

"The sword would not have reached Jesus if it had not pierced Mary's heart."

- St. Bernard of Clairvaux



31 august 2025
22nd sunday in
ordinary time (English)
12th sunday after
pentecost (Latin)



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

Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune
Diocese of Charleston

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Canon Christopher Smith

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Richard Tomlinson

Deacons

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Robert Smith, Gus Suárez, Mark
Thompson & Michael Thompson

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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Monday-Thursday 9a-4p *office closed 1-2p
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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](#)

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.



Letter from our Pastor

An Extraordinary Parish for Ordinary People

Dear Parishioners,

I am not a fan of the question, *How often should I go to confession?* The Church requires you to go to confession at least once a year if you are in the state of mortal sin. Our faith teaches us that if you die in the state of unrepented mortal sin, you send yourself to hell. It seems perfectly reasonable, then, to go to confession as soon as you can, because, *you know neither the day nor the hour*. Some spiritual directors like to suggest a time frame, like once a month or so. And we read the lives of the saints and read about people like St John Paul II who went to confession every day. There are those who think that, "I take a bath every Saturday whether I need it or not," and so they have a regular habit at predictable intervals of going. I think that the freedom of the children of God means that, you should absolutely go to confession at the first reasonable opportunity if you are in the state of mortal sin, and that, if you got time to sin, you got time to wait in a line that might be slightly inconvenient. Other than that, a reasonable interval of time under the influence of prayer to develop a healthy habit of regular confession, even of venial sins, is a great spiritual practice.

But you have to be careful to not develop an attitude of entitlement towards the sacrament of confession. Confession is not an on-demand concierge service. If you begin to think, "I'm just going to pop into confession for a quick absolution", are you really seeing the sacrament of penance as a prayerful encounter with your own conscience and the mercy of God, or are you making it transactional: I sin, I confess, I'm good, and the only thing that you adopt as a spiritual practice is the act of confessing, and not the celebration of the sacrament in the context of growing in virtue and all of those disciplines of the spiritual life that bring us close to Jesus. Sometimes people rationalize this as "I just want the graces," in the most appallingly mathematical kind of way, as if "more is more." The grace of Jesus Christ absolves, purifies and sanctifies not just in the act of confessing, but in the entire Christian life of grace.

There are some people who go to confession quite frequently because, well, they keep falling into mortal sin, and they know it, God knows it, and they come to the medicine of immortality with hope and decision to not sin again. But then there are those who are fixed on the act of confessing to the total or partial exclusion of the firm resolve to not sin again part. There are those who are tormented by guilt for sins of the past, and think that obsessively mentioning them over and over again is somehow going to convince God to forgive them, when he did that on the Cross 2000 years ago! (that is different than calmly mentioning a sin from the past in confession to pray for the grace of deeper healing from the effects of that already forgiven sin). There are those who let the Devil steal their interior peace by agonizing, "I am not sure if this is a mortal sin or not," when mortal sin by its nature means that you know full well that it is a mortal sin. While you certainly can mention struggles and imperfections and minor faults in the confessional, are you doing it in a repetitive and transactional way, or a disciplined and hopeful way? And finally, are you mindful of the many people behind you in line when you couch your confession in a narrative that may make a good *telenovela*, but not a good confession?

A healthy attitude towards the sacrament of confession means that every day you do an examination of conscience, you go as soon as you can for mortal sins, at regular intervals for other stuff, and that you have confidence in God's love for you that His Providence will arrange the right encounters with His Mercy at the right time, whether in the confession or in some other beautiful way. Scrupulosity is often a spiritual manifestation of obsessive-compulsive disorder, and when you are battling that challenge, more is not more when it comes to confession. www.scrupulousanonymous.org is a treasure trove of riches that I wish more people, even who don't think they suffer from scruples, would use. Check it out!

Jr. Christopher E. Smith

Our Map—A Smoke, Vape & Tobacco Free Campus



- 1 Parish House, under the protection of Our Lady of Fatima (includes within it Croghan Hall)
- 2 Guadalupe Hall
- 3 Lourdes Hall & School Office
- 4 Walsingham Hall
- 5 PAC (Parish Activity Center) & PAC Classroom
- 6 St Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Hall
- 7 Blessed McGivney Hall
- 8 Church
- 9 Christ the King Adoration Chapel
- 10 St Joseph's Workshop
- Parking Lots 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15
- 16 St Isidore Garden (feeds the hungry of SVDP)



= where you see this symbol, it means live broadcast
simultaneously on [Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#)

Parish Calendar

Fr Christopher Smith = FCS Fr Richard Tomlinson = FRT Fr Timothy Davison= FTD | Readings are Year C

sunday, 31 aug 22nd sunday in ordinary time (English) 12th sunday after pentecost (Latin)	monday, 1 sept weekday (English) st giles & the holy twelve brothers (English & Latin)	tuesday, 2 sept weekday (English) st stephen of hungary (Latin)
<div>LB</div> 8a Mass Mark & Jean Schroepfer-L (FCS) 10a Mass John Lavelle+ (FTD) 12p Latin Mass For the People of the Parish (FTD)	9a Mass Matt & Denise Mannino-L (FTD)	7a Mass Hayden Mitchell-L (FTD) 12p Latin Mass Beverly Scovill+ (FCS)
<i>no religious education</i> 6p young adult study mcgivney hall 8p basketball golf tournament in narthex	5.30a men's workout 9a st isidore garden harvesting 6.30p legion of mary walsingham hall 7.30-9p volleyball pac	6.30p fraternus/fidelis 7p men's bible study guadalupe hall
wednesday, 3 sept st gregory (English) st pius x (Latin)	thursday, 4 sept weekday (English) feria (Latin)	friday, 5 sept weekday (English) st lawrence justinian (Latin)
7a Mass Landon Mitchell-L (FTD) 12p Latin Mass Donald Scovill+ (FTD) 5p Confessions	7a Mass Landon Mitchell-L (FCS) 12p Latin Mass Joseph Cosgrove+ (FTD)	7a Mass Matthew Mannino-L (FTD) 12p Mass Joseph Mershon-L (FCS)
7p introduction to catholicism pac	6p fhc parent mtg parish house 7.30p confirmation parent mtg parish house	<div>Happy Birthday!</div> <div>Fr Tim Davison</div>
saturday, 6 sept BVM on saturday (English) sat of our lady (Latin)	sunday, 7 sept 23rd sunday in ordinary time (English) 13th sunday after pentecost (Latin)	prayer requests All those serving our country, Brian Aho, Lucretia Albright, Angela Bagley, Deborah Baker, Jim Bannister, Vanessa Baugh, Daniel Bennett, Gerard Brady, Francine Burke, Wrenn Calcutt, Michael Campanelli, Jean Casey, Martha Catel, Frank Cespedes, Julia Chatigny-blais, Anna Chevalier & Casey Chevalier, Alan Coker, Rosemary Craig, Gena Cunningham, Alan & Linda Deese, Carol Deretchin, 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, Rose Teuscher, Joe Valitchka, Cal Valois & A. Thana Pacco Rivas, Luigina Warga, Kayla Whatley, Sarah Williams, & Stephen Wiltberger.
8a Latin Mass Ellen K Cosgrove+ (FTD) 3.30p Confessions 5p Mass Bill & Linda Stander+ (FCS) 9a marian servants information mtg mcgivney hall 10a bounce svdp hall svdp in narthex	<div>LB</div> 8a Mass For the People of the Parish (FCS) 10a Mass Deceased McCullen/Simmons families (FTD) 12p Latin Mass Tim+ & Mary-L Seger (FTD) 8.50a religious education 1.30p potluck after latin mass pac 6p young adult study mcgivney hall 6p cyo 8p basketball svdp in narthex	
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.		



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 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.

new parishioners

Join us in welcoming the following new parishioners: Tyler Robbins; Caitlin McRory; David & Katrina Fogarty and family

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!

perpetual eucharistic adoration



“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” Colossians 3:2 RSV-CE

Share a Holy hour with the Lord!
Contact Lisa Buss at 864.508.7123 or adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org.
All hours are available for prayer, but please consider one of the following hours (*URGENT HOUR!):

Sunday - 12a*; Wednesday - 8am; Thursday - 2am*;
Friday - 12p*; Saturday - 11am & 2p* & 11pm

baptism class

Parents desiring Baptism for their child must attend a Baptism Class. The next class is 11 September at 6.30p in Walsingham Hall. You must 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

The Tuesday evening Men’s Bible Study, led by Dcn. Michael Thompson meets Tuesdays 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 Martin G Leo
in memory of Patrick Leo



bread & wine \$20
donated by Martin G Leo
in memory of Eileen Reyes



flowers \$400



music \$300

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prayer shawl ministry

The prayer shawl ministry meets on the third Friday of the month (19 Sept) 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 (19 Sept) 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—more information to come

- 13-14 September: Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross after Mass
- 28 September: 10a Red, White & Blue Mass
- 5 October: Rosary Sunday Procession
- 12 December: Diamond Jubilee Mass with Bishop Fabre-Jeune, CS and Reception at 6p (RSVP 20-21 September)

st isidore garden

The St. Isidore Garden grows organic food for the poor. Join us Mondays at 9a to harvest, or stop by anytime to walk, pray, or picnic. All are welcome. Be nourished in body and spirit.

Bring your kiddos to the Fall semester of St. Isidore **Children's Garden Classes** on certain Thursdays from 3.30-4.30p for hands-on adventures in the garden. Each session brings something new to discover:

- 11 Sept – Don't Eat Me, I'm Poisonous
- 25 Sept – Over the Rainbow Phytonutrients
- 9 Oct – Garden Tie-Dye
- 23 Oct – Carving for Little Pumpkins
- 6 Nov – 3rd annual Sweet Potato Harvest

Bring your curiosity (and maybe some play clothes you don't mind getting messy!). Please note: classes are outdoors, so rainy weather may cancel the fun. Contact Katie Bein at katiemwilliams88@gmail.com with questions.

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.

interested in learning more about catholicism?

Our Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) program is open to anyone interested in deepening their understanding of the Catholic faith—whether you're a lifelong Catholic seeking a refresher or someone who is simply curious about what Catholics believe.

Participation in the program does not require a commitment to become Catholic; it's a welcoming space to explore, ask questions, and grow in faith. To learn more or to join us, email ocia@princeofpeacetaylors.org. Classes meet Wednesdays at 7p in the PAC. We'd love to walk with you on your journey!

annual holiday craft fair

Put on your shopping shoes; it's Holiday Craft Fair time on Saturday, 1 November from 9a-2p. Drop in to see talented artisans, hand crafted items and a selection of holiday delights. Questions? Contact Jim Bindewald at popcraftfair@charter.net.

⇒ **Vendor booths are SOLD OUT!**

marian eucharistic conference

The 13th Marian Eucharistic Conference will be 24-25 October at the Greenville Convention Center. Featured speakers include Fr. Joseph Wolfe (EWTN), Fr. Chris Alar, Fr. Donald Calloway, Daniel Cellucci, Russ Breault, and John Martignoni. General admission: \$135 (includes Friday dinner & Saturday lunch). Youth: \$90.

Register by mail by 11 October. After the deadline, prices increase to \$145. Gluten-free meals available. Free parking. Learn more at meconferencesc.net or call (864) 354-7160.



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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.



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

- **Food:** Canned Veggies, Soup, Rice, Dried Beans, Peanut Butter
- **Household:** Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent, 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 (e.g. 4 Sept) at 8a at Eggs Up at 3935 Pelham Rd. Contact Don Foertsch at 864.268.3810

donations—sanctuary lamp & bread and wine

If you would like to donate bread and wine, a sanctuary lamp, flowers, or sacred music, in honor or memory of someone, please pick up a donation envelope in the Narthex. Envelope can be dropped in the collection basket or returned to the office.

june 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://tithely.com/give?c=1479801>. Or, options to give to special projects are available.



Donate

As of June 30, 2025			
Offertory	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)
Month	\$ 147,271	\$ 173,018	(\$25,747)
Year-To-Date	\$ 1,868,479	\$ 1,892,200	(\$23,721)

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.

invitation to fidelis & fraternus

Looking for a place for your tween/teen to grow in virtue and answer the call to holiness while forming lasting friendships with their Catholic peers? Join Fraternus (for boys) or Fidelis (for girls)! Kickoff night for both ministries, which are open to kids in grades 6–12, is Tuesday, 2 September at the Parish House. Email Fidelis at upstatefidelis@gmail.com or email Fraternus at ecivitanes@hotmail.com

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 used hardback or sturdy children's religious books appropriate for ages 1–4. Please drop them off in the church library or reach out to Loretta at the email above.

labor day holiday

The parish office and school will be closed on 1 September in observance of Labor Day.

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recollections

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

- Evening of recollection for men: Friday, 26 September at 7p with reception in Parish House
- Morning recollection for women: Saturday, 27 September at 9a.

A recollection is a silent mini-retreat. It consists of Benediction, a meditation by a priest of the Pre-lature 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

substitute catechists needed

Do you have a heart for sharing the Catholic faith with the next generation? We are currently seeking substitute Catechists to serve in our Religious Education program for K5–8th grade students during the 2025–2026 school year.

To learn more about available roles and responsibilities, please contact Maria Barontini.

open light media account creation (free)

Our parish has gifted all families free access to Open Light Media. To begin exploring this benefit, create an account:

1. Create an Account

- Click Here: <https://plus.openlightmedia.com>
- Login, create an account using email address and password (if your name is in the black box on the right)

2. To join your group

- Click here [Openlight Media Plus Subscription Plans » Openlight Media](#)
- Click Join Your Group
- Enter your school's zipcode, **then press the right arrow**
- Click on the **school** name (Prince of Peace Catholic SCHOOL—do not say “parish”)
- Complete the fields ROLE and POSITION
- Confirm on the next page

volunteers needed

Be part of a joyful day benefiting Prince of Peace Catholic Church & School and St. Rafka Maronite Catholic Church. We're looking for friendly helpers for set-up, contest stations, hospitality, and more at our 5th annual Golf Tournament on 15 September at Cherokee Valley Golf Club. Choose a shift that fits your day—or stay with us all day! Lunch provided for volunteers.

Come serve, make new friends, and support our parishes together. Interested? Email John Olson at jamolson@gmail.com to sign up or [click the link](#).

young adult fall retreat

The Diocese of Charleston is hosting a Young Adult Fall Retreat (18-35yo) on 17-19 October at Diakonia Retreat Center (approx. 75 mins west of POP). The theme is “Return the Gaze” and the weekend includes time for rest, silence, and personal encounter with Christ through Scripture, prayer and community. Stay tuned for more details. Questions? Contact Ella Grace Hass at eghaas@charlestdiocese.org.

parish mission—save the date

On 21-23 September, our parish will host a special Parish Mission led by Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap., a Capuchin Franciscan friar with a heart for evangelization and renewal. Ordained in 1993, Fr. Tuscan has spent years guiding the faithful through missions, retreats, and reflections that invite people to encounter Christ more deeply.

The mission will draw us into the heart of God's mercy, offering powerful preaching and practical encouragement for daily Christian living. Fr. Tuscan's engaging style weaves together Scripture, the wisdom of the Church, and real-life application, making the timeless truths of our faith come alive in fresh and meaningful ways.

Mark your calendars for 21-23 September and plan to join us for this grace-filled time of renewal. Together, we will prepare our hearts to be strengthened in faith, healed in God's mercy, and sent forth as witnesses of Christ's love.



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marian servants

Journey with the Marian Servants® of the Holy Face of Jesus in our annual **Consecration to Jesus through Mary**. Your personal 33 days of Prayer begins **4 September**, with Consecration on **7 October**, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. All are invited to participate in-person or via zoom. We will use the book, "[Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary According to St. Louis De Montfort](#)" by Father Hugh Gillespie, SMM.

The Marian Servants® are distinguished by: Devotion to the Holy Spirit and the Mother of Jesus, Commitment to grow in holiness, obedience, and humble servanthood, Faithfulness to authentic Catholic teaching and loyalty to the magisterium of the Church, and Ministry in spiritual direction and healing prayer.

To participate in **Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary** (free copy of Father Gillespie's book, while supplies last), or for more information on the Marian Servants, please contact: Lisa Buss, Director, Marian Servants of the Holy Face of Jesus: marianservantsHFJ@gmail.com. The Marian Servants® of the Holy Face of Jesus is a Public Association of the Christian Faithful. For more details visit <https://divineprovidence.org>.

theology on tap for young adults

Theology on Tap

Identity and Vocation

"God inscribed in the humanity of man and woman the vocation, and thus the capacity and responsibility, of love and communion."
(CCC 2331)

Sep 11 ♦ Oct 16 ♦ Nov 14

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Christ on Main ♦ Greenville, SC

act of spiritual communion

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

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.

national day of remembrance

On 13 September, all are invited to join after the 8a Latin Mass for a prayerful procession to the Angel Garden. Together, we will pray the rosary in loving remembrance of the children who died to abortion, entrusting them to the mercy of God and the care of Our Blessed Mother.

via fidelis

Via Fidelis is a five-year spiritual journey by the Diocese of Charleston, inviting baptized Catholics to deepen their knowledge, love, and commitment to Christ while walking together in faith and mission.

Each year focuses on a distinct theme—2025: Proclaim the Faith; 2026: Understand the Faith; 2027: Celebrate the Faith; 2028: Serve the Faith; and 2029: Share the Faith—guiding participants through stages similar to the catechumenal process. Each month offers a practical focus, and September's theme is spend time in Adoration. Learn more and take your next step at charlestondiocese.org/via-fidelis.

September | Listen to the Voice of God



"Be still and know" that He is God (Ps 46:11) by spending time in silence or adoration and allow God to speak to your heart.



Contact Us

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Clergy

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<i>*contact Maria R. about facility reservations and requesting Anointing of the Sick prior to surgery or when gravely ill, Safe Environment</i>			
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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 & 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		ocia@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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open light media seminar—all parishioners



Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist

Join us on Saturday, 20 September from 9a-12p for an Open Light Media seminar featuring Fr. Smith and Sr. John Dominic, including a practical tour of the platform. Coffee and light refreshments provided.

prayer to our sorrowful mother

O Mother of Sorrows, thou, who beneath the Cross of Jesus were given to us as our Mother, look down with pity on us, thy children, who weep and mourn in this valley of tears. By that sword of sorrow which pierced thy Heart when thou looked upon the Face of thy dead Son, obtain for us that comfort we so sorely need in our sufferings.

Thou were given to us our Mother in the hour of thy greatest grief that thou might be mindful of our frailty and the evils that press upon us. Without thy aid, O Sorrowful Mother, we cannot gain the victory in this struggle against flesh and blood. Therefore, we seek thy help, O Queen of Sorrows, lest we fall prey to the wiles of the enemy. We are orphans in need of the guiding hand of our Mother amid the dangers that threaten our destruction. Thou whose grief was boundless as the sea, grant us by the memory of those sorrows the strength to be victorious.

Intercede further, O Mother of Sorrows, for us and all who are near and dear to us, that we may ever do the Will of thy Son, and may direct all our actions to His honor, and to the furtherance of devotion to thy sorrows.

Amen.

Virgin Most Sorrowful, pray for us.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

ladies lunch bunch

The Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet at Acropolis on Pelham Rd. Tuesday, 9 September at 11.30a. Please RSVP to Dorothea Jones at 864.268.3354.

annual golf tournament

Prince of Peace Catholic Church & School together with St Rafka Maronite Catholic Church are uniting for the 5th annual Golf Charity Greenville on Monday, 15 September 2025 at Cherokee Valley Golf Club in Travelers Rest, South Carolina.

Event schedule:

11a Registration & Boxed Lunch

12n Shotgun Start

5p Par-tee, a cocktail party with hors d'oeuvres and golfer prizes

To participate in the Golf Event costs \$200/golfer or \$800 for a team of four. Your all inclusive ticket:

- 18 holes of golf
- lunch before teeing off
- dinner & drinks at the Par-Tee
- automatic entrance in the putting contest
- swag bag with golf balls and other gifts
- drinks during play
- each golfer gets 1 throw, 1 mulligan and 1 red tee

Sponsors needed! Contact Deacon Michael Thompson at michael.thompson@princeofpeacetaylors.org.

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