

A Parish Family of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston

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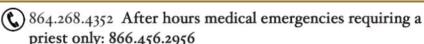
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Our Mission

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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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! Please contact the parish office to learn more.

Dear Friends in Christ,

A friend of mine grew up as a Methodist in rural South Carolina. His family took him to McDonald's one day when he was in elementary school, and he noticed that one of his school classmates and his family was across the Golden Arches. They made the Sign of the Cross before their meal. My friend was intrigued, and it began a journey that brought him to the Catholic Church in college. Later he was ordained a priest, and



presided over the wedding of the classmate who was his introduction to Catholicism in a fast food joint.

We should never be ashamed of praying in public, and of witnessing to our Catholic faith. We never know what our example may lead to in others. When I moved to Rome in the year 2000, there was an old woman who used to walk around the Piazza Venezia with an old Ziplock bag filled with blessed crucifixes and medals. As seminarians, we used to joke that she did more for the New Evangelization than any of the many priests and bishops walking around the Eternal City all the time, but it was easy to dismiss her as "just a crazy old lady." When she died, her funeral filled the Basilica of San Marco, steps from her "mission field", with tons of people whose lives had been changed because she cared enough to talk to people and give them sacramental signs of the presence of Jesus. Now, there's nobody walking Jesus' beat around the Piazza Venezia in Rome, and the city is less colorful, and certainly less holy, as a result.

On Monday we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It's a great opportunity to examine how, when and why we make the Sign of the Cross. Do we do so reverently and devoutly, or do we look like we are shooing away flies? Do we cross ourselves when we pass by a church where the Most Blessed Sacrament is reserved? Do we cross ourselves at the mention of the dead, to pray for them, or at the sound of ambulances and police and fire vehicles, to pray for those in emergency situations? Do we cross ourselves when we hear a blasphemy, in reparation for sacrileges against the Holy Name?

As Catholics living in an overwhelmingly Protestant and secular culture, it is tempting to draw as little attention to ourselves as possible in expressing visible signs of a Catholic faith many misunderstand or ridicule. And while we should never try to show others how holy we are, God gives us these tangible signs of His presence to use, so that we can be occasions of grace for a world which needs the reminder of the transcendent.



Our Map—A Smoke, Vape & Tobacco Free Campus



- I Church
- 2 Christ the King Adoration Chapel
- 3 PAC (Parish Activity Center) & PAC Classroom
- 4 Guadalupe Hall
- 5 School & School Offices (Lourdes Hall)
- 6 & 7 Parish House, under the protection of Our Lady of Fatima
- 8 KofC Building
- 9 Pope Francis House
- 10 Walsingham Hall

Parking Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14

Parish Calendar



Fr Christopher Smith =FCS Fr Richard Tomlinson=FRT Ordinary Form =OF Extraordinary Form =EF

sunday, 13 sept 24th sunday in ordinary time (OF year A) 15th sunday after pentecost (EF)	monday, 14 sept the exaltation of the holy cross (OF & EF)	tuesday, I 5 sept our lady of sorrows (OF & EF)	
8a Mass Merlita Carandang-L 10a Mass Mary Jac Reed+ (*live broadcast on Facebook and re-broadcast to YouTube, electronic bulletin has clickable links) 12p EF Mass VH Tomlinson+ 6p Mass People of the Parish	7a Mass Fr Christopher Smith-L (FRT) 12p EF Mass Fr Christopher Smith-L (FRT) Domestic Church Celebration Opportunity	7a Mass Peter Mai+ 12p EF Mass Doris Garrett Thompson+	
8.50a religious education 7p rosary online (<u>details</u>) 40 days for life narthex	svdp 10.30a pope francis house 7p rosary online (details)	7p fraternus pac 7p fidelis pac/parish house 7p rosary online (<u>details</u>) 7.30p sacrament study (<u>details</u>)	
wednesday, 16 sept sts cornelius & cyprian (OF & EF)	thursday, I 7 sept st robert bellarmine (OF) stigmata of st francis (EF)	friday, 18 sept weekday (OF) st joseph of cupertino (EF)	
8.30a Mass Moreen Buchenowski+(FCS) 12p EF Mass Joseph P Tesstitore+(FRT)	7a Mass George Lewandowski+ 12p EF Mass William Herman Stoud+	7a Mass Ed Rauch+(FCS) 12p EF Mass Dana Marie Theisen+(FCS)	
5-6p confessions parish house 7p intro to catholicism pac 7p women's group online (details)	7p rosary online (details)	7p rosary online (details)	
saturday, 19 sept st januarius & companions (OF & EF)	sunday, 20 sept 25th sunday in ordinary time (OF year A) 16th sunday after pentecost (EF)	Prayer requests All those serving our country, Gena Cunningham, Julie Mallory, Bridgitte Gunnells, Wrenn Calcutt, Jim Bannister, Stephen Wiltberger, Lillie Nesbitt, Kevin Stainton, Doris Pratt, Sarah Williams, Kenneth Price, Joan Rohaley, Jackie Andrejack, Deacon Bob Smith, Lois Smith, Christy Smith, Shannon Harkins, Gloria Dussich, Rose Schillaci, Kristina Murphy, Laurie Taylor, Tony Scachetti, Carl Jones, Luigina Warga, Jackie Fiedler, Rita Herd, Marlene C. Eugenia Kolinko, Ann O'Dea, Emily Stapinski, Paris Subrizi, Ed Case, Lee Mobley, John Postage, Mary Jean Heap, Tammy Lopez, Angela	
8a EF Mass Mike Nink & Family 5p Mass Jim McDonald+	8a Mass Deceased Members of Perone Family 10a Mass Gloria, James & Megan Hunt+ 12p EF Mass Michael & Catherine Johanning & Family-L 6p Mass People of the Parish		
3.30-4.40p confessions parish house	8.50a religious education 7p rosary online (details)		
Please contact the Parish Office to reques We will leave names on the prayer list for	Tinsley, Sue Kinkade, Dottie Sanda, Thomas Dorsey, William Taylor III, Susan Subrizi, & Ray Hock		



An Extraordinary Parish for Ordinary People

homebound

If you are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact Mark Thompson mark.thompson@princeofpeacetaylors.org or 864.630.0606.

1st pretzel run | poptoberfest

Save-the-date for the 2020 1st annual Pretzel Run (I mile fun run & 5K) and POPtoberfest on 24 October 2020! As with all in-person events, subject to change. Details will be shared as they're finalized!

event for teens—saturday night life

Calling all young men and women 13-18yo! Join us for a fun evening filled with great food, dynamic speakers, and engaging discussions about the dignity of human life! This event will be held on Saturday, 3 October from 6p-9.30p in the PAC. Pre-registration is \$12, or \$15 at the door. Teens must have parent permission forms completed to attend Teens who bring any donated items (diapers, baby wipes, toiletries for women, etc, etc) for the Saint Claire Home for Women and Crisis Pregnancy will be entered into a \$50 raffle. For any questions, please contact Theresa Barnett at 864.293.1314 or by email at upstatescteenlifefest@gmail.com.

⇒ Please find all information (updates, registration forms, payment options, etc.) on the website

red, white and blue blessing

All police, fire fighters, first responders health and legal professionals are invited to a special blessing outdoors on the mound on Saturday, 26 September at 8.30a. Rain plan: inside the Narthex.

endow women's group

ROOTED is a study on seven topics of the Catechism of the Catholic Church by seven different authors. The topics are: the Virtues; Ways to Pray; God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; the Seven Sacraments; the Ten Commandments; the Our Father; and the Beatitudes. Join a group of women on Wednesdays at 7p online (details)!

cleaning after weekend mass

Prince of Peace Catholic Church is seeking help with cleaning/disinfecting surfaces following the anticipated 5p, and 8a, 10a, 12n & 6p Sunday Mass. All cleaning prod-



ucts will be provided along with instructions. Can you help next weekend? <u>Volunteer here.</u> or email communications@princeofpeacetaylors.org.

re teachers needed

Religious Education Teachers Needed! Sharing your faith with the next generation has never been so easy. Maria Barontini, Pastoral Associate of Children's Catechesis, provides ALL materials and training for teaching RE on Sundays between 8:50-9:50a. Contact Maria if you have questions or would like to volunteer maria.barontini@princeofpeacetaylors.org. **Needs:**

6th grade co-catechist, starting in January 2021

Prayerfully consider donating the following:



sanctuary lamp \$20 donated by Miriam Owen in memory of Donald E Owen, Sr and Guelda Spirito



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flowers \$200



music \$300



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40 days for life

Sign up for the 40 days for Life on the weekend of 12-13 September after all Masses outside the main doors (with social distancing and a hygienic system). Our Fall campaign runs 23 September - I November. All events are at 1142 Grove Road:

- **Kickoff Rally:** 7p on Wednesday, 23 September
- Life Chain on Woodruff Road: 2.30p on Sunday, 4 October
- **24 hours/6 days a week prayer vigil:** POP is responsible for manning Mondays
- Rosaries for Life: count the number of rosaries you pray for life and email your counts each week of the campaign to familylife@charlestondiocese.org

Please consider praying for the unborn and help shut the doors to the abortion mill forever. Contact Tanya with any questions or concerns, 864-979-1856. Sign up www.40daysforlife.com/greenville

fraternus & fidelis news

Fraternus & Fidelis are mentoring programs for 6th-12th graders—fraternus is for boys & fidelis is for girls. Fraternus has been so hugely successful that Fr Smith agreed to the launch of its sister program, Fidelis. Mentors form a brotherhood/sisterhood of virtue and invite the teens into it. The weekly meetups begin on Tuesday, 15 September:

- 6th-12th grade boys are invited to participate on Tuesdays from 7-8:45pm in the PAC. Questions? Contact Thomas at upstatefraternus@gmail.com
- 6th-12th grade ladies are invited to participate on Tuesdays from 7-8.45p in Parish House.
 Questions? Contact Kelly at upstatefidelis@gmail.com

welcome new parishioners

Join us in welcoming the newest members of our parish family: Greg & Joan Grodecki and Rick & Susan Burke

ministry booklets

The Ministry Fair for this year has been cancelled, but there are resource booklets in the rack by the glass doors that list our ministries and their contact information. Please take one home!

happy birthday

- Lisa Buss, 12 September
- Michelle Zimmerman, 10 October
- Jill Murphy, 16 October

perpetual eucharistic adoration

"A Holy Hour of adoration helps bring everlasting peace to your soul and in your family. "

- St. (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta

Please consider adopting an hour or become a substitute. For the safety of our adorers, we're limiting the volume of adorers at one time to 4 people, unless otherwise pre-arranged with Lisa Buss. Disinfectant spray is in the back of the chapel for each adorer to spray down what has been touched. And, adorers are encouraged to wear a mask. Contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or call 864.508.7123 with questions!

- Adorers are reminded to receive the code directly from Lisa Buss. Do not expect those inside the Chapel to interrupt their prayers to open/ close the door. This is a safety risk for adorers.
- Hours in need of adorers:
 - 2a, 8a & 10a Sundays,
 - 12a, 3p & 5p Thursdays and
 - IIa, Ip & 4p Saturdays

act of spiritual communion

If you are unable to receive Holy Communion for whatever reason, make a Spiritual Communion by reciting the following:

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, as though You have already come. I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

request from pop archives committee

Do you have an old picture church directory in good shape you'd be willing to give to the POP Archives Committee? Contact escheumann@yahoo.com



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altar server training-EF & OF

If you would like to serve at the altar, and have made your First Holy Communion, training to do so is available! Please complete and return the registration form & COVID-19 waiver (here). The schedule is:

- To serve at OF Mass: training will be on Sundays for 3 weeks: 13, 20 and 27 September from 4-5.30p
- To serve at EF Mass: training will be on Sundays for 8 weeks: in Croghan Hall for 13, 20 and 27 September at 1p, then in Church for 4 October at 1p, then in Croghan Hall 11, 18, 25 October, then in Church at the EF 12n Mass for 1 November with review in Croghan Hall. All sessions will last 30-45 minutes.

Veteran altar servers: If you have served in the past and plan to serve this year, please complete both the registration & COVID-19 forms linked above.

get to know the knights of columbus 9184

Knights of Columbus 9184 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church and School is in solidarity with Fr. Smith and Fr. Tomlinson. What does this mean? We are in continuous communication with our Priests and Parish family. When



they call we have a responsibility to respond. We pray for vocations, support families and strive to build a strong Catholic Brotherhood in support of Faith, Family and Vocations. Find out more and share your ideas today at kofc9184.org or call or text the Grand Knight, John Olson at 864.354.5680.

lay dominicans

If you would like to learn more about the life and charism of Lay Dominicans and how they share in the apostolic mission of the Dominican Order through the Four Pillars: Prayer, Study, Community and Apostolic Preaching, email Linda Head, OP, for information: ixhead@gmail.com.

blessing of animals

Fr Tomlinson will have the blessing of the animals on Sunday, 4 October at 2p in the grassy area by the handicap parking.

celebrating marriages

Join us in praying for those couples in our parish family celebrating a wedding anniversary! Send us your names, number of years married and date of your anniversary. Blessed Karl & Servant of God Zita, pray for us!

- Bob & Joan Ashworth | 62 years on 20 September
- Phil & Angele McLaughlin | 50 years on 10 October Email Kylee at

communications@princeofpeacetaylors.org

substitute teachers needed

One parent is required to attend the relevant sacramental prep meeting below.

- Confirmation Parent Meeting, 17 September 2020 at 6:30p, in the PAC.
- First Holy Communion Parent Meeting, 8 October 2020 at 6:30p, in the PAC.

Wear a mask and practice social distancing. If you are unable to attend, contact Maria Barontini.

sacrament study by deacon gus

This study led by Deacon Gus Suarez promises to deepen your understanding of the sacraments! Examine what actually happens in each of the sacraments (both physically and spiritually) and explore how these great gifts from God can change our life! Meets at 7.30p weekly on Tuesdays. Click here for the logon information.

parish events may begin

- Every ministry who wishes to have an event must submit an email to Fr Smith & Phil Head (cc: Maria Rauch) the plan they have to clean and sanitize every space used by them before anyone goes home, including the names and contact numbers of the volunteers who will make this happen. That communication must be received before any single event is put on the calendar.
- Ministry events should be communicated 3 weeks prior to the event date. Those ministry events happening online (or for those wishing to have an event hosted online via Zoom by the parish) should contact Kylee Heap. We highly encourage online events to reach parishioners who are not yet returning to Mass.





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feast of the exaltation of the holy cross

14 September: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This feast day focuses on the cross itself and commemorates three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena; the dedication of the churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by the emperor Heraclius II. After the resurrection of Christ, Jewish and Roman authorities tried to hide the Holy Sepulchre, Christ's tomb. Earth was mounded up and pagan temples were built on top. Tradition said the Cross on which Christ had died had been hidden somewhere in the vicinity. Saint Helena (mother of the emperor Constantine) was divinely inspired to travel to Jerusalem in 326 to find the True Cross. Three crosses were found. Saint Helena and Saint Macarius, the bishop of Jerusalem, devised an experiment to determine which was the True Cross. The crosses were taken to a woman who was near death; when she touched the True Cross, she was healed. Another tradition says the body of a



POP has a relic of the true cross

dead man was brought and laid upon each cross. The True Cross restored the dead man to life. Constantine constructed churches at the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary. Those churches were dedicated and the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross was celebrated. The feast slowly spread from Jerusalem to other churches, until, by the year 720, the celebration was universal. In the early seventh century, the Persians conquered Jerusalem and captured the True Cross. Heraclius II defeated them and restored the True Cross to Jerusalem. Tradition says that he carried the Cross on his own back, but when he attempted to enter the church on Mount Calvary, a strange force stopped him. Patriarch Zacharias of Jerusalem, seeing the emperor struggling, advised him to take off his royal robes and crown and to dress in a penitential robe instead. As soon as Heraclius did so, he was able to carry the True Cross into the church. This feast day, more than anything else, is a celebration of God's greatest work: His death and resurrection which defeated death and opened Heaven. Christ transformed an instrument of torture and humiliation into a symbol of salvation. The entrance antiphon for this Feast: "We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection: through him we are saved and made free."

Ideas for celebrating this feast day at home:

- Craft project: make and decorate a cross. Build a "yard cross" out of big pieces of lumber or tree limbs.
 Make sure that blessed crucifixes are displayed prominently throughout your home.
- Eat foods like red tomatoes, and drink beverages such as fruit punch or red wine, reminding us of the blood Jesus shed. Mozzarella cheese is white and reminds us of our baptismal garments (when we were signed with the cross). Cook with sweet basil, which tradition says grew over the place where the True Cross had been buried. Use wooden skewers and make an appetizer of tomatoes, basil, and fresh mozzarella cheese. The wood of the skewers reminds us of the wood of the cross. Recipe. Or, just enjoy pasta night with the above ingredients!
- Make a dessert in the form of a cross, or decorated with a cross. Although usually made on Good Friday, hot cross buns would also be perfect for today. <u>Recipe.</u>
- Pray the Stations of the Cross. The prayer repeated at each station: We adore You, O Christ, and praise You, Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.
- Available on FORMED is a story about St. Helena and the True Cross: watch it here

introduction to catholicism

Introduction to Roman Catholicism is a wonderful way for individuals who wish to join the Catholic Faith (or refresh their knowledge) to come to know Jesus Christ through the Catholic Christian community as they learn how to live as Jesus' disciples. Classes begin in September. Questions? Contact Sean Chapman at rcia@princeofpeacetaylors.org.

bulletin sponsors needed

Now is the time to call Greg Duncan, Diocesan Publications, to become a bulletin advertiser. Our advertisers allow us to publish the bulletin at no cost to the parish. Reach out to Greg at 704.614.2350 or GDuncan@Diocesan.com to learn more.

sacrament of baptism

Please welcome the newest member of the Body of Christ:

- Andrew Michael Leake, son of Sam & Jessica Leake who was baptized on Wednsday, 2 September.
- Elijah Ramon Torio, son of Eric & Maria Torio who will be baptized on Saturday, 19 September.

baptism class

Parents desiring Baptism for their children must attend a Baptism Class. The next class will be held on Thursday, 8 October at 6.30p through Zoom (virtually). Please contact Deacon Gus for details at 864. 420.0497 baptisms@princeofpeacetaylors.org

newlyweds!

Congratulations to the following couple who received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony:

- Rachel Jane Larson & Daniel Connor Mullen on 10 September 2020
- Katherine Margaret Riordan & John Andrew Bindewald on 12 September 2020.

	as of 31 august 2020			
offertory	actual	budget	surplus/ (deficit)	
month	\$129,230	\$127,000	\$2,230	

\$228,249

august offertory

national recognition for national spanish examination at popcs

year-to-date



Congratulations to our students who attained national recognition for the excellent performance on the 2020 National Spanish Examinations under the teaching leadership of Juliana Simon.

\$231,000

(\$2,751)

Prince of Peace Catholic School earned a total of I gold, 5 silver and 3 bronze medals along with 3 honorable mentions. Attaining a Medal or an honorable mention for any student on the National Spanish Examinations is very prestigious, because the exams are the largest of their kind in the United States with over 140,000 students registered in 2020.



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blessing of grandparents

Did you know there is a blessing of grandparents that your family may use at special family visits (such as holidays), at the beginning or end of a visit, or at another appropriate time. If possible, the oldest grandchild might serve as the leader.

When the grandparents, parents, and children have gathered, all make the sign of

Leader: Blessed be God, who is faithful through all generations.

R/. Blessed be God forever.

The leader introduces the blessing in these or similar words: Grandparents are cherished members of our family. They bring gifts of wisdom, experience, and love and share with us their life of faith. We thank God for their example and ask that he bless them with happiness and good health.



Happy are you who fear the Lord,

who walk in his ways!

For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;

happy shall you be, and favored.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine

in the recesses of your home;

Your children like olive plants

around your table.

Behold, thus is the man blessed

who fears the Lord.

The Lord bless you from Zion:

may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem

all the days of your life.

May you see your children's children.

Peace be upon Israel!

(The family Bible may be used for an alternate reading, such as Ezekiel 37:24b-27.)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

After a time of silence, all join in prayers of intercession and in the Lord's Pray-

er. Then the leader prays:

Lord God almighty,

bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health.

May they remain constant in your love

and be living signs of your presence

to their children and grandchildren.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen

All make the sign of the cross as the leader concludes:

May God bless us and keep us

all the days of our lives.

R/. Amen

~from Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers









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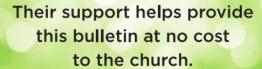
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