



28 december 2025
the holy family of Jesus,
Mary & Joseph (English)
the holy innocents (Latin)



PRINCE of PEACE
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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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Recordings of homilies are on the parish website & [Apple Podcast](#)

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Formed: when you register at formed.org/signup, use code GYYF72.

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We appreciate your support: [Parish Offertory](#) & [Parish School Giving](#)

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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.



From Our Pastor

An Extraordinary Parish for Ordinary People

Dear Parishioners,

Today we commemorate the Feast of the Holy Family, and so the feast normally celebrated on the 28th of December, Holy Innocents, drops out because it is a Sunday. But I think it is a great opportunity to see in the juxtaposition of these two feasts to remember the innocent ones, the children.

The Innocents of Herod's time were in danger because they stood in the way of totalitarian domination by an earthly king who had become paranoid because of his own sin. How many children today are also in danger for so many reasons? Although Catholic teaching traditionally provides criteria for just war, those criteria are drawn around military targets and the avoidance of killing innocent people. But there are wars all over the world, and children are the greatest victims. We cannot stand by in silence and overlook the poor treatment of children because of the machinations of politicians. Children today all over the world are still threatened by violence, injustice, discrimination and poverty. As people of faith, we have to work for justice to overcome those structures of sin against life, as well as avoid personal individual sins against hope.

In our own context, children also have existential threats that we cannot be naïve or ignorant about. One of the most dangerous places for a child to be, still, is the womb. Abortion has not gone away, and the psychological effects of abortion on mothers and fathers and other family members, and the unresolved grief that comes from the murder of the innocent, is warping our society. If you or someone you love has been affected by this tragedy, we offer a resource for your assistance: www.supportafterabortion.com. Check it out!

Children also have heightened threats from gender ideology, moral relativism, sexual, physical and emotional abuse, and predators online. Greenville is a hot spot for human trafficking, which means under very own noses, children are bonded into slavery right up and down I-85 every day. Parents are sometimes incredibly disconnected from the disastrous consequences of their children's early exposure to pornography, excessive screen time and what is really going on in their classrooms.

There are a lot of Herods nowadays, and sometimes they lurk in our very own families. Let us protect the innocence of childhood, and give children opportunities to thrive in communities of love and respect. We urge every parent of school aged children to call the school next week and arrange for a visit to the school and consider Catholic education for their children, to help them hide from Herod for a little while longer!

In Christ,

Fr. 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
- 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 Parking Lots
- 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 A

sunday, 28 dec the holy family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (English) sunday within the octave of christmas (Latin)	monday, 29 dec 5th day within the octave of the nativity of the Lord (English & Latin)	tuesday, 30 dec 6th day within the octave of the nativity of the Lord (English & Latin)
8a Mass For the People of the Parish (FRT) LB 10a Mass Thomas & Jane Donohue+ (FCG) 12p Latin Mass Nicklaus King-L (FRT)	9a Mass James Nowlan+ (FRT)	9a Mass Philip Sullivan+ (FRT)
	5.30a men's workout 6.30p legion of mary walsingham hall <i>parish office closed</i>	7p men's bible guadalupe hall
wednesday, 31 dec st sylvestor I (English & Latin) 7th day within the octave of the na- tivity of the Lord (Latin)	thursday, 1 jan solemnity of Mary, the holy mother of God (English) octave of the nativity of the Lord (Latin)	friday, 2 jan sts basil the great & gregory nazianzen (English) sacred heart of Jesus (Latin)
No Confessions LB 5p Mass Houlroyd & Krahm Families-L (FRT) <i>parish office closed</i>	10a Mass Gunnar Liebrandt+ (FCG) 12p Latin Bruce H Saunders, II (FTD) <i>parish office closed</i>	9a Mass Coleen Raleigh-L (FTD) <i>parish office closed</i>
Holy Day of Obligation		
saturday, 3 jan the most holy name of Jesus (English) immaculate heart of Mary (Latin)	sunday, 4 jan the epiphany of the Lord (English) holy name of Jesus (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 Chatignyblais, John Cegledy, Anna Chevalier & Casey Chevalier, Alan Coker, Rosemary Craig, Gena Cunningham, Alan 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, Cliff Leavitt, 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, Kelly Shane, Christy Smith, Dcn Bob Smith, Lois Smith, Matt Smith, Yanini Smith, Kevin Stanton, Christine Tallman, Laurie Taylor, Rose Teuscher, Cal Valois & A. Thana Pacco Rivas, Luigina Warga, Kayla Whatley, Sarah Williams, & Stephen Wiltberger.
3.30p Confessions 5p Mass H Lee Heap+ (FCS) 6p ccm parish house svdp in narthex	8a Mass Fred Adams+ (FCG) LB 10a Mass People of the Parish (FCS) 12p Latin Mass Toca Family-L (FCS) 1p basketball 1p potluck parish house 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 Gianelloni at 864.561.4733 or Jim Roberts 864.238.6850.

vbs 2026

Please save the date(s) for VBS 2026: 22-26 June 2026. If you'd like to volunteer for VBS 2026, please contact maria.barontini@princeofpeacetaylors.org

ladies lunch bunch

The Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet at Longhorn Steak House on Woodruff Rd in the Green Ridge Shopping Ctr, Tuesday, 13 January at 11.30a. Please RSVP to Dorothea Jones at 864.268.3354.

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



“O Come let us adore Him! O come let us adore Him! O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!”

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!):

Monday –7a*, Thursday-2a*, Friday-12p, Saturday-11a, Sunday-4a & 10a

baptism class

Parents desiring Baptism for their child must attend a Baptism Class. The next class is 8 January 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 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: Mrs. Dorothy Goldman & Family
in memory of: Breda Kearns



bread & wine \$20
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flowers \$400



music \$300

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november 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.



Donate

Offertory	As of November 30, 2025		
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)
Month	\$ 140,706	\$ 170,950	(\$30,244)
Year-To-Date	768,262	\$ 736,740	\$31,522

substitute teachers needed

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

prayer shawl ministry

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

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. 8 Jan *changed due to New Year's Day) at 8a at Eggs Up at 3935 Pelham Rd. Contact Don Foertsch at 864.268.3810

pop women's craft group

Join a free craft get-together on the second Sunday of the month from 3-5p in McGivney Hall (**please note the new date and time**). Bring your own supplies to work on a project or observe others; all skill levels are welcome! Contact Michelle Grabiec at m_grabiec@hotmail.com with questions.

new: first friday confession (certain months)

For the benefit of families, Confessions will be heard from 11a-12p on the following upcoming dates: 6 February, 6 March, and 1 May.

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. **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.

parish office closure

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, 29 December, and from Wednesday, 31 December through Friday, 2 January.

father daughter dance

Save the Date: The Father Daughter Dance is 7 February and is open to the entire parish. **Registration coming in 11 January bulletin.**

1 january is a holy day of obligation

Our Mass schedule is Wednesday, 31 December 5p Vigil Mass; Thursday, 1 January 10 OF Mass; Thursday, 1 January (Circumcision of the Lord) 12p Low Latin Mass

thank you

This holiday season, we are deeply grateful to all who have supported Prince of Peace Catholic Church & School throughout the past year through your time, your talents, and your generous financial gifts. Your faithfulness makes a meaningful difference in the life of our parish, and we are truly thankful for each of you. As we look ahead, we are grateful to continue this journey together in the year to come.

If you have any questions about your giving, or would like assistance setting up electronic giving during the busy holiday season, please feel free to contact Justin Carrick at 864-331-3907.

st clare's home gala 2026

Visit <https://e.givesmart.com/events/Lsc/> to purchase tickets or consider sponsorship for the St Clare's Home 5th annual Pink & Blue Gala on 7 February at 6p at the Fluor Dining Venue.



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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. **Needed Items:** cereal, jelly, laundry detergent, macaroni & cheese, toothbrushes (individually packaged) and dry pinto beans. *Please be mindful of expiration dates as we can only accept in date items.*

Nearly new clothing donations are accepted every Monday from 9.30-11.30a at the SVDP trailer. (Except for major holidays or when the parish office is closed). Please **DO NOT** place clothing donations in the bin in the Narthex. We are not able to accept household items, shoes or furniture. If you have donations outside of hours, email popsvdpvolunteer@gmail.com to arrange a drop off time.

library volunteers needed

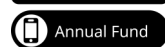
Library Volunteers needed! Prince of Peace has a wonderful little cafe-library in McGivney Hall with over 1,000 vetted Catholic books (and counting!). We are seeking volunteers to help open the library throughout the week so all can enjoy it. If you love books, enjoy a hot cup of coffee/tea with friends, and/or are looking for a way to serve your spiritual home, we want you! Please contact Lisa Buss at library@princeofpeacetaylors.org to sign up.

mass schedule alert

Please note that there will be no **daily** Mass on Monday, 5 January; Wednesday, 7 January; or Saturday, 10 January (morning). We appreciate your understanding and invite you to plan accordingly.

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.

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!

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.

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

Peace in Progress Campaign Letter

An Extraordinary Parish for Ordinary People

Dear Friends in Christ,

I know that many of you may be asking yourselves, Why should I make a contribution to the Peace in Progress Campaign? Does it really affect me? That is an understandable question. I would simply ask you to consider an alternative perspective.

Over the years, numerous studies have shown that students educated in Catholic schools are far more likely to remain lifelong Catholics than those educated in the public school system. Some studies suggest that as many as 80% of individuals educated in Catholic schools remain active in their faith throughout their lives. This is why Father Smith often says that Prince of Peace Catholic School is the primary apostolate of our parish. An investment in the Peace in Progress Campaign is, therefore, an investment in the future of Prince of Peace Parish and in the vitality of the Catholic faith itself.

Pam and I have been members of Prince of Peace for 35 years. When we first joined, Mass was celebrated in what is now Crogan Hall. Over the years, we have witnessed tremendous growth—and I am grateful to say that this growth has been a blessing in every sense. Today, Prince of Peace is one of the most vibrant and dynamic parishes in the entire state of South Carolina.

The Upstate continues to experience significant growth, with thousands of people relocating here each year from the Northeast and Midwest. Many of these new residents are young Catholic families seeking a parish community and a Catholic education for their children. Prince of Peace Catholic School has been an award-winning school for many years, making it a natural choice for families searching for a new parish home.

While this growth is something to celebrate, it also brings challenges. Our current facilities are rapidly approaching capacity. The Peace in Progress Campaign is designed to begin expanding our ability to serve parish families with school-age children—both now and for generations to come.

Pam and I have enjoyed so many wonderful years at Prince of Peace, made possible by the generosity and foresight of those who came before us. Now it is our turn to step forward for the benefit of future generations. This campaign is our opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to our parish and its future.

If you have not already done so, we invite you to prayerfully consider making a contribution to the Peace in Progress Campaign. No gift is too small, and every gift helps ensure that Prince of Peace continues to thrive for years to come.

With gratitude and hope,

Brian Mackenzie
Finance Council Chairman



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Holy Day of Obligation

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY

"On this day the Church, while adoring the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and while venerating the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is the Mother of the King of Peace, invokes the supreme gift of peace from the Divine Infant and also pleads for the constant protection of the Mother of God."

Marialis Cultus, 1974

WEDNESDAY, 31 DECEMBER
5P VIGIL MASS SOLEMNITY OF MARY

THURSDAY, 1 JANUARY
10 MASS SOLEMNITY OF MARY
12P LATIN MASS CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD

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Baptism Class	Dcn Gus Suárez		gus.suarez@princeofpeacetaylors.org

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<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 OCIA (introduction to catholicism course)</i>			
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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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epiphany

On the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, the Church celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the nations, revealed as King, God, and Savior. The Blessing of Epiphany Water will take place on Monday, 5 January at 7p. This rite consists solely of the traditional blessing of water according to the Roman Ritual; there will be no Mass that evening. The blessed water may be taken home and used throughout the year as a sacramental for the blessing of homes and families, recalling both the Baptism of the Lord and the sanctification of all creation by Christ. **Please place the water you want blessed inside the altar rail (Main Altar) prior to Mass beginning and pick it up after.**

The Latin Mass for the Solemnity of the Epiphany will be celebrated on Tuesday, 6 January at 7p.



pop women's group resuming

All women of the parish are warmly invited to join the POP Women's Group, beginning Wednesday, 14 January, at 7p in Guadalupe Hall. Come gather with us each week for meaningful friendship, encouragement, and shared growth as we deepen our understanding of the Catholic faith together. Whether you are new or returning, you are most welcome. For more information, please contact Karen Cantu at 864.553.1918.

young adult women invitation

Young adult women are invited to a Women's Day of Reflection on 10 January at the Basilica of St. Peter in Columbia from 10a-4p, followed by an optional 5p Vigil Mass. The day will feature reflections by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia (Nashville). Registration is \$15 (includes lunch); deadline is 5 January 2026.

job opening: aftercare and late stay director

The parish school is hiring an Aftercare and Late Stay Director for afternoons from 1–6p Monday–Friday on regular school days, plus about 10 half days (12–6p). Subs can be arranged for certain half days.

Requirements: High school diploma/GED, background check, Safe Haven training, and DSS certification (POPCS will assist).

Responsibilities: Assist with homework, help with snacks, and supervise students during free play. Submit your resume and cover letter to Principal Barontini at principal@popcatholicschool.org

job opening: elementary school teacher

Our parish school- recently honored as a National Blue Ribbon School and State of South Carolina Blue Ribbon School-forms saints and scholars through faith, virtue, and academic excellence. We are seeking a mission-driven Lower Elementary Teacher, preferably a practicing Catholic, with strong early literacy skills and a love for educating the whole child.

To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and three references to Principal Barontini at principal@popcatholicschool.org

recollections

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

- Evening of recollection for men: Friday, 23 January at 7p. Reception following.
- Morning recollection for women: Saturday, 24 January at 9a.

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 and a talk on a practical topic. Contact Thierry at thierry.wersinger@gmail.com or 864.313.5601

school mass notice

We have a weekly School Mass which is the heart of our week. That Mass is no longer open to anyone outside of the school community, which means: parents, grandparents, family members, POPCS students, faculty and staff. The church during school liturgical functions will be closed and locked for the security of our families. Any of those who are admitted should check in at the school first and get the Raptor system clearance before proceeding to the church.

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