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Catholic Church & School
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**A Parish Family of the Roman
Catholic Diocese of Charleston**

Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS
Diocese of Charleston

Pastor

Fr. Christopher Smith, STD

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Richard Tomlinson, STD

Deacons

Nestor Acosta, Michael Cavin,
Robert Smith, Gus Suárez, Mark
Thompson & Michael Thompson

Our Mission

To share the fullness of the Gospel to all we encounter in our lives by equipping disciples to create and strengthen a personal relationship with Christ. By the grace of God, we are called to strive for personal holiness, participate fully in the vibrant life of the Church's Tradition and transform the world.

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Friday 9a-12p

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Website: www.princeofpeacetaylors.org

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Are you new? Welcome! We are grateful that you have come to our parish and hope that you will soon call this faith community your home!



Guest Writers Series: Jennifer Pfaffl on Suffering

An Extraordinary Parish for Ordinary People

Dear Parish Family,

In late January of 2021, at the height of the pandemic, I lost my dad to COVID-19. I had watched him decline steadily over several weeks' time through a string of spotty FaceTime calls and a close watch on his patient portal through the hospital system. In the end, following what felt like a million unanswered prayers, I said the hardest goodbye I've ever had to say through my sister's cell phone screen, my broken body holding me captive in my home against my will yet again.

The hole left in my spirit in the wake of his unexpected passing was deeper than words can describe and the silence without him on earth to advise me was deafening. The unfathomable loss was compounded exponentially by the unavoidable fact that my sick body was the reason I wasn't there for him. By that point, I had already missed three of my siblings' weddings, one of my sons' First Communion, another son's graduation, and a list of countless other special events throughout the years, all while pleading with God to heal me just enough that I could be present in person for anything at all. To be missing this on top of everything else was just too much to bear. It was the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back, and it made my previously well-endured suffering crash down over me like a house of cards.

I was Boo Radley from *To Kill a Mockingbird*, watching life from my window, out of sight, never getting to interact much in day-to-day happenings outside of my home. I was Quasimodo, exiled to the bell tower of Notre Dame, wishing I could get past my physical limitations and find a way to be part of the world around me. Those physical limitations were constantly standing between me and the "real life" I longed for and for the most part, I felt pretty useless. Around the time my dad got sick, I was already overwhelmed with chronic symptoms. I was unable to walk more than a few feet on my own without beginning to pass out and my nervous system was such a mess that it couldn't even regulate my body temperature properly. There were only about ten foods I could tolerate and I was so sensitive in general that I couldn't handle simple things like being in a room with certain types of lights on or letting sun touch my skin without dire consequences. I was relying on wheelchairs, shower chairs, specially-timed medications, and gadgets like blood pressure monitors and pulse oximeters to get me through each day.

The news of Dad being put on a ventilator alone landed me in the hospital so it was no surprise when the day of his funeral found me stuck lying flat on my couch, so sick that even crying for a moment was sending my heart rate higher than 150 beats per minute. I couldn't sit up, let alone walk with my family down the aisle of a church behind my little brother carrying a marble urn of what was left of my dad's physical body. It was excruciating salt in the tender wound in my spirit to be so far from the people I love most on that hardest of days. I sat holding my cell phone in trembling hands, the live feed of his funeral Mass playing on it's tiny screen, listening to the priest tell story after story about how my dad touched lives. I couldn't stop thinking of all the ways he touched mine. As I watched, I oscillated between hurling unfounded blame at myself for not being able to will myself to health and tearfully asking, like Jesus did on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

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Our Map—A Smoke, Vape & Tobacco Free Campus



- 1 Church
- 2 Christ the King Adoration Chapel
- 3 PAC (Parish Activity Center) & PAC Classroom
- 4 Guadalupe Hall
- 5 School & School Offices (Lourdes Hall)
- 6 & 7 Parish House, under the protection of Our Lady of Fatima
- 8 Blessed McGivney Community Center & Library
- 9 Pope Francis House
- 10 Walsingham Hall
- Parking Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14



= where you see this symbol, it means live broadcast
simultaneously on [Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#)

Parish Calendar

Fr Patrick Cooper = FPC Fr Richard Tomlinson = FRT Ordinary Form =OF Extraordinary Form =EF

sunday, 19 june corpus christi (OF year C) external solemnity of corpus christi (EF)	monday, 20 june weekday (OF) st silverius (EF)	tuesday, 21 june st aloysius (OF & EF)
<div> <div>LB</div> <div>8a Mass Edward Rauch+(FRT)</div> <div>LB</div> <div>10a Mass Deceased Perone Family (FPC)</div> <div>LB</div> <div>12p EF Mass For the People of the Parish (FRT)</div> </div> <div> 7p basketball </div> <div> Happy Father's Day! </div>	<div> 10.30a svdp pope francis house 6.30p legion of mary lourdes hall 6.45p young adults mcgivney hall parish office closed </div>	<div> 8.15a Office of Readings & Lauds 9a Mass Gilda Jean Octavio+(FRT) 5.30p Vespers (Evening Prayer) </div> <div> 6p kofc 4th degree mcgivney hall </div>
wednesday, 22 june st paulinus of nola (OF & EF)	thursday, 23 june the nativity of st john the baptist (OF & EF) feria (EF)	friday, 24 june the most sacred heart of Jesus (OF & EF)
<div> 8.15a Office of Readings & Lauds 9a Mass John Russian & Anthony Smolar+(FRT) </div> <div> 5p confession (FRT) </div>	<div> 8.15a Office of Readings & Lauds 9a Mass Edwards Family-L & +(FRT) </div> <div> 7p kofc mcgivney hall 7p know, love, and share your catholic faith 7p rosary for priests (online) </div>	<div> 8.15a Office of Readings & Lauds 9a Mass Alousa Vitousek+(FRT) 5.30p Vespers (Evening Prayer) </div> <div> 6.30p catholic trivia night </div>
saturday, 25 june the immaculate heart of the blessed virgin mary (OF year C) nativity of st john the baptist (EF)	sunday, 26 june 13th sunday in ordinary time (OF year C) 3rd sunday after penecost (EF)	prayer requests All those serving our country, Gena Cunningham, Julie Mallory, Bridgitte Gunnells, Wrenn Calcutt, Jim Bannister, Stephen Wiltberger, Lillie Nesbitt, Kevin Stanton, Doris Pratt, Sarah Williams, Kenneth Price, Jackie Andrejack, Deacon Bob Smith, Lois Smith, Christy Smith, Shannon Harkins, Gloria Dussich, Rose Schillaci, Kristina Murphy, Laurie Taylor, Carl Jones, Luigina Wurga, Marlene C. Eugenia Kolinko, Susan Subrizi, Mary Jean Heap, Stella Boris, Rosemary Craig, Janine Moore, Jean Casey, Thomas Dorsey, Jennifer Gregory, Kathleen & Dan Mottl, Peter McPherson, Lola Hartman, Annmarie Egas, Tammy Lopez, Frank Cespedes, Joanne P, Dottie Sanda, Mary Ann Egan, Julia Chatignyblais, Connie Meiners, Joe Valitchka, Juan & Laura Pachur, James & Elizabeth Nowlan, Betty Baker, Deborah Baker, Drew Butterfield, Andrew Frisari, and Madelina Mello, Ed Matthews, Yanini Smith, Catherine Coleman, Diane Schaumberg, Helen DePuydt, Martha Catel, Kayla Whatley, Walter Sanders and Anna & Casey Chevalier
<div> 9a EF Mass Matt & Denise Mannino-L+(FRT) 5p Mass For the People of the Parish (FRT) </div> <div> 3.30-4.40p confession (FRT & FPC) </div>	<div> <div>LB</div> <div>8a Mass Jim O'Grady+(FPC)</div> <div>LB</div> <div>10a Mass McCullen/Simmons Family+(FRT)</div> <div>LB</div> <div>12p EF Mass William Mershon-L (FRT)</div> </div> <div> EF altar boy training after 12n mass 7p basketball </div>	
Please contact the Parish Office to request a name be added to the prayer list. We will leave names on the prayer list for two weeks, unless requested otherwise.		



Happenings & Needs

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homebound ministry

If you are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact Deacon Mark Thompson at mark.thompson@princeofpeacetaylors.org

widows and widowers—"bounce"

Be comforted by those who have experienced the grief of the loss of a spouse on the first Saturday of the month in the Pope Francis House. Call Jean Casey at 864.423.7010 to learn more.

weekly children's holy hour

Every Thursday between 10-11a, all parents are invited to bring their children to the Adoration Chapel. In this hour, it is understood that there will be some noise in the Chapel. Contact Adrienne Haverland at jahaverland@gmail.com with questions.

help needed: ushers and greeters

Greeters and ushers are greatly needed across all Mass times! Contact Marco De Maria at 864.631.7713 or at mad4jen@msn.com!

mom's group meeting

Join a group of moms who meet the first Friday of each month between 9.30-11.30a in parish house for a rosary, reading the Gospel, coffee and socializing. Contact Adrienne Haverland at jahaverland@gmail.com with questions.

perpetual eucharistic adoration

"I worry some of you still have not really met Jesus—one to one—you and Jesus alone."

—Saint Mother Teresa

Please consider adopting an hour or become a substitute. Contact Lisa Buss at 864.508.7123 or adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org with questions!

- Adorers must receive the code from Lisa Buss.
- **Hours in need of adorers (urgent*):**
 - 12a Tuesdays, 8a* Thursdays, 3a* Fridays, and 10a Saturdays

baptism class

Parents desiring Baptism for their children must attend a Baptism Class. The next class will be held on Thursday, 14 July at 6.30p in the Parish House Conference Room. Contact Deacon Gus to join at 864.420.0497 or baptisms@princeofpeacetaylors.org
⇒ Baptisms cannot be scheduled until the class is completed. Only Deacon Acosta can schedule Baptisms.

catholic trivia night

Thomas Wilson will lead an evening of Catholic-themed trivia in the Parish House on 24 June. Doors open at 6.30p and trivia begin at 7p. Tickets are \$5 in advance (purchase at the office) or \$10 at the door. Children under 10 are free. Pizza and beverages provided. Cash prizes will be awarded. Come as an individual or bring a team of up to 8 people. Email thomaswilson146@gmail.com to learn more.

welcome new parishioners

Welcome Angela Byers; Anthony Vander Poel; and Gemma Billings

Prayerfully consider donating the following:



sanctuary lamp \$20
donated by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Smolar
in memory of John Russian



bread & wine \$20
donated by Gustek Family
in honor of Fr Robert Falabella



flowers \$220
donated by Andrew Elam & April Bittner
in honor of their wedding



music \$300
donated by Gustek Family
in honor of Fr Robert Falabella

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act of spiritual communion

If you are unable to receive Holy Communion for whatever reason, make a Spiritual Communion by reciting the following:

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, as though You have already come. I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

men's bible study

Deacon Michael Thompson will lead a Men's Bible Study meeting Tuesdays at 7p beginning 16 August studying the Book of Mark and Book of Luke! Contact Deacon Thompson at 864.365.8178.

urgent need—seven sisters apostolate

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a ministry in which seven women each pray in adoration for one hour every week for their priest. Each woman is assigned a different day of the week, so that our priests are specifically prayed for each day for one hour. The Seven Sisters Apostolate at our parish is currently in urgent need of a few new sisters. The commitment will begin on the Feast of the Sacred Heart (24 June) 2022 and will last for one year. If interested, contact Katie Sandifer at twosandifers@gmail.com

latin mass community news

The Latin Mass community hosts a community-wide potluck each month! Two families are needed to set-up at 11a and three families are needed to help with cleanup. Contact Tracey Mershon at traceymershon63@gmail.com if you're available!

- **Mass of St John the Baptist** will be Saturday, 25 June at 9a in the Extraordinary Form.
- **EF Altar boy training** begins after 12n EF Mass and ends at 2:30pm. Practice will run every other week through the summer: June 26, July 10, July 24, August 7 is for any NEW altar boys and current altar boys. If you're not receiving emails about altar boy training and schedules, write to michael.cavin@princeofpeacetaylors.org

fraternus & fidelis ministries

Fraternus & Fidelis are mentoring programs for 6th-12th graders—fraternus is for boys & fidelis is for girls. Mentors form a brotherhood/sisterhood of virtue and invite the teens into it.

It's time to register for 2022-23. Learn more:

- families of 6th-12th grade boys should contact Billy at upstatefraternus@gmail.com
- families of 6th-12th grade ladies should contact Kelly at upstatefidelis@gmail.com

prayer shawl ministry

The prayer shawl ministry meets on the third Friday of the month at 10.30a. They crochet/knit shawls/lap robes which they donate to nursing homes, cancer and dialyses centers. They welcome more volunteers and donations of yarn is always welcome. For information call Paulette at 864.434.0278.

welcome committee

Interested in helping new folks feel at home at our parish? From emails to phone calls to welcoming events, there's a way to pitch in! Contact Maria at maria.rauch@princeofpeacetaylors.org to learn about the Guild of St Benedict Welcome Committee.

friends of st josemaria recollections

The purpose of a recollection is to help participants sanctify their ordinary life in and through their work, family, and recreational activities. In the spirit of Opus Dei, the next Recollections are:

Men: Friday, 15 July at 7p, reception to follow

Women: Saturday, 16 July at 9a in the church

abortion healing

If you or someone you love has experienced an abortion, healing is available. Learn about anonymous support offered virtually or in person options by calling Support After Abortion at 844.289.HOPE. Healing is offered to men and woman, grandparents, friends and other loved ones.

leadership volunteers needed with svdp

Volunteers desiring to serve as leadership are greatly needed. Without people stepping forward, SVDP will close by end of the year. Contact Simone at 270.317.9550 or imber.simone@gmail.com.



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get to know the knights of columbus 9184

A FATHER IS a protector, involved, a loving husband, and so much more! As we near Father's Day month, we share our **Father's for Good initiative**. Whether you are a seasoned dad, a new dad, a dad to be, or a single guy wanting to know more about fatherhood, this website is for you. There is a role only a father can fill and gifts only a father can give. In a culture that often does not favor fatherhood or masculine virtue, we wish to highlight the unique contributions of men, husbands and fathers. The world would be lacking without them. Thank you, fathers. Find out more fathersforgood.org and contact John Olson, Grand Knight at 864.354.5680 to be part of building a strong united Brotherhood of men in support of faith, family and vocations. St. Joseph, pray for us.



st vincent de paul—needs

St Vincent de Paul is in need of large (4-6) baby diapers, canned fruit, pork and beans, bar soap, toilet paper and canned vegetables (NOT green beans or peas). Please drop them off in the wooden bin in the Narthex.

attend mass on feast of sacred heart

In Father Smith's previous bulletin letter, he urged everyone to make it a priority to attend Mass on the Feast of the Sacred Heart (24 June). Mass will be celebrated at 9a (OF).

triune mercy kitchen—feed the hungry

Make a **corporal work of mercy by feeding the hungry** of Triune Mercy Kitchen on the first Sunday monthly. Please [sign up here](#). Contact Philip & Hannah with questions at 805.750.5663 or community.kofc9184@gmail.com.

library hours

The online catalogue is [here](#). Summer hours are:

- Sundays after the 8a Mass (9-10a), after the 10a Mass (11a-12n), and after the noon Mass (1-2p, except on potluck Sundays).

st clare's home—volunteer needs

St. Clare's Home is an upstate maternity home for expectant mothers who choose life and are in need of shelter, safety, and security. They are in need of more volunteers who support our mission! Please email stclaresvolunteer@charlestondiocese.org for the many ways you can get involved.

potluck—everyone welcome

Everyone is invited to a potluck on Wednesday, 13 July to welcome the missionaries from Totus Tuus and enjoy fellowship as we kick off a week of vacation bible school.

- help us plan the right number of tables and chairs with your [RSVP here](#).

new spotify channel for sacred music



St Augustine said, "He who sings, prays twice." Sacred music is an integral part of the divine liturgy, not just a nice add on. The active participation of the faithful in the Mass and other offices of the Church means that we all sing as part of what we offer to God. We have a lot of English and Latin that we sing here at Prince of Peace. In an effort to encourage everyone to learn as much of the repertoire as possible that we sing here, we now have our own playlist on Spotify. This is a great way to get this music and the texts in your ear as you are doing things around the house or even driving around!

- Go to Playlists on Spotify and type in Sacred Music at Prince of Peace and like it (or, [follow this direct link](#))

become a catechist

We are in need of lead catechists, classroom assistants, and substitute catechists. Student volunteers grades 9th-12th are always needed as assistants and can earn community service hours for high school by filling these positions.

- We will have our Annual Catechist Training session on 30 July from 9a-12p.
- Classes for 2022-2023 are scheduled to begin on Sunday 21 August 2022 at 8.50-9.50a.

scheduling mass intentions

Interested in scheduling a Mass intention? The opportunity to schedule for the remainder of 2022 will begin on 27 June. Contact Maria Rauch.

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2nd annual charity golf tournament

The 2nd annual Charity Golf Outing benefitting Prince of Peace Catholic Church & School and St Rafka Maronite Church is Monday, 19 September 2022 at the Cherokee Valley Golf Club in Travelers Rest!

- **The Cause:** The first annual event raised \$48,790 in donations from 24 sponsors and 84 golfers benefitting a Phase I security upgrade on the Prince of Peace Catholic Church & School campus and a General Building Fund for St Rafka Maronite Church. Money raised this year will be used to continue these important security and building projects on both campuses.
- **About the Club:** This thoughtfully sculpted course gives golfers a masterfully designed layout with dramatic drops and rises, and incredible views of Glassy Mountain. The 18-hole, 6,728-yard, par 72 course was designed by P.B. Dye and delights golfers with scenic water features, championship greens, and meandering fairways that grant new challenges with every round. Best of all, this is a course that lets you have fun no matter what your age or level of play.
- **Event Details:** 11a Registration, 12n Tee Off, and 5p Buffet Dinner with Silent Auction and Prizes.
 - Join for the entire day or come just for dinner!
- **Cost:** \$125/golfer or \$500 for a team of four includes golf, cart, balls, dinner and gift. Dinner only is \$25/person.
 - Registration for golf and/or dinner is now open on our website.
- **Sponsorship Levels:** Levels range from a "Hole Sponsor" at \$1,000 to a "Master Sponsor" at \$4,000 with associated benefits.
 - Sponsorship is only available by contacting event organizers.



For tickets or sponsorship information, visit charitygolfgreenville.com or email Brian Mackenzie at info@charitygolfgreenville.com

care packages, prayers and letters request

We now have two young women in formation in cloistered religious orders and two young men whose parents are in the parish, one of whom is a member of our parish, who are in formation for the sacred priesthood. Please consider sending them the occasional care package of practical household items, letters of encouragement, and yummy non-perishable food items. Please remember that they may not always be allowed to respond because of their rule, but they are grateful.

Sister Emily Rees, nOSB
Abbey of Our Lady of Ephesus
8005 NW 316th St
Gower, MO 64454

Sister Catherine Rose of the Immaculate Conception, OCD
Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
327 Water St.
Fairfield, PA 17320

Revd Sem Dan Perry
St Vincent's Seminary
300 Fraser Purchase Rd,
Latrobe, PA 15650

Rev Sem Michael LaRochelle, FSSP
Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary
7880 W Denton Rd,
Denton, NE 68339

donating blood

Did you know that when you donate blood at The Blood Connection, Prince of Peace Catholic Church & School has a code to "credit" it to our parish? The code is 3APE.

traveling? you can still catch homilies

Homilies are archived on our website and available on: [Google Podcast](http://bit.ly/googlepodcastpop) (<http://bit.ly/googlepodcastpop>), [Apple Podcast](http://bit.ly/applepodcastpop) (<http://bit.ly/applepodcastpop>) and [TuneIn](http://tun.in/pjqsw) (<http://tun.in/pjqsw>)

parish office closed

The parish office is closed on Monday, 20 June.



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parish school open enrollment

Prince of Peace Catholic School is the primary apostolate of Prince of Peace Catholic Church serving families from K4 through 8th grade. We are a National Blue Ribbon School of Academic Excellence, a Cardinal Newman Society Catholic Education Honor Roll School, and a National BETA Club School of Distinction and Merit.

Open Enrollment for the 2022-23 School Year has begun with space reserved first come, first served. Take a tour of the school with your family by calling Liz Burgdorf at 864.331.2145. Private school can be affordable. Learn about our scholarships!

summer mass schedule

Our Summer Schedule last until 13 August:

- 9a Mass on Tuesday-Friday
- 9a First Saturday EF Mass in July & August
- Confessions on Wednesdays from 5-6p & Saturdays from 3.30-4.40p
- normal Sunday Mass schedule

may report: st vincent depaul society

The St Vincent De Paul Society at Prince of Peace accepts contributions by [EFT](#). Please make checks out directly to SVDP and NOT Prince of Peace.

May financials:

	May		
	2022	2021	Increase / (Decrease)
SVDP Donations			
Month	\$8,003	\$6,730	\$1,273
Year-to-Date	\$43,595	\$40,852	\$2,743

prayer request

In your kindness, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Cindy King**.

Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

bulletin sponsors

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fr smith mission work in turkey

With the support & encouragement of Bishop Fabre-Jeune, Fr Smith will complete mission work and Turkish studies in Istanbul starting 17 June and returning on 1 August.

- Fr Smith is not leaving his position as pastor and will return on 1 August to our parish.
- Mission work is not to be confused with a sabbatical or vacation.
- Fr Smith asks for your prayers that he may continue to discern the Lord's will to be a man of communion and encounter in a land blessed by God.

summer hours at the parish school

The parish school will be open Monday-Thursday between 9a-1p. Normal hours resume on 8 August.

parish offertory | may

Giving to the offertory is convenient and easy. Scan the QR code to connect to Tithely to make your gift. Options to give to special projects are available. Keep supporting your parish home when you are on vacation with this convenience!



 Donate

Offertory	As of May 31, 2022		
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)
Month	\$ 132,988	\$ 139,100	(\$6,112)
Year-To-Date	\$ 1,480,189	\$ 1,388,850	\$91,339

save the date—nurses

The South Carolina Council of Catholic Nurses is meeting on 13 August at 11a in Columbia, SC. Learn more by writing NMcGrath@charlestandiocese.org

wedding coordinators needed

Consider serving as a wedding coordinator! Hours include Fridays at 4p and Saturdays 11a-3p. This year we have 2-3 weddings a month. Learn more by calling Sharon Huecker at 864.297.1987.

discounted attraction books

Attraction Books are offered by the Columbiettes for \$15. Available in church and school offices.

Contact Us

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Clergy

Fr. Christopher Smith	Pastor	864.268.4352	frsmith@princeofpeacetaylors.org
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Declarations of Nullity	Deacon Robert Smith	864.908.7047	dbcsmith@aol.com
Altar Servers	Deacon Michael Cavin		michael.cavin@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Sick, Homebound, Extraordinary Ministers	Deacon Mark Thompson		mark.thompson@princeofpeacetaylors.org

Parish Staff

Phil Head	Director of Administration	864.331.3908	directorofadministration@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Mark Pulley	Director of Finance/Bookkeeper	864.331.3907	bookkeeper@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Nestor Acosta	Pastoral Associate for Sacramental Life	864.331.3905	nestor.acosta@princeofpeacetaylors.org

**contact Deacon Acosta about baptisms, funerals, marriage, and RCIA*

Maria Rauch	Parish Secretary	864.331.3901	maria.rauch@princeofpeacetaylors.org
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**contact Maria R. about facility reservations and requesting Anointing of the Sick prior to surgery or when gravely ill, Safe Environment*

Maria Barontini	Pastoral Associate for Children's Catechesis	864.331.3919	maria.barontini@princeofpeacetaylors.org
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**contact Maria B. about children's catechesis, first confession, first communion, and confirmation*

Michael Sandifer	Pastoral Associate Adult Faith Formation	864.331.3902	michael.sandifer@princeofpeacetaylors.org
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contact Michael S. as ministry liaison

Philip Reed	Director of Music	864.331.3904	philip.reed@princeofpeacetaylors.org
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Bobby Moreau	Director of Maintenance		bobby.moreau@popcatholicschool.org
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Elizabeth Wilson	Associate Director of Music	864.331.3906	elizabeth.wilson@princeofpeacetaylors.org
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School (Office: 864.331.3921) *our childcare registration number is 24774

Steven Cunningham	Principal	864.331.2145	principal@popcatholicschool.org
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Tammy Lopez	Office Manager	864.331.3911	tammy.lopez@popcatholicschool.org
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Ministry & Volunteer Leaders

Basketball	Maria Rauch	864.331.3901	maria.rauch@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Communications Director	Kylee Jean Heap	864.266.8843	communications@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Creighton Fertility Care/Family Planning	Kristie Killough, RN, BSN, FCP	864.243.7800	text for appointment
Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts	Harry Grilliot/Marty Yigdall	864.423.6541	Pack259.SC@gmail.com
CYO (Catholic Youth Organization)	John & Stephanie Lasitter		cyo@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Food & Financial Assistance	St. Vincent de Paul Society	864.331.3937	
Fraternus	Thomas Connelly	864.414.9192	fraternus@princeofpeacetaylors.org
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Submit your announcements 2 weeks prior to the desired bulletin date to bulletin submissions@princeofpeacetaylors.org



Guest Writers Series: Jennifer Pfaffl on Suffering

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Guilt, grief, loneliness, and fear took turns washing over me in waves while my reality stared me steadily in the face in a way it never had before. How could a loving God let me get to the point that I was so sick that I couldn't even go to my own father's funeral? And why? What was I doing wrong? Was I not praying enough? Not doing enough? Was there a formula to unlock the mighty heart of God that I was missing? It seemed there must be. I had watched numerous people around me experience the healing they sought while I remained disabled and homebound, feeling like I was perpetually on the outside of everything, in what felt like a nightmare version of Dr. Seuss' "Waiting Place".

The truth I kept banging into then was the same one I'd been running up against for years prior while climbing the various hills and mountains of my long illness. The unchangeable truth was that no matter how much I wished or hoped for certain things, I couldn't always make them happen. There were things I just couldn't do on my own. More frustrating than that was the fact that I couldn't push God's hand or charm him with my good intentions and beautiful promises to make them happen either. What are we supposed to do when it's midnight in Gethsemane and we're sick and scared near the depths of despair, unable to see the forest for the trees, while the world keeps turning all around us? How can we still feel cherished and held during times when our souls cry out to a seemingly silent God, telling him what we think we need, and we feel our prayers echoing back over and over like a gong against heaven? What should we do when the healing we hope for so desperately doesn't come and it feels as if our supports have been knocked out from under us?

I know what my dad would say. He would say, "Float". He'd always tell me when I was overwhelmed by life and didn't know what to do, to just picture myself lying on my back on top of water, not trying to tread water, not trying to scramble to find the shore, but just floating until God sends a life raft. For a while after my dad died, "floating" was about all I could do. Some days my floating was just leaning on the suffering psalmists, repeating their words in my mind when I couldn't find my own, "How long, O Lord? Will you utterly forget me?" (Psalm 13:2).

Sometimes the only prayer I could manage was one word alone: "Jesus". I looked to the saints who continually reminded me of the importance of leaning on the wisdom of those who have gone down this road before me. When I'd begin to feel I wasn't doing enough for God, not handling the weight of the cross he had entrusted to me, he'd send words like these through one of his saints, and it was balm for my sinking spirit: "One must not think that a person who is suffering is not praying. He is offering up his sufferings to God and many a time he is praying much more truly than one who goes away by himself and meditates his head off." I usually do feel like I need to be meditating my own head off to receive God's favor, but I have found Teresa of Avila to be right.

Sometimes merely living out my suffering and getting through the day, often in tears, is all I can do, but I'm finding it really is enough to God. I humbly gift those tears to Jesus. They fall down my cheeks like raindrops while I try with everything in me to keep my face turned toward God, who is my sun. There are times it seems like clouds are blocking his beautiful rays and I can't feel their warmth, but somehow my soul always knows that he's there. Like a tulip, I find myself bending towards the light that I know exists outside the windows of what can often feel like a four-walled prison. I find that the more I turn and fall to my knees in front of Jesus like the man in Mark 9:24 saying, "I believe; help my unbelief", the more the life rafts appear from him on the water. In whichever forms those rafts come to me, each anchors me to my creator, each one helps me stay afloat just long enough for the next to come along.

Like Peter, I have found that I start to sink when I stop trusting God to hold me up on the water, and trust is hard to come by when you've experienced loss. I have found that God sends others with life rafts for me and I have to humble myself to let them be his hands reaching down to me. I have never been good at asking for or receiving help and any time I'd needed help in the past, I'd usually turned to my dad who was suddenly no longer there. When he died, I found myself withdrawing into the suffering alone, pushing away others' offers to help me. I didn't want anyone to see my weakness and I certainly didn't want to be anyone's burden.

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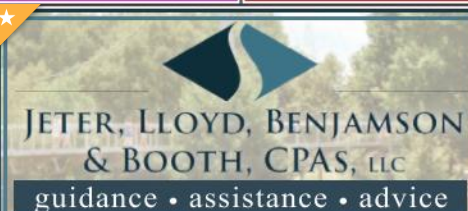
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