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

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Fr. Richard Tomlinson

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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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#### 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](mailto:welcome@princeofpeacetaylors.org).



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# Letter from our Pastor

An Extraordinary Parish for Ordinary People

Dear Friends,

*There are four marks that set our school apart:*

### 1. Intentional Catholicism

We don't happen to be Catholic. We breathe Catholic. Prince of Peace School is the principal apostolate of Prince of Peace Catholic Church for the transmission of the Catholic faith and the building up of a Catholic culture formed by worship, the quest for truth and in communion with the universal Church. Heaven, not this world, is the goal; formation for beatific vision. The heart of our school life is Holy Mass on Sundays as a parish family, and the center of the academic week is Holy Mass on Wednesdays as a school community.

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me". John 14.6*

### 2. Intellectual Rigor

The school blends the best of the old and the best of the new with a classical approach to the humanities and an innovative approach to the sciences. The curriculum is designed for children who want to be challenged by a rigorous curriculum and hard work. We look for growth by applying a disciplined approach to learning, and quantifiable results by testing and evaluation. The children are immersed in the Western intellectual tradition while simultaneously being open to creative and groundbreaking approaches to learning.

*And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." Matthew 13.25*

### 3. Human Flourishing

Every child is made in the image and likeness of God, and the school is a ministry to facilitate the unleashing of each admitted child's potentialities. Respect for the child and integrating each child into a community of virtue and emotional intelligence helps build leaders for the future. Discreet accommodations and extra help for children who may struggle with certain aspects of the curriculum are provided in the context of a dialogue with the family. Truth, beauty and goodness inspire children to be who they are created by God to be; they are not just numbers, test results, or technocratic robots.

*"The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the LORD Shall flourish in the courts of our God". Psalm 92. 12-15*

### 4. Authentic Community

Our school is made of families from an incredibly diverse mosaic of ethnic, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds who are selected after an admissions process because they are mission fit for authentic community in the school and church family. Families develop friendships and support networks that last far into the days when the profile of the graduate is reached at the consummation of an academic and cultural journey with us. Care for each other is inculcated at every level of the experience. The school is not an institution but an extension of the home, the domestic church.

*"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." —Colossians 3:12-14*

## 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 (SVPD) 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

<b>sunday, 9 mar</b> first sunday of lent (English & Latin)	<b>monday, 10 mar</b> lenten weekday (English) feria of lent (Latin)	<b>tuesday 11 mar</b> lenten weekday (English) feria of lent (Latin)
8a Mass For the People of the Parish (FRT) 10a Mass Mary Jean Heap-L (FRT) 12p Latin Mass Rosie Seger+ with Blessing of Pieta (FCS) 7p Compline	7a Mass Veronica & Patrick Murphy-L (FTD) 12p Latin Mass Tim & Rosie Seger+ (FRT)	7a Mass Hannah & Sean Craig-L (FTD) 12p Latin Mass Beverly Scovill+ (FRT)
8.50a religious education 4p lazos de amor mariano mcgivney hall 6.30p CYO 8p basketball PAC	5.30a men's workout 6p volleyball PAC 6.30p legion of mary walsingham hall	9.30a marian servants mcgivney hall 6.30p fidelis & fraternus 7p men's bible guadalupe hall
<b>wednesday, 12 mar</b> lenten weekday (English) ember wednesday in lent (Latin)	<b>thursday 13 mar</b> lenten weekday(English) feria of lent (Latin)	<b>friday, 14 mar</b> lenten weekday (English) ember friday in lent (Latin)
7a Mass Christie Clark+ (FTD) 8.30a Mass Rolando Aienza+ (FCS) 12p Latin Mass Joseph Cosgrove+ (FRT) 5p Confessions	7a Mass Fred Adams+ (FCS) 12p Latin Mass Mary Seger-L (FRT) 7p Confessions	7a Mass Deceased Pham VC Family (FTD) 12p Latin Mass Ellen K Cosgrove+ (FCS) 7p Stations of the Cross
7p introduction to catholicism pac 7p women's study guadalupe hall	6.30p baptism class walsingham 7p kofc mcgivney hall 7p modernism class parish house	5.30p lenten dinner pac 7p lazos de amor mariano parish house
<b>saturday 15 mar</b> lenten weekday (English) ember saturday in lent (Latin)	<b>sunday, 16 mar</b> second sunday of lent (English & Latin)	<b>prayer requests</b>
8a Latin Mass James Cosgrove+ (FRT) 3.30p Confessions 5p Mass Sherry Wright+ (FRT)	8a Mass For the People of the Parish (FRT) 10a Mass Thomas Allgaier, Sr.+ (FCS) 12p Latin Mass Steve Schultz+(FCS) 7p Compline	All those serving our country, Brian Aho, Lucretia Albright, Angela Bagley, Deborah Baker, Jim Bannister, Vanessa Baugh, Daniel Bennett, Francine Burke, Wrenn Calcutt, Jean Casey, Martha Catel, Frank Cespedes, Julia Chatignyblais, Anna Chevalier & Casey Chevalier, Alan Coker, Rosemary Craig, Gena Cunningham, Carol Deretchin, Heather Dickerson, Thomas Dorsey, Gloria Dussich, Jim Eagan, Mary Ann Egan, Annmarie Egas, Andrew Frisari, Kenneth Gifford & Kathryn Gifford, Jim Green, Jennifer Gregory, Bridgitte Gunnells, Shannon Harkins, Eileen Harrison, Mary Jean Heap, Judith Inghram, Carl Jones, Tammy Jones, Alejandro Kawasaki, Laura Kuczewski & Leonard Kuczewski, Julie Mallory, Mary Martin, Ed Matthews, Dorothy McDonald, Peter McPherson, Connie Meiners, Kathy Melone, Sandy Milton, Janine Moore, Kathleen Mottl & Dan Mottl, Kristina Murphy, Lillie Nesbitt, Elizabeth Nowlan, Alan Olson, Valerie Pachur, Jenn Pfaffl, Irene Ponce, Doris Pratt, Kenneth Price, David Purpura, Lorenzo Rosa, Rose Schillaci, Christy Smith, Dcn Bob Smith, Lois Smith, Matt Smith, Yanini Smith, Kevin Stanton, Susan Subrizi, Christine Tallman, Laurie Taylor, Joe Valitchka, Cal Valois & A. Thana Pacco Rivas, Luigina Warga, Kayla Whatley, Sarah Williams, Stephen Wiltberger, Riley Holcomb
9.30a legion of mary lourdes hall	no religious education coffee after 10a mass at the plaza 4p lazos de amor mariano mcgivney hall 6.30p CYO 8p basketball PAC	
<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>		



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Liz Burgdorf, Receptionist, to learn more at [reception@popcatholicschool.org](mailto: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](mailto:mad4jen@msn.com)!

## perpetual eucharistic adoration



**"No one who believes in Him will be put to shame." Romans 10:8**

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

Monday - 12a\* & 10a\*; Tuesday - 6a & 6p;  
Wednesday - 6p & 11p; Friday - 3a\*;  
Saturday - 8p\* & 9p\*

## baptism class

Parents desiring Baptism for their child must attend a Baptism Class. The next class is Thursday, 13 March. Register by contacting Deacon Gus at 864.420.0497 or by email at [gus.suarez@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:gus.suarez@princeofpeacetaylors.org). ⇒ *Baptisms cannot be scheduled until the class is completed. Only Deacon Acosta can schedule Baptisms.*

## men's bible study

Dcn Michael Thompson leads a Men's Bible Study meeting Tuesdays at 7p in Guadalupe Hall 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.

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



sanctuary candle \$20  
donated by:  
Martin G Leo  
in memory of: James Leo



bread & wine \$20  
donated by: Martin G Leo  
in memory of: James Leo



flowers \$400



music \$300

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## summer camps at pop

Information about Summer Camps at our parish are found on our website along with registration forms! Visit <https://princeofpeacetaylors.org/summer-camps-2025/> to learn about New Altar Server Practice Camp (3rd grade and higher), Art Camp, Summer Choral Theatre Camp, VBS 2025 and Dribble for Destiny Summer Basketball Camp!

## marian servants

The Marian Servants meet at 9.30a in McGivney Hall on Tuesdays. Contact Lisa Buss to learn more at [marianservantsHFJ@gmail.com](mailto:marianservantsHFJ@gmail.com).

## welcome new parishioners

Join us in welcoming the following new members of our parish: Cheryl Riley and Ryan & Dihona Newton and family

## social opportunities

- The Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet at Monterey Mexican Restaurant, 6130 Wade Hampton Blvd. on Tuesday, 11 March at 11.30a. Please RSVP to Dorothea Jones at 864.268.3354.

## prayer shawl ministry

The prayer shawl ministry meets on the third Friday of the month (21 March) 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. Questions? 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](mailto:adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org)

## pop women's craft night

Join a free monthly craft get together on the third Friday of the month (21 March) 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](mailto: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:** Saturday, 22 March at 9a in the church. Reception following. **new date and time!**
- **Women:** Friday, 21 March at 9a. Reception following.

## fasting & abstaining

Every person between the age of 18 and 60 must fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Fridays of Lent are also days of required abstinence from meat.

The USCCB reminds us:

For members of the Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59.

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

All Fridays of the year are days of penitential abstinence, and in Lent this obligation is further focused and sharpened to help prepare our hearts for the mysteries of Easter.

## lenten confession schedule

We are required to go to Confession and confess our mortal sins at least once a year, and go to Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter Season. This is called the Easter Duty.

### Weekly Schedule

Tuesdays: 6p (18, 25 March & 1 April)

Wednesdays: 5p (12, 19, 26 March & 2 April)

Thursdays: 7p (13, 20, 27 March & 3 April)

Saturdays: 3.30-4.40p

### 5th Week of Lent Schedule

Tuesday, 8 April: 7-9a, 11a-1p, & 6-8p

Wednesday, 9 April: 7-9a, 11a-1p, & 6-8p

Thursday, 10 April: 7-9a, 11a-1p, & 6-8p

### Holy Week Schedule:

Wednesday, 16 April: 7p





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## lenten 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 Lent at 7p in the Church beginning 9 March-6 April.

## st vincent de paul—needs

St. Vincent DePaul accepts checks made directly to SVDP and online giving through Zeffy. Scan the QR code or [click the link](#) to make your gift to SVDP.



Pantry donations may be left in the large wooden bin in the Narthex. Approx 500 items are given out weekly. Current pantry needs are:

- **Canned Goods:** Canned Peas, Canned Mixed Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Canned Corn
- **Staples & Dry Goods:** White & Brown Rice, Cereal
- **Condiments & Spreads:** Jelly
- **Household Essentials:** Dish & Laundry Detergent, Toothbrushes & Toothpaste

## women's study

The Women's Study is reading and discussing *Courageous Women: A Study on the Heroines of Biblical History* by Stacy Mitch on Wednesdays at 7p in Guadalupe Hall. Don't have the book yet? No problem! The group reads aloud together and there's no homework. All women are welcome.

## lent booklet

Our comprehensive "Watch & Pray: Holy Lent & The Paschal Mystery" booklet is now available. This beautiful guide walks you through the entire liturgical journey from Lent through Easter, explaining traditions, schedules, and devotional practices. Pick up your printed copy in the Narthex or access it digitally through our website under the "Lent" menu. Make this resource your spiritual companion throughout this holy season.

## 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](http://princeofpeacetaylors.org) and click the register button.

## january offertory

Giving to the offertory is convenient and easy. Scan the QR code or [click the link](#) to Tithely to make your gift. Or, options to give to special projects are available.



Offertory	As of January 31, 2025		
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)
Month	\$ 150,382	\$ 149,963	\$419
Year-To-Date	\$ 1,081,603	\$ 1,092,031	(\$10,428)

## latin mass community monthly potluck

The Latin Mass community hosts a potluck the first Sunday of each month in the PAC after the 12n Latin Mass. Please bring a main dish to share. Volunteers needed for setup and cleanup! 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](mailto: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.

## co-ed cub scout meeting

There will be a Cub Scout information meeting on Monday, 10 March at 6.30p in Parish House. Cub Scouts offers children in grades K5-5 the chance to learn valuable skills like archery, fire safety, and hiking in a family-centered, outdoor environment. Open to both boys and girls. Adult leaders needed to help restart the pack.

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## laetare sunday

30 March is Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent. During the 10a and 12p Masses, there will be a special Blessing of Expectant Mothers. Celebrate this joyful occasion by wearing pink or rose vestments or clothing on this Sunday.

## egg hunt & donations

The Easter Egg Hunt returns in 2025, organized by the Blessed McGivney Community Center and Esto Vir men's group at Prince of Peace in unity with our parish and school family, 20 April following the 10a Easter Sunday Mass.

To help make this happen, we are requesting donations of plastic Easter eggs and non-peanut items for inside the eggs. The date for stuffing the eggs will be shared at a later date. Help is appreciated for hiding these eggs at 9.45a on Easter Sunday morning. Do you want to help organize the event? Contact John - [jamolson@gmail.com](mailto:jamolson@gmail.com) and 864.354.5680.

## elementary school job opening

Join our vibrant community at Prince of Peace Catholic School! We're hiring a full-time Elementary School Teacher for the 2025-26 school year to inspire young minds with faith, knowledge, and virtue. If you're a certified teacher and practicing Catholic ready to make a difference, email your resume and cover letter to [principal@popcatholicsschool.org](mailto:principal@popcatholicsschool.org).

## bulletin advertising

**Local business owner?** Increase your visibility by advertising in our weekly bulletin. Mark Fitzgerald from Diocesan, a bulletin publisher, will be at the parish 11-13 March. Prices start at \$575 for a black and white ad for the year. Contact Mark at 614.205.4841 or [mfitzgerald@diocesan.com](mailto:mfitzgerald@diocesan.com) to secure your spot. Thanks to our advertisers, Prince of Peace receives our bulletin at no cost. Please remember to support these businesses when you need their services.

## 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.

## lenten stations of the cross

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

- A Lenten meal will be offered in the PAC beginning at 5.30p. Please thank Fraternus, Fidelis, Knights of Columbus and the parish school for preparing these meals!

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

## seven sorrows rosary for infertility

In this Lenten season, join the Diocese to pray for those struggling with infertility. Did you know that one out five women struggle with this cross? Oftentimes, these women and couples are the silent sufferers of the church. You're invited on Friday, 28 March at 7p via Zoom or FB Live @NFPSC. We will pray the Seven Sorrows Rosary for Infertility and meditate on the sufferings of our Blessed Mother Mary and relating it to the trials that couples struggling with infertility go through.

There will be an opportunity for group sharing and the HOPE Infertility Ministry will be introduced. Last year one of our attendees shared, "The prayer itself was the most relevant. It was the first time I've heard it and was very powerful. It made me feel comfortable. Questions? [jflorendo@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:jflorendo@charlestandioocese.org)

Please register in advance:

<https://tinyurl.com/7sorrowsinfertility>

## ember days

There are four sets of three Ember Days, one for each season of the year. Ember comes from the Anglo-Saxon word for circuit, as they go through the circuit of the year and mark each temporal season with a fast of prayer. They have been observed in Rome since the 5th century. While they are no longer mandatory in the US, the Lenten Ember Days are celebrated on the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of the Second Week of Lent.

They can be commemorated by fasting and abstinence from meat at one meal.



# Financial Letter from our Pastor

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Dear Friends in Christ,

It wasn't all that long ago in Catholic parishes that the priests counted the collection on Sunday afternoon, went to the bank on Monday, and used the candle money as a discretionary fund for whatever Father thought was appropriate. That way of doing business may have served the Church well in a very different age, but those days are gone. Parishes today, especially with schools, now operate according to a nonprofit business model in South Carolina.

When you drop your money into the collection plate, at least two ushers who have been screened place the offertory together in a safe in the sacristy. The lay leadership every Monday does the count, goes to the bank, and submits the data to the Parish Finance Office. That office also processes online and other forms of giving information. Even on the off occasion that someone hands the priest an envelope, he makes sure that someone else sees him put it in the safe, or he involves someone else.

As the pastor, I have a credit card for gas, food, car expenses. An itemized list is submitted to the Finance Office every month, and anything outside of that is annotated with a letter explaining what it is for, so it can be assigned to the right account. The pastor has access to the accounts of the parish as the principal signatory, but we always have another signatory. I purposely do not have passwords to accounts, so that whenever we go to the bank, we have a small entourage from the staff to go in order to provide another layer of accountability and control. The Director of Administration and the Director of Finance are two separate people on the parish staff; they act as control mechanisms for the accounts. The Parish Finance Council also provides someone who checks the reconciliations.

Every parish has a threshold for an extraordinary act of administration, beyond which the votum of the Finance Council and approval of the Diocese is needed to engage in any financial transaction. Anything that involves a contract, which involves almost all larger ticket items, has to be approved by the Diocese before any expense can be made. This multilayered authority structure makes sure that no one person, whether it be the pastor, a staff member or a council member can arbitrarily spend any significant portion of income or make decisions that involve contracts apart from legal and financial oversight at a higher level.

The school's finances are administered directly by Parish Accounting Services at the Diocese. Because the school is the primary apostolate of the parish, yet another layer of administration, permissions, accountability and oversight is added to what the principal and the pastor can do on the ground in order to prevent any improper use of funds. There is a Finance Subcommittee of the School Advisory Council which meets monthly to prepare a budget for the school and monitors the school finances. Ultimately, the Parish Finance Council reviews and approves all the financial statements for both the parish and school.

Every quarter the Parish Finance Council receives, in advance, a full financial package a week before their meeting ensuring a more thorough review and productive meeting. They have the chance to meet with the Director of Administration, Director of Finance and the principal in advance with questions. At the meeting, all significant variances are explained. The principal presents the reports for the school, and there is always a member of the School Finance Subcommittee on the Parish Finance Council (PFC). Every year the members of the PFC sign off on a comprehensive checklist of safeguards to financial integrity. The budgeting process begins with a collaboration between the parish staff on the church side and the faculty and administration on the school side. That process yields provisional numbers that are then worked into a budget by the Director of Administration and Director of Finance for the parish and the Principal working with the Director of Administration and the Director of Finance for the school. Every year, the PFC approves the budget and sees to its proper implementation every quarter with a comprehensive deep dive into all revenues and expenses.

This is a much more complicated process than the finance approach of yesteryear. It requires collaboration, consultation, checks and balances and constant analysis. It is a lot of work, but it is there to ensure that your investment in your parish is administered wisely. As we go into serious capital fundraising mode in 2025, I think it is important to take a moment to remind the parish about exactly how financial decisions are made at Prince of Peace. The higher the comfort level people have about how their gifts are used, the more likely they are to contribute to the important work of building the Kingdom of God here in Taylors.

Sincerely in Christ,

Yours in the Prince of Peace,





# Contact Us

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## Clergy

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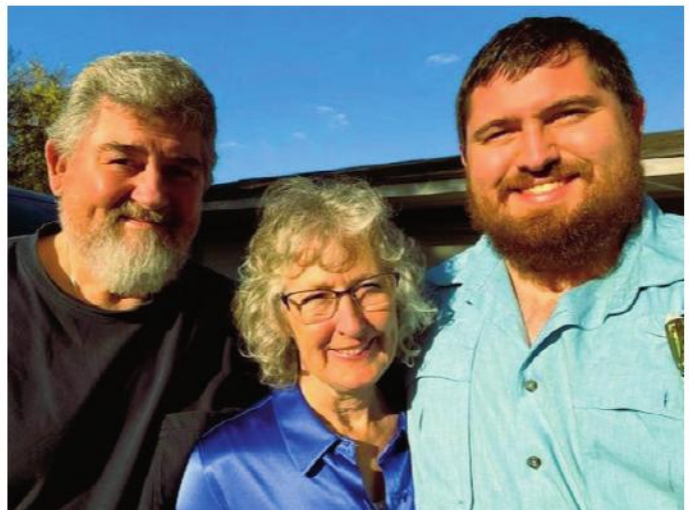


On Sunday, March 9, 2025, the First Sunday of Lent, Father Christopher Smith will bless a newly acquired Pietà sculpture at the beginning of the 12p Latin Mass. This beautiful work of art has been acquired in loving memory of Fiona Cunningham Simmons (1986–2015), the beloved daughter of Thomas and Patty Simmons and sister of Tommy Simmons. The Simmons family, parishioners since 2015, regularly attend the Latin Mass, and their gift reflects both their faith and their desire to honor their daughter’s memory while offering solace to others.

The Pietà, a traditional Catholic depiction of the Virgin Mary cradling the lifeless body of her Son, Jesus Christ, after His crucifixion, is one of the most profound symbols in Catholic art and spirituality. It captures the sorrowful mystery of the Passion, embodying Mary’s role as the Mater Dolorosa—the Sorrowful Mother—and her intimate participation in Christ’s redemptive suffering. This particular sculpture, blessed during the penitential season of Lent, invites the faithful to meditate on sacrifice, loss, and the hope of the Resurrection, aligning deeply with the themes of this liturgical time.

In Catholic tradition, the Pietà also speaks to the universal experience of grief, particularly for parents who have lost a child. Just as Mary held her Son in an act of love and surrender to God’s will, this sculpture stands as a testament to the enduring bond between parent and child, even in the face of unimaginable loss. It is a sacred space for reflection, prayer, and healing, resonating with the Church’s call to unite personal suffering with Christ’s own.

In keeping with the donors’ intentions, this Pietà is dedicated not only to Fiona but to all parents who have endured the profound sorrow of losing a child. Father Christopher Smith and the parish extend a heartfelt invitation to such parents—whether parishioners or visitors—to come and visit this blessed sculpture. Bring your intentions, your memories, and your prayers to the foot of this image of Our Lady, who understands your pain more than anyone. Here, in the presence of the Sorrowful Mother and her Son, may you find comfort, strength, and the grace to carry your cross with hope.







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