

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

Pastor

Canon Christopher Smith

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Richard Tomlinson

Deacons

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.

☎ 864.268.4352 After hours medical emergencies requiring a priest only: 866.456.2956

✉ parishoffice@princeofpeacetaylors.org

Office hours:

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

Stay connected:

Website: www.princeofpeacetaylors.org

Facebook & Instagram: @princeofpeacetaylors

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

Sacred Music: [Spotify](#) (search Sacred Music at Prince of Peace)

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.



From Our Pastor

An Extraordinary Parish for Ordinary People

Dear Parishioners,

Do you know what the Catholic Church's expectations for couples wanting to get married are? First of all, marriage as a sacrament is part of the entire sacramental life of the Church. That means every adult Catholic should be registered in a parish, and use the envelope system to give according to his or her means and also to demonstrate Mass attendance. If you have children who are college age, please instruct them to do this! Second of all, the easiest way to describe what the Church expects is this: A Catholic marries a Catholic in the Catholic Church.

Are there exceptions? Well, the Church discourages mixed marriages between Catholics and non-Catholics, and will only permit the marriage of a Catholic to a non-Catholic if the Catholic party promises to raise the children as Catholics. That means, as Catholics, not as half and half with some other religion. The Church further binds her children to what is called *canonical form*, which means that the marriage has to be according to Catholic rites in a Catholic church. In very extreme pastoral circumstances, the Bishop can dispense from canonical form or sacred space, but that almost never happens. If you want to get married, eloping to an Elvis chapel and writing your own vows is not how Catholics do this.

Also, some couples are so excited to get married that they put the cart before the horse and book a venue and a date before they even talk to the parish, and then they get into serious trouble because they pay deposits thinking that a church and a priest is like booking a florist or a DJ. Prince of Peace is a very busy parish, and we don't do shotgun weddings. We get enraged couples who have already planned the wedding of their dreams and are woefully ignorant of what it takes to get married in the Church. Remember, we don't do weddings, we do marriages. Very different thing.

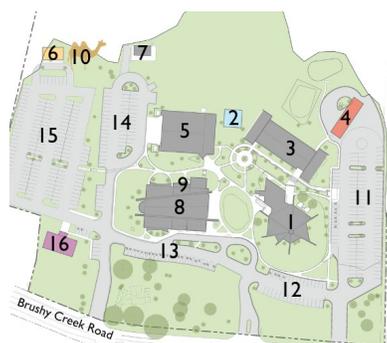
Also, when a baptized Catholic chooses to get married outside of a Catholic Church, they contract an invalid marriage and place themselves outside of full Communion with the Church, which means that they cannot receive any of the sacraments except in danger of death until they get their marriage regularized. The regularization of marriage in the Church is called *convalidation* and it requires the same preparation that any couple would need to get married in Church. If a Catholic family member or friend then attends the invalid marriage of a Catholic who gets married outside of the Church, they risk giving scandal and participate in the simulation of a sacrament. It's gravely sinful. But couples often guilt trip their loved ones and threaten them if they don't come to what everyone knows is *not a sacramental marriage*.

Now what is interesting is that, as long as both bride and groom are free to marry (that is, there are no previous marriages or the previous marriages have been annulled), a convalidation is easy! The poor state of catechesis in many places means that we have generations of Catholics who did not even know they had contracted an invalid marriage in the first place, and are horrified to discover later that they were in a state of impaired communion with the Church. It's time to change this! So if you are in that state, call Deacon Nestor Acosta this week in the office, and get the ball rolling.

Also, if a Catholic party isn't practicing the faith, don't try to force them to get married in Church. A marriage to be valid has to be free of coercion. Well-meaning parents think their children have to get married in Church, but if they're not even going to Mass, that's where you need to start, not with the marriage!

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
- 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 A

sunday, 8 mar third sunday of lent (English & Latin)	monday, 9 mar st frances of rome (English & Latin)	tuesday, 10 mar lenten weekday (English) feria of lent (Latin)
8a Mass For the People of the Parish (FTD) 10a Mass Mary Jean Heap-L (FRT) 12p Latin Mass Elise Mershon-L (FCS) 7p Compline	7a Mass Karen Teixeira+(FTD) 12p Latin Rosie Seger+(FRT)	7a Mass Ma'May Grimm+(FRT) 12p Latin Mass Steve & Doreen Gliebe-L (FTD)
<i>8.50a religious education</i> <i>3p women's craft group mcgivney hall</i> <i>6.30p cyo</i> <i>8p basketball pac</i>	<i>5.30a men's workout</i> <i>6.30p legion of mary walsingham hall</i> <i>7.30p volleyball</i>	<i>6.30p fraternus/fidelis</i> <i>6.30p columbiettes mcgivney hall</i> <i>7p men's bible guadalupe hall</i>
wednesday, 11 mar lenten weekday (English) feria of lent (Latin)	thursday, 12 mar lenten weekday (English) st gregory the great (Latin)	friday, 13 mar lenten weekday (English) feria of lent (Latin)
7a Mass Henry & Sally Silveira+(FTD) 12p Latin Mass Susan Caljean-L (FRT) 5p Confessions	7a Mass Rolando Atienza+(FCS) 12p Latin Mass CCM-L (FRT)	7a Mass Fred Adams+(FTD) 12p Latin Mass Charlotte Duncan-L (FCS) 7p Confessions 7p Stations of the Cross
<i>7p introduction to catholicism pac</i> <i>7p women's study guadalupe hall</i>	<i>6.30p baptism class walsingham hall</i> <i>7p kofc mcgivney hall</i>	<i>5.30-6.45p meatless meal pac</i>
saturday, 14 mar lenten weekday (English) feria of lent (Latin)	sunday, 15 mar fourth sunday of lent (English) laetare sunday (Latin)	prayer requests All those serving our country, Brian Aho, Lucretia Albright, Angela Bagley, Deborah Baker, Jim Bannister, Vanessa Baugh, Daniel Bennett, Gerard Brady, Jennifer Bunecke, 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, Gary Little, 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 Schil-laci, 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, Luigna Warga, Kayla Whatley, Sarah Williams, & Stephen Wiltberger.
8a Latin Mass James Scocca+(FRT) 3.30p Confessions 5p Mass Leo Hueckelhoven+(FCS)	8a Mass Deceased Perone Family (FRT) 10a Mass Alex Wunder-L with Blessing of Expectant Mothers (FCS) 12p Latin Mass For the People of the Parish with Blessing of Expectant Mothers (FRT) 7p Compline	
	<i>no religious education</i> <i>coffee on plaza after 10a mass</i> <i>6.30p cyo</i> <i>8p basketball pac</i>	
<p><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>		



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homebound ministry

If you are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion, contact Dcn 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 (e.g. 4 April) 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 (e.g. 20 March) 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. 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!

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



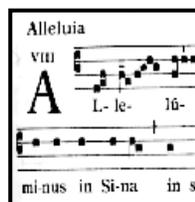
sanctuary candle \$20
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in memory of: Margaret Leo



bread & wine \$20
donated by: Martin G Leo
in memory of: Margaret Leo



flowers \$400



music \$300

perpetual eucharistic adoration



"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host." — (Soon to be Blessed) Fulton J. Sheen

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 - 12a*, 1a*, 6a & 1p; Tuesday - 5p,
Saturday - 11a; Sunday - 9a & 10a

baptism class

Parents desiring Baptism for their child must attend a Baptism Class. The next class is 12 March at 6.30p in Walsingham Hall. You must register by contacting Dcn 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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january 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=147980>. Options to give to special projects are available.



Offertory	As of 31 January 2026		
	Actual	Budget	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Month	\$ 143,329	\$ 184,660	(\$41,331)
Year-To-Date	\$ 1,119,740	\$ 1,172,680	(\$52,940)

substitute teachers needed

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

blissing of expectant mothers

Laetare Sunday is 15 March. At the 10a & 12p Masses we will have the Blessing of Expectant Mothers!

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. 2 April) 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 or observe others; all skill levels welcome! Questions? Contact Michelle Grabiec m_grabiec@hotmail.com.

ladies lunch bunch

The Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet at Harbor Inn, 321 Haywood Rd. Tuesday, 10 March at 11.30a. Please RSVP to Dorothea Jones at 864.268.3354.

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. ***no potluck in April**

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.

recollections

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

- Evening of recollection for men: Tuesday, 17 March at 7p. Reception following.
- Morning recollection for women: Saturday, 21 March 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

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.



	As of 1/30/2026		
SVDP Donations	2026	2025	Increase / (Decrease)
Month	\$16,464	\$9,525	\$6,939
Year-to-Date	\$16,464	\$9,525	\$6,939

Pantry donations may be left in the large wood-
en bin in the Narthex. **Needed Items:** Jelly, Pork & Beans, Rice, Snacks, Toilet Paper, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste. *Please be mindful of expiration dates.*

All clothing donations must be brought to the trailer during Monday hours or by appointment by email at popsvdpvolunteer@gmail.com

welcome new parishioners

Extend a warm welcome to our new parishioners: London & Janet Cortes; Michael & Karen Marcin; Tim & Claire Sergus; Steven & Esmerelda Rosen

bereavement committee volunteers needed

Our Bereavement Committee serves families in a meaningful way by providing hospitality and a reception following funeral services for our parishioners. This quiet ministry offers comfort, care, and the support of our parish community during a time of loss.

If you feel called to serve in this compassionate ministry or would like to learn more, please contact Maria Rauch. Your willingness to help can be a great blessing to those who are grieving.

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!

- The Welcome Committee will host Coffee Sundays on 15 March, 12 April, and 17 May after the 10a Mass. Stay, connect, and meet someone new as we build community at Prince of Peace.

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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lenten reading

Every year Father Smith during Holy Week says, “Welcome to Jerusalem.” The journey of Lent is like a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Francisco Fernández Carvajal’s *Life of Jesus* will take you on a journey that will help you to see the events in the life of Christ from the inside. Start it as soon as you can, and let it accompany you through to the celebration of the Paschal Mystery at Easter. Father Francisco is a Spanish priest of Opus Dei.

- Available on Amazon: <https://a.co/d/1lvyyXI>

volleyball

Co-ed volleyball practice meets Mondays from 7.30 -9p in the PAC. All skill levels are welcome, but it's recommended that you have some knowledge of the game and prior experience. Players must be 15 years of age or older. Teams will be formed by 13 March. Games will start on 16 March and run through 18 May. Games will be scheduled at either 6.30p, 7.30p, or 8.30p on Mondays. Championship games and potluck dinner will be on 18 May. If you would like to be placed on a team, please go to practice or sign up by email to Johanna at 1998best@gmail.com by 10 March. Questions? 864.616.8668.

stations of the cross

Join us each Friday of Lent for Stations of the Cross at 7p in the Church, followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Families should feel welcome to move together from station to station, and children are encouraged to come kneel with him on the carpet before the altar during Benediction.

Before Stations, enjoy a meatless meal and fellowship in the PAC from 5.30–6.45p (menus may change week to week).

Cost: Adults \$8 | Seniors (60+) \$6 | Children (6–12) \$6 | Children under 6 free | Family max \$30
Payment: cash, card, or checks accepted.

⇒ 27 March will feature **Solemn Stations** with veneration and Benediction of a Relic of the True Cross.

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 call 864.971.4767 or email reception@popcatholicsschool.org.

days of fasting and abstinence

The present laws of the Church regarding fasting and abstinence during the Season of Lent are as follows:

1. **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are days of fasting. On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two lesser meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. This obligation binds Catholics aged 18 to 59
2. **Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent** are also days of abstinence. On days of abstinence, meat should not be eaten at any meal. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics who have completed their 14th year.

The obligation to observe, as a whole or “substantially,” the penitential days specified by the Church is a serious obligation. The Code of Canon Law states: “On these days (of penance), the faithful are in a special manner to devote themselves to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, to deny themselves by fulfilling their obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the fast and abstinence...”



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pop art gala 2026

Join us for the **22nd Annual POP Art Gala** on **Saturday, 18 April 2026, from 5–10p at the Poinsett Club**. 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. Become part of our **Wall of Fame** by supporting the Gala through sponsorship.

- **Diamond Presenters (\$5,000+)** receive “Presented by” recognition on the auction program cover, a back cover advertisement, eight gala tickets, event signage, and recognition in our annual *State of the School Report*.
- **Platinum Presenters (\$2,500+)** receive a full-page program advertisement, six tickets, event signage, and recognition in the annual report.
- **Gold Presenters (\$1,000+)** receive a half-page advertisement, four tickets, event signage, and recognition in the annual report.
- **Silver Presenters (\$500+)** receive a quarter-page advertisement, two tickets, event signage, and recognition in the annual report.
- **Bronze Sponsors (\$250+)** are listed in the auction program, receive one ticket, event signage, and recognition in the annual report.

Sponsorships must be submitted by **Friday, 27 March**. Purchase tickets or sponsorships at: <https://qrco.de/popartgala2026>. For questions, contact Mrs. Michelle Zimmerman at popartparty@popcatholicsschool.org.

pilgrimage to turkey with fr smith 2027

Step into the lands of the early Church on a transformative pilgrimage to Turkey 3-12 June 2027, where the faith first spread across the ancient world. Journey through Istanbul, the historic city of Constantinople, exploring sacred churches and timeless Christian landmarks where East meets West. Visit Nicea, where the Church proclaimed the Nicene Creed, and walk the ancient streets of Smyrna and Ephesus where St. Paul preached and the first believers gathered. Pray at the House of the Virgin Mary and honor saints such as St. Polycarp and St. John the Evangelist. This pilgrimage is not just a journey through remarkable ruins and holy places but a profound spiritual renewal—an invitation to deepen your faith and encounter God in the very cradle of Christianity. Starting at \$3,995 per person. Learn more at stcharlespilgrimages.com/smith

job opening: st clare's home

St. Clare's Home is seeking compassionate individuals to support pregnant mothers and their babies. Open positions include a Weekend Shift Supervisor (48-hour shift every other weekend) and a Client Coordinator (case management and resource support for moms). Candidates should be able to work independently and support the mission's pro-life, Catholic values. To learn more or apply, send your resume to ybaronkin@catholicdiocese.org

family friday confession

For the benefit of families, Confessions will be heard from 11a-12p on 1 May.

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ROMETRAVELLER POPARTGALA 18APR26

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BOARDING NOW FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING IN ROME

This evening supports the mission of Prince of Peace Catholic School—forming saints and scholars through Catholic culture and academic excellence.

DEPARTURE

18 April 2026

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5-10p

GATE

The Poinsett Club

TICKETS



Contact Us

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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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Ed Carl	Sexton		ed.carl@princeofpeacetaylors.org

School (Office: 864.971-4POP) **our childcare registration number is 24774*

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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	
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lenten compline

Compline (also known as Night Prayer) is the final church service (or office) of the day in the Christian tradition of canonical hours. The prayers are always the same, so it is very easy to learn! We will have Compline on Sundays during Lent at 7p in the Church.

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.

40 days for life

You are invited to join Christians from across the Upstate in our local 40 Days for Life campaign during Lent (18 February – 29 March). Be the one to say yes to prayer and peaceful witness for the least and most vulnerable among us. To learn more or sign up, visit www.40daysforlife.com/greenville or contact Judy at 864.506.0964 or Deacon Connor at 828.860.5622.

lenten confession schedule

Wednesdays 5-6p
Fridays 7-8p
Saturdays 3.30-4.30p

Passion Week
Tuesday, 24 March
7-9a
11a-1p
5-7p
Wednesday, 25 March
7-8a
11a-1p
5-7p
Thursday, 26 March
7-9a
11a-1p
5-7p

easter flower donations

If you would like to donate toward the Easter flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, please use the Easter Flower envelope included in your envelope packet or a plain envelope labeled with your name and the name(s) of those you wish to remember (please print clearly). Place your envelope in the collection basket.



All names will be published in the Easter bulletin. Deadline: Wednesday, 25 March at 10a.

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

feast of st joseph celebration

Our parish will celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph on Thursday, 19 March, with Mass (English) at 6p, followed by a procession to the PAC for a reception. Please drop off breads to be blessed (4-6p) and non-perishable finger foods (i.e. sliced sweet or savory breads, cookies, donuts and desserts) on plates ready to share. Coffee, tea, water and paper goods will be supplied. If you would like to help or learn more, contact Katrina Freier at notarywellford@gmail.com.

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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