

MARCH 2026



Fr. Paul MacNeil

Dear Parishioners,

In the Catholic tradition, catechesis is the ongoing work of deepening one's knowledge and understanding of the faith. This formation occurs not only through formal instruction but also through the lived expression of Christian teaching in daily life. Catechesis seeks to shape disciples by uniting doctrine, worship, and moral living, and it unfolds in many forms and settings—often within the ordinary moments of each day.

While reflecting on this theme, I observed several examples at PBOC that illustrate how catechesis naturally arises in everyday circumstances.

One morning, several homeschool families from the parish volunteered to clean the benches, Pieta, Crucifix, and outdoor Stations of the Cross. Their charitable service became an opportunity to contemplate the suffering and love of Christ and to pray together. Such moments show that passing

on the faith can be both joyful and enriching.

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Later that afternoon, a mother shared a conversation she had with me regarding her sixth-grade son about why he was not ready for a smartphone. Through this thoughtful dialogue, she reinforced respect for parental guidance, appropriate boundaries for relationships, and prudence when using digital devices, especially for minors. Parents are and always will be the best teachers of faith to their children.



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The next morning, on my way to Friday Men’s Prayer Group, I encountered members of our Pro-Life ministry boarding the parish bus to travel to Charleston to pray for the protection of human life in front of Planned Parenthood. Their dedication and faithfulness deeply touched me. Every human life is sacred and worthy of our utmost respect compassion and protection.

Upon entering the Men’s Prayer Group at Founder’s Hall, a participant recalled an experience on the golf course in which he kindly asked a friend to refrain from using The Lord’s name in vain. His respectful request—and the friend’s willingness to comply—served as a quiet yet meaningful act of catechesis, demonstrating reverence for God and fidelity to the Second Commandment.

These are just a few examples that help illustrate that catechesis extends far beyond the classroom and religious education program. It is lived and shared through our daily conversations, interactions, and relationships as we follow Christ and help others to grow in our life-giving Catholic faith.

Your brother in Jesus Christ, our Great Teacher,

Father Paul

Very Rev. Fr. Paul MacNeil V.F.

Music Ministry



Adult Choir Rehearsals

**Tuesdays from 6:30 PM - 7:50 PM
In Classroom 1 in the Parish Life Center**



Handbell Choir Rehearsals

**Tuesdays from 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM
In the gym in the Parish Life Center**

Cantors for weekend Masses and special liturgies.

For more information contact Andre Rakus at andre.rakus@pbocchurch.com

Respect Life

Thank you for participating in PBOC
Respect Life events

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children
Saturday, September 13th at 8:30 am
Monument to Deceased Children Born and Unborn



40 DAYS FOR LIFE
PBOC Respect Life Ministry
DIAPER DRIVE
to benefit



- Diapers
4 large boxes
42 med boxes
65 packages
Baby Wipes
2 boxes
39 packages



Sept. 24 - Nov. 2
THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY

- Clothing
12 pairs of socks
11 Outfits
6 Bibs
2 Teethers
1 Head band
1 Swaddle

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Respect Life continued

RESPECT LIFE FIRST SUNDAY ROSARY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND ALL SOULS DAY
2 PM AT THE COLUMBARIUM
87 STRONG PRAYED THE ROSARY IN THE RAIN



Save the date



St. Clare's Home

**GRAND STRAND PROUDLY
SUPPORTS ST. CLARE'S HOME**

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Details to follow in upcoming bulletins

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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**Elder Issues**

Elder Issues outreach ministry hosted a presentation by the Diocese of Charleston on End of Life Care. The presenter, Kathy Schmugee, spoke to approximately 50 parishioners on the theological and practical applications of Catholic teaching on End of Life care. A booklet, entitled, "We Are the Lord's" was given to each attendee for reference and guidance. Mrs. Schmugee's discussion included topics on moral order and dignity, as well as ordinary care vs. extraordinary care.

A quote from our Bishop, Most Rev. Jacques Fare-Jeune, prefaced the booklet: "As faithful Catholics, we believe there is life after death, and we hope to merit life in heaven by the grace of God. While modern medical technology continues to prolong and preserve life, more questions and options are presented to us and our loved ones than ever before. Some will face difficult decisions regarding end-of-life care, but thankfully, our faith is a resource of guidance in making these important choices."

Included in the booklet was a Health Care Power of Attorney for SC, a Roman Catholic faith-based document.

For those who did not attend the presentation, copies of 'We Are the Lord's' is available at the front desk of the Parish Office.

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Women's Club



Greetings from the Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Women's Club

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.

We opened January, 2026 by celebrating the feast day of our Women's Club patron saint with a Mass on St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Feast Day, Saturday, January 3rd. It started with a Rosary at 8:00 a.m., followed by Mass at 8:30 a.m., and then a reception after the Mass in the Narthex for all Mass attendees. We handed out a St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Prayer card to all attendees.



Reception at SEAS Mass

On Sunday afternoon, January 11th, from 4:00-6:30 p.m. at Founders Hall, we held a fundraiser that was called "Pasta, Purses, and Prosecco." This "inaugural" fundraiser took the place of our Boutique Auction that we have had in years past and that we could not have this year due to space constraints in Founders Hall.



Pasta, Purses & Prosecco

For the \$25 ticket price, we had a 3-course full meal that consisted of pasta with your choice of marinara, vodka, or Bolognese sauce. Beef, chicken, or sausage were the protein choices. Participants were served appetizers, bread, salad, the main pasta course, Prosecco, red/white wine, and a dessert. I want to thank Ron Gheringhelli and Gerry Murphy, chefs at Father Pat's Kitchen, for their wonderful assistance in helping us prepare this fine meal! Also, a huge "thank you" to all the Women's Club volunteers who contributed their time and cooking abilities to make this event successful.



In addition, we had new purses, wristlets, wallets set out for either a Raffle or Silent Auction. We had over 100 people attend and everyone commented on the warm vibes of fellowship and friendship that permeated the event. We were able to combine a social event with our philanthropic side and it was a huge success!

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Women's Club continued

On Saturday, February 7th, right after the 5:00pm Mass, we had our annual "Souper Bowl" fundraiser at Founders Hall. Tickets are \$15 for "all you can eat" soups. Guests choose from 8 different types of soup. Bread and dessert were included. There was a good crowd on a cold night so having soup was a perfect dinner. Greta Morris and Kathleen Kay, co-chairs for this event, masterfully organized a wonderful event that was open to the Parish.



"Souper Bowl" fundraiser



On the religious side, Tuesday, March 10, 2026, was our annual Day of Prayer. The Women's Club secured a national speaker, Dr. Christine Bacon, who is also a radio host and author, from Beaufort, SC. Many thanks to our Spiritual Committee co-chairs, Debbie Allen and Rene Pritchett, for coordinating this parish-wide event. The fee of \$20 per person was used to cover breakfast and speaker fees. The day started with Rosary at 8:00 a.m.; Mass at 8:30; short Breakfast Reception after Mass, and then the speaker at 9:45 a.m.. The program concluded at 12:30 p.m..

Saturday, March 14th, was the last of our 3 main fundraisers for the Women's Club: our Fashion Show held at Pawleys Plantation. We had approximately 325 women in attendance, most not from PBOC. It was a wonderful way for the community to see and hear about the philanthropic work that our Catholic Women's Club (and by extension) our church does in the community.

Always a favorite event is the sale of our Homemade Irish Soad Bread. They were sold for \$5, cash and carry, until supplies ran out on Saturday, March 14 after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and after all Masses on Sunday, March 14.

All monies collected from our events throughout the year go to the Women's Club Grant Fund and are distributed in June to local charities and scholarships. Last year, we gave away over \$45,000 to charitable organizations and we hope to reach that amount this year. None of this would be accomplished without the unwavering support and volunteer spirit of our members.

Our membership is the best and continually show how to put our spiritual motto from Matthew 5:16 of *"Let your light SHINE before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven"* into action! - Rita Foster, President

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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 9:15-10:05 a.m.. 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 helper Alexis Barbour, and youth helpers Cam Russell and Saorise O'Brien. We are thankful for their ministry to our youth!

Sacramental Preparation

First Holy Communion will be celebrated at PBOC on Sunday, May 3 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please pray for our students in grade 2 who are preparing, with their catechist Eileen Patterson and assistant Alexis Barbour, to receive this beautiful Sacrament!

Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, October 3 with Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune celebrating the Mass at PBOC. There are 13 students in Grades 7 & 8 preparing, with the prayerful guidance of their catechist, Steve Klein.

Parish Mission Fr. Doug MacDonald from Nova Scotia was here at PBOC during February and led a Parish Mission exploring the question of "Why does it hurt to come into union with God"? His talks at 6pm blended stories, laughter, reflection and scripture into an enjoyable presentation over three evenings.



This is Our Faith A Catechism study, led by parishioners Suzanne Eberhard and Renee Pritchett, is for adult Catholics who would like to understand Church teachings more clearly and learn more about their faith. Class meets on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the PLC.

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OCIA The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the journey of faith taken by baptized Christians who seek to become baptized, baptized Catholics who never completed their initiation, or those who have never been baptized. There are 14 adults preparing this year. Along with Fr. Paul, parishioners Jim and Sabrina Lampe are the facilitators and prayerful supporters of the program. They are assisted by parishioners Patrick Tate and Conall O'Brien. OCIA meets on Sundays from 9:10-10:15 a.m. in Founders Hall.

For more information contact maureen.arneman@pbocchurch.com or call the parish office.



An OCIA retreat was held in mid-March at Mepkin Abbey. Candidates were praying at the outdoor stations of the cross.

Precious Hands Precious Hands

featuring precious people volunteering for our parish

Chefs at Father Pat's Lunch and Breakfast Kitchen: Marlene Goddu, Mary Ann Sanborn (Saturday breakfasts); Max Goree, Jack Cahill (Wednesday Lunch); Gerry Murphy, Ron Gheringhelli (Thursday Lunch).



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

Fr. Pat's Kitchen is about Fellowship and serving a nutritious meal and opening our table to those who want a good hot meal. We are a partner of the Low Country Food Bank, to help pull together nutritious and good meals through donations from area partners and the Pawleys Island Community Garden every Wednesday, Thursday lunch and Saturday morning breakfast.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BEING PART OF THIS MINISTRY?

Marlene: The return is far greater than the offering! Our volunteers are authentic in every sense of the word. Serious in their responsibilities, cooperative with an undeniable urgency to do more. Their affable personalities bring more height to our efforts, as we work in unison to produce a memorable experience for our guests.

Mary Ann: It's the "Gathering in the name of Jesus". If you were to walk into the "Kitchen" any Saturday morning you'd feel the joy! The staff in the kitchen are all a tight-knit team. There is nowhere else we'd rather be. We know our guests, we enjoy them, we love them as we love each other.



Gerry Murphy

Max: The fellowship among parishioners with common goals and values.

Jack: The spirit of the volunteers.

Gerry: I have been a cook/chef all my adult life. I have always felt cooking is my vocation. I have always practiced, "when you give you get". Believe me it works. Being new to the area, all I have to do is think of all the wonderful people I have met. All because I showed up at Father Pat's Kitchen.

Ron: I enjoy the fellowship of the ministry, working together with all the volunteers to provide a hot meal for all. Everyone working together to support the needs of others.



Ron Gheringhelli

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TELL US ABOUT WHAT YOU DO FOR THIS MINISTRY?



Marlene Goddu

Marlene: I've been a breakfast chef for Fr. Pat's since the beginning. I have a team I work with in the kitchen every Saturday. Our team is proficient in every facet, they bring it all together in a seamless professional manner, exhibiting a high standard of pride in their work. This ministry has provided me with abundant blessings, giving me the opportunity to assuage my background for the benefit of others. It offers challenges on the best days and total love on the worst.

Mary Ann: Every Saturday we arrive at 6:00 a.m. to prepare a full breakfast. Our mission is to create an atmosphere where our guests enjoy "dining". Our guests receive a delicious meal every Saturday. Our rewards are endless from the moment we pray together to the euphoria we feel at the end of a long morning, knowing we served in the name of the Lord.

Max: My mission has been for so many years to be an integral part of our community feeding those who need meals. Fr. Pat's kitchen affords me the opportunity to repurpose donated food into tasty and healthy meals, both for dining in and to take home.

Jack: To give back. As a child of five years old, my mother died and there were nights there was no dinner. As I say "but for the Grace of God this could be me", so it makes me feel good to give back.

Gerry: Help prepare the Thursday meal. Additionally, I have assisted other PBOC Ministries in the kitchen.

Ron: I enjoy cooking and it is my way of giving back to the community and this ministry.

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF.

Marlene: After 27 years as a Chef in our New England Seaside Inn, retiring was thought to be a "brilliant" idea. Pawleys Island seemed appealing, and we purchased a home in one afternoon, another "brilliant" idea. Married 57 years to my boyfriend Marc, we have two children and one grandson who is "brilliant"! I am a long time volunteer at Brookgreen Gardens, and my golf game is a lot less "brilliant" than any of the above.

Mary Ann: I tend to sing softly while I work. That was my special gift from God. At 18, I won the NY State CYO Classical Singing Competition, and the Metropolitan Opera Guild Competition in high school. Nazareth University led me to teaching at Long Island BOCES School for gifted and talented children, where I founded "Children Music theatre". Later, a retirement dream came true and in 1997 we arrived at PBOC where Fr. Snopek was praying for a Music Director. My volunteer work began 35 hours a week as Choir Director, Cantor and Liturgy Director. Changes in life led to involvement in other ministries' and now I'm "humming away" in Fr. Pat's Kitchen every Saturday morning.

Gerry: I am a American Culinary Certified Executive Chef.

Ron: I am a retired principal engineer, spending over forty years in the defense industry, designing systems to protect our nation. Now, I am a professional volunteer.



Mary Ann Sanborn

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Evangelization

Mepkin Retreat and Christian Unity 1-26-26

Psalm 46: 11 "Be still and know that I am God!"

A group of twelve men, mostly from our Friday morning prayer group, made a weekend retreat at Mepkin Abbey in January. Despite the forecast of ice, the Lord saw to it that Moncks Corner only got a little rain. Fr. Joe Tedesco, former superior of the community, was recently named retreat master. He facilitated our weekend. We were told upon arrival that just days earlier a new Abbot had been elected, Fr. Jonas!

We were motivated to arrive by 7:00 p.m. on Friday night as the front gate gets locked, forcing one to walk nearly a mile to the retreat center. Meals (all vegetarian), bedding, towels, and a miraculous bar of soap (smaller than a key fob), are included in the weekend. A free will donation is recommended; we contributed \$300.00 per person. The guest rooms form a V with the adoration chapel in the center, and the meeting area on the side closest to the church and refectory (where our meals are consumed in silence).

Fr. Joe gave us an orientation Friday upon arrival and our light supper was offered from 4:55 to 5:25. The monks come together to pray Vespers at 6:00 and Compline at 7:30, and afterward Deacon Tim gave us a presentation on "surrendering our will to God". A few of us went to bed shortly after Tim's talk as we needed to be up at 3:30 to participate in 4:00 a.m. Vigils followed by private Lectio Divina. Breakfast is served from 5:15 to 7:00, Mass is at 7:00. After Mass, Fr. Joe gave us a group Lectio Divina on Colossians 3:1-4: "If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory."

Fr. Joe read it slowly and had us meet in groups of three to discuss. This was repeated three times. It was a deeply moving experience and interesting to see what words, thoughts, and action the Lord brought to each of us. Fr. Joe offered thirty-minute slots for confession / spiritual direction throughout the day Saturday and Sunday morning, everyone eagerly signed up for the slots.

Many of us were taken aback at the exceedingly slow pace of the prayers. Retreatants are encouraged to sit with the monks in the church, six on one side, six on the other. All 150 Psalms are sung over a period of one week. We are accompanied by a pipe organ, played by the new abbot. Thankfully a monk on each side pointed to the pages we were to follow. At each gathering the books were prepared ahead for us by a generous and thoughtful monk.

Saturday afternoon we discussed Brother Lawrence's *Practicing the Presence of God*. This was a casual group chat, where we acknowledged that stories open the mind, while arguments close it. Fr. Kevin met with us for ninety minutes sharing about his vocation and discernment as well as insights about Kataphatic and Apophatic prayer. We learned that emptying ourselves of our thoughts, will, and memory (in the silence) provides the space for God to speak. In the busy rush of our daily lives, it is easy to ignore this solitude; yet it is vital in developing a relationship with the Lord.

On Sunday morning we learned about St. Teresa of Avila's *Interior Castle* and what it means to develop our prayer life through recollection and the interior life. First class relics of Sts. Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, and Therese of Lisieux were with us, on loan from the Carmelite contemplative group in

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Evangelization continued

Columbia. We then discussed quotes that were shared from various saints and mystics throughout Church history. There was time for dialogue as well, but most of us adhered to the silence and found that it heightened our awareness of the message God wished to convey. Our hearts were cultivated by the silence to be more receptive to God's communication. Ten of the twelve men were Catholic. It was fitting that we were all together, at various stages of life, at the end of the week of prayer for Christian Unity. Mass Sunday morning brought this into focus:

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Paul urges the Corinthians to "be united in the same mind and in the same purpose" without any divisions among them, and Jesus himself chose companions as soon as he moved to Capernaum. In the unity that Simon, Andrew, James, and John experience through their friendship with Christ, they become certain that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Such a unity in charity remains a compelling witness to the truth of the Gospel.

"An apostle should try to put his own heart into contact with the heart of God, that it may be filled with God's love and share in his charity toward men. The apostle should, as it were, have the mind of God, the mind of Christ, that is, he should cultivate deep sentiments of love for the brethren, a pale reflection of the love of God for men.

Not only at prayer, but in the very exercise of the apostolate, the apostle should strive to keep in contact with God and with the mystery of his love for men, in which he should humbly collaborate. He will seek this contact by an intense practice of faith, which will give him a deeper understanding of the mystery of the Redemption and enable him to recognize the fulfillment of this mystery in the various circumstances of his life and in every event of time. This spirit of faith will help him to make his humble activity a part of the great action of God. In this way, even while making use of human means or when occupied with material affairs, the apostle will live in a supernatural atmosphere. He will never lose sight of the goal of his activity, but will always be very keenly aware that he is collaborating with Christ for the salvation of souls." *Father Gabriel of Saint Mary Magdalen († 1952) was a Belgian Carmelite friar, teacher, and spiritual director. From Divine Intimacy: Meditations on the Interior Life for Every Day of the Liturgical Year*

Retreat, slow down. Be intentional, authentic witnesses, recollected and more focused on our interior life. Mark 3:31-35: "But Jesus said to them in reply, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother'."

We carried our contemplative focus as we walked the grounds, prayed in the adoration chapel, and moved through our day in silent prayer. We each had a private room with single bed, toilet, shower, small desk, and reading chair for solitude away. The gathering space for our talks was surrounded by an amazing library of books on contemplation.

Each of us shared personally and inspired one another to greater holiness. Fr. Joe thanked us for joining them, he was moved by our desire to draw closer to God. We agreed coming back from retreat that we are equipped for deeper conversion and that it is a moment-by-moment decision every day for growth to happen. Please join the Men's Prayer Group every Friday in Founders Hall from 6:45-7:30 a.m. to walk with us in faith.

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Photo (left) is of the sweet incense they burn at compline 7:30 pm (last prayer service of day, prior to bed) symbolic of our prayers rising to Heaven and the Cloud of Unknowing representing God and His mystical guiding presence. One of the retreatants commented: "The NFL has a combine, those who are spiritually driven go to Compline."



Group photo taken in the gathering space at the retreat center.



Selfie of a few men stopping along the Cooper River as we explored the Spanish moss draped, tree lined campus, of Mepkin Abbey.



The dining room (refectory) where we eat in silence.

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Reflections on My Retreat at Mepkin Abbey

From the moment I arrived, the stillness of the Abbey grounds began to work on me. The quiet there is not simply the absence of noise - it feels intentional, almost sacred. Removed from the usual pace and distractions of daily life, I found space to think, to pray, and to simply be. The solitude was restorative. Without constant stimulation, I became more aware of my thoughts, my gratitude, and even the areas of my life that need attention and healing.

One of the most meaningful parts of the retreat was the time spent in discussion with the other twelve men. What began as a simple gathering evolved into something deeply personal and honest. Each man independently shared the challenges he was facing - struggles with family, career, faith, loss, and uncertainty. There was no posturing or pretense — just vulnerability. Hearing their stories reminded me that we all carry burdens that are often invisible. The shared openness created a sense of brotherhood and mutual understanding that I did not expect but deeply appreciated.

Overall, the retreat was a gift. The quiet, the solitude, the natural beauty, the brotherhood of the group, the sacred rhythm of prayer, and Father Joe's guidance all combined to create an experience that I will carry with me for a long time. It reminded me of the importance of stepping away periodically to realign my heart and mind.

EXTREME HEART MAKEOVER A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

— REVELATION 3:20 NIV

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Youth Ministry

Over the past several weeks, our youth have been walking through a catechetical series focused on some of the deeper realities of the Christian life—desire, grace, the false self, and what are often called “desert seasons.” Rather than approaching the faith as a list of rules, we’ve been helping them see that at the heart of Christianity is transformation: learning how our desire is meant for God, how sin distorts our passions and misaims desire, and how grace restores and redirects them.

One of the key themes has been the idea of the “false self”—the version of ourselves shaped by pressure, insecurity, and sin—and how Christ invites us into something real and whole. This has resonated deeply with the students, especially as they begin to recognize the difference between who they present to the world and who they are called to be in Christ.

We’ve also spent time talking about “desert seasons”—those moments when God can feel distant or silent. Instead of seeing these as failures, we’ve reframed them as places of growth, where faith becomes less about feelings and more about trust and perseverance. This has opened up honest conversations about doubt, struggle, and what it means to remain faithful even when it’s difficult.

In light of the season of Lent, we have begun helping the students understand what Lent is truly for. We’ve introduced them to the idea of *kenosis*—self-emptying—drawing from St. Paul’s words in Philippians. Rather than seeing Lenten practices as merely giving things up, we are inviting them to see Lent as a participation in Christ’s own self-giving love.

This has been especially tangible through reflecting on the Stations of the Cross. Instead of approaching them as repetitive actions, we’ve been teaching the students to see each station as a doorway—an opportunity to encounter Christ in His self-emptying, to walk with Him, and to allow that same movement of surrender to take root in their own lives.

Recently, we shifted into more open discussion nights, allowing students to bring forward the real questions they’re carrying. These nights have been especially fruitful. Topics have ranged from identity and purpose to suffering, relationships, and how to actually live out the faith in daily life. The level of honesty and engagement has been encouraging, and it’s clear that the students are not just listening—they’re wrestling, processing, and seeking something real.

We also had the opportunity to take our high school students to NYC, which served as a powerful complement to what we’ve been covering. It gave them space to encounter the wider Church, deepen friendships, and experience the faith in a more communal and dynamic way. Many came back energized and more open, which has carried into our discussions since.



Mary Ann Sanborn

Overall, it’s been a season marked by depth, honesty, and growth. The goal has not simply been to inform, but to form—to help these students encounter Christ in a way that speaks to their real lives. And by God’s grace, we are beginning to see that take root.

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Cursillo

What if three days could change your direction...maybe even the direction of your life?

That's what **Cursillo** is built for.

Cursillo (Spanish for 'short course') is a **three-day Catholic weekend**. It's for ordinary Catholics who are busy, carrying a lot, and hungry for something real: a deeper friendship with Christ and a community that helps you live your faith after Sunday Mass.

Many of us know someone who looks "fine" on the outside - but they are carrying a lot on the inside. Maybe they are tired or anxious. Maybe they are drifting. Maybe they're just going through the motions spiritually. Cursillo is one of the most practical, powerful ways to give someone a spiritual fresh start.

If you feel like God is nudging you—if you want renewal and to grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus—please reach out and learn more about Cursillo.



God changes lives.
And sometimes...**He does it in just three days.**

To all those who have made a Cursillo weekend or are interested, we warmly welcome you to join our monthly "Ultreya" gatherings. They are scheduled the first Monday evening of each month. Please see the bulletin for dates and locations.

For additional Cursillo information, visit the South Carolina Catholic Cursillo website: <https://sccatholiccursillo.com/> or reach out to Cheryle Clark at 914-649-0406 Email: cheryle52@gmail.com

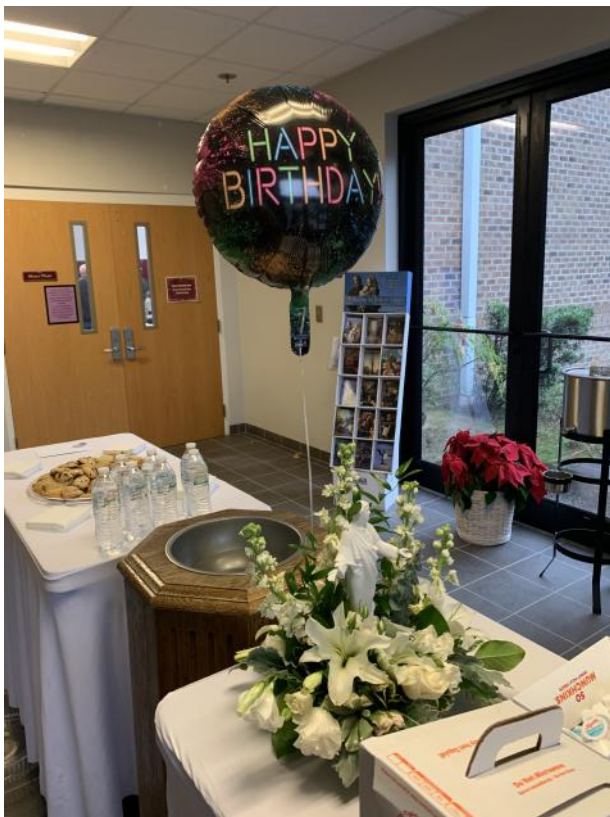


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Fellowship

Fellowship has been busy hosting several receptions for the parish this past fall and winter. Following the Confirmation Mass celebrated by Bishop Jacques on October 6, we hosted a small reception for our Confirmandi.

During the month of November, we hosted three receptions after select Masses. On November 2nd, All Souls Day, in honor of the Recently Departed, on November 13th, in honor of Deceased Spouses and on November 20th, in honor of Deceased Children.



On Christmas Eve at the 4:00 Children’s Mass, a Happy Birthday Jesus Cake was given to the family with the youngest child present at Mass and Christmas Cookies were provided for children of every age.

Fr. Paul’s birthday was celebrated after the weekend Masses on January 17th and 18th with a reception following each of the Masses.

Bishop Jacques also celebrated an Anniversary Mass for all Married Couples on February 15th. Certificates were provided by the Diocese and we hosted a reception with Valentine Cookies and Decadent Sweets.

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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.



Pro Life March

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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 Re-investment; 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.



Honor Guard November 2025

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.



Icon November 2025

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.



Nativity Set December 2025

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Christmas Party 2025



Wine Tasting Dinner, June 2025



Family of the Year July 2025



Knight of the Year July 2025

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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Fr. Paul's Lenten Book Study

March 25: 6:30 p.m.
March 26: 9:30 a.m.

Reconciliation Service

March 26: 6:00 p.m.



Holy Week

No morning Masses March 31, April 2,3,4
Adoration Chapel closed Thursday until Monday
Parish office closes at noon April 3, reopens April 7

Confessions:

April 1: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
April 2: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday:

April 2: Mass - 6:00 p.m. (streamed)
Nightwatch Adoration:
7:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
in Classroom 1

Good Friday:

April 3: Stations 12:00 p.m.
Passion 3:00 p.m. (streamed)
Tenebrae 7:00 p.m.
No First Friday Adoration

Holy Saturday: Blessing of Easter Food 11:00 a.m.

Easter Masses

April 4: 8:30 p.m. Vigil (streamed)
April 5: 8:00 a.m. (streamed)
10:00 a.m. (streamed)
12:00 p.m.

Easter Baskets for children at all Masses

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 12: 3:00 p.m. Service

First Holy Communion

May 3: 10:30 a.m.

Parish Feast Day

June 7

Confirmation

October 3: 10:00 a.m.