



Catholic Church of St. James Newsletter



Summer 2018

Father Tim's 25th Ordination Anniversary Celebration

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On July 8, the parishioners of St. James Catholic Church in Conway, SC, helped Father Tim celebrate his 25th anniversary of ordination. Approximately 500 parishioners, friends, and family attended a bilingual Mass at 4:30pm in the Founder's Center. Immediately following Mass, the group settled down for a delicious evening meal and socialization.

Guests included travelers from Mexico, including Sister Amalia Garcia, people from Father's previous parish locations, childhood friends, and virtually all staff employees from St. James. A total of seven priests from the diocese came, including Father Tim and Father Timothy, the Vicar General Father Tony Droze, and former pastor Monsignor Chet Moczydlowski. Msgr. Chet had not been back to St. James in 23 years, and he was pleasantly surprised by how well the parish had grown, and how wonderful the Founder's Center had turned out.

As a special gift to Father Tim, the parish presented an Alb made in Mexico. Close friends and individual parishioners brought personal gifts as tokens of their appreciation for the many years of Father Tim's priesthood.

The party then proceeded to the evening's dinner, which included various international cuisines such as Italian foods (chicken parmesan, pasta, and salad from Rottelli's), wraps and mac & cheese from Egg's Up Grill, and Hispanic goodies such as tostadas and tacos dorados. Noli Rietman brought Filipino food to round out the menu. We definitely had a multi-cultural variety of food, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed their dinners.

Another highlight of the evening was the dancing. We had Florencio Yanez as our DJ for the evening, and he played music from all the countries represented at the party. We danced to polkas, traditional Mexican dances, and many American favorites such as the Twist, and the ever-popular Cupid's Shuffle. What really was surprising was to see just how many people were enjoying themselves dancing! It seemed like everyone felt right at home without having any reservation about the kind of music they were dancing to. Father Timothy really put on a show doing The Twist.

Father Tim's actual ordination anniversary date was July 10, 1993. Thanks to all who came to Mass, the celebration, and the socializing. Thanks to everyone who played any part, whether large or small, to make this such an enjoyable evening for Father Tim. And especially, thank you Father Tim.

Contributed by Paula Loehr
Executive Assistant

Summer 2018 Vacation Bible School

VBS Volunteer's Feedback

On June 23, 50 children and volunteers gathered at St. James to experience the love of Christ at Vacation Bible School. The program, called *Splash Canyon*, focused on teaching the children about God's promise on life's wild ride through biblical stories involving water. Students were led by middle and high school student volunteers to three stations: the bible challenge station, game station, and storytelling station. At the storytelling station, students heard about and reenacted the following stories: God heals Namaan in the Jordan River, God saves Paul from the Sea, and God is with baby Moses in the river.

In the bible challenge, students had an opportunity to see hands-on how Christ's love is promised by experiencing various science projects with water. One of the experiments consisted of holding a plastic baggie filled with water over a student's head and sticking a sharpened pencil through it. If you've never tried this experiment before, youif you leave the pencil in the bag, the water won't leak! Another experiment consisted of finding out whether items would float, like a peeled and unpeeled orange.

At the game station, students had the opportunity to race through an obstacle course while tied to their partner to demonstrate working as a team. The highlight of the day seemed to be a game made from gutters. The gutters were capped and filled with water. Students competed in a relay race in which they had to put on a life vest and then use a serving spoon to push a small boat down the gutter without touching the boat with the spoon. The kids definitely enjoyed this activity, which was evident from all of the water which flooded onto the floor of the Founder's Center.

Throughout the daylong adventure, students were taught several important take-home points which reinforced the idea of God's promise. Phrases such as *God is with us* allowed students to exclaim what they were learning throughout their day.

The Knights of Columbus graciously donated lunch for the students. Volunteers organized several snacks throughout the day which were representative of the "God's promise" theme, focused on water. One of the snacks was a graham cracker with blue icing and a 'baby Moses' floating down the river.

With children of different age groups, it can sometimes be difficult to get the message across to each of them in a fun and exciting way. This year at Vacation Bible School students were able to experience God's promise in their own ways by being a part of the program. By acting out the stories, experiencing the experiments, dancing to the songs, and participating in the games, each student was active in learning about how God is with us in the times of rough waters AND smooth sailings.

Contributed by Taylor Monahan
Vacation Bible School Coordinator

VBS Volunteer's Feedback

Vacation Bible School was an amazing time. This was my first year with the parish and to assist with this event. Paulette was amazing in leading our meetings and organizing the events that made for a smooth boat trip! Get it? VBS was called *Splash Canyon*. There were many amazing volunteers here that helped to explain the message of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Adult and youth group volunteers helped the children to get to all the various VBS locations and to enjoy their VBS experience. Taylor Monahan was a lot of fun to work with, and it was easy to ask her questions, due to her past experiences with VBS. The children enjoyed the all the activities and dancing, along with learning how to sign the songs as they danced.

What a wonderful way to spend the day with others that have a love of our faith.

Contributed by Suzanne McDonough
Vacation Bible School Coordinator



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Knights of Columbus Council #7531

The Knights have a new slate of officers for 2018-19. The following men took office on Wednesday July 11, 2018.

Grand Knight..... Jim Hunter
Deputy Grand Knight..... John Kepler
Financial Secretary.....Jim Tomsic
Recorder.....Gary Garofalo
Treasurer.....Stan Brown
Chancellor.....Tommy Potter
Trustees.....Tom O'Donnell, Ed Freely, and Don Ullmann



Thanks go to Joe Dumovich, whose four-year post as District Deputy ended in July, 2018.

Why Should I Join The Knights of Columbus?

In case you are wondering “What do the Knights do here at St. James?” here are just a few things that the Knights participate in, to help financially, spiritually, and voluntarily. In no particular order or significance of importance, they are:

- Cooking and serving dinners throughout the year either on religious or national holidays such as St. Patrick’s Day and Christmas with Santa, the Dinner for Pasta for Clergy, and for the Feast of St. James.
- Participating or assisting with fundraisers like the Tootsie Roll street-selling in Conway (Hwy. 501 and Main), as well as the annual golf outing, The Father John Memorial in late spring or fall.
- Being present as Altar Servers at every funeral Mass throughout the year.
- Assisting parishioners with parking at Easter Mass.
- Being a part of many parish ministries, such as Eucharistic Adoration, Maintenance volunteers, and Mass Ushers, as well as serving on the Parish Pastoral Council.
- In the community, they help when needed at Catholic Charities, they serve meals when requested at The Shepherd’s Table, they lend a hand at Lighthouse, they perform flag-folding ceremonies and march in military events throughout Horry County, and they are now asking community businesses to consider St. James Council 7531 as a recipient of Rewards Programs, such as the Kroger Plus Rewards program.

These are just a few of the ways that the Knights of Columbus, Council #7531 make a difference, and why men of the parish should now be able to answer that question, “Why should I consider joining the Knights?” My response to you is, “Why not?”

Contributed by Tom Flench

3rd Degree Knight

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Sister Connie Fahey

Sister Connie Fahey, a former parishioner and marvelous friend to so many current St. James parishioners, is part of a recent *Catholic Miscellany* newsletter story in the July 5, 2018, edition. See the entire story on page 6 entitled, *Franciscan sisters continue Zambian ministry by telling their story*.

The story of their work in Zambia is described in the book Trasna, written by Bill Hancock, a Grand Strand author, and collaborated by two Franciscan nuns, and one of their friends. One of the two nuns was our very own Sister Connie, who has been making annual trips to Zambia from 2009 through 2013, since her retirement and relocation to Janesville, Wisconsin, to be closer to her family.

After reading the article, if you would be interested in getting one of these books, we have several copies available in the front office. Sister Connie doesn't want to sell them. Instead, she has asked that we give them to people and see if they would like to make a donation to her African Ministries after reading it. As it says in the *Miscellany* article, the reason for the book is to help raise money for the religious sisters who work in Africa. The stories are about hardships, hard work, sacrifices, and joy.

Contributed by Paulette Flench

Pastoral Associate, St. James Catholic Church

Books donated by Sister Connie Fahey. Trasna written by Sister Margie Hosch, OSF, Sister Connie Fahey, FSM, Mary Catherine Harris, and Bill Hancock. *Miscellany* article written by Christina Lee Knauss. Trasna published by Prose Press Pawleys Island.

Donations for African Ministries: make checks payable to
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Articles for the Newsletter

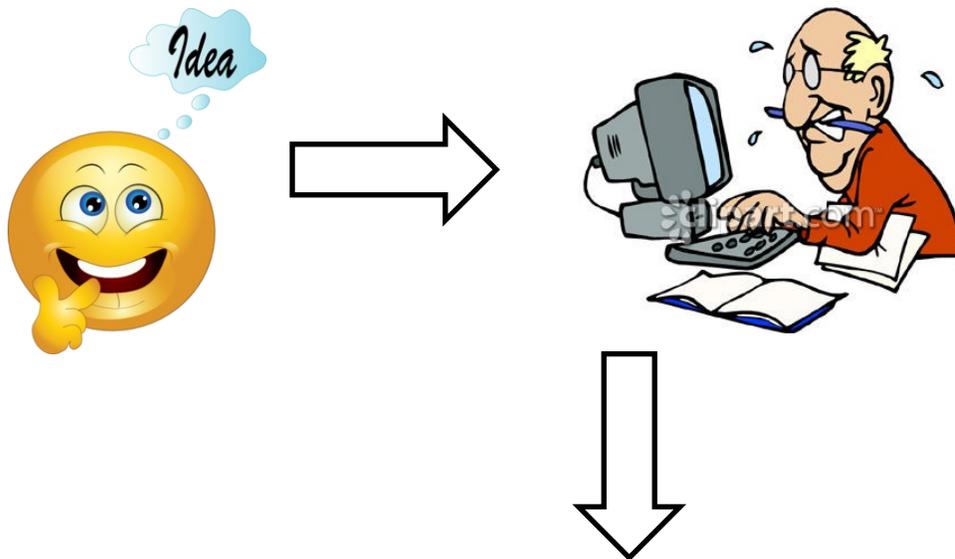
Summer is a slow time for news about the parish. Obviously, most of us are likely to be on vacation, at the beach, playing golf, or working.

Now would a good time to think about your ministry involvement and maybe consider writing an article for the upcoming newsletters. Are you a member of a new ministry that needs to explain what your ministry does? Consider writing a short newsletter article.

Because we are publishing the parish newsletter only on the St. James website, www.stjamesconway.org/news, we can actually reach more readers than ever before. Simply by word of mouth, you can spread the good news about our parish to new neighbors, or friends who have not been to Mass for a while. Just about anyone you can think of can always use a dose of good news. And you can easily print these newsletters at home.

Send your article ideas to Tom Flench at tpflench@yahoo.com. The newsletter is published four times a year, summer, fall, winter, and spring. Thank you.

Tom Flench,
Newsletter Ministry



Thank You

Military and First Responders

At every weekend Mass, we say prayers of intention for many reasons, one being for the men and women who serve our country in all the branches of the military, law enforcement, fire and rescue first responders, and their families.

Here is one result of our prayers, and a reminder to never stop praying for these wonderful people in our lives.

The Newsletter Staff

Prayers for Austin Lambert

"I'll keep you in my prayers; Praying for you; You're in my prayers." We've all said these things to others. Friends who are sick. Family going through difficult situations. We may not realize at the time how much even that simple statement may lift a person's spirit.

My son, Austin Lambert, has been a parishioner here at St. James since 2013. He and my other sons, Cody, and now Charlie, have been altar servers for a number of years. During high school, Austin participated in Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) all four years. He enjoyed and excelled in his time in JROTC. So, it was no surprise when he came to us with the news that he wanted to enlist; his father is retired Air Force, after all. What was surprising was that he wanted to join the Marines. The Army recruiters heavily courted him. He was never tempted away from the Corps.

Austin left for MCRD Parris Island for Marine recruit training on June 18. The following weekend, Fr. Tim asked the church at 9:30 mass to keep him in their prayers. I sent Austin a letter (no phone calls after the one telling us he had arrived) telling him about what Fr. Tim had done. He felt blessed enough to send this letter to the church:

Dear St. James,

I really appreciate all of the prayers. I never stop thinking about church.
I miss all of ya'll. I can't wait to get back.

Love,
Austin Lambert

I am sure that when Austin read that the church was praying for him it made his day and gave him the strength to overcome some of the many obstacles that are being presented to him every day during Boot Camp. Stephen's sister has told us that she received a letter from him stating, "Knowing that his friends and family back home are supporting him is what gets him through all the tough times."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "Those who are sworn to serve their country in the armed forces are servants of the security and freedom of the nations. If they carry out their duty honorably, they contribute to the common good of the nation and the maintenance of peace." #2310. So, continue to pray for Austin in his journey to become a Marine. In fact, pray for all our service members.

From our family, to include Recruit Austin Lambert, we would like to thank you for all the prayers that you have said, and please continue to help push him through until he graduates September 14.

Contributed by Michelle Lambert
Future Marine Mother



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