

Mary Ryan H., parish school student, won 1st place in the diocesan annual St Catherine Art Expo with her artwork "The Sower"

8 february 2026
fifth sunday in ordinary time
(English)
sexagesima sunday (Latin)



PRINCE of PEACE
Catholic Church & School
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Fr. Richard Tomlinson

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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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From Our Pastor

An Extraordinary Parish for Ordinary People

Dear Parishioners,

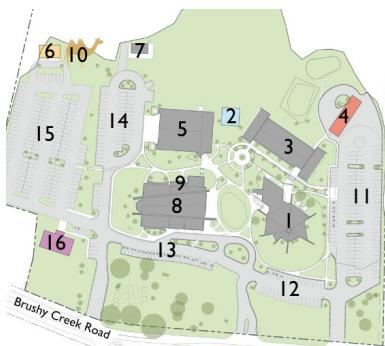
In 2020, Catholic mother Stephanie Stovell remembered when Catholics were encouraged to receive Communion in the hand because of COVID. She capitulated, and then had an experience that made her reflect on, not just Communion, but her relationship with the God she received.

I decided to receive Our Lord in the palm of my hand. I brought my mouth down to Him and took Him under my roof. I walked back to the pew, hands still folded, knelt and prayed. After sitting, I opened my hands, looked down at them, and found a Crumb. Tears of shock rolled down my cheeks with no effort. You always hear about the possibility of Crumbs, but I always imagined them too tiny to find and not frequent. This Crumb was the size of a Chick-fil-a crunchy you get excited about after all the nuggets are gone. I brought Him to my mouth in disbelief of how Jesus was still on my hand and I had no idea. My thoughts then went to times when we receive Him in our hands and without seeing the Crumbs, the Savior of the World, the King of Our Life, Our Lord of Lords and Prince of Peace ... falls to the ground ... and we then step on God. My heart broke into a million pieces and the tears become violent. How many times have we stepped on Our Lord? The Most Holy and Precious of all Gifts, trampled on. God knew this would happen, and He STILL desired to give Himself to us. He knew His Crumbs would be falling from our hands, and yet He still became Bread for our salvation. His desire for intimacy with us is something that is absolutely unfathomable. The thought was then placed in my heart, I trample all over His heart each and every time I sin – and that, that hurts Him the most. The tongue vs. hand debate will go on forever and the question will always remain: What is the disposition of the heart? But to sin, that is never a question. We just do it. We just trample all over Our Dear Lord's heart without checking the disposition of our hearts. Our pride tramples on His heart. Our unforgiveness tramples on His heart. Our hatred and intolerance of each other tramples on His heart. Our desire for more materialism and social status tramples on His heart. Every single time I have sinned, I have been a part of the Scourging of Our Lord. "Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?" Yup. Every time I sin. Oh, Dear God, help us. Have mercy on us. Send us all the grace we need to check the disposition of our hearts before we lash out against each other. Before we lash out against you, whom we are to love above all things. This life is hard, Dear Lord, but we know that with you, we can crush our sins. Please, God, help us crush our sins and not your most Holy and Sacred Heart. Amen.

Please consider taking up the Church's traditional discipline of receiving Communion directly on the tongue. And be aware that if you choose to receive in the hand and are not absolutely careful that not even a single particle of the Host does not cling to your hand, you are assuming the responsibility when Our LORD falls to the ground and is trampled underfoot. Do not ever be careless when receiving Christ in His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity.

In Christ,

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 Parking Lots 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15
- 12
- 13
- 14
- 15
- 16 St Isidore Garden (feeds the hungry of SVDP)
- Brushy Creek Road



= 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, 8 feb fifth sunday in ordinary time (English) sexagesima sunday (Latin)	monday, 9 feb weekday (English) st cyril (Latin)	tuesday, 10 feb st scholastica (English) st scholastica (Latin)
<p>8a Mass Fred Adams+ (FCS) LB 10a Mass For the People of the Parish (FCS) 12p Latin Mass Tim & Rosie Seger+ (FCS) 6p Vespers</p>	<p>No Mass</p>	<p>7a Mass Apolonio Carandang+ (FTD)</p>
<p>8.50a religious education after 10a mass—parish school open house & donuts on plaza for parishioner appreciation 1p basketball pac 3p craft group mcgivney hall no cyo 40 days for life in narthex</p>	<p>5.30a men's workout 6p basketball 6.30p legion of mary walsingham hall</p>	<p>6.30p fraternus/fidelis 7p columbiettes mcgivney hall 7p men's bible guadalupe hall</p>
<p>wednesday, 11 feb our lady of lourdes (English) the apparition of the blessed virgin mary immaculate (Latin)</p>	<p>thursday, 12 feb weekday (English) the seven holy founders of the order of servants of the blessed virgin mary(Latin)</p>	<p>friday, 13 feb weekday (English) feria (Latin)</p>
<p>No Mass 5p Confession</p>	<p>7a Mass Parker Wix-L (FTD)</p>	<p>7a Mass Toca Family-L (FTD)</p>
<p>7p introduction to catholicism pac 7p women's study guadalupe hall</p>	<p>6p basketball pac 6.30p baptism class walsingham hall 7p kofc mcgivney hall</p>	<p>6p basketball pac 6p ccm mcgivney hall</p>
<p>saturday, 14 feb sts cyril & methodius (English) st valentine romuald (Latin)</p>	<p>sunday, 15 feb sixth sunday in ordinary time (English) quinquagesima sunday (Latin)</p>	<p>prayer requests</p>
<p>8a Latin Mass Kristin Orr-L (FRT) 3.30p Confession 5p Mass For the People of the Parish (FTD)</p>	<p>8a Mass Kathryn Mullane+(FCS) LB 10a Mass Thomas & Jane Donohue+(FRT) 12p Latin Mass Fr Richard Tomlinson-L(FRT) 6p Vespers</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 & 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.</p>
<p>8a basketball pac 40 days for life in narthex</p>	<p>no religious education 1p basketball pac 6.30p cyo 40 days for life in narthex</p>	
<p>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.</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

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.

prayer shawl ministry

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

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: John & Sheila Rainey
in memory of: Jeremy & Jeff Rainey



bread & wine \$20
donated by: Michael & Cheryl Tague
in memory of: Robert K Hunt



flowers \$400
donated by: David De Maria & Danielle Marton
in honor of: their wedding 2/7/26



music \$300

perpetual eucharistic adoration



"Every time we look at the Blessed Sacrament our place in heaven is raised forever." — Gertrude the Great

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!):

Wednesday - 3p; Saturday - 11a;
Sunday - 9a & 10a

baptism class

Parents desiring Baptism for their child must attend a Baptism Class. The next class is 12 February 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.

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december 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](#)

As of December 31, 2025			
Offertory	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)
Month	\$ 208,021	\$ 251,280	(\$43,259)
Year-To-Date	976,282	\$ 988,020	(\$11,738)

substitute teachers needed

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

belonging women's conference

You are invited to the annual Belonging Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, 28 February from 8.30-5p at St. Joseph's Catholic School. The day includes nationally known speaker Barbara Heil, more than 20 workshops, Catholic vendors, Holy Mass, uplifting music, and a catered box lunch—all included with registration. Registration is now open; www.HeartRidgeMinistries.com/Belonging

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. 5 March) 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 (e.g. 8 March) from 3-5p in McGivney Hall. 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 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.

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 or 864.501.8954.

vacation bible school—21-26 june

Prince of Peace VBS returns 22-26 June with CATChat's Cathletics! Training to Be Champions for Christ—a high-energy week helping children grow in faith, friendship, and joy. The day program (entering Grades 1-6) meets Mon-Thurs 8.15a-12.30p and Fri 8.15a-1.30p, featuring a pizza lunch and our much-loved Water Day. Daily Mass at 11a anchors the week in prayer. A youth evening program (entering Grades 7-12) runs Sun-Thurs (21-25 June), 6-7.30p.

Registration: Adult volunteer families may register now-21 Feb at a discounted rate (adult volunteers are needed!). Childcare and K4/K5 are offered first to volunteer families, then siblings (K4/K5 capped at 15). Parish registration opens 22 Feb by email request **only** to Maria Barontini at maria.barontini@princeofpeacetaylors.org.

Fees: Day program \$50/child (\$125 family max; 20 per grade). Youth evening program \$30/student. Teen volunteers may register beginning 22 Feb—service hours available for school or Confirmation (Class of 2027).



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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:** canned fruit, grits, jelly, laundry detergent, pasta sauce, and toothpaste. *Please be mindful of expiration dates.*

New winter coats, blankets, and throws are being accepted through the end of February. Donations may be placed in the wooden bin in the Narthex or brought to the SVDP trailer on Mondays from 11a-1p. Please note: the Narthex bin is for coats and blankets only. All other clothing donations must be brought to the trailer during Monday hours or by appointment by email at popsvdpvolunteer@gmail.com

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners and community partners, SVDP provided \$147,598 in utility assistance, 808 food bags, and served 828 families last year. Special thanks to Boy Scouts Troop 925, POP Volleyball Club, St. Isidore Garden, POP-CS, and Greenville Rage Youth Hockey League for their service and donation drives.

columbiettes meet & greet

Please join the Columbiettes at 7p on 10 February in McGivney Hall for a meet and greet with light refreshments, fellowship, and a chance to learn more about this organization.

ladies lunch bunch

The Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet at Lieu's Asian Bistro, located at 103 E. Beacon Drive., Tuesday, 10 February at 11.30a. Please RSVP to Dorothea Jones at 864.268.3354.

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

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40 days for life

Members of the Prince of Peace Respect Life Committee will be in the narthex after all Masses on 7-8 February and 14-15 February. Please stop by to learn more and sign up.

We invite all parishioners to prayerfully consider giving one hour to pray at the abortion facility on Grove Road on the following Mondays: 23 February; 2, 9, 16, and 23 March.

Bring a friend and pray together. Many who participate share that this hour of prayer becomes one of the greatest blessings of their week.

sponsors needed

We are seeking faithful parishioners who are willing to serve as sponsors for OCIA candidates and Confirmation students who do not have a practicing Catholic in their life to fill this role.

A sponsor must be a Catholic in good standing and is asked to walk alongside a candidate during this important season of faith formation. Sponsors offer encouragement, prayer, and personal witness—helping the candidate grow in their understanding of the Catholic faith and inspiring them to live it authentically in daily life. This is a meaningful relationship rooted in accompaniment, not expertise.

Not all volunteers will be matched with a candidate this year; however, we hope to build a running list of parishioners who are open to serving as sponsors as needs arise.

If you feel called to consider this role or would like to learn more, please email Maria Barontini at maria.barontini@princeofpeacetaylors.org to discuss further.

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!

best of the upstate

Nominations for Best of the Upstate are collected 6-27 February with The Greenville News! Please nominate the parish and school as your “Best Place of Worship,” “Best Private School,” and “Best Preschool.” Nominations are made daily.

join our blue ribbon school of academic excellence

Prince of Peace Catholic School (Kindergarten–8th Grade) provides a rigorous and well-rounded education that blends a classical approach to the humanities with a modern, research-based approach to science and math. Rooted in our Catholic faith, we form students in virtue, prayer, and academic excellence, partnering closely with parents to educate the whole child.

Did you know? Through the Education Scholarship Trust Fund (ESTF), more than 85% of students in South Carolina qualify for a \$7,634 scholarship toward nonpublic school tuition—including Catholic schools like Prince of Peace.

Enrollment for the next academic year is underway. For more information, please contact our school office. Visit us at <https://popcatholicschool.org>

For more information, please call 864-971-4767 or email Mrs. Liz Burgdorf at reception@popcatholicschool.org.

lenten sermon series with fr smith

Throughout Lent at the 5p and 10a Mass, Fr. Christopher Smith will reflect on the Seven Life-Giving Virtues—patience, abstinence, humility, diligence, kindness, liberality, and chastity—inviting us to examine our lives, grow in virtue, and prepare our hearts for Easter.

ash wednesday

Ash Wednesday is 18 February. Mass and distribution of ashes are as follows:

7a Mass with Distribution of Ashes

10a No Mass-Distribution of Ashes only

12p Latin Mass with Distribution of Ashes

5p No Mass-Distribution of Ashes only

7p Mass with Distribution of Ashes



LET'S BE TOGETHER.

2026 Catholic Appeal Begins

The **Catholic Appeal of South Carolina** (CASC) is a primary source of funding to help sustain and expand the ministries of the 96 parishes, 20 missions, 32 Catholic schools and multiple agencies of the Diocese of Charleston across the state. As stewards of God's gifts, we are invited to support the needs of our diocese through prayers and sacrificial gifts.

Catholic Appeal of South Carolina Funding | \$5,500,000 Goal

Givers of His Love | \$2,300,000 – 42%

CASC provides funds to the following diocesan-wide offices and ministries across the state that proclaim the joy of the Gospel and bring hope, support and love to others:

- Parish Emergency Fund
- Multi-Ethnic Ministry
- Catechetical & Evangelization Program
- Child Protective Services
- Education Support for Social Issues
- Family Life Ministry
- Catholic Charities of South Carolina
- Parish/Parishioner Outreach & Communication

Teachers of His Children | \$1,900,000 – 35%

CASC provides funds to support our Catholic schools by increasing access to affordable, quality, Christ-centered education through *Catholic school grants* and *tuition assistance*.

The appeal provides funds to over 20 college campus ministries across South Carolina. It funds *FOCUS missionaries*, *Chaplains* and *campus ministers*.

CASC supports youth and young adult ministries through *education and training opportunities*, *retreats*, *national conferences* and *regional young adult community gatherings*.

Servants of His People | \$1,300,000 – 23%

CASC provides funds to encourage and nurture the call of men and women to vocations and consecrated life through the support of *seminarians*, *vocation education* and *priest retirement and healthcare/long-term support*.

Thank you for making a difference!



Next week, all registered parishioners will be mailed their personalized information packet and invitation to participate in the **2026 Catholic Appeal of South Carolina**. Please take the time to review the materials and make your response in the return envelope provided.

Only by your prayers and generosity are the ministries supported by the **Catholic Appeal of South Carolina** able to thrive and serve the many people who need us to share with them the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

Contact Us

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Clergy

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Fr Tim Davison	Retired Priest		fr.tim.davison@gmail.com
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Liturgical Ministers	Dcn Michael Thompson		michael.thompson@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Baptism Class	Dcn Gus Suárez		gus.suarez@princeofpeacetaylors.org

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Dcn Nestor Acosta	Pastoral Associate for Sacramental Life	864.331.3905	nestor.acosta@princeofpeacetaylors.org
<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	pharris0@bellsouth.net
Spiritual Direction	Lisa Buss		spiritualdirection@princeofpeacetaylors.org

Submit your announcements 2 weeks prior to the desired bulletin date to bulletinsubmissions@princeofpeacetaylors.org



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bulletin advertising

We extend our sincere thanks to our current bulletin advertisers whose generous support makes this important parish communication possible at no cost to our parish. Because of you, our bulletin is available both in print and online and continues to be a valuable way to stay connected as a church family.

Our bulletin publishing partner, Mark Fitzgerald from Diocesan, is currently working to renew existing advertisements and to welcome new bulletin advertisers. Mark will be reaching out to our current sponsors in the coming days—thank you in advance for your continued support through ad renewal.

If you are interested in advertising in the bulletin on behalf of your business, family, favorite charity, or in memory of a loved one, we invite you to contact Mark directly. Bulletin advertisers recognize the tremendous value of reaching our parish community, and we ask parishioners and guests to support these generous sponsors whenever possible. Mark will be on site at the parish Tuesday, 17 February through Thursday, 19 February and can be reached at 614.205.4841 or by email at mfitzgerald@diocesan.com.

pop women's group

All women of the parish are warmly invited to join the POP Women's Group meeting Wednesdays 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.

vespers

Sunday Vespers (Evening Prayer) is a simple, beautiful way to end the Lord's Day. This prayer of the Church includes psalms and Scripture and lasts about 30 minutes.

- Join us Sundays at 6p. during Ordinary Time, through 15 February.

Come as you are—listen, pray quietly, or participate fully. It's a peaceful way to rest in God's presence and prepare for the week ahead.

via fidelis

Via Fidelis Year 2 begins on Ash Wednesday, 18 February. Our 2026 theme, Understand the Faith, invites us to know and love our Catholic faith more deeply through the Catechism of the Catholic Church—a gift of the Second Vatican Council given to the Church by St. John Paul II. With the Bible and the Catechism together, we can learn doctrine, discern God's will, and open our hearts to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Best of all, the full Catechism is readily available online, making this rich treasury of our faith accessible to all.

job opening: elementary school teacher

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recollections

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

- Evening of recollection for men: Thursday, 19 February at 7p. Reception following.
- Morning recollection for women: Saturday, 21 February 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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