

kicking off the 2026–27 school year with strong handshakes, good eye contact, and big smiles—building confidence, character, and community from day one.



23 august 2026

21st sunday in ordinary time (English)  
13th sunday after pentecost (Latin)



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

Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune  
Diocese of Charleston

#### **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.



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#### **Office hours:**

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

#### **Stay connected:**

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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](https://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).





## Summer Guest Author Series 6

An Extraordinary Parish for Ordinary People

During Lent, we invited parishioners to participate in our *Lenten Testimony Challenge* by prayerfully reflecting on how God has worked in their lives and writing a testimony following a simple outline: **Before** – What was my life like? What was missing? **Encounter** – How did Jesus get my attention? **After** – How has my life or relationship with God changed? We have continued to receive beautiful testimonies of God's quiet and faithful work, and throughout our *Summer Guest Author Series* we are honored to share some of them—anonously when requested—to encourage others in their own walk with Christ. If the Lord has been at work in your life, we invite you to send your testimony to Kylee Heap at [communications@princeofpeaceparish.org](mailto:communications@princeofpeaceparish.org) for consideration in a future bulletin or in other parish communications.

I was educated in the faith by the example of my family and many Dominican sisters, which inspired me to become an educator in Catholic schools. It was an era of the daily Latin Mass, Vatican II and popular media like Bishop Fulton Sheen, *The Sound of Music*, and *The Flying Nun*. Yet, I heard nothing about Eucharistic Adoration. That would not happen until years later.

Upon returning from a trip to Paris, I had a conversation with our pastor, Father Steve Brovey, about an amazing church up on a hill called Sacré-Cœur. Even late at night, the church was filled to capacity, yet it was completely silent. First, he smiled, and then he educated me. He explained that what we had stumbled upon was Perpetual Adoration. That basilica has kept an unbroken chain of prayer running twenty-four hours a day since 1885. It is truly unbelievable.

Almost ten years later, Father Brovey embarked on a mission to launch Perpetual Adoration here at Prince of Peace. He enlisted four of my good friends to lead the charge – Nancy Mohlman, Mary Sloka, Linda Head, and Pam Harrison. One evening a visiting missionary of Adoration came to church to speak. He was a dynamic speaker, full of joy and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. At the evening's conclusion, this priest announced that he would be hearing confessions. "Come. There is a special sale tonight – only a nickel per person." I went. In lieu of a penance, he suggested I visit the new chapel for one hour each week for a month. That was 21 years ago.

On my first visit, I felt like an imposter. Most people who know me would not describe me as the silent type. I really did not know what I was going to do for a whole hour. But I was struck by the sheer reverence of the chapel-goers – men, women, and children. Some were reading, some were kneeling, some were just gazing at the Eucharist.

Through the years, silent hours with Jesus in the chapel have been a blessing. They have taught me to listen, ask, study, and persevere.

They have pulled me through grief – the loss of my sister, the sadness of watching my father fade with Alzheimer's, the sudden blindness and death of my mother. Not to mention the loss of my dear friend Nancy, whose name is inscribed on the plaque above the holy water font in the chapel.

However, these hours have also brought me hope, answers, and joy. They helped me prepare Religious Ed lessons, explore Bible courses, and pursue studies from Dante to Chesterton. They have delivered answered prayers of conversion, marriages, and birth announcements of sweet babies.

Our Christ the King Adoration Chapel is a free gift. I will be forever grateful to those two priests, those four friends and that confession that was on sale for a nickel.

- Pam Mackenzie

### 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

| <b>sunday, 23 aug</b><br>21st sunday in ordinary time (English)<br>13th sunday after pentecost (Latin)                                                                    | <b>monday, 24 aug</b><br>st bartholomew (English & Latin)                                                                                                                                   | <b>tuesday, 25 aug</b><br>weekday (English)<br>st louis ix & joseph calasanx (Latin)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| 8a Mass Larry & Jean Jones+ (FCS)<br>10a Mass Deceased McCullen/Simmons Families (FTD)<br>12p Latin Mass Claire Hartnett-L (FTD)                                          | 7a Mass Luisita Ovejas+ (FTD)                                                                                                                                                               | 7a Mass Kristie Killough-L (FTD)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 8.50a religious education (re)<br>9a re parent meeting pac<br>1p potluck pac<br>4p basic catechism class<br>6.30p cyo<br>fraternus/fidelis in narthex                     | 5.30a men's workout<br>6p foundations of faith study-young adults (18-30) mcgivney hall<br>6.30p volleyball pac (game times vary)<br>6.30p legion of mary walsingham hall                   | 7p men's bible study guadalupe hall                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>wednesday, 26 aug</b><br>weekday (English)<br>st zephyrinus (Latin)                                                                                                    | <b>thursday, 27 aug</b><br>st monica (English)<br>st joseph calasance (Latin)                                                                                                               | <b>friday, 28 aug</b><br>st augustine (English & Latin)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 7a Mass Steve Schultz+ (FTD)<br>5p Confessions                                                                                                                            | 7a Mass Christopher Hartnett-L (FCS)                                                                                                                                                        | 7a Mass Hewitt Dickerson+ (FCS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 7p women's book study mcgivney hall<br>7p introduction to catholicism pac                                                                                                 | 7p kofc mtg mcgivney hall                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>saturday, 29 aug</b><br>the passion of st john the baptist (English)<br>beheading of st john the baptist (Latin)                                                       | <b>sunday, 30 aug</b><br>22nd sunday in ordinary time (English)<br>14th sunday after pentecost (Latin)                                                                                      | <b>prayer requests</b><br>All those serving our country, Bryan Aho, Lucretia Albright, Angela Bagley, Deborah Baker, Jim Bannister, Vanessa Baugh, Daniel Bennett, Eileen Bobo, Gerard Brady, Francine Burke, Wrenn Calcutt, Jean Casey, Martha Catel, John Cegledy, Frank Cespedes, Julia Chatignyblais, Anna Chevalier & Casey Chevalier, Rosemary Craig, Jimmy & Marie Crockett, Gena Cunningham, Alan Deese, Carol Deretchin, Thomas Dorsey, Jack Duryea, 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, Kristen Jarae, Carl Jones, Tammy Jones, Jacob Juliano, Alejandro Kawasaki, Laura Kuczewski, Cliff Leavitt, Erin Lewis, Gary Little, Julie Mallory, Mary Martin, Ed Matthews, Dorothy McDonald, Peter McPherson, Connie Meiners, Kathy Melone, Connie Mershon, Don & 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, Joe Sanda Jr, Rose Schillaci, Kelly Shane, Christy Smith, Dcn Bob Smith, Lois Smith, Matt Smith, Yanini Smith, Kevin Stanton, Christine Tallman, Rose Teuscher, Carole Trickett, Cal Valois & A. Thana Pacco Rivas, Luigina Warga, Kayla Whatley, Sarah Williams, & Stephen Wiltberger. |
| 3.30p Confessions<br>5p Mass Peggy Callahan+ (FCS)<br>9a-3p latin mass altar server training<br>choir signups in narthex                                                  | 8a Mass Fr Christopher Smith-L (FCS)<br>10a Mass People of the Parish (FTD)<br>12p Latin Mass Fr Robert Morey-L (FTD)<br>8.50a religious education<br>6.30p cyo<br>choir signups in narthex |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Please contact the Parish Office to request that a name be added to the prayer list.<br>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 Dcn 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 (e.g. 5 September) 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. 18 Sept) at 10.30a. They crochet/knit shawls/lap robes that 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](mailto:mad4jen@msn.com)!

## perpetual eucharistic adoration



"In silence I tell You everything, Lord, because the language of love is without words." (Diary of St. Faustina, 1489)

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 - 1a; Tuesday - 9a\*, Wednesday - 7a, Thursday - 11a\*, 12p\* & 6p, Saturday - 7p & 9p

## baptism class

Parents desiring Baptism for their child must attend a Baptism Class. The next class is 10 September 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](mailto:gus.suarez@princeofpeacetaylors.org).

⇒ Baptisms cannot be scheduled until the class is completed. Only Deacon Acosta can schedule Baptisms.

## ladies lunch bunch

The Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet at Lieu's Chinese Bistro, Tuesday, 8 September at 11.30a. Please RSVP to Dorothea Jones at 864.268.3354.

## 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



bread & wine \$20



flowers \$400



music \$300



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## july 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>. Options to give to special projects are available.



Donate

| As of July 31, 2026 |            |            |                     |
|---------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|
| Offertory           | Actual     | Budget     | Surplus / (Deficit) |
| Month               | \$ 143,259 | \$ 144,200 | (\$941)             |
| Year-To-Date        | 143,259    | 144,200    | (\$941)             |

## 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. 3 Sept) at 8a at Eggs Up at 3935 Pelham Rd. Contact Jack Stewart 864.787.7592.

## pop women's craft group

Join a free craft get-together on the second Sunday of the month (e.g. 13 Sept) 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](mailto:m_grabiec@hotmail.com).

## 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).

## 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.

*\*There will be a 2nd potluck on 23 August*

## substitute teachers needed

Join our Substitute Teacher list at the parish school! Please email Michelle Zimmerman, Office Manager, at [michelle.zimmerman@popcatholicsschool.org](mailto:michelle.zimmerman@popcatholicsschool.org).

## pilgrimage to turkey with fr smith 2027

Step into the lands of the early Church on a pilgrimage to Turkey, 3-12 June 2027, where the faith first spread across the ancient world. Journey through Istanbul (Constantinople), visit Nicaea where the Nicene Creed was proclaimed, and walk the ancient streets of Smyrna and Ephesus where St. Paul preached. Pray at the House of the Virgin Mary and honor saints such as St. Polycarp and St. John the Evangelist. This pilgrimage offers not only remarkable history and sacred sites but a profound opportunity for spiritual renewal in the cradle of Christianity. Starting at \$3,995 per person. Learn more at [stcharlespilgrimages.com/smith](http://stcharlespilgrimages.com/smith)

## summer schedule

Our Summer Schedule for daily Mass:

- **3 August – 4 September:** Monday–Friday at 7a.

## st isidore garden

Join us every Monday from 9.30–11a in the Prince of Peace Garden. Help harvest fresh produce for the St. Vincent de Paul Society while enjoying fellowship and time outdoors. No gardening experience is necessary. Everyone is welcome!

## welcome new parishioners

Join us in welcoming: James & Kelly Litzler & Family; Matthew & Norma Spellacy & Family; Marlens Rosales; Christian Garza; Samule & Naomi Gutierrez & Family; Anna Gracon; Michael & Renae Scott & Family

## recollections

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

- Evening of recollection for men: Friday, 25 September from 7-8.30p. Reception following.
- Morning recollection for women: Saturday, 26 September from 9-10.30a.

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



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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 for those in need. Please consider supporting the gift of comfort for those in need.

## st vincent de paul

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.



All clothing donations must be brought to the trailer during Monday hours or by appointment by email at [popsvdpvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:popsvdpvolunteer@gmail.com)

## basketball open house

Whether you're a long-time parish family, new to our church and school family, or simply looking to connect, everyone in our parish community is invited to the 2026–2027 Prince of Peace Basketball and sports Open House!

Stop by to learn about our upcoming athletic programs, meet the coaches, get basketball registration details, and discover all the ways to get involved this season and grow together as a community.

- When: Sunday, 13 September | After 10a Mass until 2p
- Where: Parish Activity Center (PAC) & McGivney Hall

Attention Other POP Sports Teams & Programs: Want to host a table at the open house to represent your Church approved sport or activity. Please text John at 864.354.5680 or email [poptaylors.bball@gmail.com](mailto:poptaylors.bball@gmail.com) to learn more.

## declaration of nullity

Join the Diocesan Tribunal Office on Saturday, 29 August from 9a to 12p at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Simpsonville, SC, for an informative class on the Declaration of Nullity process. Find clarity and guidance in a supportive, confidential environment. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/MarriageNullitySimpsonville> or contact María Romero at 305.979.1573.

## parish school donations

Did you know that 25% of families rely on POP 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!

## holiday craft fair

Save the date for the 2026 Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, 7 November. Vendor spots are sold out! Contact Jim Bindewald at [popcraftfair@charter.net](mailto:popcraftfair@charter.net) with questions.

## 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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## fall adult bible study

The Bible is a *Catholic* book! Despite this, for many Catholics, the Bible is thoroughly intimidating. Where do you begin? What are you supposed to do with all the laws and genealogies? Does this ancient text have any impact on our daily lives today? All these questions and more will be discussed in great detail this year as we embark on the Bible Timeline course. By dividing the story of Scripture into 12 time periods, we can see the shape of the Word of God and better come to know, love, and embrace God's message of Salvation as revealed in Holy Scripture. Join us at 6p on 3 September in Croghan Hall to begin the Great Adventure! Materials cost \$36, with scholarships available. Questions or registration: email [michael.sandifer@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:michael.sandifer@princeofpeacetaylors.org)

## introduction to catholicism

Are you interested in learning more about becoming a member of the Catholic Church? Are you a Cradle Catholic with questions? Whether you're new to Christianity or are looking to come back home after an extended time away, Introduction to Catholicism is here for you. Get the full picture of the fundamentals of Catholic Doctrine and ask those questions you've always wanted to but never quite knew where to ask. We're looking forward to diving into the Catholic Faith together! Join us, Wednesdays in the PAC, at 7p. Questions: email [michael.sandifer@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:michael.sandifer@princeofpeacetaylors.org).

## sacrament of baptism

Please welcome the newest member of the Body of Christ:

- **Penelope Rose Heintz**, daughter of William and Marie, who was baptized on 15 August
- **Siena Mckinley O'Neil**, daughter of Grayden and Amanda, who was baptized on 15 August

Please submit your baptism announcements to [communications@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:communications@princeofpeacetaylors.org).

## re announcements

**2026-27 Religious Education Forms** are now available in the Parish Office or by emailing [maria.barontini@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:maria.barontini@princeofpeacetaylors.org). Please register early. Classes will begin 23 August, with a parent meeting in the PAC after dropping students off in their classrooms. One parent **MUST** attend the meeting per family.

Traditional Homeschool Families need to complete the **Homeschool RE Registration Form** and turn it into Maria Barontini. **This serves as a record for sacramental preparation and is needed YEAR-LY.** The parish needs records for two full years for First Holy Communion AND THREE years of records for Confirmation preparation. Please do not come to the parish office expecting your child to receive a sacrament immediately without proper records and attendance at mandatory sacramental events/meetings.

Important Dates to add to your calendar now:

- **23 August** RE Session #1/Parent Meeting
- **10 September** Mandatory First Holy Communion Parent meeting 6p in Croghan Hall (FHC Paperwork will be available in August)
- **10 September** Mandatory Confirmation Parent meeting 7.30p in Croghan Hall (Confirmation Paperwork will be available in August)

## men's bible study

Deacon Michael Thompson leads a Men's Bible Study meeting Tuesdays at 7-8p beginning 25 August in Guadalupe Hall discussing the Book of Genesis. All men should come. Contact Dcn Thompson at 864.365.8178 with questions.

## choirs for children

Children's choirs begin rehearsal Wednesday, 9 September, and Youth Choir begins Thursday, 10 September. The music department will be in the Narthex after Masses on 29/30 August with registration forms and information. Forms are also available in the music office, or by emailing Elizabeth Wilson. **\*new dates**

Primary Choir: 1st-2nd graders.  
Junior Choir: 3rd-6th graders.  
Youth Choir: 6th-12th graders.





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## fraternus & fidelis

Looking for a place for your teen to grow in virtue, answer the call to holiness, and form lasting friendships with Catholic peers?

**Fidelis (for girls) and Fraternus (for boys)** are Catholic mentoring programs for young people in **6th–12th grades**, forming young women and men in virtue through sisterhood, brotherhood, and the witness of faithful Catholic mentors.

Fidelis and Fraternus return **Tuesday, 1 September**, meeting weekly on Tuesdays from **6.30–8p**.

Want to learn more? **Stop by the Fidelis & Fraternus table after any Mass this week-end** to meet our mentors, ask questions, and learn about the upcoming year. New families are welcome!

## catholic youth organization

Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) is for grades 9–12. During the school year, young men and women meet on Sundays 6.30–8.30p to share a meal, play games, and talk about faith. To learn the meetup location or ask questions contact John and Steph Lasitter at [cyo@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:cyo@princeofpeacetaylors.org).

## coffee sunday

The Welcome Committee and POP Athletics Department will host Coffee Sunday together on 13 September, after the 10a Mass in the PAC. Grab a cup of coffee and a donut while meeting the coaches of the various sports that POP offers. Registration will be available. If you're not interested in sports, stop in anyway and have fellowship with other parishioners.

## donations of appreciated stock

Consider a gift of appreciated stock for your annual giving. This method can offer significant tax benefits while providing crucial support to our parish. For more information on how to give stock and update transfer instructions, please contact Justin Carrick.

## honor svdp with an act of charity

Sunday, 27 September is the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul, patron saint of charitable works. In his honor, we will conclude 10a Sunday Mass with a procession of donated goods to our St. Vincent de Paul building—a visible expression of our call to serve Christ in those in need.

Parishioners are invited to bring items to donate and join the procession following 10a Sunday Mass. The St. Vincent de Paul building will then be open for an Open House, offering an opportunity to see where your gifts go and learn more about the work of this important parish ministry.

## get excited about these fall events

- 11 September: 6p Vespers of the Dead on 25th anniversary of 9/11
- 14 September: Golf Tournament
- 18 September: 6p Middle School Open House
- 3 October: 10a Blessing of Animals with Fr Richard Tomlinson
- 4 October: Rosary Procession
- 24 October: 6p POPtoberfest (community-wide celebration in Oktoberfest style with food, games, beer and cider, trunk or treat, cornhole tournament and more!)
- 1 November: 10a Mass and Saints Procession (children invited to dress as saints and/or carry icons); Vespers of All Saints (Church) followed by Vespers of the Dead at Woodlawn Memorial Park (candlelit)
- 8 November: BBQ & Potluck of Gratitude for Veterans (all parishioners invited to honor veterans)
- 5 December: Advent Market
- 6 December: Blessing of Bambinelli

## august BUZZ project

Become a digital missionary this August for the Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary! Join the #beelikeMarychallengeSC on social media: 1) Post your Marian experience, devotion, or answered prayer; 2) Use #beelikeMarychallengeSC; 3) Tag and challenge a friend.



# Contact Us

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## Clergy

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# Happenings & Needs

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## altar server news

- Save the date **for altar server training for the Latin Mass** from 9a-3p on 29 August.

**\*new end time**

Questions? Contact Dcn Michael Cavin.

## calling all veterans

In preparation for our Gathered in Gratitude Veterans Day BBQ (provided) & Potluck (bring a side) on Sunday, 8 November, following the 10a Mass, we invite all veterans to share their name, branch of service, and years of service so that we may honor them during the celebration. Contact Erin Lewis at [elewis@greenvillespine.com](mailto:elewis@greenvillespine.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.

## ccm

*"The Confraternity of Christian Mothers is an organization for Catholic women to grow in prayer and the Christian education of their families."*

We meet every third Thursday of the month in McGivney Hall at 7p. Please join us to pray and learn about our schedule for the upcoming year. All women are invited to join our ministry at our next solemn reception ceremony on 12 September after the Saturday morning Mass. We will also have Adoration, brunch, and a guest speaker- Andy Frisari- with a First-Class Relic of St. Padre Pio. For more information on the Christian Mothers, please visit the website [christianmothers.org](http://christianmothers.org) or email [ccm@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:ccm@princeofpeacetaylors.org)

## 9/11 remembrance

Join us for Vespers of the Dead on the 25th anniversary of 9/11, Friday, 11 September, at 6p, led by Fr. Richard Tomlinson.

## COR — for men of the parish

Cor is a 60–90 minute gathering built around prayer, formation, and brotherhood. Whether you're a cradle Catholic or still finding your footing in the faith, Cor is for you. No experience necessary — just a willingness to show up and grow alongside your fellow men. Cor meets every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month in McGivney Hall at 9a. Questions? Contact Fred Downie at 864.321.0811.

## 6th annual golf charity greenville tourney

Mark your calendars for the 6th Annual Golf Charity Greenville Tournament on Monday, 14 September, 2026, at beautiful Cherokee Valley Golf Club.

Join us for a day of golf, fellowship, and philanthropy as we come together to support important charitable causes in our community. Whether you're a returning participant, sponsor, or considering joining us for the first time, we invite you to reserve the date now.

Visit [princeofpeacetaylors.org/golf-tournament/](http://princeofpeacetaylors.org/golf-tournament/) for details regarding registration, sponsorship opportunities, and event activities. Contact Event Chair, Mike Gertz at [mike.gertz@att.net](mailto:mike.gertz@att.net) with questions.

## sermon series by fr christopher smith

Who is Jesus Christ? Join Fr. Christopher Smith for this sermon series as he explores the mystery of Christ's identity and what it means for our lives as His disciples.

~~16 Aug — Emmanuel, God with Us: The Incarnation~~  
 23 Aug — King of Kings and Lord of Lords: The Transcendent God  
 30 Aug — Teacher and Preacher: "I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life"  
 6 Sep — Miracle Worker: Healer and Restorer of Life  
 20 Sep — Liberator: Freedom Fighter for Justice  
 27 Sep — Prince of Peace: Sovereignty and Dominion

If you missed a sermon, visit our [homilies page](#) on the website.





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