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Canon Christopher Smith

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Fr. Richard Tomlinson

Deacons

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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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Monday-Thursday 9a-4p *office closed 1-2p Friday 9a-12p





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Letter from our Pastor



The death of Pope Francis and the election of Pope Leo XIV had the eyes of the entire world on the Roman Catholic Church. Web searches about how to convert to Catholicism skyrocketed. And, as strange as it may seem, even the virtual world of young people seemed to be flooded with declarations of conversions to Catholicism as well as renewed interest. And that interest has come from everyone from atheists to Adventists. We have seen the same here at Prince of Peace as well. Lots of visitors, and lots of people tracking us online as well before they make an in-person visit. I think the assumption that young people are inherently irreligious is certainly under scrutiny, and that is a good thing.

We even launched a soft social media campaign to invite people to Mass, which many of you shared across numerous platforms. Of course, whenever you do that, you never know what the reactions are going to be. Lots of positive ones, of course. But not all. The wounds of the 16th century Protestant Revolution are still very much with us, as was evidenced by the reactions of some of our separated brothers and sisters. And the defection of often poorly catechized Catholics into Protestantism means that misinformation, disinformation and woundedness are also a huge part of the mix.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen was famous for saying, "There are not one hundred people in the United States who hate The Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be." I can testify to the truth of this statement. I grew up in the kind of anti-Catholic environment that many cradle Catholics can only scratch their heads at. The tropes of 19th century nativist rhetoric were still being repeated in 1980s Greenville. And I have found that there are many Christians, even amidst the progressive disintegration of Protestantism, who are still fighting battles of 500 years ago that authentic ecumenical dialogue put to rest, or at least into a quieter state, years ago. As Protestantism continues to divide and gets further away from historic doctrinal and moral norms, many are bravely (and bizarrely) taking up the banner cries of the so-called Reformation as if they are the last shreds of Noah's ark.

And here we are. That is why we can't let Catholics be sacramentalized but not catechized and evangelized, equipped to know and defend their faith. I hate this term, but "bad" Catholics do a lot of harm to the faith. (and bad priests, and I will use that term, even more harm!). That is why we must be patient and loving and understanding when we see bad behavior online or in person. That is why when non-Catholics come to church, they need to see and experience your goodness, and reverence, and wisdom, and love. The wounds of the 16th century can be healed, one soul at a time. But only if we are cognizant of why it is important and what it takes.

There has been a lot of discussion about converts nowadays. Years ago I remember when Catholics liked converts, but now there are many acerbic voices against converts. Many cradle Catholics scratch their heads at zealous newbies who seem to be obsessed with doctrinal, liturgical or moral questions when their experience of the Catholic faith was, "Feed the hungry, clothe the naked and be a good person." As a convert, it is hard for me to describe how the romance of orthodoxy and the promise of unity based on a common faith is such a life-changing revelation. If all you know is that world, it's hard to see why outsiders get so excited about it! But converts also need to have the humility to chill out and spend time absorbing the culture of Catholicism.

#endthereformation #stopprotesting #swimthetiberthewatersawful

fr. Christopier & Smith

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



Parish Calendar

sunday, 15 june most holy trinity (English & Latin)	monday, 16 june weekday (English) feria (Latin)	tuesday, 17 june weekday (English) st gregory barbarigo (Latin)
8a Mass Edward Rauch+and Johnny Blackwelder+ (FTD) 10a Mass Deceased Perone Family (FRT) 12p Latin Mass For the People of the Parish (FCS)	No Daily Mass, per Summer Schedule	9a Mass Lucille King+ (FTD)
8p basketball pac HAPPY Stather's DAY	<i>5.30a men's workout 6.30p legion of mary walsingham hall</i>	6p kofc 4th degree mcgivney hall
wednesday, 18 june weekday (English) st ephraem syrus (Latin)	thursday, 19 june st romuald (English) corpus christi (Latin)	friday, 20 june weekday (English) st silverius (Latin)
9a Mass Robert Davies-L (FRT) 5p Confessions	9a Mass Francis Wix+ (FCS) 12p Latin Mass Fr Tim Davison-L (FRT)	9a Mass Kimberly Wix-L (FTD)
7p women's study guadalupe hall	parish office closed	10.30a prayer shawl parish house 6p craft night mcgivney hall
saturday, 21 june st aloysius gonzaga (English & Latin)	sunday, 22 june corpus christi (English) second sunday after pentecost (Latin)	prayer requests All those serving our country, Brian Aho, Lucretia Albright, Angela Bagley, Deborah Baker, Jim Bann ter, Vanessa Baugh, Daniel Bennett, Francine Burl
9a Mass Seger Family-L (FCS) 3.30p Confessions 5p Mass Al Melone+ (FRT)	8a Mass For the People of the Parish (FRT) 10a Mass Deceased McCullen/Simmons Families (FCS) 12p Latin Mass Noreen Costa-L (FCS)	Wrenn Calcutt, Michael Campanelli, Jean Casey, M tha Catel, Frank Cespedes, Julia Chatignyblais, Anr Chevalier & Casey Chevalier, Alan Coker, Rosemary Craig, Gena Cunningham, Alan & Linda Deese, Ca
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Please contact the Parish Office to reque	est a name be added to the prayer list. r two weeks, unless requested otherwise.	Teuscher, Joe Valitchka, Cal Valois & A. Thana Pac Rivas, Luigina Warga, Kayla Whatley, Sarah Willia



homebound ministry

If you are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion, contact Deacon Mark Thompson at <u>mark.thompson@princeofpeacetaylors.org</u>

bounce—loss of a loved one

Be comforted by those who have experienced the grief of the death 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

donating blood

Did you know that when you donate blood at The Blood Connection, Prince of Peace Catholic Church & School has a code to "credit" it to our parish? The code is 3APE.

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 <u>mad4jen@msn.com</u>!

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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 <u>adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org</u> or call 864.508.7123. All hours are

available for prayer, but please consider one of the following hours (*URGENT HOUR!):

Saturday - I lam* & I2p* & I0p

baptism class

Parents desiring Baptism for their child must attend a Baptism Class. The next class is 10 July 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 Tuesday evening Men's Bible Study, led by Dcn. Michael Thompson will resume on 26 August at 7p in Guadalupe Hall. All men are invited to join for fellowship and faith formation. Questions? 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: Mary Pyskaty in memory of: Harry Goldman



flowers \$400



bread & wine \$20 donated by: Mary Pyskaty in memory of: Harry Goldman



music \$300

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.

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 <u>m_grabiec@hotmail.com</u>.

save these dates

- 22 August: Father Smith's 20th Anniversary Mass and Reception at 7p with hors d'oeuvres after. In lieu of gifts, please make donations to the parish's <u>Anatolian Fund</u> for missions in Turkey.
- 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 with Bishop Fabre-Jeune, CS 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 <u>adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org</u>

summer daily mass schedule

Summer Daily Mass Schedule:

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

Our regular schedule resumes 11 August.

parish office closure

The parish office will be closed Thursday, 19 June for Juneteenth, a federal holiday.

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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.

st isidore garden

Three years ago, parishioners began cultivating the St. Isidore Garden—a peaceful space now producing organic food for the poor through St. Vincent de Paul.

More than just a garden, it's a place where children learn about creation, responsibility, and the joy of working with their hands. Weekly classes have helped root our young people in purpose and peace. All are welcome—young and old—to step outside, connect with nature, and encounter God. **Volunteers gather Mondays at 10a to harvest, but you're always invited to walk the garden or enjoy a picnic nearby.**

This garden is for everyone—come be nourished in body and spirit.

welcome new parishioners

Join us in welcoming the following new parishioners: Joshua & Caroline Weiss

happy birthday, fr smith

Fr Christopher Smith will celebrate his birthday on Saturday, 28 June. If you would like to share a card or note of appreciation, please send it to the parish office to arrive no later than 25 June.

1209 Brushy Creek Road, Taylors, SC 29687.

Let's join together in praying for many blessings on his special day and in gratitude for his faithful priestly service!

vacation bible school donations

Please sign up to donate items for Vacation Bible School: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/</u> go/508094BAAA923A7FC1-57209785-2025#/



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.

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.



	As of May 31, 2025				
SVDP Donations	2025			2024	Increase / (Decrease)
Month	\$	10,220	\$	9,338	\$882
Year-To-Date	\$	58,108	\$	51,027	\$7,081

Pantry donations may be left in the large wooden bin in the Narthex. Current pantry needs are:

- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Mac & Cheese
- Cereal
- Pork & Beans
- Canned Chicken & Tuna
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- Snack Chips
- **Toothbrushes & Toothpaste**
- Laundry & Dish Detergent

Important Notice: SVdP does not accept clothing, shoes, or household items. To volunteer, contact popsvdpvolunteer@gmail.com.

men's breakfast

All men of the parish and their friends are invited to breakfast and fellowship on the first Thursday of each month at Eggs Up at 3935 Pelham Rd. Contact Don Foersch at 864.268.3810

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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!



Annual Fund

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.

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



	 As of April 30, 2025			
Offertory	 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 welcome@princeofpeacetaylors.org 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 ٠ 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.

school job openings

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

• Aftercare Aide: requires working from 3.15-6p Monday through Friday, on normal school days. There are approximately 10 half days throughout the year when Aftercare runs from 12-6p. If you are unable to work on these days, a substitute will be arranged. The position requires a high school diploma or GED, a background check, Safe Haven certification, and DSS certification (which POPCS will assist with). Duties include helping students with homework, assisting with snack time, supervising free play, and maintaining the Aftercare room.

Email your resume and cover letter to Principal Barontini at <u>principal@popcatholicschool.org</u>.

mass of st josemaria escriva

A Mass celebrating the Feast of St Josemaria Escriva will be on Saturday, 21 June at 9a with a reception to follow in the Parish House.

Questions? Contact Thierry Wersinger at 864.313.5601 or email: friendsofstjosemariaupstatesc@gmail.com

thank you for volunteering with celebrations

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers who helped make two very special celebrations possible: the joyful reception following Fr. Tim Davison's 40th Anniversary of Priesthood Mass and the beautiful gathering after Fr. Daniel Perry's First Mass on the Feast of Pentecost.

Your time, effort, and attention to detail reflected the love and hospitality of our parish community. From set-up to clean-up, from flowers to food, your contributions allowed each event to honor these priests in a fitting and memorable way.

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women's study

The Women's Bible Study group meets Wednesdays at 7p in Guadalupe Hall studying: *Courageous Love: A Bible Study on Holiness for 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!

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.

a thank you from fr davison

Dear Parishioners of Prince of Peace Parish,

I would like to thank all of those who have made my 40th anniversary of the priesthood so very special. I am grateful for the many gifts and cards and wish to thank each and everyone of you for showing me such kindness. I am very happy to be part of this great parish family.

Sincerely, Fr Tím Davíson







ENTHRONEMENT TO THE Sacred Heart of Tesus

Do you want a way to help your family be holier and have a greater relationship with Jesus? Why not enthrone your homes to the *Sacred Heart of Jesus!*

The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart is Friday, June 27

The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart is a ceremony where an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is placed in a prominent spot in the home, symbolizing the family's commitment to making Jesus the center of their lives. This act involves a consecration prayer and is meant to invite blessings and peace into the household.

THE PROMISES JESUS GAVE TO ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE FOR FAMILIES WHO PRACTICE DEVOTION TO HIS SACRED HEART:

- 1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
- 2. I will establish peace in their families.
- 3. I will console them in all their troubles.
- 4. They shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of their death.
- 5. I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
- 6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source of an infinite ocean of mercy.
- 7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
- 8. Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.
- 9. I will bless the homes where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.
- 10. I will give to priests the power of touching the most hardened hearts.
- 11. Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be effaced,
- 12. The all-powerful love of My Heart will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving their Sacraments; My heart shall be their assured refuge at that last hour.

NEED INFORMATION?

familylife@charlestondiocese.org | sacredheartapostolate.com/enthronements catholiccompany.com/content/sacred-heart-jesus-enthronement-ceremony

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Michelle Zimmerman	Office Manager	864.331.2145	michelle.zimmerman@popcatholicschool.org		

Ministry & Volunteer Leaders (learn about all of our ministries on our <u>website</u> 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	
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Religious Freedom Week 2025

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RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK

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Witnesses to Hope: Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. Beginning 22 June, the feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, the USCCB invites Catholics to pray, reflect, and act to promote religious freedom.

The USCCB provides "Pray—Reflect—Act" resources at <u>www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek</u>—one for each day on different religious liberty topics. These materials help people learn about religious liberty from a Catholic perspective, pray about particular issues, and act on what they learn by advocating for policies that promote religious freedom.

- 22 June: Pray that Catholics will have the courage to put the truth of the gospel and fidelity to the Church above partisan politics.
- 23 June: Pray for couples who suffer fertility challenges, and that political leaders would promote therapies that respect the dignity of all human persons.
- 24 June: Pray that governments will respect the consciences of all people who care for the sick and vulnerable.
- 25 June: Pray for Christians in Nicaragua, where the Catholic Church faces brutal government persecution.
- 26 June: Pray that governments would strengthen the ability for parents to direct the education of their children.
- 27 June: Pray that the Lord would protect vulnerable migrants and refugees, and that the Church enjoy the freedom to carry out the ministries that Christ has handed to her.
- 28 June: Pray that government leaders would recognize the contributions that religious charities make to the common good.



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