

Prince of Peace
Catholic Church



CHRISTMAS 2017

CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS WEEK –**December 24, 2017****Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve****Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses,**

Masses, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Decorate the Church, 12:00 p.m.,

Worship Space, Commons

Christmas Eve Masses,

4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day,

Mass, 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 26

Mass, 9:00 a.m.

Parish Office Closed

Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet,

7:30 p.m., Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Wednesday, December 27

Mass, 9:00 a.m.

Parish Office Closed

Food Pantry Closed

Thursday, December 28

Mass, 9:00 a.m.

Parish Office Closed

Friday, December 29

Mass, 9:00 a.m.

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, December 30

Reconciliation, 4:30 p.m.

Mass, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 31

Masses, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve

Mary, the Mother of God Vigil, 5:30 p.m.**Monday, January 1****Mary, the Mother of God Mass, 10:00 a.m.****New Year's Day**

Parish Office Closed

**THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL READING****Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24, 2017**

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Question of the Week:

When have you followed the example of Mary and said, "Let it be done to me as you say?"

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
December 31, 2017**

1st Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Luke 2:22, 39-40

MASS INTENTIONS**Tuesday, December 26**

9:00 a.m. Miguel Sabio, Sr.†

Frances Sole†

Thursday, December 28

9:00 a.m. Gregorir Velasco †

Friday, December 29

9:00 a.m. Hamburg Family – Mass Intentions

Zangardi Family – Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 30

5:30 p.m. Nick Cordovana †

Thomas Herrick †

Sunday, December 31

9:00 a.m. Kate Black †

Erwin Baul †

5:30 p.m. Rayden Baul †

11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

† Denotes deceased

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

	<u>12-10-17</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Offertory 12-10-17	\$ 9,224.00	\$ 210,154.57
E-Giving 12-10-17	\$ 4,397.00	\$ 85,108.00
Weekly Operational Needs	<u>\$13,408.48</u>	<u>\$ 321,833.52</u>
	\$ 212.52	\$ (26,570.95)*

Immaculate Conception Masses 12-8-17 \$ 1,245.00

*The amount in () indicates a shortfall.

Diocesan Debt Funds Collected
through 12-8-17 \$ 5,671.00

FY 17-18 weekly Diocesan Needs: \$ 3,854.37

FY 16-17 Diocesan Debt Balance: \$ 95,765.76

FY 17-18 Diocesan Budget: \$ 200,427.24

**Thank you for your generosity and continuing support
of your parish.**

2017 TAX STATEMENTS: If you are interested in obtaining a financial statement of your contributions to Prince of Peace for the 2017 tax year, please do one of the following:

1. Put a SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE (to help offset postage costs) in the box provided in the Commons area, and we will send you this information.
2. Contact **Karen Pacomio** at the Parish Office at 547-0356 or via email at karen.pacomio@popparish.org and she will either mail or email your tax letter to you (whichever you prefer).

Please note: 2017 Tax Statements will be processed and sent by January 31, 2018. We updated our software November 2017. Please exercise patience as we transition into the new software. Thank you!!

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS: The Parish Office is closed through Monday, January 1, 2018.

Merry Christmas to all Prince of Peace Parishioners, their families and to all of our visitors.



“And this will be a sign for you: You will find an Infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” Luke 2:12

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASSES

From the Office of Worship of the Diocese of Richmond: This year Christmas falls on a Monday, with the 4th Sunday of Advent on the previous day. The faithful should know that there exists the obligation to attend Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent, and too, a separate obligation to attend Mass for Christmas (The Nativity of the Lord). To satisfy both obligations, a Catholic must attend two separate Masses.

A Catholic may satisfy the obligation for the 4th Sunday of Advent by attending an anticipated Mass (Vigil Mass) on Saturday evening, December 23rd OR attending Mass anytime on Sunday, December 24th (including a Christmas Eve Mass). A Catholic, though, would also need to attend an additional Mass on either Sunday, December 24th or Monday, December 25th to satisfy the obligation for the Christmas Holy Day.

MASSES AT PRINCE OF PEACE:

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23rd, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 24th, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Christmas

Sunday, December 24th,

4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25th, 10:00 a.m.

Pope Francis Appoints New Bishop for Richmond Diocese

RICHMOND, VA – With great joy, the Diocese of Richmond announces the Holy Father, Pope Francis, appointed the **Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout**, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, as the thirteenth bishop of Richmond. The Mass of Installation will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m., January 12, 2018, at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph and Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God Vigil Masses and Masses:

Saturday, December 30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
5:30 p.m., Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 31 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses

Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
5:30 p.m., Vigil Mass

Monday, January 1 Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
10:00 a.m., Mass

SECOND COLLECTION AT ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Catholic Charities is the diocese's charitable organization. Last year thousands of families were served through programs addressing pregnancy support and parenting education, financial assistance for families in crisis, mental health counseling, services for seniors and Guardianship services for those deemed unable to help themselves. One half of the second collection at all Christmas Masses will benefit Catholic Charities; one half will go to our parish charity work.

JOIN US TO DECORATE THE CHURCH!



We need your help in decorating the worship space and commons for Christmas on **Sunday, December 24, 2017, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.** Please come and help make the church beautiful for the

Christmas season. All are welcome. Please call **Joni at 548-8598** to let her know if you plan on helping (you can leave a message).



CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Some parishioners have asked for a special Christmas Concert. So, thanks to your support, the Music Ministry is having one on Christmas Eve from 6:30-6:58 p.m. in the Worship Space. Mass begins at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy the combined efforts of the Adult Choir, the Church Orchestra, and 10 members from the Virginia Symphony. Merry Christmas!

SAVE THE DATE! TABLE FOR TWO: Prince of Peace Marriage Ministry will sponsor a Table for Two on **Friday, February 9, 2018** at The Ramada on the Beach in Virginia Beach. Come and enjoy an evening of food, prayer and fellowship. Gift certificates are available. It would make a perfect Christmas, Anniversary, or early Valentine present. A future parish bulletin will have an insert about the evening. For more information, contact **Sister Dolores** at Sister.Dolores@popparish.org or call the Parish Office.

SAVE THE DATE!

1000 Degrees Neapolitan Pizza And Prince of Peace Pizza Fundraiser Coming Soon!!!



The pizza fundraiser is coming back by popular demand from the parishioners! Parishioners last year LOVED the pizza, had so much fun, and enjoyed the great fellowship!

Make sure you mark your calendar for this OUTSTANDING upcoming opportunity.

MONDAY, **JANUARY 22ND** FROM 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Location: 1,000 Degrees Neapolitan Pizza
Great Bridge Shopping Center
237 Battlefield Boulevard South, Suite #14D
(Between Panera and Game Stop)

Up to 20% off ALL Net Sales (after taxes and discounts) during the event will be donated to Prince of Peace Catholic Church for the Divine Mercy Ministry!

No flyers needed to participate. Just show up.
Eat-in, take-out or delivery. Delivery through OrderUp.
Pizza – wings – salads.

We can't wait to see you there!!!



FOOD PANTRY: We would like to say “thank you” to all the schools, businesses, and churches who donated food to the pantry this year. It really was appreciated. At this time we have plenty of Can Vegetables. We can always use cereal, Jell-O, can fruit and Hamburger Helper. Please try to bring your grocery bag in the weekend of the monthly collections. Keep these things in mind when preparing your bag: **DO NOT DONATE ITEMS IN GLASS JARS**, Donate only food items, Watch the expiration dates, Small or Medium sizes are best to donate and Do Not open an item at home, take some out and send the rest to the pantry. From all of us who work in the pantry “MERRY CHRISTMAS.”

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: The food Pantry will be closed Wednesday, December 27, 2017.

FOOD PANTRY: Monthly food collections for the following weekends in 2018:

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| January 6/7, 2018 | July 7/8, 2018 |
| February 3/4, 2018 | August 4/5, 2018 |
| March 3/4, 2018 | September 8/9, 2018 |
| April 7/8, 2018 | October 6/7, 2018 |
| May 5/6, 2018 | November 3/4, 2018 |
| June 2/3, 2018 | December 1/2, 2018 |

Your bag does not need to be full; any amount of food is really appreciated.

NEW CDs HAVE ARRIVED: One CD to consider is the *Dead Sea Scrolls*. This CD explains how our respect for the traditional canon of Scripture and our understanding of the Catholic faith can be enhanced by the Dead Sea Scrolls. Another CD option is *The Four Last Things*. This CD addresses the question: What happens when I die? The suggested donation is \$3.00 per CD. The CD rack is located in the Commons. The CDs are available after all the weekend Masses and anytime the Parish Office is open.

2018 CHURCH CALENDARS: 2018 Church Calendars are available after Mass in the Commons. Thank you to Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home and Crematory for providing the calendars to Prince of Peace at no cost to our parish.

*** PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE NEWS ***

Our mission is to strengthen our parish by bringing neighbors together. The following dates have been scheduled for events taking place here at Prince of Peace!

GRAND GROUP: The Grand Group will ring in the New Year with our “Annual Birthday Party” on **Tuesday, January 2, 2018**. Please bring in a picture of yourself and we will see how many members can identify you. Pictures will be displayed and prizes awarded. The Grand Group meeting will begin with Mass celebrated at 11:00 a.m., followed by a brief business meeting. Afterwards a pasta and salad lunch for \$6.00 will be served in the parish hall. Come join in the fun, games and blow out the candles on your Birthday Cake.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: The next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, **January 6, 2018**, from 8:00-9:30 p.m. All men of the parish are invited to attend to share fellowship and faith.

DOUGHNUT VOLUNTEERS

December 31 – Ellen and Richard Green,
Cecilia Cordoba de Soto

PRINCE OF PEACE POLICY: Anyone requesting a Godparent sponsor letter, a Confirmation sponsor letter, or a letter verifying church membership, must be a registered member of the Parish a minimum of six months.

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are offered only on the following weekends:

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| January 6/7, 2018 | July 14/15, 2018 |
| February 3/4, 2018 | August 25/26, 2018 |
| April 7/8, 2018 | September 29/30, 2018 |
| June 2/3, 2018 | November 10/11, 2018 |

Please call the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism date, and to register for the required sacramental preparatory class.



ALL ARE INVITED: Come and join The Prince of Peace Divine Mercy Cenacle.

We are part of the Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy.

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, January 15 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the small worship space or

Tuesday, January 16 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in classrooms 9 & 10.

Monday, January 29 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the small worship space or Tuesday, January 30 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in classrooms 9 & 10.

This group will explore ways to incorporate the Divine Mercy Message/Devotion into our daily lives by studying and discussing the Bible, the Catholic Catechism, Saint Faustina’s Diary, Saint John Paul II’s Encyclical on Divine Mercy, and the cenacle’s formation manual. We will be growing in a deeper trust in God, a greater ability to forgive, and a stronger desire to be merciful to others.

The Cenacle will meet in small groups every other week and requires a very small amount of reading with pondering to deepen our Catholic Faith and the knowledge of the Divine Mercy Message.

Whether this is the first time you have heard of Divine Mercy or you have had a devotion for years, come and learn with us about this unique way of progressing in your Catholic faith life!

For more information, please call **Kathy** at (757) 546-9226 or **Sandy** at (251) 348-4693.

PRAYERS AND DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays at 12:00 noon

Anytime the building is open, the Blessed Sacrament Chapel is available for Adoration.

Rosary

Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and following daily Masses at 9:30 a.m.



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament with Exposition and Benediction is held two times a month giving parishioners an opportunity to come spend time before the Lord outside of Mass.

The dates and times as the calendar allows will be:

- First Friday of the month, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The next first Friday is January 5, 2018
- Third Friday of the month, from 7:00-8:15 p.m. The next third Friday is January 19, 2018.

ADVENT TREE: A hearty thanks to all making it another successful Advent Tree season! Many thanks to all the parishioners who contributed gifts, and/or food or monetary contributions to support 2017 Advent Tree program. Advent Tree supported 57 families including 180 children this year! Special thank-you’s go out to **Pat & Shirley Mitolo, Judy Florence, Diane Brooks, Grand Group, Knights of Columbus**, all of the drop-off night volunteers, car loaders and unloaders, and all who made deliveries to the families Saturday morning. I couldn’t have done it without your continued help and dedication! **Julie Chandoo**

THANK YOU, JULIE: Thanks to **Julie Chandoo** for a successful 2017 Advent Tree. This ministry brings so much joy to families who otherwise would not have presents under their Christmas Tree. A job well done, Julie!

FORMED:

Formed is an online resource that is available to our Prince of Peace Parish Community; **FORMED.ORG: Subscribe to Formed.org** to get unlimited viewing of Catholic movies and educational resources!

1. www.formed.org
2. Click on the blue “Register” button.
3. Enter our Parish Code: **6CZ4WM**
4. Enter your email.
5. Enter your identifying information and password.
6. Agree to the terms and privacy policy and submit. Verify your subscription in your email by clicking the word “Verify.”

NO-STRESS CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WITH THE NET

Enjoy stress-free (and budget-free) Christmas shopping now. The New Evangelization Team recommends giving the gift of prayer this Christmas. We are offering the following items for you to give to others this Christmas:

- Prayer-Infused Rosary: Cards and rosaries are available at no-charge. Simply pray a Rosary for the intentions of the person who will be receiving the rosary as a gift from you.
- Infant of Prague Prayer Books and Chaplets: Place the book and chaplet in a gift bag offered at our table. The Infant Jesus of Prague hears and answers prayers and many miracles have been associated with this devotion.
- Crucifix and Miraculous Medal Necklaces: Place one of these in a gift bag available at our table and give as a special gift. These sacramental have not been blessed. Have a priest or deacon bless it before giving it as a gift.

Stop by the New Evangelization table for items that will not stress your budget and will be a meaningful gift to those on your gift list.

HOUSING THE HOMELESS PLANNING MEETING:

We will have a Housing the Homeless Planning meeting on Monday evening, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library for anyone interested in helping with our Housing the Homeless program slated to begin February 28, 2018. No experience needed; just compassion for helping the homeless. If you cannot attend but have some thoughts to share you can send them to **John Nogosek** at nogos@cox.net or call him at 548-2794.

NEW EVANGELIZATION



Ponderful Moment®

Take a little time to ponder. This moment can be a source of discussion in your family, your Bible study group, or Religious Education class

ARE YOU A ROMAN CATHOLIC OR A ROAMIN' CATHOLIC?

Being a Roman Catholic is unique from other Christian faiths because Catholicism is universal. The tenets of our faith are the same whether you live in America or Australia, Amsterdam or Antarctica. And to better understand all that the Church teaches, we have the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The Catechism enables the People of God to have unity in faith, regardless of geographic location.

Here in America, it seems that many identify themselves as Catholic, yet do not support all that the Church teaches and reveals to be true. Many self-proclaimed Catholics, for example, promote the use of artificial contraception, support gay "marriage," believe women should be ordained as priests, and find cohabitation outside of the covenant of marriage acceptable. These beliefs are outside the unity of our Roman Catholic faith.

We are Catholic. Being a Roman Catholic comes with great responsibility and great dignity. Adhering to all the teachings of the Church may not be easy, but it comes with an eternal reward which cannot be beat. Don't find yourself being a roamin' Catholic, wandering away from Church teachings. Instead, become a devout Roman Catholic and discover all the treasures of the teachings of the Church.

Ponder: What are some of the teachings of the Church that are challenging to follow? What changes will be required of you in order to follow Church teachings?

Reflect: Deut 12:32

Pray: *Mary, my heavenly Mother, help me to follow Jesus Christ more closely each and every day.*

Be Catholic.
Live Catholic.
Rekindling Our Catholic Identity.

Is the Bible still relevant today? Have you ever had difficulty explaining the Catholic faith to others? Do you have difficulty understanding the Old and New Testaments and how they fit into your daily life? If you have these questions, you are not alone. Understanding the Word of God and the impact of the God's Word is vitally important in our day-to-day decision making.

For every Catholic, knowledge of the Bible is essential. "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ," says St. Jerome. Come and find out the treasures of the Catholic faith as revealed in Sacred Scripture. We will be following the text, *Understanding the Scriptures*, the Didache Series.

When: January 8 & 22; February 12 & 26; March 12 & 26; April 9 & 23; May 14

Where: Prince of Peace, Minor Nave

Time: 6:30 p.m. Rosary (optional);
7:00 p.m. Program

Presenters: Deacon Adrian Marchi & Suzy Kelly



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8240: The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic fraternal organization devoted to family and service founded on the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. The Knights of Chesapeake Council 8240 enthusiastically share their time and talents in service to Prince of Peace and the Chesapeake community. To learn how you can become part of this prestigious organization, contact Membership Chairman **Jason Gusman** (vacationj72@gmail.com) or Grand Knight **Shawn Huffaker** (vt96mechengr@verizon.net) for additional information.

Natural Family Planning

Give your wife the gift of "ZERO" this Christmas. Get rid of the unnatural barriers in your relationship and try Natural Family Planning. It's more fulfilling than and just as reliable as using pills and barriers!

Next series starts at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, January 12th at St. John the Apostle. Contact Stephanie & Deacon Chris Finocchio at finoc@msn.com or 757-430-1493 or visit live-the-love.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: There are a number of job opportunities available in the Diocese of Richmond that are posted on the Prince of Peace bulletin board. For more information, log on to <http://www.richmonddiocese.org/human/apply.htm>.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER these people, and all who are kept from joining us due to their health...

(Nursing Home Residents) AUTUMN CARE: Colby Smith, Jean Dobbs, Joan Schnell, Mary Fussell, Anne Thompson and David Kim. **CEDAR MANOR:** Anne Vollrath, Lee Ariotti and Emma Weber. **CHESAPEAKE HEALTHCARE CENTER:** Jane Allen, Joyce Clair, Elisa Castanada, Mary Thatcher, Elizabeth Bimarich, Donald Holloway, John Hayes, Richard Tobin, Mary Churchill, Carole Masek, and Anna Simmons. **CHESAPEAKE PLACE:** Flo Farrell. **SENTARA:** Mitch Stockstad, Marie Maher, Virginia Reid, Frances Smith, Mary Grace Smith and Abel Gonzales. **GREENFIELD:** Dorothy Nash and Joseph Ferry. **AT HOME OR IN THE HOSPITAL:** Cheryl Bilbo, David Antroinen, Bonnie Gallimore, Terry Proud, Alice Foley, Jean Peterson, Elizabeth Stout, Kenny Farrell, Julius Cooley, Jackie Herz, Jennifer White, Russell Lewis, Sherry Yewitt, Patricia Bray, Kimberly Meharg, Walter Moore, Nancy Cole, Irene Champion, Dolores Collins, Eileen Ettwein, Rosemary Iafato, Thomas Jenkins, Mary Kelly, Glenn Maynard, Sharon Dameron, Rick Dameron, Helen Hendryx, Jim Kennedy, Bobby Dameron, Sheila Schoendorfer, Mary Albert, Michael Peasley, Kelly Crider, Carl Slough, Rodney Padgett, Nancy Shashaty, Agnes Shashaty, Maggie Watson, Michele Bourgeois and Sally Vincent.

Ticket Lottery for January 12 Bishop Installation Mass: Parishioners, students and educators hoping to participate in the joy and excitement of the January 12 Mass of Installation for the Catholic Diocese of Richmond's new Bishop Barry C. Knestout now have a chance to secure admission to the special Mass by entering a lottery. Seating for the 2:00 p.m. event at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart will be extremely limited so the faithful are encouraged to enter the drawing for admission tickets by completing the online form here: <http://richmonddiocese.org/installation-mass-details/>.

The last day to enter the drawing is Friday, December 29, 2017. The drawing will be held in early January with two tickets awarded to each selected registrant. Those selected will have 48 hours to respond before the tickets are released to alternates. Tickets are not transferrable and may not be sold. Questions? Contact newbishop@richmonddiocese.org or (804) 622-5294.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Barbara Rapp Jones.

The Center for Marriage, Family, and Life is hosting a Respect Life Essay and Video Contest! This year's theme is "Humanae Vitae... 50 years later." The contest invites participants to Reflect on a recent cultural experience such as the 50 Shades of Grey series, 13 Reasons Why, or any relevant cultural event or movement from the last year. Then, put that event or idea in conversation with a selected passage from the 1968 encyclical Humanae Vitae and ask: "How does the Church stand as a sign of contradiction today?" Grades 7-12 and college age students are encouraged to participate in the contest by developing the theme in a video and submitting online. High School students have the additional opportunity to participate in an essay contest developing the theme in 500 words or less. All entries should be submitted to the Center for Marriage, Family, and Life by January 15, 2018. Awards amounts between \$50.00-\$500.00 will be given to 1st and 2nd place in Middle School, High School, and College. **For all the information, guidelines, and submission details visit www.cdrcmf.org/respectlife/respectlifecontest/.** Questions can be directed to cmfl@richmonddiocese.org or 804-622-5109.

You may also refer to the two page flyer posted on the bulletin board in the Prince of Peace parish hall.



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