

Outreach

Father Pat's Kitchen

Father Pat's Kitchen crossed a milestone recently on its continuing mission of community enrichment by serving its 200,000th meal on Thursday February 1, 2024.

Father Pat's Kitchen (FPK) serves lunch two days a week from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM and serves Saturday breakfast from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM welcoming all at no charge. Additionally, FPK runs a small food pantry supported by donations from local grocery stores.



Father Pat's Kitchen was the first meal providing food pantry in Pawleys Island (established 2007) and is operated within Founders Hall. Founders Hall at one time served as the church but was repurposed once the Parish Learning Center was constructed. Once a welcoming church, it is now home to an important and needed community out-reach program supported by Precious Blood of Christ Church. The supportive efforts of donors, volunteers and staff have nurtured Father Pat's Kitchen into a vibrant, friendly, and safe place to sit with friends, share a nutritious meal and grow our relationships.

A typical day at FPK starts in the morning with food being picked up from the local grocery stores. Fresh produce is dropped off from a partnering community garden. While this is happening, a few volunteers are working in the kitchen mixing, chopping, sautéing, baking and boiling ingredients. Menu items typically include Chicken Parmesan, Stuffed Flounder, Meatloaf, Chili, Pulled Pork, Scrambled Eggs, and Pancakes. As the menu items are being prepared others are in the dining room cleaning and setting things up to welcome our guests. As the menu items approach completion and are placed on the serving line, our guests arrive. Grace is prayed, and our menu is served. The warm-hearted guest and volunteer conversation soon turns to the necessary tasks of cleaning up. Our volunteers once again step up to the task and wash dishes, wipe tables, mop floors and take out trash to reset the dining room for our next meal.

We are so fortunate for the loving commitment of our volunteers. Their efforts and time are given without hesitation. Each job performed by our volunteers is essential to our success. Serving 200,000 meals is not easy. There were meals that did not go as planned, long days and of course demanding work that may not have been recognized. But, be assured our faith teaches us that all our efforts are in fact recognized and will be rewarded more than we can imagine.

Father Pat's Kitchen would like you to join us in helping our mission continue towards the next 200,000th meal. Anyone interested in volunteering may contact the church office for additional information.

