SAINT PAUL of the CROSS

I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

Very Reverend Thomas R. Lafreniere, Pastor

Rev. Nadeem Yaqoob, O.A.D., Assisting
Rev. Melvin Shorter, C.P., Assisting
Rev. Brian Flanagan, Retired
Deacon Frank Bandy

Rev. Daniel Devore, Assisting
Rev. Lee Smith, 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.

A Catholic Community That Grows Disciples!
SATURDAY, JUNE 1
5:00 PM  For the intentions of Bonny Dyer
         by Peggy Troxel

SUNDAY, JUNE 2  THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
7:30 AM  † Andrew Michael Alessi
         by Roberta, Alexandra & Lindsey Azrat
9:00 AM  † Olga DeClemente
         by Dr. Gary & Nina Lammert
10:45 AM  For the intentions of our parishioners
5:00 PM  † Gabriel Sedfaoui
         by Dr. Joseph & Laila Sedfaoui

MONDAY, JUNE 3
8:00 AM  † Beatrice Steele by Jeffrey Peters
5:30 PM  † Madeline Bonasia by Maria A. Mazzarella

TUESDAY, JUNE 4
8:00 AM  † Ann Panah by Cheryl Houghtelin
5:30 PM  † Carlin Hernandez
         by Jose F. & Tery Valdivia

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5
8:00 AM  The Passarello Family, living and deceased,
         by John Passarello
5:30 PM  † Jose F. Valdivia, Sr.
         by Jose F. & Tery Valdivia

THURSDAY, JUNE 6
8:00 AM  † Mary Elizabeth Marineau
         by Jim & Scotty Howell
5:30 PM  † Peg & Bill Lippert by Peggy & John Troxel

FRIDAY, JUNE 7
8:00 AM  † Guy Vitone by Jean Cole
5:30 PM  † Neil Shulas by Mary Jane Zuk

SATURDAY, JUNE 8
8:00 AM  † Bruce Houghtelin by Cheryl Houghtelin
5:00 PM  † Miguel David DeLaCruz by his family

SUNDAY, JUNE 9
7:30 AM  For the intentions of Mark Hopper
         by Theresa Trotta
9:00 AM  † Robert Williams by Theresa Trotta
10:45 AM  † Deacon Richard Schopfer by Pia McCarthy
5:00 PM  For the intentions of our parishioners

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 8:00am 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
   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.
This week, June 3rd , 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, 6 PM Legion of Mary

Wednesday:
7 PM Matthew: A King and His Kingdom Bible Study
7 PM  Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting

Thursday:
7 PM  Walking with Purpose Women’s Bible Study
7:30 PM  Charismatic Prayer Group

Friday:
9 AM - 5 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6 PM  First Friday Adoration

Saturday:
9 AM  Contemplative Prayer Group
10 AM  Baptism Instruction

Sunday:
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM  Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship
9 AM  Story Keepers
10 AM  Baptism Instruction

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Mon. - Fri. 10am-4pm & Sat. 9am-3pm

Do you need to update your parish contact or family information?
Maybe you’d like to drop us a note?
Either way, we would love to hear from you...

FOR JUNE 8/9
Sat., 5:00 PM - Yvonne Patterson
Sun., 7:30 AM - Cele Vilardo
9:00 AM - Family Mass
Children Read
10:45 AM - John Troxel

SUNDAY, May 26th
$ 12,473.00
ONLINE TOTAL WILL BE PRINTED
THE WEEKEND OF 6/15-16

God bless you and thank you for your generosity in supporting your church!

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is our monthly collection for our Maintenance and Improvements Fund.
NEXT WEEKEND the SECOND COLLECTION is The Diocesan Collection for Black & Indian Missions.

For assistance Call 1-800-348-2886, Ext. 611 or email: osvonlinegiving.com/611

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

Our beautiful Ave Maria Banquet Hall (capacity 325) and our St. Joseph Hall (capacity 175) are available for rental for approved adult receptions and gatherings for occasions connected with church events.
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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| Thursday    | Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26 |
| Friday      | Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19 |
| Saturday    | Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25 |

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Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission (John 20:19-23) or John 14:15-16, 23b-26.

The Bread and Wine this week is offered in loving memory of Louis Del Grosso, Jr. by Pam & Jim Rinaldi

You may now choose to offer the gift of Bread and Wine, for a week, for the intentions of or in loving memory of...

$35 per week

SANCTUARY LIGHT for the week of June 2nd is for the intentions of R. Michael Anderson by Rita & Alex Larzelere

REST IN PEACE - Thomas Gallo

Parish Family Vocations Chalice Program Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus Council 12322

Thank you to this week’s family: The Griswold Family

You or your family may sign up, please call the Parish Office.

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

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We have already discussed the Cardinal Virtues of Prudence and Justice. Now our study takes us to the exploration of the Virtue of Fortitude.

When we discussed the Theological Virtues of Faith, Hope and Love, we discovered that not only do Faith and Hope spring from Love, but that all three work together to build up the Christian in God’s love. We will find a similar interaction between the Cardinal Virtues as well. This reality is most prevalent in the Virtue of Fortitude.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), “Fortitude is the moral virtue that ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good. It strengthens the resolve to resist temptations and to overcome obstacles in the moral life. The virtue of fortitude enables one to conquer fear, even fear of death, and to face trials and persecutions. It disposes one even to renounce and sacrifice his life in defense of a just cause.” [CCC, 1808]

We can see from this definition that Fortitude relies, first of all, on Prudence, as do all the Cardinal Virtues. Fortitude ensures “firmness” and “constancy” in doing what is right, and we have seen that Prudence helps us to know and do what is right. [cf. Looking Through Stained Glass, “Life in Christ – Part 12: Dear Prudence, Open Up Your Eyes,” May 19, 2019] When one possesses both Prudence and Fortitude, one perseveres “in the pursuit of the good.” If Prudence helps us know and do what is right, Fortitude helps us keep doing what is right, even if that requires great effort on our part.

The practice of Fortitude relies also on the Virtue of Justice. We can especially see this dynamic in the last line of the above definition: “[Fortitude] disposes one even to renounce and sacrifice his life in defense of a just cause.” We discovered last week that Justice means giving both God and neighbor what is due and includes promoting the common good for all persons. [cf. Looking Through Stained Glass, “Life in Christ – Part 13: Justice is NOT Blind,” May 26, 2019] It is Justice that helps us determine “a just cause,” and it is Fortitude that helps us to pursue that just cause, even to the point of giving up our lives. As an example, one might think of Jesus giving up his life for the salvation of our souls. Certainly Jesus’ act of self-sacrifice for our redemption exemplifies both Justice and Fortitude. Indeed, Jesus is always our model for all the Virtues.

We will discuss Temperance next week, but this Virtue too works together with Fortitude and can be seen in the definition. You may already know that Temperance helps us to moderate pleasure in order to keep our values in the right order. In the definition of Fortitude above, we read, “[Fortitude] strengthens the resolve to resist temptations and to overcome obstacles in the moral life.” One can easily see how the Virtue of Temperance would assist in the work of Fortitude. In next week’s column on Temperance, we will discuss in further detail how these two Virtues work together.
FAITH FORMATION

RESUMES IN THE FALL

Look for sign up information in August for next year 2019/2020.

Middle/High Schoolers:
If you are available this summer to Lector or Usher at the 5 PM Sunday Mass, please call or email Miss Kate.

Happy Summer!!

Did you get Flat Jesus?
Once you color and cut Him out, He will be ready for your vacation.
Share your picture of you and flat Jesus wherever you go this summer at office@paulcross.org.
Flat Jesus is at the Welcome Desk or the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL

Populorum Progressio:
On the Development of Peoples (Paul VI, 1967)
In Populorum Progressio, “Paul VI offered an economic interpretation of the sources of war and argued for economic justice as the surest road to peace” (Introduction: Catholic Social Thought: The Documentary Heritage).

“The progressive development of peoples is an object of deep interest and concern to the Church. This is particularly true in the case of those peoples who are trying to escape the ravages of hunger, poverty, endemic disease and ignorance; of those who are seeking a larger share in the benefits of civilization and a more active improvement of their human qualities; of those who are consciously striving for fuller growth.” (1)

Challenge question: Have I ever heard the phrase, “If you want peace, work for justice”? This phrase is attributed to Paul VI. How might people, living in conditions inconsistent with their human dignity, create conditions of conflict that can lead to war? How might people living in conditions that support human dignity promote peace?
STORY KEEPERS

Children infants to age 5 are welcome to come to the Parish Center during the 9 AM Sunday Mass. This program is ongoing and free of charge. Hope you can join us!

A BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL PARISHIONERS!

There is still time to join the study of Matthew

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“Walking with Purpose”

Women’s Group & Catholic Bible Study

This summer, Thurs. Evenings only
ALL WOMEN WELCOME!
For more information or to register please call Kate or Joanne at the Parish Office.

KAIROS RETREAT—

WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS!!

Please consider committing to a specific 30 minute prayer time during one or more of the days of the retreat by completing the form to the right, cutting it out of the bulletin and bringing it to the Welcome Desk or to Mass next week. Use your first name only as they make these slips into a prayer chain for the men.

Thank you and God bless you!

Dinner ticket for a resident is available for $10.
Fill out the coupon below and return with your $10 to the Welcome Desk or the Parish Office. Thank you!

This meal provided by:

First Name:

City/State:

A new command I give you:
Love one another.
As I have loved you, so must you love one another.
John 13:34

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CAN YOU HELP??

There are many outreach opportunities to help those in need over the summer. From packing groceries, to making sandwiches and meatloaf, to serving food at Saint George’s Center. We also need your help keeping our pantry filled with non-perishable food items and pop top cans. Our homebound parishioners are in need of Caring Friends to get to a doctor or for a visit. Please call the Parish Office for more details and to sign up to help those in need.

Matthew 25:35
For I was hungry and you gave me to eat...

Here is an opportunity for 3 ways to help!

* Make a meatloaf on the first Thursday of each month and bring it to the parish office by 2 PM. Next drop off date is June 6th.

* Serve dinner to the hungry at St. Georges Center, 21 W. 22nd St. RB, on the first Thursday of each month (June 6th) - Team A and on the fourth Thursday of each month (June 27th) - Team B. Arrive at 5 PM, serve and cleanup, done by 6:30 PM! Please contact the parish office for more information.

SANDWICH MAKERS

We continue to feed people year round with our sandwich ministry. Please consider making sandwiches with us Mondays at 5 or bring your already-made sandwiches to the office Monday or Tuesday by 5 pm. Thank you for your consideration in this very important ministry.

YOUR DONATIONS ASSIST THE POOR IN MANY WAYS. THANK YOU FOR DROPPING YOUR DOLLAR BILLS AND LOOSE CHANGE IN THE POOR BOXES.

God bless you!

WE ARE IN GREAT NEED OF YOUR PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION TO BECOME A CARING FRIEND!!

Caring Friends help those parishioners who are homebound in various ways; such as: grocery shopping, drive to a doctor’s appointment, or just to visit while the caregiver runs a few errands. Please call the parish office at 561-626-1873.

Non perishable food including canned goods are always welcome and needed for our food pantry as we continue to feed those in need throughout the summer.

Suggestions for non - perishable food items include but are not limited to:
Chicken & tuna, beans, fruit & vegetables, ready to eat meals (microwavable), rice & rice meals, pasta & pasta meals, pasta sauce (no glass jars, please), mac-n-cheese, boxed crackers, granola bars, ready to eat cereal, oatmeal, jelly & peanut butter
If you are interested and would like to become a Columbiette, please call the parish office. Columbiette meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is Wed. June 19th at 7 PM in the All Saints Room. Refreshments begin at 6:30 PM.

Please join us as we embark on a Spiritual Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy Hosted by Fr. Tom Even if you have been to Italy before, you will experience a new spiritual journey!

NEW DATE!
September 24th - October 4th, 2019

*Flyers located in church and in the Parish Office*

*For more information, please contact
JoAnne McCormack 561-254-8934 or Gerri Augustine 561-310-3997

Home-town pickup to your local airport, for our bi-residential parishioners, is included. Financing is available.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

On June 8th & 9th the Diocese of Palm Beach will have a special collection for Black & Indian Missions and the Catholic Home Missions. Both collections give us an opportunity to support the missions in our country.

The Black & Indian Mission Collection exists to assist African American, Native American and Alaskan Native communities in their parishes and schools. Your generosity supports parish-based catechetical programs, helps educators reach students in remote villages, empowers ministries to sponsor events and formation that encourage living the Christian life in culturally appropriate ways and encourages vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

The funds supporting the Catholic Home Missions will benefit the numerous dioceses in the US that are not able to fund essential pastoral works in their communities. Currently, more than 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territories. Your donations support programs, such as religious education, seminary formation and lay ministry training, to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States.

To learn more about the Black & Indian Missions and the Catholic Home Missions, please visit our website www.DiocesePB.org. Together we can help strengthen the Church through your gifts and support.

With gratitude for your continued generosity and every prayerful wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito
Bishop of Palm Beach
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.

Major Matthew Farmer, Army
Capt. Michael Andrew Dytrych, Army
1st Lt. John F. Dowd, Army
Command Sgt. Maj James Dickens, Army
PFC P. S. Stephen Dickens, Army
1st Lt. John F. Dowd, Army
2nd Lt. Sam Dowd, Army
Capt. Michael Andrew Dytrych, Army
Hanah Eastwood
Major Matthew Farmer, Army

Denjay Addamas
Jan Anderson
Richard Michael Anderson
David Antonucci
George Arevalo
Carlos Aviado
Rose Baker
Frances Balducci
Austin Barnes
Clare Bellucci
Fred Bailey, Sr.
Peggy Black
Sara Blanco
Helen Bloodgood
James Boyer
Bill Cahill
Coralie Cahill
Richard Campbell
Ida Campisi
Rusty Canant
Sherrill Caprio
Mary Carroll
Ryland Carson
Henry Chenette
Bill Cherie
Cecilia J. Cheves
Patrice Chevick
Kimberly Chorniewy
Jeaninne Chosson
Wayne Clark
Rose Colombo
Kristin Snyder Costa
Don Crawford
Eileen Crowell
Lenny D’Agostino
Richard Dalessio
Tom Davidson

Rick De Blasio
Laura Deluca
Rita Dickson
Gina DiDonato
Kristina DiDonato
Rand Doane
Marie Donovan
JoAnn Dube
Robert Duncan
Sonia Durand
Richard Dzierzak
Will English
Alicia Erickson
Jane Faulkner
Joseph Fink
Patrick Fons
Lynette Foote
Mike Forte
Evelyn Frazier
Jack Frazier
James Gallagher
Anna Elias Galvez
Jose Galvez
Gail Ganzlin
Brittany Garcia
Ron Garay
Elena Gargano
Frank Giugliano
Karen Goodheart
Nancy Greene
Barbara Grimple
Carol Grusich
Sue Gunther
Linda Guevremont
Mary Ann Haggerty

Jeff Hale
Kari Hale
Patricia Halloran
Bob Harford
Katie and Kyle Hauser
Adam Hewko
Ed Hildrebrand
Thomas Hollandsworth
Karen Hopkins
Marin Horan
Nancy Hutchinson
Linda Hutton
Cathy Jacobs
Christine Jenkins
Billy Johnson
Nawal Kamel
Barbara Kaminski
John Keeler
Nancy Kelly
Peg Kelly
Michael Kenney
Louis Kertii, Jr.
Peter Kilkefer
Barbara King
Vincent Knass
Kenneth Knoten
Edna Koenig
Dan Lantone
Robert Larenfriere
Joseph Lamartina
JoAnn Lang
Rebecca Laughton
Michael Letcht, Sr.
Emma & Tommy Lewis
John Licari
Amelia Limongelli
John Lippert
Carol Lombardo
Michelle Lombardo
Sam Loria
Randy Lowe
Jim Lumba
Tom & Kathleen Lumbra
Neal Mackey
Lucille Mackin
Alisa Manfredonia
Sr. Joan Marconi
Barbara Marrero
Melissa Marshall
Shelly Martin
Christopher McCormack
Renee McCullough
Kathleen McDonald
Kelly McDowell
Bob McGlynn
Pat McCurry
Don McKinnon
Robert McNally
Arden Miller
Jacque Morrow
Andrew Moss
Jim Mir
Deborah Mulligan
Robert Mulligan
Rinaldo Munoz

Denise Murphy
Karen Murphy
Amal Nawal
Michael Nelson
Jana Norman
Mike O’Hagan
Glenda Lavin O’Leary
Kim Paradise
Kevin Parise
Aileen Parrott
Dr. Harry P. Pasquaal
Clare Pearce
Abbey Peeples
Jim Perrella
June Petrelo-Henig
Mike Piotrowski
Stephen Pomaro
Anthony Purma
Marta Purucker
Bob Quig
Donna Rawnsley
Lily Rojo-Sirico
Robert Rosch
George Saks
Rita Sanchez
Raffaea Santagata
Alys Saurusaitis
Ana Scappatore
Branden Schiralli
Scott Schweizer
Charles Sears
Zeke Seifel
Ray & John Seymour

June 2, 2019

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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...

Matthew Filimon
Lt. Col. Douglas Y. Finn, USMC
Lt. Col. Jennifer Formell
PFC Chase Forrest, Army
Scott Freudenthal, Army
Darrin Gabriel
Private Matthew Gainey
Lance Cpl Tyler Geary, USMC
LT Ruth Gaunt, Navy
Michael Gorczyński
Michael Gordon-Tenant, Army
PFC Thomas Greenia, Army
PFC Thomas Grodeska, Army
Capt. Matthew Guidone, Army
Capt. Thomas Harris, Army
Tech Sgt. Thomas M. Hennessey, Air Force
Lt. Col. Cornelius Hickey, USMC
Capt. Kristine Hochschwender
Lt. Tyler Hochschwender
Captain Steve Irving, 101 First Airborne
Sgt. Christian Maro Jakobsen, USMC
Capt. Mitchell Joslin, Army Ranger
Capt. Jeff Keating, Marines
2nd Lt. Andrew King, Army
Sgt. Emily A. Konkle, USMC

Major Karl Kuechenmeister, Army
Spencer Calvin McGuire
Maj. Jennifer Lammert-Rupp
Capt. Kelly Lammert, Air Force
Private Joseph LaSasso, Army
Master Sgt. Kyle Mack
SRA Jessica Maguire, Air Force
Daniel Malloy, USMC
Matthew March C.P.O. Navy
Ensigns James Mengo, Navy
Bryan Neumann
Fr. Tom O’Flanagan, Chaplain, USN
Chad Owens
Capt. A.J. Palumbo, Army
Staff Sgt. Derek D. Ramion, Marines
Capt. Nicholas Ramion, Marine
Capt. Nicholas Ramey, Army
Capt. Brian Roberts, Army
Maj. Andrew Rupp, Air Force
Lt. Col. Laura Sepeda
Robert Shand
Capt. Christine Stevens
Steve Stropp, Marines Special Ops
Capt. Patrick K. Thompson, Army
Joseph Vazquez, Navy
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.