

SEPTEMBER 2021



**Fr. Paul MacNeil**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

As we celebrate this year of St. Joseph we give profound thanks to God for the role of St. Joseph, husband of Mary, and patron of our Universal Catholic Church. Our parish has been formally consecrated to the Holy Family by an initiative of the Knights of Columbus back in 2017. And during this year on both feastdays of March 19 and May 1 we celebrated Solemn Masses in St.

Joseph's honor where many of our parishioners individually consecrated themselves to him and called upon him for his personal intercession and protection.

St. Joseph was a man of faith, courage, loyalty and perseverance. He completely trusted in God's providence in his life and the life of his beloved family. He was a carpenter and hard worker, not only providing for his family by the sweat of his brow making products fashioned from wood, but even more importantly, by being a builder of God's Kingdom. St. Joseph the worker, the builder and the protector, has generously interceded in our parish these past months during this troubling pandemic. After celebrating two novenas in honor of St. Joseph in our parish, it is very clear to me that he and the Holy Family have been blessing our parish family here at Precious Blood of Christ with many graces and much hope.

For the first time in parish history we have reached the 1200 family mark. Growth has been taking place and new parishioners have consciously chosen our parish as their church home. This summer we had two special gatherings including Mass and breakfast to welcome many of them into our faith family. St. Joseph the Worker has also interceded for us in finishing the renovation work at Fr. Pat's Lunch Kitchen. We will reopen and bless this renewed space during the month of September and we are all very excited to return to inside dining for our patrons. After a pandemic hiatus, our youth ministry is back in full operation with our new Youth Director, Marc D'Angelo, leading the way. Lots of new initiatives and plans are underway. Also encouraging is the participation of parishioners back in ministry and annual parish events and activities returning to their proper place. St. Joseph has helped all of us during this special year. Let us continue to thank God for St. Joseph's presence in our lives and in our beloved Catholic Church.

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Ite Ad Joseph,

*Fr. Paul*

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## Parish Info

### Library

Do you know that our parish has its own library? During the renovation of the PLC Office Space, the library was moved to a new, more comfortable location in the office suite. It is available whenever the Office is open to the public.

The library materials are arranged according to the Dewey Decimal System (used by most public libraries) with some modifications suggested by the Catholic Library Association. We have signs and markers to assist you in finding specific subjects.

Our collection includes dictionaries and commentaries on Scripture and several approved translations of the Sacred Scriptures. There are numerous books on the Blessed Mother and the Saints. Several copies of The Official Catechism of the Church are also available. Recent Encyclicals and statements from the Conference of Bishops are also available. All of these doctrinal materials have been officially approved by the Church and bear the Imprimatur and Nihilism Obstat.



The publications of many Catholic publishing houses (Orbis, from Maryknoll; Ave Maria Press, from University of Notre Dame; and Liturgical Press, from St. John's University) provide valuable insights and guidance on liturgy, the sacraments, public and private prayer, and the role and responsibilities of Catholic laity.

More good news: there are NO due dates or overdue fines. Keep the materials as long as you need them. If another parishioner wants it, we know how to reach you!

The library is staffed by volunteers with the assistance of the PBOC office staff. Many thanks to our Librarian, Ellen Richardson, for assisting with the move and managing our library!

Our **Parish Feast Day**, The Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ, was celebrated on June 6, and parishioners were invited to "write a letter to our parish". Sharon Roberts, Stewardship Chair at that time, created an album for the letters, which is in the parish office. We will feature some of these letters in future editions of our newsletter. Here is our first...

This is our parish's 35th anniversary! If anyone would like to add a letter to our album, please do so! Send it to the parish office.

Dear PBOC,  
 I have loved this Church since the beginning. It started with Father Bench who was my spiritual mentor. I immediately got involved first as an EM, then a CCD teacher. God has blessed me by building PBOC behind my house. I love the Lord with all my heart and all the priests here have guided me. I especially am enjoyed over my father as a newest pastor, Father Paul. He is truly the Good Shepherd.  
 Sincerely & Blessings,  
 Nancy Szarowicz

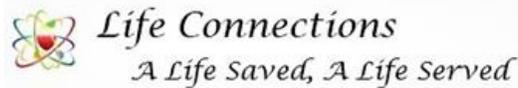
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# Respect Life

Since the last edition of Precious Word, Respect Life Ministry has welcomed five new members: Madeline Epstein, Mike and Ann Butryn, Dave and Grace Targonski.



On the first Sunday of each month, the Rosary for the Unborn is prayed following the 10:30 Mass. The rosary is prayed in the sanctuary before the Blessed Mother or at the Monument for the Unborn, weather permitting. All are welcome.



Life Connections is a new project for Respect Life. The mission of Life Connections is to provide spiritual and material support to women facing crisis or unplanned pregnancies. Within our communities there are women who choose life for their unborn babies, but are often unable to provide the material necessities required to care for their children. It is at this point that our help is needed. Healthy Families Georgetown will identify Moms in need and act as a liaison for Life Connections. First and foremost, we ask you to pray for our Moms and their children. Ask God to give them the strength and support they need and secondly, for us to be a supportive community for them.



On the weekend of May 22 & 23, Respect Life sponsored a very successful Stuff the Bus Diaper Drive for Birthright of Georgetown. Thanks to PBOC generosity, we collected 280 packages of diapers, 140 packages of baby wipes, 11 baby blankets, 10 handmade Teddy Bears and \$1,000.



Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, PBOC began a spiritual adoption program on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Our PBOC parish family has the opportunity to “spiritually” adopt a child who is newly conceived and to pray for their unborn child and for all unborn child. Monthly reports describing your baby’s development and birth are in the PBOC bulletin.

Our prayers **CAN** make a difference between whether a baby will be born ... or aborted. Spiritual Adoption prayer cards are available in the Narthex. Please share the love of life given to you by the Lord of all life and join in spiritually adopting a baby.

**40 Days for Life** is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God’s power through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil in order to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, and bring an end to abortion. The fall campaign begins on Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> and ends on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please check the **RESPECT LIFE** section in upcoming bulletins for how you can participate in the 40 Days for Life campaign at PBOC.

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# Women's Club



The Executive Board is hard at work getting the Women's Club back to normal as soon as possible. We are all looking forward to "life after Covid".

Our August "**Let's Par-Tea**" on August 29<sup>th</sup> was a great event where we were reunited with old friends and our new members of our parish got to learn more about the workings of our club.

Our **Mission Statement** continues to reflect our club. "To develop the interest of women in the welfare of their community, to unite their efforts for the promotion of and participation in religious, social and civic activities, and to perform fund raising for the benefit of the parish and community."

Our "**Mum Sale**" was a success! Watch for our Amaryllis Sale!

Our 1<sup>st</sup> **General Meeting** of our new membership year of 2021/2022 kicked off on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> in the PLC at 11:00 AM. Our meetings are usually held on the first Thursday of the month... the next one is October 7<sup>th</sup>. For our potential/new members, please try to arrive by 10:30 AM to sign-in for various worthwhile events to volunteer for within our club.



A note to our members, parishioners and the community... our **2021 Arts and Crafts Festival** returns this year! Mark your calendars for Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our vendors are returning with their many crafts. The Women's Club will be offering an array of books, CD's and puzzles, great prepared food to take home and warm up, and delicious baked goods to satisfy your sweet tooth. You can enjoy breakfast to fuel your day of shopping or relax while you lunch at our Women's Club Café. We look forward to seeing y'all at the festival. So, ready, set go!



Women's Club planning meetings for the Arts & Crafts Festival and the Fashion Show



Let's Par-Tea! Membership Tea



# Precious Hands

## Precious Hands

*featuring precious people volunteering for our parish*

### SABRINA LAMPE - Father Pat's Kitchen

#### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE MINISTRY FOR WHICH YOU VOLUNTEER?

To provide outreach assistance to people in the Pawleys Island community through serving meals and food items for take home to meet basic needs.

#### WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BEING PART OF THIS MINISTRY?

I love the personal contact with the people who come to dine at the Kitchen. They are always so happy and appreciative of the good food and friendly service they receive. It is great to see the people gather with friends and family and enjoy the fellowship with each other and the volunteers.

#### TELL US ABOUT WHAT YOU DO FOR THIS MINISTRY?

I began volunteering at the Kitchen in 2011 and quickly took on a leadership role of training and scheduling volunteers, helping with food distribution, cleaning the Kitchen and maintaining guidelines with DHEC. This ministry has grown so much that many others have helped by assisting in many areas such as scheduling and leading volunteers.



#### HOW CAN OTHERS BECOME MEMBERS?

FPK is always happy to welcome new volunteers and is always in need of many hands to cook, serve and clean—anyone can help! Contact the parish office or Linda Cherry about volunteering.

#### TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF?

My husband Jim and I have been parishioners full time since 2010 and we love our PBOC family. We have three children and two grandchildren.

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**Fellowship**

**1 John 1:3.** “that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.”

The Oxford dictionary defines fellowship as “a feeling of friendship between people who do things together or share an interest.” As members of PBOC we share a friendship with one another and we share an” interest”, our relationship with Jesus Christ. He is at the center of all our good works and parish activities. We invite you to deepen that friendship and enhance your relationship with Jesus by participating in the Fellowship events and activities that are coming up in the next year.

On August 15 Fr. Paul blessed the backpacks of the school children who brought them to 10:30 Mass, and the social following the Mass celebrated the success of the Back Pack Drive, coordinated by Families in Faith. Thank you to all parishioners who participated.

We are already planning for the annual **Parish Picnic. It will be held this year on Sunday, October 17** after the 10:30 Mass. We hope you will attend and also lend us your time and talent to make it a success. Watch the bulletin for more info. In the coming months, there will be receptions to recognize our religious ed teachers, to celebrate Confirmandi and First Communicants, to welcome Catechumens into the Church, and to wish Fr. Paul and Fr. Pat Happy Birthday. In March we will all be Irish for the day at the St. Patrick’s Dinner Dance. The final event is our Parish Feast Day, June 19. We will need helping hands for all of these events.

The Fellowship Ministry includes the Bereavement Support Group, Repast and Families in Faith.

If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, we would be delighted to hear from you.

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**Fellowship after the Blessing of Backpacks**



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# Knights of Columbus

## We Are Back



In the last issue of "Precious Word" our Former Grand Knight, John Martin, talked about the old cliché "when life gives you lemons make lemonade." In his last paragraph he wrote "we hope and pray we get out of this lemon shower." With the start of our 2021-2022 Fraternal year our Council is out of the lemon shower.

The Knights and PBOC parishioners are back at the old Pelican's ballpark working the Windy City Wiener stand. Our 30-game stand over the summer months is one of our largest fund-raisers for the past nine years. Some of the charities that this fundraiser benefits are Coats for Kids and Birth Right for Georgetown. Plus, we have started Columbus Hope at the new Food Lion and at Wal-Mart in Georgetown. Thanks to the leadership of Al Carline.

In July we had our first 4th of July celebration in two years. The Pawleys Island Brass orchestra played patriotic music to celebrate the birth of our great country. We also had our installation of New Officers Mass for Council 11028 in the Church with Father Pat and Deacon Mike presiding. The Mass was attended by Knights, families, and friends.



In August we had our first New Exemplification Ceremony. We had three new Catholic Gentlemen to receive full Knighthood, and we had other 1st and 2nd degree Knights to receive full Knighthood. The Ceremony was put together by our Degree Director SK Bill Sturgeon and Membership Director SK Ray Farkas.

The Knights plan to have many more actives in the coming months and in 2022. They will be posted in the PBOCC weekly Bulletin. As Former Grand Knight John Martin said "May God continue to bless all the efforts of Council 11028 and the people of PBOC Parish."

Robbie Crompton Grand Knight  
Council 11028

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## Evangelization

### “Ora et labora” ... Pray and Work

We are blessed to have a Cistercian “Trappist” monastery 90 minutes away, Mepkin Abbey. One can stroll the lovely gardens, attend prayer vigils with the monks throughout the day, and find magnificent items for sale in their gift shop. An easy day trip from Pawleys Island and well worth the time invested.

Another Cistercian monastery one hour from Louisville KY, The Abbey of Gethsemani, was where famous author and Trappist monk Thomas Merton resided. There is much wisdom for us lay people to glean from reading, visiting, and pondering the rich and deep truths that come to us from this Catholic order founded in 1098. All the photos shared in this article were taken on a recent visit there.



Walking the grounds at Gethsemani affords an opportunity to take in the vastness of the surrounding farmland, wooded areas, and man-made lakes. Merton in addition to being a gifted author was also a “contemplative photographer”. Many of his photos are taken from the grounds of Gethsemani during the four seasons that he experienced. The above photo captures the chapel and retreat area. When approaching the chapel there is a gateway to the right that separates the private monastery grounds from the public areas. The message is efficient and expedient.

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## Evangelization continued

**Prayer Schedule:**

Vigils: 4:00 AM – 4:40 AM

Lauds: 6:30-7 AM

Mass: 7:30-8:15 AM

Mid-Day Prayer: 12-12:10 PM

Vespers: 6-6:30 PM

Compline: 7:35-8:00 PM

**Sundays** – same, except no Terce:

Mass: 10:00 AM

Vespers & Benediction: 5-6 PM

In addition to the formal gathering times above, Lectio Divina is encouraged between vigils and lauds, this is a time of sacred reading of scripture, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's word.

For lay people with exceedingly busy schedules chock full of activity and noise pulling us in multiple directions this concept of slowing down, providing space for silence, and wasting time with God can seem unnerving and unnatural. Considering their prayer life, the monks can be seen as Olympic athletes and we just simple people trying to garner the energy to get from point A to point B. Is God calling us to deeper union with Him? How are things going for us? Are we in good relations with others or is there opportunity to bring charity and more of God's love to others? A good test of our prayer life is to ponder how fully alive the fruits of the Holy Spirit are in us: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control. If we find ourselves lacking in any of these fruits perhaps God is inviting us to come back to Him, the fount of all grace. To re-set our lives and to refocus on the present moment for that is where God is and where we meet Him in others.



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**Prayer & Worship**

**Remembering 9/11 — 20th Anniversary**

PBOC celebrated a special remembrance for the victims and first responders of the four U.S. terrorist attacks on 9-11-2001 at the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, September 11. Active and retired police, firefighters, EMT's and military were invited to attend the Mass. Patriotic hymns, special wreath presentation (pictured below), and the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard added to this beautiful "Never Forget" ceremony.



**Youth Ministry**



We hosted a Labor Day Car Wash Fundraiser and raised \$950! The money raised will go towards the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) taking place in Indianapolis November 17-21. Our group is very excited to have the opportunity to go and please keep us in your prayers as we travel and embrace this opportunity to grow our faith. We plan to host more fundraisers such as a bake sale in the near future. We will be praying for the entire parish and your families.

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## Youth Ministry continued



Eight of us attended a week long retreat in Tiger, GA the first week of August. The theme of the week was, "New Fire" of the Holy Spirit. We certainly all experienced a profound presence of the Holy Spirit as well as healing through the sacraments of the Eucharist (daily mass) and daily confessions. Some of the highlights include, nightly adoration with 250 teens, notable speakers, small group sessions, waterfall hike, obstacle course/robe course and "family dinners". We ventured down to GA with a couple more churches in the Diocese of Charleston and formed great relationships and lifelong friendships. We plan to do more worship and events together this upcoming year.

One of our youth, Si Bodie's experience at Camp Covecrest:

How would I describe my experience at Camp Covecrest? Absolutely extraordinary and much needed. Being able to get away from my regular routine and just focus on God 24/7 is a blessing that I had never experienced before. Being in the presence of youth that are willing and longing to be filled with the Holy Spirit helped me to find God in that short time at camp. In the two times we had adoration, my love for God was fulfilled; the music, everyone around you just giving themselves up for God and his love, and being able to be with God in his presence and ask what he wanted for me. Going to mass every day, making new friends that long for the Holy Spirit, and feeling free to be the true person that God wants me to be are all parts of Covecrest that made me want to stay and never leave. When I was there, I felt like I was home.



Our High Schooler's met at Parlor Donuts, the new local donut and coffee shop for early bird scripture talk the first week school started. As the school year begins, it is important to remain in prayer with one another despite the increase of busy academic and sport's schedules. We will be meeting once a week outside of Sunday gatherings so we all keep each other accountable in our faith journey as well as grow our group's friendship with one another. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."- MATTHEW 18:20.

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**Outreach**

Outreach includes 14 sub ministries focused on providing opportunities for us, as disciples of Jesus, to perform the corporal works of mercy and provide fundamental rights of freedom, food, housing, health care, a living wage, education and family and community relationships. These sub ministries are: Adult Literacy Coaches, Baskervill Food Pantry, Birthright of Georgetown, Christmas Angel Tree, Elder Issues, Fr Pat's Kitchen, Fresh Xpress Farmers Market, Our Gift Shop, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Neighbor to Neighbor (Transportation), Precious Meals Food Drives and Delivery, Respect Life, Teach My People, Social Services, and Ecumenical and Legislative Issues. The time commitment for each sub ministry varies and you/ your family always determine the extent of your time, talent and treasure commitment. As we return to "normal" some sub ministries are continuing , some are restarting (Neighbor to Neighbor, Adult Literacy Coaches) , or some are remaining on hiatus (Meals on Wheels), Our sub ministry chairs and their teams are excited to welcome new team members. Contact the Parish Office if interested in more information.  
Outreach Ministries Chair, Mary Anne Fox

**Precious Meals Food Drive**

As coordinators for our Parish Food Drives, we oversee the acquisition and distribution of food to 80 needy families in Pawleys Island at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. The Parish will be resuming our Holiday Food Drives before the Thanksgiving holiday. As in the past, approximately 600 bags will be handed out (November 6/7) with tags indicating a specific product to be purchased and brought back the following weekend. This year, in an effort to streamline collection of these bags as they are returned, we will be implementing a change in the drop-off location. We ask that you drop off your bag at the entrance to the PLC instead of at the Church before each Mass. Signs will direct you accordingly. Please follow these signs, and drop off your bag before parking for Mass.

As in the past, the success of this program relies on Parish participation. As many of you have seen firsthand, helping out with this program is a very humbling experience. Your help will be needed whether it is bag handling, food unpacking and sorting, or delivering personally to area families.

If you can give us a little time, we need help with unloading before any of the Masses (Nov 13/14). Also, during the Masses, all bags need to be unpacked, sorted, and divided among the 80 families. Saturday morning, Nov 20th at 9:00 AM, bags are personally delivered to local families. The more volunteers we have, the faster the process goes. "Many hands make light work."

Thank you in advance for your participation in this wonderful Parish Ministry. If you would like to be added to our volunteer list or would like more information, please reach out to us (Kathy & John Morris, [jkmorris.mail@gmail.com](mailto:jkmorris.mail@gmail.com) , 973-229-3452)

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## Outreach continued



## Father Pat's Kitchen

### Still serving meals - in a socially-distanced-safe environment



If becoming “unemployed” from a Volunteer Job were a real thing, we would report that we have over 100 “unemployed volunteers” at Father Pat’s Kitchen. All of the volunteers are anxious to get back to the routine of setting up, preparing the food, serving our guests and even cleaning up after, but we all understand the need to protect the safety and health of all.

We are still able to continue this Outreach Ministry, through the cooperation of two area restaurants (Pawleys Island Bakery and Deborah G’s Catering) as well as the generous donations that have come in from parishioners and in memory of loved ones, to Father Pat’s Kitchen.

Although we are not there in person, over the past 2 months we have still been providing food on Wednesday and Thursday here at Precious Blood, as a **PBOC Drive-Through Pick-Up Service**. For a few weeks we provided lunches on Wednesday and Dinners on Sunday. Evaluating the needs of those who came for pick-up, we then changed to lunches on Wednesday and Thursday. Steadily, we have distributed 100 or so lunches each of those days, each week.

Not only are we continuing with the food, but the friendly interaction between the guests, the restaurant employees and parish staff as the cars roll up, is a bright spot in everyone’s day. Some days we have boxes of fruits or vegetables to also hand out. On Mother’s Day, every lady who came through received a carnation and sprig of baby’s breath from Deborah G., herself. Some of the gentlemen guests also took carnations, in memory of one of their loved ones.

We are happy that we will continue this drive-through service as long as needed, until we can recall our “unemployed volunteers” back to service. They have been patient, caring and understanding as have all of our neighbors/guests.

Good news for the future also includes the fact that ground-breaking for a new kitchen and renovations to Founders Hall, will begin in early October! The total renovations will take approximately 3 months, so the kitchen will be closed until that is all completed. It has been perfect timing, with the present situation, so that we do not have to close again after we open. The Bicentennial Campaign provided the funding for this important change and we are happy to have that moving forward. God has been good to us, again, in this strange time in our lives.

Linda Cherry 🍒

FPLK Volunteer Scheduler

**PRECIOUS WORD****Outreach** continued**Baskervill Food Pantry**

Baskervill Food Pantry serves the parish by picking up food donations weekly such as pasta and sauce from parishioner donations left in the Church narthex, and transporting them to the Baskervill Food Pantry. We are in need of volunteers to take over this service as we are anticipating a move in the very near future. Currently the pick up and delivery is done on Thursday mornings. Please contact Ron and Beth Blankenstein at [beth.ronb@gmail.com](mailto:beth.ronb@gmail.com) to volunteer. Thank you!

**Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N)**

Neighbor to Neighbor began in 2005. It is a United Way Community Partner, with the acronym RIDES (R=Respect, I=Integrity, D=Dignity, E=Excellence, S=Service to society). N2N works to make sure seniors and vulnerable neighbors are able to live independent lives with respect. When adults are not able to drive they can become prisoners in their own homes. N2N matches local drivers (volunteers) with local neighbors to provide a free ride often with much needed conversation to doctor appointments, pharmacies for meds, banks for drive thru deposits, grocery store, hair salon/barber, connect with a local support group and/or visit a senior center. Presently, N2N is looking for volunteers. Volunteers must be 18 years old with a valid driver's license and car insurance, pass background and driving checks, and attend training. There are several training opportunities in September and going forward. Once trained, you self-schedule your rides; volunteers are expected to provide three rides a month. If interested, contact their Marketing Manager, Lisa Spengler at [lisa.spengler@riden2n.org](mailto:lisa.spengler@riden2n.org) or check out their Facebook page. Another N2N resource is [Jason.walter@riden2n.org](mailto:Jason.walter@riden2n.org).

Submitted by PBOC Outreach Transportation Ministry Chair, Suzanne S. Harris

**Stewardship****Parish Newcomer's Breakfast**

Over the time of Covid 88 families joined our parish and we welcomed them with two special Masses followed by breakfast in our Parish Life Center.

We currently have over 1200 families in our parish.



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# Religious Education

## Children's Liturgy of the Word



PBOC began offering a NEW liturgy for our littlest parishioners, Children's Liturgy of the Word in January, 2018 during 10:30 Mass. While we could not meet for the past year because of Covid, we will begin Children's Liturgy on Sunday, September 12. Parishioner Tee Fattaleh as Prayer Leader, and other volunteers, will accompany our littlest parishioners, ages 2-6 on their faith journey. Children are called forward just before the Liturgy of the Word begins, are given a blessing and dismissed to go to a meeting room in the Church for Children's Liturgy. They return to their families after the Offertory.

The primary purpose of dismissing children from the Mass for the Liturgy of the Word is to provide them with a focused environment where they are more likely to become active listeners and responders to God's Word. It is not daycare, but a liturgical experience including songs, prayers and an age-appropriate explanation of the Gospel that encourages young people to hear and respond to God's word.

If you are interested in helping with this special ministry, please contact Tee Fattaleh at 304-654-2911 or email [tfattaleh@gmail.com](mailto:tfattaleh@gmail.com).

## Open House

The new Religious Education school year began with an Open House for all students in grade K4-grade 8 and their parents on Sunday, September 12 in the Parish Life Center. Families were greeted by Fr. Paul and had an opportunity to meet the teachers and learn more about the Religious Education program. Our catechists for the 21-22 school year are Tee Fattaleh, Celeste Reid, Jodi Ryba, Amy Kitowicz, Catherine Eirvin, Jennifer Sexton, Grace Targonski, Leonora Montella, and Karyn Congdon and Marc D'Angelo. Please pray for these catechists as they share their faith with our littlest parishioners!



Vacation Bible School in August with prayer, water slide and ice cream!

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the  
Date



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to schedule your  
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**Upcoming Presentations**

**Mark your calendars** for the following presentations that will take place in October in the PLC. More information will follow in the Weekly Bulletins prior to the events. A light supper will be served before each presentation, and we will be asking for RSVPs for planning purposes.

**Wednesday, October 13 - 5:00 PM**  
**Tidelands Health presents 'Where We Are With Covid'**

**Wednesday, October 27 - 5:00 PM**  
**Medicare Enrollment Center - Untangling Medicare  
and Your Options**

**WOMEN'S CLUB  
32<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL**

**October 22, 2021, Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**  
**October 23, 2021, Saturday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**  
**Parish Life Center - Inside/Outside**

**Upcoming Special Masses**

**All Saints Day** - November 1 - 8:30 AM (Not a holyday of obligation this year)

**All Souls Day** - November 2  
Masses: 8:30 AM, 12:00 PM at Columbarium,  
6:00 PM with candle ceremony for this year's deceased

**Mass for Deceased Spouses** - November 9, 8:30 AM

**Mass for Deceased Children** - November 12, 8:30 AM

**Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass** - November 18, 6:00 PM

**Thanksgiving Mass** - November 25, 10:00 AM

**Immaculate Conception** - Holyday of Obligation - December 8  
Masses: 6:00 PM vigil (Dec. 7), 8:30 AM, 6:00 PM