



PRINCE of PEACE

Catholic Church & School
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4 december 2016

second sunday of advent (OF year A & EF)

A Parish Family of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston

Most Revd
Robert Guglielmo,
Bishop of Charleston

parish clergy

Fr Christopher Smith,
STD
Pastor

Fr Richard Tomlinson,
STD
Parochial Vicar

Fr Francisco Cruz,
Assisting Priest

Deacon Robert Smith

masses

Sunday
8a Quiet Mass
10a Solemn Mass
12p Latin Mass in EF
6p Sung Mass

Saturday
5p Anticipated Mass
7p Spanish Mass

Weekday Masses
M, T, R, F 7a
Wednesday 8.30a
M-F 12N EF Mass
Saturday 8a EF Mass

confessions

Wednesday 5-6p
Saturday 3.30-4.30p

after office hours
emergencies:

Call 1.866.456.2956

A few weeks ago, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued an instruction entitled: *Ad resurgendum cum Christo*. In it, the Vatican addressed some issues that have come forth about cremation. "Following the most ancient Christian tradition, the Church insistently recommends that the bodies of the deceased be buried in cemeteries or other sacred places. In memory of the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord, the mystery that illumines the Christian meaning of death, burial is above all the most fitting way to express faith and hope in the resurrection of the body. The Church who, as Mother, has accompanied the Christian during his earthly pilgrimage, offers to the Father, in Christ, the child of her grace, and she commits to the earth, in hope, the seed of the body that will rise in glory. By burying the bodies of the faithful, the Church confirms her faith in the resurrection of the body, and intends to show the great dignity of the human body as an integral part of the human person whose body forms part of their identity. She cannot, therefore, condone attitudes or permit rites that involve erroneous ideas about death, such as considering death as the definitive annihilation of the person, or the moment of fusion with Mother Nature or the universe, or as a stage in the cycle of regeneration, or as the definitive liberation from the "prison" of the body.

"The Church raises no doctrinal objections to [cremation], since cremation of the deceased's body does not affect his or her soul, nor does it prevent God, in his omnipotence, from raising up the deceased body to new life. Thus cremation, in and of itself, objectively negates neither the Christian doctrine of the soul's immortality nor that of the resurrection of the body. The Church continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased, because this shows a greater esteem towards the deceased. Nevertheless, cremation is not prohibited, "unless it was chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine".

"When . . . cremation of the body has been chosen, the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place . . . From the earliest times, Christians have desired that the faithful departed become the objects of the Christian community's prayers and remembrance . . . The reservation of the ashes of the departed in a sacred place ensures that they are not excluded from the prayers and remembrance of their family or the Christian community . . . The conservation of the ashes of the departed in a domestic residence is not permitted . . . The ashes may not be divided among various family members and due respect must be maintained regarding the circumstances of such a conservation . . . It is not permitted to scatter the ashes of the faithful departed in the air, on land, at sea or in some other way, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewelry or other objects."

"When the deceased notoriously has requested cremation and the scattering of their ashes for reasons contrary to the Christian faith, a Christian funeral must be denied to that person according to the norms of the law."

We should always encourage the traditional Christian practice of burial. The Church does not encourage, but only tolerates, cremation. Either way, whether the remains be a body or ashes, they should be treated with respect. If for some reason you have the remains of any person in your residence, it is time for them to be interred in a sacred space, surrounded by the prayers of the faithful. Please contact St Mary's or Our Lady of the Rosary, who have columbaria. As always, the McAfee Funeral Home, which has provided excellent service to Catholics for many years, is always willing to be of help!

Fr Smith

prayer & worship

parish office The parish office will be closed Thursday, 8 December in observance of the Immaculate Conception.

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 Advent at 7:30p in the Church. Prepare for the coming of the Prince of Peace in this special way!

immaculate conception of the blessed virgin mary The solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is Thursday, 8 December and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. There will be 4 Masses offered:

- 7a English Low Mass
- 8:30a School Mass
- 12p Latin High Mass
- 7p Sung Mass


THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:





IT DOES NOT PERTAIN to the Nativity (birth) of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

IT DOES NOT PERTAIN to Jesus' conception in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

IT PERTAINS to the conception of the Virgin Mary in the womb of Her mother St. Anne, wherein she [Mary] was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin by God's grace in view of the merits of Jesus Christ.

8 December

rorate mass Rorate Mass (votive Mass) will be the first three Saturdays in December at 6:30a. The Rorate Caeli Mass is a traditional Advent devotion wherein the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Advent is offered just before dawn. The interplay of light and darkness speak to the meaning of Advent and the coming of the Light of the world.

The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. Because it is a votive Mass in Mary's honor, white vestments are worn instead of Advent violet. In the dimly lit setting, priests and faithful prepare to honor the Light of the world, Who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illumined by the sun as our Faith is illumined by Christ.

The readings and prayers of the Mass foretell the prophecy of the Virgin who would bear a Son called Emmanuel, and call on all to raise the gates of their hearts and their societies to let Christ the King enter; asking for the grace to receive eternal life by the merits of the Incarnation and saving Resurrection of Our Lord.

advent week two Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us

He is the Savior of us all. O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light the first and second (purple) candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation. May He come quickly and not delay.

We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

<http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/Advent/6th.html>



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Please donate!



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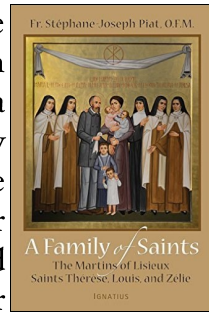
bread & wine \$20
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In memory of Bill Jones



music \$300
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In memory of Charles E Kirkpatrick

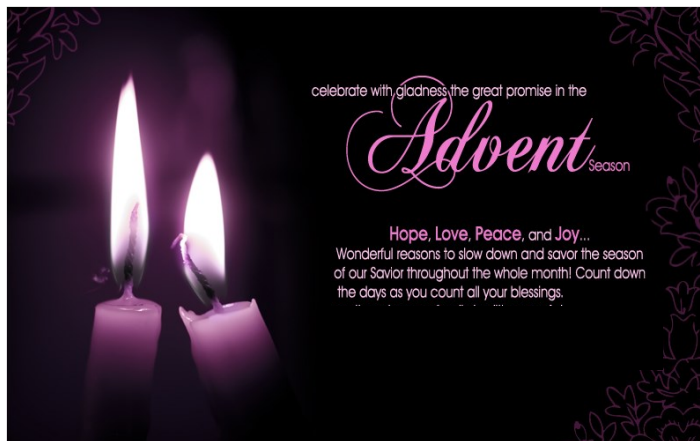
christian formation

advent reading Fr Smith's suggested Advent reading for 2016 is Stéphane Piat's *A Family of Saints: The Martins of Lisieux*. Many people are familiar with the story of St Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower, a young Carmelite nun who died at a very young age and is a Doctor of the Church for her spirituality of the "little way." What many people do not know about is the story of her entire family. Her parents, Louis and Zélie Martin, were canonized this year by Pope Francis. Learn about this incredible family that pursued holiness amidst financial chaos, frequent illness, dementia, and a family of strong personalities. The Martin family is the proof that ordinary families living in the world can produce tremendous saints. You can get this book at Amazon



https://www.amazon.com/Family-Saints-Martins-Lisieux-Saints-Th%C3%A9r%C3%A8se/dp/1621640795/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1477514470&sr=8-1&keywords=family+of+saints or

available at St. Benedict's as well as on their website at www.RealCatholicStuff.com. You can see the book listing here: <https://realcatholicstuff.com/products/a-family-of-saints-the-martins-of-lisieux>



best advent ever Imagine if everyone in our parish slowed down to focus on what really matters this Advent. Our parish is invited to join Best Advent Ever: Rediscover Christmas. It's a free email program beginning 27 November, the first Sunday of Advent, and continuing through 26 December. Participants will receive daily emails with short, inspirational videos, practical tips, and free Christmas music. Go to info@dynamiccatholic.com to register.

lighthouse media CD'S Cost \$4 each or 3 for \$10. Please put money in black box beside CD holder.

This week: Prepare the Way of the King

Dr Scott Hahn, one of the most eminent Catholic theologians in our country today, reveals what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind-Jesus Christ.

baptism class Parents desiring Baptism for their children must attend a Baptism Class. The next class will be held on Tuesday, 20 December, at 6.30p in Croghan Hall Conference Room. Contact Gus Suarez to register at 864.420.0497.

vbs We are excited to announce our Vacation Bible School dates and program. Vacation Bible School will be July 23-28. We are bringing in Totus Tuus from the diocese of Charlotte. Totus Tuus means "totally Yours" and was St. John Paul II's apostolic motto. Totus Tuus is a summer program that is dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith to children and youth through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. More details will be available soon!

are you interested in learning more about the catholic faith? Our Introduction to Roman Catholicism class is for you! If you are a non-Christian, non-Catholic Christian, or a Catholic who wants to delve deeper into their Faith, you are welcome! Classes are on Tuesdays, at 7p in Croghan Hall.

altar server training There will be altar server training in the Extraordinary Form all Sundays in Advent after 12p Mass. Please bring a bag lunch. This is for veteran servers as well as new servers. If you regularly attend the 12p Mass and your son is not an altar server, Fr Smith extends a personal invitation for your son to serve at the altar and attend this training.

theology of the body What does it mean to be a human person created in the image and likeness of God? What is God's plan for human love and relationships? Angela Calabro will be teaching a 9 week course on St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body beginning Wednesday, 11 January, at 7p in the Middle School Building. The books used for this course will be *Man and Woman He Created Them: A Theology of the Body* by St. John Paul II and *Men and Women are from Eden* by Dr. Mary Healy. Both of these books can be found on Amazon. For more information contact Angela at angela.calabro@princeofpeacecatholic.org or 331-3903.

adoration chapel adoration@princeofpeacecatholic.org or call 864.508.7123. Hrs. needed: Monday 12p* & 11p Wednesday 2a* & 2p and Thursday 1p*

fellowship & outreach

christmas flowers If you, your ministry or business would like to donate flowers on Christmas, please use the Christmas flower envelope that is in your bi-monthly envelopes. There are spaces to write names in memory or honor of someone. **Please print clearly the names you write on the envelope.** The list of names will be inserted in the Christmas bulletin. **Deadline to submit names is 12 December.**



svdp Presents are due back this weekend 3-4 December. Please do not wrap gifts, instead put them in a gift bag with the Angel Tree Card attached to them. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ladies lunch bunch The Ladies Lunch Bunch Christmas lunch will be held Tuesday, 13 December at 11.30a at City Range on Haywood Rd. Reservations are limited to 25 people. Call no later than Saturday, 10 December to Dorothea Jones at 268.3354.

caregiver needed One of our parishioners is in need of a female caregiver. Her current caregiver is moving back home. Schedule is Mon-Fri, 9a-1p. Pay is \$10 hr. Some duties include making breakfast, feeding her lunch, helping with therapy of walking down the hallway 20 times and helping her get in and out of the shower. If interested please call Shannon (daughter) 313.4519, or her son Michael at 877.0673.

spanish mass There will be no Spanish Mass at Prince of Peace, 31 December-21 January. Fr Cruz will be assisting Fr Jaime at Blessed Trinity while Fr Jaime is away. We encourage you to attend Blessed Trinity or St Mary Magdalene. Our normal 7p Spanish Mass will resume after this date.

village dinners Wednesday evening Village Dinners will be Wednesdays from 5.30-7.30p in the PAC. Please bring a dish to share if possible and come get to know your parish family!

st. joseph's catholic school fine arts department presents their annual Christmas concerts on three evenings in December:

Monday, 5 December - Chorus Ensembles

Tuesday, 6 December - Band Ensembles

Wednesday, 7 December - Strings Ensembles

All concerts will begin at 7:00p Admission is free; however, patrons are asked to bring one non-perishable item to help stock St. Anthony's food pantry.

2017 march for life Please join us 26-28 January for the 2017 March for Life. Leaving from Greenville, cost includes bus trip and 2 nights at the KeyBridge Marriott Hotel. Cost is \$160 each with 4 per room, \$180 each for 3 per room, \$220 each for 2 and \$345 for one per room. ?'s call Valerie at 297.8838.

offertory collection 27 nov 2016

Envelopes # 345	\$11,952
Loose Cash	\$3,497
Total Sunday Offertory	\$15,449
Electronic Deposits # 30	\$972
Total Offertory	\$16,421
Weekly Budgeted Need	\$25,000
Weekly Surplus/Shortfall	\$8,579
SVDP	\$586

thanksgiving offertory \$1,106

christmas trees If you, your business or ministry would like to contribute for a Christmas tree, lights, etc., please send in a check to Maria in the Parish Office and clearly mark Christmas tree on the envelope and check. The trees are \$125 and are 12ft trees. We need 8 of these to be used in the Church and 2-8ft trees to be used in the Parish Office and the Chapel. The sponsors of these trees will be listed on the front page of the bulletin. Please also list if you would like in memory of someone. **As of now we only have 6 trees donated.**



welcome new parishioners Alan & Wendy Redmon and Daniel & Anna Tran and Family; and Richard McClellan.

progressive dinner If you would like to help Prince of Peace celebrate the Advent season, a great way to do that is to host a portion of CYO'S sixth annual progressive dinner that will be held Saturday, 17 December. 15-20 youth of our parish will travel to one parishioner's home for an appetizer, then another house for an entrée, then to one more house for dessert and a white elephant gift exchange. If you'd like to help them celebrate the Advent season, please contact Stephanie Lasitter at 331.3905 or stephanie.lasitter@princeofpeacetaylors.org.

mass with the bishop Bishop Guglielmone will be here Wednesday, 7 December, to celebrate the school Mass at 8.30a. St Catherine School Choir will be singing.

school altar server practice There will be school altar server practice on Tuesday, 6 December at 3.15p. This practice is for the Mass with the bishop. Only servers who attend the practice can serve the Mass the next day.

blessing of expectant mothers will be Sunday, 11 December, (Gaudete Sunday) at the 10a Mass only.

in your kindness you are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner Grace Paccione. May God grant her eternal rest and may the Lord's consolation be with her family.

prince of peace community calendar

Fr Christopher Smith = FCS Fr Richard Tomlinson = FRT Fr Francisco Cruz = FFC OF = Ordinary Form EF = Extraordinary Form (Latin)

sunday second sunday of advent (OF year A & EF)	4 dec	monday advent weekday (OF) feria of advent (EF)	5 dec	tuesday st nicholas (OF & EF)	6 dec
<p>Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12 8a Mass Knights of Columbus (FCS) 10a Mass Al DeCredico+ (FCS) 12p EF Mass For the People of the Parish (FRT) 1.30p EF Altar Server Training 6p Mass Janet Cantillion+ (FRT) 7.30p Compline</p>		<p>Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26 7a Mass Mary Hahn-L (FRT) 12p EF Mass Angelito Delacruz-L (FRT) 7p Novena</p>		<p>Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2,3 and 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14 7a Mass Arlyne Duong+ (FCS) 12p EF Mass Brian Mershon-L (FRT)</p>	
<p><i>religious ed 8.45a school buildings</i> <i>basketball 1p pac</i> <i>potluck 1.30p croghan hall</i> <i>cyo 7p croghan hall</i></p>		<p><i>boy scouts 6p croghan hall</i> <i>legion of mary 6.30p pop ed ctr</i> <i>basketball 6p pac</i> <i>mom's group 7.30p middle school</i></p>		<p><i>basketball 6p pac</i> <i>columbiettes 6.30p k of c building</i> <i>intro to roman catholicism 7p croghan hall</i></p>	
wednesday st ambrose (OF & EF)	7 dec	thursday immaculate conception of the blessed virgin mary (OF & EF)	8 dec	friday st juan diego cuauhtlatotzin (OF) feria of advent (EF)	9 dec
<p>Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30 8.30a Mass Carol Mullman+ (Bishop) 12p EF Mass Marnee Heer+ (FRT) 5p Confessions (FCS & FRT)</p>		<p>Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38 7a Mass Susan DeBruin-L (FCS) 8.30a School Mass Zephyr & Marie Jeanne Beaudry+ (FCS) 12p EF Mass Patrick Killough+ (FRT) 7p Mass Barbara Sobocinski+ (FRT)</p>		<p>Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19 7a Mass Ser Mons Salvatore Cassisa+ (FCS) 12p EF Mass Necito Delacruz-L (FCS)</p>	
<p><i>choir 3p croghan hall & church</i> <i>village dinner 5.30p pac</i> <i>prayer meeting 7p k of c building</i></p>		<p><i>basketball 6p pac</i> <i>choir 6p croghan hall</i> <i>k of c 7p k of c building</i></p>		<p><i>homeschool 12p croghan hall</i> <i>treble schola 3p church</i> <i>basketball 6p pac</i></p>	
saturday advent weekday (OF) feria of advent (EF)	10 dec	sunday third sunday of advent (OF year A & EF) gaudete Sunday (EF)	11 dec	<p>please pray for... Ashley Jones, Judy Whitehead, Gena Cunningham, Elizabeth Murphy, Julie Mallory, Ted Fremont, Marie Wareing, Stephen Muller, Michael Remion, Jerry Welte, Katie Nardi, Sandra Zamora, Ron Labbe, Jada Rene Haynes, Sharon Fisher, Janelle Hunt, Bridgitte Gunnells, Rev Vincent Salamoni, Parker Longbottom, Wrenn Calcutt, Jim Bannister, Stephen Wiltberger, Lillie Nesbitt, William Cash, Ingrid Vest, Jack Reyes, Kevin Stainton and Genevieve Cherrett, Tom Donohue, Doris Pratt, Ron Schichtel, Geri Jender, Sarah Williams, Kenneth Price, Helen Pihokker, Jean Chow, William Hannan, Ford Sweeney, Roland Mothesky, Kevin McGavin, Bonita Love, Helen Schwartz, Joan Rohaley, Ann Gardiner, Pat Stewart, Ed Smith, Jackie Andrejack, Erica Lewis, Mike McGrady, June Monaghan, Beverly Ryan, Betty Fallat, Dana Marie Theisen, Anne Atherley, Donald Davet, Bob Chambers, Zane Espinosa, Gloria Daly, Roger Tinsley, Gary Little, Rip Quirring, Shannon Montgomery, Stephen Farmsworth, Mary Jack Reed and Roger Kilian.</p> <p>*We will leave names on the prayer list for two weeks; if you would like to keep your name or the name of a loved one on the list, please contact the Parish Office.</p>	
<p>Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13 6.30a EF Rorate Mass Dorothy Kozak+ (FRT) 3.30p Confessions (FCS & FRT) 5p Mass Deceased Members of the Perone Family (FCS) 7p Spanish Mass (FFC)</p>		<p>Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11 8a Mass Evelyn Hartman-L (FCS) 10a Mass Ang & Al DeCredico+ (FCS) Blessing of Expectant Mothers 12p EF Mass Mary DeCosimo (FRT) 1.30p EF Altar Server Training 6p Mass For the People of the Parish (FRT) 7.30p Compline</p>			
<p><i>basketball 8a pac</i> <i>couples for christ 6p croghan hall</i></p>		<p><i>religious ed 8.45a school buildings</i> <i>basketball 1p pac</i> <i>cyo 7p croghan hall</i></p>		<p>please pray for all those serving overseas: Ryan Curry, Dustin Shane, James Hock and Tyler Weekley. *if you have a family member you wish to add, please contact the Parish Office</p>	

**Congratulations to
Tom Berning
who was confirmed on
Friday, 25 November 2016**

new_parishioners

welcome! Please pick up an Information Packet and register as part of our parish family. Various facilities and services are available to our active members, including use of the church for baptisms, weddings, and other sacramental events, as well as parishioner status in parochial schools.

active membership Active membership is determined by the following criteria: being properly registered for a sufficient period of time; faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days; use of the envelope system in regular support of the parish.

sacraments Baptisms, Weddings and Funeral Masses may be celebrated in the Ordinary Form (English) or the Extraordinary Form (Latin).

baptism Call Gus Suarez for information about the Baptismal Preparation Class. Baptisms are *usually* celebrated on the 1st Saturdays of the month at 10:30a. You can call Gus at 420.0497 or e-mail him at:

baptisms@princeofpeacetaylors.org

rcia Contact Sean Chapman at rcia@princeofpeacetaylors.org for information about adults becoming Catholic.

marriage preparation Call Stephanie Lasitter at least 6 months in advance of proposed wedding date about Marriage Preparation Classes and requirements for the Sacrament of Marriage.

anointing of the sick Call the parish office to receive this Sacrament prior to surgery or when gravely ill.

after office hours emergencies:

Call 1.866.456.2956.

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The mission of Prince of Peace is 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.