

27 november 2022
first sunday of advent
(OF & EF)



PRINCE of PEACE
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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parishoffice@princeofpeacetaylors.org

Office hours:

Monday-Thursday 9a-4p *office closed 1-2p
Friday 9a-12p

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Giving:

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Library:

Online Catalog & Hours: <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/POPCCS>

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! Contact Tracy Rozsa, Chair of the Welcome Committee, at trrozsa@yahoo.com to learn more.





Letter from our Pastor

An Extraordinary Parish for Ordinary People

Dear Parishioners,

The Catholic Church takes marriage very seriously. It is one of the seven sacraments instituted by Christ to produce the grace that it signifies, namely the union of one man and one woman for life as a sign of the irrevocable love of God. The Church takes off her shoes like Moses before the burning bush that is on fire but does not consume, holy ground, before marriage. It is the only sacrament where the recipient is also the minister: the couple themselves “make valid” the sacrament. The Church’s witness then says, *What God has joined together, let no one put asunder*. The Church has rightly always had a horror of adultery and divorce as grave evils that pull families apart and destroy interior peace.

At the same time though, the brokenness of human nature is seen in family life when husbands and wives are ripped apart from each other. There are not infrequently very real human dramas of suffering, abuse and emotional manipulation that are heart breaking for everyone involved. Sometimes couples choose to end the civil effects of their marriage by resorting to civil courts to dissolve it by divorce. At times, people who have gone through this trauma don’t even want to think about getting into a new relationship with anyone. They often will spend a lot of time working through their grief and making themselves stronger and better individuals forged in a crucible to emerge from such crises with hope and renewed trust in love. Some seek an annulment from the Church, that recognition that, as far as human weakness can know, there was something present from the very beginning which made the words, *I do*, not efficacious. Such persons then can take ownership of that freedom as their conscience directs. Then there are those who enter into a relationship without the benefit of annulment and the Church’s blessing on a new marriage; or they come to it later.

Each situation is unique, and emotions understandably drive a lot of decisions made in such long and agonizing processes. But no matter what decisions are made, people who have been divorced are still children of God, are still Catholics by their baptism, and are still called to a life of holiness within the community of faith. But they do not always experience their parishes as places where their wounds can be healed and their brokenness tended to. They often experience isolation, judgmentalism and even abusive behavior in the Church instead of understanding, compassion and that love which truly heals. We forget that it is up to God to discern the intentions and acts of each one of us at the Last Judgment; until our death, we are always works in progress. It is the task of the Church to preach the truth, and to accompany believers on their journey, even when they have moments of disconnect, rebellion and bewilderment.

As a parish, I think we do a great job about preaching the Good News about marriage, sex and family life. But do we do a great job about supporting couples and families in crisis? Are we there to help pick up the pieces or do we stand off like the pharisee rolling his eyes at the publican? Or do we just feel like we should do something but we’re too timid or unsure ourselves what to do? Sometimes our families just need to know that, yes, Jesus still loves them, that the Church still wants them, and that faith will always win. My dear friends in the parish, if are divorced and haven’t found that love, please accept my apologies as your pastor, and help us try to do better, even as we fearlessly proclaim the truth of the Gospel.

Fr. Christopher E. Smith

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, 27 nov first sunday of advent (OF year A & EF)	monday, 28 nov advent weekday (OF) feria of advent (EF)	tuesday, 29 nov advent weekday (OF) st saturninus (EF)
<div>LB</div> <div>LB</div> 8a Mass Deceased Perone Family (FRT) 10a Mass Anthony DeCredico+(FPC) 12p EF Mass For the People of the Parish (FRT) 7p Compline	7a Mass Carol Guebert-L (FRT) 12p EF Mass Fred Adams+(FRT)	7a Mass Thomas Allgaier, Sr+(FRT) 7.40a Lauds 12p EF Mass Fred Adams+(FCS) 5.30p Vespers
	<i>10.30a svdp pope francis house</i> <i>6p basketball pac</i> <i>6.30p legion of mary lourdes hall</i> <i>6.45p young adults mcgivney hall</i>	<i>10a bible class parish house</i> <i>6.30p fidelis & fraternus</i> <i>7p men's bible study guadalupe</i>
wednesday, 30 nov st andrew (OF & EF)	thursday, 1 dec advent weekday (OF) feria of advent (EF)	friday, 2 dec advent weekday(OF) st bibiana (EF)
8.30a Mass Fred Adams+(FCS) 12p EF Mass Cindy King+(FRT)	7a Mass Matt, Erin & Andy Smith-L+(FCS) 7.40a Lauds 12p EF Mass Jonathan & Carey Arrington-L (FRT)	7a Mass Lina Carandang-L (FCS) 7.40a Lauds 12p EF Mass Thomas Allgaier, Sr+(FCS) 5.30p Vespers
<i>5p confession</i> <i>7p introduction to catholicism</i> <i>7p women's study mcgivney hall</i>	<i>5.30p aoh mcgivney hall</i> <i>6p confession (advent only)</i> <i>6p basketball</i>	<i>6p basketball</i>
saturday, 3 dec st francis xavier (OF & EF)	sunday, 4 dec second sunday of advent (OF year A & EF)	prayer requests
6.30a EF Rorate Mass George Lewandowski+(FCS) 5p Mass Linda Standera+ (FRT)	<div>LB</div> <div>LB</div> 8a Mass For the People of the Parish (FCS) 10a Mass Katelin Edwards-L (FCS) 12p EF Mass Lindsey Kopeck-L (FJT) 6p Confession/Rosary 6.30p Parish Mission: Recovering from the Spiritual Pandemic 7.30p Compline	All those serving our country, Gena Cunningham, Julie Mallory, Bridgitte Gunnells, Wrenn Calcutt, Jim Bannister, Stephen Wiltberger, Lillie Nesbitt, 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 Warga, 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, Mary Ann Egan, Julia Chatignyblais, Connie Meiners, Joe Valitchka, Juan & Laura Pachur, James & Elizabeth Nowlan, Betty Baker, Deborah Baker, Drew Butterfield, Andrew Frisari, Madelina Mello, Ed Matthews, Yanini Smith, Catherine Coleman, Diane Schaumburg, Helen DePuydt, Martha Catel, Kayla Whatley, Anna & Casey Chevalier, Jean Crittenden, Irene Ponce, Curtis Hagler, Christine Tallman, Louis Arellano, Theresa Rikards, and Marcel Farge
<i>3.30-4.40p confession</i>	<i>1p basketball pac</i> <i>6p confession</i> <i>6.30p catholic youth organization</i>	
<i>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.</i>		



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 at 10a 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 socializing. Questions? hokiegirl17@yahoo.com.

lay dominicans

Learn about the life and charism of Lay Dominicans and how they share in the apostolic mission of the Dominican Order through the Four Pillars: Prayer, Study, Community and Apostolic Preaching, by emailing Janice Carl at janice.carl@gmail.com.

perpetual eucharistic adoration

Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence!
(1 Chronicles 16:11)

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*):**
 - 8p* Sundays; 1p* Tuesdays; 9a & 12p Wednesdays, 1a* & 12p Thursdays, 8a Fridays; 12p* & 2p* Saturdays

baptism class

Parents desiring Baptism for their children must attend a Baptism Class. The next class will be held on Thursday, 15 December at 6.30p in the Walsingham Hall Art Room. Contact Deacon Gus to join at 864.420.0497 or gus.suarez@princeofpeacetaylors.org
⇒ Baptisms cannot be scheduled until the class is completed. Only Deacon Acosta can schedule Baptisms.

news from st isidore angel garden

Pick vegetables and herbs from the St Isidore Community Garden to give to the hungry served by St Vincent de Paul on Mondays at 9.30a. Questions? Contact Katie Bein at katiemwilliams88@gmail.com

men's bible study

Deacon Michael Thompson leads a Men's Bible Study meeting Tuesdays at 7p studying the Book of Mark and Book of Luke! Contact Deacon Thompson at 864.365.8178 to learn more.

- last meeting of the year is 13 December

Prayerfully consider donating the following:



sanctuary candle \$20
in honor of
Tammy Lopez & family
from Mary Jean & Kylee Heap



bread & wine \$20



flowers \$200



music \$300

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wedding coordinator needed

Please contact Maria Rauch if you're interested in serving as a wedding coordinator. Hours would include Fridays at 4p and Saturdays 11a-3p.

12th annual progressive dinner

Our Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) is hosting its 12th annual progressive dinner with white elephant gift exchange on 17 December. Parishioners are encouraged

to host youth at their home for either an appetizer, entree, or dessert! 15-20 youth are expected to participate. To sign up to host, contact Stephanie and John at CYO@princeofpeacetaylors.org.



latin mass community news

The Latin Mass community hosts a community-wide potluck the first Sunday of each month in Croghan Hall after the 12n EF Mass. Please bring a main dish to share. Set up and clean up help is necessary.

abortion healing

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

new planning committee—parish picnic in 2023

Join the planning committee for the 7 May parish picnic with a 50s theme by contacting Maria Rauch.

socials for men and for women

- All men of the parish and their friends are invited to breakfast and fellowship on Thursday, 1 December at 8a at Denny's on Wade Hampton Blvd. For more information, call Don Foertsch at 268.3810.
- The Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet at 11.30a on Tuesday, 13 December at City Range on Haywood Rd. Please RSVP to Dorothea Jones at 864.268.3354.

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. **Events are Tuesdays at 6.30p.** 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 Tracy Rozsa at trrozsa@yahoo.com to learn more about the Guild of St Benedict Welcome Committee.

welcome new parishioners

Join us in welcoming the following new parishioners: Jeffrey & Kelly Bernard and family

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, 16 December at 7p, reception after
Women: Saturday, 17 December at 9a

automated external defibrillator (AED)

The Church has an automated external defibrillator (AED). It is located just outside the ladies restroom by the bookcase in the church.

year a begins

When looking for the Sunday readings in the St Isaac Jogues Missals, beginning 27 November, we will be in Church year A.



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board of remembrance

Please collect your picture(s) on the Board of Remembrance at the end of November or it will be stored in the parish office.

st vincent de paul needs

St Vincent de Paul has a collection box (wood) in the Narthex. Those they serve are in particular need of the following items (not expired):

- bar soap
- pasta sauce
- jelly
- canned beans
- sweet peas
- bagged snacks

Join St Vincent de Paul in fulfilling the wishes of 151 children for a gift and/or a coat this winter by donating electronically ([here](#)) or by checks made payable to SVDP (not Prince of Peace). Make mention in the memo line that your gift is for coats or gifts.



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 John Olson with questions at jamolson@gmail.com.

compline

Compline (also known as Night Prayer,) is the final Church service (or Office) of the day in the Christian tradition of canonical hours. The prayers are always the same, so it is very easy to learn! We will have Compline on Sundays during Advent at 7p except for 4 December which will be at 7.30p after the Parish Mission Talk. Compline begins 27 November and ends 18 December.

blessing of expectant mothers memo: every parishioner wear pink

On Gaudete Sunday (11 December), all expectant mothers are invited to receive a special blessing at the 10a Mass.

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 the mission! Please email stclaresvolunteer@charlestondiocese.org for the many ways you can get involved.

pop christmas ornament

For those that are new to the parish and have not gotten a Prince of Peace Christmas ornament, they are for sale in the church office for \$20.



confession schedule for advent

During Advent, beginning 1 December, we welcome you to take advantage of additional available times for confessions:

Tuesdays at 6p (Advent only)
Wednesdays at 5p (normal)
Thursdays at 6p (Advent only)
Saturdays at 3.30p (normal)

receive candles

If your loved one had a candle on the St Joseph altar, family members are asked to pick up the candle from the Parish Office, beginning 1 December. We will hold these until 1 January.

st rafka's monthly dinner

St Rafka's monthly pasta dinner will be Thursday, 1 December, 5.30-7.30p Adults are \$10 and children \$5.

advent week 1 prayer

The first purple candle is lit, and the prayer for the first week is said:

*Lord our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ,
For He is Emanuel, the Hope of all people.
He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.
He is the Savior of us all. O Lord, let your blessing come
upon us as we light the first (purple) candle of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise
of salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. We ask
this in His holy name. Amen.*

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immaculate conception a holy day of obligation

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrates the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, St Anne, free from original sin by virtue of the merits of her son Jesus. The feast day is 8 December, which lands on Thursday this year. Mass times are:

7a Low, 8.30a, 12p Latin and 7p Sung

new app for catholic radio in sc

Catholic Radio in SC has released a new app called MediaTrix to be a gateway for engaging Catholic thought. Featuring an easy-to-use platform with 12 portals, the app presents podcasts, blog posts and 24/7 broadcasting from Catholic Radio. Engage with Catholic perspectives on faith and family, biblical prophecy, literature, culture, liturgy, stewardship and giving, diocesan news and video, interviews, apologetics, Church history, prayers and more. The app is free and available on the Apple Store and Google Play. Search for "MediaTrix" and look for the logo: a blue rose on a white background.

make pop beautiful this christmas

- Lit trees are \$250 each with sponsors listed in the Christmas bulletin! Mail your check to Maria Rauch, clearly marking "Christmas Tree" on your check and attn Maria Rauch and Christmas Tree on the envelope, Deadline is 9 December.
- Christmas flowers (poinsettias) in memory or honor of loved ones may be donated using the Christmas flower envelope by 12 December at noon. Please clearly print the name of your loved one on your envelope.



rorate mass

Join us for Rorate Mass on Saturdays in Advent, 3, 10 and 17 December, at 6.30a in the Extraordinary Form. The Rorate Caeli Mass is a traditional Advent devotion wherein the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Advent is offered just before dawn. The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. Because it is a votive Mass in Mary's honor, white vestments are worn instead of Advent violet.

parish mission in advent

Save the date for a parish mission on 4-6 December titled Repent and Believe led by Capuchin Franciscan Friar, Fr Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap. Each talk begins at 6.30p and lasts about 45-50 minutes. Confession will be available starting at 6p while parishioners pray the Most Holy Rosary. There is a free will offering after each talk. Checks will need to be made to POP and POP will send one check to Capuchin Friars.

- Sunday: Recovering from the Spiritual Pandemic
- Monday: The Last Four Things
- Tuesday: Mass of St Nicholas with homily on Forgiveness: Where Justice & Mercy Meet

The Church offers a Plenary Indulgence to the faithful who attend each evening of a parish mission, there will be a special Apostolic Blessing on the last evening at the Mass to impart the Indulgence.

Father Joseph will, if able, bring first class relics of Blessed Solanus Casey and Saint Padre Pio for veneration by the faithful.

The mission will be led by Capuchin Franciscan Friar, Fr Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap. Fr Joseph was born in Columbus, OH, in 1967 and was raised in Canton, OH. He earned his Bachelor's degree in 1989 from Borromeo College Seminary. In 1990, he professed his first vows as a Capuchin Franciscan friar. Making his Perpetual vows in 1993, he went on to earn his Master's degree in theology in 1995 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1997.

Fr. Joseph's first assignment after ordination was in Papua New Guinea in the South Pacific where he served for four years. Returning to the US in 2001, he has served in various capacities as parochial vicar, pastor, military and hospital chaplain and has also served in Puerto Rico.

Fr. Joseph currently serves as the national director of the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers and in full-time preaching ministry for the Capuchin Province of St. Augustine, offering retreats and reflection days for parishes, Religious and Priests.

volunteers for parish secretary

Volunteer office help is needed on Thursdays, 2-4p & Fridays, 9a-12p.



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young moms' advent retreat

Young Moms! Taking some time away to spend with Our Lord in the beauty of nature and in the company of other moms can be one of the best things you can do for not only yourself, but also your family. The retreat runs from Friday evening 2 December through Saturday evening 3 December at Heart Ridge Catholic Retreat Center (Sunset). Nursing infants are welcome. www.heartridgeministries.com/momsretreat.html to learn more and register.

christmas schedule

Saturday, 24 December-Christmas Eve

4p Family Mass with the Children's Choir

6p Vigil Mass with the Youth Choir

12a Solemn Choral Mass with the St Cecilia Choir, music begins at 11.30p

Sunday, 25 December-Christmas Day

10a

Monday, 26 December Feast of St Stephen

9a daily Mass

Tuesday, 27 December- Blessing of Wine

9a daily Mass

Wednesday, 28 December-Blessing of Children

9a daily Mass

Thursday, 29 December

9a daily Mass

Friday, 30 December

9a daily Mass

Saturday, 31 December-New Years Eve

5p Sung Mass

Sunday, 1 January-New Years Day Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

10a Sung Mass

12p Low Mass of the Circumcision

Monday, 2 January

9a

No confession on 24, 28 and 31 December

parish offertory | october

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!



As of October 31, 2022			
Offertory	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)
Month	\$ 140,735	\$ 169,565	(\$28,830)
Year-To-Date	\$ 549,855	\$ 550,385	(\$530)

new number for our parish school

Our parish school has had issues with certain carriers getting calls through. We've updated our phone number to school to 864.971.4POP (4767)!

subscribe to pop emails

Did you know we send out emails, sometimes with time sensitive information not found elsewhere? You can even sign up for special interest groups like the school news, parish updates, and funeral notices. Be sure to white list our address so it doesn't get lost in your SPAM.

- [Sign up here](#)
- white list the domain @princeofpeacetaylors.org

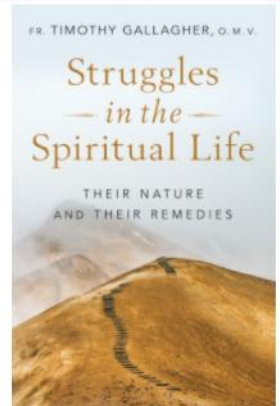
donations—sanctuary lamp & bread and wine

If you would like to donate bread and wine, a sanctuary lamp, flowers, or sacred music, in honor or memory of someone, please pick up a donation envelope in the Narthex. Envelope can be dropped in the collection basket or returned to the Parish Office.

advent reading recommendation

Fr Smith's recommended reading for families this Advent is *Struggles in the Spiritual Life: Their Nature and Their Remedies* by Fr Timothy Gallagher, O.M.V. This is a life-changing book that will help you understand and conquer the struggles you face in your spiritual life.

- Available on Sophia Press ([here](#))



Contact Us

An Extraordinary Parish for Ordinary People

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Sick, Homebound, Extraordinary Ministers	Deacon Mark Thompson		mark.thompson@princeofpeacetaylors.org

Parish Staff

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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: 864.971-4POP) *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 (learn about all of our ministries on our [website](#) under the "about us" menu)

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
Cursillo	Mark Thompson	864.630.0606	
CYO (Catholic Youth Organization)	John & Stephanie Lasitter		cyo@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Food & Financial Assistance	St. Vincent de Paul Society	864.331.3937	
Legion of Mary	Denise Conway		denisejconway4@yahoo.com
Meal Train Coordinator	Jennifer Pfaffl		missfluff129@yahoo.com
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Submit your announcements 2 weeks prior to the desired bulletin date to bulletin submissions@princeofpeacetaylors.org



Letter about the departure of our Principal

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Dear Friends in Christ,

When my father was diagnosed with Parkinson's and dementia, I knew that I was entering into a very different phase of life, without any sense of how long that phase might be or what kind of person I would be on the other side of it. So when our beloved principal, Steve Cunningham, came to me confide that he and Jess were about to enter upon a similar phase of their life with their families, I immediately understood. Our Catholic religion teaches us about the sanctity of life, the importance of family, and the value of sacrifice. The news of the Cunninghams' departure at the end of this academic year is incredibly sad for me personally and as pastor of Prince of Peace. But the very fact that after prayer and discernment, they are moving home to honor their parents in a stage of life in which they are needed: that speaks volumes as to the integrity of their faith and their belief in the very values that make our Catholic schools so special.

Steve has done an incredible job in a relatively short period of time. He stepped into a school in transition and brought teaching experience, administrative acumen and a joyful but calm demeanor that was all a gift of God. He also took us from some very lean years to a new era of abundance while keeping us fit for mission, a gift that is rare and precious in school principals. But like all gifts from God, they are to be used according to His will and in His timing. It is a reminder that, as much as we don't like change, only the Cross of Christ stays the same. The challenge of filling Steve's shoes as the principal of our school is formidable; there's no doubt about that. But with thanksgiving for the gift that the Cunninghams are to us, we also see an opportunity to continue to move forward in faith. The Lord who blessed us with just the right man at the right time has His eye on the families that call Prince of Peace their spiritual home, and He will guide the process to choose a new principal.

I have asked Steve to personally guide the Principal Search Committee. It unusual for a pastor to ask an outgoing principal to guide the search for his successor, but I think it is extremely appropriate. We will be advertising the position in a national search through early January, and the committee will make a recommendation of three names to interview and vet, and then I will make the final decision. I ask for your prayers through this process that we make the best decision. I know that transitions of this sort are hard on families, but the day in and day out dedication of our faculty and staff means that the foundation of the school is very solid and healthy, and we will keep moving from strength to strength. For now, let us prayerfully engage this process and celebrate Steve's many accomplishments while driving forward to future glory!

In Christ,
Fr Christopher Smith, STD





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