



19 January 2025
 second Sunday in
 ordinary time (English)
 second Sunday after
 epiphany (Latin)

epiphany blessing of the parish school



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

Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune
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Pastor

Canon Christopher Smith

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Richard Tomlinson

Deacons

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 Robert Smith, Gus Suárez, Mark
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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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Library:

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

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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 our Pastor

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Dear Friends,

Parents are the primary educators of their children and they have to make the decision as to what is best for their children. Not every school situation is the right fit for each child. But no matter what school parents decide to put their children in, all parents assume the responsibility every time they present a child for baptism to raise them in the faith. That is more than just bringing them for the sacraments. It means introducing them to the life-long learning that is proper to a disciple of Jesus Christ, bringing them to Mass every Sunday and Holy Day, and praying every day with them.

The principal apostolate of the parish for the handing on of the Catholic faith at Prince of Peace is our parish school. Our school has a very high academic baseline, bringing out of the treasure house the best of what is old and what is new when it comes to education. We also dialogue with families whose children might need some accommodation on various aspects of the educational experience, within a range that we can do well.

Every family who has a child in the parish needs to have the freedom to choose what is in the best interest of the child. But each family also has a duty to check the parish school out first precisely because it is the principal apostolate of the parish. I often have families who make a lot of assumptions about what the school is like, the admissions process, tuition costs and how financial aid is granted, and they base their decision not to come to Prince of Peace on those assumptions without ever having gone on a tour, witnessed the school in action, or sat down with the principal for a conversation.

Unlike many Catholic schools today, our own parish school is almost 90% parishioners, which, I am told, makes it the highest in the diocese. Many schools now have so many non-parishioners in parish schools that the school does not even reflect the life of the parish at all, or so many non-Catholics that a vigorous commitment to Catholic identity in every aspect of school life is replaced by vague platitudes about being a school “in the Catholic tradition” or “respecting Catholic values”, and then that watered down approach hardly forms well-grounded Catholic leaders for the future. In the area, we also have parishes without Catholic schools, who are welcomed at our parish schools, but they are often not even considered at all.

Enrolment is starting for the next school year, and we have made a commitment to a school which is small but beautiful. We prioritise our own parishioners who can go through the admissions process and are a good fit for the school, but then open up for others as well. But that means that you cannot delay when it comes to getting in, so please come by the school this week to learn more.

If your three most important factors in a school decision are: 1) authentic Catholicism lived in a community based on worship and virtue, 2) academic excellence in the Western intellectual tradition open to the classic and the contemporary, and 3) an environment where children are loved, respected and challenged to become the best versions of themselves in Christ they can be, for Prince of Peace parishioners, I think you need to look at our school this week, even if you don't have children yet or at all. If they are not what your factors are, what are they and why? And how do they fit in to the promise you gave to God at baptism to raise your child in the faith?

The Parish School invites all parishioners to visit the school after the 10a Mass and enjoy donuts on the plaza on Sunday, 26 January for Parishioner Appreciation Day as we kick off Catholic Schools Week!

Fr. Christopher E. Smith

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
- 10 St Joseph's Workshop
- Parking Lots 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15



= 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 C

sunday, 19 january second sunday in ordinary time (English) second sunday after epiphany (Latin)	monday, 20 jan sts fabian & sebastian (English & Latin)	tuesday, 21 jan st agnes (English & Latin)
8a Mass Mary-L & Bill+ Sloka (FCS) 10a Mass For the People of the Parish (FTD) 12p Latin Mass Kevin Lewis-L (FRT) 6p Vespers	9a Mass Jennifer & Andrea Sexton-L (FTD)	7a Mass Carol & Wes Guebert+ (FTD) No 12p Latin Mass
1p basketball pac 4p lazos de amor mariano mcgivney hall 6.30p CYO	5.30a men's workout 6p basketball pac 6.30p legion of mary walsingham hall	9.30a marian servants mcgivney hall 6.30p fidelis & fraternus 6.30p 4th degree kofc mcgivney hall 7p men's bible guadalupe hall
wednesday, 22 jan weekday (English) sts vincent & anastasius (Latin)	thursday, 23 jan sts vincent & marianne cope (English) st raymond of penafort (Latin)	friday, 24 jan st francis de sales (English) st timothy (Latin)
8.30a Mass Kristen Devlin-L (FTD) No 12p Latin Mass No Confessions	7a Mass Toca Family-L (FTD) No 12p Latin Mass	7a Mass Carol Mullman+ (FTD) 12p Latin Mass Luisita Ovejas+ (FCS)
7p introduction to catholicism pac	6p basketball pac 6.30p introduction to marian catechism class croghan hall	6p basketball pac
saturday 25 jan the conversion of st paul (English & Latin)	sunday, 26 jan third sunday in ordinary time (English) third sunday after epiphany (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, 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, 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, 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, Ollie Thompson, Dorothy McDonald, & Alejandro Kawasaki.
8a Latin Mass Tim Seger+ (FCS) 3.30p Confessions 5p Mass Deceased Blaze Family (FRT)	8a Mass Alan & Frances Coker-L (FCS) 10a Mass For the People of the Parish (FTD) 12p Latin Mass Seger Family-L (FRT) 6p Vespers	
8a basketball pac 2.30p clergy meeting	8.50 religious education 11.15a parish school open house & donuts on the plaza 1p basketball pac 4p lazos de amor mariano mcgivney hall 6.30p CYO	
<p>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.</p>		



Happenings & Needs

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homebound ministry

If you are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion, 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 St Vincent de Paul Hall. Learn more: Julie at 864.561.4733 or Jim 864.238.6850

catholic youth organization

Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) is for grades 9-12. During the school year, young men and women meet on Sundays 6.30-8.30p in Parish House to share a meal, play games, and talk about faith. Questions? Contact John and Steph Lasitter at cyo@princeofpeacetaylors.org.

- Donate a meal for 30 CYO kids —[Sign Up Here](#)

substitute teachers needed

Join our Substitute Teacher list at the parish school! Please email the Liz Burgdorf, Receptionist, to learn more at reception@popcatholicschool.org.

serve as an usher or greeter

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

parish office & school closed

The parish office & school will be closed Monday, 20 January in observance of Martin Luther King.

Donations (envelopes in the narthex may be dropped into the offertory baskets)



sanctuary candle \$20
donated by: Elizabeth & Jeurgen
in honor of: Karen Miller



bread & wine \$20
donated by: Elizabeth & Jeurgen
in honor of: Pat Hodur



flowers \$400



music \$300

perpetual eucharistic adoration



"The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives." Luke 4:18

Share a Holy hour with the Lord!
Contact Lisa Buss at 864.508.7123 or adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org. The following times are in need of adoption (*urgent):

Sunday - 9p; Monday - 12p*; Tuesday - 6p;
Wednesday - 12p & 6p & 11p;
Thursday - 1a* & 8p; Friday - 12p

baptism class

Parents desiring Baptism for their child must attend a Baptism Class. The next class is Thursday, 13 February. Register by contacting Deacon Gus at 864.420.0497 or by email at gus.suarez@princeofpeacetaylors.org.

⇒ *Baptisms cannot be scheduled until the class is completed. Only Deacon Acosta can schedule Baptisms.*

men's bible study

Deacon Michael Thompson leads a Men's Bible Study meeting Tuesdays at 7p in Guadalupe Hall. They are studying the Book of Romans! All men should come. Contact Dcn Thompson at 864.365.8178 with questions.

mass intentions

The parish has Mass cards for Mass intentions to be said in the Holy Land anytime.

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relics at pop

Did you know that in addition to Prince of Peace Catholic Church having Shrines with relics of St Josemaría Escrivá & Blessed Karl of Austria, our altar contains relics of St Pius X, St Callistus I, St Linus & St Elizabeth Ann Seton? And, Fr Smith has a favorite ciborium engraved with “Pope Pius X” (Pius X is the pope who lowered age for First Communion).

marian servants

The Marian Servants meet at 9.30a in McGivney Hall on Tuesdays. Contact Lisa Buss to learn more at marianservantsHFJ@gmail.com.

welcome new parishioners

Join us in welcoming the following new members of our parish: Michael & Riva Johnson & Family; Zack & Crystal Beach & Family; Richard & Mary Belyski; Curtis & Michelle & Family; and Trish Hernandez

social opportunities for men

- All men of the parish and their friends are invited to breakfast and fellowship on the first Thursday of each month at 8a at Eggs Up at 3935 Pelham Rd. For more information call Don Foersch at 864.268.3810

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.

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

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.

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, 21 Feb at 7p in the church. Reception following.
- **Women:** Saturday, 22 Feb at 9a. There will be no reception.

candlemas—2 february

Candlemas, also known as the Feast of Light, is a day of purification, renewal, and hope. On this day, exactly 40 days after Christmas, we commemorate Mary's obedience to Mosaic law by submitting herself to the Temple for the ritual of purification, as commanded in Leviticus 12:2-8.

This year Candlemas lands on a Sunday, 2 February. There will be blessing of candles at the 10a & 12p Masses. You may either bring your own candles to be blessed or you can get Candlemas candles from the parish office for \$5. The size of the candles are 8" and there are 2 in a box.

Candles to be blessed for 10a Mass are to be placed in the baskets in the Narthex. For 12p Mass, place candles on the table in the basket by the communion rail before Mass.

roller sports night

The parish school invites all families in the parish community to a Spirit Night at Roller Sports in Taylors on 31 January from 4.30-6.30p. Adult and child skaters are \$5. Glow sticks are \$1.50. No RSVP needed—just come and have fun!

tax donation letters

Parishioner donation acknowledgement letters should be mailed the first week of February 2025. If you have any questions about your 2024 giving, please contact Mark Pulley at 864.331.3907.

correction

In the 12 January bulletin, we incorrectly stated that the smallest Mass for attendance is the 12n. The smallest Mass for attendance is 5p on Saturday.



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sermon series

Our deacons will lead preaching on the seven deadly sins in the new year following this schedule:

- 12 Jan. An Introduction to the Seven Deadly Sins with Pride: the Root of All Sin - Dcn. Michael Cavin
- 19 Jan. Greed: You Can't Take it With You - Dcn. Nestor Acosta
- 26 Jan. Wrath: Anger Ablaze - Dcn. Bob Smith
- 2 Feb. The Feast of Presentation/Purification - Priests
- 9 Feb. Envy: The Green Monster - Dcn. Michael Thompson
- 16 Feb Lust: Love in All the Wrong Places - Dcn. Mark Thompson
- 23 Feb Gluttony: More than You Ever Needed - Priests
- 2 March Sloth: The Noonday Demon - Dcn. Gus Suarez

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:

- Cereal
- Canned Tuna & Chicken; Canned White Beans; Canned Mixed Vegetables
- Spaghetti Os
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Crackers

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 hot drink or breakfast, 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. Prayerfully 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.

***If your tax statement says 9000# or you did not receive our Christmas card, you're not a registered parishioner! Please register.**

december 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 December 31, 2024		
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)
Month	\$ 222,800	\$ 209,384	\$13,416
Year-To-Date	\$ 931,221	\$ 942,068	(\$10,847)

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.

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mothers of lu

In the year 1881 in a little village near Turin, Italy the mothers of the village, with the guidance of their priest, decided to gather together for a weekly hour of Eucharistic Adoration, Mass and community prayer. Their prayer was a simple one in which they asked God to grant to them an increase of vocations in their homes and parish. Through their prayers, a joy and deep piety developed in the homes of the families of Lu. Over a period of time from this tiny village came 323 vocations! There is a famous picture which was published in 1946 with many of these religious pictured on the steps of the church. St. John Bosco spent time in Lu and was the spiritual Father to Blessed Philip Rinaldi, of the Rinaldi family who experienced seven vocations. Our parish began to say this simple "Mothers of Lu" prayer after the 12n mass more than 6 years ago. In that time, our parish has joyfully experienced 5 young men and women saying "yes" to a vocation to the religious life. There are a few more who are currently prayerfully considering joining the religious life as well. Parishioners from the 10am and 12pm masses gather at our Lady's altar after mass and say this Mother's of Lu prayer as a community. Some parishioners have also begun to offer a weekly adoration hour as well. At Prince of Peace this prayer is not specifically for the mothers of our parish. We encourage anyone who wishes to join us at our Lady's altar after mass as well as to encourage anyone who wishes to begin these prayers after the 5pm (Sat) and 8am (Sun) masses. The prayers can be found in a bound folder placed on a small table to the right of the our Lady's altar.

Mothers of Lu Prayer at Prince of Peace:

O God, if it be Your will, please accept the sons and daughters of our Parish to serve you as priests and religious. Help us to live as good and holy Christians giving good example to them. Help us to guide the children of our parish to always do what is right so that they may receive the grace of God to become holy priests and religious, if it be Your Holy Will. Amen.

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.

vespers

On Sundays, beginning 19 January and ending 2 March, we will celebrate Solemn Vespers or Evening Prayer, in the Church at 6p. This 30–35 minute service is a beautiful way to end the day with the Church's public prayer. Servers and their families are encouraged to attend. We need a Thurifer, Crucifer, 2 acolytes, and an MC each week.

catechism classes

Prince of Peace is pleased to once again offer Servant of God John Hardon's Catholic Catechism courses this year. The Marian Catechist Apostolate is dedicated to raising up ordinary Catholics from all walks of life to become vibrant saints through a deeper knowledge of our beautiful Catholic Faith. The Basic Course dives into the essentials of the Faith through sixteen lessons of prayerful, rigorous study. Remember, all Catholics are called to be Evangelists. We have a duty to grow in Faith, Hope, and Charity.

Join us on Thursday, 23 January in Croghan Hall at 6.30p to learn how we can help you deepen your faith and be prepared to answer any challenging question thrown at you! For more information, contact Michael at Michael.Sandifer@princeofpeacetaylors.org.

belonging conference

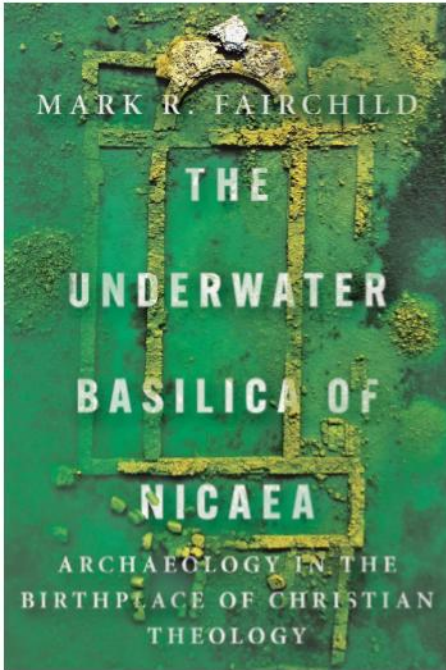
All women are invited to the Belonging Women's Conference on Saturday, 22 February, at St. Joseph's Catholic School. Join women from across the Diocese for a day of prayer, encouragement, and joy centered on the theme of HOPE. Highlights include a keynote by Paula Umana, workshops, vendors, lunch, Adoration, and Mass. Visit www.HeartRidgeMinistries.com/Belonging for details and registration.



Prepare for Lent

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fr smith's lenten reading recommendation



This year marks the 1700th anniversary of the first of the 21 ecumenical councils of the Catholic Church, the First Council of Nicea. The Emperor Constantine called all of the bishops of the world to a meeting to develop a consensus on what the deposit of faith had to reveal about the divinity of Jesus Christ. Christians were divided amongst themselves because of the novel teaching of Arius that Jesus was not fully God, which provoked the censure of Saint Athanasius of Alexandria. The result of that meeting was a profession of faith called the Nicene Creed, which we pray every Sunday (albeit with a few additions from another ecumenical council, Constantinople I, from 381).

But where is Nicea today? Our parish has a long standing relationship with the Church in Turkey, specifically with the parish in Bursa, which is the closest Christian community near the site of ancient Nicea, known in Turkish as Iznik. Today, tourists go to Iznik to see the tremendously beautiful tile work produced by expert craftsmen. Christians will go and, when they find out that they are standing in the city of the first ecumenical council, will ask themselves where that historic event took place.

Mark Fairchild, a theology professor at Huntington University, was part of an archeological expedition underwater which found a basilica that matches all of the known data about the place the council was held. His book: *The Underwater Basilica of Nicaea: Archaeology in the Birthplace of Christian Theology* was released in November 2024. In this book, the Indiana Jones of the Primitive Church discusses the world where this council took place, how Christianity came to it and why the Emperor chose it, out of so many possible places, for a meeting that would change the course of Christian history. The discovery of an underwater church and royal meeting hall in 2014 and the daring research done about it has been one of the most groundbreaking events in archeological and theological history. How did it end up at the bottom of a lake, and what secrets does it yield about our Christian history that are relevant for today?

When we recite the Nicene Creed every Lord's Day, it's hard to envision where it came from, and sometimes, even why it has been such an important part of Christian belief and practice enduring over 1700 years! After reading this book as our parish Lenten reading, my hope is that, by learning more about our ancient Christian history near the place where we cooperate in mission, the Creed will come alive as a vital part of our worship!

ash wednesday

Ash Wednesday is 5 March. Mass times are:

- 7a Mass & Distribution of Ashes
- 8.30a Mass & Distribution of Ashes
- 12p Latin Mass & Distribution of Ashes
- 7p Mass & Distribution of Ashes

stations of the cross

Before we begin the stations of the Cross, the first week we will have a Lenten Penitential Devotion & Procession on Friday, 7 March at 7p.

Stations of the Cross and Benediction will be Fridays at 7p beginning 14 March – 11 April

Solemn Celebration of the Stations of the Cross will be on Friday, 11 April at 7p. Stations of the Cross and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be on Friday, 18 April at 12p



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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
Legion of Mary	Pat Hodur	864.616.7459	ph137@aol.com
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Submit your announcements 2 weeks prior to the desired bulletin date to bulletin submissions@princeofpeacetaylors.org



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women's study

The Women's Study will begin reading and discussing *Courageous Women: A Study on the Heroines of Biblical History* by Stacy Mitch on Wednesdays at 7p beginning 29 January. If you're not able to get a copy of the book at this time, please don't let that deter you from coming to the group. We read aloud (there's no homework!)

pop art party 2025

We are thrilled to invite you to join us for the 21st Annual POP Art Gala on 1 March 2025—a Mardi Gras moonlit masquerade event! This vibrant evening will blend the spirit of New Orleans with the mission of Prince of Peace Catholic School, creating an unforgettable experience to support the extraordinary accomplishments of our students. Get your tickets now!



parish school annual fund

Thanks to your generosity, we've already raised \$34,730 toward our Annual Fund goal of \$35,000 – but we're not done yet! Together, we can make a POPCS education accessible for all, especially the 45% of our students who need financial assistance.

Here's how YOU can make an impact today:

1. **Make Your Gift Now** – Every donation, no matter the size, brings us closer to our goal. [Give online](#) or send in your donation to the school office.
2. **Spread the Word** – Share our mission with family, friends, and colleagues. A simple text, email, or social media post can inspire others to give.
3. **Employer Match** – Check if your employer offers matching gifts – it could double your donation!
4. **Honor Someone You Love** – Make a gift in honor of a teacher, family member, or friend who values Catholic education.
5. **Pray for Our Mission** – Pray for the success of our Annual Fund and for all the students who benefit from your generosity.

Together, we can provide the financial support needed to ensure every child at Prince of Peace receives a faith-filled, high-quality education. Let's finish strong and make this goal a reality!

celebrate pro-life month this january

January marks Pro-Life Month, a time to honor the sanctity of life and renew our commitment to protecting the vulnerable. To put our faith into action, our parish is partnering with our school to support Birthright of Greenville, an organization that provides compassionate care and practical assistance to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Throughout January, we invite you to drop off donations at the school. The items they are most in need of include:

- Diapers (Sizes NB, 4, and 5)
- Wipes
- Baby Wash/Shampoo
- Pacifiers and Bottles (New)
- Sleepers – girls 3-6 months (New)
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