

MARCH 2023



Fr. Paul MacNeil

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In honor of our parish name, to pray for our local parish as well as our universal church, and to encourage devotion to Jesus' true presence, Body, Blood Soul and Divinity in the Blessed Sacrament amongst all the faithful, we have begun the recitation of the **Litany of the Most Precious Blood of Christ** on Fridays at the conclusion of our daily Mass. This Litany was compiled by the Sacred Congregation for the Sacred Liturgy and promulgated by **Pope John XXIII on February 24, 1960**. The following is a beautiful meditation written by Fr. Lawrence Lew O.P.

In St Thomas Aquinas's Eucharistic poem, Adoro Te devote, he writes: "O true pelican, Lord Jesus, cleanse me, who am unclean, in your blood, one drop of which would be enough to wash the whole world of all its defilement." The reference to Christ as a pelican is based on the medieval belief that pelicans fed their young with their life-blood, thus making them a fitting symbol of Christ feeding us with the Holy Eucharist.

Hence, above the entrance to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in Westminster Cathedral, which is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus, there is an image of the pelican shedding its life-giving blood (pictured). The significance of blood lies precisely in this scientific and Biblical fact: "the life of a creature is in the blood" (Lev 17:11). The blood of Christ refers to the very life of the God-Man, divine life, which was shed on the Cross as a sacrifice for our salvation. For as Leviticus also says: "it is the blood that makes atonement, by reason of the life". As such, one drop of Christ's blood has infinite value, carrying within it the eternity of the Godhead, of Life and Being itself. So, one drop of Christ's blood suffices to make atonement for sin, giving life to all of humanity who are spiritually dead through sin; one drop renews the world, and restores integrity to that which had lacked wholeness.

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When Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist, he said that his blood was "poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Mt 26:28). St Peter, therefore, says that we are "ransomed... with the precious blood of Christ". Devotion to the Precious Blood, like devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, moves us to gratitude and thanksgiving for the love of God made visible in Christ, our "true pelican" who freely and lovingly shed all his life-blood so that we "may have life, and have it abundantly" (Jn 10:10).

Traditionally July is the month dedicated to the Precious Blood because the feast was on July 1 (now combined with Corpus Christi). In 1960 Pope St John XXIII wrote a letter on promoting devotion to the Precious Blood, in which he fondly recalled his parents instilling this devotion in the Roncalli household by praying the Litany to the Precious Blood every day in July. Perhaps we can pray this litany in our homes and families throughout this month. Who knows? Another holy and pious pope could result from this beautiful devotion!

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Litany to the Most Precious Blood of Christ

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

God our Father in heaven
 God the Son, Redeemer of the world
 God the Holy Spirit
 Holy Trinity, one God
 Blood of Christ, only Son of the Father
 Blood of Christ, incarnate Word
 Blood of Christ, of the new and eternal covenant
 Blood of Christ, that spilled to the ground
 Blood of Christ, that flowed at the scourging
 Blood of Christ, dripping from the thorns
 Blood of Christ, shed on the cross
 Blood of Christ, the price of our redemption
 Blood of Christ, our only claim to pardon
 Blood of Christ, our blessing cup
 Blood of Christ, in which we are washed
 Blood of Christ, torrent of mercy

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Blood of Christ, that overcomes evil
 Blood of Christ, strength of the martyrs
 Blood of Christ, endurance of the saints
 Blood of Christ, that makes the barren fruitful
 Blood of Christ, protection of the threatened
 Blood of Christ, comfort of the weary
 Blood of Christ, solace of the mourner
 Blood of Christ, hope of the repentant
 Blood of Christ, consolation of the dying
 Blood of Christ, our peace and refreshment
 Blood of Christ, our pledge of life
 Blood of Christ, by which we pass to glory
 Blood of Christ, most worthy of honor

be our salvation
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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world
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have mercy on us
 have mercy on us
 have mercy on us

Lord, you redeemed us by your blood.

You have made us a kingdom
 to serve our God.

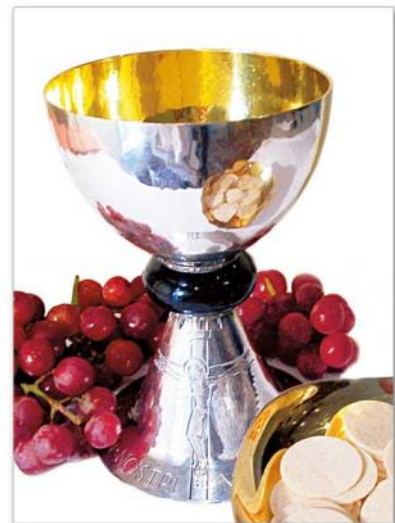
Let us pray.

O God, who by the Precious Blood of your Only Begotten Son
 have redeemed the whole world,
 preserve in us the work of your mercy,
 so that, ever honoring the mystery of our salvation,
 we may merit to obtain its fruits.
 Through Christ our Lord.
 R/. Amen.

Your brother in the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ,

Fr. Paul

Pastor



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PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

MARCH 1 –11,2023



PBOC Team at Cana in Galilee



Fr. Paul riding a camel!



Learning to fish in the Sea of Galilee



Just finishing Mass at the Mt of Beatitudes

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Respect Life



MONUMENT TO DECEASED CHILDREN BORN AND UNBORN

In 2000, the Knights of Columbus Council 11028 began a project to construct a monument to the unborn to be placed near the road, be illuminated and placed in a garden setting. The monument was placed by the

lake near Waverly Road and was dedicated by Father Pat on October 7, 2001. The recent renovation of the monument area is now complete with the addition of six benches.

The monument is a serene place to pray for a lost child, whether by miscarriage, abortion, disease or accident. The monument is meant to be a place of comfort and peace where all are welcome to come and pray.

LET'S TALK ABOUT SAVING LIVES

Euthanasia and Physician Assisted Suicide: Another Slippery Slope

- Euthanasia and Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS) is happening now and becoming increasingly accepted. 10 States and the District of Columbia allow PAS.
- Are hospitals still a safe harbor for all patients, or are certain patients judged differently based on "quality of life" prejudices?
- What can you do to protect yourself and your loved ones, including the elderly, the disabled and those who are ill both mentally and physically.

Guest Speaker

WAYNE COCKFIELD

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023 - 6:00 PM

PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



Wayne Cockfield is treasurer of the National Right to Life Committee and Vice President for Medical Ethics. He also serves as an at-large director on the NRLC Board and on the Executive Committee. Since, 1996, Wayne has worked with the NRLC to promote public awareness of the present and growing threat of euthanasia and physician assisted suicide. Wayne has addressed the National Conference of Pro-Life Legislators in Washington, D.C. and been a featured speaker at numerous pro-life events. He has appeared on C-Span, MSNBC, CNN United Nations Radio and has been quoted in numerous publications including the National Catholic Register, the New York Times, the Washington Times, c-Fam, and the European Life Network News. Born in South Carolina, Wayne served with the Marine Corp in Vietnam until gravely wounded in action in November 1969. He received the Bronze Star with V for heroism. Mr. Cockfield travels extensively speaking out for protection of medically vulnerable people including the poor, the elderly, the disabled, and those who are chronically and terminally ill.

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Women's Club



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

"He (God) only sees the heart".....Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

For the ladies who are new to our parish, the Women's Club at Precious Blood, is a great way to meet your "forever friends". In the 3 short years that I have been in the Women's Club, I have met many wonderful women. We pray, work, lunch, laugh and sometimes even cry together. The camaraderie is wonderful.

The Women's Club annual membership dues are a nominal fee of \$20. Our year kicks off in August with our "Welcome Tea" and ends in June with the Grants recipients Luncheon & installation of new officers. However, you can join anytime during the year.

Our many fundraising events include, among others, the Arts and Crafts Festival in October, which many vendors claim is the best run show in the area, the Boutique Auction in January, the Irish Soda Bread Sale in March and our annual Fashion Show. All our fundraisers usually occur on the weekends so, even if you work there are still opportunities to volunteer at one of our events. All of the money we raise at these fundraising events contributes to our Grants Committee. At the end of our Club year the committee, based on applications received, disburse these funds to local charities in Georgetown County.

The Women's Club re-instituted two fun events that had been cancelled during the Covid Epidemic. The first one is our Sip N' Chats. Once a month we gather at a Club members home or a local restaurant for two hours in the afternoon and Sip N' Chat and get to know each other better. We all bring a snack or wine and the hostess provides a few beverages and a couple of snacks. Marcia Olenchuck, our first hostess, and Anna Dudash, another Women's Club member, head up the committee.

Our second fun Event is our "Reel Time" which started up again this past January. Those who can attend generally meet in Classroom 1 at the PLC to watch a movie with popcorn, sweets and beverages. Sue Ann Appel is chairing this fun afternoon with such good movies as *Julie and Julia* and *P.S. I Love You*.

Our Spring Fashion Eggstravaganza Show will be March 25th at Pawleys Plantation. It's shaping up to be a fantastic event with Fashions by Chicos, a Silent Auction, delicious lunch and great curated gift baskets to bid on as well.

On our Spiritual Side, this spring, we will be hosting the Lenten Simple Supper on March 31st and a Day of Prayer on April 25th.

To close, even if you work and may not be able to attend our monthly 1st Thursday General Meetings, you will receive emails that update you on the club's events and happenings.

Please come join us at any of our Women's Club Events. All are welcome to attend.

Nancy Crosbie
President 2022/2024

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Arts & Crafts Festival



Sip 'N Chat

Boutique Auction



Ministry Fair



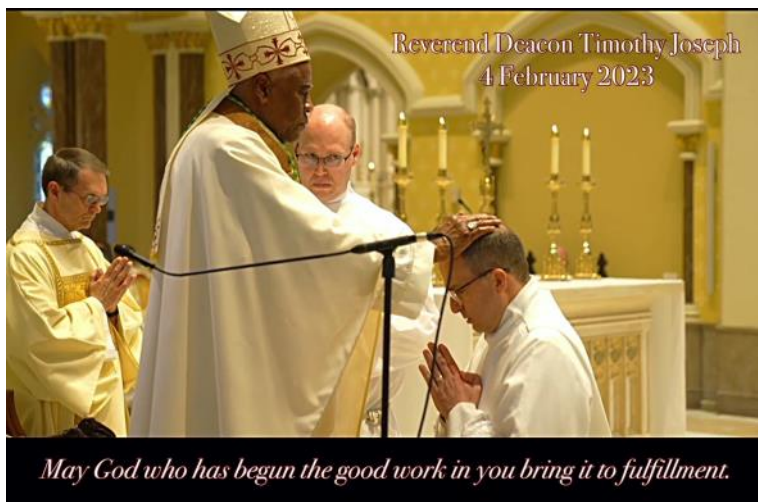
Christmas Luncheon
at Ocean One



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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our newly-ordained Deacon Tim Joseph, a parishioner of our parish, who celebrated his first Mass at Precious Blood on February 5, 2023, with a reception in the narthex after Mass. We wish Deacon Tim many blessings in his new vocation.



Religious Education

PBOC Lenten Mission with Sr. Briege McKenna and Fr. Pablo Escriva de Romani

The Mission was held Monday, 2/27 through Thursday, 3/2. We were blessed with 4 Powerful Nights of Healing and Inspiration with talks on Reconciliation, Prayer and the Power of the Holy Spirit, the power of the Cross, and the Eucharist. The Mission began on Monday with a Lenten Reconciliation Service where over 200 people received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Mission concluded on Thursday with Mass followed by a Eucharistic Healing Service. Thank you to all of the parishioners who helped during the week as ministers at the Masses and with Book sales. If you were unable to join us, the Mission talks were streamed and viewed by thousands of the faithful in 9 countries and are still available on the PBOC website!



Precious Hands

Precious Hands

featuring precious people volunteering for our parish

JOANNE GAGLIANO

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

Making sure there are fresh altar arrangements every week and special times as well. Also decorating the church for Christmas and Easter with seasonal flowers and seasonal decorations with many helpers.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BEING PART OF THIS MINISTRY?

The joy that is shared by many who see these items. Especially when someone will come up to me and say how special something is and how it just made their day. So, first pleasing the Lord - and then fellow members and visitors.

TELL US ABOUT WHAT YOU DO FOR THIS MINISTRY?

When it comes to the flowers, weekly I look into the special things that are meant for a time and go from there. This process truly has a lot of thought put into it. Holidays, when making anything, I put a lot of prayer and memories with it as well. It's kind of like a song for a time and these are flowers for a time.

HOW CAN OTHERS BECOME MEMBERS?

Just call the parish office and leave word of your desire to help - and many hands make fast light work. I would love to have new additions to help out... from watering, arranging decorations and etc.

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF.

We started to attend PBOC approximately 18 years ago and in time with our travels joined later. My husband and I are active in the church and love all the prayers and support surrounding it. We have three children and two grandchildren.

Many years ago, I was asked by Ellen to take over the flowers. At that time I was honored and scared at the same time. I have no green thumb at all. I was afraid to disappoint. With a lot of prayer and support and forming a wonderful relationship with our florist Andrew, it has been amazing. Then, of course, the rest just seemed to evolve into an amazing project. I am so grateful for the love and support from the church and church family.



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Evangelization

“Truth and Evangelizing with Love”

“The circumstances of our life are the venue in which we must pursue holiness.”
- Fr. Sebastian White O.P.

In this culture we find ourselves living through, the need for dialogue and evangelization is essential! So much misinformation and reporting that is stilted. Sharing the truth and expressing it catechistically with love may win over some hearts (please God). Trials and difficult conversations are our road to perfection in Christ. We must rely on and be dependent on God, for He is the author of life and the one who convicts hearts and inspires conversion. “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” 2 Cor. 12:7-9 Come Holy Spirit, Come...

The Monks at Mepkin Abbey in Moncks Corner spend all their days in prayer. Work and prayer. There is much wisdom to learn from these heroic men steeped in praying the liturgy of the hours as a community. Fr. Christian, of happy memory, who some of us remember from our visits to Mepkin, made this remark on his death bed “Where there is more truth there is more joy.” The closer we come to knowing the truth the more free we become. There is great peace in knowing and living in truth.

Fr. Kevin Walsh OCSO, novice director for the men in discernment, mentioned recently “When we speak the truth in a loving way, we draw closer to Jesus.” The truth is proclaimed and guarded in the Holy Catholic Church. Scripture and the Catechism are powerful references to draw truth from and share it. As questions arise, and people you know share things they hear or see in the news, research it. In this process of educating ourselves we increase our own knowledge and passion for the subject at hand. All baptized Christians need to share and spread the truth with love, this is evangelization!

Receiving the sacraments frequently; Mass every weekend, adding weekday(s) if time permits, and frequenting the sacrament of reconciliation give fuel to our journey toward knowing and sharing the truth with love. Silent prayer; time spent with God in adoration or simply sitting in the church or our favorite recliner, will help form our conscience and provide the proper approach and attitude as we enter into this contentious world. We first must recollect ourselves, remain centered and focused, then we can go out into the world to share the good news.

It's not easy to confront false statements and misguided information. St. Paul's words to the Hebrews are worth recalling as we enter the fray of truth sharing: “Endure your trials as “discipline”; God treats you as his sons. For what “son” is there whom his father does not discipline? At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it... Strive for peace with everyone, and for that holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one be deprived of the grace of God...” Hebrews 12:7-15

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Mother Teresa's wisdom in calling us to be "faithful not successful" is a humble reminder that God is in control not us. Her business card:

The fruit of silence is prayer
The fruit of prayer is faith
The fruit of faith is love
The fruit of love is charity
The fruit of charity is peace

May we extend a peace filled, joyful approach to catechesis and truth finding and grow in holiness in the process.

Hopefully these words from Blessed Concepción Cabrera de Armida will inspire us all to share the truth with love and humility, as Jesus and Mary do:

"To look at Jesus is to see humility. He suffered in both his body and his soul in order to teach us to decrease.... In order to cure our pride, Jesus endured insults and disgrace in silence. We allow pride to enter in and we distance ourselves from the truth. "Love me for who I am, without self-seeking, without thinking about what you are going to get out of it. Love me only because I am worthy of all love in heaven and on earth. Love me without ever losing trust in my goodness, my merits, or my great mercy, whatever the circumstances may be. Finally, give yourself to others. Forget about yourself with a generous self-renunciation—unobtrusively—devoid of all self-interest and with the sole objective of giving me glory. May your soul harbor no self-centeredness, but let it communicate its fire, even if it were in a hidden way, on behalf of others. This will be the positive proof that your love for me is a humble love."

O sweet Virgin, come to our aid and let nothing separate us from the love of Jesus. Teach us to be faithful to the inspirations of grace and free us from our enemies, who wish us to fall into sin. Grant us the courage and strength to resist our passions and give us a heart like yours. For we want to love Jesus as you loved him: with that very profound humility of the handmaid of the Lord." Amen.



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Outreach

Precious Deliveries Holiday Food Drive

As the Lenten season is upon us, we are once again called upon to "feed the hungry". Precious Blood food drives are held at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas each year. Through the generosity of our Parish family, food is delivered to 80 local families. Many volunteers are needed to make this program run smoothly. You can help by assisting with collection, sorting, dividing and delivering bags of food.

Easter food collection weekend will be March 25 & 26, and delivery is on April 1st. Watch the Bulletin for more details, and contact us if you have any questions or want to sign up!

John & Kathy Morris
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Meals on Wheels

Precious Blood's outreach ministry continues to coordinate the local Meals on Wheels program whereby volunteer drivers deliver meals provided by the Georgetown County Office of Senior Services. In early 2023, we have 24 volunteer teams composed of 33 individuals (some teams are couples), driving 4 routes and delivering over 100 meals per week.

Our routes cover Murrells Inlet, Litchfield, Parkersville, and the Pawleys Island communities. Our volunteers spend roughly an hour each Thursday morning delivering a box containing 5 prepackaged dinners to between 5 and 7 households per route. The boxed dinners arrive prepackaged from Georgetown County at the Parkersville Recreation Center off Duncan Ave. A typical example of the meals is shown here:



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Today we have enough drivers, but we do have turnover, so we welcome anyone who is interested in joining our team. You don't need a big car, one of our busiest drivers, Paula Romanoff demonstrates that you can fit the deliveries into a Smart Car, with room to spare.

Volunteers are trained on the processes, which are quite simple, and usually ride along with an experience driver so they can learn the routes and meet our recipients. Quite a few volunteers drive as a team, either neighbors, friends, or couples. Here are two of our newer volunteers, Tommy Senn and Faye Chaplin, loaded up for the Litchfield route on February 9. (And no, they aren't sisters, although that is a common misconception.)



One of the most rewarding aspects of this program is the gratitude felt by the recipients of the meals. Many of our clients are in wheelchairs, use walkers, or are restricted to an oxygen cannula. I often help carry the boxes into their homes or apartments as it is tough for a person with a walker to carry a box to the kitchen. There is no doubt in my mind as to the absolute necessity of this program, and the benefit of the program to our community. As coordinator, I want to express a sincere thanks to all the current volunteers for their service.

For more information contact Jim Bowerman (jrbowerman@earthlink.net or 540-270-1381).

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Outreach continued

Teach My People

PBOC's outreach program includes a ministry working as liaison to Teach My People. Teach My People uses our Parish Life Center classrooms for their Middle and High School program, under the supervision of Lauren Newman. We typically have up to 20 students enjoying the upper school program. Our elementary programs serve about 100 children at the Pawleys Island and Georgetown campuses.

For those not familiar with Teach My People, we are an afterschool enrichment program for educationally "at risk" children in Georgetown County. We recruit students based on their teacher's recommendations, starting in first grade, and continuing as a cohort through high school graduation. A successful program since 1999, TMP has many alumni now in University, College, trade schools, the military, and the workforce.

We have happy kids, as shown in these photos of our first grade (class of 2035) by our alumni wall and our middle and high school group.



Teach My People relies on volunteers as tutors, and to prepare meals so all the kids get a good dinner every afternoon. Several PBOC parishioners are current volunteers, and their service is highly valued. TMP is supported by donations from the community, and through the generosity of the community has recently completed a new tutoring room at the Pawleys Island campus. The generosity of the community has recently completed a new tutoring room at the Pawleys Island Campus.

To learn more about Teach My People, visit our website at www.teachmypeople.com or contact Jim Bowerman, the PBOC-TMP liaison at jrbowerman@earthlink.net or 540-270-1381.

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Medical Mission San Pedro La Laguna, Guatemala - September 2022

Background

Since May 2008, the Catholic Diocese of Charleston, SC., through its International Outreach Ministry, has invited medical and non-medical volunteers to participate twice a year in a medical mission (spring/fall) to the small town of San Pedro La Laguna, Guatemala. There the Diocese established a small clinic on the site of a Catholic elementary school, a church with rectory, and the residence home of The Sisters of Bethany. To date, there have been 27 medical missions. Over the course of our mission trips, thousands of patients have been treated and invaluable medications dispensed to insure the health of the community. Currently, there is a part-time doctor at the clinic to minister to the people and the school children. Because a primary education is extremely important, and to help a parent's decision to keep their children in school, the Diocese established a student sponsorship program called "Project San Pedro". For a tax deductible contribution of \$25 per month per child, the program helps in supporting a student's miscellaneous costs and any medical care while in school. There are currently 270 students in the school with 180 children assigned sponsors. Students and sponsors regularly correspond with each other via a special delivery method from the school. The "Project San Pedro" sponsorship program continues to remain strong, but there is a need for more sponsors for those students on the waiting list.

The worldwide COVID pandemic of 2020 interrupted for 2-1/2 years our bi-annual medical trips to the clinic, and COVID hit this community hard. The local authorities closed the town by quarantine for a long period of time which greatly affected the community in a negative way. Several months ago the quarantine was lifted and life is slowly returning to normal although the local economy is still struggling to return to pre-pandemic levels. Finally, all of Guatemala's international travel restrictions were lifted, and on Sunday, September 18, 2022, the medical mission resumed and 16 missionaries traveled to San Pedro from Atlanta. The children in the school are always excited to see us and this mission trip was no different after our long absence. The students provided classroom entertainment and gifts. We in turn distributed messages/gifts which we brought with us from their sponsors. On this mission there were six members from our parish Precious Blood: Barbara Mathis, Mary Rana, Luciann Slomkowski, Laura and Lucy Tate, and Doug Weiss.



The Town

San Pedro La Laguna is a small town of about 13,000 people located on the shore of Lake Atitlan, a beautiful and large lake surrounded by inactive volcanic mountains. The town sits 5000+ ft high at the base of these mountains. It is one of 11 small villages surrounding the lake, with smoke plumes visible from a far off volcano. Agriculture and manual labor are the primary activities and coffee is the main crop in the area. The people in the communities are descendants of the Mayan culture and the primary languages are Spanish, Tz'utujil and K'iche, the latter two being ancient Mayan languages. While Spanish is the primary language spoken, the Mayan languages are spoken by the elder generation, and is now taught to a young generation who wish to preserve the ancient languages and culture. It's very interesting to observe a 3-way language translation into English between the patients and missionaries.

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Medical Mission (continued)

Our Mission

Our hotel accommodations are lakefront at the bottom of a steep hill. Every day we walk up the hill, or ride in a Tuk-Tuk for a small fee, to breakfast and prayer at the convent, and then begin seeing patients at the clinic. Our travel process is reversed in the evening after mass, a meal, and prayer. Three meals are prepared daily at the convent and usually consists of food native to the local culture. The clinic opens at 8am and closes at 4pm. Patients begin to line up by 7am but are seen well past 5pm. For the week, we saw nearly 325 patients and dispensed over 1,000 prescriptions for medicines. The doctors, nurses, assistants and translators are incredible in their stamina and in their care of the patients. The medical teams in the clinic treated: parasites, scabies, respiratory problems, gastrointestinal problems, infections and other maladies.

One heartwarming encounter occurred between one of our mission translators (kudos to Mary) and a young woman who sold merchandise in front our hotel. When she confided that she was pregnant without any means to provide medical care for herself and her unborn baby, she was seriously considering an abortion as her only option. After her discussion with the missionary and eventually the clinic's doctor about an alternative to abortion, the young woman was assured of free monthly wellness checks and sonograms at our clinic to check on the progress of her baby. (The ultrasound machine was graciously donated by the Knights of Columbus national organization several years ago.) The sonogram revealed the baby had a strong fetal heart-beat and that she was 17 weeks pregnant. Happy to hear the heartbeat she decided not to abort her pregnancy. But her financial problem remained about the costs to see herself through the pregnancy. A solution was found by working together with our clinic's doctor and mission director. The solution? A special program funded by the Guatemalan national government was used that would provide her prenatal and delivery care at no cost. A program we all were unaware existed. The clinic's pharmacy provided her with prenatal vitamins and supplements and future scheduling of regular doctors appointments as needed. This is how the mission works best when we encounter a crisis and we ask for God's blessings to solve it as his emissaries. Our mission director continues to remind us that these missions are "God's missions, not ours". They truly are when we place our trust in HIM.



In addition to all the excitement of conversing with parents, the children and patients, our trip not only provided much needed health care for the San Pedro community, but mission participants also find their own experience to be life changing and spiritually rewarding. Since the first mission in 2008, there have been over 500 participants and many of those who have attended attest to the positive impact the ministry has on the community and school. Another memorable mission trip ended September 25th and we departed at 4:30am from our hotel to the airport for travel to Atlanta and other connecting flights to our homes.

If you are interested in participating in a mission, sponsoring a child in the "Project San Pedro" school program, or how you can help, please contact mission director Deacon Gabe Cuervo at: missions@charlestdiocese.org. Or, you can speak with one of our missionaries.

Submitted by: Doug Weiss, PBOC Missioner

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Knights of Columbus



Thank you for taking the time to read our publication Precious Word. My name is Ed Gagliano I am the Grand Knight of Precious Blood Council 11028 Knights of Columbus. I am writing this article to help you discern why as a practical Roman Catholic man over 18 you have put off becoming a Knight of Columbus.

If you are already a Knight, I thank you and do your best to invite other men to become a Knight of Columbus.

Fear is probably the number one reason men do not take the leap of faith to become a Knight and maybe they tell themselves I don't have enough time and I don't want to be involved.

Charity, Unity, and Fraternity are the principles we try to live and practice. We have meetings once a month, twice if you are an Officer or Director where we have a planning meeting so 2 meetings a month if you choose a leadership role. The monthly meeting with all members is where we discuss our goals and upcoming events with a meal and cash bar after the meeting.

There is nothing secretive about our order. No secret handshakes or any other secrets in what we do or our ceremonies, except we openly acknowledge and serve Christ, his Church and the people in need through our charitable works.

We are known for our tootsie roll drives for the intellectually disabled and we support life in all stages from birth to natural death.

Some may think I don't have enough time to be a Knight but all we ask is 24 hours out of 365 days. If you can do more that's great but if you can't that's okay too. Just being a part of the Knights of Columbus brings you closer to Christ, his Church and the members of that Church.

Ray Farkas is our Membership Director if you have questions his email is Raymond_j_farkas@yahoo.com. You can contact me, Ed Gagliano: phone 843-433-1145
Email gk11028@outlook.com

Please listen to your heart and conscience and prayerfully consider becoming a Knight of Columbus and contact one of us today we will answer all your questions and discuss any reservations.

Ed Gagliano
Grand Knight
Precious Blood Council 11028

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Youth Ministry

Senior Spotlight

Senior spotlight: We have 4 incredible seniors dedicated to the Youth Group this year. They have grown tremendously in their faith over the last couple of years and they are ready for the next chapter of their lives. Far left to right: Josiah Bodie will be playing baseball at Franciscan University. James Leonard will also be attending Franciscan University. Anna Margaret will be running track and field at Clemson University. Cara Targonski is uncommitted at the moment but Auburn University is a serious consideration for her. Please keep these seniors in their prayers.



Middle School Update

The middle school program is growing! We have been meeting on Wednesday nights for fellowship, prayer and adoration. The confirmation class went to Our Lady of Joyful Hope in Kingstree that was very Marian consecration themed. We enrolled in the miraculous medal and brown scapular confraternity. We had another retreat with the Diocesan Missionary team based in Charleston focused primarily on the sacrament of Confirmation. The Confirmation class gets confirmed this upcoming October. Please keep them in your prayers.



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We will be traveling to Portugal and Spain this summer for World Youth Day. We will be going to 2 Marian shrines, Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of Lourdes. We will then be attending the World Youth Day Vigil with the Holy Father in Lisbon, Portugal. Our high school group is very zealous for the faith. Outside of meeting on Sundays, we have had the opportunity to go to Pro Life Rally's, different college and alumni speakers, travel to Charleston, celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, pancake supper fundraise and most importantly, pray together. We thank you for your continued support.



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Holy Week

Confessions:

April 5: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

April 6: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday:

April 6: Mass 6:00 PM (streamed)

Good Friday:

April 7: Stations 12:00 p.m.
Passion 3:00 p.m. (streamed)
Tenebrae 7:00 p.m.

Easter Masses

April 8: 8:30 p.m. (Vigil - streamed)

April 9: 8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. (streamed)
12:00 p.m.

Easter Baskets at all Masses

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 16: 3:00 p.m. Service

First Holy Communion

May 7: 1:00 p.m.

Parish Feast Day

June 11

Pawleys Island Holiday Gala

December 1: 6:00 p.m. at The Village House

