

SEPTEMBER 2026



Fr. Paul MacNeil

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome home!

We rejoice to be able to return to our proper parish place of prayer and to be able to celebrate the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, in our freshly painted, expanded and befittingly noble House of God. I couldn't be happier that this major project was conceived, executed and completed so well with the great dedication of our Parish Finance

Council / Building Committee, parish staff, major contractor, architect as well as our painters from Conrad Schmitt Studios Inc.

The image of the Two Trinities, whose inspiration came from a Spanish Baroque original, and hand painted on our narthex ceiling in oil by Inga from New Jersey (sub contracted from Conrad Schmitt) is a powerful welcome to all who enter our church. The expanded rooms in the narthex have already been used for coffee and donuts, catechesis, OCIA, choir practice, funeral gatherings as well as wedding celebrations. Along with the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph, the statue of St. Michael the

Archangel and image of Divine Mercy remind us so poignantly that we have powerful friends in Heaven interceding for us. Our new Padre Pio Prayer Room is a small space to gather with this great saint in our Catholic Church and spend time in prayer, asking for his intercession, and petitioning Heaven for assistance and favors. Our new Adoration Chapel with its 14 kneelers and chairs has expanded our worship capacity in this most Holy Chapel. Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians,

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hand written in Lebanon by a holy sister, assists us in offering prayers through her Immaculate Heart into our Lord's Sacred Heart, in the Most Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Finally, we have new relics that will assist us in prayer as we gather at the altar of the Lord. Our main altar has a holy relic of St. Matthew the Apostle, the High Altar and Altar of Reservation contains the holy relic of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and the altar in our Adoration Chapel has the holy relic of St. John Neumann.

May our beautiful church provide for us and all who visit our faith community for many years to come, a place of holy encounter with the One True God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In peace and prayer, in the Precious Blood of Christ,

Father Paul

Very Rev. Fr. Paul MacNeil V.F.



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Parish Life

Mary, Mother of Persecuted Christians Icon for the Adoration Chapel

The PBOC Adoration Chapel will have an Icon of Mary, Mother of Persecuted Christians installed at the opening of our new Sanctuary. This icon is a reminder of our duties as Catholics to pray for our persecuted brethren throughout the world and also for ourselves, to be given strength when we face opposition for our faith.

This icon was written by Sister Souraya Harro of the Melkite Catholic Basilian Sisters in Zouk Mosbeh, Lebanon. It was produced during the recent war in the middle east, this is the ninth Icon of Mary, Mother of Persecuted Christians to be installed in the world. The funds the Sisters receive help them to continue their ministry to look after many of the poor and elderly who are suffering greatly in Lebanon

Fr. Benedict Kiely who commissions the writing of the Icons is a priest of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham founded Nasarean.org in 2014 which seeks to serve persecuted Christians around the world with a particular focus on the Middle East, the cradle of Christianity. Aid is focused on mini micro-financing small family businesses to enable Christians to stay in their native lands, not emigrate, and build a future for their children.

The Icon is a gift to our Church from the PBOC Dames and Knights of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

For more information please go to <https://www.nasarean.org/icon-project>



PRECIOUS WORD**Parish Life continued****“Father John” Visits Precious Blood**

On July 17, 2026, PBOC had visitors from American Martyrs Catholic Community, Manhattan Beach, California. John Clifford, a parishioner of that parish, was accompanied by flat “Father John” (a flat cut-out picture of the Pastor, Rev. Msgr. John Barry) on his visit to our church. Their parish has a “Happy Travels” program that encourages people to bring “Father John” on their travels.

When he returned home, John sent us several photos that he took of “Father John” as he toured our parish, along with a lovely note saying... “It was quite nice to walk the Church grounds, have time for quiet devotion, and meet the staff at the Parish Life Center.... I pray that anyone who travels to the Los Angeles area will visit American Martyrs.”



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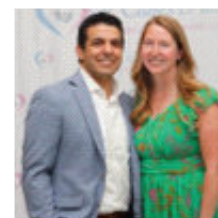
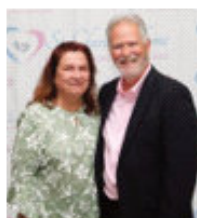
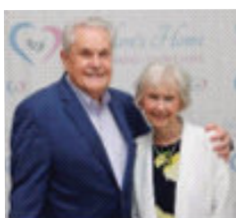
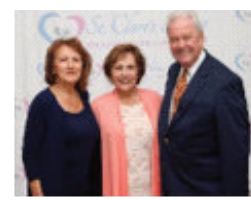
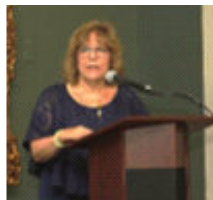
Respect Life



Grand Strand Proudly Supports St. Clare's Home was held at Pawleys Plantation Country Club on Tuesday, May 19th. Two hundred guests were treated to a beautiful evening celebrating the life-changing mission of St. Clare's Home which included dinner, fellowship, and excellent guest speakers. Kathy Schmugge, Family Life Director Diocese of Charleston, served as the evening's emcee.

Speakers included Kat Talalas, USCCB Assistant Director for Pro-Life Communications in Washington, D.C., Jason Walsh, Knights of Columbus State Faith Director, Valerie Baronkin, Director of St. Clare's, Claire Pizzuti, Founder of St. Clare's and our very own Father Paul and Father West. Laura Boronski sang Mosaic and closed out the evening with her lively song, Thank You. A highlight of the evening was the *Stories of Hope* video featuring several mothers who have found support and encouragement at St. Clare's Home.

Mark your Calendar! The fourth annual Grand Strand Proudly Supports St. Clare's Home fundraiser will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2027. **Please Save the Date!**



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.

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Outreach

Precious Deliveries

The Precious Deliveries Team is excited to return to our traditional holiday food drive procedures. Each Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter, our parish family comes together to provide specific food items that are collected, sorted, divided, and delivered to approximately 85 local families. This endeavor is only possible through your continued support, extreme generosity, and hard work.

Volunteers will be needed to assist with preparing bags for distribution at Masses, as well as unloading, sorting, and delivering items. Previous volunteers will tell you how rewarding it feels to help others in need.

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me"
Matthew 25:35-40

If you are new to the program and would like to get involved, please reach out to us for more information. If you have assisted in the past, watch for upcoming notices as the holidays approach.

Thank you for helping make this program a success and bringing joy to families in our community.
The Precious Deliveries Team
Kathy & John Morris



PRECIOUS WORD

Outreach continued



St. Christopher's Children is grateful and proud to be a part of PBOC's Outreach Ministries. Thanks to the generosity of our Parishioners, we recently were able to provide an abundance of nursing items to the school nurses before the start of the school season.

St. Christopher's is a registered 501c3 nonprofit organization established in 2007 by Parishioners of PBOC, dedicated to providing needed clothing and critical orthodontic care for children living in Georgetown County. Since inception we have helped over 4700 local children with clothing, orthodontic, and personal hygiene products. Many of the basic needs for clothing and orthodontic care cannot be met by existing social services or government agencies. We believe that all children should have access to basic clothing, personal hygiene products, and orthodontic treatment for severe cases of malocclusion.

Visit our Resale Store at 12017 Ocean Highway, Pawleys Island - specials on "Senior Tuesday" and "Pop It Wednesday"!

Contributions and Volunteers are always needed in various ways!

Save the Date

Pawleys Island Christmas Gala

Benefiting Father Pat's Lunch Kitchen

Hosted by

Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Parish

Friday

December 4, 2026

6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

At The Village House at Litchfield

For More Information on the Gala, Please Visit
www.pbocchurch.com/gala

For Information on Sponsorship Opportunities, Please
 Contact Lori Emrick at LoriEmrick@gmail.com



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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 4th, our First Communicants on May 3rd and our recent graduates on May 17th. Our Parish Feast Day was celebrated with receptions after all the weekend Masses on June 6th and 7th.

We were also blessed to celebrate the newly ordained Fr. Michael Tracy on June 25th and Fr. Philippe Dubourdieu on July 4th here after the daily Mass with a reception.

Finally, we honored Maureen Arneman for her 25 years of service as the Director of Religious Education with a Retirement Celebration after the 8 AM Mass on July 26th and hosted an open house reception for the upcoming school year for the students and parents on August 16th.

Save the date for the upcoming Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, October 11 from 11:30-1:30.



Fr. Philippe Dubourdieu



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Fellowship continued

The Ministry of Grace
made possible by God
and all the volunteers
who give of their time

The purpose of the Ministry of Grace:

There are people who sit in Assisted Living, Nursing Homes and Memory Care, that have no family or friends to visit with them. Our volunteers in Christ give of their time, talents and gifts with a resident at one of the four facilities.

The facilities we serve:

Right now we are serving: 1 - The Lakes at Litchfield
2 - Arbor Landing
3 - Windrush
4 - Inlet Coastal Resort

Our Volunteers:

Our volunteers give at least one day per month, 1 hour that day. They get to make up their own time schedule. This gives the volunteers freedom and no scheduled commitments.

What do the volunteers receive?

The volunteers make new friends. Not only are they a blessing to the resident, but you can feel the blessing in return, 2-fold or more.

How did the ministry of Grace come about?

Because of COVID; families isolated, people alone, no socializing, and worse yet, people dying alone in hospitals or at homes. This broke my heart. God put a word on my heart. I heard the word, listened to it and obeyed. And with Father Paul's blessing, we have a group of almost 20 volunteers and growing.

I just want to say thank you to all the volunteers who stepped up and offered their services to these residents. God put you in their life for a reason.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for the Ministry of Grace, call or text:
Linda Farrow 843-325-6065.

And God Bless PBOC.



Ministry of Grace Volunteers Luncheon at The Crooked Cork

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Women's Club



Let's start this article with a "look back" to our June 5, 2026 Grant Fund Meeting. The Women's Club was able to distribute almost \$50,000 to local area charities which included our \$2000 college scholarship to a Catholic Waccamaw High School Senior. The hardworking ladies of the club worked all year and, through multiple fundraisers, were successful in raising more funds for our Grant Fund than ever before. You can say it was through their "sweat equity" that many organizations in our area are now fortunate enough to have funding for their projects. We celebrate our success and are proud of our efforts.

In addition, the Women's Club Board had been hard at work all summer to plan meetings and fundraisers. Our "kick off" event was our annual "Welcome Back Tea" that was held on Sunday, August 30th. This year's theme was the **"40th Anniversary of the Women's Club"**. Our club was the first club at *Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church* and came into existence in 1986.

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 will be held on Thursday, September 10th, starting at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall of the PLC. We are so excited to be back in the PLC since the church is now completed. Going forward, all General Meetings will revert back to our normal meeting date which will be on Thursdays.

Our first fundraiser, "Boutiques and Bites" was scheduled for Wednesday, September 23rd here in the Pawleys Island area at the Hammock Shops. 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 both the luncheon and Dessert/Wine Tasting portions so please sign up as soon as possible.)

Our motto is **"Let your Light Shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.....Mathew 5:16."**

This motto embodies our mission in that all we do points back to God. We are many members with one goal: Faithful service to God through all our efforts. We serve Him with joy. I invite you to come to one of our meetings or events and be part of a fun group of ladies that celebrate our Catholic faith, enjoy each other's fellowship, and raise funds for local area charities as one of the ways we give back to our greater community.

Rita Foster, PBOC Women's Club President

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Women's Club continued



June 5, 2026
Grant Fund Meeting

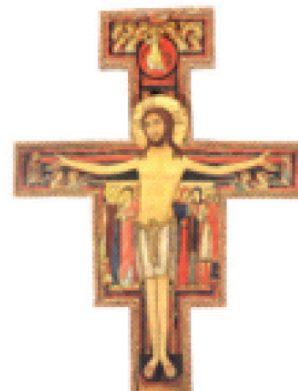


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Religious Ed

OCIA

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is in full swing for the year. Classes started on Sunday, September 13th and will continue throughout the year until Easter. Classes run from 9:15 to 10:15 on Sunday mornings in the Narthex of the Church. This formation is for those who may be seeking baptism, as well as those who maybe already baptized and are interested in coming into full communion with the catholic faith through the reception of the sacraments of initiation. It is a beautiful journey of faith and continual conversion to Christ. If you are looking for more info on OCIA, feel free to contact sophia.murphy@pbochurch.com or call the parish office.



Religious Education for Adults



Adult Bible study is underway and currently running a program by Ascension Press under the title *Exodus: Called to Freedom*. Adults gather weekly to break open the Word of God together.

An adaptation of the *This is Our Faith* Catechism course for adults is currently in motion. We are excited to dive deeper into the mysteries of our faith and grow closer to Christ through discipleship with Him. Look out for more information on this exciting new formation program in the weeks to come...

Religious Education for Children & Family Ministry

Classes take place in the PLC from 9:10 – 10:15 am on Sunday mornings. PreK 4 – 5th grade follows the *Gospel Weekly* Program which is a catechesis curriculum based on the Sunday Liturgy. The 6-7th grade confirmation prep course this year is working through weekly lessons on human formation, the kerygma, and Christian morality/spirituality based on excerpts from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. We are blessed to have the following catechists leading this year's formation: Tee Fattaleh, Taylor Pierce, Eileen Patterson, Janel O'Sullivan, Tara North, Leonora Montella, and Blake Joseph. Our Jr. And Sr. High helpers are Aubree Smith, Aine O'Brien, and Saoirse O'Brien.



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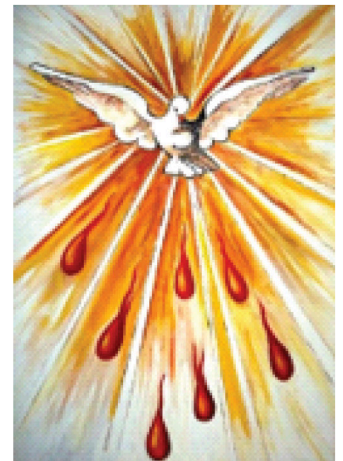
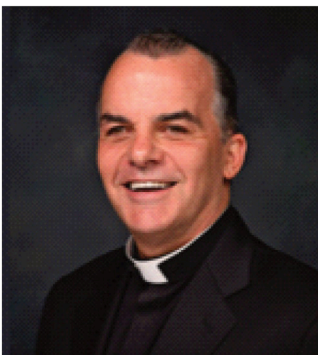
There is a coffee hour for parents that have children who attend Sunday School. Come for coffee, conversation, and fellowship "Between the Masses."

Lookout for Monthly family adoration nights throughout the school year. Come for prayer and fellowship following. The next night will take place on September 27th.

Sacramental Preparation

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on May 2nd, 2027, for students in this year's 2nd grade religious education class. This class will also have their first reconciliation prior to their reception of the Holy Eucharist.

Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune will preside at the Sacrament of Confirmation at Precious Blood of Christ on Saturday, October 3rd at 10am. Please pray for the following candidates as they prepare to receive the seal of the Holy Spirit and are confirmed as witnesses for Christ and His Church: Walter Abadie, Colton Campbell, Matthew Joseph, Aine O'Brien, Sutton Reid, Aubree Smith, Meris Thompson, Emerson Gasper, Joseph Lockney, Aileen Ramirez, Tristen Smith, Colin Steffen, and Riley Vauiso.

**Upcoming Parish Mission**

Fr. Michael Joly is a parish priest of the diocese of Richmond, Virginia. He will preside at all Masses on the weekend of Saturday/Sunday, November 14 & 15. Following the weekend Masses, all members of the parish are invited to attend a three-night Mission: Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday evenings (November 15, 16, & 17), beginning at 6:00 p.m. Fr. Joly will draw on timely themes, sacred scripture, music, and interactive dynamics to communicate movement forward in the spiritual life. He will make use of writings and teachings of some great leaders in our Catholic faith. We look forward to welcoming Him!

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Youth Ministry



The youth are in action at PBOC! Helping move us back into our newly renovated church, serving those in need at Father Pats Kitchen, and learning how to serve Our Lord at the altar with reverence!



Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune blessed the church at 10:30 Mass on August 23.

Precious Hands

Precious Hands

featuring precious people volunteering for our parish

ROBERT "BOB" FRAPPIER

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

Sacristan for daily Mass and weekends – I love opening the church when it is all to myself and the privilege to be on the altar so near the blessed sacrament.

Lector for daily Mass and weekends – proclaiming the Word of God is very special. I call the Holy Spirit to speak through me each time.

Extraordinary Minister weekend Mass – I get to serve the body & blood, soul & divinity to my fellow parishioners.

Extraordinary Minister and Lead for Arbor Landing – this is an amazing ministry and a very spiritual experience as I watch the residents transition to the after life

Cursillo Movement – make a friend, be a friend & bring a friend to Christ. As a sponsor and past rector watching fellow Catholics experience metanoia is very fulfilling.

Men's Friday Morning Prayer - Grouping with men who are seeking the highest level of friendship in the pursuit of virtue strengthens my faith.

Daily Morning Prayer Group - the Scriptural Rosary is a most powerful weapon to fight evil.

Adoration – my personal time with Jesus every Monday at 4pm

Men's Study Group & Bible Study – you cannot love what you do not know

Knights of Columbus Council 11028 – a wonderful fraternal organization of Catholic men. I am the current treasurer.

Knights of Columbus Assembly 3272 – I am the past Faithful Navigator and current trustee. This is the patriotic arm of the Knights. This is very dear to me as my father retired from the US Army.



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ROBERT "BOB" FRAPPIER continued

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BEING PART OF THIS MINISTRY?

I love serving the needs of others.

TELL US ABOUT WHAT YOU DO FOR THIS MINISTRY?

I stay involved and help where I can.

HOW CAN OTHERS BECOME MEMBERS?

The church bulletin has contact information for all these ministries.

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF? (OPTIONAL)

I have been retired for over 10 years, and my faith is most important aspect of my life. I have the time for all these activities. Although life is a marathon I want to sprint to the finish line. Coming in second is the care of my beloved bride Andie who is suffering from Alzheimer's disease. I do like to ride my Harley Davidson Road Glide in my spare time. Vivat Jesus, Bob Frappier.

PRECIOUS WORD



Evangelization

Beginning to Pray...

“This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel... I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts: I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” Jeremiah 31:33

“Wherever I go, Your gaze rests on me. Your vision is Your very movement: You move with me, and, for the whole duration of my moving, Your movement never stops. When I rest, You are with me; when I go, You go up; when I go down, You go down; in whatever direction I turn, You are present. In the hour of trial, You do not abandon me; when I invoke You, You are at my side, because invoking You is turning myself to You. Amen.” Nicholas Cusanus

Eli said to Samuel, “Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, ‘***Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.***’” When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the Lord came and stood there, calling out as before: Samuel, Samuel! Samuel answered, “***Speak, for your servant is listening.***” 1 Sam 3:9-10

Lex orandi est lex vivendi, “how we pray determines how we finally live.” How we live internally is how we deal with things externally. If prayer itself is largely an external performance, there is simply no inner life to keep us honest and real and grounded... Until we set out on an actual journey of prayer and meditation religion is largely externals and formulas, about which we fight or divide...

Our willingness to find God in our own struggle with life – and let it change us – is our deepest and truest obedience to God’s eternal will... the heartfelt desire to do the will of God is, in fact, the truest will of God. At that point, God has won, the ego has lost, and our prayer has already been answered.

Jesus himself goes into silence, into nature, and is usually alone when he prays:

“In the morning, long before dawn, Jesus got up, left the house, and went off to a lonely place to pray.” Mark 1:35. Luke 5:16 but he would withdraw to deserted places to pray. Luke 6:12 In those days he departed to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God. Luke 22:41 After withdrawing about a stone’s throw from them and kneeling, he prayed. Luke 11:1 He was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.”

Jesus wisely says, “When you pray, don’t imitate those who love to say their prayers standing up in the synagogue or at street corners for people to see them. They have already received their reward.” Matthew 6:5

The word prayer is a code word for an entirely different way of processing life... it moves us from an egocentric perspective to a soul-centric perspective. (Most of us do not see things as they are but see things as we are.) Prayer takes “work” to learn how to do it. E.g. *Practice*, Spiritual Exercises (Ignatian)

PRECIOUS WORD

Evangelization continued

Prayer is something the beginner does when we feel helpless, but that's NOT a positive widening of our lens for a better picture, which is the whole point of prayer. To see circumstances and people as God does and *to listen with the ear of our heart*. "The greatest distance is from the head to the heart." St. Augustine

Prayer = emptying the mind and filling the heart.

Prayer of quiet and self-surrender. Contemplative prayer invades, touches, and heals the unconscious.

Prayer is not about changing God but being willing to let God change us.

The Contemplative mind prays from a different sense of Who-I-am. It rests, and abides, in the Great I AM, and draws its life from the Larger Vine (John 15:4-5)

Prayer is an exercise in divine participation – we are opting in and God is always there, waiting to fill us!

"When you pray, go to your inner room, and shut the door." Matthew 6:6 Jesus was talking about what Monks call the interior life. The room inside ourselves. Jesus refers to a place where truth is waiting, hidden to most of us – in which God "dwells" and from which God "blesses."

Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity says "You must build a little cell in your soul as I do. Remember that God is there and enter it from time to time...when you feel nervous or unhappy, quickly seek refuge there and tell the Master all about it. Ah, if you got to know Him a little, prayer wouldn't bore you anymore; to me it seems to be rest, relaxation. We come simply to the One we love, stay close to Him like a little child in the arms of its mother...It is the secret of the life in Carmel: the life of a Carmelite is a communion with God from morning to evening, and from evening to morning... we see Him through all for we bear Him within us and our life is an anticipated Heaven." (*Letters from Carmel, The Complete Works- Vol 2,*)

"It seems to me that I have found my Heaven on earth, since Heaven is God and God is in my soul. The day I understood that, everything became clear to me and I wish I could whisper this secret to those I love in order that they also might cling closely to God through everything and that Christ's prayer might be fulfilled: "Father...that they may be made perfect in one." *Letter 1902*

Mirroring Christ's detachment, humility, and charity is the vocation of all Carmelites, a contemplative order founded in the 13th century and reformed by John of the Cross and Teresa of Avila. Both Doctors of the Church for their profound writings on Mysticism and Prayer. Carmelites attempt to be calm and recollected; "like still water on a lake that perfectly reflects the sun". To radiate and reflect God's love to others, by being aware of God's presence inside us and mindful toward others.

PRECIOUS WORD

Evangelization continued

To be fully present to others, it is helpful to slow things down and take time (daily) for silent prayer. Lay Carmelites practice thirty minutes of daily silence while the Friars and Nuns practice two hours. *This apophatic prayer of self-emptying and cultivating the soil of our hearts to receive God's grace is transformative.* There will be distractions as our lives are overstimulated with noise and activity. We rush through our "to do list" rarely taking a moment for quiet reflection. Anxiety and depression are the top two treated mental health disorders. Anxiety, worrying about what "might" happen in the future and depression, "dwelling on the past". Healthy living is to be in the present moment. Looking at others as God does with profound LOVE, delighting in and loving us into existence and throughout eternity. Isaiah 62:4-5.

Beginning to Pray, Anthony Bloom: ***"I think we must do exercises in stopping time and in standing in the present, in this 'now' which is my present and which is also the intersection of eternity with time."***

To enter the silence (5-10 minutes daily and build up from there):

"Ruah" is a Hebrew term representing the divine breath of life /Holy Spirit.

Yah-weh **"Lord you must increase" on inhale, "I must decrease" on exhale**

Things are likely to bubble up from the past. Thoughts may arise. Let them float past like clouds. We are making space and time for God. Having a spiritual director to accompany us is advisable.

"Loving attentiveness"

"Simple loving awareness"

"Passive loving attention."

Pray Psalm 46:10 s-----l-----o-----w-----l-----y

"Be / still / and know / that I am / God"

"Prayer as it advances contemplatively is animated by a deep longing to love and be united to God. His being is beyond our comprehension and grasp, yet he is known in adoration and admiring awe. An engagement with divine transcendence is an aspect of deeper faith and love that will always accompany deeper contemplative life." Paul Claudel

"We must simply allow the silence to do its part, for the gift of silence is clearly desired by God as a means of mysterious communication with himself... He listens more than we realize to the silence within our heart... He Loves the souls who gaze with unseeing eyes at his secret presence within their own dark silence... What is necessary above all is to seek a depth of love in prayer." Donald Haggerty

PRECIOUS WORD

Evangelization continued

John of the Cross understood that everyone approaches prayer with a certain peace, freedom, and knowledge that **"if anyone is seeking God, the Beloved is seeking that person much more"** (Living Flame 3.28). Prayer, more than being a work that a person does, is a loving response to the God who loves everyone. Ultimately, God "is the principal agent in the matter." John's focus was to guide souls to contemplation, a type of prayer which he defines as "a secret and peaceful and loving inflow of God" (Dark Night 1.10.6), or a passive reception of "God's self-communication" (Ascent 2.14.12).

This is a simple, yet profound encounter in which a person comes into direct contact with God in the most intimate part of his soul and is transformed by His love. When a person is responding to God's invitation to contemplation, the more active forms of prayer give way to a simpler way of praying. A person finds himself incapable of and no longer desires to pray in the way he used to. Instead, he only wants to sit peacefully and silently in the presence of God (see Ascent 2.13)

Martin Laird: "Contemplative (silent) prayer is one of the great spiritual arts. Not a technique but a skill, it harnesses the winds of grace that lead us out into the liberating sea of silence. To navigate this ancient way of prayer is to put out into the deep and let down our nets for a catch (Lk 5:4). Paradoxically we discover that it is we ourselves who are caught and held in this net, an ocean-depth of moment... the key to unlocking these doorways of prayer is our own silence."

We are called to be God's hand and feet as we journey through our time on earth. To be still and present to others; listening with the ear of our heart and loving gratuitously. Taking time for silent prayer causes deep conversion, because God cannot help but fill that silent time with His grace and love. Over time we find ourselves growing in the fruits of the Spirit mentioned in Galatians Ch, 5: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We increase in love of God and love others Divinely. "The true measure of Love is to love without measure." St Augustine

Teresa of Avila's bookmark (a prayer for worriers):

"Let nothing disturb you, Nothing frighten you. All things are passing.

God never changes. Patient endurance attains all things.

Whoever possesses God is wanting in nothing. God alone suffices."

Martha and Mary: Luke 10:38-42 As they continued their journey (Jesus) entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary [who] sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came

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to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

Call to Action:

Take time every day for silent prayer to be filled with God's grace, to be fully present, and recollected to accept and do the will of God in every circumstance.

Change awaits us. What is decisive is our deciding. "We must trust in the slow work of God."
Tielhard de Chardin

Watch your thoughts; they become words.

Watch your words; they become actions.

Watch your actions; they become habits.

Watch your habits; they become character.

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

"The canal simultaneously pours out what it receives; the reservoir retains the water till it is filled, then discharges the overflow without loss to itself... Today there are many in the church who act like canals, the reservoirs are far too rare. So urgent is the charity of those through whom the streams of heavenly doctrine flow to us, that they want to pour it forth before they have been filled; they are more ready to speak than to listen, impatient to teach what they have not grasped, and full of presumption to govern others while they know not how to govern themselves... You too must learn to await their fullness before pouring out your gifts, do not try to be more generous than God... First be filled and then control the outpouring." Bernard of Clairvaux, Cistercian Monk and Abbot 1153AD

1. Reserve time daily for silent prayer
2. Be present to others
3. See the will of God in whatever is in front of you
4. Love divinely

2 Corinthians 3:18 All of us, gazing with unveiled face on the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, as from the Lord who is the Spirit.

May God bless us all on our pilgrimage on earth as we journey toward Heaven.

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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 Men founded on the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Our charter is to empower Catholic men to live their faith and serve their family, parish, community, and country. The Precious Blood of Christ Council 11028 and Fr. Philip Grant Assembly 3272 are committed to these principles and work together in service to the parish and the surrounding community.

The PBOC chapter, Council 11028, was founded in 1993 and is comprised of 250 members. We meet monthly to pray the Rosary, share a dinner meal, and conduct our business activities. We are a diverse, yet aligned, group of Catholic brothers working, serving, and socializing together.



The Fr. Philip Grant Assembly 3272 is celebrating its 15th anniversary of patriotic service to our veterans, parish, and community. Since its formation in January 2011, the Assembly has grown to more than 150 Sir Knights. Of the more than 2 million Knights of Columbus members nationwide, approximately 300,000 have achieved the Fourth Degree.

Charity & Community Service

The Council's main focus is fundraising, and \$47,000 was donated the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, to charitable organizations to support those in need in the Pawleys Island and Georgetown communities. 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.

Council 11028 recently received the distinction of Star Council, the international organization's top award for local councils. The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership, promotion of fraternal insurance benefits, and sponsorship of faith formation programs, and service-oriented activities.

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Accomplishments included the following:

- Organized fundraising activities like the Annual Pancake Supper, Tootsie Roll Collection Drives, State Charity Raffle, 200 Club, Charity Mania, etc.
- Sponsored a Life Planning Seminar and CPR/AED training for the parish.
- Coordinated the parish Lenten Fish Fry.
- Developed an award-winning Knight's Widows Program.
- Led the Silver Rose Traveling Icon initiative.
- Conducted a Youth Rosary program and hosted other Rosaries before special Masses throughout the year.
- Continued the semi-annual Waverly Road Clean-up activity.
- Hosted the Annual Hope Ball for developmentally challenged individuals and participated in the Special Olympics- Georgetown.
- Provided teams for each First Friday Adoration and for all Fridays during Lent.



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Patriotic Service

Each year, Assembly 3272 proudly supports veterans and patriotic causes through financial contributions and hands-on service. We work with organizations such as Those Who Served, Low Country Veterans Group, Tranquility Lake, Fisher House, and the VA, helping address critical issues including veteran homelessness and suicide prevention.

We are also active supporters of the Georgetown County Veterans Memorial and Wreaths Across America. Our Fourth Degree Color Guard is frequently called upon to participate in community, civic, religious, and patriotic events throughout the area.



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Becoming a Knight is a wonderful way to get involved in the community, associate with like-minded Christian men, enhance your faith, and become a better Catholic. The Knights of Columbus is open to all Catholic men over 18...please come join us.

For information on joining the Knights of Columbus contact local Membership Director Dave Jurasinski (davidjurasinski@gmail.com or 607-267-1859), or go the website kofc.org/join/

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September/October Events

K of C Pancake Supper - September 29th, 4:30 - 7:00 PM at Eggs Up Grill
Blessing of the Pets - October 3rd following 8:30 AM Mass (in the Church parking lot)
Confirmation with Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune - October 3rd, 10:00 AM
Parish Picnic - October 11th, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Parish Office Closed for the Columbus Day Holiday - October 12th
Women's Club Arts & Crafts Festival - October 23rd, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
October 24th, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



November Events

All Saints Day - November 1st is a Sunday.
The Holyday is celebrated at all weekend Masses.
All Souls Day - November 2nd Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:00 PM at Columbarium/Graveyard, 10:30 AM with Candle Ceremony for this year's deceased
Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass - November 10th, 8:30 AM
Parish Office Closed for Veterans Day Holiday - November 11th
Mass for Deceased Children - November 12th, 8:30 AM
Women's Club Memorial Mass - November 18th, 8:30 AM
Mass for Deceased Spouses - November 19th, 8:30 AM
Thanksgiving Mass - November 26th, 10:00 AM
Parish Office Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday - November 25th at noon, 26th & 27th
First Sunday of Advent - November 29th
K of C Fifth Sunday Rosary - November 29th

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December Events

Pawleys Island Christmas Gala - December 4th
Immaculate Conception - December 7th Vigil 6:00 PM,
December 8th, 8:30 AM, 6:00 PM, Holy Day of Obligation and
parish office closed
Penance Service - December 17th, 6:00 PM
Parish Office Closed for Christmas - December 24th at noon,
25th & 28th
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