

PARISH INFORMATION

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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** 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; and being active in at least one parish program, ministry or organization.

Sacraments: Baptisms, Weddings and Funeral Masses may be celebrated according to the traditional Latin liturgical books (pre-Vatican II) OR the rituals as reformed since 1970. Please contact Msgr. Brovey with any questions.

Baptism: Call the office for information about the Baptismal Preparation Class. Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st Saturdays of the month at 10:30AM.

RCIA: Call Joe Waters for information about adults becoming Catholic.

Marriage Preparation: Call Bebe Norris at least 9 to 12 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.**

Sick, Hospitalized & Homebound: Call the parish office to request Holy Communion when hospitalized or homebound.

**Mass Schedule
INTENTIONS AND WEEKLY DEVOTIONS**

December 5, 2009

Saturday 8:30AM Sodality of St. Monica
 5:30PM Mary Ann Malinowski (D)

December 6, 2009 – Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 7:30AM People of the Parish
 9:00AM Mary Matulvich (D)
 11:00AM Marie Crockett (L)
 1:00PM Spanish Mass
 5:30PM Frances Valois (D)

December 7, 2009

Monday 7:00PM Novena

December 8, 2009 – Feast of Immaculate Conception

Tuesday 9:00AM School/Latin Mass
 12:00PM Carol Mullman (D)
 7:00PM

December 9, 2009

Wednesday 9:00AM Mary Zielinski (D)
 10:00AM Confessions
 6:30PM Confessions & Holy Hour

December 10, 2009

7:00AM Elsa Chapman (L)

December 11, 2009

7:00AM Regino & Marie Covarrubias(D)

December 12, 2009 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday 9:00AM Men's Day of Reflection Mass
 5:30PM Mary Ann Malinowski (D)

December 13, 2009 – Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 7:30AM People of the Parish
 9:00AM Bill Alston (D)
 11:00AM Regino & Marie Covarrubias(D)
 1:00PM Spanish Mass
 5:30PM Mr. Merissen (D)

Bread & Wine/Altar Flowers
 Call the parish office to arrange donations

Scripture Readings Week of December 6th

Sunday Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6
Monday Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Friday Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday Zep 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Holy Day of Obligation

8 December: The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

On Tuesday we celebrate our Catholic belief as infallibly declared by Pope Pius IX in 1854: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."

Tuesday is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics and the patronal feast of the United States. There will be 3 Masses:

- 9AM School Mass: Sung Mass in Latin (*Missa Cantata* 1962 Roman Missal)
- 12 Noon: Low Mass
- 7PM: Sung Mass

***The parish office will be closed in honor of today's feast.

Save the Date Advent Days of Reflection

Please mark your calendars for two exciting events coming to Prince of Peace during Advent. The first is an Advent Morning Retreat on 12 December from 8:30AM to Noon for Catholic men, teenage boys, and college students (ages 15+) with Steve Wood and John Wood. The morning will include three talks, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, and an opportunity for Confession.

On 19 December from 8:30AM to Noon a similar retreat will be offered for women (ages 15+) by Fr. Timothy Reid, pastor of St. Ann's Church in Charlotte.

Please consider taking a couple of hours out of the Christmas rush to renew your relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ as we prepare to welcome Him at Christmas.

Baptism Preparation Class:



Parents wishing to have their child baptized must attend a workshop in preparation. Our next class will be Monday, 11 January 2010 at 7:30 PM in Croghan Hall. Pre-registration is required. Forms are in the Narthex and parish office. Baptisms are celebrated on the first

Saturday of the month at 10:30AM.

Religious Education:

Christmas Schedule: Sunday School – December 6, 13 regular classes (we will be practicing their Christmas song); December 13 – Breakfast in Bethlehem for children and their families in our Sunday School Program after the 9AM Mass. Children are to be in their costumes and bring a baby gift for "Birth Right."

Grades 1-8: December 9 regular classes (rehearsal for Christmas Program).

December 16 regular class (rehearsal for Christmas Program), Last Special Needs Class. December 17 Christmas Program in the church. (Children are to be in the PAC by 6:15PM and should be dressed in black skirts or trousers, with red, green, or white shirts or tops. Program begins at 7PM with a reception to follow in the PAC. Please bring Christmas cookies to share.

Religious Education Continued:

RELIGIOUS ED AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY 10 JANUARY 2010 AND WEDNESDAY 13 JANUARY 2010.

The Religious Education Teachers and Staff wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Joyful New Year.

Catholic Youth Organization:



High School Catholic Youth don't miss the fun! This is for 9th – 12th graders Sundays after the 5:30 PM Mass. We will meet at 6:45PM inside the Church.

Young Adults:

- Young Adult Gathering:

There will be no monthly Young Adult Dinner in December. We will resume on the second Sunday of January. Please watch the bulletin for details.

Adult Education:

- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

This is a weekly process designed to facilitate inquiry into the teachings and practices of the Catholic faith for those baptized in other Christian denominations or for those who have never been baptized. Anyone who is interested in exploring Catholic Christianity is encouraged to contact Joe at 864.331.3907 or joe.waters@princeofpeacetaylors.org

On Tuesday 8 December 2009 all RCIA participants are asked to attend the 7PM Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and then meet in Croghan Hall after Mass for a brief catechesis.

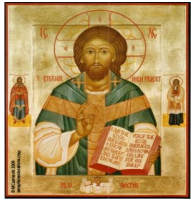
- Bible Study for Women:

Our weekly Bible study for women continues and is held on Wednesdays after the 9AM School Mass in Croghan Hall. We are using the new commentary on the Gospel of St. Mark written by Mary Healy, S.T.D. in the *Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture* series. All ladies, especially school mothers, are invited to join us after Mass for coffee, conversation, and scripture study.

- Thursdays:

The Letter to the Colossians. Continuing Thursdays, December 10 and 17 from 7-8:15PM in Croghan Hall. This series is examining the brief, but profound, Epistle to the Colossians using the recently published and highly accessible *Commentary on Colossians* by St. Thomas Aquinas. In our five sessions we will consider a number of issues raised in the letter and their application to contemporary Christian life. We will discuss the cosmic dimension of the mystery of Christ, creation, ecclesiology, household order instructions, the role of the body in Christian theology, and the importance of co-redemptive suffering.

Prayer:



**Year for Priests
June 19, 2009-June 19, 2010**

Continuing throughout the Year of the Priest, we will be praying for specific priests serving in the Diocese of Charleston. Please remember these priests by name in your prayers throughout the week, particularly during hours of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This week we pray for the following priests serving the Diocese of Charleston:

Rev. Elbano Munóz, CO (Divine Saviour, York); Rev. Jesuprathap Narichetti (Our Lady of Good Counsel, Folly Beach); Rev. Jay Scott Newman, JCL (St. Mary, Greenville); Rev. Robert Ninedorf (St. Mary, Edgefield); Rev. Michael Oenbrink (St. Francis by the Sea, Hilton Head Island); Rev. Michael Okere (Holy Trinity, Orangeburg); Rev. Bernard Okokon (St. Andrew, Clemson).

Dear Lord, We pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you." (Jn. 2:5). May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross. May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen

Dear Friends in Christ,

During his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus instructs us to make our faith visible so that others will be led to God: "Just so your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father" (Mt. 5:16). Women and men religious heed this call by their witness to gospel values and their commitment to serving those around them. Through their ministries the religious have founded Catholic schools and hospitals and launched initiatives that support the neediest among us. In our often troubled world, they remain a visible sign of Christ's love.

Throughout their lives, women and men religious invest in faith and in the future of others, usually with little concern for themselves. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance; often, their religious institutes struggle to provide adequate care. The current economic downturn, which has affected so many people, also impacts elderly religious.

Soon our diocese will be holding the annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This fund furnishes immediate support for aging religious and helps their religious institutes implement long-term retirement strategies. Through the ongoing generosity of Catholics to this collection, many religious institutes have been able to seed and stabilize retirement savings, others have collaborated in creating elder care solutions that benefit senior religious while serving the wider community.

I understand that times are challenging and many of you face increased financial challenges. I encourage you to simply let your light shine and give what you can. Most importantly, please pray for all religious, that they may continue to be beacons of faith and hope who lead others to Christ.

**In the Lord's Peace,
Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo
Bishop of Charleston**

Perpetual Adoration:

"Remain here and keep watch with me."

Matthew 26:38



We welcome the following new members to the Guild of St. Thomas Aquinas: Judy and John Bruce, Barrie-Jean Dursse, Osvaldo Gutierrez and Linda Lollis.

As you prepare for the holiday vacations, please remember to find a substitute for your Holy Hour. A list of substitutes may be found in the Chapel Sacristy.

The following holy hours are in need of a weekly adorer: Sunday 1AM, Monday 1AM, Tuesday 3AM and Saturday 8PM. For more information on Adoration, call Nancy Mohlman at 864.458.7674 or email nmohlman@msn.com.

Sick and Homebound:



Please pray for: Patti King, Ray Hock, Margaret Criner, Karen Watka, Richard & Marie Elias, Pete Fallat, Jackie Fiedler, Dorothy Happe, Donna Macchia, Brian McSharry, Chuck Misiaveg, Ed Rauch, Beverly Ryan, John Toke, Jack Vanderwood, Tony Lanzone, Jessica Conlen, Paul Rau, Kathleen Meister Joyner, Louise Krug and Joanna Davis.

Fellowship:

Coffee & Donuts:



We will be serving coffee and donuts after the 9AM and 11AM Masses today. Please join us in the courtyard (weather permitting) or in the PAC and take this opportunity to meet members of your Prince of Peace Parish family. This ministry is funded by your generous donations. *Today our host will be the Coffee & Donut Committee.*

Prayer Shawl:

There will be no meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry in November and December. Any completed shawls may be dropped off at the office.

Widows & Widowers:



BOUNCE! Begin your New Year with us. Bounce will meet again on 9 January 2010 at 10AM in Croghan Hall. For further information please contact Jean Casey at 864.268.7554.

Ladies Lunch Bunch:

Ladies Lunch Bunch Christmas Party will be 8 December 2009 at 11:30AM at City Range on Haywood Road. All are welcome. Call Dorothea Jones at 864.268.3354.

Men's Breakfast Club:

All men of the parish and their friends are invited to join us for breakfast and fellowship on Thursday 7 January 2010. We gather at 8AM at Denny's on Wade Hampton Boulevard. For more information call Tony Scachetti at 864.268.8563.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Time, talent & treasure:

Offertory – 11/22/09

Envelopes Sent: 1,085

	Actual	Needed
Envelopes = 428	\$17,054	
Electronic transfer = 31	4,342	
Loose cash	<u>1,000</u>	
Total current offertory	\$22,395	\$29,000
Debt Elimination = 23	2,700	5,100
Week Total	<u>\$25,095</u>	\$34,100

YTD current offertory	\$428,408	\$609,000
YTD Debt Elimination (STARTING FY 7/1/09)	\$ 31,894	\$107,100

Time, talent & treasure:

Offertory – 11/29/09

Envelopes Sent: 1,085

	Actual	Needed
Envelopes = 416	\$15,635	
Electronic transfer = 27	850	
Loose cash	<u>1,000</u>	
Total current offertory	\$17,494	\$29,000
Debt Elimination = 23	1,157	5,100
Week Total	<u>\$18,651</u>	\$34,100

YTD current offertory	\$445,902	\$638,000
YTD Debt Elimination (STARTING FY 7/1/09)	\$ 33,051	\$112,200

Outreach Tithe Report:



Last week our ten-percent tithe was given to Habitat for Humanity. This week it will be for Retirement Fund for Religious (diocesan). Next week's recipient will be the POP School Tuition Assistance.

Dear Prince of Peace, On behalf of Montagnard Relief Mission I, Madeleine Ho, thank you so much for your unconditional love through the big donation we have just received. We are truly blessed. Dear Prince of Peace, you showed us how God is working in our life and you made us understand God better. Sincerely, Madeleine Ho.

Outreach:

Triune Mercy Soup Kitchen Volunteers Needed:

Volunteers are also needed to help coordinate our monthly charitable activities at the Triune Mercy Soup Kitchen in Downtown Greenville. Our longtime coordinator is stepping down from this role and new volunteers are needed. Prince of Peace is responsible for planning and executing the evening meal on the first Sunday of each month. Please contact Joe Waters in the Parish Office if you are able to volunteer.

Miscellaneous:

Boy Scout Christmas Wreaths:



Boy Scout Troop 925 will be distributing the Christmas wreaths and greenery that were ordered after all Masses this weekend. Thank you for supporting the Boy Scouts!

Columbiettes Poinsettia Sale:



Just a **reminder** from the Columbiettes to pick up your pre-ordered poinsettias from the Knights ranch after all this weekend's Masses. Thank you!

Family Advent Activities:



Today, 6 December, we celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas. St. Nicholas has been through the centuries among the most popular of the saints. Little children in Holland, Germany, Luxembourg, and elsewhere traditionally received a visit from their patron St. Nicholas on his feast day. To good children he gave candies, cookies, apples, nuts, but naughty children were warned with a willow switch, or received pieces of coal. In Holland, the gifts were left in the children's wooden shoes. A traditional cookie served in Holland on St. Nicholas day is a "Speculaas" cookie. This is a basic ginger bread cookie recipe. They are sometimes cut out into little men or animals. In Holland the cookies are frequently pressed with a windmill motif. They were also often cut out into the shape of St. Nicholas himself dressed as a bishop, holding his bishop's staff. You can however cut the cookies into gingerbread boys and girls to represent the three young girls to whom he threw the three bags of gold or the three little boys whom he brought back to life, or the sailors whom he saved from the storm. You might find baking gingerbread cookies a nice way to begin your Advent-Christmas baking. *Continual Feast* by Evelyn Birge Vitz

More Family Advent activities:

St. Lucy's day, 13 December, marks in several different cultures a moment of festivity in Advent. In Sweden, in particular, her feast is celebrated with a beautiful custom hundreds of years old. The eldest daughter of a household, wearing a white dress with a crimson sash, and a whortleberry or lingonberry crown set with lighted candles, wakes the members of the family and serves them special buns or a cake and coffee (the cake is frequently made in the shape of Lucy's crown). The feast of St. Lucy - whose very name means "light" - took on special meaning in Sweden where December is most especially dark. So the elements of light and sight in her legend are picked up there and assimilated to the theme of the sun and the universal hope for the sun's return. These themes of light and waiting and hope, and the crown motif indicating suffering and glory are appropriate for the season of Advent. For the recipe of "St. Lucy's Crown" cake click on "Religious Education" and see "St. Lucy's Crown" at www.princeofpeacetaylors.org.

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