



NEW PARISHIONER HANDBOOK



Precious Blood of Christ
CATHOLIC PARISH

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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

Dear Parishioner,

Welcome to Precious Blood of Christ. We are delighted to have you join our growing parish family on our journey of stewardship – sharing our time, talent and treasure for the good of our church and community. For Precious Blood of Christ to be all that God wants, every parishioner needs to increasingly recognize and celebrate that all we have comes from God and belongs to God and, understanding this, look for opportunities to serve.

We are blessed to have the support and commitment of so many of our parishioners. We invite you to share our spirit of stewardship and become involved in one of our several committees and organizations. I know of no better way to become part of our community and gain the special joy and blessings that comes from doing God's work.

It is a privilege for me to present to you, on behalf of Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church, this handbook. This booklet is a great way to communicate to our parishioners all the ministries available in our parish. Hopefully it will provide the opportunity and encouragement for you to become involved in one of these activities.

The Precious Blood of Christ Catholic community will continue to provide various parish programs including faith formation, parish ministries, parish groups and organizations, outreach ministries, as well as other ministries to the parishioners and community that are necessary to fulfill their needs. How we live out this vision is chartered in our mission statement and implemented in our daily lives.

The staff and I are here to help. If you have specific needs or questions, please call the parish office at 843-237-3428 between 9:00 AM and 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, except on Thursdays when the office closes at noon.

Again, welcome! We are happy to have you with us! I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Paul

Very Rev. Paul MacNeil
Pastor

1: Parish Information

Parish Mission:

We, the members of Precious Blood of Christ Roman Catholic Church of Pawleys Island, believe we have been called by God to use our time, talent and treasure to serve God and his children. We seek to be a community of faith, hope and love under the pastoral leadership of the Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, in union with the pope, and the Holy Spirit.

Our mission is to provide opportunities for the parish family and community to celebrate our faith, to enable the integration of faith and family life and to encourage spiritual development. We aspire to create a community that is welcoming of all and an environment of fellowship and hospitality where we are nurtured, refreshed and empowered to be a living church. When you are visiting Pawleys Island, please make Precious Blood your spiritual “home away from home”.

Pastoral Staff

Very Rev. Paul D. MacNeil, Pastor

Rev. Patrick J. Stenson, Retired Administrator

Deacon Mike Appel

Deacon Tim Joseph

Deacon Steve Olenchock

Parish Staff

Ellen Sullivan, Pastor's Assistant/Parish Coordinator

Emma Morrow, Assistant Parish Coordinator

Patty Guazzo, Parish Secretary

Linda Ludwik, Parish Secretary

Linda Cherry, Financial and Administrative Assistant

Michael King, Comptroller

Maureen Arneman, Director of Religious Education

André Rakus, Director of Music & Liturgy

Trent Bartram, Director of Youth Ministry

Nikki Del Valle, Events Coordinator

Bobbi Rakus, Rectory & Church Assistant

Parish Contact Information

Visit our website - pbocchurch.com - for all relevant and updated parish information, including staff contact information, upcoming parish events, and all our current parish ministries and organizations. You can also reach the staff by calling the Parish Office at **(843) 237-3428**. Staff emails are on our website, or you can email general questions to info@pbocchurch.com.

Parish Office Hours

Weekdays: 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Closed at noon on Thursdays.

Diocese Affiliation

The Catholic Diocese of Charleston comprises the entire state of South Carolina with Charleston as its See city. Founded in 1820, it is one of the oldest Catholic dioceses in the United States. You can learn more about the Diocese at their website <https://charlestdiocese.org/>

Our Parish History

1960's: Mass was celebrated in a non-denominational chapel on Pawleys Island and at the Litchfield Inn.

1984: Precious Blood was listed as a mission of St. Mary's Church under Fr. Theodore Cilwick's pastoral guidance. The diocese purchased 6.6 acres on Waverly Rd. A small man-made pond, a low white stucco house, and a white building were on the property. The white building, once a four-car garage and today Founders Hall, was now the Catholic Church in Pawleys Island. The structure on top of the "church" was to become our first rectory.

- 1985:** The first Mass was celebrated in this new worship space.
- 1986:** In February, the bishop issued a decree establishing the 84th parish of the diocese and naming it "Precious Blood of Christ." Rev. Thomas Evatt, who shared his time and ministry between PBOC and St. Mary's in Georgetown, lived at St. Cyprian Church in Georgetown. In May the diocese purchased 10.7 acres next to our property.
- 1988:** Rev. Francis J. Travis arrived to become Precious Blood of Christ (PBOC) Catholic Church's first fulltime pastor. While Fr. Travis was here, plans were made to enlarge the garage because our parish was increasing in size.
- 1990:** Rev. Charles (Chuck) J. Snopek became pastor in October.
- 1992:** The church was enlarged to accommodate the increased size of the parish.
- 1995:** Growth of our parish continued and plans were formulated to build a new church.
- 1997:** Our parish purchased the adjoining acreage from the diocese.
- 1998:** Construction of our new church began.
- 1999:** Fr. Chuck, due to illness, left our parish shortly after the dedication of the new church. Father Patrick J. Stenson, MSC (Fr. Pat) arrived and took over administrative duties.

- 2000:** Fr. Pat was officially appointed Administrator on August 14.
- 2001:** The columbarium project was dedicated on September 30.
- 2006:** Bishop Robert Baker dedicated the Parish Life Center on September 17. The original house, which had become church offices, was razed and the columbarium moved to its location.
- 2007:** Father Pat's Lunch Kitchen opened in Founders Hall in April with monies from the first Tastes at Pawleys.
- 2011:** Bishop Guglielmone recommended to Fr. Pat to find a permanent rectory for the parish. The decision to purchase an existing building was found to be the best option including: cost effectiveness, timeliness, privacy and security.
- 2012:** The Parish purchased a Rectory off campus.
- 2017:** Fr. Pat retires; in March Fr. Paul MacNeil is named pastor.
- 2022:** Jacques Fabre-Jeune is installed as the new Bishop of Charleston.
- 2023:** Our Adoration Chapel opens.
- 2025:** There are over 1270 parish families registered and an expansion of the church will begin in the Summer.

2: Worship

Worship Schedule

SUNDAY OBLIGATION:

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday:..... 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

DAILY MASS:

Weekdays: 8:30 AM
First Saturday: 8:30 AM

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 PM or by appointment

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION:

Vigil: 6:00 PM
Holyday:..... 8:30 AM & 6:00 PM

ROSARY:

Monday through Saturday: 7:55 AM

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:

Wednesdays: after Daily Mass

ADORATION CHAPEL:

Monday through Thursday..... 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday:..... 9:00 AM - 8:00 AM Saturday

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick - Call the office at first sign of serious illness. A priest is available after office hours by listening to the prompts on the answering machine. Please reach the priest at that number for emergencies when the office is closed.

Baptism - Contact the Parish Office before the child is born. Preparation class is required.

Confirmation - Preparation usually takes place during 8th Grade. Contact the Director of Religious Education: 843-237-3428 ext. 6.

Eucharist - For those who are ill or chronically confined, call the Parish Office. 1st Holy Communion preparation occurs during 2nd Grade, prior Baptism is required. Contact the Director of Religious Education: 843-237-3428 ext. 6.

Matrimony - Contact Pastor's Assistant six months before planned wedding date. Marriage preparation and Engaged Encounter are required.

Reconciliation - Saturdays at 4:00 PM or by appointment. 1st Reconciliation preparation occurs in 2nd Grade, prior Baptism is required. Contact the Director of Religious Education: 843-237-3428 ext. 6.

Eucharistic Adoration

We are blessed to offer exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Come adore Him!

- Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
- First Fridays of the Month: 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM in the main sanctuary, then through the night in our adoration chapel until 8:00 AM Saturday morning.

Walk-ins are welcome. To view the Adoration Schedule or to sign up for a Holy Hour, visit the We Adore Him website or use this link <https://pboc.weadorehim.com/>

Flower Intentions:

The Flower Intention Calendar is posted in the hall by the literature rack in the church. There are four intentions each week. Please fill in *for whom* and *from* on the calendar. Your donation of \$25 for each intention can be placed in the flower envelope located to the right of the calendar. Drop your envelope in the collection basket or turn in at the parish office.

3: Faith Formation

Mission Statement: *Catechesis is one of the fundamental priorities in the life of the parish and its mission. All members of the Church are called to grow in faith and proclaim the Good News throughout their lives.*

Our faith formation programs are designed to support the spiritual growth of everyone, from children to adults. We desire individuals of all walks of life to grow in their faith and strengthen their connection with God. Contact the Parish Office to join a program.

Adult Bible Study - A series of weekly programs to study and discuss books of the bible. Our study typically includes watching a ~50 min video followed by small discussion groups to go more deeply into that week's session. We have strengthened our understanding of how Jesus established his kingdom and how we are empowered to live in it. Meets weekly, September-May.

Adult Catechism Study - For already confirmed Catholics who want to learn more about their faith, would like to understand Church teachings more clearly, and for those who desire to be catechized like an OCIA student. Meets weekly September through May.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) - A journey of faith, beginning in the fall of each year and culminating at the Easter Vigil. This program is for the Christians who seek to become Catholics or baptized Catholics who have never completed their initiation. The priest, deacon and volunteer catechists instruct the catechumens and candidates in the way of faith and conversion. While the timetable for those seeking initiation into

the faith may vary, ordinarily preparation includes meeting once a week. Sponsors, who must be practicing Catholics who have received all of the sacraments of initiation, accompany catechumens and candidates on this journey of faith.

Religious Education for Youth - Programs for youth meet August through June in the PLC on Sunday mornings. Our volunteer catechists and high school helpers assist parents in informing their children about the Catholic faith and forming young disciples of Jesus Christ, using a curriculum provided by the Diocese of Charleston. All volunteer catechists are carefully screened/trained according to diocesan standards and are encouraged to attend continuing education seminars offered by the parish to become certified. All Sunday School classes meet in our Parish Life Center on Sunday from 9:10 – 10:15 AM. Elementary education Sunday School is K4 through Grade 5. Middle Schoolers Sunday School are Grades 6 and 7. Confirmation preparation is for Grade 8.

Spiritual Direction - PBOC offers spiritual companioning/direction to anyone interested. Usually direction is a one hour monthly session to look at how God is showing up in your life and how you have responded. One hour appointments are available, meeting in the PLC. Spiritual direction is also available for the homebound. As this is a parish ministry there is no charge. Contact information is in the bulletin.

Youth Group (Middle and High Schoolers) - Our Youth Ministry is committed to spiritual, social, and service activities that help our teens grow more fully in their Catholic faith and develop a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. For middle schoolers, Grades 6-8, Youth Group meets on Wednesdays from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. For

high schoolers, Grades 9-12, Youth Group meets on Sundays from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. And the joint Youth Group Bible Study for Grades 6-12 meets on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:15 PM.

Young Adult Group (Ages 18-35) - Our Young Adult Group strives to empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today, to draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community, and to foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person. We meet once a month on the First Thursday of the month from 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

4. Get Involved

A. Groups & Organizations

Mission Statement: *To foster a vibrant and welcoming community where members grow in faith, support one another, and live out the teachings of Christ through shared prayer, community, and fellowship.*

To become a participant of any of these parish organizations or groups, please contact the Parish Office.

Cursillo/Ultreya - *To Teach the Joy of Being Fully Christian.*

“Short Course” - that's the literal meaning of Cursillo. This short course in Christianity is oriented toward personal renewal and the renewal of the Church and the world.

The work of Cursillo is the work of the Church: to prepare Christians for their part in fulfilling the Divine Commission to make disciples of all nations. It proposes no new theology or spirituality but is a method for personal development of the desire to live an authentic Christian life in response to one's baptism.

For current Cursillistas, the monthly Ultreya meeting is held at St Michael's Parish Center in Garden City on the first Monday of each month.

Knights of Columbus - *A Fraternal Organization of Practicing Catholic Gentlemen dedicated to the principles of Charity, Fraternity, Unity, and Patriotism. Of these, Charity is the overriding principle.*

The Precious Blood of Christ Knights of Columbus Council 11028 offers opportunities to serve one's Church, Community, and Family with virtue. Programs are designed to align member interests with support to the Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth, and Culture of Life utilizing member's time and talents.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to practicing Catholic gentlemen, age 18 and over, in union with the Holy See. Information regarding membership can be obtained by calling the Parish Office or through the Parish Bulletin.

Business Meetings: (1st Thursday of every Month at Founders Hall).

Socials: (3rd Thursday of every Month).

Men's Prayer Group - *"A group of godly men that meet at an ungodly hour". – Fr Paul MacNeil*

The group is for any Catholic man who is seeking a deeper prayer life and a closer relationship with Christ and His Church. The group experiences many graces by reading the scriptures, sharing and meditating on the passages; which always seem to be relevant to the group and the world we live in. If you are looking for a group of men who take their Catholic faith seriously and don't mind waking up early, come and join us! Meets Fridays at 6:45 AM

Padre Pio Prayer Group - *Pray, Hope, Don't Worry - is the teaching and example of Padre Pio. Through praying and learning about Padre Pio, the hope of the Padre Pio Prayer Group is to spread knowledge of his life and teachings.*

In additional to the monthly meetings, members are asked to pray the rosary and to attend first Friday Mass and Adoration. Trips to local shrines and visits from speakers are promoted where all local parishes and parishioners are invited. Meets on the First Friday at 9:30 AM.

Prime Timers (55+) - *To provide senior parishioners an opportunity to have fellowship and enjoy an afternoon of bingo.*

Prime Timers (55+) Group has been in existence at PBOC for around 20 years. For adults ages 55 and over who would like to meet other members of the PBOC Community, join Prime Timers for bingo – there are prizes and treats, as well as lots of fun. Takes a summer break for July and August. Meets on the Second Friday of the month at 1:00 PM.

Order of Carmelites Discalced Secular - *To develop our interior life, draw closer to Christ and His Church, and be transformed by the Holy Trinity by conscientiously making time for God in daily silent prayer, the sacraments, and recollection within a loving community.*

We are men and women living a life of prayer and service sharing in the spirituality of the Discalced Carmelite order. One must be a practicing Catholic who, under the protection of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and inspired by St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross, seeks to deepen their Christian commitment through a life of prayer living the Carmelite charism in their secular state.

We make time in silent prayer for God, through morning and evening prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours, and 30 minutes of daily silence. It is a way of life, in community,

and a responsibility to grow in deeper union with Christ and His Church. If you feel called to study and practice prayer as exemplified/explained by our Carmelite saints, we have meetings every month on the fourth Friday. For those wishing to explore the vocation more intensely, we travel to Columbia the second Sunday every month.

“Reflecting the glory of the Lord with unveiled faces, we grow ever more radiant as we are transformed into His likeness.” 2 Cor. 3:18

Women’s Club - *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 for the benefit of the community and parish.*

Members share their talents by participating in, and supporting, all Parish Ministries, and multiple local service organizations. Membership is open to full-time and part-time registered parishioners and women from other Catholic parishes in the community.

General Meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Patron Saint: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

B. Parish Ministries

Mission Statement: *To minister to those in need, through dedicating time and talent in our parish community to serve others as Christ has called us to do.*

Volunteer opportunities exist in all the following ministries. To get involved, please contact the Parish Office.

Bereavement Support for Families - A small group that ministers to those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Meets the First and Third Thursdays of the month at 9:15 AM.

Church Gift Shop - This not-for-profit service specializes in religious gifts, cards, literature, and devotionals for adults and children. Whenever possible the gift shop supports the lifestyle of Christian orders by purchasing their products to sell. Volunteers receive payments, stock shelves, provide guidance during the hours of operation after Wednesday's daily Mass and all weekend Masses. Volunteers assist as their schedule permits.

Prayer Shawls - This group meets to make hand-knitted and crocheted Prayer Shawls for anyone who is ill or in need of prayers and comfort. The shawls are packaged with a prayer for comfort and healing. They are available at the Parish Office. Meets the Second Thursday of the month at 1:30 PM.

Repast Meals - Provides, at the request of the family of a deceased parishioner, a reception and light meal at the Parish Life Center following a funeral or memorial service. Volunteers sign up to help with set up of food/tables and serving the family of the deceased parishioner.

Rosary Markers - Volunteers make Rosaries for our Parishioners and Friends (available in a basket at the back of the Church). Also sends Rosaries to missions here in the U.S., as well as several international missions. Meets on the Second Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM.

Special Parish Events - Volunteers offer to help with social parish events like the Annual Parish Picnic or occasional Receptions after Masses for special circumstances. Meets as needed to plan/volunteer to help with special parish events.

C. Outreach Ministries

Mission Statement: *To ensure each individual has the basic necessities for life identifying each parishioner as a disciple of Jesus called to continue His mission of compassionate love, service and justice. Sub-ministries are developed to provide the opportunity for volunteers to participate in providing fundamental rights of freedom, food, housing, health care, a living wage, education and family and community relationships.*

Volunteer opportunities exist in all of the following outreach ministries. Your time and talent, as well as monetary donations, are needed and appreciated. To volunteer, please contact the Parish Office.

Adult Literacy - Adult Learning Coaches, located in the Georgetown Library, is a trained volunteer literacy project offering free and immediate access to basic reading, writing, math and English as a Second Language instruction to learners over 18 years old. Experienced Intake Personnel are available each Wednesday to meet drop-in students to evaluate their skills and create a plan of instruction. The student is then paired with a Learning Coach; together the student and Coach schedule one-on-one sessions to work on the instructional plans using the materials and resources of the library.

Baskervill Food Pantry - The Food Pantry's supplies are provided by several Waccamaw Neck churches including Precious Blood of Christ Church. PBOC's donations of spaghetti and sauce are collected in the basket in the church narthex. Baskervill is located on the Holy Cross Faith Memorial church campus in the Smith Medical Clinic building. It is open to the public 9-12 Monday-Thursday and 4:30-6:30 PM on Thursday. Volunteers from the area churches man the pantry during hours of operation.

Christmas Angel Tree - During the Christmas season a tree with angels attached is placed in the church narthex. The angels represent the children of families, adopted by the parish during the year, recognized as having basic needs. The parish is encouraged to remove an angel: purchase clothing or toys listed on the angel, wrap and return them for distribution prior to the holiday. The chair persons of the ministry oversee the project and volunteers from start to finish with the assignment of angels, tree installation, gift selection, (type, age appropriate and sizes), collection, sorting and delivery.

Elder Issues - A committee from PBOC assists the Pastor in providing helpful programs and information regarding available resources to our parish community. A team of volunteers provide helpful programs, guest speakers and information regarding available resources to our parish community. Volunteers set up, welcome and cleanup for seminars and suggest future seminar needs. Volunteers answer questions and provide referral advice on agencies that offer medical, financial, transportation and other type assistance to the elderly. The Parish office refers parishioners with elder related questions to volunteers.

Father Pat's Lunch Kitchen - Fr. Pat's Lunch Kitchen is a ministry of PBOC where meals are cooked and served for the people of our community every Wednesday and Thursday for lunch and on Saturday for breakfast. Since beginning in 2007, the Kitchen has served over 150,000 meals and continues to grow. Our volunteers number around 120 with some working every week to prep, cook and serve the meals. Our patrons are very appreciative of the kitchen, which also provides many items of food to take home through generous donations from Fresh Market and Food Lion. Everyone is treated with dignity and our volunteers are happy to be part of this outreach min-

istry giving them the opportunity to love and serve the Lord by loving and serving those in greatest need.

Fresh Xpress Farmers Market - PBOC volunteers coordinate with Low Country Food Bank to have the fresh produce deliveries to the church. Volunteers schedule the Farmers Market dates six (6) times each year and distribute flyers throughout the community advertising the event. Fresh Xpress volunteers are sought out through the Knights of Columbus and other parishioners and volunteers are coordinated on the day of the event ensuring fair and equitable distribution of produce.

Habitat for Humanity - A PBOC volunteer keeps the church advised on local activity, including volunteer opportunities for construction crew, Re-Store workers, and other special events. Requests for financial assistance are directed to the PBOC Outreach Committee for consideration.

Meals on Wheels - Meals are provided by Georgetown County and delivered to Pawley's Island Rec Center for distribution. Volunteers deliver boxes of 5 prepackaged frozen meals to local homebound, elderly, and disabled residents in the communities of Pawleys Island, Murrells Inlet and Litchfield. Volunteers commit to deliver once a month on a Thursday morning (about 2 to 3 hours).

Neighbor to Neighbor - A representative of PBOC reviews current local transportation issues and developments for possible action by the Outreach Ministry. Access to transportation is one of the most significant factors in enabling people to escape poverty. In areas where there is little or no public transportation, families are more likely to be stuck in the cycle of poverty with much more limited access to jobs or employment choices than people with access to a car or reliable public

transportation. Rural communities are especially at risk. Funding public transportation is a public good that benefits everyone, but especially those in communities of all sizes who are struggling to break the poverty cycle.

Outreach Fundraiser: Annual Golf Tournament - The tournament held in the fall at a local golf course raises funds in support of Precious Blood of Christ Outreach programs while giving golfers of all levels of expertise the opportunity to compete in teams. Volunteers work from summer to the event on one or more of the following: publicity, obtaining sponsor contributions, collecting prizes, arranging drinks, food and snacks, set up and clean up, scoring, etc.

Precious Deliveries Holiday Food Drive - Families in the local community are adopted by PBOC for a year and are delivered bags of staple groceries and perishable foods three times per year: at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Objectives include determining what quantity and type of food will be required, recruiting volunteers, coordinating the food collection donated by parishioners, sorting the food for each family, and delivering the bags to the families prior to each holiday.

Prison Ministry - Provides volunteers to the Georgetown County Detention Center to assist the Sheriff's Office with inmate re-entry training, including job skills assessment, money management and other life skills programs.

Respect Life - Promotes the dignity of human life through prayer, communication, education and outreach into the community. The PBOC representative updates the parish on Respect Life events in the community and the Pee Dee Deanery area and promotes education on Respect Life matters. Respect Life provides material support for women facing unplanned pregnancies through

organizations such as Birthright of Georgetown and Catholic Charities. Birthright offers nonjudgmental, compassionate and loving support, enabling women to carry their babies to term when they are often frightened and confused. In addition it provides free, confidential pregnancy testing; answers questions on alternatives to abortion; gives information on licensed adoption agencies and other resources for prenatal care, nutrition and medical care. Birthright is located on the St. Cyprian church campus.

School Backpack Drive - During June/July, parishioners donate backpacks and school supplies to distribute to local school aged children. Volunteers label collection sheets with age, gender, grade level of a child and suggested specific school supplies or backpack. Volunteers sort donated articles to ensure each child receives a back pack with the appropriate supplies.

Teach My People - Teach My People ("TMP") is a Christ-centered, academically focused, after-school and summer program that nurtures and develops students starting in the First Grade through their High School graduation, with continued support into their years in college and graduate school. TMP has served the Pawleys Island community since about 1999. The main campus located on Waverly Road in Pawleys Island was built in 2004.

D. Prayer & Worship

Mission Statement: *to enrich our Parish Celebrations of Faith and offer programs that will encourage more active parishioner participation in our liturgical Services.*

Those who volunteer to participate in Prayer & Worship help aide or coordinate our liturgical celebrations. Currently, there are over two hundred parishioners who actively volunteer to participate in these roles. We welcome all who would like to join one of these roles. To get involved, please see our website or contact the Parish Office.

Altar Guild - Coordinates sewing, cleaning and preparations for all linens and vestments used during the Eucharist.

Altar Servers (Youth & Adult) - Assist the priest in the celebration of Mass & other liturgical services.

Decorating - Help decorate the church for Holidays and special occasions.

Extraordinary Ministers - Assist the priest with the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass, to the homebound or hospitalized, and provide a Communion Service at The Lakes at Litchfield.

Lectors - Assist the priest as a minister of the Word.

Music - The Director of Music Ministry has overall responsibility for the training and scheduling of the following:

Cantors - lead the hymns and responses during liturgical services.

Choirs - Adult Choir and Youth Choir sing during various weekend Masses, meet weekly in church to rehearse.

Organist/Pianist/Musicians - provides accompaniment for the cantors and choirs for liturgical services.

Sacristans - Have overall responsibility for all ministries and details of the Mass to ensure a suitable environment for the Liturgy.

Ushers - Greet parishioners & guests and coordinate offertory gifts and traffic patterns at Communion.

5. Parish Resources

Annulment - “Annulment” is a word that is sometimes used to refer to a Catholic “declaration of nullity.” A Church tribunal (a Catholic Church court) declares that a marriage thought to be valid, according to Church law, actually fell short of at least one of the essential elements required for a binding union. For assistance, please contact our Parish Office.

Columbarium - Our Columbarium provides a resting place for our loved ones in a peaceful, dignified, and spiritual setting. As Catholics, our spiritual lives have revolved around a parish church, from our baptism onward. Now, by different paths we have traveled to Precious Blood of Christ Church, and it is here that many of us will complete our spiritual and physical journey on earth. The Columbarium at Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church enables us to remain close to our chosen parish church when we finish this journey, to know that our earthly remains will be in a place where family and friends can visit and pray is a comforting thought.

Ecumenical Issues - A representative from PBOC meets monthly with representatives of other Waccamaw area churches to plan community-wide programs and services. These programs include the seasonal Ecumenical Worship Services and other area outreach projects.

Fellowship Committee - The Fellowship Committee members are selected by the Parish and Pastor who believe certain individuals have a gift for fellowship. Those on the Fellowship Committee oversee and coordinate different ministries put on by the parish, such as the annual parish picnic and after-Mass receptions for special occasions.

Finance Council - Every parish is required to have a Parish Finance Council both by adherence to the “Code of Canon Law” and by local norms used by the Diocesan Bishop. To be effective, the Parish Finance Council meets regularly with specific agendas and has access to all the relevant financial information and policies of the parish. The Parish Finance Council consists of selected parishioners who provide overall guidance and counsel to the Pastor. Annual operating budgets are established and monitored as the year progresses. Cash management, to prudently maximize investment income, is exercised. Major expenditures are analyzed and evaluated, resulting in a recommended implementation program that preserves necessary financial reserves. The Council presents a summary of the financial status to the parish on a semi-annual basis.

Graveyard - Our Graveyard is located on a plot of land behind our church which has been professionally surveyed and offers 255 in-ground graves. There is an in-laid brick walkway through the central portion that houses a beautiful statue. We are so excited that parishioners will be able to have an option for either a full-body or cremated interment on our campus. If interested, please call the Parish Office.

Parish Council - Provides a forum to exchange information and keeps the Pastor and its members aware of activities taking place in the Parish. The Parish council’s function is to give the Pastor and ministry Chairpersons information in their specific areas of responsibility. The council is chaired by the Pastor and co-chaired by the Parish Coordinator. The council members’ terms run in parallel with their term in their respective ministry. The elected members serve for a period of two years. The council meets bi-monthly.

Safe Environment Program at PBOC - The Parish Safe Environment Coordinator is our Pastor's Assistant/Parish Coordinator, Ellen Sullivan. You can contact her by calling the Parish Office or email ellen.sullivan@pbocchurch.com. We encourage you to be aware of our parish program, and to feel free to suggest improvements and report any concerns you might have. Precious Blood is committed to ensuring a safe environment for our children and for upholding the "National Charter for the Protection of Children & Young People" as established by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops Safe Environment Program, as well as the Diocese of Charleston's Policies and Procedures, revised in 2022. To view the full document, go to: [Office of Child and Youth Protection - South Carolina Catholic](http://charlestandiocese.org) (charlestandiocese.org).

Mandatory training is required for all church personnel and volunteers who have access to children. All training is designed to help recognize and prevent the sexual abuse of children.

All adults who work with children must:

- View and acknowledge the Virtus Protection of Children Video
- Complete the Diocesan Virtus Background Check Process
- Read, acknowledge and adhere to the Diocesan Code of Conduct contract.
- Read and sign the DOC Sexual Abuse Policy and Procedures

Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services: 843-853-2130, extension 209.

Diocesan Victim Assistance: 1(800) 921-8122

For information on how to report an allegation of abuse, go to <http://charlestandiocese.org> and click on "Sexual Abuse Policies and Procedures", then click on "How to Report an Allegation of Sexual Misconduct by Church Personnel".

Reporting an allegation: To make a formal allegation of sexual misconduct call the Office of the Vicar General at 843-853-2130 ext. 209.

Send written allegations to:

Diocese of Charleston
Office of the Vicar General
P.O. Box 818
Charleston, SC 29402

The Diocesan Victim Assistance Minister can assist individuals in presenting their allegations to the Office of the Vicar General. For assistance, contact the Victim Assistance Minister, Kristen Eyre, MSC, LISW-CP, at (843) 856-0748 or 1-800-921-8122 or by mailing her at: 119 Broad Street, Charleston, SC 29401

Prayer for Protection: Dear Lord, We ask You to bless these Your holy people who have participated in the Church's efforts to help stop the abuse of those among us who are most vulnerable. In particular, bless those who work to protect our children from sexual abuse. Open their hearts to Your call to be the "ears, eyes and voice of children and young people and vulnerable adults" everywhere. Give them the vision and grace needed to fulfill the special commitments that each of them has made to making their homes, churches, schools, communities and world a safer place for all God's Children. Amen

Social Services - Evaluates inquiries for assistance and authorizes PBOC resources to pay for emergency needs and makes referrals to appropriate agencies for ongoing assistance.

Stewardship Committee - The Stewardship Committee members are selected by the Parish and Pastor who believe certain individuals have a gift for stewardship. Those on the Stewardship Committee oversee and coordinate the annual parish stewardship slip weekend as well as helping host our new parishioner breakfast and dinner.

St. Michael Catholic School

Mission Statement: *To educate and guide students by providing academic excellence, spiritual development and strong Catholic values. Our school maintains a safe, nurturing environment that inspires a genuine love for learning, and encourages a lifelong quest for knowledge.*

With God's grace, St. Michael Catholic School will be first and foremost an exemplary Catholic school with preeminent academic curricula engaged in state-of-the-art technology. Students will be enriched by innovative art and music programs, and an athletic program designed to promote health, wellness and good sportsmanship. Students will be recognized as leaders spiritually and morally by their selfless service within the school and parish community and beyond. St. Michael Catholic School will be known for its dedicated faculty and staff, exceptional facilities and financial stability. St Michael's graduates will be sought after for their ability to be leaders who are capable of making significant contributions throughout society.

St. Michaels opened its doors in August, 1999 with grades Kindergarten through Grade 4. They have expanded to an all-day PreK4 through Grade 8 Catholic School.

Address: 542 Cypress Avenue
Garden City, SC 29576

Phone: 843-651-6795

Email: schoolinfo@saintmichaelsc.org

Website: <http://www.saintmichaelsc.com>



Seton Catholic School

Mission Statement: Seton Catholic is a college preparatory school serving grades sixth through twelve. We are committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment in which our young men and women may achieve a well-rounded education in Faith, character, service and academic excellence. Seton Catholic provides a safe nurturing environment where knowledge is pursued with excellence, where faith is rooted in Christ, and where character is exemplified through service.

Founded in 2016, Seton Catholic is a private Catholic middle school and high school located in the Carolina Forest section of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Our doors are open to students of all faiths and backgrounds. Our centralized location in the Grand Strand is close to the areas Catholic elementary schools: Holy Trinity, St Michael's and St Andrew's. This enables families and students who wish to continue their Catholic education can do so right on through high school. We offer specialized and accelerated curriculums for the needs of our middle and high school students in a safe, welcoming environment.

Address: 1300 Carolina Forest Blvd
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579
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Website: <https://setoncatholicsc.org/>





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