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PRINCE OF PEACE

	CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS WEEK JANUARY 1 - 8, 2023				
STAFF	SUNDAY, JANUARY 1				
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:	9:00 a.m.	Mass			
Mrs. Melody Smith	11:00 a.m.	. ,			
BOOKKEEPER:		<u>facebook.com/popchurchchesapeake</u> or <u>youtube.com</u>			
Mrs. Karen Pacomio	12:00 p.m.	Baptism			
SECRETARY:	MONDAY, JANUARY 2				
Ms. Shannon Daly		Office Closed			
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:	TUESDAY, JANUARY 3				
Mrs. Tanya Cole	9:00 a.m.	Mass livestream followed by praying the Holy Rosary			
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4				
Mrs. Pam Lerach	9:00 a.m.				
FACILITIES COORDINATOR:	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Food Pantry			
	THURSDAY, JANUARY 5				
Mr. Johnny Matias	9:00 a.m.	Mass livestream followed by praying the Holy Rosary			
IT STAFF	FRIDAY, JANUARY 6	Marchine			
IT Coordinator: Melody Smith IT Consultant: Johnny Matias		Mass Livestream			
	9:30 a.m.				
CHAIRPERSONS	5:30 p.m.	Knights of Columbus			
Parish Council:	SATURDAY, JANUARY 7	Desensiliation			
Mike Corrigan775-7696 Finance Council:		Reconciliation Mass			
Judy Se-Fune	5:00 p.m. SUNDAY, JANUARY 8	Mass			
MINISTRY CHAIRPERSONS	9:00 a.m.	Mass			
Christian Formation:	10:05-10:55 a.m.				
Kelly Bruno636-2234	11:00 a.m.				
Community Life:	11.00 4.111.	facebook.com/popchurchchesapeake or youtube.com			
Sheila Gargiulo716-244-2031	12:00 p.m.				
Evangelization/Peace & Justice:	6:00-8:00 p.m.				
Mary Riley					

ORATIO IMPERATA

God Our Father, we come to You in our need to ask Your protection against the 2019 N-Corona Virus that has claimed lives and has affected many.

We pray for Your grace for the people tasked with studying the nature and cause of this virus and its disease and of stemming the tide of its transmission. Guide the hands and minds of medical experts that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion, and of those governments and private agencies that must find cure and solution to this epidemic. We pray for those afflicted; may they be restored to health soon. Grant us the grace to work for the good of all and to help those in need. Grant this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE QUOTE FOR MEDITATION

January 1, 2023 Mary, the Holy Mother of God Luke 2:16 "The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger."

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

January 8, 2023, The Epiphany of the Lord 1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Prince of Peace 2023 Calendars are now available at the Welcome Desk in the commons.

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.

ASSISTANCE FOR 65+ OR AT-RISK PARISHIONERS:

During this time where you may be self-quarantining due to your age or because you are high risk, if you need assistance with grocery shopping or other high importance errands, please give our Parish Office a call at 757-547-0356. We will contact a parish volunteer to call you to assist you with your needs.

Francis Scotece † WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 Jerry Scotece † THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 Josephine Galvez † Giovina Mode † FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 Bernardino Pascua † SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 Mr. and Mrs. John Buckner † SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 9:00 a.m. Tuong Nguyen † 11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

Liturgy:

Stewardship:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

00 a.m. For the Parishioners † Denotes deceased

Debbie Tucker......436-0456

Alan Cole......620-0693

MASS INTENTIONS

*In order to keep with Canon Law, as of March 13, 2019, there will be only one Mass Intention offered per Mass. Mass Intentions for the repose of the soul and Special Intentions can be made at least two weeks before the requested day. The Parish Office will not be able to schedule Mass Intentions on the same week of the requested day. Thank you for understanding.

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM PASTOR, 2022

Dear Parishioners of Prince of Peace, all our visitors, and friends, I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have been waiting for the birth of our Lord and Savior, and Prince of Peace, and now our waiting has turned into a reality. He is now born to us. Let us rejoice in Him! He embraced the human flesh so that He may uplift us to become like Him. That is why He was called Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

Jesus who is born to us exhibited a kind of humility that is incomprehensible. He wanted to be born like that in order for us to learn from Him how to be humble. He is the light of the world, the bright star which illumines us to follow the right path that leads to heaven.

Thanks very much for all your contributions for the growth of our Parish. May you be rewarded abundantly by the Almighty God. Christmas is a time that brings families, friends, loved ones and strangers together. These times are very different due to the pandemic we are still experiencing. Let us continue to pray to the Newly-born King, the Prince of Peace, that He may come to our rescue as we pray for the end of the pandemic that has caused a lot of havoc in our lives. May our celebration of this Christmas, be a turning point for us to more closely follow the Newborn King.

May you be blessed this Christmas with Joy and Peace, and may you have a Happy New Year 2023!

Fr. John Bosco Walugembe, Pastor

2022 TAX STATEMENTS

If you are interested in obtaining a financial statement of your 2022 contributions to Prince of Peace, please visit our website, popparish.org. On the website, click on "My Giving" under "Support Your Parish" drop-down. Follow the instructions on the "My Giving" page to log into your "My Own Church" account or to set up an account. When available (late January 2023), you are able to download your tax statement. If you do not have access to a computer, you may drop off your self-addressed stamped envelope (to help offset costs) and place it in the box in the commons during Mass or office hours. If you have any issues with your "ParishSoft" account setup or have any questions, please contact Karen Pacomio at karen.pacomio@popparish.org or call the Parish Office at 757-547-0356.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

We are starting a bereavement support group: "Grieving with Great Hope." The day and time will be determined by the participating. Anyone wishing to participate, please contact Sister Dolores at the parish office.

MUSIC MINISTRY:

Do you have a song in your heart? Do you find yourself humming from time to time? Well, God appreciates your gifts and so do we! Prince of Peace Music Ministry is in need of singers and instrumentalists who can share their gifts with our congregation. Beginners are needed, too! Whether you are new to music or have been doing this for a long time, there is a place for you to play or sing in the choir.

Send inquiry to <u>pop.office@popparish.org</u> or see Melody or Sister Dolores.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers as we restart our coffee and snacks after weekend Masses. This volunteer opportunity requires limited time involvement.

Please consider participating in this ministry. Contact Sister Dolores at the parish office.

• HELP NEEDED

 Prince of Peace Catholic Church, Chesapeake, is seeking a Facility Maintenance Coordinator.

The position is 32 hours per week. The Facility Maintenance Coordinator is responsible for planning, directing, implementing and overseeing building operations and services at Prince of Peace Catholic Church buildings, grounds and the rectory.

Interested candidates should scan the QR code and email the completed diocesan application to Sister Dolores Sabisky <u>sister</u>. <u>dolores@popparish.org</u>.

AUDIO/VISUAL VOLUNTEERS WANTED:

Are you good with computers or just want to try something new? If you are 16 years or older, come and join our ministry. There's no experience necessary, because we will train and place you in a team of two people during livestreaming. Our livestreaming ministry also needs volunteers to just enter the Scripture verses and load the songs into the system whenever is convenient for them. Everyone at all skill levels is needed. Contact <u>pop.office@popparish.org</u> to find out more!

FORMED.ORG:

Prince of Peace offers a wide variety of Catholic movies, educational programs, seminars, books, and spiritual exercises for all POP families and adults at no cost to them. Here is how to get signed up!

1. Go to www.formed.org.

2. Click on the blue *Sign up as a Parishioner* button.

3. Enter: "Prince of Peace 621 Cedar Road, Chesapeake, VA"

4. Enter your name and email.

2023 MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for 2023 are now available to offer in the parish office. For 2023, there will be a limit of five Intentions per person and the donation requested is \$10.00 each. Thank you for your patience as we work towards a new process.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: Baptismal Preparation – In preparation to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism with an infant, the parents are asked to attend a Baptismal Preparation Session at Prince of Peace. Sessions are being held by Zoom until further notice. The sessions will begin at 1:00 p.m. and last 45 minutes to an hour. The next sessions scheduled at Prince of Peace: Sunday, January 15, Sunday, February 19, • Sunday, March 19, 2023. Parents are asked to register for the sessions by visiting our parish website at popparish.org. Go to the *sacrament* tab and scroll down to Baptisms. Anyone with questions, please contact Sister Dolores at the parish office.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: Any adult Catholic who has never been confirmed; sessions are held throughout the year. For more information, please call Sister Dolores at the Parish Office or email her at <u>Sister.Dolores@popparish.org</u>.

RCIA: Thinking of joining the Catholic Church??? Prince of Peace parish community offers "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" (RCIA) process for those adults seeking to learn more about and joining the Catholic Christian Faith. RCIA is for those who are not yet baptized and also for Christians of other denominations who choose to seek full communion with the Catholic Church. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested in learning more about the RCIA journey, please contact Sister Dolores at the Parish Office at 547-0356, or email Sister. Dolores@popparish.org.

VIRTUS DATES:

All Catechists, Assistants, VYMs and people in leadership roles, and those serving minors or vulnerable adults are required to register for and attend the one-time class, VIRTUS Protecting God's Children. Registration for the class will initiate the Safe Environment Screening which is required every 5 years. Please register at https://www.virtusonline.org/.

Beginning Saturday, January 7th, Saturday evening Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. Confessions will be at 4:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

ELEMENTARY CLASSES: Sunday, 10:05-10:55 a.m. **JANUARY: 8, 22**

FEBRUARY: 5, 12, 26 MARCH: 5, 12, 19, 26 APRIL: 23, 30 MAY: 7 (10:30-11:00 a.m.)

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES:

Sunday, 6:00-8:00 p.m. **JANUARY 8, 22** FEBRUARY 5, 12 MARCH 5, 19 APRIL 16, 23

FRIDAY FAMILY FAITH CLASSES:

First Friday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Remaining three lessons at home.) Bring the kids to join in on the fun! JANUARY: 6 FEBRUARY: 3 MARCH: 3 APRIL: 28 (MAY DATE TBD) *Dates subject to change

2023 JANUARY 16: LAZER QUEST FEBRUARY 10: DYC FEBRUARY 11: DYC FEBRUARY 12: DYC FEBRUARY 19: LAZER OUEST MARCH 18: LAETARE BREAD SALE MAY 6: MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE MAY 7: MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE **JUNE 19: MISSIONS** JUNE 20: MISSIONS JUNE 21: MISSIONS JUNE 22: MISSIONS JUNE 23: MISSIONS

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS:

PEACE AND JUSTICE:

We strive to live the love of Christ by sharing it with those in our community.



HELPING OUR HOMELESS CHESAPEAKE NEIGHBORS:

As I am sure you are all aware, we have several ongoing programs to support our homeless neighbors within Prince of Peace and also partnering with many other churches in the area. Sadly, with the events of the last two years, we have seen a significant increase and need in Chesapeake. We have established an Amazon Wishlist of what we call

"shelf stable" items; this is a quick and easy way to buy items we use every week and would be a wonderful way to support this ministry if you don't have time to make sandwiches, etc... It is as easy as going to this link via the QR code, ordering and having them sent to POP. The address will be available for you to choose once you go to checkout!! If you have any questions at all, please just email me at <u>cooeybrooks@cox.net</u>. Thank you so much!! You have no idea how much this will help so many!!! If you prefer to have me email you the link, just send me a message at the email provided above.



FATHER ROMEO D. JAZMIN FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Evangelization - When you pray for, participate in, or contribute to

the operation and success of a Church Ministry, you are evangelizing. The Food Pantry Volunteers are Evangelizing, not just handing out grocery bags of food. If you are a Patron of the Food Pantry, you are evangelizing. Case in point: A Catholic man who is a guest of the Food Pantry, as he was receiving his bag of groceries couldn't contain himself, to let me know, as an absentee from the church, he went to communal Confession the other night and Mass the next day. AMEN!

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION DATES: January 7/8 (Mark your calendar) (Drop off food bags before each Mass in the commons. Thank you!) **FOOD PANTRY HOURS:**

Mondays, 10:00-11:00 a.m. - Drop off food...

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m. - Pick up and drop off food

(Drop food bags off at the food pantry located in the back of the church. Do not leave food outside of the doors.) Parishioners who need assistance, contact the office for a date and time to pick up food or pick up food on Wednesdays between 10:00-11:30 am.

SOME SHOPPING ITEMS TO CONSIDER: Peanut butter and jelly, tuna, canned ham, canned pork and beans, canned fruits and vegetables, fruit juice, cereal (hot and cold), rice, pasta and sauce, and canned soups. The Food Pantry accepts ground beef, chicken thighs and legs, fish, hamburger patties, hot dogs, bacon and eggs. If you would rather have the pantry do the shopping, consider a financial contribution. Financial gifts can be made in cash, check, and by going to popparish.org and submit through E-giving. If you are writing a check, in memo, write "Food Pantry." Thank you and God bless you.

PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE



GRAND GROUP NEWS January 3, 2023 (CANCELLED) -

The January 3, 2023 Mass, lunch get-together cancelled.

January 18, 2023 (Wednesday) - A social gathering will be held on Wednesday, January 18, at 11:30 a.m. Meet for lunch at the Village Inn on Cedar Road. All are welcome to attend (not necessary to call ahead – just show up). Contact Joan at stanjam22@aol.com or Judy at judithflorance@cox.net with any guestions.

February 7, 2023 – You do not want to miss the February 7, Grand Group Valentine themed occasion. After Mass at 11:00 a.m. followed by a brief meeting and lunch, we will be serenaded by Louis Antonaccio. We are excited to have a return performance by Louis.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

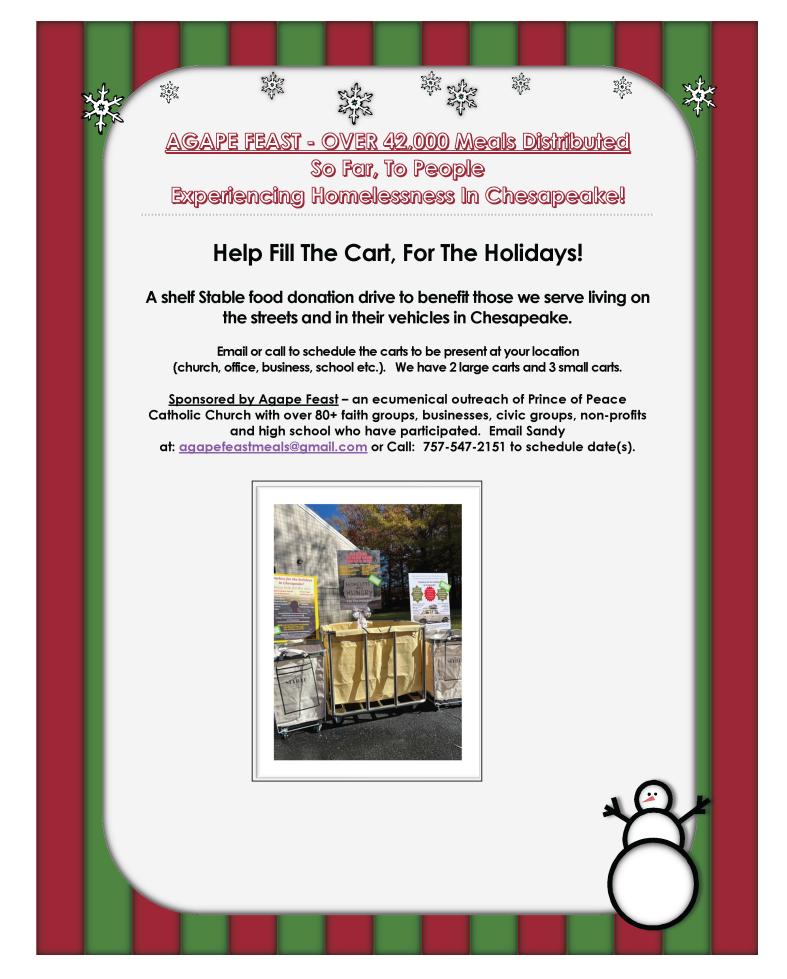
Pam and I would like to thank all the Parishioners who attended our Annual Holiday Craft Fair. Only through your support will this continue to be a successful event. Also a BIG thank-you to everyone who set up, cooked, cleaned up, etc. We couldn't do this without you! We raised \$3,064.43 this year. We wish you all blessings during Christmas. – John Ricci & Pam Lerach

SIMBANG GABI

Simbang Gabi Novena Faith Group extends our gratitude to Fr. John, Sr. Dolores IHM and to all of you for celebrating with us the second day of Simbang Gabi Novena Mass in anticipation of the coming of Infant Jesus. To Jennifer Alberto (pianist) and volunteer singers, thank you for providing us with such heavenly and joyful music December 16. Thank you to all who helped in Mass celebration, POP staffs, ushers, head minister, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and to all who made our Mass and Reception possible. Thank you to our decorators, set-up and clean-up individuals and to all who have shared their time, talents, and treasures working behind the scenes for us to have a successful Simbang Gabi Novena Mass. Salamat po.

PILGRIMAGE TO JORDAN & THE HOLY LAND

There's still room to join this pilgrimage on March 13-24, 2023. For more information, see the flyer on the parish bulletin board, last week's bulletin, or for information and registration, please contact Luis Anacta at 757-401-3817 or Jocelyn Anacta at 757-729-5685 or louieanacta@gmail.com.



Needed Items: (Individual Serving Sizes Please)

Chicken Cracker Packs Tuna Cracker Packs Raisin Boxes Breakfast Bars Soft Granola Bars Trail Mix Chewy Fruit Snacks. -Gold Fish Crackers -Slim Jim's -Trail Mix -Fruit Cups -Pudding Cups -Protein Bars -Vienna Sausage

<u>Amazon Wishlist – QR Code:</u>

These items get delivered directly to our Church.



Monetary Donations for this outreach ministry can be made at our church office at 621 Cedar Rd, Chesapeake, Va 23322 during office hours, by mail to church address with memo line reading Agape Feast or online at popparish.org click on the ParishSOFTGiving and Offering Box and then click on ParishSOFT giving. Choose either one-time or recurring gift and under Fund scroll to choose Homeless Meals ministry.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 8240:

Attention, Catholic Men! Have you ever thought of joining the Knights of Columbus? The Knights of Columbus is the largest fraternal Catholic organization in the world. Men age 18 and over, who are practicing Catholics, are strongly encouraged to join for a variety of reasons. All Knights strive to be Catholic gentlemen, to learn more about their faith, and are dedicated to putting their faith in action in support of their church, family, community, and, yes, charities that help benefit children, the elderly, the handicapped, and the homeless. Prince of Peace Knights of Columbus Council 8240 has existed for over 35 years. Working together in unity and fraternity, the Brothers have helped countless families, individuals, church programs, and benefits over the years. We make a difference! Come join us. For more information, please contact Grand Knight Joe Branco at joebranco@cox.net or call 757-560-3073.

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

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS: Dick DeLong, Joseph Rejuney, Joan Crane, Marie Kuenzer (MC), Susan Ott, Mary Oliver, Barbara Martin, and Elizabeth Farrell.

CHESAPEAKE HEALTHCARE CENTER: Clair Saar, Mary Thatcher, Laverne Banks, Mark Walker, Anna Phillips, Rafaela Martinez, and Elizabeth Bolmarcich.

AT HOME: Bonnie Gallimore, Gene DiPascale, John Heerema, Jr., Doris Moyer, Joseph Evan, Patty and Al Russell, Ada Murphy, Sherri Yewitt, Paul Michael Thomas, Leigh Armstrong, and Colleen Richardson.

IN THE HOSPITAL: Let us pray for all those currently in the hospital.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Barbara Joy and Jaime Parnada



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

PRAYER by Saint Alphonsus Liguori My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

OUR TREASURES TO THE LORD								
WEEK OF		CURRENT MONTH E-GIVING		WEEKLY NEEDS		OVER/ (SHORT)*		
Offertory 12-4-22	\$	5,954.50	\$	7,297.00	\$	12,303.00	\$	948.50
Offertory 12-11-22	\$	7,325.50	\$	5,764.00	\$	12,303.00	\$	786.50
Offertory 12-18-22	\$	4,307.98	\$	6,033.00	\$	12,303.00	\$	(1,962.02)
Offertory 12-25-22	\$		\$		\$		\$	-
Total	\$	17,587.98	\$	19,094.00	\$	36,909.00	\$	(227.02)
*Amount in () indicates negative								
Capital Improvement 12-18-22:						\$	15,019.88	
Food Pantry 12-18-22:						\$	20,756.00	
Diocesan debt (BLUE envelope) funds collected through 12-81-22:						\$	4,422.00	
Homeless Meals 12-18-22:						\$	4,589.00	
Simbang Gabi Mass 12-16-22:						\$	327.00	

OFCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS.								
PoP Capital Improvement	January 14/15, 2023							
Respect Life Collection	January 21/22, 2023							
Pop Capital Improvement	February 18/19, 2023							

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