



4 January 2026  
 the epiphany of the Lord (English)  
 most holy name of Jesus (Latin)



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

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Canon Christopher Smith

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Fr. Richard Tomlinson

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Nestor Acosta, Michael Cavin, Dean Schroeder, 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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 Sacred Music: [Spotify](#) (search Sacred Music at Prince of Peace)  
 Formed: when you register at [formed.org/signup](http://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](mailto:welcome@princeofpeacetaylors.org).



# From Our Pastor

An Extraordinary Parish for Ordinary People

Dear Parishioners,

The Feast of the Epiphany proclaims a great and enduring truth: God desires to be known. He does not remain hidden or distant. He reveals Himself—not in spectacle or force, but in humility. The eternal Son of God is made manifest to the world as a child, laid in a manger, entrusted to a mother's care. Divinity enters human history quietly, yet decisively.

The Gospel tells us that wise men from distant lands saw a star and set out in search of what they did not yet fully understand. They were not driven by curiosity, but by longing. They were seeking Someone. When they arrived, they did not analyze or debate. They fell to their knees and adored. They recognized that this was no ordinary child, but the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

That same Lord continues to make Himself known to us today, most especially in the Holy Eucharist. At every Mass, Christ is lifted up upon the altar, fulfilling His promise: "When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself." What appears as simple bread and wine is, in truth, the Body and Blood of the Savior. This is the great Epiphany of our time: God giving Himself entirely to His people.

Because this gift is so extraordinary, it calls forth a response. If Christ gives Himself to us so completely, what do we give in return?

The Magi opened their treasures and offered gold, frankincense, and myrrh—gifts fit for a king, a priest, and a sacrifice. They understood that everything they possessed had first been given to them by God, and yet they offered it back freely. Their gifts were an act of worship, a sign of surrender.

We are invited to bring our own gifts to the altar: the gold of obedience, choosing God's will over our own; the incense of prayer and reverence, lifting our hearts toward heaven; and the myrrh of repentance, offering sorrow for our sins and trust in God's mercy. These are the treasures Christ desires.

Such gifts require humility. Before the Eucharistic Lord, there is no room for pride or self-sufficiency. For centuries, Catholics have knelt in adoration not as a mere custom, but as a bodily confession of faith. Even when we cannot kneel with our bodies, we must kneel with our hearts, recognizing that we stand before God Himself.

It is easy, in a distracted world, to lose sight of what happens at Mass. Yet nothing there is ordinary. Heaven touches earth. The angels themselves marvel at what is entrusted to us: the privilege of receiving Christ into our very bodies. This is not a routine encounter. It is a moment of divine intimacy.

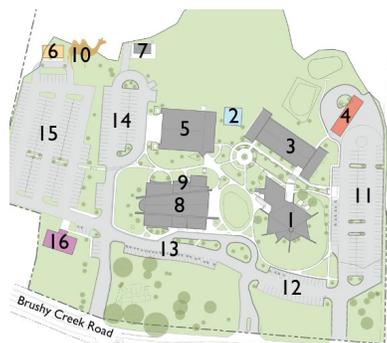
Epiphany calls us to see again, to lift our eyes to the star that still shines above the altar, to rejoice at the Lord who comes to meet us, and to adore Him with renewed love. Christ continues to reveal Himself to those who seek Him with humility and faith.

May we, like the Magi, set aside all that holds us back, fall before the Lord in worship, and offer Him our lives without hesitation. Then, as the prophet promises, our hearts will overflow with joy at what we see.

In Christ,

*F. 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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>sunday, 4 jan</b> the epiphany of the Lord (English) most holy name of Jesus (Latin)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>monday, 5 jan</b> st john neumann (English &amp; Latin) vigil of the epiphany (Latin)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>tuesday, 6 jan</b> st andré bessette (English) the epiphany of the Lord (Latin)</p>
<p>8a Mass Fred Adams+ (FCG) 10a Mass People of the Parish (FCS) 12p Latin Mass Toca Family-L (FCS)</p>	<p><b>No Daily Mass</b> 7p Blessing of Water</p>	<p>9a Mass Daniel Kopeck-L (FCS) 7p Latin Mass Josephine Bach (FCS)</p>
<p><i>1p basketball</i> <i>1p potluck parish house</i> <i>svdp in narthex</i></p>	<p><i>5.30a men's workout</i> <i>6p basketball</i> <i>6.30p legion of mary walsingham hall</i></p>	<p><i>6.30p fraternus/fidelis</i> <i>7p men's bible guadalupe hall</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>wednesday, 7 jan</b> st raymond of penyafort (English) feria of epiphany (Latin)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>thursday, 8 jan</b> christmas weekday (English) feria of epiphany (Latin)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>friday, 9 jan</b> christmas weekday (English) feria of epiphany (Latin)</p>
<p><b>No Daily Mass</b> 5p Confessions</p>	<p>9a Mass Emilie Dowd-L (FCS)</p>	<p>9a Mass Bill Sloka+ (FCS)</p>
<p><i>5.30p aoh mcgivney hall</i> <i>7p introduction to catholicism pac</i></p>	<p><i>6p basketball</i> <i>6.30p baptism class walsingham hall</i> <i>7p kofc mcgivney hall</i></p>	<p><i>6p basketball</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>saturday, 10 jan</b> christmas weekday (English) saturday of our lady (Latin)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>sunday, 11 jan</b> the baptism of the Lord (English) holy family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph (Latin)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>prayer requests</b></p>
<p><b>No Daily Mass</b> 3.30p Confessions 5p Mass Bill &amp; Linda Standera+ (FCS)</p>	<p>8a Mass Deceased Perone Family (FCS) 10a Mass Thomas &amp; Jane Donohue+ (FCS) 12p Latin Mass People of the Parish (FCS)</p>	<p>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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; A. Thana Pacco Rivas, Luigina Warga, Kayla Whatley, Sarah Williams, &amp; Stephen Wiltberger.</p>
<p><i>8a basketball</i> <i>9a ccm rosary &amp; cleaning</i></p>	<p><i>8.50 religious education</i> <i>1p basketball</i> <i>3p craft group mcgivney hall</i> <i>6.30p cyo</i></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>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.</i></p>		



# Happenings & Needs

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## homebound ministry

If you are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion, contact Deacon Mark Thompson at [mark.thompson@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mad4jen@msn.com)!

## Donations (envelopes in the narthex may be dropped into the offertory baskets)



sanctuary candle \$20  
donated by: Mrs. Dorothy Goldmann & Family  
in memory of: Harry Goldmann



bread & wine \$20  
donated by: Mrs. Dorothy Goldmann & Family  
in memory of: Harry Goldmann



flowers \$400



music \$300

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jamolson@gmail.com).

## monday morning workout for men

Join the men (18 and older) of the parish who “offer it up” and attack the week every Monday morning from 5.30-6.15a for outdoor exercise and prayer. No fitness background is necessary. Park in the lot between the PAC and McGivney Hall. Participants will offer up prayer and suffering for Fr. Smith, Fr. Tomlinson, all clergy, our own families, and the marriage and family life throughout the Parish. Questions? Contact Paul Pizzuti at [pizzuti@fidei.email](mailto:pizzuti@fidei.email) or 864.501.8954.

## 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.**

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:popsvdpvolunteer@gmail.com) to arrange a drop off time.

## additional christmas flower donations

- Mr & Mrs Martin Cordi
- Mr Patrick Curran
- Mr & Mrs Jordan Decoteau — Charlie, Izzy, & Pascal Decoteau
- Mr & Mrs Carlos Henao — Jose J
- Ms Kathy Melone — Al Melone
- Mrs & Mrs Stephen Miernicki
- Mr & Mrs Donald Ricketts

## thank you

Thank you to all who gave their time and talents to make our parish so beautiful for Christmas. Your care and generosity helped prepare a sacred and welcoming place to celebrate the birth of Christ.

## new parish office hours

Beginning January 2026, parish office hours will be Monday–Friday, 9a-4p (closed daily from 1-2p).

## 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](http://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](mailto: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

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## epiphany house blessing

On the Feast of the Epiphany in the Domestic Church you are invited to do the following:

- Take home blessed chalk **which will be available in the narthex from 3-6 January** and mark the door of your house with 20 + C + M + B + 26. The year of the Incarnation of Our Lord is accompanied by the initials CMB. In Latin, they stand for two things: *Christus mansionem benedicat* – *May Christ bless this home*, as well as the traditional names of the Three Kings, whose relics are in Cologne Cathedral in Germany: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.

A possible prayer to say:

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen.

Ideas for celebrating in your home:

- It is traditional to celebrate Epiphany with a Kings Cake: a sweet cake that contains an object like a plastic figure, bean or nut. If you get the bean, you are King or Queen for the day!
- Nativity scene: the infant Jesus could be given a small gold crown or regal robe. The figures of the wise men should have reached the manger by now!
- Put on a play: celebrate the three kings by asking children to act out the story of the Magi coming to visit the newborn king. Bedsheets and tablecloths make great robes and crowns can be homemade (tip: Burger King is happy to give out crowns to customers!). Children can carry the three gifts to the Christ-child in the manger: [click here](#) for how to make edible “gifts” that are symbolic of the gold, frankincense and myrrh. Be sure to sing “We Three Kings”!
- Eat something “golden”: Honey, gold-wrapped chocolate coins, banana bread, or tea with honey — no special baking required.
- Read Matthew 2:1–12 aloud together, then ask one simple question: What gift would I bring Jesus?

## how long should your decorations remain?

Christmas is a season! The festive home décor and celebration should continue until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord or even until the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas) on 2 February.

## january is dedicated to the holy name of Jesus

- do not take the Lord's name in vain and do not allow anyone or anything to do so around you (including turning off what you're watching or listening to, if it does)
- adopt the pious practice of bowing your head whenever you say or hear the name of Jesus
- decorate your domestic church (home) in colors of white (first half of January is the liturgical season of Christmas, represented by liturgical color of white for purity) and green (second half of January begins ordinary time with the liturgical color green representing hope as a sprouting seed) and the letters IHS, perhaps decorated and framed.
- write His name on your home using the Epiphany home blessing & blessed chalk available in the Narthex
- every day, pray to Joseph and Mary to increase your love for their Son, along with your reverence for His Holy Name.
- pray the Golden Arrow Prayer in reparation for blasphemies against His Most Holy Name

Golden Arrow Prayer: May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

## pop art party 2026

Mark your calendars for the 22nd Annual POP Art Gala on Saturday, 18 April 2026. This year's theme, **When in Rome**, promises an elegant and festive evening inspired by the beauty and culture of Rome—all in support of the extraordinary students of Prince of Peace Catholic School. More details coming soon!



## January Is Sanctity of Human Life Month

Give Life a Loving Welcome  
for Mothers with Unplanned  
Pregnancy served by  
Birthright of Greenville



### Baby Essentials

- Diapers (newborn–size 5)
- Baby wipes
- Baby wash/shampoo
- Diaper cream
- Receiving or muslin blankets

### Feeding & Soothing (brand new)

- Bottles
- Pacifiers, teething rings, rattles

### Clothing

- Sleepers (girls): newborn, 3–6 months
- Onesies (girls): newborn, 0–3, 3–6, 6–9 months
- Onesies (boys): newborn
- Baby clothes up to 9 months

### Maternity (brand new)

- Maternity clothes

**Drop off across  
January**

**9a–3p School office**

#### Contact Info:

Kathleen Moynihan, CIC Chair  
 [kathleensmoynihan@gmail.com](mailto:kathleensmoynihan@gmail.com)

# Contact Us

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

## Parish Staff

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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>			
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<i>contact Michael S. as ministry liaison and OCIA (introduction to catholicism course)</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](mailto:bulletin submissions@princeofpeacetaylors.org)



# Happenings & Needs

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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@popcatholicsschool.org](mailto:principal@popcatholicsschool.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@popcatholicsschool.org](mailto:principal@popcatholicsschool.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](mailto: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.