the food ministry on Saturdays. Each team packs bags and delivers food to the underprivileged elderly in our communities one Saturday per month.

Please contact the parish office to volunteer or for more information.

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 Parish Hall (capacity 175) are available for rental for approved adult receptions and gatherings for occasions connected with church events.

Knights of Columbus general meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month; the next meeting is Wed., Feb. 14th (officers meet on the 1st Wed.; the next meeting is Wed., Feb. 7th) at 7 PM in the Coffee House.
Columbiette meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, the next meeting is Jan. 17th at 7 PM in the Coffee House. Refreshments begin at 6:30 PM.
ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A MASS & HEALING SERVICE
Thursday, January 18th, 7:30 PM
Come share your prayers for yourself or for a loved one, and benefit from the precious healing power of the Eucharist.

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.

BABY ITEMS NEEDED FOR “THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY CRIB DRIVE”
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, this weekend, January 13-14 and next, Jan. 20-21 you will find a portable crib in which to place the following items needed 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, 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.

Magnificat – A Ministry to Catholic Women
The Christ Our Light Chapter of Magnificat invites all women of the diocese to join us for our next breakfast Sat., Jan. 27, 2018 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hilton P. B. Airport 150 Australian Ave WPB, FL 33406

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Please join us in prayer to end abortion and prayerfully close Presidential Women’s Abortion Center. Our Lent campaign begins Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018 and ends on Sunday, March 25, 2018. The Presidential Women’s Center Abortion Center (100 Northpoint Parkway) is located off 45 St and Village Blvd. (behind Pollo Tropical and Wendy's). We will be present Mon – Sat from 7:30am – 5:30pm and on Sunday from 3pm - 5pm. Sign-up sheets will be available NEXT WEEKEND after all Masses!
For more information, visit our website at www.40daysforlife.com/westpalmbeach or Call/Text Susan Pine at (561) 255-1534.

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 February 11th @ 11:30 AM $20 Jennifer Held, Palm Beach Organizing - De-clutter & Organize RESERVATIONS & Information please contact Annette Law Beverly 561-389-0985 or annette.beverly@gmail.com

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The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation, Wednesdays at 7PM in the Ave Maria Room. Please call the office for more information.

If you have received a year end tax statement in the past 3 years, your 2017 statement will be available the last weekend in January. You may pick it up at the Welcome Desk Sunday morning or during the week in the Parish Office. Otherwise, please request a statement by filling in the form below.

2017 Tax Year Contribution Statements

If you need a statement for your taxes it will be mailed or e-mailed to you upon request. Please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or call the Parish Office. (Please print)

Name_____________________________________
Address___________________________________
Phone #___________________________________
Email address_______________________________

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You can help a homeless family! Family Promise is a faith-based organization helping Families with Children transition from Homelessness into sustainable Housing. Our parish family is now in our 6th year of participating in this life-changing ministry.

Are you interested in learning about how you could help? Come to an informational training session & pizza dinner at St. Paul of the Cross Friday, Jan. 26 at 6:30 in the Coffee House. Bring your children and friends. Call Julie Bandy 561-818-8674 or the parish office 561-626-1873 to RSVP.

Live Music with Gianni Monti

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Come and Join Us for Delicious Italian Cuisine!

Sat., Jan. 27, 2018
Dinner & Dancing
6:00 PM

$30 person; 2 drinks included

Profits to benefit Knights of Columbus Charities

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

Pray for Vocations

Men’s Weekend Retreat

At Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center beginning Friday, March 2, 8 PM until Sunday, March 4, 2018 at noon.

This year’s theme is “By His wounds You are Healed” Please go to www.ourladyofflorida.org or call 561-626-1300 for more information and to register.
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 Crump
1st Lt. Michael J. Culler, 101st Airborne
Josh Curtis
LCpl 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 Drytrch, 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 Shiner
Capt. Christine Stevens
Steve Stropp, Marines Special Ops
Sergeant Emily A. Konkile, 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.
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 Grodeska, 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 Marino Jakobsen, USMC
Capt. Mitchell Joslin, Army Ranger
Capt. Jeff Keating, Marines
Captain Karl Kuechenmeister, Army
Spencer Calvin McGuire
Bryan Metzger
2nd Lt. Andrew King, Army
 Maj. Jennifer Lammert-Rupp
Capt. Kyle Lammert, Air Force
Private Joseph LaSasso, Army
Master Sgt. Kyle Mack
Daniel Malloy, USMC
Matthew March C.P.O. Navy
Ens. Daniel Mongiove, Navy

Acquiesce

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.