



Fr. Paul MacNeil

New Friends in Heaven

It's remarkable how a fifteen-year-old and a twenty-four-year-old would help to revitalize the Catholic Church during their short lifetimes, but they did. Neither cancer nor polio diminished their fervor in following Christ and serving God's people in the Catholic Church right until the end of their lives.

Sts. Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati have been canonized and now share membership with the esteemed ranks of Peter, Paul, Martha, Mary, Francis, Claire, and so many others who are cheering us on from Heaven. *Pope Leo's* newly proclaimed saints offer our Church an infusion of global joy, giddy youthfulness and a colossal harvest of hope. These two ordinary men shared great senses of humor, demonstrated extraordinary faithfulness to God, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and helping the poor. Youth and adults alike in Italy and around the world have been touched by the fire of God's love witnessed in their short lives. Some through miracles, others through reawakened faith and so many now who are willing to ponder... if them, why not me? Holiness is possible in this modern age!



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In 2025, we've had the election of a new Holy Father, the first American in history. And now, we've been given two youthful saints that offer our church and world a steady celestial supply of new Heavenly favors. This truly is an amazing Year of Hope. I pray you are feeling renewed joy in your soul. Rejoice in God's love! Lean on our new friends in Heaven. Don't be shy in asking them for a favor or two. The Kingdom of God is near and is only a humble and heartfelt prayer away.

Father Paul

Very Rev. Fr. Paul MacNeil V.F.

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Respect Life



Grand Strand Proudly Supports St. Clare's Home was held at Pawleys Plantation Country Club on Tuesday, May 20th. Two hundred and fourteen guests were treated to a beautiful evening which included dinner, fellowship, and excellent guest speakers. By video, Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune offered grace before the meal. Speakers included Sister Clare Hunter, FSE, Valerie Baronkin, Director of St. Clare's, Claire Pizzuti, Founder of St. Clare's and our very own Father Paul. Laura Boronski sang the Serenity Prayer and closed out the evening with her lively song, Thank You. The generosity of our donors and sponsors is deeply appreciated. Together \$50,000 was raised for St. Clare's Home.

The third annual Grand Strand Proudly Supports St. Clare's Home fundraiser will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. **Please Save the Date!**



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We are always happy to welcome new members. Please prayerfully consider joining Respect Life Ministry by contacting gloria.dausch@gmail.com or 240-315-4249. The weekly **bulletin** (available in the narthex and on PBOC website) is the very best way to stay informed. The Respect Life section, usually page 3 in the bulletin always has information about upcoming events and pertinent information on life issues.

Outreach

Birthright of Georgetown

The mission of Birthright of Georgetown is to serve as an outreach and resource center for pregnant women, foster parents, and guardians.

Birthright brings practical help and real hope to pregnant women in need giving both mom and baby the opportunity to thrive in life. A large portion of the women who seek assistance from us are often in poor economic and precarious situations that can leave them feeling helpless and exasperated. Guardians and foster moms with big hearts take on enormous responsibilities to care for babies who have been neglected or have suffered abuse. They truly live out the gospel by taking care of the little ones.

Our volunteers **Love** all the way, because an unconditional/unbiased posture creates the opportunity to do the best. Our volunteers **Mentor** as the model, because when the unexpected happens, we need community to encourage clients and keep them moving towards short-term and long-term goals. Our volunteers are **Generous** with the necessities, because tangible help often does the best and demonstrates our true desire to care. Calling on a statement proclaimed in our parish, our volunteers give their TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE to help those who are less fortunate and in the most need.

Birthright of Georgetown is growing in the number of clients that we help, and we continue to be blessed by kind donors who never fail to uplift us and the mothers that we assist. Again, over this past year we have experienced many generous benefactors, big and small, new and old, loving and kind. We are forever grateful to them and feel we are truly blessed and honored to use their resources for many that may be ignored, forgotten or overlooked.

One of the ways that we have been able to provide additional support to our mothers is giving them a chance to pursue education opportunities so they can increase their work skills and/or elevate their current work status. The following is an example of this benefit to one of our mothers. *Randia graduated from Horry Georgetown Technical College in May of 2024 with a degree in Human Services. She is currently back in school pursuing Business Administration. Randia is a single mother with two amazing boys, one 4 years old and a 14-months and she works as a Med Tech. As quoted by Randia, "I want to remind every single mother out there, if I can do it, you can too. Keep pushing, stay focused, and trust God. We got this, and I truly have faith in all of us". We could not have said it better.*

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Outreach continued

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all who have given of their time, talent and treasure to Birthright of Georgetown that has helped sustain us for the last 23 years. Over the years GOD has truly watched over us and blessed us in so many ways. It cannot be just happenstance.

If anyone desires to be a part of our organization, please don't hesitate because you feel that you need special skills. You just need a loving and understanding heart that can be the most impactful to the mothers, guardians, and foster parents who seek us for assistance. Our organization consists of all volunteers, which mostly work at our Front Street center, but includes many that work behind the scenes – scheduler, correspondence, finance, shoppers, and board members.

We would like to add an additional one or two members to our board to ensure our long-term growth. It would require board meeting attendance 3 times a year. If you believe in our mission and feel that you can contribute to our needs, please contact us.

Elizabeth Callahan
Board Chair
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Pawleys Island 2025 Christmas Gala *Benefiting Father Pat's Lunch Kitchen*

Dinner

Dancing

Silent Auction

Entertainment

Open Bar

*by the
Painted Man
Band*



December 5, 2025

*Hosted by
Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Parish
At The Village House at Litchfield
www.pbocchurch.com/gala*



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Please join us for our new ministry, "The Mothers Prayer Group". Mothers will have the opportunity to pray together for their children and grandchildren. All women are welcome whether they be physical mothers or spiritual mothers. Every woman with a mother's heart is welcome. We will include prayers for our deacons and priests.

The group will meet the second Monday of the month in classroom 3 from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. Our first meeting was held on Monday, September 8th, and we had a wonderful turnout. The next meeting will be held on October 13th.

If interested, please contact Judy Clarke dittasdaughter1940@gmail.com or 973-626-3976.

Fellowship

Fellowship has been busy hosting several receptions for the parish this past spring. We celebrated the newest members of the Church with a small reception following the Easter Vigil on April 19th, our First Communicants on May 4th and our recent graduates on May 18th.

We were also blessed to celebrate the newly ordained Fr. Daniel Perry here after Mass on June 13th with a reception.

Finally, our Parish Feast Day was celebrated with receptions after all the weekend Masses on June 21st and 22nd.

Due to the current construction on our campus, in lieu of the traditional Parish Picnic held in the fall, an event will be planned to celebrate the re-opening of the sanctuary sometime next year.



Fr. Daniel Perry's Reception

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Women's Club



The Women's Club Board has been hard at work all summer to plan meetings, fundraisers, and trips for this upcoming year. One event has just occurred. It is our "kick off" event and is our annual "Welcome Back Tea" that was held on Sunday, August 28th. This year's theme was "Sip and Savor Life" and decorations centered around sunflowers. We were able to use an inspirational quote that read as follows:

"Advice from a sunflower. Be bright, sunny, and positive. Know your roots. Spread seeds of happiness. Rise, shine, and hold your head high. Keep on growing. Even on the darkest days, stand tall and find the sunlight.".....

Author Unknown

Many volunteers participated in setting up, food preparation, and clean up. Our special guest was Father Paul MacNeil and all enjoyed his wise



words on living a Catholic life with women who share the same values. In a nutshell, that is what the Women's Club is truly all about....faith, service, stewardship, and fun.

Our first General Meeting was held on Friday, September 5th, starting at 10:30am in Founders Hall. Please note the new location and date due to the church renovation and the sanctuary now located in the PLC.



Our first fundraiser, "Boutiques and Bites" is scheduled for Wednesday, September 10th. For more information, please go to our website at wcpboc.com to see details or check us out on Facebook. (Important: There is an RSVP for the luncheon portion so please sign up as soon as possible.)

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On October 7th, the Women's Club will make our first pilgrimage to St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Charleston. We will attend Mass said by Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, tour the cathedral, and have a late afternoon lunch/early dinner. Would that be called "linner"? Again, everyone is asked to sign up in advance and information will be posted both on our website and Facebook page.

As you can see, we have had a lot of "firsts" already and more to come. As the current President, one of my goals is to lead with a joyful spirit. I invite you to come check out our club and "catch the spirit" so that we may "spread the spirit"! As an integral part of PBOC, we endeavor to do God's work here in our little corner of the world.

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.

Rita Foster, President, PBOC Women's Club

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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 9:15-10:05am. 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, Eileen Patterson, Jennifer Sexton, Tara North, Leonora Montella, Karyn Congdon and Steve Klein, assisted by helpers Audrey Ludyjan, Saoirse O'Brien and Alexis Barbour. We are thankful for their ministry to our youth!

Sacramental Preparation

First Holy Communion- Grade 2 Sunday, 9:15-10:05am PLC

Confirmation- Grades 7&8 Sunday, 9:15-10:05am PLC

Parish Mission Fr. Ron Hoye, a Vincentian priest from St. Louis will lead a Mission at PBOC entitled "Feel Closer to God" September 28 & 29 from 6-7pm in the church. Fr. Ron will blend stories, laughter, reflection and scripture into an enjoyable presentation Sunday and Monday evening. Download the app "The God Minute" for a 10-minute daily prayer, peaceful music, pray along rosaries, Chaplets, Novenas, guided meditations, videos and more to help you grow closer to God.



OCIA The Order 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. They are assisted by Patrick Tate and Conall O'Brien. OCIA meets on Sundays from 9:10-10:15 am in the PLC. For more information contact education@pbocchurch.com or call the parish office.

This is our Faith A Catechism study for adult Catholics who would like to understand Church teachings more clearly and learn more about their faith. Class meets on Sundays from 9:15-10:15am in Founders Hall.

Bible Study You are invited to join us for our upcoming Adult Bible Study. We will be studying the Acts of the Apostles. The study will run for 20 sessions beginning September 10th (Wednesday evening) or September 11th (Thursday morning). Pick the day that works best for you.

We will conclude on March 18th/19th. Cost is \$25 per workbook and can be paid at the first session (cash or check). We hope that you will journey with us as we learn how the early Christians "turned the world upside down" (Acts 17:6) by spreading the Good News.

Precious Hands

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featuring precious people volunteering for our parish

CHRISTOPHER AND JENNIFER BRADY

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

- 1..As Eucharistic Ministers we bring the Body and Blood of Christ to the congregation during Mass.
2. As Lectors we proclaim the Word of God clearly and prayerfully so that the congregation can hear and reflect on Scripture.
3. As the Wedding Coordinators, we guide couples as they prepare for the sacrament of marriage and ensure the wedding liturgy flows smoothly.
4. As the Co-Chairs for the Christmas Gala, we work with Gala Committee to raise funds for Father Pat's Lunch Kitchen and bring our parish and community together for a night of joy and generosity

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BEING PART OF THIS MINISTRY?

1. We feel humbled and honored to serve in this way — it reminds me that we are all called to be Christ's hands and feet in the world.
2. We enjoy sharing God's Word and helping people connect with Scripture in a meaningful way.
3. Walking with couples as they prepare for such a joyful, holy day — and helping them focus on the meaning of the sacrament instead of the stress.
4. We love seeing our community come together to support neighbors in need — the energy, music, and giving spirit make it magical.

TELL US ABOUT WHAT YOU DO FOR THIS MINISTRY?

1. We assist the priest in distributing Communion at Mass.
2. We prepare readings ahead of time and make sure to practice correct pronunciation.
3. We organize rehearsals, coordinate with the priest/deacon, assist on the wedding day with seating, timing, and ceremony details.
4. We plan the event, gather auction items, decorate, set up, and welcome guests.



HOW CAN OTHERS BECOME MEMBERS?

- 1-2. New eucharistic ministers and lectors are always welcome! Speak with the coordinator or sign up after Mass.
3. We work with several of the other ministries, especially music and altar servers.
4. There are many ways to help — from donating items for the silent auction to setting up tables or greeting guests. Contact the committee chair to find a role that fits your schedule.

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF:

Jennifer is a 4th grade teacher at Maryville Elementary School and is the head coach for Girls on the Run. Christopher is a residential and commercial mortgage banker, and a lifelong guitarist and singer. Both Chris and Jennifer, when not working, can be found relaxing with their 3 rescue dogs, traveling, enjoying the beach, tennis, kayaking, and family and friend time.

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Evangelization

Is the Lord inviting you to a more intimate relationship? “Lay orders”

We have a thriving Catholic Community at PBOC, with our beautiful liturgies, prayer groups, volunteer opportunities, and so much more. For many, participating in weekly Mass is what we contribute to our community. For others, there is a deeper call, possibly even a vocation to consider within a lay group. Our Catholic Church has 2,000 lay orders!!!

At PBOC, we have many groups that meet regularly: Carmelites, Cursillo, Franciscans, Knights of Columbus, Men’s Prayer Group, Mother’s Prayer Group, Padre Pio Prayer Group, Prime Timers (55+), and Women’s Club, to name a few...

In this article we will focus on third order (lay member) groups that are canonically recognized by the Church and meet within our local parish community, Carmelite and Franciscan. We also will share information about the Padre Pio Prayer Group.

Carmelites:

The Catholic Miscellany reached out with the following questions: What drew you to the Carmelites?

Years ago, a talk on “prayer” was advertised and offered by Keith Barron, OCDS (Order Carmelites Discalced Secular). The room felt like a monastery: Gregorian chant, lit candles, icons of Mary, the holy family, and Carmelite saints. Keith spoke about prayer in a way that was captivating, with mystical elements, the desire for holiness, and an intimate encounter with our living God. Followed by reading Therese of Lisieux’s Story of a Soul, the Collected Works of Teresa of Avila and John of The Cross (Kavanaugh and Rodriguez translation). The Lord was calling... “go deeper.”



Lay Carmelite's also pray the Divine Office to include morning and evening prayer and spend thirty minutes in daily silent prayer. After practicing these “spiritual exercises” for several months and being edified and nourished by them, it seemed the calling was likely a vocation.

How has your prayer life evolved?

Therese, Teresa, and John are Doctors of the Church and John is the mystical Doctor. They are heroic giants of our faith, and wise counselors (modern day therapists) on the spiritual life. They help balance time and relationships, be loving to all, and present to encounter the Divine in relationships and the created order.

Sarah Gallagher calls this *mystical intelligence*: “It is not a skill to be measured but a disposition of the soul: a readiness for encounter, a surrender of control, a patient hospitality to mystery. Catholic faith, at its heart, is not a system of mastery but a posture of encounter with the living God. Mystical

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intelligence names this capacity to dwell within paradox, to listen with the heart, and to seek truth not only through reason but through reverent attention. It deepens rather than replaces the church's intellectual tradition, reminding us that contemplation is not an escape from truth but its fullest reception. In an age flooded with data and noise, this may be the intelligence most needed—for it teaches us how to wait, how to listen and *how to recognize the divine in silence*."

In short, the prayer life is more disciplined and causes one to be more loving and present to others. This has a positive impact on all relationships.

Is the time commitment to the Carmelites rough on you or is it something you have embraced and enjoyed?

We are required to pray morning and evening prayer from the Divine Office, take thirty minutes daily for silent prayer, and read Carmelite materials. This takes approximately an hour each day. Initially the thirty minutes of silence was overwhelming. It was suggested to break it into three ten-minute segments or whatever increment that works. In time, as with a good relationship, we wish to spend more of it with those we love. With practice and discipline "spiritual exercise" we get to a place where we can withdraw to our interior to be with Him who Loves us from all eternity. God cannot help but fill the space we offer back to Him. Contemplation is a gift from God, but one we must open our hearts to and harness our intellect, memory, and will from running amok. Teresa calls the unquiet mind "chattering monkeys". An apt analogy indeed! We learn over time to silence the noise and let those pesky thoughts pass over like clouds. The investment in time, giving some of the time God has given us back to Him, is a worthy and noble endeavor and the fruits are evident in our relationships towards everyone including casual encounters. The effort is efficacious and rewarding.

Your support system?

Teresa knew that community was essential to fostering and supporting our vocation. We meet the second Sunday every month at St. Joseph's parish life center in Columbia from 1:30-5 pm. We start with thirty minutes of silence, evening prayer, group discussion of a shared Carmelite reading, fellowship, then specific formation as it relates to where we are on the seven-year vocation timeline. We hope to form a group on the Grand Strand which we can do with two fully professed members. In anticipation of this goal, Sabina Lampe, Madeleine Epstein, Tom Mini, and Steve Attias meet every fourth Friday after Mass at Precious Blood of Christ from 9:15-10:15 am. We do an abbreviated version of the meetings in Columbia. Please God, others will explore and participate with us. The discalced Carmelites are a canonically recognized order. We pledge loyalty to the order and agree to submit to their authority.

Does prayer life lead to discipleship in spreading God's word?

As we heard recently in the Gospel, Luke 10:38-42, Jesus praises Mary for sitting at his feet in contemplative love. But we need to have balance and thus contemplation leads to a deep charity toward others which shows up in doing acts of kindness. Carmelites desire an intimacy with our Lord and seeking this daily makes us lovingly aware of the Divine in others. This attitude and approach

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toward the other is so pervasive that we reflexively cooperate with the Holy Spirit in serving others. This is the fruit of our vocation. Spreading the joy, love, and forgiveness of Christ to all. If interested in learning more about Carmelite spirituality, join us Fourth Friday after Mass in Founders Hall. You can also reach out to Steve Attias 843-344-7686 sattias@sc.rr.com or Sabrina Lampe 843-344-2423. lampesab@gmail.com

Franciscans:

I was drawn to the Franciscans for many years, especially while working at Alvernia University, but the opportunity to actually get involved with the Secular Franciscans was realized when I retired and moved to Pawleys Island. The Minister from Blessed John Duns Scotus Fraternity spoke at one of our Masses at PBOC and the rest is history. One might say that the Holy Spirit provided the opportunity.

The charism of St. Francis of Assisi speaks to my heart because of his great love, joy, and humility--his love for God, for His Son, for the Holy Spirit, for all human beings, and for all of Creation. His great joy emanates from this love. He provides a great example of how to share this faith through actions" rather than words-- his famous saying, "Share the good news of the Gospel, and if necessary, use words." His humility is evident in his desire to live a life of simplicity, poverty, and self-denial, not seeking personal recognition.



Following the journey of a Secular Franciscan has taught me the necessity of turning to prayer for all things, every moment of the day, developing a much deeper relationship with God the Father, with Jesus His Son as well as the Holy Spirit. I've come to realize that nothing is possible without His help. When life seems most challenging, I remember the prayer: "Jesus I surrender myself to you. Take care of everything" and He carries me through it. As Secular Franciscans, we join in the Liturgy of the Hours for morning and evening prayer, privately as well as communally when we gather as a Fraternity.

Our commitment to the Secular Franciscan Fraternity involves participation in our monthly gathering on the third Saturday each month, praying the Franciscan Crown rosary on the first Saturday each month, and working together on our Apostolates. On the fourth Monday each month we prepare and serve dinner for the homeless and residents at the New Directions Men's Shelter in Myrtle Beach. We also provide an Easter egg hunt and Christmas morning celebration for the children at Coastal Autism Academy. The PBOC Women's Club has provided a grant for the Christmas celebration this year. We will prepare and serve breakfast, and Santa will distribute gifts to each child. Our members participate as much as possible with the fraternity. The commitment isn't overly burdensome. Our fraternity is a faith community and we do our best to support one another as well as those who are less fortunate in the community. As a result we have been richly blessed. The journey is one of continued conversion, it doesn't end with profession as a Secular Franciscan, but rather is a lifelong journey. It is sometimes challenging, but we have our Brothers and Sisters to help us on our journey.

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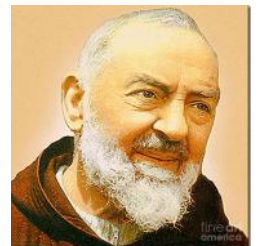
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As Secular Franciscans we try to live our baptismal commitment to life with a Franciscan flavor. We strive to be peacemakers--listening to all sides respectfully, not sowing discord, while maintaining our Catholic values. We care for all of creation, serving as stewards of God's creation, and encouraging others to do so as well. We do our best to serve those who are underserved, and share our gifts generously. We try to see the face of Christ of everyone we meet--even those we may not like. We try to deepen our relationship with Jesus each day and strive to change those things in our lives that may need to be changed. We use our God-given gifts in service to others without seeking recognition. We try to live simple lives: we embrace a spirit of poverty, embracing work but not clinging to worldly goods. We support the mission of the Church

If you feel that the Holy Spirit may be calling you to a life as a Secular Franciscan, please contact Mary Sacavage, OFS, Minister of the Blessed John Duns Scotus Fraternity at 570-640-1816 or email: marysac208@gmail.com

Padre Pio Group::

I first remember hearing about Padre Pio on a podcast I listen to from Father Roderick von Hogan, who is a Dutch priest. Probably about 20 years ago. Padre Pio was a Capuchin Franciscan priest, now St. Pio. Padre Pio was very devoted to Our Lady and the Rosary and I began praying the Rosary more consistently after I became interested in him. I read everything I could find on Padre Pio and I learned that he founded prayer groups that now are in the thousands and are found all over the world. I began looking for a prayer group near me and couldn't find one (Richmond, VA) so I asked my priest if I could start one and he agreed that we should welcome Padre Pio into our church. The Prayer Group was a great success and when we came back home to Pawleys Island, Father Paul also welcomed Padre Pio into our church and we have a wonderful Padre Pio Prayer Group at PBOC.



I began making Rosaries not long after I began our first prayer group and have made them for years. I feel like it is my special calling- like a gift from Padre Pio.

I think about all of those Rosaries going out into the world and remember Padre Pio saying, "Prayer is the key that opens God's heart". He is best known for saying, "Pray, Hope and Don't Worry". He is a constant reminder to me of the necessity of devotion. The requirements for members of the prayer groups are to pray the Rosary, to participate in adoration and to take communion regularly. The Padre Pio Prayer Group meets in PLC room 3 first Friday after Mass, Susie Brown 843-274-4552 suzyrbrownpi@gmail.com

Please check our bulletin for more information and announcements regarding lay groups and prayerfully consider if God is inviting us to draw closer to Him in a more structured way.

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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.



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.



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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 4th celebration, etc.



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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 Adoration on First Fridays, 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 or Corey Schneider, our Faithful Navigator, at coreysurveying@gmail.com

If you are ready to become a Knight, please see KofC.org/join Council 11028.



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Youth Ministry

Walking Through God's Story Together

Since August, our youth ministry has been journeying deeply into the heart of Scripture and the life of the Church. Each week has been an invitation to see how God speaks, acts, and calls us into His covenant life.

The Covenants as God's Invitation.

We began by tracing the covenants of the Old Testament, discovering that they are not simply ancient agreements but God's living way of drawing His people into relationship with Him. From Adam and Noah to Abraham, Moses, David, and finally fulfilled in Christ, each covenant reveals God's desire to communicate His love and to invite us into life with Him.

Building the Universal Kingdom

This covenant story culminates in the Church—the universal Kingdom of God on earth. We have reflected on how the Church is not an optional gathering but the very Body of Christ, where God's promises find their home. Our call is not only to belong to this Kingdom but to help build it up through faith, witness, and service.

Learning to Read the Bible with the Church

We have also studied the four senses of Scripture—literal, allegorical, moral, and anagogical—discovering how the Word of God is both historical and alive, leading us toward Christ. Through typology, we have learned to see connections between the Old and New Testaments: how the events, people, and symbols of Israel point forward to their fulfillment in Christ and His Church.



Facing Today's Questions

Recently, in light of tragic events, we paused our normal study for an open discussion night. Deacon Tim joined us to help the teens process these events through the lens of faith. Together, we wrestled with the need for hope, prayer, and a Christian response to suffering in the world.

Looking Ahead

As we move forward, we will begin engaging with the “hard passages” of the Old Testament—the ones that can challenge our understanding of God's justice and mercy. Pope Benedict XVI once encouraged the faithful not to ignore these texts but to wrestle with them in the light of Christ. Alongside this, we will soon delve deeply into the spiritual gifts St. Paul describes in Romans, so that each young person may discover their voice in the Church and use their talents to build up the Body of Christ.

In all these ways, our youth have not only learned about God's story—they are learning to see their own lives within it.

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October Events

Blessing of the Pets - October 4th following 8:30 AM Mass (in the Church parking lot)
Confirmation with Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune - October 6th, 6:00 PM
Parish Office Closed for the Columbus Day Holiday - October 13th
K of C Pancake Supper - October 21st, 4:30 - 7:00 PM at Eggs Up Grill
Women's Club Arts & Crafts Festival - October 24th, 9:00 AM--4:00 PM
October 25th, 9:00 AM--3:00 PM



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November Events

All Saints Day Masses - November 1st, 8:30 AM
(not a Holyday of Obligation)
All Souls Day - November 1st vigil Mass at 5:00 PM,
November 2nd Masses at 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM with Candle
Ceremony for this year's deceased
Italy Pilgrimage Trip Departs - November 3rd - 13th
Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass - November 4th, 8:30 AM
Concert by Ensemble Aubade - November 7th, 6:00 PM
Parish Office Closed for Veterans Day Holiday -
November 11th
Mass for Deceased Spouses - November 13th, 8:30 AM
Women's Club Memorial Mass - November 19th, 8:30 AM
Mass for Deceased Children - November 20th, 8:30 AM
Thanksgiving Mass - November 27th, 10:00 AM
Parish Office Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday -
November 27th & 28th
First Sunday of Advent - November 30th
K of C Fifth Sunday Rosary - November 30th

December Events

Pawleys Island Holiday Gala - December 5th
Immaculate Conception - December 8th, 8:30 AM, 6:00 PM,
Holy Day of Obligation
Penance Service - December 18th, 6:00 PM
Parish Office Closed for Christmas - December 24th at noon,
25th & 26th
Christmas Eve Masses - 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Christmas Day Mass - 10:30 AM
Parish Office Closed for New Years - December 31st
& January 1st