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## Parish News

Advent marks the start of the Christmas season and the new year in the Church. It begins on the Sunday nearest November 30<sup>th</sup>, the feast day of St. Andrew the Apostle, and lasts four Sundays. The date it begins changes from year to year. As a result, so does the length of each Advent season. This year the first Sunday in Advent is December 1, 2019.

The word *advent*, from Latin, means “the coming.” It is a time of spiritual reflection. We look to experience penitential as well as cheerful anticipation.

An Advent wreath is made from green to symbolize continuous life and contains four candles -- three purple and one rose. Often a fifth candle (white) is added to the center of the wreath for lighting on Christmas Eve, in celebration of the birth of Jesus.

The progressive weekly lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord’s first coming in to the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.

### First Sunday of Advent: Hope

One purple candle is lit to symbolize Hope.

### Second Sunday: Peace

Two purple candles are lit - Hope & Peace

### Third Sunday (Gaudete Sunday): Joy

Two purple candles (Hope & Peace) and one rose is lit to symbolize Joy.

### Fourth Sunday: Love

All four candles are lit - Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

### Christmas Eve:

We light all four candles and add the fifth white candle which represents the light of Christ.



### Christmas Masses

#### Christmas Eve

Tuesday, Dec. 24th

Masses will be at 7:00pm.

#### Christmas Day

Wednesday, Dec. 25th

Mass will be at 10:00am





It was great to have parish member, Paul McNeill with us this past Veterans Day Weekend. Paul played the original Netherlands liberation music that we now know as Taps. The original version is magnificent and extended. It was very moving.



Father Mark, with the assistance of the YMS of R will be hosting a Cheeseburger in Paradise Party on Sunday, December 15, 2019 following our 10am Mass. Father assures us, these burgers will be among the best you've ever had! These massive, top of the line handmade perfectly seasoned, topped with cheese or bareback homemade delicious works of art by Angelo of Christina's Deli up on Maricamp Rd in Ocala will have you waking up the next morning craving another one! Plenty of fixings, sides, desert and soft beverages are all included in your \$15 donation. You may BYOB if you like. There are only 60 tickets that will be available for this event and the are going fast. Don't hesitate to get your ticket(s). Please see Father Mark for tickets. Checks should be made out to "St. Paul Parish" and please write "CBP" or "Cheese" or "Burger" or anything resembling the gathering. Our favorite keyboard player, Gnarley Charley will be performing some great Jimmy Buffet styled dance music. The dress code for church and the party that day is "tropical." The party ends when the last person leaves. If necessary, we will call Uber or get a ride home for any one that needs it.



The following evening, Monday, December 16th at 7pm, you're going to want to come back to church. Our beloved soloist, Clark Barrios will be performing a Christmas Concert in the church from 7pm until he's had it. Clark is a gifted and amazing singer that brought the house down last year. Clark is bringing a new Christmas repertoire to the evening and we hope you'll join us. Tickets are available now. Please see Father Mark after the weekend Masses for your ticket(s). The concert donation is only \$20, so order a few for your friends also.

Remember, we are a little church, so seating is limited, so make sure to get your tickets as soon as possible for they will sell out fast. Our parishioners will be among the first served when it comes to ordering ticket



## YMS of R Men's Group



The next YMS of R meeting will be held on Thursday, December 18th at 11:30pm in the social hall. A lunch will follow the meeting. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend. If you are new to the parish, this is a good opportunity for you to meet some of the men of our parish.

Our Friday Night Spaghetti Dinner has been a huge success and now we are in need of more volunteers. If this is something that you can help us out with, please see or contact Bob Canfield 352-454-8673 Even if you can only volunteer once a month it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!!

## St. Paul Choir

We have a fantastic, spirited choir here at St. Paul's, under the direction of Charley Stoykovich. Anyone interested in joining the choir can meet here at the church on Tuesdays at 4:00pm for practice.



## Ladies Adoration Society



Ribbons bought, trays arrived, wrapping paper ready. We now need as many bakers as we can get to bake cookies, lots of them to help us fill these beautiful trays. Baked cookies can be dropped off in the Social Hall on Saturday, December 21st between 9:00am and 10:00am, also Friday night at Spaghetti Dinner.

Cookie Tray Raffle Tickets are now on sale. The drawing will be December 21st. Father Mark will draw the winning tickets. Last year we had 24 winners of these huge delicious trays of cookies. The proceeds are used for the upkeep of our church Altar and Father Mark's vestments. Tickets will be sold in the Social Hall after all Masses and at the Friday night Spaghetti Dinners. Tickets are 1 for \$2.00, 3 for \$5.00 and **15 for \$10.00. (That's how you win!).**



Retreat 2020 completely sold out. A reminder that Retreat money is due December 1st. Please make checks payable to: **St. Paul ANS**. Our fundraising goes to support Fr. Mark's vestments and all linens and vessels for the Altar.

On behalf of our Adoration Society, we thank you for your never-ending support and wish you Christ's choicest blessings and a joyful and Happy Christmas Season.

In His service,  
*Dori Canfield, President*  
*The Adoration Society*







Father Mark's bible study class meets every Thursday morning at 10:00am here at St. Paul's social hall. This ongoing class is for everyone interested in finding out more about their faith. Father Mark brings us many pearls of Scripture each week and whether you are a first time bible reader or an astute learned scriptural connoisseur, there's something special in the Word of God for everyone. Right now we are studying the book of Revelation. You are encouraged to bring a friend.



## Birthdays

- 5th** Judy Mierzwiak  
**6th** Norma Pais  
**7th** Brian Clark  
**8th** Deb Williams  
**10th** Bette McGuire  
 Louise Waszak  
**11th** Vic Dunphy  
**13th** Harry Moebs  
 Debbie Niznik  
**17th** Carol Matla  
**19th** Lydia Kowalski Cane  
**22nd** Mary-Ellen Rezzonico  
**27th** Frances Salzman  
**31st** Kathy Lazenby  
 Ron Mierzwiak



## Anniversaries

- 1st** John & Pat Kirby  
**5th** Bob & Mary-Ellen Rezzonico  
**21st** Jack & Diane Adinolfi  
**28th** Ben & Dorothy Boogaard  
**30th** Louis & Irene Torresin

\* Members: if your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please inform Debbie Niznik.

## Special Offering Envelopes



For December, there is an envelope entitled: *Christmas Decorations*. This is used for the poinsettias and other decorations for the Christmas Season.

The month of December is designated for the *Seminary Fund*. Parish members can donate to this fund by using their Seminary Fund envelope. Also, if you are not a member and would like to donate to this fund, please use a Love Offering envelope found in the church pews and mark it "*Seminary Fund*". This fund is used to help promote vocations and assist seminarians in their formation to the diaconate and priesthood. Thank you for your considerations.

## Golf League



Our church golf league meets each Tuesday of every month at 8:30am at Spruce Creek Del Webb in Summerfield. Golfers are paired into groups of 4 players in scramble format. If any men or women are interested in joining our fun league, please contact Susan Hilt at 352-307-2129. Bring your friends. All are welcome. Sign up sheets will be posted in the social hall.



## Backpack Program

Our mainstay charitable program provides local homeless school children with personal care/hygiene items all year round. Please drop off items anytime on the rectory porch or at church on Sundays in the bins at the back of the church.



## Offering Envelopes

The 2020 Offering Envelopes will be available around the middle of December.

## Spaghetti Dinners



Come and bring your friends to our weekly all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinners on Fridays from 4:00-7:00pm. Dinners include salad, roll & butter, and your choice of a free beverage - either coffee, iced tea, or lemonade. Adults are just \$6.00 and Children 12yrs and younger are FREE. There are also homemade desserts from our Ladies ANS Society for only \$1.00 each. If you are bringing a large group, please contact Bob Canfield at 352-454-8673. Please let him know how many are in your party and what time you will arrive, and he will reserve your table(s) for you.



## YMS of R Raffle



Raffle tickets are now available for the YMS of R Annual Raffle. Tickets are a donation of \$10 each and the drawing will be in the month of March 2020. The tickets are based on the daily numbers lottery, so there will be a winner everyday in the month of March. For tickets and more information, please see Deacon Angelo.

## Words for Thought

*For to us a child is born, to us  
a son is given, and the government  
will be on his shoulders.*

*And he will be called Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace.*

**Isaiah 9:6 NIV**



St. Paul Parish member, Lydia Kowalski Cane would like to thank everyone who donated new and barely used stuffed animals in the last few months. Lydia distributed the stuffed animals to Valda Niznik's school, Beverly Shores Elementary, Tacachale Center, Salvation Army, Hospice and the Sheriff's Department.

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