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A Catholic Community Where People Choose to Belong!

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.
— 1 Corinthians 10:31
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10
5:00 PM  For William Barnauskas
         by Walter & Barbara Butkus

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11
7:30 AM  For the intentions of our parishioners
9:00 AM  For Jeanette Marino by Al & Mary Peduzzi
10:45 AM For Lawrence Gahr
         by Charles & Patricia Sears
5:00 PM  For Henry Inserra, Jr. by Wanda Ihrig

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12
8:00 AM  For The Slocum Family, living & deceased,
         by John Stonitsch
5:30 PM  For Ellen Geary by Elena Reid

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13
8:00 AM  For Michael Trotta by his family
5:30 PM  For Jack & Erma Thomas by their family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14  Ash Wednesday
8:00 AM  For Nicholas Rojo by his wife, Pat
12:15 PM For Linda Siepermann
         by Keith & Phyllis Svane
5:30 PM  For Bud Turnbull by his wife and daughter
7:00 PM  For Ulla Frost Woolhiser
         by The Apissons and Goldmachers

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15
8:00 AM  For Kaley Smith by Bob & Helen Olivier
5:30 PM  For Gen. Alexander & Mrs. Patricia Haig
         by The Hennessey Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16
8:00 AM  For Diane L. Sartovi by Theresa Trotta
5:30 PM  For Iris Diaz by Andre & Kim Varona

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17
8:00 AM  For Mrs. Shields by Andre & Kim Varona
5:00 PM  For Henry Inserra, Jr.
         by Joe & Lorraine Sabatella

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18
7:30 AM  For Elizabeth Weinblatt by Frank Shelton
9:00 AM  For the intentions of our parishioners
10:45 AM For Richard Giulian
         by Deacon Gregory & Patti Quinn
5:00 PM  For the intentions of T. J. Wengierski
         by his parents

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

New Parishioners - Distribution 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.
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. Please call the office to register.

Next Baptism Class is Saturday, March 10th

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.

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

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

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

This week, February 12th, 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
9 AM Hospitality Ministry
10 AM Christ Child Society Meeting
6 PM Caritas VIII Team Meeting

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday
10 AM Walking with Purpose Women’s Bible Study
6:10 PM Legion of Mary
7 PM Walking with Purpose Women’s Bible Study
7 PM Knights of Columbus meeting
7:30 PM Mass & Healing Service

Friday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday:
10:30 AM Diocesan Anniversary Mass

Sunday:
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship
9 AM Story Keepers
9:15 AM RCIA

Looking forward to, in the near future:
2/19 Presidents Day - Office Closed, NO 5:30 PM Mass;
Mondays 5:30 PM - Al-Anon Meeting; 2/12 Liturgy Committee Meeting; 2/19-20 Parish Mission Begins;
2/21 The Bible Timeline, Columbiette Meeting; 2/22 Charismatic Prayer Group 2/25 K of C Parish Breakfast;
3/3 Parish Casino Night Fundraiser; 3/8 Lift
Recently, a comedian quipped, “This year, Ash Wednesday is St. Valentine’s Day and Easter is April Fools’ Day – boy, the Catholics have it tough this year!” I disagree. In fact, I think that maybe it’s apropos that Lent begins on Valentine’s Day, and I’ll give you three reasons why. First, let’s talk about St. Valentine. He was a priest in the Third Century who believed in Christian marriage so much that he married young couples in secret, even though marriage was outlawed by Emperor Claudius II. (Outlawing marriage! No wonder he was known as Claudius the Cruel.) Valentine was imprisoned for these “unlawful” weddings, but his faith kept him strong. During his imprisonment, he befriended his jailer and later converted him, and many members of his family, to Christianity. It is even said that his prayers for the jailer’s blind daughter helped to heal her of her blindness. Eventually, Valentine was brutally martyred because he would not denounce his Christian faith. St. Valentine is the patron for love, but he is also a reminder that love requires sacrifice.

That brings me to the second reason that Valentine’s Day and Ash Wednesday might not be in conflict. Lent is the season where we discover how we can love even more than we do today. Lent is the season where we prepare for the Paschal Mystery – the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus – the Greatest Act of Love this world has ever known! Jesus showed us what love truly means. “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” [JN 15:13] What better way to begin this season of preparation than on the day that many people throughout the world – whether they are Christian or not – celebrate love?

As we celebrate love and strive for greater love in our lives, then also our Lenten goal should be to remove all those things that get in the way of love. We call those things, sin. Our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are some of the ways that we strive to remove the sins in our lives, in order to allow for greater love. We will explore each of these Lenten practices in greater detail during the season of Lent.

Love and Lent – these two go hand in hand!

Stay tuned to this column at Easter when we discuss the proper connection between April First and Easter Sunday.
**Sanctuary Light**

For the week of February 11th
is for all souls in purgatory, especially those most abandoned and those closest to heaven
by Jim & Helen Bloodgood

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**Do You Think God is Calling You to the Priesthood?**

If you are a junior in high school or older, come join other men who are looking to answer that question. On March 9-11, 2018 St. John Vianney Seminary in Miami is hosting a weekend to experience what life is like at the seminary and to answer any questions you may have. Transportation will be provided. Please ask for a registration form. If you need more information about the weekend, contact the Office of Vocations: 561-775-9552 or vocations@diocesepb.org

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**Parish Mission**

Presented by

**Father Patrick Martin**

Monday & Tuesday, February 19 & 20

After the 8 am Mass and at 7 pm

Reconciliation will be available

Father Patrick Martin is an apostle, in touch with God - on fire with the Good News - in love with people. For him the handicap of blindness is a gift from God that makes him an extraordinary person of very special vision. Father Pat’s life as a Catholic Priest has been dedicated to "Speaking God's Love to a Broken World." He visits parishes all over the world and presents Parish Mission Programs to God’s people.

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**Ash Wednesday**

February 14th

Mass Schedule

8:00 AM, 12:15 PM, 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM

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**Rest in Peace**

Marta Keever, Art Rossler, Martha Smith, and Joyce Simo
May they rest in God’s peace and may their family be strengthened in faith.

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**Join Us for a Mass and Healing Service**

Thursday, February 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. **All Are Welcome!!**
A curious feature of the first half of Mark’s Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep it secret about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great “secret” revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes. He was doing it for the glory of God—not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus “humbled” himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today’s healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God’s reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serves us well today.

Readings for the Week
Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

To prepare for the Readings of Feb. 17/18
First Reading — God’s covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).
Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).
Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).
Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).

Caritas VIII
March 9, 10 and 11, 2018
Applications are available for this inspiring Parish Retreat!

The purpose of the St. Paul of the Cross annual Caritas weekend is to bring candidates closer to Christ through a joyful experiential retreat experience within the framework of Roman Catholic theology and liturgy. Caritas is made possible through the Holy Spirit and is enhanced through the prayer and active involvement of our parish community.

Treat yourself to a joy-filled weekend with fellow parishioners or give the gift of a retreat to someone you love!
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.

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.

Your donations of non-perishable foods are always needed, especially canned meat, vegetables and fruit.

Thank you and God bless you!
Haiti Medical Mission Trip 2018

St. Paul’s parishioners joined Hands Together of the Palm Beaches for another wonderful week with the Haitian people! We began each day with Holy Mass, followed by a hearty breakfast and a full day in the medical/dental clinic. Each day was truly a miracle and we returned home with hearts overflowing with Christ’s joy and a yearning to return! May God bless all of you for your prayers and your support!

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

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!

Haiti Medical Mission Trip 2018

Lenten Fast - Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The Church asks us to surrender ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms.

FAITH FORMATION
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CIA (Religious Education)
1st - 5th graders, Sundays, 10:15 am - 11:45 am
Today, Feb. 11th and 25th, First Sunday 9 AM Mass and Service Project, March 4th

Lenten Project - Each session of CIA we will FILL OUR PANTRY with food items best for those who find themselves homeless or unable to prepare food. Last Sunday we asked for pop top (no can opener needed) SOUP. This week is pop top PASTA; (ravioli, beefaroni, spaghetti-o’s) Feb. 25th is pop top VIENNA SAUSAGE and TUNA.
THANK YOU for your participation!!

Middle School, 6th & 7th graders,
Confirmation I & II Sundays
5 PM Mass followed by dinner and class until 8 PM
Feb. 11th & 25th, Mar. 4

Next
Thursday, March 8th
7pm in the Church

LIFT
LIFT YOUR EYES TO THE HEAVENS

RELIGIOUS SHOP
Stop by the Religious shop for a fine assortment of Confirmation, Easter and First Communion gifts and cards. There is also a large selection of books and videos to help you prepare for a prayerful Lenten Season.
Ash Wednesday is February 14th
Confirmation is April 29th
Easter is April 1st
First Communion is May 6th

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) CLASSES Please call the Parish Office for more information.

Please keep our RCIA candidates in your prayers.
PARISH BREAKFAST

COMING - Sunday,
February 25th after
the 9 AM and 10:45 AM
Masses

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., Mar. 7th) at 7 PM in the Coffee House.

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

Columbiette meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the
month, the next meeting is, Feb. 21st at 7 PM in the
Coffee House. Refreshments begin at 6:30 PM.

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

2nd Sunday Lunch Bunch Group
2017-2018 Season
Grande’s Bella Cucina 4580 Donald Ross Rd. Suite 119
February 11th @ 11:30 AM $20 Jennifer Held,
Palm Beach Organizing - De-clutter & Organize
Next lunch March 11th

RESERVATIONS & Information please contact
Annette Law Beverly 561-389-0985 or
annette.beverly@gmail.com

OUR LADY OF FLORIDA SPIRITUAL CENTER
presents its
Annual “Spiritus Dei Gala”
(funds to benefit the spiritual retreat center)
Sunday, March 4th from 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Lost Tree Club, North Palm Beach

The Honorees are:
V. Rev. Aidan Hynes, V.F.,
Pastor of St. Christopher’s Church, Hobe Sound
Rev. Emmanuel Gardon, C.P.
posthumously of
Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center
Robert Cheviot, posthumously

Tickets are $250 per person until February 25th
(and $275 after Feb. 25th)
You may purchase tickets at Our Lady of Florida
1300 U. S. 1, N. P. B. 561-626-1300
or www.ourladyofflorida.org

Christ Child Annual Red Wagon Luncheon
Sat., February 24th, 11 AM
Abacoa Golf Club, Jupiter, FL
Cocktails at 11:00 and lunch at 12:00.
There will be raffle prizes, baby items for
sale, and entertainment by
Andrea Tesoro. Tickets are $55.
Please call Mary Bishop at
561-795-0134.

The Palm Beach Diocesan
Council of Catholic Women is
accepting applications for its Annual
Scholarship Award. One thousand dol-
lars is awarded to each of three Catholic
female students graduating from eighth
grade in the Diocese of Palm Beach in the fall. The
deadline is April 1, 2018, and applications may be
obtained in your parish office or your Catholic School
Office. You can also download the application from the
PBDCCW website @ www.pbdccw.org. Please contact
Natividad Perez at 561-449-9135 or zerepna@gmail.com
for any further questions.
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: Peggy Lake, Rosemary Venezia, Debbie Coccia, Ida Campisi, Mike Forgatch, John Gintoli and...

Charlie Augustine
Austin Barnes
Clare Bellucci
Peggy Black
Beau Bloomquist
James Boyer
Phillip Brennan
Sandy Budd
Bill Cahill
Coralie Cahill
Rusty Canant
Mary Carroll
Bill Cherrie
Cecilia I. Cheves
Kimberly Chorniewy
Jeannine Chosson
Wayne Clark
Debbie Coccia
Rose Colombo
Kristin Snyder Costa
Don Crawford
Eileen Crowell
Lenny D’Agostino
Rick De Blasio
Ena Elias De Galvez
Mike De Souza
Richard Dalessio
Rita Dickson
Lou DiCoco
Gina DiDonato
Kristina DiDonato
Tom Dingee
Rand Doane
Robert Duncan
Sonia Durand
Richard Dzialczik
Will English
Alícia Erickson
Jane Faulkner
Nick Ferrara
Joseph Fink
Mike Forte
Terri Reekers Francisco
Evelyn Frazier
Jack Frazier
Anna Elias Galvez
Jose Galvez
Gail Ganzlin
Brittany Garcia
Eleanor Garrett
Nancy Greene
Barbara Grimple
Lynda Guevremont
Sue Gunther
Patricia Halloran
Bob Harford
Katie and Kyle Hauser

Adam Hewko
Ed Hildenbrand
Francis Holden
Thomas Hollandsworth
Karen Hoppens
Marcia Horton
Nancy Hutchinson
Linda Hutton
Barbara Kaminski
John & Joan Keeler
Marta Keever
Louis Kert, Jr.
Peter Kilfeather
Bill & Clare Knoetgen
Rebecca Laughton
Michael Leth, Sr.
Emma & Tommy Lewis
Frank Licari
Sam Loria
Randy Lowe
Jim Lumbra
Bill & Barry Lynch
Becky Mackey
María Elena Marlow
Melisa Marshall
Shelly Martin
Stephen Mazzarella Jr.
Phyllis McCrum
Renée McCullough
Kathleen McDonal
Kelly McDowell
Bob McLynn
Arden Miller
Jacque Morrow
Pat McJury
Deborah Mulligan
Robert Mulligan
Gregory Mundie
Denise Murphy
Karen Murphy
Amal Nawal
Michael Nelson
Patricia O’Hagan
Glenda Lavin O’Leary
Ethal Rodriguez Ortiz
Mary Otis
Kevin Parise
Clare Pearce
Jim Perrella
June Petrello-Henig
Mike Pirotrowski
Marta Purucker
Chris Rachuba
Fred Robinson
Ethal Ortiz-Rodriguez
Aigis Saurausaites
George Sakis
Al Scerbo

Charles Sears
John Sedor
Ray & John Seymour
Chuck Shaw
Ray Shindorf
Richard Shorter
Linda Siepermann
Cameron Simpson
Patricia Smith
Mila Solts
Charles Speer
Ki and Beth Spicer
Patricia Stichnoth
Kelly Suddell
Rene Tabony
Maryann Talamo
Rebecca Timmons
Leslie Triplett
Jeana Tumbarello
Mary Turnbull
Jose Uribe
Bobby Venezia, Jr.
Rosemary Ware
Doug Weiss
Janet Widman
Albert Wiker
Felix Wilson
Fred Wooldridge
Payton Young

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 Bolley
Corporal Thomas C. Boehnlein, USMC
Angela Browning
Capt. Eric Arthur Bruns
Maj. Nicolais Chighizola, Air Force
Col. John Cross, Army
Michael Crump
1st Lt. Michael J. Culler, 101st Airborne
Josh Curtis
LCpl Giulio D’Altari, Marines
PFC Gabriel D’Altari, 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 Dytchrych, Army
Hanah Eastwood
Staff Sgt. Jonathan Farmer
Major Matthew Farmer, Army
Matthew Fillimon
Lt. Col. Douglas Y. Finn, USMC
Lt. Col. Jennifer Formell
PFC Chase Forrest, Army
Scott Freudenthal, Army

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.