

Parish Life – eNews May 2026

Celtic Evening Prayer Service EVERY SATURDAY EVENING – Come and join us at 5:00 p.m. in The Chapel of the Cross for a gentle contemplative service shaped by Celtic Christian tradition. A time to focus on the goodness of creation and belief that we are all made in his image. **Communion service first 3 Saturdays, Healing service 4th Saturday.** Come as you are...invite a friend...ALL are WELCOME.

Brunswick Town Celebration – Worship Service on Sunday, May 3rd, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. You will want to plan to stay for a fellowship building picnic from the marvelous Wallace Food Truck. Choose either a hotdog, hamburger, or veggie burgers and French fries following worship service. Drinks will also be provided. We will picnic under the trees, very close to the parking lot and the restrooms. Recommended Donation of \$5 per person, which will include ICE CREAM from Sweet Treats (6 flavors to pick!). You do not want to miss this!!!! **Please remember to bring a chair, a hat, bug spray, and sunscreen!**

(FYI - if it rains, food will be served in the parish hall following 10:00 a.m. service)

Churchwide Breakfast – Due to Easter & Brunswick Town, Breakfast will be delayed until June 7th.

ECW LUNCH BUNCH - Come join us! Our monthly luncheon will take place on WEDNESDAY, May 20, 2026, 11:30am at SOUTHPORT GOURMET AND SUSHI BAR, (Private Dining Room), 1643 N. Howe Street, Southport, NC. This venue offers good Chinese food, service, price and plenty of parking. Be sure to RSVP no later than 5/13/26 to MaryAnn Bonifant at bonifantma@gmail.com . ECW lunches are open to ALL women so invite a friend. Wear your Name Tag. Need a Ride? Let us know. We look forward to seeing You!

Theology Uncorked – Wednesday(s) May 6th & 20th NEW LOCATION: Water Tower Wines on Howe St./Brown St. @ 5pm.

Resurrection in Ordinary Life

- What does resurrection look like when it's not dramatic—just small, stubborn moments of newness

- Where in your life do you sense something dying, and where do you sense something being born
- How do we practice hope without pretending everything is fine

✨ **St. Philip's Parish Life Chairperson Wanted!** ✨

Do you light up when you meet new people?

Is “throwing a party” basically your love language?

Does your heart beat a little faster at the sight of a color-coded calendar?

Are you the kind of organized, joy-filled human who can turn a simple gathering into a memory?


If you answered YES to any of these, you may be the perfect person to lead the St. Philip's Parish Life Ministry!

We're looking for someone who:

- Loves building community
- Enjoys planning events big and small
- Can sprinkle fun into the ordinary
- Knows that fellowship is holy work (and sometimes holy chaos)
- Isn't afraid of a sign-up sheet or a potluck

Interviews are now underway, and we'd love to talk with you.

For details, contact Kim Bernard

 Call/Text: (714)-261-5875

Come help us make St. Philip's an even warmer, more connected, joy-filled place!

Operation Coffee Hour: Classified Briefing

Agents,

It is once again time to renew your Coffee Hour Team License. You know who you are—your covert missions have kept this parish caffeinated and civilized.

Team sign-ups are now posted in the Narthex for all returning operatives.

New to St. Philip's? Feeling the call to join an elite, caffeine-powered squad? Your recruitment officer, Agent Vicki Garrett, stands ready with

intel.

Call/Text: (704) 622-5053

Report for duty beginning September 13th. The mugs are counting on you.

ECW is hosting a High Tea on Saturday May 16 in the Parish Hall. The public is welcome to attend. The tea will include Assorted Teas, Tea Sandwiches, Scones and Mini Desserts, Entertainment by The Treble Makers (a Capella Group), Fashion Show by Boo & Roo's and 50/50 Raffle. \$30 tickets are ready for pick up at Ricky Evans Gallery on Howe Street or contact Pat Bittenbender, chair (910-253-9846) for tickets.

WE NEED TABLE SETTERS. 14 tables will be set with 8 ladies per table (112 in attendance). A Table Setter sets the table with items from home. Last year the Parish Hall looked amazing with 14 beautifully set tables, so festive and magical. Contact Pat Bittenbender (patbitt@atmc.net) or 910-253-9846.

WE ALSO NEED LOTS OF BAKERS. Items needed are Tea Sandwiches, Scones and Mini Desserts. If you won't be able to attend the Tea, you could bake ahead of time and freeze.

Contact Pat Bittenbender (patbitt@atmc.net) or 910-253-9846

Brownie Mix Needed - Special request from the Food Bank.

The Food Pantry needs 36 boxes of store-bought brownie mix for a bundle they are putting together. If you can help out, please put your donations in the kitchen, Margaret Melando will make sure they get to the right place.



Food Pantry Needs April/May/June

St. Philip's, we are in winter and the needs of the hungry don't diminish. Please continue to give food items starting with the list below and open your hearts. When you're in the grocery store just pick up a couple of extra items and donate them to the food pantry. Keep up God's work.

List:

Cold Cereal (Adult/Children)
Hot Cereal
Fruit (Cans)
Vegetables (Cans, No Green Beans /Corn)
Canned Meats/Proteins
Spaghetti/Spaghetti Sauce
Snacks
Soups (Chicken Noodle, Tomato, Vegetable, ...)
Rice/Dry Beans
Mustard/Ketchup/Spices
Cookie/Cake Mix
Bisquick
Cooking Essentials (Oil, Spices)
Instant Potatoes