



sunday, 4 may
third sunday of easter
(English)
second sunday after
easter (Latin)



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

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Diocese of Charleston

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Canon Christopher Smith

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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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*office closed 1-2p

Friday 9a-12p

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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](#)

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

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From Our Pastor

An Extraordinary Parish for Ordinary People

Dear Friends,

We were delighted this year to welcome the largest group of adult converts by Baptism, Profession of Faith and Confirmation in years at the Easter Vigil. All over the world, Catholic churches presented record numbers of adults wanting to become Catholic Christians.

Yet, even as we celebrate these hopeful signs, we must confront some sobering realities. According to the Pew Research Center's 2023–24 Religious Landscape Study, for every 100 people who become Protestant, 180 leave. For every 100 people who enter the Catholic Church each year, 840 leave. Only 19% of Americans self-identify as Catholics in 2023-24, down from 24% in 2007; this is a 20% decrease over just fifteen years. Meanwhile, Muslims increased by an astounding 200%.

Turning our focus to Catholic education, data from the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) highlights the positive influence Catholic schooling has on faith retention. Among those who attended Catholic schools, 36% report still being Catholic and attending Mass weekly, with an additional 41% remaining Catholic but attending less frequently. In comparison, only 25% of Catholics who attended public schools remain Catholic and attend weekly Mass, with 44% remaining Catholic but attending less frequently.

These statistics make it clear: If we do not fully understand what, or rather, who, the Mass is, recognizing it as the source and summit of Christian life, our educational institutions risk losing their effectiveness as vehicles for teaching the faith. Saint Jean-Marie Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests, once preached, “If we really understood what the Mass was, we would die.” But we have accepted a situation in which Mass is so boring that we might as well die. When we return to Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life and the sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist as lived realities in every aspect of our parish community, then we have an incredible chance to reverse those statistics. It’s hard to leave something if you truly know it and love it. But that means that everyone who calls Prince of Peace a spiritual home must be very intentional about making sure that every part of the fabric of our church, home and work life is permeated with the supernatural truths of our faith and are oriented first and foremost to the beatific vision.

In Christ,

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

<p>sunday, 4 may third sunday of easter (English) second sunday after easter (Latin)</p>	<p>monday, 5 may easter weekday (English) st pius v (Latin)</p>	<p>tuesday 6 may easter weekday (English) st john before the latin gate (Latin)</p>
<p>8a Mass Alan Coker-L (FTD) LB 10a Mass with May Crowning McCullen/Simmons Family+ (FRT) 12p Latin Mass For the People of the Parish (FCS)</p>	<p>7a Mass Angelito Carandang-L (FTD) 12p Latin Mass Thomas Allgaier+(FRT)</p>	<p>7a Mass Leah Krick-L (FRT) 12p Latin Mass Betty Cleveland+ (FCS) 6.30p Fidelis Accolade Ceremony</p>
<p>8.50a religious education 1.30p potluck pac 6.30p cyo (last one) 8p basketball svdp in narthex</p>	<p>5.30a men's workout 6p volleyball PAC 6.30p legion of mary walsingham hall</p>	<p>9.30a marian servants mcgivney hall 6.30p fidelis & fraternus 7p men's bible study guadalupe hall</p>
<p>wednesday, 7 may easter weekday (English) st stanislaus (Latin)</p>	<p>thursday 8 may easter weekday (English) our lady, mediatrix of all graces (Latin)</p>	<p>friday, 9 may easter weekday (English) st gregory nazianzen (Latin)</p>
<p>7a Mass Marilyn Eaton+ (FTD) 12p Latin Mass John Warga, Jr + (FRT) 5p Confession 6p Marian Catechists Consecration</p>	<p>7a Veronica & Patrick Murphy-L (FCS) 12p Latin Mass Warren Cleveland+ (FRT)</p>	<p>7a Beverly & Steve Kluzman+ (FTD) 12p Latin Mass Diane Fallon-L (FCS)</p>
<p>6p marian catechesists pac 8.30p men's unemployed prayer ministry pac</p>	<p>6p spring concert 7p kofc mcgivney hall</p>	
<p>saturday, 10 may sts john of avila & damien de veuster (English) st antoninus (Latin)</p>	<p>sunday, 11 may fourth sunday of easter (English) third sunday after easter (Latin)</p>	<p>prayer requests</p>
<p>8a Latin Mass Dottie Sanda+ (FRT) 3.30p Confession 5p Mass For the People of the Parish (FCS)</p>	<p>8a Mass Kathie Martin+ (FRT) LB 10a Mass Deceased Perone Family (FRT) 12p Latin Mass Thomas Allgaier+ (FCS)</p>	
<p>11a catechist luncheon</p>	<p>8p basketball</p> 	<p>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, Alan Deese, 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, Riley Holcomb, Judith Inghram, Carl Jones, Tammy Jones, Alejandro Kawasaki, Laura 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, 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.</p>
<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

bounce—loss of a loved one

Be comforted by those who have experienced the grief of the loss of a loved one 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 to share a meal, play games, and talk about faith. To learn the meetup location or ask 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 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!

perpetual eucharistic adoration



The Lord is RISEN! Alleluia! He is RISEN, indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 - 4a; Monday - 12a*; Thursday 1a* & 4a

baptism class

Parents desiring Baptism for their child must attend a Baptism Class. The next class is 22 May. 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

Dcn Michael Thompson leads a Men's Bible Study meeting Tuesdays at 7p in Guadalupe Hall studying 1st & 2nd Chronicles! 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: Mary Sloka
in honor of FHC:
Landry Watkins



bread & wine \$20
donated by: Rauch Family
in honor of FHC: Kiera Rauch



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, Archery Camp 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.

pop women's craft night

Join a free monthly craft get together on the third Friday of the month (16 May) from 6-10p in McGivney Hall. Bring your own supplies to work on a project or come observe others; all skill levels welcome! Contact Melissa S. Miller at 864.569.1417 or Michelle Grabiec at m_grabiec@hotmail.com.

save these dates

- 31 May: Father Davison's 40th Priesthood Anniversary will be celebrated with 5p Mass and Reception following. **RSVP to the parish office by 9a on Friday, 9 May so we can plan food!**
- 8 June: Prince of Peace's first priest, Daniel Perry, will be ordained in Charleston on Friday, 6 June and will say his first Mass on Sunday, 8 June at 10a. Please join us for his first Mass and for a BBQ reception after. The Latin Mass that day will be at 5p
- 22 August: Father Smith's 20th Anniversary Mass and Reception at 6p
- 21 November: Father Tomlinson's 16th Anniversary
- 12 December: Diamond Jubilee Mass and Reception at 6p

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

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! **Children 18 and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver at all times.** Contact John Olson to learn more at jamolson@gmail.com.

recollections

Friends of St Josemaria will be hosting in-person recollections:

- Evening of recollection for men: Friday, 23 May at 7p with reception in Parish House
- Morning recollection for women: Saturday, 24 May at 9a with reception in Parish House

A recollection is a silent mini-retreat. It consists of Benediction, a meditation by a priest of the Prelature Opus Dei, an examination of conscience, spiritual reading from the works of St Josemaria or another spiritual author and a talk on a practical topic. contact Thierry at thierry.wersinger@gmail.com or 864.313.5601

welcome new parishioners

Join us in welcoming the following new parishioners: Cameron Smith; Noah Schafer; Kevin & Janet Pierce

prayer shawl ministry

The prayer shawl ministry meets on the third Friday of the month (16 May) 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.

prayer request

In your kindness, please pray for the repose of the soul of Irene Ponce+.

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



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st vincent de paul—needs

St. Vincent de Paul 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. Hundreds of items are given out weekly. Current pantry needs are:

- Bar Soap
- Canned Fruit
- Cereal
- Dish Detergent & Laundry Detergent
- Pasta Sauce
- Toilet Paper

Important Notice: SVdP does not accept clothing, shoes, or household items due to limited space, sorting resources, and quality concerns. Our ministry operates with fewer than 20 volunteers in a parish of 1,100 active households. We welcome new volunteers to help support our mission of serving the underprivileged in our community. To volunteer, please contact Adrienne Haverland at jahaverland@gmail.com.

prayer requests for confirmands

Please pray for our Confirmands as they will be confirmed on Tuesday, 20 May by Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune.

social opportunities

- The Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet at Olive Garden on Verdae Blvd, on Tuesday, 13 May at 11.30a. Please RSVP to Dorothea Jones at 864.268.3354.

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.

march offertory

Giving to the offertory is convenient and easy. Scan the QR code, click “donate” on our website, or visit Tithely to make a gift <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1479801>. Or, options to give to special projects are available.



Offertory	As of March 31, 2025		
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)
Month	\$ 191,843	\$ 184,947	\$6,896
Year-To-Date	\$ 1,417,203	\$ 1,416,941	\$262

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 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.

welcome committee

Interested in helping new folks feel at home at Prince of Peace Catholic Church? Contact Loretta Williams at welcome@princeofpeacetaylors.org to learn more about the Guild of St Benedict Welcome Committee. From emails to phone calls to welcoming events, there’s a way to pitch in!

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school job openings

Join our vibrant community at Prince of Peace Catholic School! We're hiring for the 2025-26 school year:

- K4 Teacher (PT hours are 8a-1p)
- Full-time 1st Grade Teacher

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may crowning

May crownings at the parish will occur on 4 May at the 10a Mass. All Marian statues on campus will be crowned. If you see a crown removed from a statue outside they will reappear on 4 May. Please do not conduct your own May Crownings since this is a special privilege for our First Holy Communion students after they have received their First Holy Communion.

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.

pilgrimage sites for the jubilee year

As the Church celebrates the Jubilee Year of Hope this year, Bishop Fabre announced that our diocese has four parishes designated as pilgrimage sites. They are:

- Cathedral of St. John the Baptist – 120 Broad St. in Charleston
- Basilica of St. Peter – 1529 Assembly St. in Columbia
- Old St. Mary Help of Christians – 125 Park Ave. SE in Aiken
- St. Mary – 111 Hampton Ave. in Greenville

Pilgrims can receive a plenary indulgence by visiting one of these churches in addition to the normative requirements for obtaining such an indulgence. For more information, please visit usccb.org/jubilee2025

NEW men's unemployment ministry

We invite men of the parish who are currently unemployed to the PAC on the first Wednesday of every month from 8.30-9p to pray for all of the men of the parish who are unemployed to find jobs and to support each other and their families.

Many thanks to Ernesto Cividanes for heading up this new initiative of prayer, which is very important to our families.

care packages, prayers and letters request

Our seminarians greatly appreciate hearing from parishioners with letters, cards of encouragement and gifts. It helps alleviate homesickness and be reminded of their loving community.

Seminarian Jack Kauffmann
St Joseph Seminary
75376 River Rd.
PO Box 435
St. Benedict, Louisiana 70457

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

Additionally, Dan Rochester is in pre-seminary with the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest where he is diligently learning French, a requirement to seminary admittance in Italy.

Dan Rochester
Institute of Christ King Sovereign Priest
3250 California Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15212-2362

mass intentions book open

Mass intentions for Prince of Peace Catholic Church (June-December 2025) are now being accepted. To request a Mass intention, please email Maria at maria.rauch@princeofpeacetaylors.org with your specific dates and intentions. Once all Mass intentions have been assigned, you will receive a confirmation email. There is no need to follow up on your request, as the process may take some time. Thank you for your patience!



Celebrating Fr Davison

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PLEASE JOIN US IN HONORING THE

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OF FR TIMOTHY DAVISON

SATURDAY, 31 MAY | 5P MASS

*Kindly RSVP to the Parish Office by 9 May
864.331.3901 or parishoffice@princeofpeacetaylors.org*

RECEPTION FOLLOWING



Contact Us

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Clergy

Fr. Christopher Smith	Pastor	864.268.4352	frsmith@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Fr. Richard Tomlinson	Parochial Vicar	864.268.4352	richard.tomlinson@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Fr Tim Davison	Retired Priest		fr.tim.davison@gmail.com
Altar Servers	Dcn Michael Cavin		michael.cavin@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Sick & Homebound	Dcn Mark Thompson	864.630.0606	mark.thompson@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Liturgical Ministers	Dcn Michael Thompson		michael.thompson@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Baptism Class	Dcn Gus Suarez		gus.suarez@princeofpeacetaylors.org

Parish Staff

Phil Head	Director of Administration	864.331.3908	directorofadministration@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Mark Pulley	Director of Finance/Bookkeeper	864.331.3907	bookkeeper@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Dcn Nestor Acosta	Pastoral Associate for Sacramental Life	864.331.3905	nestor.acosta@princeofpeacetaylors.org
<i>*contact Deacon Acosta about baptisms, funerals, declarations of nullity and marriage.</i>			
Maria Rauch	Parish Secretary	864.331.3901	maria.rauch@princeofpeacetaylors.org
<i>*contact Maria R. about facility reservations and requesting Anointing of the Sick prior to surgery or when gravely ill, Safe Environment</i>			
Maria Barontini	Pastoral Associate for Children's Catechesis	864.331.3919	maria.barontini@princeofpeacetaylors.org
<i>*contact Maria B. about children's catechesis, first confession, first communion, and confirmation</i>			
Michael Sandifer	Pastoral Associate Adult Faith Formation	864.331.3902	michael.sandifer@princeofpeacetaylors.org
<i>contact Michael S. as ministry liaison and RCIA</i>			
Philip Reed	Director of Music	864.331.3904	philip.reed@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Elizabeth Wilson	Associate Director of Music	864.331.3906	elizabeth.wilson@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Jeanie Reed	Associate Director of Children's Music		jeanie.reed@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Ed Carl	Sexton		ed.carl@princeofpeacetaylors.org

School (Office: 864.971-4POP) *our childcare registration number is 24774

Nathan Barontini	Principal	864.331.2145	principal@popcatholicschool.org
Michelle Zimmerman	Office Manager	864.331.2145	michelle.zimmerman@popcatholicschool.org

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
Creighton Fertility Care/Family Planning	Kristie Killough, RN, BSN, FCP	864.243.7800	text for appointment
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
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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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 10a and 12p Masses gather at our Lady’s altar after mass and say this Mother’s of Lu prayer as a community. Some parishioners have also began 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 5p (Sat) and 8a (Sun) Mass times. 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.

esto vir—a men’s ministry

Esto Vir (“Be a Man”) is a ministry whose mission is to foster a fraternal bond among our Brothers in Christ—whether single, discerning, or married—supporting one another in our daily lives. This ministry offers opportunities for fellowship through activities such as hikes, shared prayer, vocational encouragement, book studies, and more. We invite you to connect with us today. For more information, please call or text John O. at 864.354.5680. St. Joseph, pray for us!

after abortion healing retreat

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat, an after abortion retreat for women and men who want to find peace and closure from their abortion experience. 20-22 June, in the Fort Mill area. For more information, please contact Christy 803 554 6088 or Kathy 803 546 6010 or grace4healing@gmail.com.

sacred silence

Adoration Chapel Guidelines

The Adoration Chapel is a sacred space reserved for quiet prayer and contemplation. Please maintain complete silence at all times to respect those in prayer and the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Church Etiquette

We appreciate your continued reverence before Mass. This same reverence should extend after Mass concludes:

- Please make a proper thanksgiving after Mass before departing
- If conversation is necessary inside the church, use whispered tones
- Reserve social conversations for the outdoor areas where fellowship is encouraged
- Keep our church a sanctuary from worldly discussions and political debates

The narthex and plaza are pleasant locations for community gathering and conversation after services. Thank you for helping maintain our church as a house of prayer and reflection.



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