



**Fr. Paul MacNeil**

Dear Parishioners,

While on pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey in May of this year, I received a call on the biblical Island of Patmos from Fr. Gary Linski, Vicar for Priests. He called me on behalf of the bishop to request that I become the dean for the Myrtle Beach Deanery. Fr. Ed Fitzgerald, the former dean, was going on sabbatical and the bishop needed a replacement and was asking me. I said yes.

What did I say yes to you might ask? Well, according to canon law, the bishop of a diocese has the ability to divide his diocese into districts or deaneries. The Diocese of Charleston which comprises the entire state of South Carolina consists of the following seven deaneries: Aiken,

Beaufort, Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, Myrtle Beach and Rock Hill. As dean of Myrtle Beach Deanery, there are twelve parishes and missions and twenty priests active and retired. As dean, I will act as a liaison between the bishop and the priests of this region. This position will embrace: the calling of regular deanery meetings; trying to ensure that priests are happy, healthy and holy; reaching out to ill, troubled or dying priests and assisting them in their care; having visits with the clergy in their parishes; ensuring that sacramental records are kept up to date; ensuring that when a priest moves, the patrimony of the church is safeguarded in the time of a transfer; and if a priest dies, to make sure that the deceased priest be properly prepared for our Catholic Funeral Rites and that these rites are executed with the gratitude, prayerfulness and dignity rightfully due to a child of God and priest of Jesus Christ. At the bishop's pleasure, the dean can also be called upon to install a new pastor in his new parish as well as officiate at the Sacrament of Confirmation.

With the office of dean, comes the honorary title, Very Reverend before the priest's name and Vicar Forane (VF) afterwards. Dean has its early origins in the Roman world whereby its designation was first given to a military official in charge of ten soldiers. Later in the Middle Ages, the term dean was used in monastic communities to denote the leader of ten monks. Normally as the bishop would exercise his authority in an urban area, his Vicar Forane would exercise limited authority in the rural areas (forane) of the diocese, and this tradition continues in our Catholic Church to this day. Please know that my primary role will remain being your pastor, which I am so thankful to God, the bishop and you, the wonderful and faithful people and parishioners of Precious Blood of Christ Parish. I remain,

Gratefully yours in Our High Priest,

*Father Paul*

Very Rev. Fr. Paul MacNeil V.F.

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PRECIOUS WORD

Respect Life



Grand Strand Proudly Supports St. Clare's Home, hosted by Respect Life Ministries of Precious Blood of Christ and St. Michael Parishes, was held at Pawleys Plantation Country Club on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Two hundred guests were treated to a beautiful evening which included dinner, fellowship, and excellent guest speakers Lt. Governor Pamela Evette, Knights of Columbus State Deputy Jeffrey Crouch, Valerie Baronkin, Director of St. Clare's, Claire Pizzuti, Founder of St. Clare's, Father Paul MacNeil and Father Ed Fitzgerald. Thanks to the generosity of donors and sponsors over \$39,000 was raised for St. Clare's Home.



By video, Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune offered grace before the meal and later in the evening announced the opening of a second location of St. Clare's Home in Charleston. The second annual Grand Strand Proudly Supports St. Clare's Home fundraiser will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 for the Charleston location. **Please Save the Date!**



## PRECIOUS WORD

# Birthright of Georgetown

Our all-volunteer organization consists of people who dedicate their time and effort to provide continuous material support, additional community resources, and mentoring for pregnant women, foster parents, and guardians. We support our mothers, at a minimum, throughout their pregnancies and until the baby turns 1 year of age. This support time can vary based upon the health issues of the babies and if the mother is enrolled in education.

We currently provide material assistance for approximately 200 mothers and their babies. We provide an additional year of Birthright support and financial assistance for those clients who wish to pursue education opportunities such as a High School diploma, GED, college, or certification programs that take our clients from dependency to independence. Currently we have approximately 55 clients that are enrolled in various levels of education.

Since Birthright's inception over 20 years ago we have served over 4,000 mothers, to include foster parents and guardians by supplying them with diapers, wipes, and baby clothing for their babies. Many of those clients took advantage of pursuing education opportunities with our assistance.



Thus far this year we have had 4 mothers who made the decision to save the life of their babies, even though they may have been facing difficult circumstances in their lives.



Generous individuals, churches, church organizations, community groups, and anonymous donors continue to give Birthright material and financial support, which enables us to continue to distribute diapers, wipes, and baby clothing as well as many hand-knitted and hand-sewn baby items and personal care products for the mother.

We are forever grateful to ALL who give their TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE to allow us to continue to help those who face unfortunate and sometimes daunting circumstances.

**BIRTHRIGHT**  
Georgetown

**Needs Volunteers!** Parishioners, please consider giving just 2 hours a month to help as a volunteer at Birthright located at 1905 Front Street in Georgetown. The volunteer hours are as follows for mom's picking up diapers and clothing for their babies.

Monday: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Tuesday: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Wednesday: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Please contact Libby Callahan for details and volunteer training: [eacallahan570@gmail.com](mailto:eacallahan570@gmail.com) or 202-251-7252.



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## Women's Club



A new Board was elected and voted upon this past May and took their respective positions as of July, 2024. The Board consists of:

- ◆ Rita Foster, President
- ◆ Kathy Broch, 1<sup>st</sup> VP
- ◆ Shirley Bole, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.
- ◆ Michelle Schneider, Secretary
- ◆ Suzanne Eberhard, Treasurer

In addition, a new motto was chosen to reflect the work that the membership does within the club. The new motto is: ***“Let your light SHINE before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven”.....Matthew 5:16***

The first event of the new year took place on Sunday, August 25th, when the club had their Welcome Tea which was open to all women of the parish. It was entitled “A Paris Welcome Tea” and it was held in the PLC.



Approximately 80 people attended and enjoyed beautiful “Paris themed” decorations, a vast array of homemade sweet and savory foods, a video of this past year’s special events and projects, as well as wonderful fellowship.



A special “thank you” to Kathy Brochu, who planned this event, to Jeanne Rosol and Yvonne Chadwick for spearheading the decorations committee, and to all the wonderful cooks who supplied the food, as well as the myriad of members who did setups and the brave ones who stayed behind to clean up! The program featured Father Paul MacNeil as our guest speaker. Rita Foster, the President, gave an overview of the Club’s mission, major fundraising events, spiritual meetings, and the various other times the members get together to strengthen those friendships and seek to understand God’s purpose for our organization.

The General Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month and all women of the Parish are invited to come and learn about the awesome work this group of ladies is doing for our parish and the Georgetown County community. Lunch is provided. Yearly dues are \$20.

Article submitted by: Rita Foster, President, PBOC Women’s Club

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## Women's Club continued



**BAKE SALE:** Calling all bakers! We need your “goodies” - cakes, pies, bread, cookies, brownies and candy. Please call Patty Chiappetta to sign up, or with any questions (843) 235-2020.

Baked goods are not needed until Thursday afternoon, October 24th or bring them to the Festival on Fri. 10/25 or Sat. 10/26.

**BOOKS, CD's, DVD's & PUZZLE SALE:** The Book Sale Booth needs your used books. We are collecting fiction, non-fiction, cookbooks, audio books, music CD's, DVDs and jigsaw puzzles. NO cassettes, VCR's, encyclopedias or text books.

Please drop off in the grocery carts located in the PLC lobby.

*Thank you!*

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## Religious Education

### Faith Formation for People of All Ages

Religious Education for Youth grades K4 through grade 5 began in September and meets in the PLC on Sunday mornings from 9:10-10:15 AM. We use *Gospel Weeklies* as our text, a faith formation program centered on the Sunday liturgy that also has resources for parents and catechists. Our dedicated catechists are Tee Fattaleh, Celeste Reid, Bernadette Paukovich, Jennifer Sexton, Tara North, Leonora Montella and Karyn Congdon, assisted by high school helpers Kahlan Ludyjan, Alexis Barbour, Kingsland Reid, and Libby Kaminsky. We are thankful for their ministry to our youth!

**Sacramental Preparation:** First Holy Communion will be celebrated on May 4, 2025, for students in Grade 2. Classes meet on Sundays at 9:10am in the PLC.



Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS will preside at the **Sacrament of Confirmation** at Precious Blood of Christ on Sunday, October 6th at Mass at 4:00 PM. Please pray for the PBOC candidates as they complete their preparations to receive the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit and are united more firmly to Christ as disciples and witnesses. They are Carter Brundage, Sienna Campbell, Benjamin Gasper, Riley Jansky, Eli Johnson, Audrey Ludyjan, Harrison Peacher-Holderied, Cody Russell Peterson, Kingsland Reid, Mackenzie Sexton, Avery Sinclair and Vance Zinna.

**This is our Faith** is a Catechism study for Catholic adults who would like to learn more about our faith and understand church teachings more clearly. The group meets Sundays from 9:15-10:15 AM in Founders Hall and is facilitated by parishioners Eileen Patterson and Suzanne Eberhard. For more info contact [eileen.m.b@gmail.com](mailto:eileen.m.b@gmail.com)

**Parish Mission:** Fr. Simeon Gallagher will visit PBOC October 26th to 31st for a mission. Fr. Simeon Gallagher, OFM, Cap., was born in Philadelphia and is a member of the Mid-America Province of the Capuchin Order. He was ordained in 1971, and his ministerial background is diverse. Fr. Gallagher conducts retreats, parish development programs, parish missions, and religious education workshops. We look forward to welcoming him to our Parish!



**RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the journey of faith taken by baptized Christians who seek to become baptized, or baptized Catholics who never completed their initiation, or those who have never been baptized. Along with Fr. Paul, parishioners Jim and Sabrina Lampe are the facilitators and prayerful supporters of the program. RCIA is offered on Sundays from 9:10-10:15 AM in the PLC. For more information contact [education@pbocchurch.com](mailto:education@pbocchurch.com) or call the parish office.

# Precious Hands

## Precious Hands

*featuring precious people volunteering for our parish*

### SUE FIX & MICHELLE KOHLER

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

The purpose of the Ministry is to provide members of our Precious Blood Community, who have experienced a loss of a loved one, be it a spouse, child, parent, sibling or friend, with “listening ears” to provide help in any way and a heart full of compassion and understanding as they navigate one of life’s most difficult experiences.

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

Our family values throughout our lives have been to look for ways to help others in need. Listening and understanding someone’s needs at a most difficult time and having the ability to make a difference is a very rewarding part of this ministry for us. We believe people gain much hope when they know they are not experiencing something alone. That is where we find fulfillment in our involvement with this ministry.

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

Our ministry involves contact with the bereaved parishioners during the first year following their loss. In addition to phone calls, a mailing, including a small book about coping with grief, is sent to each survivor at 4 intervals during that first year. Each book is written to emphasize the thoughts, emotions and feelings that may be emerging at that particular time. The mailing also includes a personally addressed and signed letter from Fr. Paul. Our parish also partners with Tideland Hospital System, providing a PLC Classroom for bi-monthly bereavement group sessions outreach program. These sessions are led by a trained professional. An invitation to attend the group sessions is included in our phone calls to the bereaved and the letter from Fr. Paul.

#### TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF:

**Sue:** My husband, Bob, and I have been permanent Murrells Inlet residents and Precious Blood parishioners for 13 years. In addition to the bereavement ministry, I bring Communion to the homebound, volunteer at Birthright and participate in the We Adore Him adoration program.

**Michelle:** My husband, Ken, and I have been members of Precious Blood since we relocated from Iowa 8 years ago. In my Iowa Catholic parish, I went through a lengthy training process to become a Stephen Minister which involved Bereavement support through the “Journey through Grief” process which is a very well laid out program for someone who has lost a loved one. In addition, we were trained to support and provide a helping hand component for members of our parish who had asked for help having been diagnosed with a terminal illness, loss of a job, as well as needing support with family issues they were facing - this requires several months of training. I was thrilled that Father Paul had the insight to see the value of adding “Journey through Grief” to the existing Bereavement Team and sincerely appreciate his ongoing support along with support from our office - Ellen and Patty - and my committee partner, Sue Fix. We all work very well as one team for the benefit of our parishioners. My husband and I also support the various “food outreach” programs in our church community.





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### Fellowship

#### Parish Picnic

The Fellowship Committee is once again planning the Annual Parish Picnic, which will be held on Sunday, November 10th – outside the Parish Life Center, after the 10:30 AM Mass.

Please plan to join us for all of your old-time favorites – Hog Heaven’s fried chicken and fixins, games, face painting and MORE. Guaranteed to be an afternoon of fun! **All are welcome!**

### Outreach

#### Elder Issues Fall Educational Series

Elder Issues Ministry supports parishioners by providing local resources for aging adults and their family members. In an effort to reach a broad audience about frequently asked questions, Elder Issues has scheduled the following community speakers to address common concerns.

Please mark your calendars for these informative sessions - as always, dinner will be served! Dinner at 5:00 PM, speaker at 5:30 PM.



**Please call the Parish Office if you'd like to attend so that we can plan accordingly for dinner. All are welcome.**

- Thursday, September 26th. Amanda Copeland, Director, Tidelands Palliative Care
- Thursday, October 17th. Lindsey LeDonne, 4th Annual Visit to PBOC. Independent Medicare Enrollment Specialist
- Thursday, November 21st. Robin Hellman, AMEDISYS Hospice Care

#### Precious Deliveries



As fall approaches, we are once again preparing for Holiday Food Drives.

Through your generosity, the parish is blessed to be able to deliver food to over 80 families in our local community for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter.

Watch the bulletin for dates and information on how you can volunteer and be a part of this rewarding program. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or would like more information.

Kathy & John Morris  
[jkmorris.mail@gmail.com](mailto:jkmorris.mail@gmail.com)



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## Outreach continued

### Pawleys Island Holiday Gala



The 2024 Pawleys Island Holiday Gala is scheduled for Friday, December 6th. The gala committee is pleased to announce that THE MAXX Band will be back this year by popular demand as the entertainment. The seven-piece band includes vocalists, keyboard, drums, guitars, sax, trombone and trumpet. They really get the party started! The group has honed their live stage presence while performing over 125 days out of the year with personalized set lists for conventions, corporate events, and festivals. You won't want to miss seeing them!

This year's gala will again be held at The Village House at Litchfield in Pawleys Island. The menu will include delicious selections of filet mignon, chicken marsala and salmon. Everyone raved about the food last year! An open bar will be available as well.



The gala committee will also sponsor a silent auction at the event. All monies raised through the silent auction will directly support Father Pat's Kitchen. Chris and Jenn Brady are coordinating the prizes. If you have an item to contribute, please contact the Brady's via email at [jennbrady23@gmail.com](mailto:jennbrady23@gmail.com) or 973-332-4695.

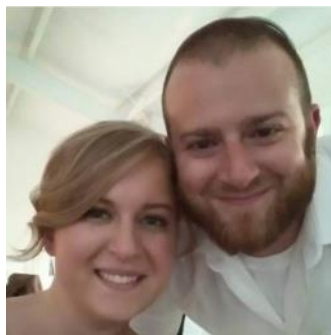
In early October, invitations will be sent to all parishioners and individuals on the gala friends and family list. If you want to include someone on that list, please contact Denise Lee via email at [denisejlee@gmail.com](mailto:denisejlee@gmail.com) or 201-417-0068. The cost of the gala is \$150 per person.



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### Youth Ministry

#### WE WELCOME OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY TO PBOC



PBOC welcomes Trent Bartram as our new Middle/High School Youth Minister.

Trent is 33 and grew up in Easley, S.C. with one brother, Brady. Trent attended Wren High School and has been working as a builder/contractor since graduating. Trent loves to hang out with his wife of almost 10 years, Paige and his two children 3-year-old daughter, Coralie and 9-month-old son, Zach. His favorite hobbies include going to the beach, swimming, fishing, reading and enjoying his favorite meal – Cube Steak. Trent considers himself a human juke box and loves all genres of music.

Eight years ago, Trent first came to know the Lord as a Protestant and was youth minister at that church. He was nearly ordained and then saw the light that guided him to Catholicism. Trent was received into the Catholic Church at our Easter Vigil this year.

As Youth Minister at PBOC, Trent wants our youth to understand that they need to “Be doers of the word and not hearers only” - James 1:22 Trent quotes Bishop Robert Barron who said young people “don’t want an uncertain trumpet; they don’t want a vacillating message. They want something clear, and when they get it, they respond to it. They want something with a solid foundation,” the Bishop said. “We dumbed down the faith for too long.”

Trent is currently double majoring in theology and philosophy at Holy Apostles’ College and Seminary. He also participates in the Men’s Prayer Group which meets at Founders Hall on Friday mornings at 6:45 AM.

The PBOC youth have been serving at Father Pat’s Kitchen on the fourth Saturday of each month.

Over a month ago the youth (middle and high school) went to Fun Warehouse in Myrtle Beach. They roller-skated, played laser tag, and rode go-karts. Their next excursion will be to a Go-Kart Track.

The Youth have been looking at the Fruits of the Spirit, The Beatitudes and the story of the Samaritan Woman. This past week we went over how the church defines justification. Along with a bible study in the book of Revelation.



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**Music Ministry**

Join us Friday, September 27th at 6:00 PM for an Organ Open Consol Event sponsored by Marshall & Ogletree in the Church!



Do you love to sing?  
Do you know someone who loves to sing?



Adult Choir: Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:50 PM in PLC Rm. 1

Handbell Choir: Tuesdays 8:00 - 9:00 PM in church

Youth Choir: rehearsals start one and a half months prior to Christmas and Easter.

We are also looking for Cantors! We offer ongoing choral training, opportunities to develop your gifts and talents, social events, skills that will last a lifetime such as teamwork, confidence, aerobic exercise, improved memory, concentration, spatial organization and most of all to glorify God in worship.

For additional information, kindly contact Andre Rakus, Director of Music and Liturgy at 843-237-3428 or [music@pbocchurch.com](mailto:music@pbocchurch.com)

**Atlanta Young Singers  
at PBOC, June 2nd**



PBOC will be hosting a Christmas themed concert sung by the Singing Soldiers Chorus on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the church.





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# Knights of Columbus

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



The Knights of Columbus is a Fraternal Organization of Catholic Men founded in 1882 on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity. It has grown into an international organization with more than 1.9 million members. The Precious Blood of Christ Knights of Columbus Council 11028 was founded in 1993. We work with all Knights around the globe to help people in need. Our fraternity with each other is what stands us apart from any other organization. We do many events during the year such as a Pancake Supper, Lenten Fish Fry, and Wine Tasting and Italian Dinner nights for the Parish.

We are a well-rounded group of Catholic Brothers, socializing and working together. Many of you know us from our standing outside establishments asking for donations in our yellow aprons. That money always goes to Project Hope, which helps people with Intellectual Disabilities and special needs. The Knights co-sponsor the Hope Ball with the Women’s Club, which is open to anyone who wants to help.



Here at Precious Blood, our Council strives to positively impact the lives of our fellow parishioners and neighbors throughout Georgetown County. We do that by volunteering our time and making donations to local charities.

Last year we donated approximately \$40,000. We place a special emphasis on helping the unborn, the hungry, the homeless, and those born with physical and mental challenges. The Knights of Columbus supports Life from conception to natural death.



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**Knights of Columbus**

Our major donations include Birthright of Georgetown; the J.O.Y. School of Pawleys Island; Georgetown County, Special Olympics; Teach My People; Healthy Learners; Carolina Human Reinvestment; SOS Care; Habitat for Humanity; and each year our “Coats for Kids” program provides over \$1,700 worth of jackets that are given away free at the St. Christopher’s Children retail store in Pawleys Island.

Knights are highly visible at PBOC and easily spotted at weekend masses - proudly wearing our Knights of Columbus name badges. You see us volunteering as ushers, lectors, sacristans, Eucharistic ministers, Ministers of Care and in the adult choir. We also support ceremonial Honor Guard and Patriotic events for the Parish, such as the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration.



Becoming a Knight is a wonderful way to get involved in the community, meet a lot of great people, and get closer to God by participating in Knights of Columbus activities such as First Friday Adoration, Family Rosary and other prayerful activities.

***The Knights of Columbus is open to all Catholic men over 18...please come join us.***

***For more information about the Knights of Columbus contact Tom German, our Grand Knight, at [GKTomCouncil11028@gmail.com](mailto:GKTomCouncil11028@gmail.com) or Roger Brouillette, our Faithful Navigator, at [rogerbfn3272@gmail.com](mailto:rogerbfn3272@gmail.com)***

***If you are ready to become a Knight, please see [KofC.org/join](http://KofC.org/join) Council 11028.***

**Knights of Columbus Italian Night - Saturday, September 14th**





Inspirational Moments

*PBOC Rose Window*

*A HOLY MOMENT*

*Parishioner Jim Lampe captured this photo of the SUN shining through our church's stained glass rose window onto the SUN in our tabernacle.*



*Father Paul's 35th Ordination Anniversary*



*Photos Courtesy of Nikki Del Valle*



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**October Events**

**Mass & Reception for Deacon Steve** - October 2nd, 8:30 AM Mass  
**Blessing of the Pets** - October 5th following 8:30 AM Mass (in the Church parking lot)  
**Confirmation with Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune** - October 6th at 4:00 PM  
**Parish Office Closed for the Columbus Day Holiday** - October 14th  
**K of C Pancake Supper** - October 15th, 4:30 - 7:00 PM at Eggs Up Grill  
**Fatima Pilgrimage Trip Departs** - October 15th - 25th  
**Women's Club Arts & Crafts Festival** - October 25th & 26th, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM each day  
**Parish Mission with Father Simeon Gallagher** - October 28th - 31st  
**All Saints Day Vigil Mass** - October 31st at 6:00 PM

**November Events**

**All Saints Day Masses** - November 1st 8:30 AM and 6:00 PM  
**All Souls Day** - November 2nd Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:00 PM at Columbarium, 6:00 PM Candle Ceremony for this year's deceased  
**Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass** - November 5th, 8:30 AM  
**Women's Club Boutique Auction** - November 9th, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
**Parish Picnic** - November 10th, noon to 3:00 PM  
**Parish Office Closed for Veterans Day Holiday** - November 11th  
**Mass for Deceased Children** - November 12th at 8:30 AM  
**Women's Club Memorial Mass** - November 14, 8:30 AM  
**Mass for Deceased Spouses** - November 21st at 8:30 AM  
**Thanksgiving Mass** - November 28th 10:00 AM  
**Parish Office Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday** - November 28th & 29th

**December Events**

**First Sunday of Advent** - December 1st  
**Pawleys Island Holiday Gala** - December 6th  
**Immaculate Conception** - is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year  
**Golf Tournament Rain Date** - December 9th  
**Penance Service** - December 19th at 6:00 PM  
**Singing Soldiers (Retired Army) Chorus Concert** - December 20th at 6:00 PM  
**Parish Office Closed for Christmas** - December 24th, 25th & 26th  
**Christmas Eve Masses** - 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM (new time!)  
**Christmas Day Mass** - 10:30 AM  
**K of C Fifth Sunday Rosary** - December 29th  
**Parish Office Closed for New Years** - December 31st & January 1st