

SEPTEMBER 2022



**Fr. Paul MacNeil**

## Loving Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

The US Bishops have called for a national Eucharistic Revival which began on our parish feast day of Corpus Christi this year and will conclude in three years time in Indianapolis with a national Eucharistic Congress for all Catholics.

What does this revival look like in daily life? Consider Blessed Carlos Acutis. After receiving his First Holy Communion at the age of seven, Carlo began to receive the Eucharist daily. By all other accounts, he was a completely regular kid. He liked soccer and video games. But people noticed his

devotion. His own mother says, "Carlo was a very devout soul, even when he was very young... having this son who insistently asked me questions about the Faith forced me to reflect. That was the reason why I drew closer to the Church."

Carlo knew the Eucharist had an incredible power. He once wrote, "When we face the sun, we get a tan... but when we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist, we become saints." At eleven years old, Carlo began to catalog on a website the world's Eucharistic miracles. His love of the Eucharist led him to research 136 miracles connected to the Eucharist, which he included in his virtual museum.

What if we loved the Eucharist the way Carlo Acutis did? What if our hearts and minds were captured by the Eucharist? What if we tried to do everything in our power to tell others about the incredible gift Our Lord left us in the Blessed Sacrament?

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During the month of September we will be completing and opening a new chapel dedicated to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. I will keep you posted as to when it will be completed. I encourage you to sign up and spend some time before the Lord in His real and true presence. Our hour weekly in prayer before the Lord Jesus will profoundly enhance our spiritual lives and as Carlo said, help us become saints.

Your brother in Jesus Christ,

*Fr. Paul*

Pastor

Please visit: [Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition](#)

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### Respect Life



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



The **Monument to the Unborn and Deceased Children** is getting a facelift. A concrete sidewalk with lighting has been installed and a bridge has been built to allow for easy access over the gully. Pavers have been installed and benches have been ordered to provide seating for anyone wishing to pray at the monument. New landscaping and sprinkler system have been installed.



**Life Connections**

*A Life Saved, A Life Served*

**Life Connections** provides spiritual and material support to women facing crisis or unplanned pregnancies.

Through our Respect Life Committee, Life Connections has “adopted” our second mother who delivered her baby girl on June 20<sup>th</sup>. A car seat/stroller combo, pack n’ play, baby bouncer, bathtub, breast pump, clothing and other baby necessities from our Mom’s wish list were provided. We hope to continue to bless women referred by Healthy Families Georgetown who need support providing basic necessities for their newborn babies.

With the recent Supreme Court ruling on Dobbs vs. Jackson Women’s Health Organization our need and responsibility to support pregnant women and their children is even greater. Brochures and information about resources available to pregnant women have been placed in racks in the narthex and in Father Pat’s kitchen.



The Respect Life Committee continues to participate in the **40 Days for Life** campaigns. Ten people traveled to the Charleston Planned Parenthood facility on March 25 to pray silently outside the fence. On April 10 a group stood in solidarity along

Waverly Road to offer a silent witness to the pro-life movement. Another trip to Charleston Planned Parenthood is planned for the 40 Days for Life fall campaign. The date will be announced in the church bulletin.

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Respect Life Committee provided a simple supper in Founders Hall on Friday, April 1 followed by Stations of the Cross in the church.



Our second Stuff the Bus event on May 15 was very successful. Parishioners stuffed our PBOC bus with diapers and wipes delivered to Birthright of Georgetown along with monetary donations.

Dr. Kathi Aultman, former abortionist and now staunch defender of the unborn, was a guest speaker at PBOC on July 14. Dr. Aultman spoke about the events in her life that brought her to the decision to protect the lives of innocent babies rather than ending them. Dr. Aultman's testimony was both heartfelt and informative and offered a message of forgiveness and hope most especially for anyone involved with abortion. Laura Boronski, a local singer/songwriter, performed her song Rock-A-Bye and sang the Serenity Prayer. Her beautiful voice and music were enjoyed by all who attended. The Holy City Mobile Pregnancy Center was parked in front of the church and available for tours during this event.



**Beautiful photo of God's light shining on our tabernacle.**



**Our precious ducks!**



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## Women's Club



### Greetings from the Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Women's Club

#### Membership Tea

On August 29, our Parish Life Center was transformed into a beautiful garden for our annual Welcome Tea. The theme for this year's tea was "A Friendship Garden Tea." In attendance were current members of the Women's Club and seven new members. Father Patrick Stenson offered our blessing, kind words about the Women's Club and graced us with an Irish Blessing. Deacon Michael Appel was also in attendance. We are so grateful when our clergy are able to come to our events. Many thanks to Nancy Crosbie, Jeanne Rosol, Yvonne Chadwick, Suzanne Harris and our many volunteers for their endeavors to make this event so wonderful in every way.

We welcome all ladies of the parish to join our club. If interested, contact:  
Pat Farkas, President 301-704-1287 or  
Membership Chairs:  
Peggy Devivo 843-340-1727  
Carole Kaczynski 843-651-3966

Pat Farkas  
President - 2022/2023



A Friendship Garden Tea

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## Evangelization

### Intellectual Converts

"The Journey Home" 8:00 p.m. Monday on EWTN is an excellent program featuring conversion stories. Recently the host, Marcus Grodi, interviewed R.J. Snell - Editor-in-Chief of Public Discourse and Director of the Center on the University and Intellectual Life at the Witherspoon Institute. It was a captivating discussion about R.J.'s conversion to Catholicism. At the end of the interview R.J. mentioned a book he wrote with Princeton professor Robert P. George called: *Mind, Heart, & Soul Intellectuals and the Path to Rome*; featuring eighteen conversion stories of diverse and high academic backgrounds. St. Augustine said "the greatest distance is from the head to the heart." These folks used their God gifted "brains" (which can block the ability to hear with the ears of the heart) and found themselves joining the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. "For some, no one period or figure stands out as much as the entire "symphony" of truth found in the Catholic traditions of music, poetry, art, theology, literature, and moral philosophy."

#### **Ch. 1 Bishop James D. Conley (Bishop in Lincoln NE)**

John Henry Neman's distinction between "notional assent" and "real assent" to the truth; how our apprehension of knowledge must go beyond the head (notional) to the heart (real); we must make it our own... God gave us minds - intellects - for the sake of pursuing the knowledge of truth... We are obligated to form our consciences correctly. As Catholics, that means forming our consciences in light of the teaching of the magisterium of the Church.

#### **Ch. 2 Sister Prudence Allen, RSM (PhD Philosophy from Claremont Graduate School)**

When I studied the issues more thoroughly, I came to realize the great depth of teaching of the Church... The wounds of the Church open up to the world the great source of healing and redemption for the whole world.

#### **Ch.3 Ulf and Birgitta Ekman (Former Lutheran minister and missionary "Billy Graham" of Sweden)**

We had a typical "sola scriptura" understanding of the Bible, with a very low ecclesiological understanding of structure, hierarchy, and magisterium. The sacramental life was missing. So, more than anything it was the sacramental element that started to draw me towards the Catholic Church... I found that the theology was so clear, sound, and well thought through. It was rational but still faithful. I would say four words could summarize what I found so appealing: historicity, apostolic continuity, authority, and sacramentality... For me the Catechism became the standard of what I should believe and a door into the teachings of the Magisterium.

I used to believe the four "sola" tenants of the Reformation: Scripture, Faith, Grace, and Jesus Christ... Step by step I started to see how the Protestant mindset has an overriding attitude of "either-or" while the Catholic mindset, as well as the Hebrew, is more of "both-and." By omitting the word sola/ only things become clearer. By looking at works/deeds in the light of "corresponding actions" and how grace and faith cooperates, it makes much more sense and the writings of the apostle James does not become contradictory to that of the apostle Paul, but complementary. As there are many Scripture passages that clearly emphasize the importance of works or deeds for our salvation, it became clear that "sola fide" is not correct.

#### **Ch. 4 Adrian Vermeule (Constitutional Law professor Harvard University)**

Raised a protestant, despite all my thrashing and twisting, I eventually couldn't help but believe that the apostolic succession, through Peter as the designated leader and *primus inter pares* is in some logical or theological sense prior to everything else - including even Scripture, whose formation was guided and completed by the apostles and their successors, themselves inspired by the Holy Spirit. A corollary is the very great evil of schism and private judgement, brought home to me when the Episcopal Church essentially decided to go its own way based on novel views, even in the face of faithful admonition by the broader Anglican Communion.

Perhaps I speak now with the naivete and enthusiasm of the convert, but the Church seems to me an institution whose foundations are as strong as iron. The turmoil will pass away; episodes, scandals, and debates will come and go; but the line and witness of Peter's successors will never fail.

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### Evangelization continued

#### **Ch. 5 Fr. Thomas Joseph White, OP (research and teaching on Thomistic metaphysics and Christology)**

...it became evident that it is very challenging to identify the truth about Christianity because there are lots of different versions of it... I took a class on early Christianity, thinking that if I studied the historical genesis of Christianity, I would figure out what it was at the beginning... like what Newman means when he says that to be deep in history is to cease to be Protestant.

During my visits to a Benedictine monastery, I began to experience Eucharistic Adoration in which I had an overwhelming sense of the presence of Christ that I had never had before, accompanied by an acute awareness of my own sinfulness, but also a radiant sense of the presence and goodness of God... In conversion there is more life not less; more truth not less; a deeper order of well-being rather than less order... The Saints show the consistent reality of Christ present in the heart of the Church.

Find wise teachers... the idea that we can seek the truth all alone is foolish; we need wise teachers and friends, some who are dead and some who are living... I have yet to meet someone who regretted becoming Catholic... it's like a doorway you have to step across... sacraments are extremely powerful... they work, *ex opere operato*, from the work of the rite. When you begin to receive the sacraments regularly, you receive inward peace and resolution... the truth of the matter is God works through the sacraments, so if you approach them with goodwill, they will change you over time... If you engage with God on God's terms according to the Church's teachings, God will sanctify you and you will achieve real friendship with God.

#### **Ch. 6 Kirsten Powers (Columnist USA today, CNN political analyst)**

If faith is the most important thing in your life, you should be at Mass regularly... I can see the wisdom in celibacy for the kingdom, where it makes for a unique availability for God... On Journey Home, someone quotes a pope saying that once you become aware that the Catholic Church is the one true Church and you don't convert, you're putting your salvation in jeopardy... if you see it as true, in good conscience you have to make a move.

#### **Ch. 7 Joshua Charles (historian, writer, speaker read 31 volume set on church fathers and 260 Catholic books)**

There are, in the Scripture itself, always two voices of authority: Scripture and a living authority, whether in the guise of Moses, the Judges of Israel, the priests, the prophets, King David and Solomon, and then finally Jesus and the Apostles. These stood side by side- Scripture and Living Authority – throughout the Bible.

The Council of Jerusalem in Acts 15 & 16 delivered a dogma that was delivered to all the Church for their observance... this council had defined an authoritative rule of faith and morals related to the relationship between Jews and Gentiles, and the churches were expected to obey it. Thus, we continue to have, in the Bible itself, the authority of Scripture alongside a Living Authority, invested with divine prerogative... the council says in a letter: "For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements." What is mentioned is the Holy Spirit, and the Church – there is no mention of Scripture. Does that downgrade Scripture? Absolutely not. But it clearly exhibits the reality of divinely invested authority that is outside of it... So, for the first time in my life, Jesus's delegation of authority to "bind and loose" and to forgive sins began making sense-but only within the context of a Living, authoritative voice in the Church, guided by the Holy Spirit... if it did have authority, than that meant that, once again, there was an authority outside of the Bible itself that was divinely ordained and binding on Christians... Thus, it is no exaggeration to say that a close and careful reading of the Bible itself eviscerated the idea of sola scriptura in my mind. The Living, Authoritative Church that began at Pentecost is who selected the contents of the Canon of Scripture.

... the only thing all Protestants seemed to be absolutely certain about was "we aren't Catholic." Their key point of certainty was a mere negation. I found this deeply dissatisfying... I was always disturbed by the idea that the Church got it wrong for fifteen hundred years (the vast majority of its history), but only five hundred years ago, we suddenly got it right. But once we did, apparently, get it right, we began disagreeing on just about everything. This was, in my mind, and incoherency at the heart of Protestantism that only grew the older I got.

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I ordered the thirty-one-volume set of Early Church fathers, and these men were talking about the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the Eucharist as a sacrifice, the authority of bishops, the authority of the church of Rome, tradition alongside Scripture, the unity of the Church, apostolic succession, and even citing what I had been taught were “apocryphal” books as Scripture... these men were much closer to the origins of the Faith, and some had even been disciples by the Apostles themselves. Could I afford to so casually ignore them?

A return to the sources, an *ad fontes* approach, which had been my approach in so much of my historical study and writing, is what ultimately brought me to the Church... My beliefs are what the Magisterium teaches. End of story... Either one accepts the teachings of the Church, or one doesn't. If you do, you are a faithful Catholic. If you don't, you are Catholic nominally, but functionally you are a Protestant.

### **Ch. 8 Matthew Schmitz (AB in English from Princeton, senior Editor of First Things) & Julia Yost (Yale PhD)**

When I was three years old, my mother was pregnant with my younger brother and I asked her if Jesus could come into my tummy just as my brother had come into hers. This was my inept way of saying I wanted to accept Jesus into my heart—an idea I would already have been introduced to. But it was also my first moment of Marian piety, however unwitting. Literally speaking, in that moment I took Mary as my model of faith. I asked to become a God-bearer like her, to become pregnant with Christ... I had a conviction that I should become Catholic but was hesitating because it would demand things of me that I didn't want to give.

### **Ch. 9 Karin Oberg (Professor of astronomy Harvard University)**

I kept reading, trying to internalize the joy and the obligations that came with belief... For some time everything Catholic appealed to me: books, movies, symbols, and it became more difficult to push the idea of joining the Church out of my mind... My passion is for the truth, and any place that lacks truth, that takes it lightly, or professes something with a wink is not for me... I take great joy in weekly Mass and daily prayer; these obligations have made my life richer and paradoxically freer... study the claims critically and seek out the counter arguments. If you search for the truth I believe you will find it.

### **Ch. 10 Hadley Arkes (Professor at Amherst in jurisprudence)**

Catholics are willing to face hard scientific evidence also to ask if any argument brought forth seriously on this issue has the sovereign attribute of being true... Catholic teaching on the issues of “life” isn't an appeal solely to faith, but that it is a powerful exercise in reason, weaving together both evidence of science and the force of principled reasoning... the Church is offered as a claim of reason, not an appeal to faith... I had never taught explicitly about religion, but apparently the accent on moral truths, objective truths grounded in nature and accessible to our reason, had confirmed for my Catholic friends, in an appealing way, what the Church had been trying to teach... people are drawn to the compelling force of the teaching and led to the Church that has become the main refuge of reason and sanity in our own time.

“Do you believe in the Church as a truth-telling institution? when the Church stands *contra mundum* against the currents of moral opinion on any issue, my betting is that the Church has it right... “There comes a time when you should really join the side you're on.” When asked if you are saved, “Yes, I've been saved by Christ, but within a sacramental system that demands my free participation.”... what the Church teaches now, against moral fashions of the time, it will continue to teach “as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!”

### **Ch. 11 Timothy Fuller (professor of political theory at Colorado College)**

“One thing that became increasingly important to me too was the defense of western tradition, by which I mean more than just theological issues. I mean the defense of the central features of western civilization. And as that has become more problematic in our time, I was saying to myself, where is there a stout defense of the great traditions that go back to classical and early Christian times, and the great defender of that tradition is of course the Catholic Church.”



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#### **Ch. 12 Lucy Beckett (Studied history at Cambridge, Author)**

There were no intellectual, cultural, or theological barriers... every idea or thought I had managed to have falling into place in the Catholic context I was learning about and beginning to experience... The reality of the Mass and the ancient solidity of the Church, in spite of all its troubles and all its mistakes, were what, most of all, pulled me in and have held me ever since.

#### **Ch. 13 Michael Ward (Senior fellow at Oxford, former Anglican Priest)**

The Christian cult was established by Jesus Christ with a particular constitution, and apostolic constitution, with Peter and his successors as its head, holding the keys, serving as prime minister to the king... about where the authority, Christ's authority was located. If it wasn't to be found in a two-thousand-year tradition of magisterial teaching, headed by the pope, where was it?... it was inevitable that I would become a Catholic.

#### **Ch. 14 Erika Bachiochi (Esquire, and visiting scholar at Harvard Law School)**

"Please show me which church you'd like me to attend, but not the Catholic Church." ...the thought of affirmatively embracing a church whose teaching I had long regarded as oppressive to women did not sit well with me... God, in his great love and affection for us, established the Church on earth to show us the best means to attain intimate union with him... especially by way of the sacraments... the only thing that truly fulfills our desires: union with God... self-sacrificing love, rather than legal commands as the primary vehicle for transformation.

#### **Ch. 15 Chad C. Pecknold (PhD from Cambridge, Professor of Historical and Systematic theology at CUA)**

We need an attachment to a transcendent source of life, to not only Christ's revelation but how it's been developed in continuity through a divine institution, with popes and councils... Pecknold kept coming back to the question of ecclesiology as primary, and with it the apostolic succession, which mattered as something that God established to guard the deposit, something he did not see the Church of England doing... If we want a really coherent Church, it has to have recourse to transcendent claims that govern it, and that has to be Scripture and Tradition, and they have to be juridically enshrined and protected, and that has to be through councils and it has to be through popes, because those are divine vehicles which God governs.

#### **Ch. 16 Douglas M. Beaumont (pHD in theology, MA in apologetics)**

...a faithful Evangelical can find in Catholicism a deepening or expansion of their faith that makes the doctrinal differences less important... Aquinas argues that a heretic lacks faith in even those doctrines with which he agrees with the Church because his disagreement shows that he did not have faith in God's revelation via the Church in the first place... faith is submission to a religious authority, someone denying what a religious authority teaches cannot be doing so in faith, and this shows that their reason for believing other teachings is not truly by faith either. This amazed and terrified me.

One of Catholicism's strengths is its theological unity and liturgical precision... It is important for non-Catholics to understand that the Church is not a theological democracy-we don't define doctrines by majority rule... in Evangelicalism it is multiplication by division... the degree that Catholics disagree with the Church's dogma, to that degree they are not in communion with the Church anymore.

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## Religious Education

### Open House

Faith formation for our youth began with an Open House on September 11. Fr. Paul welcomed all new and returning families. Please pray for these PBOC catechists, that through the Holy Spirit they will receive the grace they need in their service to the Church in their ministry to our youth: Deacon Michael Appel, Marc D'Angelo, Emma Patterson, Tee Fattaleh, Celeste Reid, Amy Kitowicz, Jennifer Sexton, Eileen Boettcher, Karyn Congdon, Leonora Montella, Suzie Kaminsky and their high school helpers Molly Congdon, Maddie Lee and Anna Margaret Loftus.

### Advent Mission with Fr. Felipe Scott

PBOC will host an Advent Mission December 5-8 with Fr. Philip Scott, FJ from Puerto Maldonado, Peru. Mission talks will be held after morning Mass and each evening, closing on December 8 with a Family Mass.



### Rite of Christian Initiation



All adults interested in learning more about the Roman Catholic Church are invited to attend an informational session at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 15th in classroom #1 of our Parish Life Center at Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, RCIA, is a series of small-group classes on the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church, and through prayer and discernment, culminates with the full reception of the individual into the Catholic Church at Easter. RCIA is conducted under the guidance and direction of the Diocese of South Carolina, our pastor Fr. Paul MacNeil and lay facilitators. If you are interested in learning more about RCIA, please contact the Parish Office at 843-237-3428 ext 8.

## Fellowship



### Back to School Blessing

Our Annual Back to School Blessing was given at our 10:3 AM Mass last weekend. Fellowship in our Narthex followed Mass to wish all our students well this upcoming school year.

# Precious Hands

*featuring precious people volunteering for our parish*

## MICHAEL J. PANNUCCI

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

The purpose of a Eucharistic Minister is to distribute Holy Communion to the eligible congregation.

A sacristan is the caretaker of the sacristy. As coordinator he aids in all that's needed for the celebration of Mass. He assures that the process is done smoothly and with reverence.

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

I enjoy participating as an EM because of the dedicated volunteers in this ministry. Their enthusiasm during training transitions into a sincere respect and sense of honor for having the privilege of distributing The Precious Body and Blood of Christ.

It is very gratifying to be a sacristan, because you participate in all aspects of Mass. Whether you're opening the church to make it available for Mass or you're helping the priest with the behind-the-scenes duties, you work with many different ministries needed to execute the Mass. Whether it's assisting those who deliver the liturgies, or ushers, EM's, deacons or altar servers, you know that without that teamwork the celebration of the Mass could not be completed successfully. This position allows the priest the opportunity to focus on his most necessary purpose as leader of the church. It is rewarding for me to see the pride exhibited by each sacristan as he performs his duties.



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

I am the 5:00 PM coordinator who schedules an EM for that Mass every weekend. A couple of days before, I notify each one who is assigned to serve. I facilitate any necessary or unexpected changes. I also assist occasionally to help find substitutes. I am the person who schedules sacristan assignments for all Masses.

### HOW CAN OTHERS BECOME MEMBERS?

If you would like to participate in either of these ministries you can contact the parish office or me directly. My contact information is [mpannuc@gmail.com](mailto:mpannuc@gmail.com) or 843-359-9672. Each ministry has a required training session.

### TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF.

I have lived in Pawleys Island and been a member of PBOC for 15 years. My wife Vonne and I have been married for 57 years; have two children and four grandchildren. I retired after 40 years with the automotive industry. I enjoy spending time with my wife, gardening and volunteering.



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### Outreach

#### A message from the Chair: Mary Anne Fox

Summer season has ended. We think of new beginnings or starting again when fall rolls around and kids and teachers return to school.

However, Outreach activities never end. We are always here reaching out to those in need. The past couple of months Fr Pat's Kitchen volunteers served hundreds of clients lunches (Wednesdays, Thursdays) and breakfasts (Saturdays). Our Meals on Wheels volunteers delivered meals to assigned participants in Pawleys Island and Murrells Inlet. Our Fresh Xpress volunteers distributed fresh produce to anyone pulling into the Church's parking lot. Parishioners filled the donation basket in church with spaghetti and sauce for delivery to the Baskervill Ecumenical Food Pantry. And 20 adult literacy coaches partnered with Hispanic participants to improve their English skills. Parishioners donated many backpacks and "tons" of school supplies to outfit the students of Teach My People and needy students of the Waccamaw Neck for the new school year. Lastly, the Golf Tournament steering committee ramped up to organize the Sept 26<sup>th</sup> Reserve Golf Course event by soliciting prizes and recruiting golfers. Proceeds from the Golf Tournament benefit Outreach activities.

What's coming? We are always looking for volunteers for Neighbor to Neighbor, Habitat for Humanity builds and their ReStore, Fr Pat's Kitchen, Adult Literacy Coaches. If you can't volunteer on a regular basis, donate spaghetti and sauce for the Food Pantry, volunteer for one of our "one shot" opportunities. What "one shot" opportunities you may ask? Watch the bulletin! Look for the Thanksgiving and/or Christmas Special Deliveries Food Distribution events (donate food and/or deliver to several families on a designated date). During Advent the Angel Tree goes up in the Narthex and parishioners are invited to take individual tags and then provide Christmas presents for needy children and adults. There is always an opportunity to join with others and pray the Rosary for The Unborn the first Sunday of the month. Browse the Gift Shop and buy yourself or that special someone an uplifting spiritual gift.

Lastly, don't forget to save the date – December 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Precious Blood of Christ Gala which will benefit Fr Pat's Kitchen since Taste of Pawleys could not be held in 2022. I've heard the Gala is a blast with great music, energetic dancing, tasty food and drink, lots of mingling and some fancy outfits. See you there!

#### Neighbor to Neighbor Experiences

I will always cherish the memories of being a volunteer with Neighbor to Neighbor when my mother was available to ride with me. We provided rides to people needing transportation to doctor appointments, the pharmacy afterwards and/or the grocery store. The clients were thrilled with mother who was 100+ at the time wanting to be with us and chatting while we were on our way! Then came the pandemic and mother's decline which required that we stop providing rides. Now, I can also cherish the memories of being "the client needing the transportation" seeing the Neighbor to Neighbor "life line" outside my door taking me to my doctor appointment, the pharmacy afterwards and or the grocery store. Having an accident, breaking my leg gave me a wonderful opportunity to appreciate the rides program from the passenger seat! It was like a bright light bulb turned on to be a patient and not the caregiver. I can understand now how difficult it is to sit patiently waiting on someone. In the rides program that someone is cheerfully there to help you and make you feel special! After many such trips, I am healing and anxious to return to being the rides provider again with much enthusiasm! Neighbor to Neighbor now has several options which I can choose to provide. While I am still recovering from my broken leg I can make telephone calls to homebound clients needing a little socialization or deliver groceries to homebound clients who cannot get out. All of the options are very rewarding! I recommend Neighbor to Neighbor without any hesitation or reservations. (Submitted by Suzanne Harris)

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# Stewardship

## New Stewardship Committee Heads

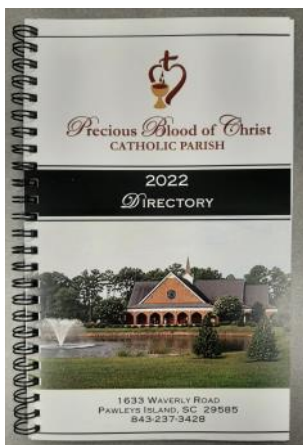
We are the Ludwik's and are excited to be heading up the Stewardship Committee. Our family likes to be involved with our parish and we feel that it is important to share our time and talent to make a difference in both our Church and community.

We - Steve, Linda and Jacob (15 years old) - moved from Marietta, GA to Pawleys Island in June of 2021. Steve works as a software engineer, Linda is enjoying gardening and volunteering, and Jacob is in 10th grade at Waccamaw High School. We enjoy volunteering as a family one Saturday morning each month as leads for Fr. Pat's Kitchen. Linda is a member of the Women's Club and Steve is a 3rd degree Knight. Jacob is involved with Ignite Youth Group at PBOC and will be traveling with our Youth Minister and other teens from our Parish to World Youth Day in Portugal next summer. Jacob received the rank of Eagle Scout in May after he completed his project to benefit Birthright of Georgetown. You can also find him scooping ice cream at Gilbert's Ice Cream or working at Blencowe IT computer store.

Our mission is to build up the ministries within PBOC and in doing so continue to build up the Kingdom of God here on earth. Volunteers are needed in so many ways here at PBOC. "Try It" is our motto! There are many ministries that need your help, which in turn help so many others. It is a chance to connect with other Catholics and make new friends within our parish community! Try It - "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

We look forward to meeting and welcoming our newest Parishioners! Please let us know if you have any questions or information to share with us regarding Stewardship. You can email us - [Linda716@comcast.net](mailto:Linda716@comcast.net)

## 2022 Parish Directory



The 2022 Parish Directories have arrived.!

**Thank you** to all who participated in the photo sessions for our new directory.

If you had a photo taken for this directory, you may stop by the office for your free copy.

(one per family)

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### Youth Ministry

**Graduating senior spotlight:** Lucy Joseph is playing soccer at Ave Maria University in Ave Maria, FL. Manny Marcantoni is attending Flagler University in St Augustine, FL. Finally, Rebecca Kaminski will be attending Ole Mississippi University. All three of these young ladies have had a tremendous impact to the group with their leadership in their faith and commitment to serve their peers as well as the community. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin college.



We were blessed to experience 3 summer camps/retreats this summer. We first attended the **Steubenville Conference** in Duluth, GA. The conference had noteworthy speakers such as Joel Stefanik and Fr. Mike Schmitz. The theme was all about how fear should not hold us back for how God is calling us to live and also serve Him in our future vocations.





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Youth Ministry *continued*

Another noteworthy summer experience was a week long **Christian Leadership Institute (CLI)** set up by the diocese. It was definitely more of a retreat rather than a camp. There were talks given throughout the week, daily Mass, small groups and activities. There were 90 youth and 20 adult leaders from the diocese. One of our youth, Brendan Murphy shares his experience at CLI:

“CLI is an experience like no other camp I have ever been to. The atmosphere of the camp is so different from anything else I have ever felt. The people who put the camp together do a great job of organizing the fun but also the spiritual priority for the new generation of Catholics. Going to this camp is possibly the best decision for a Catholic high schooler. It kick starts many kids' spiritual lives and presents them with the resources and spiritual fire to continue what they learn from camp.

The counselors chosen for the week are also handpicked by the director of the camp who is also in charge of the Evangelization Team (E Team); many of these counselors were once members of the E Team who put on another camp / retreat named DYC. The main focus of the camp is to help young Catholics to grow in faith but also have comradery with their fellow Catholics across the State. The connections made at these camps are life changing for many kids including me. Hope that high schoolers from our parish will be willing to go because it has changed my life and many other high school Catholics.”



To conclude summer, in the first week of August we went down to Tiger, GA up in the mountains and attended **Camp Cove Crest** for the second year in a row. The camp was a lot of fun but it definitely had a serious spiritual component to it and I saw our youth directly encounter Christ. It was powerful to say the least. One of our youth, James Leonard on his experience at Covecrest: “Covecrest surpassed any expectations that I had prior. It was full of constellations and the love of God expressed through each missionary and each camper. You can truly see the dedication of all involved, and it was life-changing for sure. With a newly energized faith, and an unexplainable experience with God’s loving heart, I look forward to going back next year.”

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**Youth Ministry** continued



**More photos from Camp Cove Crest**



## PRECIOUS WORD

### Knights of Columbus

#### Knights of Columbus Precious Blood of Christ Council 11028 and Fr. Philip Grant Assembly 3272



My name is Ed Gagliano I am Grand Knight of the 2022-2023 Fraternal year and Past Faithful Navigator of Assembly 3272.

I am honored to be a Knight of Columbus. I have been a Knight since 1997 and I still recall the night I made the decision to go to a meeting and become a Knight. I recall being nervous and trying to talk myself out of it. But the Holy Spirit moved me to carry on and become a Knight. I am glad I did and anyone who is considering becoming a Knight I encourage you to listen to your heart.

We are an organization of Catholic gentlemen and stand for many virtues of our faith. The first is Charity which is the heart of our work and our faith and it has always been that way. Our commitment to charitable service is just one of the many ways that we express our Catholic faith. Our founder Blessed Father Michael McGivney needs one more miracle to become a Saint and he has interceded already for many with answered prayers. And the reason he is being considered for sainthood he was a visionary in his day. He saw working men dyeing at an early age in the industrial revolution leaving a family, wife and children without any means to continue with their normal life when the breadwinner dies. So, the Knights of Columbus were formed in 1882 as a fraternal men's organization and life insurance was made available to families to help continue the lifestyle, they were accustomed to with the loss of the income earner. As a life insurance agent in the past, we always said we sell love and money and love is why we protect our families. Love of Christ, family and his Church is what makes a dedicated Knight of Columbus.

Knights of Columbus Council 11028 supports many different charities too numerous to name here but one charity that I want to highlight is the Columbus H.O.P.E Foundation – HELPING OTHER PEOPLE EVERY-DAY.

Several times a year our brother knights here at PBOC volunteer to collect donations at local stores wearing yellow aprons and distributing Tootsie Rolls for donations headed up by Al Carline whose hard work makes this fundraiser work.

The Columbus HOPE Foundation Inc. is a South Carolina based non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation operated by the South Carolina Knights of Columbus. Proceeds from our fundraising activities are focused on helping our South Carolina Intellectually Disabled and Special Needs citizens. We work in coordination with the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, the county Disability Boards and other non-profit service providers to identify the needs, the gaps and the priorities for allocation of collected funds. This also supports Special Olympics and the Hope Ball which is a dance held annually for the intellectually challenged and Sir Knight John Morris plays a big role along with many Knights who volunteer to make the day special.

Another fundraiser is the annual Clem Theonnes Pancake Supper & Silent Auction at Eggs Up Grill in Litchfield. Sir Knight Joe Burger lets the Knights use his restaurant for this fundraiser which has grown over the years to be one of our largest fundraisers allowing us to fund many charitable programs. This year it will be on Tuesday October 25.

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### Knights of Columbus continued

Another big fundraiser for the past several years our council has maintained a hot-dog concession at Pelicans stadium where the Myrtle Beach Pelicans play their home games. Proceeds from this endeavor fund many of our local charities also. Sir Knight and Past Grand Knight John Martin has been gracious enough over the years to oversee the running of this fundraising event along with other volunteer Knights and wives and also some parishioners.

The Knights of Columbus support Life from conception to death. We help Birthright of Georgetown take care of new mothers and the children who have no other means of support and friendship. So, the Knights of Columbus are united in Charity, Ukraine Solidarity Fund, Disaster Relief, Defending Life, Persecuted Christians, Coats for Kids, Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund, Support of Seminarians and Vocations.

The Fr. Philip Grant Assembly 3272 is the Patriotic arm of the Knights of Columbus the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree is the highest a degree a Knight can attain. The Assembly helps Veterans and the Honor Guard led by Sir Knight and PFN Charles Sacavage. We will be selling Christmas Wreaths again this year on our website to support our Patriotic causes.

If you are considering joining our Order Sir Knight Ray Farkas is our Membership Director and we will be having a membership drive in November. I encourage any man in the Parish to join young or old - we need you.

Ed Gagliano  
Grand Knight 11028



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### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SOCIETY

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on  
First Friday of Each Month from  
9:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
with Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 PM.  
Please plan to come and spend time with Our  
Lord.

**Next First Friday Adoration: October 1, 2022**

### PARISH PICNIC

**Sunday, October 23, 2022**

**Outside the Parish Life Center**

### WOMEN'S CLUB 33<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

**October 28, 2022, Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**October 29, 2022, Saturday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

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### Upcoming Special Masses

**All Saints Day** - November 1

Masses: 6:00 PM vigil (October 31), 8:30 AM, 6:00 PM

**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 10, 8:30 AM

**Mass for Deceased Children** - November 15, 8:30 AM

**Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass** - November 17, 6:00 PM

**Immaculate Conception** - Holyday of Obligation - December 8

Masses: 6:00 PM vigil (Dec. 7), 8:30 AM