

SEPTEMBER 2023



Fr. Paul MacNeil

Dear Parishioners,

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

I would like to update you all in the progress of our five year Bicentennial Campaign.

To date, \$1,026,151.28 has been collected and \$267,973.69 has been pledged by the end of the five year effort which concludes in September of 2024. Although we have exceeded our initial goal of \$1.2 million dollars that was set four years ago, rising costs of materials, labor and overall inflationary pressures have raised the costs of our major church renovation to

the total amount of \$2.5 million dollars. 289 pledges were made out of 1255 currently registered families. If you have made a pledge, thank you for your gift. If you have not participated in this campaign thus far, I would like to invite you to reconsider as every dollar that you give will go directly towards this project benefiting the parish 100%. We have also 281 newly registered families in our parish since the campaign began four years ago and I will be reaching out to each of you with a personal letter for your participation in the very near future.

This major church renovation will include:

- 1/ The complete renovation of Founders Hall. (Completed in 2020)
- 2/ The creation of a new transept that will be built extending out from the wall where our Stations of the Cross are currently located increasing our seating capacity by approximately one hundred spaces and this will also include a new washroom. This expanded space will provide more room for everyone including our music ministry that is currently participating by the St. Joseph Statue. (Commencing 2024)

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- 3/ An expanded narthex in the main entrance of the church which will increase our gathering space 300-400 %. This will enable us to use this new space for families preparing for funerals and weddings, catechesis for our children during our Sunday Masses, small receptions after Mass, an overflow area for more seating for Easter and Christmas, as well as a place for coffee and donuts and socializing after the Masses and all of this will be separate from the sacred space of the main church. This development will also include a drive through overhang extended across the church entrance to shield parishioners from the elements when they arrive and leave church. (Commencing 2024)

- 4/ A new sprinkler system for the entire church which is mandated for the safety of all and enforced by the local Fire Marshall. (Commencing 2024)

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Fr. Paul MacNeil, continued

To date, Michael Walker has been hired by the parish and has completed the architectural design of our expansion plans. The Building & Renovation Advisory Committee (BRAC) from the Diocese of Charleston has approved all of our plans as well. We are now in the process of vetting three major contractors and choosing one who will execute the project. Once a contractor is chosen, hopefully in the next month or two, I will be able to share more with you in regards to when we will begin. There will be a time period where we will have to use the Parish Life Center for our weekday and Sunday Masses during our construction phase and we will do all we can to keep this to a minimum.

Next year will be a big year for our parish as we continue to grow as God's people.

Thank you for your prayers, support and generosity in contributing to the joy and blessings of our faith community.

Gratefully in Our Lord Jesus Christ,

Fr. Paul

Pastor

Respect Life



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



On March 17th, pro-lifers from PBOC and St. Michael's prayed at Planned Parenthood in Charleston as part of the 40 Days for Life spring campaign.

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Respect Life continued



On April 20th, Wayne Cockfield gave a very informative presentation on the topic of euthanasia and assisted suicide and answered questions which included pertinent information on living wills and durable power of attorney.



Our spiritual adoption program began on May 7th. Participants spiritually adopt a newly conceived child and pray for their unborn child and for all unborn children for 9 months. Monthly reports describing your baby's development and birth are in the PBOC bulletin. Spiritual Adoption cards are available in the Narthex.



40 Days for Life is a focused prolife campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil in order to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, and bring an end to abortion. The fall campaign will begin on Wednesday, Sept 27th and will end on Sunday, Nov 5th. Please check the **RESPECT LIFE** section in upcoming bulletins for how you can participate in the 40 Days for Life campaign at PBOC.



The PBOC Respect Life Ministry has started a "Traveling Pregnant Madonna" program. The idea is to have our Blessed Mother in your home for 2 weeks and pray to her for the unborn and for a restoration of a culture of life in America and our world.

If you are interested in having our Pregnant Madonna in your home please contact Gloria gloria.dausch@gmail.com or at 240-315-4249.

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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 (our Patron Saint)

Our Mission Statement

The objectives of the Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Women's Club are to develop the interest of women in the welfare of their community, to unite their efforts for the promotion of and participation in religious, social and civic activities, and to perform fund raising to benefit the parish and community.

At the beginning of every year the Women's Club holds a Welcome Tea to introduce ourselves to the women of the Parish. Sunday, August 27th, we kick off the 2023/2024 year with "A Royal Welcome Tea" serving yummy sandwiches, scones, and desserts. All women of the parish are welcome to join us to discover what we are all about.

We hold our General Meetings the 1st Thursday of every month at the Parish Life Center. Our yearly membership dues are a nominal fee of \$20. During the year we hold many Spiritual, Fundraising, and Social Events culminating with our Grants Luncheon in June.

Some of our Spiritual Events that we are planning for this year include the Deceased Members Mass and Communion Breakfast, the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Mass, the Day of Prayer during Lent and possibly a Retreat

Our Fundraising Events will include:

- Our famous Arts & Crafts Festival held October 27th and 28th.
- The Boutique Auction on January 21st, featuring gently used fashions, handbags, and jewelry.
- Spring Fashion Show held on March 16th, at Pawleys Plantation with themed Gift Baskets and Silent Auction items as well as fabulous fashions from local retailers.

The money we raise at these events funds our Grants Program. We felt so blessed and proud to be able to give out \$30,800 in Grants to 13 local Not for Profit Organizations last year.

In November, 2022, we visited Mepkin Abbey to see their beautiful selection of Nativities from around the World and visited the Darla Moore Arboretum in the Spring. We're looking at some equally exciting places to explore this year.

Once a month we have our Sip N' Chat where gather at a Club member's home or a local restaurant for two hours in the afternoon and get to know each other better. We all bring snacks and/or wine to share.

The Women's Club is a great way to meet your "forever friends." We are a great group of women who really care about each other and our community. This past year we were 190 women strong.

We pray, work, lunch, laugh and sometimes cry together. Please check out our website at wcpboc.com. We would love to have you join us.

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Religious Education

Open House

Faith formation for our youth began with an Open House on September 10. Fr. Paul welcomed all new and returning families. Please pray for the over 70 children in grades K-8 and their families as well as the 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: Emma Patterson, Susie Kaminsky, Tee Fataleh, Celeste Reid, Amy Kitowicz, Jennifer Sexton, Eileen Boettcher Patterson, Karyn Congdon, Leonora Montella, and their high school helpers Molly Congdon, Maddie Lee, Libby Kaminski and Alexis Barbour.

Rite of Christian Initiation



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 Charleston, our pastor Fr. Paul MacNeil and lay facilitators Jim and Sabrina Lampe. This year, we have 5 adults on a journey of faith towards Easter, some who have never been baptized, baptized Christians who are seeking to become Catholics and baptized Catholics who have never completed their initiation. Please pray for them and their sponsors who will accompany them on this faith journey!



The 2nd grade First Communion prep class learning their prayers.

Catechetical Sunday

We celebrated Catechetical Sunday on September 17, where we recognized and blessed the individuals who devote themselves to catechesis. The theme for this year is “Come to me all you who labor and burdened.”

Precious Hands

Precious Hands

featuring precious people volunteering for our parish

CAROLE KACZYNSKI

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

Ushers welcome our parishioners into the church for Mass each Sunday.
 Extraordinary Ministers of Communion serve the Eucharist and/or cup to the parishioners on Sundays.
 Altar Linens ministers help keep the altar linens and priest's vestments clean.
 Repast team serves a lunch after funerals.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BEING PART OF THESE MINISTRIES?

I am so happy to be doing God's work by being such a part of Precious Blood. I am also honored for being chosen as the "Precious Hands" person for this edition of the Precious Word. To me, everyone in our church are Precious Persons for all their time and support. It's such a pleasure being a part of it.

TELL US ABOUT WHAT YOU DO FOR THIS MINISTRY?

After talking to the many women in the Women's Club who were also involved with many church ministries as well, I looked into what I would like to volunteer for within the church. I started with being an usher. I went on to volunteer to be a Eucharistic Minister. This led me to help with the altar linens and priest's vestments, keeping them all clean for the weekend and weekly Masses. Then my final ministry was to help with the Repast. This consists of working with the many volunteers to help make the families who have had a loss a little more comfortable by serving them lunch in our Parish Life Center after Mass so they can have time to spend with their family and friends. The many families we serve are always so very pleased that Precious Blood has this very special ministry.



HOW CAN OTHERS BECOME MEMBERS?

Family & Friends wishing to join our parish can find out about the many fundraising events & ministries through our website, the weekly Parish Bulletin and Stewardship Fairs we hold. All these events benefit our church and community.

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF.

My husband Bob and I moved to SC in 2008. We started going to Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church which I'm still very much a part of. I felt that I would love getting involved with the church activities. I looked into joining the Precious Blood Women's Club. I met so many lovely women. I joined many of the committees the Club has. The wonderful thing about the Women's Club is after working these committees all year, at the end they have a Grants Luncheon where you hear from many of the non-profit charities on how they use our funding. Then you know all your time & talent volunteering was so worth it.

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Outreach

30th Annual PBOC Golf Tournament



The 30th Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser for the PBOC Outreach Ministries was held on Monday, September, 11th at The Reserve Golf Course in Pawleys Island. After extensive planning by the new co-chairs, Ben and Rita Foster, and with the help of countless and dedicated volunteers, the event kicked off with much anticipation.

Arriving golfers were treated to donuts donated by Parlor Donuts, coffee donated by Applewood Pancake House as well as Mimosa and Bloody Marys. Some chose to sit with fellow golfers for breakfast, others took pictures with their foursomes and some went to the driving range to warm up their swings.

The day was picture perfect for golf after a rain-filled weekend. Following a brief welcome, and prior to the golfers going out on the course, several First Responders (Pawleys Island Police and Firefighters from Midway Station #81) were recognized, honored, and thanked for their service as part of the 9/11 Program. Father Patrick J. Stenson said the opening prayer for the event and Father Paul MacNeil, the current Pastor, was on hand to offer his support. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Greg Lowery, U.S. Army Chorus, Retired, sang the National Anthem.

This year's event featured a speaker with a unique perspective to commemorate 9/11. Mr. Ferg Foley, a current PBOC parishioner, was the Deputy Trade Center Task Force Commander on site managing the Military Operations through the rescue and recovery phase. He was responsible for coordinating personnel and logistics with the Department of Defense and other government agencies. His topic was "Never Forget" as he relayed his experiences of being at Ground Zero and the hope and patriotism that he witnessed in the aftermath of this horrific event in our nation's history.

After Mr. Foley finished his presentation, Mr. James Canty, played Taps on his trumpet. It was a powerful moment for everyone there and a great reminder of the patriotism that exists.

The morning program concluded with The Reserve Golf Director, Mr. Donald Clement, who went over the Rules of Play before sending the golfers onto the course. The golfers returned around 3:00pm and turned in their score cards to the golf pros to tabulate the low scoring teams. Prizes were awarded to the winning teams and door prizes donated by area businesses were given out to the raffle winners. Of course, the real winners will be the 14 Outreach Ministries at PBOC and the impact they will have on the people and community here in Pawleys Island and Georgetown County.

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Outreach continued



2923 Golf Tournament at The Reserve



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Outreach continued

More Golf Tournament Photos...



Precious Deliveries Holiday Food Drive

As we move into the fall, and the holiday season, we are beginning to plan for Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Drives.

As is our custom, two weeks prior to each holiday, we distribute paper bags after each Mass, labeled with a specific food item to be purchased and returned to the Church. Food is collected, sorted, counted, then divided among approximately 80 families within our local community. The bags of food are delivered to the homes of these families.

Needless to say, this effort requires many volunteers to run smoothly. We are so thankful for the many helping hands that have assisted in the past. Please watch for our email and bulletin notices in coming months to mark your calendars. If you are new to the program, and would like more information or to be added to our contact list, please let us know.

“Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” - Matthew 25:31-46

Blessings,
Kathy & John Morris
Coordinators
973-229-3452

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The 2023 Pawleys Island Holiday Gala is scheduled for Friday, December 1. 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, which has been newly renovated. The expansion has opened the floor plan to allow more room for tables and dancing.

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 Lunch Kitchen. Chris and Jenn Brady are coordinating the prizes. If you have an item to contribute, please contact the Bradys via email at jennbrady23@gmail.com or cell phone at 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 denisejmlee@gmail.com or cell phone at 201-417-0068. The cost of the gala is \$150 per person.

Music Ministry**Patriotic Concert - A Salute to Veterans**

By The US Army Brass Quintet
And some of our favorite Army Chorus singers.
Friday, November 3
6:00 PM

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Youth Ministry

“To go on pilgrimage is not simply to visit a place to admire its treasures of nature, art or history. To go on pilgrimage really means to step out of ourselves in order to encounter God where he has revealed himself, where his grace has shone with particular splendor and produced rich fruits of conversion and holiness among those who believe.” –Pope Benedict XVI

“Pilgrimages evoke our earthly journey toward heaven and are traditionally very special occasions for renewal in prayer.” –The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2691)

“I’m scheduled to give five presentations at World Youth Day in Lisbon... and every single one of them is designed to evangelize.” – Bishop Robert Barron

Pilgrimage to World Youth Day

Thirteen pilgrims from PBOC were blessed to have the opportunity to travel to World Youth Day (WYD) in Lisbon, Portugal this summer. We were part of a larger group of over fifty people from the Diocese of Charleston including Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, Director of Vocations and USC chaplain Father Rhett Williams, and seminarians Erik Roman, Paul Sizemore, and our own Mark D’Angelo, and over a dozen pilgrims from St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom in Georgetown.



We flew into Toulouse, France on July 25 and traveled to nearby Lourdes. Here, in 1858, fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous was visited multiple times by a lady in white in a grotto near the river. Just four years earlier Pope Pius IX had declared the dogma of the *Immaculate Conception* of Mary, a theological term not familiar to church laity. When Bernadette was urged by the local Priest to find out the name of the lady in white, she replied to her, “I am the *Immaculate Conception*.” Church authorities were convinced that these apparitions were true and had a beautiful basilica built there. ¹

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The next morning our group joined mass at the grotto celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, UK. The Order of Malta brought many people suffering with illnesses to mass and to receive the healing waters of the grotto. That night we joined in a vigil with visitors from many nations on the grounds outside the church, including many of the sick helped along by caregivers, carrying candles, saying the rosary, and singing.

Over a century ago, Our Lady of Lourdes appeared to a poor child whose family was struggling to keep a roof over its head. Bernadette then pointed the world to the healing waters of the grotto where she appeared, and large crowds of people have been coming here ever since. For those who believe, no explanation is necessary. For those who do not believe, no explanation is possible. 2

The next day, we bussed to Burgos, Spain, and visited the magnificent Burgos Cathedral. Construction on the cathedral, known for its gothic architecture and artwork, began in 1221 and lasted over 300 years.³ Bishop Jacques celebrated mass for our group in a side chapel of this ancient church. One of the paths of the Camino de Santiago (The Way of St. James) passes through Burgos and leads on to Santiago de Compostela, the tomb of St. James the Greater, our destination the next day. 4

St. James is known for having spread Christianity to Spain in the early years of the Church before returning to Jerusalem. The book of Acts records the beheading of James, this first martyr of the Apostles. Followers of St. James from Spain transported his body back to the Iberian Peninsula and buried it there. Later, the ornate Cathedral of Santiago was built in that location and St. James' remains are entombed there. Pilgrims from all over the world continue to walk the Camino de Santiago ending at the cathedral in Compostela de Santiago.^{5 6} We toured the Cathedral, visited the tomb of St. James, and, following tradition, embraced the statue of St. James above. After the wonder of being at the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, to visit the resting place of one of Jesus' disciples and martyrs was also a tremendous blessing.

After an overnight stay in Coimbra, Portugal, we made our way to Fatima, where we spent 2 nights. In 1916, three young shepherd children, siblings Francisco and Jacinta and their cousin Lucia, were visited by an angel up on the hills near the village of Fatima. Later, on May 13, 1917, the children were visited by a lady in white carrying a rosary. She urged them to pray the rosary every day to bring peace to the world and end the war. After word spread of what the children were seeing, seventy thousand people joined the children for the last appearance of the Lady. The sun miraculously danced in the sky for all to see, an event that made newspaper headlines. The Lady revealed herself to Lucia as The Lady of the Rosary. A shrine and sanctuary were built in Fatima in honor of Our Lady and it hosts thousands of visitors year round. Saints Jacinta and Francisco are buried there and passed away shortly after the apparitions. 7

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Youth Ministry continued



World Youth Day 2023
Lisbon, Portugal



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Youth Ministry continued

It is amazing to consider that Mary appeared in Lourdes and Fatima to young children in a span of sixty years.⁹ Miracles continue at these sites to this day. In fact, we learned that a teenaged girl from Spain had her vision restored in a miracle at Fatima a few days after our visit.¹⁰

On August 1, we arrived in Lisbon, where we went to the opening Mass in Eduardo VII Park with a fabulous view to the Tagus River just before it spills into the Atlantic. A large crowd of Priests, Bishops, and Cardinals all dressed in white from all over the world joined Cardinal Manuel Clemente in celebrating the Mass with thousands of Catholics from every nation in attendance.

Each morning, we attended Rise Up sessions hosted by a diocese from the US. These took place beautiful old churches found all over Lisbon. The youth were invited to participate, sharing their testimonies, struggles, and joys in small groups. Some of our group shared openly with all in attendance. What an inspiration it was to hear their heartfelt stories and sincere messages of faith. The bishops gave encouraging talks at Rise Up as well. Daily at noon, the bishops and many priests, celebrated Mass for us. At our last Rise Up session, forty priests heard confessions. It was comforting to experience God's grace of forgiveness and see so many young people receiving and being renewed by it in this setting, from Dioceses all over the US.

A highlight of our experience in Lisbon was joining ten thousand people to hear Bishop Barron speak in one of Lisbon's green parks. More than thirty US Bishops introduced themselves before the talk including Bishop Jacques. Bishop Barron inspired us all recounting how Jesus walked with disciples on the Road to Emmaus after his resurrection. "Let Christ come to life in you, set your heart on fire, and then you'll know who you are. Through your mission, you will find joy and transfigure the world." ¹¹

Pope Francis arrived in Lisbon on August 3, and we were excited to see him in person on the stage in Eduardo VII Park where we had previously attended opening mass. The Pope shared, "You are not here by accident. The Lord has called you. Indeed, He has called you by name!" ¹²

"The illusions of social media attract us and promise happiness but later show themselves to be vain, superfluous things, substitutes that leave us empty inside," the pope said. "Jesus is not like that; he believes in you, in each one of you and us, because to him each one of us is important. Jesus calls us as we are, not as we would like to be." A few of us got close enough for a friendly wave from the Pope as he departed that evening in a motorcade.

We refer to our next to last night in Lisbon as "The Pilgrimage within a Pilgrimage". We journeyed in 100-degree temperatures on a packed metro and hiked out to the waterfront with our backpacks on and sleeping bags in tow for a few hours in order to participate in a vigil, sleep outdoors, and be present for the final Mass of WYD. We slept on a rocky sandy beach with dust swirling about us alongside one and a half million of our closest friends of all nations. It was a sacrifice that I think we all appreciated. In the morning, we were delighted to see Pope Francis escorted down the road near our section. He was joined by ten thousand priests and seven hundred bishops in celebrating Mass. The Pope told us to "shine" and to "listen". "Do not be afraid. The Church and the world needs young people like the earth needs rain." ¹³

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Youth Ministry *continued*

It was deeply moving to walk the hills where the children were visited by Our Lady. Bishop Jacques led us in the Fatima Prayer at a statue of Our Lady marking the location of her appearance.⁸ Later, we joined people from many countries and states for mass with Cardinal O'Malley at the Sanctuary. Bishop Jacques and many other clergy concelebrated the mass delivered in several languages. Some of our youth prayed the kneeling rosary on a long marble path. We visited the tombs of Jacinta and Francisco. That night we attended a candlelight vigil where the rosary was said in ten languages and we sang hymns to Mary as we processed with fellow Christians from all over the world, a truly Catholic (Universal) moment.

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On our last night in Portugal, we were overwhelmed and filled with joy from the graces we had received and the wonders we had witnessed on this trip that truly expanded our minds and hearts. We come home from this great pilgrimage realizing that the Church is universal. Even in this difficult and divisive time in the world, the Church stands strong, embodied by new and faithful young believers who are hungry for the gospel and ready to take up the Cross of Christ.

There are pilgrimages all around us that can renew our spirit and call us to deeper conversion in the faith. Whenever we visit a parish on the other side of the state named for a saint we know little about, we are on a pilgrimage. Or when we visit nearby holy places, like Mepkin Abbey in Moncks Corner or The Shrine of Our Lady of Blessed Hope in Kingstree, we are on a pilgrimage. We can even venture farther to other states or countries, where there are numerous places of pilgrimage to visit that can enhance our spiritual journey, like The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C., or St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, or The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Where will your next pilgrimage lead you?

¹ <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/our-lady-of-lourdes-144>

² See the excellent 1945 movie, *The Song of Bernadette*

³ <https://www.historyhit.com/locations/burgos-cathedral/>

⁴ <http://www.stjames-cathedral.org/Prayer/jameslegend.aspx>

⁵ <https://followthecamino.com/en/camino-de-santiago-routes/>

⁶ See the 2010 movie, *The Way*, for a story about Camino de Santiago

⁷ <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/our-lady-of-fatima-485>

⁸ See the wonderful 2020 movie, *Fatima*

⁹ Matthew 18:1-5

¹⁰ <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/255031/miracle-at-fatima-world-youth-day-pilgrim-receives-her-sight-after-communion-at-mass>

¹¹ <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/254984/preach-the-real-christ-bishop-barron-tells-thousands-of-us-youth-at-wyd>

¹² <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-08/pope-welcomes-young-people-to-wyd-god-is-calling-you-by-name.html>

¹³ <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-08/bring-god-s-radiant-smile-to-all-pope-tells-youth-at-wyd-mass.htm>

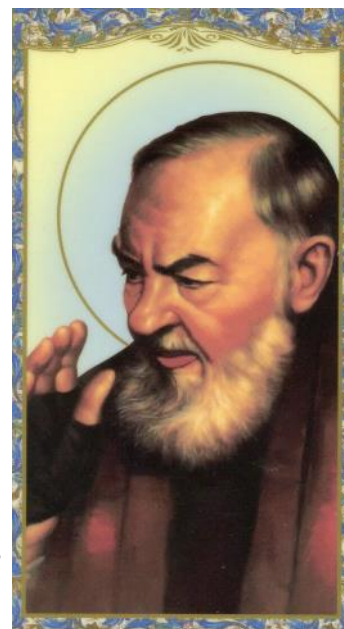
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Evangelization

Padre Pio Prayer Group

The Padre Pio Prayer Group meets the first Friday of every month in Classroom #3 in the Parish Life Center after Mass & Adoration (around 9:30), except on holiday weekends. We went to the Cathedral in Charleston on September 8. Members of the group are asked to say the Rosary and attend Mass and Adoration on a regular basis. The Padre Pio Prayer Group is part of an international fraternity of PP Prayer Groups established by St. Padre Pio himself after WWII.

In honor of Saint Pio's feast day (September 23) we are asking everyone to bring Rosaries that are not being used at home and put them in the basket on his table at church. Padre Pio was a great advocate of the Rosary. There will also be a basket for beads and costume jewelry that can be re-made into Rosaries. The baskets will be on the table all month and we will always welcome donation of Rosaries and beads. Our group is Spirit led seeking to make St. Pio known in our parish community.



For more information, please contact:
 Suzy Brown 943-274-4552 or
 Mary Rana 43-359-9029

Fellowship



We welcome Cathy and Brian Borysewicz as the new committee chairpersons of our Fellowship Committee. They are currently planning our Parish Picnic, which will be held on Sunday, October 22 - outside the Parish Life Center, after the 10:30 AM Mass. Please plan to join us for food & drinks, hayrides, games, face painting and FUN!

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Knights of Columbus

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



My name is Corey Schneider. I am Grand Knight of the 2023/2024 fraternal year. I am an honored Knight of Columbus. I have been a Knight for only 3 years, but in that short time I have never felt more fulfilled in my entire life. When I first moved down to Pawleys Island, I was overwhelmed by how much faith emanated from the church and its parishioners. They all made me feel so welcome and inspired me to become a Knight. I am so glad I became a Knight and welcome everyone who wants to feel the same as me to join us and become a member.

Our organization was founded by Fr. Michael McGivney. We are grounded by our Catholic faith and our virtues of charity, unity and Fraternity. Fr. McGivney was a visionary in his day. He saw working men dying at an early age in the industrial revolution. He wanted to do something to help the widows and their children survive without a bread winner. The Knights of Columbus was formed in 1882 as an organization and life insurance was made available to families to help them survive. Our agents sell love and money - and love is why we protect our families.

Council 11028 supports many different charities for children, disabled people young and old, coats for kids, and Birthright, just to name a few. Our unity is unwavering. We work with all Knights around the globe to help people in need.

Our fraternity to each other is what stands us apart from any other organization.

We do many charitable things that are also fun during the year, such as Pancake Suppers, Lenten Fish Fries and Italian Nights. We do awards for students. We are a well-rounded group of Catholic gentlemen.

Many of you know us from our stands outside many establishments asking for donations in our yellow aprons. That money always goes to the Special Olympics in Georgetown and our Hope Ball, which is for the disabled people. That ball - open to anyone who wants to help - is one of my favorite events. When you leave there that night you will never be the same. It is such a moving event, your faith will be renewed. I promise.

The Knights of Columbus support life from conception to death. We are a big supporter of Birthright in Georgetown. We help new mothers and the children who have no means of support and friendship. The Knights support many organizations in need: disaster relief, defending life, persecuted Christians, coats for kids, seminarians and vocations.

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Knights of Columbus continued

Sir Knight John Martin is the Faithful Navigator who heads the Fr. Philip Grant Assembly 3272, which is the patriotic arm of the Knights of Columbus. The Fourth Degree Sir Knight is the highest degree you can attain. The Assembly helps veteran organizations in all their needs. The Sir Knights participate in an Honor Guard which is led by Sir Knight and Past Faithful Navigator Charles Sacavage. The Honor Guard marches in parades, present colors and do flag foldings. They honor our deceased members and attends many patriotic events and do many charitable events.

I hope these things will help Catholic gentlemen who want to help humanity join our council

Grand Knight Corey Schneider
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Save
the
Date



Saturday, October 7 - After 8:30 AM Mass



PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, October 22, 2023, 11:30 AM

Outside the Parish Life Center

**WOMEN'S CLUB
33rd ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL**

October 27, 2023, Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

October 28, 2023, Saturday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Parish Life Center - Inside/Outside

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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 Children - November 7, 8:30 AM

Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass - November 9, 8:30 AM

Mass for Deceased Spouses - November 16, 8:30 AM

Immaculate Conception - Holyday of Obligation - December 8

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