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first sunday of advent



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

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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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Website: www.princeofpeacetaylors.org

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Recordings of homilies are on the parish website & [Apple Podcast](#)

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Formed: when you register at formed.org/signup, use code GYYF72.

Giving:

We appreciate your support: [Parish Offertory](#) & [Parish School Giving](#)

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! Learn more by emailing us at welcome@princeofpeacetaylors.org.



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Letter from Adult Faith Formation

An Extraordinary Parish for Ordinary People

Dear Parishioners,

When my wife and I moved to Greenville and joined Prince of Peace seven years ago, I can remember seeing gatherings for young adults advertised in the bulletin. Now, the staff here at POP are as careful as possible to include the “Who, What, When, and Where” people need to decided if an event is for them, but given our backgrounds being involved in the Evangelical Protestant world, we had preconceived categories for just who a “young adult ministry” was meant to serve. We had two children at the time with a third on the way, and we were always perplexed by exactly who the parish was inviting.

According to the USCCB, “young adults are those young people from all cultural communities and abilities between ages 18 and 39 who are single or married, with or without children, divorced or widowed, and in college, working, unemployed, incarcerated, or in the military.” This is an incredibly broad and diverse group of adults! The experiences and needs of a single 18 year old are clearly very different from those of a married 39 year old parent of 5.

While this is certainly true (as a 37 year old married father of 5, ask me how I know!) I don’t believe for a moment that the core needs of any age group are fundamentally different. Within the Church’s treasury of wisdom, we read that “The vocation of humanity is to show forth the image of God and to be transformed into the image of the Father’s only Son. This vocation takes a personal form since each of us is called to enter into the divine beatitude; it also concerns the human community as a whole (CCC, 1877).”

This vocation is the perennial both/and of Catholicism. Yes, certainly there is an inner personal call to conversion - that process which we remember beautifully as the “universal call to holiness,” - but it is not an isolated change in the individual which the Church is called to cultivate. We are drawn together by Christ’s will into an institution. We’re incorporated into a society formed by Christ himself and preserved by his Grace. We are knit together in a Mystery of mutual support and encouragement, urging one another like Saint Paul exhorts us to outdo one another in love (Rom 12:9-21).

Prince of Peace is a parish of marked diversity. I love that we have single men & women, young families, grandparents & great-grandparents, veteran married couples as well as newlyweds all kneeling side by side before the Altar of Christ and united in our worship of Him.

This bounty also suggests the problem of having groups who our existing ministries aren’t fully engaging. The Upstate is growing tremendously, and as a parish we want to deepen our outreach and service to those who are calling the Upstate - and in particular Prince of Peace - their home; we want to explore new ways to form bridges between the beautiful diversity in this parish, and to do that we need you.

The Diocese has made serving our young adults a focused priority. This means holding retreats, hosting public diocesan events like Theology on Tap, and seeking to equip parishes to serve the young adults in the pews. You can find all these on our social media and in our bulletin. While we don’t currently have a formal “young adult ministry” in this parish, we would like to begin connecting those of you who are passionate about building an edifying community of men and women for the purpose of not merely staying in segregated age-brackets, but of equipping you to know, love, live & share your Catholic Faith with the world around us.

The transforming community of Grace is the Church herself - and like all parishes the world over, we need everyone, particularly our young adults, to join the work of building up the Kingdom here in Taylors. We are seeking to accompany and challenge young men and women in their vocations and help them become leaders in the parish and the Church beyond. We have parish events and ministries which need your help and would love your participation! If you’re interested in joining a team to engage young adults in our parish with events and opportunities to deepen sense of Catholic Community while building a Catholic Culture here in the upstate, please contact me at 864.331.3902 or by email at michael.sandifer@princeofpeacetaylors.org. Let us make the words of our Savior our own, and pray to the Lord of the Harvest that he might send out laborers to work in his bountiful harvest of hearts hungry for the transforming power of God’s Truth, Goodness and Beauty.

In Christ,
Michael Sandifer

Our Map—A Smoke, Vape & Tobacco Free Campus



- 1 Parish House, under the protection of Our Lady of Fatima (includes within it Croghan Hall)
- 2 Guadalupe Hall
- 3 Lourdes Hall & School Office
- 4 Walsingham Hall
- 5 PAC (Parish Activity Center) & PAC Classroom
- 6 St Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Hall
- 7 Blessed McGivney Hall
- 8 Church
- 9 Christ the King Adoration Chapel
- Parking Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14
- 15 St Isidore Garden (feeds the hungry of SVDP)



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

Parish Calendar

Fr Christopher Smith = FCS Fr Richard Tomlinson = FRT Fr Timothy Davison= FTD | Readings are Year B

sunday, 1 dec first sunday of advent (English & Latin)	monday, 2 dec advent weekday (English) st bibiana (Latin)	tuesday, 3 dec st frances xavier (English & Latin)
8a Mass Anna Knapp-L (FRT) 10a Mass In Thanksgiving for Istanbul & For the People of the Parish (FCS) 12p Latin Mass Jonathan & Carey Arrington-L (FTD) 7p Compline	7a Mass Liz Burgdorf-L (FRT) 12p Latin Mass Lina Carangdang-L (FTD)	7a Mass Nicholas Gicking-L (FRT) 12p Latin Mass Atticus Killough-L (FCS) 6p Confessions
<i>1p basketball pac</i> <i>1.30p potluck parish house</i> <i>4p lazos de amor mariano mcgivney hall</i> <i>svdp in narthex</i>	<i>5.30a men's workout</i> <i>6p basketball pac</i> <i>6.30p legion of mary walsingham hall</i>	<i>9.30a marian servants</i> <i>6.30p fraternus & fidelis</i> <i>7p men's bible study guadalupe hall</i>
wednesday, 4 dec st john damascene (English) st peter chrysologus (Latin)	thursday, 5 dec advent weekday (English) feria of advent (Latin)	friday, 6 dec st nicholas (English & Latin)
8.30a Mass Christine Johnson-Buono-L (FCS) 12p Latin Mass Lindsey Kopeck-L (FRT) 5p Confessions	7a Mass Carol Delgado-L (FCS) 12p Latin Mass Loretta Daly-L (FRT) 7p Confessions	7a Mass Carol Mullman+(FCS) 12p Latin Mass Brian Mershon-L (FTD) 6p Advent Lessons & Carols
<i>7p introduction to catholicism PAC</i> <i>7p endow study guadalupe hall</i>	<i>5.30p aoh mcgivney ctr</i> <i>6p basketball pac</i> <i>6.30p CCM parish house</i>	<i>6p scouts parish house</i> <i>6p advent market set up pac</i> <i>parish office closed</i>
saturday, 7 dec st ambrose (English & Latin)	sunday, 8 dec second sunday of advent (English) immaculate conception of blessed virgin mary (Latin)	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, Dcn 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, Rosemary Craig, Janine Moore, Jean Casey, Thomas Dorsey, Jennifer Gregory, Kathleen & Dan Mottl, Peter McPherson, Annmarie Egas, Frank Cespedes, Mary Ann Egan, Julia Chatignyblais, Connie Meiners, Juan & Laura Pachur, Elizabeth Nowlan, Betty Baker, Deborah Baker, Andrew Frisari, Ed Matthews, Yanini Smith, Martha Catel, Anna & Casey Chevalier, Christine Tallman, Kayla Whatley, Matt Smith, Jenn Pfaffl, Valerie Pachur, Jim Eagan, Kathy Melone, Vanessa Baugh, Cal Valois & A. Thana Pacco Rivas, Tammy Jones, Brian Aho, Jim Roberts, Lorenzo Rosa, Jim Rimer, Judith Inghram, Alan Olson, Jacob Hinson, Jim Green, Mary Martin, Lucretia Albright, Daniel Bennett, Lisa Buss, Francine Burke, Carol Deretchin, David Purpura, Eileen Harrison, Hewitt Dickerson, Angela Bagley, Kenneth & Kathryn Gifford, Laura & Leonard Kuczewski, Irene Ponce, Sandy Milton, Joe Valitchka, & Alan Coker.
6.30a Latin Mass Therese Rickards+(FRT) 3.30p Confessions 5p Mass Bill & Linda Standera+(FCS)	8a Mass Kathie Martin+(FRT) 10a Mass Greg Kinkade-L (FCS) 12p Latin Mass For the People of the Parish (FTD) 7p Compline	
<i>8a columbiettes mcgivney hall</i> <i>9a-5p advent market pac</i> <i>10a bounce svdp hall</i> <i>holy land in narthex</i>	<i>8.50a religious education</i> <i>1p basketball pac</i> <i>4p lazos de amor mariano mcgivney hall</i> <i>6.30p catholic youth organization</i> <i>holy land in narthex</i>	
<p><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></p>		

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advent lessons and carols

Advent Lessons and Carols is Friday, 6 December at 6p in the Church. It is hosted by the parish school featuring students. All parishioners are encouraged to attend and enjoy a musical feast!

marian servants

The Marian Servants meet at 9.30a in McGivney Hall on 3, 10 and 17 December. Their first meeting in 2025 is 7 January. Contact Lisa Buss to learn more at marianservantsHFJ@gmail.com.

pink and blue gala 2025

The 4th annual Pink and Blue Gala benefitting St Clare's Home will be held on 21 February at Fluor Enterprises dining room with a Mardi Gras theme. Get Early Bird tickets at <https://stclareshomesc.org/pink-blue-gala>

pop women's craft night

Join a free monthly craft get together on the third Friday of the month from 6-10p in McGivney Hall. Bring your own supplies to work on a project or come observe others; all skill levels welcome! For questions, contact Melissa S. Miller at 864.569.1417 or Michelle Grabiec at m_grabiec@hotmail.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 dialysis centers. They welcome more volunteers and donations of yarn are always welcome. For information call Paulette at 864.434.0278.

parish office closed

The parish office will be closed on Friday, 6 December and Monday 9 December.

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 in the Church beginning 1 December. Prepare for the coming of the Prince of Peace in this special way!

advent confession schedule

Tuesdays, 3 & 10 December 6p
Wednesdays, 4 & 11 December 5p
Thursdays, 5 & 12 December 7p
Saturdays, 7, 14, & 21 December 3.30-4.40p
Tuesday, 17 December 7-9a, 12-2p, 5-7p
Wednesday, 18 December 7-9a, 12-2p, 5-7p
Thursday, 19 December 7-9a, 12-2p, 5-7p

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, 13 December at 7p in the church with a reception to follow in Parish House.
- **Women:** Thursday, 14 December at 9a. There will be no reception.

socialize over a meal

- The Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet at Olive Garden on Laurens Road on Tuesday, 10 December at 11.30a. Please RSVP to Dorothea Jones at 864.268.3354.
- All men of the parish and their friends are invited to breakfast and fellowship on the first Thursday of each month at Eggs Up at 3935 Pelham Rd. RSVP to Don Foersch at 864.268.3810

welcome new parishioners!

We're grateful to welcome the following new parishioners: John Kapus and family; Evan & Jenna Jaxx and Family

advent week 1 prayer

Lord, our God, we praise You for your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, 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 blessings 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 do not delay. We ask this in His holy name. Amen.



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make pop beautiful this christmas

Lit trees are \$275 each with sponsors listed in the Christmas bulletin! Make your check payable to Prince of Peace Catholic Church, mail or drop off your check in the parish office clearly marking "Christmas Tree" on your check and attn. Maria Rauch and Christmas tree on the envelope. The deadline is 10 December.

Christmas flowers (poinsettias) in memory or honor of loved ones may be donated using the Christmas flower envelope by noon on 16 December.

Please clearly **print** the name of your loved one on your envelope.



st vincent de paul needs

St. Vincent DePaul accepts online giving through their tithe.ly and checks made directly to SVDP. Pantry donations may be left in the large wooden bin in the Narthex. Current pantry needs are:

- Bar Soap
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Detergent
- Canned Peas
- Canned Kidney Beans
- Canned Baked Beans
- Mac & Cheese

Please note SVdP is only able to accept non expired pantry items as well as gently used clothing items. They are not able to accept household items, car seats, furniture, etc. without prior approval from SVdP.

over 900 books, socializing and fun await

The Blessed McGivney Hall is open on Sundays after the 10a Mass. Grab a coffee or hot chocolate, peruse a library of over 900 vetted Catholic titles, and socialize with parishioners. Indoor and outdoor activities are available for kids of all ages! **Please note that children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver at all times.** Contact John Olson to learn more at jamolson@gmail.com. If you have questions about the library, email library@princeofpeacetaylors.org

parish school donations

Did you know that 45% of families rely on financial assistance to attend the parish school? Your donations to our Annual Fund are needed. Prayfully consider making a Catholic education possible with a check to POPCS or [online gift today!](#)



become a registered parishioner

If you consider Prince of Peace your spiritual home we ask that you register! Please visit our website princeofpeacetaylors.org and click the register button.

october offertory

Giving to the offertory is convenient and easy. Scan the QR code to connect to Tithely to make your gift. Or, options to give to special projects are available.



Offertory	As of October 31, 2024		
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)
Month	\$ 148,773	\$ 137,335	\$11,438
Year-To-Date	\$ 573,985	\$ 584,918	(\$10,933)

latin mass community monthly potluck

The Latin Mass community hosts a potluck the first Sunday of each month in Parish House after the 12n Latin Mass. Please bring a main dish to share. Help set up and clean up! Questions? Contact the Green Family at 719.660.3440.

meal train at pop

Parishioners and school families are invited to reach out to Jennifer Pfaffl by email at missfluff129@yahoo.com during times of need to have a Meal Train organized. It takes a village to provide support to those in need. Please consider supporting the gift of comfort for those in need.

columbiettes selling coupon book

The Columbiettes are selling \$25 coupon books for use in 2025 to fund the Carol Tonon Scholarship. Available for purchase in the parish office.

rosary over zoom

A group of parishioners gather over Zoom on Tuesdays at 7p for a rosary. To learn more, contact Lisa at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org

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spiritual adoption of a pregnancy

The Respect Life Ministry asks members of the parish to *spiritually* adopt newly pregnant women so that they will have the courage to choose life and carry their baby to term. To spiritually adopt is a commitment to pray for the mothers until 25 December. Contact Pam at 864.233.6200 to enroll.

- **Gestation Week 37:** The average baby weighs around 6 pounds at 37 weeks, and they are about the size of a romaine lettuce. Your baby's systems are almost fully developed, and they can breathe on their own. Their hair and nails may be fully grown, and the vernix caseosa, a creamy white substance that protects their skin, is thinning. Psalm 139:14 - *I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made*

year c begins now

Did you know the Lectionary follows two cycles: one for Sundays and one for weekdays? The Sunday cycle has three years—A, B, and C. Year A focuses on the Gospel of Matthew, Year B on Mark and chapter 6 of John, and Year C on Luke. The Gospel of John is also read every year during the Easter season. The liturgical year begins not on 1 January but on the First Sunday of Advent, when we switch to a new cycle year.

The first reading, usually from the Old Testament, complements the Gospel theme, while the second reading, often from an epistle, is read nearly continuously, picking up from the previous week. Year C readings in the St. Isaac Jogues Missals start on December 1.

immaculate conception

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 Sunday this year, therefore, is moved to Monday, 9 December. **It is a Holy day of obligation.**

- Mass times are 7a, 8.30a, 12p Latin and 7p.

monday morning workout for men

Join the men (18 and older) of the parish who “offer it up” and attack the week every Monday morning from 5.30-6.15a for outdoor exercise and prayer. No fitness background is necessary. Park in the lot between the PAC and McGivney Hall. Participants will offer up prayer and suffering for Fr. Smith, Fr. Tomlinson, all clergy, our own families, and the marriage and family life throughout the Parish. Questions? Contact Paul Pizzuti at pizzuti@fidei.email or 864.501.8954.

rorate mass during advent

Join us for Rorate Mass on Saturdays in Advent: 7, 14, and 21 December, at 6.30a in Latin. 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. A solemn High Rorate Mass will be 7 December.

giving tuesday

As we look forward to the coming season, let us shift our attention to an important upcoming event: #GivingTuesday. This global day of giving on 3 December provides an opportunity for our parish community at Prince of Peace to come together in support of our Annual Fund. The Annual Fund plays a crucial role in keeping tuition costs lower for all families by offsetting the true cost of education and providing targeted financial aid for families in need.

Your generosity on #GivingTuesday will directly impact our primary apostolate of handing on the faith, ensuring that every child who enters our school receives an excellent, faith-filled education. Please prayerfully consider joining us in this vital effort. Every gift, no matter the size, brings us closer to fulfilling our mission and supporting our students and families.





ADVENT MARKET



- Artisans and ministries selling hand-made goods and gifts
- Advent items (candles, wreaths, calendars, meditation books, etc)
- Unveiling of The Great Nativity with life-sized figures and animals
- Kids crafts, Jesse tree scavenger hunt, and Christ child figurine giveaway



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SCHEDULE

- 9.30a Sugar Cookie Decorating
- 11a Advent Lantern Craft with Maria Barontini (pre-registration required via QR code)
- 12n Saint Nicholas book reading and photo opportunity
- 1:30p Church Tour with Deacon Gus Suarez
- 2.30p Adult Choir and Friends Caroling



SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER

9a - 5p

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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		communications@princeofpeacetaylors.org
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CYO (Catholic Youth Organization)	John & Stephanie Lasitter		cyo@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Food & Financial Assistance	St. Vincent de Paul Society	864.331.3937	
Introduction to Catholicism	Sean Chapman		rcia@princeofpeacetaylors.org
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Respect Life	Pam Harrison	864-233-6200	pharriso@bellsouth.net
Spiritual Direction	Lisa Buss		spiritualdirection@princeofpeacetaylors.org

Submit your announcements 2 weeks prior to the desired bulletin date to bulletin submissions@princeofpeacetaylors.org



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fr smith's advent reading

Jean-Jacques Olier was a 17th century priest who had the most fashionable parish in Paris, but noticed that his college students at the Sorbonne were basically pagans, and that many of his people did not really understand the spiritual meaning of what they saw and did at Mass. So he set about making the Church of Saint Sulpice a model of Christian faith and practice, and formed generations of priests in sanctity and communal life. His book, *The Mystical Meaning of the Ceremonies of the Mass*, remains even today as a classic of the spiritual life. His poetic approach to theology sees in every rite and ceremony of the Mass a parallel to the life of Christ, and in which we access that life. This is not just a history of the Mass, but a spiritual meditation on the sacred liturgy. Fr Smith said reading it, "I will never approach the altar the same way again after having read Olier's book!" Order it from Amazon [here](#).

end of life seminar

Join us on Saturday, 14 December, from 8a-12p in Croghan Hall for an informative and faith-filled End of Life Seminar. Prepare yourself and your loved ones for the inevitable with insights from experts covering both spiritual and practical aspects of end-of-life planning.

Highlights:

- Deacon Nestor Acosta – Guidance on planning and preparing funerals with the Parish.
- Renee Tedrick, Associate Attorney – Estate and financial planning, Catholic Healthcare Power of Attorney, wills, and DNRs.
- Jackie Edgerton, Executive Director, Catholic Community Foundation of SC – Endowments, trusts, and legacy giving through the Diocese of Charleston.
- Kathy Schmutz, Director of Social Ministry, DOC – Spiritual and practical concerns of death and eternal life.
- John McAfee – Insights into arrangements and planning with funeral homes.

Take advantage of this opportunity to reflect on end-of-life planning through a Catholic lens.

candles on the st joseph altar

If you had a loved one who had a candle at the St Joseph altar, you may pick up the candle from the parish office between 1 December-1 January. After 1 January the candles will be used for other things.

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.

- 6th-12th grade boys are invited to participate on Tuesdays from 6.30-8.10p in the PAC. Contact Ernesto at upstatefraternus@gmail.com
- 6th-12th grade ladies are invited to participate on Tuesdays from 6.30-8.10p in Parish House. Contact Maureen at upstatefidelis@gmail.com

blessing of expectant mothers

On Gaudete Sunday, 15 December, all expectant mothers are invited to receive a special blessing at the 10a & 12p Mass. Everyone should wear pink (rose).

ccm

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers invites all physical and spiritual mothers to join us for our next meeting on Thursday, 5 December at 6:30p in Croghan Hall. We will exchange Christmas ornaments (\$15 budget) and enjoy a movie and snacks. For additional information, email ccm@princeofpeacetaylors.org.

gift wrapping service

The 8th grade students of the parish school are hosting a gift wrapping service on Sunday, 8 December and 15 December from 9a-12p to raise funds for their graduation trip to Savannah, Georgia.

Drop off your gifts before Mass in Guadalupe Hall and pick them up afterward! Label each gift with who it's for and who it's from. No charge is required, but donations are appreciated!

knights of columbus 9184

Knights of Columbus 9184 meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7p in McGivney Hall. Questions? knightsofcolumbus9184@gmail.com



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