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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. 864.268.4352 After hours medical emergencies requiring a priest only: 866.456.2956

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Dear Parishioners,

There are many misunderstandings surrounding the Church's actual teaching on marriage, declarations of invalidity, divorce, and access to Holy Communion. Divorced Catholics are free to receive the sacraments unless they remarry civilly. Unfortunately, there are Catholics—even here at Prince of Peace—who have entered a second union without a declaration of invalidity and may be unaware that their new relationship is not recognized by the Church.

It is our hope to accompany those in irregular marriages and help them return fully to the sacraments. Father Smith is committed to ensuring that we do our due diligence so that every marriage in our parish can be regularized in accordance with Church teaching.

What is a declaration of invalidity? Let's begin with what it is not: it is not a dissolution of marriage or a "Church divorce." A declaration of invalidity means that the "marriage" in question, due to some essential defect, was never validly established as a sacramental marriage under Church law.

People seek a declaration of invalidity for various reasons: peace of mind, a desire to marry in the Catholic Church or have a current union convalidated, readiness to return to the sacraments, entrance into the Church, or entry into religious life. Furthermore, declarations of invalidity are not only for divorced Catholics. Non-Catholics who were previously married and now wish to marry a Catholic must also have their prior marriages examined by the Tribunal if their former spouse is still living.

I have served as Case Assistant at Prince of Peace for the past year. My role is to help individuals begin the often delicate and painful process of addressing a failed marital union. In my meetings with petitioners, I walk through the forms, answer questions, review for completeness, and offer suggestions where appropriate. Once everything is in order, I witness the petitioner's signature before sending the documents to the Tribunal. Please note: submitting a case does not guarantee that a declaration of invalidity will be granted.

In some cases, a person may need to submit a "lack of form" case—for example, if they are Catholic but married outside of the Church without the proper dispensation. This type of case is document-based and generally more straightforward. More commonly, however, a formal case is required. This involves a deeper review of the marriage and more extensive information. The Church presumes the validity of marriage until proven otherwise. As the Code of Canon Law states: **Can. 1060**: Marriage possesses the favor of law; therefore, in a case of doubt, the validity of a marriage must be upheld until the contrary is proven.

When someone submits a case, they are asking the Church to determine whether a valid marriage existed at the time of consent. The Tribunal explains: "Declarations of invalidity are not about finding fault. They have everything to do with determining the truth and the reality of the subject marriage at the time of consent. Was the sacrament validly entered into by the couple at that time?" More information, including FAQs, can be found on the Tribunal's website: https://charlestondiocese.org/tribunal/ While the process can be challenging, many find it profoundly healing.

If you have questions or would like to set up a meeting, please contact me at: <u>maria.gallego@princeofpeacetaylors.org</u>

Maria Gallego

Our Map—A Smoke, Vape & Tobacco Free Campus



I 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

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Parish Calendar

		Fr Christepher Smith = FCS Fr Richard Tomlinson = FRT Fr Timothy Davison= FTD Readings are Year C					
sunday, 18 may fifth sunday of easter (English) fourth sunday after easter (Latin)	monday, 19 may easter weekday (English) st peter celestine (Latin)	tuesday, 20 may st bernardine of siena (English & Latin) 7a Mass Hannah & Sean Craig-L (FRT) 12p Latin Mass Ryan Killough-L (FCS) 6p Confirmation Mass with Bishop Fabre-Jeune					
8a Mass Kiera Rauch-L (FTD) 10a Mass Heap Family (FRT) 12p Latin Mass Seger Family (FCS)	7a Mass Charles Burditt+ (FTD, FNH) 12p Latin Mass Tim & Rosie Seger+ (FRT)						
coffee & donuts after 10a mass 8p basketball	5.30a men's workout 6p volleyball PAC 6.30p legion of mary walsingham hall	9.30a marian servants mcgivney hall					
wednesday, 21 may st christopher magallanes & companions (English) feria in paschaltide (Latin)	thursday, 22 may st rita of cascia (English) feria in paschaltide (Latin)	friday, 23 may easter weekday (English) feria in paschaltide (Latin)					
7a Mass Patricia Vochies Wagner+ (FTD) 12p Latin Mass Lloyd Cleveland+(FRT) 5p Confessions	7a Mass Pham VC Family+ (FCS) 12p Latin Mass David Mershon-L (FRT)	7a William & Gladys Ainsworth+ (FTD) 12p Latin Mass Brendan Killough-L (FCS)					
7p endow women's study guadalupe hall	<i>6.30p baptism class walsingham hall</i>	7p men's recollection church & reception parish house					
saturday, 24 may easter weekday (English) saturday of our lady (Latin)	sunday, 25 may sixth sunday of easter (English) fifth sunday after easter (Latin)	prayer requests All those serving our country, Brian Aho, Lucretia Al- bright, Angela Bagley, Deborah Baker, Jim Bannister, Vanarra Baurh, Daviel Bannett, Francing Burba, Weang					
8a Latin Mass William Turpin+ (FRT) 3.30p Confessions	8a Mass James & Fannie Alder (FTD)	Coker, Rosemary Craig, Gena Cunningham, Alan & Lind					
5p Mass For the People of the Parish (FCS)	10a Mass Fred Adams+ (FRT) 12p Latin Mass Kevin Lewis-L (FCS)	Chatignyblais, Anna Chevalier & Casey Chevalier, Alan Coker, Rosemary Craig, Gena Cunningham, Alan & Linda Deese, Carol Deretchin, Heather Dickerson, Thomas					



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

fr davison's 40th anniversary

Father Davison's 40th Priesthood Anniversary will be celebrated with a special 5p Mass on Saturday, 31 May. A reception will follow for those who previously RSVP'd. If you did not RSVP, please still plan to come and honor Father Davison at the Mass!

substitute teachers needed

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

serve as an usher or greeter

Greeters and ushers are greatly needed across all Mass times! Consider serving your parish in this simple yet meaningful way:

- Be a welcoming face to all who enter the church
- Help create a reverent and organized worship experience

• Offer hospitality that reflects Christ's love Contact Marco DeMaria at 864.631.7713 or mad4jen@msn.com!

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perpetual eucharistic adoration



"This is the day the Lord hath made; Let us be glad and rejoice in it!" Ps 118:24

Share a Holy hour with the Lord! Contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or call 864.508.7123. Praise God all

hours (at this writing!) are covered! Please consider adopting an hour of your choice!

baptism class

Parents desiring Baptism for their child must attend a Baptism Class. The next class is 22 May at 6.30p in Walsingham Hall. You must register by contacting Deacon Gus at 864.420.0497 or by email at <u>gus.suarez@princeofpeacetaylors.org</u>.

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

men's bible study

The Men's Bible Study, led by Dcn Michael Thompson, has concluded its spring session and is now on summer break. The group meets on Tuesday evenings at 7p in Guadalupe Hall and will resume on 26 August. All men are invited to join this time of fellowship and faith formation.

For more information, call 864.365.8178.

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: Ellie Carlisle, grandmother in honor of confirmation: Luke Bradley Osborne & Henry Thomas Osborne

flowers \$400 donated by: Victoria Mattox & Joshua McGrath in honor of their wedding 17 May



bread & wine \$20 donated by: Jean Casey in memory of: Irene Ponce



music \$300

summer camps at pop

Information about Summer Camps at our parish are found on our website along with registration forms! Visit <u>https://princeofpeacetaylors.org/summer-camps</u> -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!

pop women's craft night

Join a free monthly craft get together on the third Friday of the month (20 June) 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

- 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. Gifts are appreciated. The usual 12p Latin Mass is moved to be at 5p.
- 22 August: Father Smith's 20th Anniversary Mass and Reception at 7p with hors d'oeuvres after.
- 14 September: Exaltation of the Cross
- 15 September: 5th annual Golf Tournament
- 19-21 September: Sr John Dominic of Open Light Media will speak on Virtue in Education
- 21 September: Church Dedication Anniversary
- 22-23 September: Parish Mission with Fr Tuscan
- 28 September: 10a Red, White & Blue Mass
- 21 November: Father Tomlinson's 16th Anniversary
- 12 December: Diamond Jubilee Mass and Reception at 6p

osary 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

ummer daily mass schedule

Summer Daily Mass Schedule (beginning 2 June):

- Monday: No Mass
- Tuesday-Friday: 9a English Mass
- Saturday Morning: No Mass

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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 <u>thierry.wersinger@gmail.com</u> or 864.313.5601

welcome new parishioners

Join us in welcoming the following new parishioners: Tiffany Simionescu and family; Sarah Whitaker & family, Christine Kabore & family

prayer shawl ministry

The prayer shawl ministry meets on the third Friday of the month (20 June) 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.

coffee & donuts—18 may

Make plans to enjoy coffee and donuts on the plaza (weather permitting) on 18 May after the 10a Mass. Make an effort to meet someone you don't know. The Welcome Committee provides the donuts and coffee to build the church community. Donations are gladly accepted to help defray the cost.



meal train at pop

Parishioners and school families are invited to reach out to Jennifer Pfaffl by email at <u>missfluff129@yahoo.com</u> 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.

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 <u>click the link</u> 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:

- Black Beans
- Canned Chicken, Canned Tuna
- Jelly
- Peanut butter (small jars)
- Pork and beans
- Chips
- Laundry detergent
- Toothpaste

Important Notice: SVdP does not accept clothing, shoes, or household items. Their ministry operates with fewer than 20 volunteers in a parish of 1,100 active households. They welcome new volunteers to help support the mission of serving the under-privileged in our community. To volunteer, please contact Adrienne 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.

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 Seaton? And, Fr Smith has a favorite ciborium engraved with "Pope Pius X" (Pius X is the pope who lowered age for First Communion).

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parish school donation

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 <u>online gift today</u>!



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become a registered parishioner

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

april 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 <u>https://tithe.ly/give?c=1479801</u>. Or, options to give to special projects are available.



Offertory	As of April 30, 2025					
	Actual		Budget		Surplus / (Deficit)	
Month	\$	176,745	\$	162,849	\$13,896	
Year-To-Date	\$	1,594,137	\$	1,579,790	\$14,347	

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.

welcome committee

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

 The Welcome Committee is also collecting gently used hardback or sturdy children's religious books appropriate for ages 1–4. These will be included in Welcome Bags for new families at our September Welcome Dinner. Families can use the bags during Mass or at home. If you have books to donate, please drop them off in the church library or reach out to Loretta at the email above.

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school job openings	women's study—starting 21 may		
Join our vibrant community at Prince of Peace Catholic School! We're hiring for the 2025-26 school year:	The Women's Bible Study group will resume Wednes- day, 21 May at 7p in Guadalupe Hall. They'll begin a new study: <i>Courageous Love</i> : A Bible Study on Holiness for		

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

Inspire young minds with faith, knowledge, and virtue. Our collaborative environment fosters both student achievement and character development in the Catholic tradition. SC teaching certification preferred. Competitive salary with benefits. Email your resume and cover letter to Principal Barontini at principal@popcatholicschool.org.

columbiettes selling coupon book-4 left

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

Are you a parishioner graduating from high school or college? We would love to recognize and celebrate your achievement!

Please send us your name and the school from which you are graduating by 30 May to: bulletinsubmissions@princeofpeacetaylors.org

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

For all those not able to receive our LORD in the Eucharist:

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, as though You have already come. I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

ōr Women by Stacy Mitch. This spiritually rich and accessible book explores the lives of women in Scripture and invites us to grow in holiness through practical insight, reflection, and prayer.

Meetings will be weekly through 9 July, then break for the remainder of the summer.

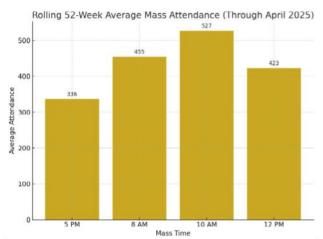
No homework or prep is required—the group reads aloud together during each session. If you're not able to purchase a book right now, don't let that keep you from attending. Just bring an open heart, and perhaps a notebook and pen if you're a note-taker.

Book purchasing options:

- Order from St. Paul Center/Emmaus Road
- Order from Amazon .
- Kindle version

All women are welcome—whether you're returning or joining for the first time!

Based on a rolling 52-week average through April 2025, our weekend Mass attendance remains strong and consistent. The 10a Mass currently sees the highest average attendance at 527 parishioners, followed by 8a with 455, 12p with 423, and 5p with 336. Your presence strengthens our parish community!



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Education Scholarship Trust Fund (ESTF)



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Considering a Catholic Education for Your Child? The ESTF Scholarship May Help Make It Possible

The **South Carolina Education Scholarship Trust Fund (ESTF)** is a new and transformative opportunity for families seeking an excellent nonpublic school education, including at our parish school. The ESTF is a state-funded program that provides **\$7,500 per eligible student** to be used toward approved educational expenses, including **tuition and fees at nonpublic schools** like ours.

Who Is Eligible?

To qualify for the ESTF scholarship for the 2025–2026 school year, students must meet the following criteria:

- **Residency**: The student must be a resident of South Carolina.
- Age and Grade Level: The student must be at least five years old on or before I September 2025, and plan to enroll in kindergarten through 12th grade.
- **Income**: The family's household income must not exceed 300% of the federal poverty guidelines. For example, for a family of four, the income limit is \$96,450.
- **School Enrollment:** The student must not be enrolled full-time in a public school in their resident school district during the 2025–2026 school year.

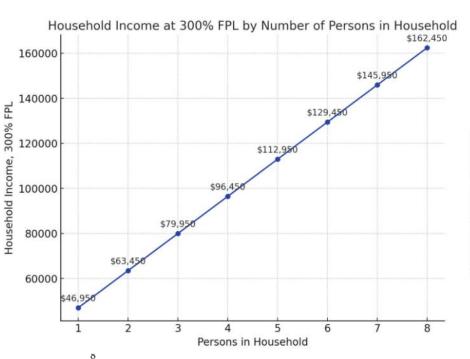
Please note that students currently enrolled in a public charter school, homeschool students (as defined in Sections 59-65-40, 59-65-45, 59-65-47), and students participating in the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children's Fund program are not eligible for this scholarship

The program is **limited to 10,000 students statewide**, and scholarships will be awarded on a **first-come**, **first-served basis**, so timely application is important.

When and How to Apply: Applications for the general public open on 19 May 2025. Visit scschoolchoice.com (on this website is a quiz to determine eligibility)

A Life-Changing Opportunity

At our parish school, we believe every child deserves access to a high-quality education rooted in faith, community, and academic excellence. The ESTF can help make that possible for families who are discerning a Catholic education but may have found tuition a barrier in the past.



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Michelle Zimmerman Office M	anager	864.331.2145	michelle.zimmerman@popcatholicschool.org			
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Creighton Fertility Care/Family Plann	ing Kristie Killough, RN, BSN, FCF	P 864.243.7800	0 text for appointment			
CYO (Catholic Youth Organizati	on) John & Stephanie Lasitter		cyo@princeofpeacetaylors.org			
Food & Financial Assistance	St. Vincent de Paul Society	864.331.3937	7			
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Respect Life	Pam Harrison	864-233-620	0 pharriso@bellsouth.net			
Spiritual Direction	Lisa Buss		spiritualdirection@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 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 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 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.

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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 email grace4healing@gmail.com.

policy on speakers

No parish ministry or organization may invite a speaker from outside the parish without previous written request and approval from the pastor. Failure to comply with this policy may result in the cessation of related activities.

st clare's home

St. Clare's Home is the only upstate maternity home for expectant mothers who choose life and are in need of shelter, safety, and security. It is a ministry of the Diocese of Charleston.

- Learn more at stclareshomesc.org
- Apply to be a volunteer by contacting Colleen Chmiel at stclaresvolunteer@charlestondiocese.org.
- Pick out items from their Amazon Wish List <u>here</u>.
- Specific Needs:
 - Inside the Home: extension ladder, grocery gift cards
 - **Outside the Home**: gas, Uber/Lyft gift cards, vegetable garden supplies, paved walking path, solar panels, working used cars

heading out of town this summer?

Your parish never takes a vacation — and your support makes it all possible! Even while you travel, your continued giving helps us sustain ministries, keep the lights on, and serve our community. Consider setting up online giving or making a gift before you go.



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