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The Year for Priests: Fond Memories

This is a collection of mini-stories about priests who have favorably touched several parishioners during their lifetime. *The Year for Priests* ends in June 2010, but these memories will never be forgotten.

A Memorable Priest: I will never forget Jesuit Father Weigand, a U. S. Army Chaplain with the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam, who found a unique way of showing the universality of our Catholic faith. While saying Mass in the field on the hood of a Jeep at Duc Co, Vietnam in August 1966, both he and we Mass attendees sud-

denly became aware that a near-by North Vietnamese prisoner who was awaiting transport was saying the altar boy responses in flawless Latin. Father briefly paused, looked up, smiled, finished the Mass and then went and tended the "enemy" prisoner's spiritual needs. It was very moving to have been there as a young soldier suddenly realizing one's "enemy" might just be like you. By Don Ullmann

My remembrance is of Father Joe Ognibene. I was five years old when I first remember meeting Father Joe. A

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tall, young man, he would often visit us in our classrooms. When he looked at you, you saw the face of God's love. I most remember Father Joe for his heroic efforts to save children from the Our Lady of Angels fire in 1958. I was fortunate to be in Chicago at the time of his funeral a few years ago to see the love that was poured out for this man of God. He was a true hero, a great priest. By Joe Dumovich

Iceland Priest: Father Jeurgen Jamine, a German Priest, who was called to be the Pastor of the Cathedral of Christ The King in Iceland performed the wedding for my daughter. After that, he came to Connecticut to spend a couple of weeks with us. During that time, it was decided that he, with the permission of the Dutch Bishop, would confirm all of my children and me when we returned to Iceland. Currently Iceland has only one native born Catholic priest. Ten others come from different countries in Europe. Father Jeurgen speaks German, Dutch, French, Icelandic, and the Queen's English. Today he is in Venice learning Italian. I don't know for sure, but I think he could be headed for the Vatican. He is a great priest, and a very good friend. We talk by phone often on *skype* and he is a big inspiration to me and my family. He sat by the bedside of my wife during the last two hours of her life and prayed the rosary with me. At her funeral in the Cathedral, he won the hearts of her Lutheran family and friends. By David Boatwright

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Chaplain Gudz: A priest that I remember well and who was a great help to me was Chaplain George Gudz. He was a Captain or a Major in 1975 when I was stationed at Fort Benning, GA. He was very supportive of me through RCIA. During the ceremony of my marriage to the wonderful Joan Scarpitti he very patiently guided me through baptism, confirmation, first Eucharist, and marriage. Chaplain Gudz was always so kind, considerate, helpful, and caring throughout this process. I also remember him being so kind and welcoming to my large number of family members who were non-Catholic. I will never forget him. He certainly deserves to be mentioned during *Year for Priests*. By John Cato

Father John: My favorite lifetime priest is Father John Silver. Father John found out that my wife was experiencing a very difficult time coping with a recurring illness. He on more than one occasion visited her at our home to help heal her pain through prayer. Her pain remained, but her spirit was greatly improved. When my wife reached the point that surgery was the next step to free her from pain, Father John found out and again he came to our home and administered the sacrament for those sick and in need. That visit gave her hope and the strength to face her surgery head on. Regrettably, the surgery did not correct the problem and her pain remained. Once again, Father John was there helping her and praying for her relief. His visits, prayer and numerous phone calls were certainly an inspiration to her to continue towards medical help. Once more she was scheduled for an in-depth surgery and with the help of Father John's prayers, this surgery was successful. Even after this latest surgery, Father John continues to check on her recovery and keeps her spirits up. By Paul Soucy

Tag Football Priest: I can't for the life of me remember his name, but I was about eleven, I guess. I grew up in a lower income borough of Boston and we would have our daily tag football game in the street. The usual rules applied. Light pole to light pole were the touchdown markers and parked cars were out of bounds. I lived in the shadows of Saint Ambrose and attended the school from 1st thru 8th grade. I was also an altar boy (no girls at that

time) for five years. I always thought of a priest as being beyond reproach at that young age (the mid sixties) so the events of this particular day opened some doors for me. The unnamed priest must have been making a visit in the neighborhood to an elderly or sick parishioner. In any case, he stopped, took off his sport coat and removed his collar and joined the game. Not your token pass, but he actually hung around and played for a while. I was literally mesmerized by this and was able from that point forward (don't forget I was 11) to think of priests as just regular people who just decided to be priests. I also recall, that he threw a nice pass as well !!! By Mike Kress

My High School Priest: How did my high school priest, Father Halloran, influence my life?

- ◆ By snapping a Polaroid, as it sat on his desk, of young girls in mini-skirts in our senior religious class and letting them know what they were showing every teacher.
- ◆ By declaring, that when a young military pilot died in a crash, that this young man was doing what he loved best and had just returned from a flight touching the face of God.
- ◆ By challenging high school students to grow, and to give, through penitence.
- ◆ By simply showing how everything we do is related to God's grace.

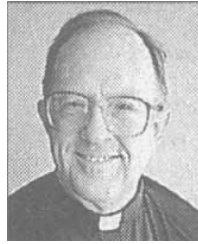
By Lanny Breczinski

A Unique Homilist: Father John Gallagher of St. Ferdinand Church in Cranberry Twp., PA gave the greatest homilies. He always connected the current events of the week like the death of a child, a Pittsburgh Steelers' victory or defeat, an airplane crash in Pittsburgh, to the readings of the week. He prepared his homilies, he says, by praying on Monday, reading bible background literature, reading current events, and miraculously connecting them together during the rest of the week. He also brought the youth group to Myrtle Beach every year.

By Bob Gagne

May, in parish life here in the south, seems to me to be a "transition month." There are big events – the Feast of St. James, First Communions, Mary Day, for example, yet they indicate a year coming to an end. In many ways, the church year is like the school's – August to May, instead of January to December.

It has been an eventful year. Even in our little corner of the world, developments on the state, national and world level have had big impacts. It hasn't been a great year for civility (charity?), in civil society or even the church. As positions harden and "camps" develop on different sides of issues, the effort to bridge gaps, find common ground, respectfully disagree, seek the truth together, etc., often seems lost in



the shuffle. And the constant resurfacing of the sex abuse scandal in new areas of the world brings trauma of every sort. In the midst of it all, Jesus continues to call his individual disciples and his church to deeper conversion, reform, renewal, honesty, justice, and always – as the Easter Season readings remind us constantly – charity, charity, charity. The hardened heart, the bitter judgmental voice, the divisive mind are never following Jesus. Work to make all things new, but also, let the one who is without sin cast the first stone.

Have a happy summer.

Father 'Rick LaBrecque, Pastor

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Priest with an impact: Growing up, priests were very important people...they said Mass and brought Jesus to life on the altar, even though they did it in Latin. We lived in a parish with Dominican priests at first, then moved to a parish with diocesan priests. Later, I went to school with Jesuit priests.

I have many memories of fine men who taught by example. The ones that made the most impact were men who taught me that Jesus was kind, loving, and forgiving, that no matter what the other kids and I might do, Jesus was there to forgive our mistakes, take away our sins, and help us to be the best we could be. The most awesome of these priests was Father Alfred Mangano.

By Eileen Smith

Priest boss and friend: In my 20 years of working in a parish I have come to know and admire quite a few of these men but the one who stands out is Fr. John C. Giordano who was not only my boss for 20 years but also became a cherished friend. He taught me that when dealing with people each situation is unique and should be looked at as such. By his example he showed me how to follow in the footsteps of Jesus by not only following the dictates of the hierarchy but also examining the

Scriptures and through them ask myself what Jesus would do in a situation. Two other priests who were shining examples of Christ's love and compassion are Msgr. John Torney (retired) and Fr. Charles Bulla (deceased). Both of these men were very close friends with Fr. John and came into my life as a direct result of our relationship.

By Eleanor Fisher

Pastor Priest: I have been a Catholic all my life and have known many priests over those many decades. Although each had admirable attributes, none has influenced me as much as our current pastor, Fr. 'Rick. There is not room in this short paragraph to enumerate the many things I have learned from him. So let me just say this: Fr. 'Rick demonstrates through word and deed the importance of being a good listener, having a heart for justice, and having an inclusive attitude towards everyone. Although I love his homilies, he is the embodiment of preaching without needing to use words. His actions and attitude speak loud and clear. How blessed we are to have him shepherding us.

By Paulette Flench



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Youth Group Performs

May 2010

The Stations of the Cross at St. James on Good Friday of this year was a spectacular Musical Meditation and Dramatization brought to us by Laura Boronski and 19 youth from the Church of the Resurrection in Loris.

The performance presented by the Loris Youth Group was that of Jesus on His journey to His crucifixion with the Roman soldiers, Mary, and the gathering of followers at His 14 Stations of the Cross. The street journey of bloodied Jesus, Simon of Cyrene helping him carry the cross, Mary and the women, Veronica wiping the face of Jesus and the lifting of Jesus on the cross were all solemnly and professionally done with religious reverence by the youth. During this entire performance, Laura Boronski softly sang her version of the prayerful words that described each Station of the Cross. This moving verbal rendering was accompanied by playing CD music composed and written by Laura.

The performance ended with the entire cast slowly moving out of the church to the Gathering Space. No applause was rendered, but the silence was deafening in the meditation of what this enactment represented on that first Good Friday. The congregation left in awe. The cast was complemented by the attendees.

It was an outstanding success that surely motivated the congregation to more firmly recognize the significance of this historic and blessed occasion that is meant to be honored and remembered forever.

Laura Boronski is the youngest of 13 children, coming

from a musical family who lived in Western New York (WNY) until she moved to Loris almost 5 years ago.

In New York, she worked with Quiet Waters Productions, at first writing and recording Bible Memory Verses put to music for Little Flowers Girls Club, a Catholic kind of Girl Scouts. Then came the opportunity to record some of her own music, and "Who came along?" she says. "God has been so good letting me use this tool to reach out to people with an intimate look at His Passion through the eyes of an onlooker."

In WNY she was able to participate in writing songs for Joy, Sorrow, Glory and Light, the Rosary Musicals. These musical productions, which have original songs for all 20 mysteries of the Rosary, are performed as the Rosary is prayed and have become a wonderful ministry that is still going strong in NY.

It was this idea that led her to use the youth to bring the Stations of the Cross to life here in South Carolina. "In much the same way, our young people were able to act out the Stations of the Cross, thereby bringing people closer to Jesus as He sacrificed Himself for us on Good Friday," she says.

Laura is the mother of eight children living in Loris. She has left a number of CDs on The Stations of the Cross at St. James that are available for \$15 with ½ of the proceeds of the sale going to the Loris Youth Group. Call the office for one.

By Bob Gagne

St. John Vianney: Patron of Parish Priests

Perhaps Jean Baptiste Vianney's priestly vocation was inspired by the courage and generosity of priests offering sacraments when the French Revolution suppressed the church. He struggled with his studies but his good heart and persistence led to his priestly ordination in 1815. St. John became Curé d'Ars near Lyons. His miracles kept an orphanage going and cured children. St. John's spiritual vision became legendary--if a penitent omitted a sin in confession, St. John would gen-

tly remind him or her of the fault. By the 1850's, he was spending 12 to 16 hours a day in the confessional and drawing 20,000 people a year to Ars. It is ironic that St. John did all this pastoral work when he would have preferred a contemplative life; he denied himself to fulfill the Lord's command to Peter: "feed my sheep." My youngest brother was named John in honor of the Curé of Ars since he was born just after the saint's feast day, August 4.

By Dcn. Jeff Mevissen

Recently, at one of the Tuesday adult education evenings, I had the opportunity to look back at my life in search of a priest who inspired and challenged me.

Of course, there were many such priests in my life but surely the outstanding one was Father Bob, Robert Beloin, of the Hartford, CT Archdiocese. Father Bob was co-pastor at St. Barnabas church in North Haven, CT when I first met him. Shortly after my final year of teaching, I became a staff member at St. Barnabas. The tasks were many, the support, the guidance, the rewards were great. Without a doubt though, the greatest challenge came when Father Bob was inspired by the idea of forming Small Faith-Sharing Communities in parishes. Consequently, he inspired me. Here was an image and a goal for parishes, both large and small, to become a "community of communities" whereby folks would meet in small home groups, reading and sharing the Sacred Scriptures of the following Sunday.

Thus, Scripture was being broken open and faith was being shared as the readings were applied to one's everyday

life experiences. Not only was this the vision of Father Bob but it was a long-time, and up until that time, an unexplained and unfulfilled vision of mine.

Needless to say, in the months and years that followed for me in CT, the challenging times, the excitement of a new venture, the opportunity to work with Father Bob as we introduced parish after parish, pastor after pastor to this concept, was one of the most spiritual times of growth for me.

I moved to SC and recently ended a 22-year involvement of coordinating, training, inspiring not only our St. James community but so many others to the idea of Small Faith-Sharing Communities. Father Bob is now Catholic Chaplain at Yale University in CT and is still challenging and inspiring the Catholic students at Yale in the formation of such groups. It's amazing the way God's plan gets worked out among God's people.

By Eileen Sause

Classmate Priest: My favorite priest is Carl Dincher, S.J.. Carl and I were classmates all through parochial school in Williamsport, PA. However, Carl left after nine years to enter the seminary. After ordination as a Jesuit, he was assigned to a mission in India where he served his beloved parishioners for over 50 years. During that time he also developed a friendship with Mother Teresa and held many retreats for

her nuns. He will be in Mexico the first two weeks of May giving retreats. On May 16, Carl will celebrate Mass at my former parish in Lancaster, PA and speak at the Knights of Columbus Communion Breakfast that will follow. I am looking forward to attending.

By Jim Wenner

End of Priests articles.



ESOL: A Hidden Ministry

Last year 14 English tutors at St. James logged a total of 1,768 hours preparing and teaching students. Nine tutors worked with small student groups on Sunday mornings, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Others worked with learners one-on-one in morning and afternoon time slots throughout the week, adapting lessons to the needs of their immigrant students.

During the past year, St. James tutors processed over 70 students who logged approximately 5,600 instructional hours, making great strides listening, reading, speaking, and writing English. Two Mexican teenagers are now attending high school so they can receive an American diploma. Two adults passed their citizen exam on their first attempt, thus proving they know United States history and political science. One student is now teaching in Horry County. Both tutors and students need to be commended!

On that note, it's time to honor two longtime Horry Literacy Council tutors who touch the lives of so many learners. John Brunk began tutoring in January, 1996. He concentrated on pupils at Conway's schools and continues to teach students at Waccamaw Elementary School, helping his young charges not only with English but also with mathematical concepts and operations.

Catherine Gagne began tutoring in February, 2000, serving local adults who wanted to learn to read and write. In July of 2000, she began teaching English to Spanish speakers at St. James Church. This has become a special ministry for her since her students bring her other eager adult learners from their families. Like so many of St. James tutors, Catherine helps these immigrants master many aspects of American life, joyfully welcoming the "strangers among us." By Wilma Lucas

SCRIPTURE † PRAYER † SPIRITUALITY :

Spring Reveals God's Love

Spring has arrived and with it we begin to notice nature coming alive once again. We see the birds building their nests and the flowers that have been dormant come back to life and begin to bloom. What a wonderful time to reflect on a portion of chapter 6 of Matthew's gospel. *"Look at the birds of the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them" vs.26.* And, *"Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin" vs.28b.*

As we observe all the marvelous wonders spring has to offer us we cannot help but acknowledge the love God has for all of His creation. Matthew tells us that if God

is so loving and caring of the birds in the air and the wildflowers, his love for us must be much, much greater. This is a wonderful time to take a break from the routines of our daily lives and spend some time in quiet solitude as we gaze at the wondrous things around us. Take a walk on the beach, sit quietly outdoors watching nature unfold, watch a sunrise or sunset and know that these are gifts from God for our enjoyment. Take the time to slowly read Chapter 6 of Matthew and come to realize the great love God has for all of his creation especially humanity. Also, take the time to praise Him and thank Him for His goodness to us.

By Eleanor Fisher, Spiritual Director

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH INVITES YOU TO COME AND SEE!

Welcome to RCIA

When the disciples asked Jesus where he was staying he replied, "Come, and you will see." (Jn 1:39)

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?

Are you unbaptized but recognize a need for spirituality in your life?

Are you a baptized Catholic or baptized into another religion but never received any formal religious education?

Are you married to a Catholic and attend Mass but just don't know what the next step is to become one of the Catholic faith?

Are you yearning for something more in your life?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the place for you. Every year adults are welcomed into the Catholic Community through the RCIA. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings you closer to Jesus Christ who is our Lord and Savior.

For more information contact Eleanor Fisher at 843-650-8726 or

efisher@stjamesconway.org

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: We welcome new members: Denise Ambuhl, Marco De los Santos, Valentine Nwanegwo and Joe Dumovich. Continuing to serve will be Vanessa De los Santos, Peter DeChamplain, Jeanne Halyard, Katherine Mathias, John Moore, Tim Papa, Jean Witt, as well as ex-officio members Paula Loehr, Paulette Flench, and Deacon Jeff Mevissen. Susan Lauver is Secretary. Any Council member would be happy to receive your concerns, suggestions, etc., for consideration in its role advising the pastor. We deeply thank Jim Wenner, Eileen Allen and Eduardo Rivera for their time of service.

From Church bulletin

Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree St. James the Younger Assembly No. 3166

May 2010

I would briefly like to address several topics in this issue:

- **Cell Phones for Soldiers:** Our new program saw 30 cell phones collected after only two weeks! Thank you. Please recycle your old phones to help our deployed military call home. A well marked collection box is in Gathering Space at church.

- **Veterans Can Salute the Flag:** The US Code was changed 2 years ago to allow veterans to salute the flag indoors or outdoors using the hand salute instead of placing their hand over their heart. This change allows veterans to be deservedly recognized in public.

- **Memorial Day:** Our Assembly will honor those who made the supreme sacrifice for their nation by placing flags on the veterans' graves at Lakeside Cemetery in Conway, marching in the Myrtle Beach "Military Appreciation Parade" on Sat, May 29, and participating in Conway's Memorial Day Remembrance at the Old Court House lawn on Mon, May 31 at 11 AM.

- **Wish a Happy 1st Anniversary** to the Assembly which was one year old on May 12 and **farewell thanks** as I leave office, to Fr. 'Rick and all parishioners who helped us during the year.

By Don Ullmann, Faithful Navigator



Knights of Columbus Third Degree Council 7531 Notes

Great news from the Knights of Columbus State Convention! Seven members of the Knights have been honored with the State Community Service Award: Sir Knights Marco De Los Santos, Francisco De Los Santos, Daniel De Los Santos Sr., Daniel De Los Santos Jr., Isidro Sanchez, Edisson Molina, and Jose Monterrosa. They all **donated** their time and skills as concrete workers on the construction of the Suggs family home that was aired on the recent ABC show *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*. What makes this noteworthy is that several of these men were out of work themselves. Gracias a todos, Senors.

This will be my final newsletter as Grand Knight. After serving the last two years in this position, I will be stepping down and Sir Knight Ed Harrison will be the new Grand Knight in July. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Father 'Rick for his spiritual leadership, to Paulette Flench, Paula Loehr, and Kathy Caughey for all their efforts to make the Knights' events in the parish successful, to the 180 plus Knights and their wives for their support of me and the numerous activities

that have been run the past two years. Last, but certainly not least, thank you to every parishioner who has supported the Knights of Columbus.

Over the past two years the Knights have been able to distribute over \$35,000 to the Catholic Church of St. James, Special Olympics, Catholic Charities, CASA, ARC and many other charities. These monies were raised through your support of such events as the golf outing, our various dinners, the hibiscus sales, and other fund raisers.

Speaking of these events, the St. James/Knights of Columbus Golf Outing will be held on June 5 at Burning Ridge Golf Course. Registration forms and Hole Sponsorship forms will be available at church. Future activities include a Mexican dinner planned for the end of May, *Pasta for Priests* in August and Octoberfest. Watch for details.

By Joe Dumovich, Grand Knight



MARK GOLF ON YOUR CALENDARS for the St. James/Knights of Columbus **Golf outing** which will be held on Saturday, June 5 at Burning Ridge Golf Club.

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Where oh Where...

Can I find out what Stewardship is, how it functions, or how it is applied in today's society? Where is that church that even Ministers in the Conway area are talking about – how the parishioners are so active in the community? Oh yeah, it's St. James. Do they have a web site?

Sure, <http://www.stjamesconway.org/> What do we find there? Look! Even our priest is cool – with his own blog. What – even a Mission Statement? Imagine that they even call themselves disciples of Christ. Is that why other churches notice them?

Did you see all the opportunities to experience the JOY! of serving Jesus, Others, and Yourself by saying yes? There are over 50 ministries [just in English] Mass schedules, bulletins, calendar of ministry activities, photo galleries of past events, and even their newsletters are posted for all to see. And if you really wish to learn more about the Catholic faith, there are contacts to people with answers and a whole page of links to other great

Catholic websites.

So what does this have to do with Stewardship? Well, besides listing the Stewardship Committee among the Ministries that any member can join, it also says Stewardship is how we respond to God giving us everything we have by dedicating our time, talent, and treasure to God's work. And, they only meet once a month on the fourth Monday at 6:00 p.m.

Man! This church sounds like stewardship is important to every person and every action that happens at and through St. James. Maybe that's where I can find out about stewardship. It seems that even small actions are part of stewardship. Oh yeah, I bet that's a reflection of how every part of the body is important. Well I guess I can handle at least one small action ... I can wiggle my little finger and contact Paulette Flench at 347-5168. Or, I can use the website <http://www.stjamesconway.org/> and contact her there.

By Lanny Breczinski

In Celebration of Service

During the month of March many parishioners received a letter telling about the many services and hours Deacon Jeff gives to our community of St. James. Jeff is very visible to us during Mass each Sunday with his homilies and in the distribution of Holy Communion. Jeff also helps in preparing for the receiving of various sacraments, planning sessions for Adult Education and assisting in other functions for which Father 'Rick may request his help. Truly, he has taken his ordination to the Diaconate seriously by becoming a *messenger* of the work of God. The St. James parish is continually being enriched by his services. As mentioned in the letter, we wanted to thank him.

One of the sacraments of service is Matrimony. We at St. James celebrate wedding anniversaries at the beginning of each month. What a great witness not only to the love of spouses but also a witness to God's love and community. On April 13, Susan and Jeff celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They have witnessed over the years what sharing is all about.

On April 18, St. James celebrated both Jeff's work at St. James and his 25th wedding anniversary. During the 11:15

a.m. Mass the middle school students performed a skit on how Susan and Jeff met and became engaged. They renewed their marriage vows and received an Apostolic Blessing from Pope Benedict XVI. After Mass, there was a reception in the Founders Center to thank Jeff personally and to celebrate his and Susan's anniversary. At the reception, Jeff was presented with a check from the parishioners for all of the hours of service he has given. They plan on using the check toward a trip to Europe in the fall.

Even though we see them regularly at Mass and other services, we need, on occasion, to thank our priests and deacons for their service. In our busy lives, we often do not take the time to thank the many people who enrich our lives and bring us into the presence of God.

To our priests and deacon: "His master said to him, Well done, my good and faithful servant." (Matthew 25:21)

By Glenn Bond

The last issue of this newsletter covered the story of my activist cousin Stan. Although severely handicapped for many years, he was motivated enough to help people by calling a radio station talk show and giving his opinions on some issues. He succeeded on some projects and failed on others, but he kept trying to do good works. Remember also that Paul Newman woke up every day and thought about who he was to help that day? Have you done that today?

A good activist's list that I've recently seen in the media includes well known movie and sports names plus a foster care woman. They are:

1. Phyllis George, NFL's first female TV host, in the 1970s, is an Alzheimer activist.
2. Clint Eastwood has supported the following charities: [Artists for Peace and Justice](#), [Best Buddies International](#), [Best Friends Animal Society](#), [City of Hope](#), [Image of Change](#).
3. Yolanda "Lonnie" Ali, wife of Muhammad Ali, supports Voice of Parkinsons.
4. Dr. Brenda Krause Eheart was looking for 12 homes for foster children on a former air force base. She got 80 and received \$80 million in grant money for more homes. She founded Generations of Hope, a foster care system.
5. Paul Newman founded [Hole in the Wall Camps](#) in 1988 and supported the [Canary Foundation](#), [Children In](#)

[The Wilderness](#), [HELP USA](#), [Wilderness Safaris Wildlife Trust](#).

We may not get to be that rich and famous as these people but we can still set our sights high and help our neighbor cut his grass when he is sick and feel good about it. Get groceries for them or take them to the airport at 5 a.m. when they leave for vacation. Many other good activist chores may require speaking in public, writing letters to the editor or to your congressmen about public issues. If this is in your realm of capabilities, give it a whirl, and be a source of aid to those who don't have your gifts.

We are not all gifted like actor and race car driver Paul Newman. We may make our own good salad dressing but not sell it and give its profits away like he does. We may drive a car fast but not like what Paul did around a race track, but we can drive someone to the doctor every week. Don't discount your skills to bake a cake for a church fundraiser, pull some weeds around the church and clean trash in the parking lot. Churches need volunteers both inside and outside. We do have over 50 ministries that you can join.

Good activists can help their country, state, community, neighborhood, hospital, church, family and friends. Help is appreciated everywhere. Select something to do for someone today. This will make you happy.

By Bob Gagne

Catholic Women Convention

The Annual South Carolina Council of Catholic Women Convention was recently held in Greenville SC. A contingent of nine Ladies Guild members traveled to share in the prayer-filled, fun-filled and informative weekend with ladies from all over the State. Father 'Rick surprised the group and joined us for the banquet. Congratulations to previous president, Carol Buchholz and her Board for leading the ladies last year. As a result, our group was awarded two State Certificates based on our Guild's activities in 2009. One of them was for sponsoring a dairy goat for a Third World family through the Heifer International Project! The 2011 convention will be held in Myrtle Beach next year and we all look forward to another inspirational weekend.

By Diane Pauls, President

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Sunday nursery is looking for volunteers to help with preschoolers during 11:15AM Mass to allow parents time to worship. Please contact the parish office at (843) 347-5168 for more information if you are interested. We are also seeking a coordinator as well.

Bishop Baker High School: "We are still in the process of conducting the feasibility study," said VP lay person Bill Meany. The data should be collected by the end of May and the report will be finished by the end of June. Our golf tourney will be held at the end of July, time and place to be announced.

A Prayer for Priests

We thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf: Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to new depths of union with your Son. Increase in them profound faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests, may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of their example, as men of prayer who ponder your word and follow your will.

O Mary, Mother of Christ and our mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones, so dear to the Heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the Sacrifice of your Son, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*St. John Vianney, universal patron of priests,
pray for us and our priests.*

Ref. Father Michael J. McGivney GUILD newsletter

Small Faith-Sharing Communities

A trial small faith-sharing group was put into place during the weeks of Lent. We met every Saturday morning from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. in the parish hall to give interested parishioners a brief introduction to the world of faith sharing. We ended up with six new faith-sharing members. Please contact Jim or me if you currently have a group with any openings. We are trying to take an inventory of all the small faith-sharing groups that are still in existence. Our e-mail address is jrhtlh97@sc.rr.com and our phone number is (843) 331-3111. Also, if anyone is interested in joining or trying a small faith-sharing group in the future please contact us. We were very pleased with six new members to the small faith-sharing community and hope to see this ministry continue to grow.

By Tami Hinnerschitz

More than a Pretty Face!

St. James Ladies Guild ... Did you know?

“The purpose of this Guild shall be charitable ...”

The Ladies Guild hosts many fund-raising events to sponsor aid and donations to local, national and world needs, as well as the Angel Tree and the Baby Jesus Layette.

“... to promote Christian living and service to the Church ...”

Our members serve with the prison ministry, Shepherd's Table, birthdays and bingo at Agape' Home, and by providing meals for visiting priests.

“... to serve the community of St. James parish ...”

Many of our members serve in multiple capacities in the Church, such as Eucharistic ministers, lectors, ESOL teachers, grounds committee, office volunteers and more.

" ... to provide opportunities for friendship and community spirit through social, cultural and educational programs and events."

These include programs on end of life issues and organ donation, having their Annual Christmas party, serving at the Seder Meal and the St. James' parish feast, and supporting the Annual Festival of People's celebration.

Chances are the lady sitting next to you in Church may be a member of the Ladies Guild and she is *not just another pretty face!* She is a fun-loving, hard-working, dedicated member of St. James Parish and the Ladies Guild. If you would like more information on becoming a part of our group, please contact Diane Pauls, 347-2767 or Anna Marie Winters, 347-9295.

By Diane Pauls

New St. James Web Page

Notice: St. James Parish has a wonderful new web page with several pictures and great information.

The weekend bulletin and quarterly newsletter are easily accessible at this site. Ministry information and a church event calendar will keep you informed.

Try <http://www.stjamesconway.org/>

and you'll be amazed.

St. James Disaster Response Team

A new hurricane season is here and it is important that we be ready and organized. Brochures that can help us will soon be available in the Gathering Space, in both English and Spanish. They will tell us how to prepare our homes, secure our belongings, tell us what foods and how much of them we should stock if we **do not** have to evacuate. If we **do** evacuate, the brochures will tell us where to go, how to go, what we need to take, and what we should expect when we are able to return. Remember, that residency papers may be required.

St. James has a small but 24-strong Disaster Response Team of volunteers who will help the elderly or others to secure their homes if needed before leaving town. Some team members will even open their homes to you if you need a temporary place to stay, provide a meal or two, and help to clean up any damages when we come back. *(If you'd like to volunteer to be part of the Disaster Response Team, contact me at – emrpar@cs.com or phone 347-2305.)*

We know from the brochures where the shelters are – all are west of the Waccamaw River. There are specific shelters for those who have special medical needs. There are bus routes available to provide transportation for those without personal vehicles. In some cases, arrangements can be made in advance for special pickup at home — medical, disabilities, etc. Evacuation routes to points west are laid out in the brochures and tell us where we will be directed.

We should pay attention to weather bulletins and learn how to prepare ourselves when a storm is 96–72– 48–hours away. At 24–hours away, it is too late to leave!

Maybe you will plan to go to a hotel or visit family or friends in western SC or in another state. A vacation back home is not a bad idea. If you have no choice and must go to a shelter, remember — pets are not usually welcome — so plan ahead for them. Also, St. James is **not** a shelter and no one can stay here. But... our Disaster Response Team will have people available by telephone up to 48–hours away to help you if you need to be reminded where you can go, what to take, and how to get there.

By Ed Russo

Team members are: Iris Barrera* 241-6117, Barbara and Jim Delaney 347-6313, Marcos De Los Santos* 241-3420 , Lorraine and John Dolan 236-0291, Eleanor Fisher 650-8726, Skip and Ginny Griffiths 903-4043, Harri Hartofilis* 236-4693, Mary Jo Hatoway 347-4855, Gladys LaPietra* 903-1123, Juan Moreno* 995-5473, Diane Pauls 347-2767, Ed and Pat Russo 347-2305, Joe Sandoli 397-2888, Eileen and Albert Smith 234-2618, Lynn Tarquinio 347-0617, Janet Tovar* 246-4804, JoAnn Truscello 234-9431, Jean and Tom Witt 347-5118. (* are bi-lingual)

Evangelize with the newsletter

Need an extra newsletter or two for your business reception area? Pick them up in the office newsletter box. We made a few extra copies for you. Give one to your neighbor when finished with yours.

GOING ON VACATION? Don't forget to look for the nearest Catholic Church. Call MASS TIMES at 1-410-676-6000 or visit their Website at www.masstimes.org funded by Pauline Books and Media.

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- 2009:** Feb. 13, May 15, Aug. 14, Nov. 13
- 2010:** Feb. 19

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Catholic Charities
537-B Hwy 90
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 234-1999
(843)-234-3132 Fax

Open: Monday - Thursday from 10 am - 1 pm.

CAP (Churches Assisting People)
206 Main St.
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 488-2277

Open: Monday — Thursday 10 am - 4 pm
Friday 10 am—1 pm

Child Development Center

Ann Parks, Director 347-KIDS (5437)

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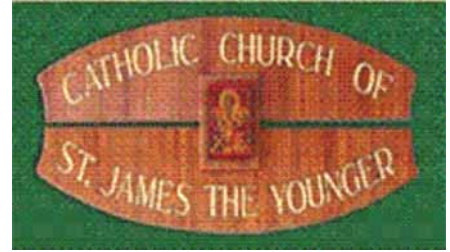
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Calendar of Events at St. James

- ◆ Sunday, May 16 — First Holy Communion
- ◆ Tuesday, May 18 — Taize Prayer for Pentecost – 7:30 pm
- ◆ Wednesday, May 26 — Mary Day — 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm
- ◆ Saturday, June 5 — Golf Tournament – Registration 8:00 am
- ◆ Sunday, June 6 — Youth Committee Retreat
- ◆ Sunday, July 18 — RCIA Rite of Welcome 7:30 am
- ◆ Monday, July 19 – Thursday, July 23 — Vacation bible School

Pastoral Staff:

Father 'Rick LaBrecque	Pastor
Father John Silver (Retired)	Sacramental Ministry
Jeff Mevissen	Deacon
Paulette Flench	Pastoral Associate
Sister Ana Gema Villafaña	Hispanic Pastoral Associate
Eleanor Fisher	Catechumenate Director
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Mike Donellan	Youth Ministry
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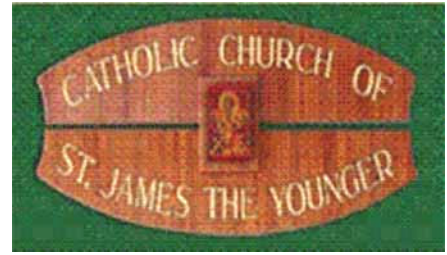
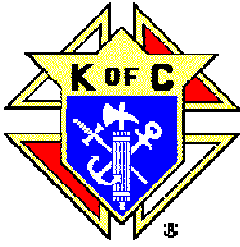


**Catholic Church of Saint James
Knights of Columbus Council #7531
1071 Academy Drive
Conway, SC 29526**

*Annual Charity Golf Tournament
Burning Ridge Golf Course
Saturday – June 5, 2010*

- Time:** *Registration begins at 8:00 am; Putting Contest begins at 8:30 am;
Shotgun start @ 9:00 am*
- Cost:** *\$75 per player (Pre-registration Required: Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council #7531 and mail checks to the above address by May 28th, no entries will be accepted after May 28th)*
- Format:** *4-player Captain Choice*
- Flights:** *Mens, Mixed, and Ladies (Mixed teams must have a 50% gender difference)*
- Prizes:** *1st and 2nd place awards in each flight / all golfers will receive a gift bag*
- Mulligan Package:** *\$20 includes: 2 Mulligans, 1 four foot piece of string, 1 Margret, putting contest ticket*
- Raffle Tickets:** *7 for \$5 and 15 for \$10*
- Awards Dinner:** *Meal will be served immediately following play and all prizes will be awarded after official scoring. Beverages will be provided on the course during play: Water, Soda and Beer.*
- Team Members:**
- 1.) _____
 - 2.) _____
 - 3.) _____
 - 4.) _____

Contacts: **Mike Walsh @ 488-4687 or Joe Dumovich @ 234-1533**



**Catholic Church of Saint James &
Knights of Columbus Council #7531
1071 Academy Drive
Conway, SC 29526
Annual Charity Golf Outing**

Dear Community Partner:

On June 5th, the Knights of Columbus Council 7531 will be sponsoring the Catholic Church of St. James/ Knights of Columbus Golf Outing at Burning Ridge Golf Club in Conway, SC. The history of the *Knights of Columbus* involvement in the community is one of outstanding benevolent achievement.

In the past 4 years this event has raised over \$40,000. The proceeds have assisted the Catholic Church of St. James, Special Olympics, Citizens Against Spousal Abuse (CASA), Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC) and the Literacy Council of Myrtle Beach, just to name a few. Times are tough in our present economy, but how much tougher is it for these organizations if we do not give them our assistance?

We need your support. We are seeking donations from area businesses for raffle prizes that will enhance the success of our event and enable us to provide an enjoyable time for our participants. No donation is too small and all items will be given as prizes at the outing.

We are also seeking businesses to be hole-sponsors for \$100. A sign with your business name or logo will be posted on the tee-box advertising your business and indicating your support of our event. In addition to a sponsorship, we invite you to participate in the outing. A registration form is attached if you know someone who would like to play. Checks should be made payable to the *Knights of Columbus #7531* and mailed to the address above.

We would like to thank you in advance for any support your business can provide in this endeavor.

Sincerely

Mike Walsh- Chairman, Golf Committee

Hole Sponsorship

(Please print how you would like your hole sponsorship advertisement sign to read)

Business or Individual Name: _____