

PRINCE *of* PEACE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Bulletin Deadline
Tuesdays at noon

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

MASSES

Saturday	5:00 P.M.	
Sunday	9:00 A.M.	
	11:00 A.M.	<i>Livestreamed</i>
Tuesday-Friday	9:00 A.M.	

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday at 4:00 P.M.

REGISTER IN THE PARISH

Welcome! To join the parish,
please contact our office at
pop.office@popparish.org.



Rend your hearts,
not your garments,
and return to the

Lord

your God.

Joel 2:13

STAFF

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

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YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT COORDINATOR:

Mrs. Kelly Bruno

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Mike Corrigan.....775-7696

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Liturgy:

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Stewardship:

Alan Cole.....620-0693

CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS WEEK MARCH 12-19, 2023

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

9:00 a.m. Mass

10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. First Eucharist Module 1

10:05-10:55 a.m. Elementary Christian formation

11:00 a.m. Mass, livestreamed by Prince of Peace on Facebook at facebook.com/popchurchchesapeake or youtube.com

MONDAY, MARCH 1

10:00-11:00 a.m. Drop off groceries at Food Pantry

6:30-9:00 p.m. Boy Scouts/Venturing Crew

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

9:00 a.m. Mass followed by praying the Holy Rosary

1:30-2:30 p.m. No Greater Love Bible Study

6:30-8:00 p.m. A Biblical Walk of the Mass Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

9:00 a.m. Mass followed by praying the Holy Rosary

10:00-11:30 a.m. Food Pantry

1:00 p.m. Grieving with Great Hope

6:30 p.m. Grieving with Great Hope

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

9:00 a.m. Mass followed by praying the Holy Rosary

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

9:00 a.m. Mass followed by praying the Holy Rosary

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

3:30 p.m. Reconciliation

4:30-6:30 p.m. Laetare Sunday Bread Sale

5:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

9:00 a.m. Mass

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Laetare Sunday Bread Sale

10:05-10:55 a.m. Elementary Christian formation

11:00 a.m. Mass, livestreamed by Prince of Peace on Facebook at facebook.com/popchurchchesapeake or youtube.com

1:00 p.m. Baptismal Preparation Session (Virtual)

6:00-8:00 p.m. MS & HS Christian Formation

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

Chun Choi Lee †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

James Corrigan †

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

Dolores Sabisky †

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

Jose and Felisa Encarnacion †

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

Rosa Marchi †

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

9:00 a.m. Roberto Fiesta †

11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

*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.

ORATIO IMPERATA:

God Our Father, we come to You in our need to ask Your protection against the 2019 N-Coronavirus 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

March 12, 2023: Third Sunday of Lent

John 4:42 "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

March 19, 2023: Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

MASS COUNTS FOR LAST WEEKEND:

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	183
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.	258
Sunday, 11:00 a.m.	305
TOTAL	746

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.

Mass Intentions are available to offer in the Parish Office. There is a limit of five Intentions per person and the donation requested is \$10.00 each.



2023 ANNUAL APPEAL:

Once again this year, Prince of Peace is participating in the Annual Diocesan Appeal. The Appeal is a yearly opportunity to support the next generation, provide for those in need and build up our Catholic communities. Each gift that is contributed to the Appeal makes a real difference because the gifts enable our Diocese to deliver needed ministries and services such as health insurance and long-term care for our retired priests, tuition for our future priests to attend the seminary and heating and grocery assistance to families through the Fuel and Hunger Fund, from which we again this year received a grant to assist our local community. In addition, all parishes receive back a portion of their funds to be used for local priorities.

In today's Gospel story, the woman at the well meets Jesus. Jesus moves her so much that she goes into the village, no longer abashed by her bad reputation, and tells everyone that she found the Messiah. Dramatic, to be sure. Others in the town immediately began to believe in Jesus because of her. The Samaritan woman's stark transformation gave her words credibility. Soon after, the townspeople deepened their faith in Jesus by directly encountering Him. Jesus used the Samaritan woman's words to introduce a whole village to Him. Our parish can spread faith in the same way through the Annual Diocesan Appeal. This Lent, we ask you to prayerfully consider how you can help meet the mission of our Church and be a light for others through your heartfelt support. Together, we can demonstrate to our local neighborhood how wonderful He truly is. Through our actions, they will believe our word that He is alive. Jesus, lead us!

Scan the QR code to donate to the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal.

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 when you may be self-quarantining due to your age or because you are high risk, if you need assistance with grocery shopping or other errands of high importance, 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.

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

Prince of Peace is beginning an Altar Server Ministry. Youth – girls and boys – who are in Middle School-High School are invited to be part of this ministry. Parents of youth interested in the Altar Server Ministry are asked to contact Sister Dolores at the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION TIME CHANGE DURING LENT

In order to provide opportunity for those wishing Confession during Lent, Father John Bosco will begin hearing Confessions at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday during Lent. This change is effective immediately until April 1, 2023.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Father John Bosco will lead the Stations of the Cross immediately following our 9:00 a.m. Daily Mass on Fridays during Lent. (Except First Friday). The Rosary will continue to be prayed after the 9:00 a.m. Daily Masses Tuesdays-Thursdays.

REGULATIONS FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday.

On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older.

On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent.

The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for Baptism or of Renewal of Baptism at Easter.

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.

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 pop.office@popparish.org or see Melody or Sister Dolores.

2022 TAX STATEMENTS

2022 Year-end Tax statements are now available for download. If you want a financial statement of your 2022 contributions to Prince of Peace, please visit our website at popparish.org. On the website, click on *My Giving* under *Support Your Parish* dropdown. Follow the instructions on the *My Giving* page to log into your *My Own Church* account or to set up an account. 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 the Parish Office at 757-547-0356.

PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH, CHESAPEAKE: OPEN POSITIONS



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.



Bookkeeper/Payroll Administrator:

The candidate will be familiar with bookkeeping and Payroll functions. Requirements include experience in bookkeeping using accounting software and experience managing online payroll. Abilities include computer proficiency in Microsoft Office software. A background check and completion of the Virtus Safe Environment online program is required. This is a full-time position working approximately 30 hours per week. A background check and completion of the Virtus Safe Environment online program is required.

Interested candidates should scan the QR code for the diocese open positions and email the completed diocesan application to Sister Dolores Sabisky at sister.dolores@popparish.org.

OUR TREASURES TO THE LORD

WEEK OF	CURRENT MONTH	E-GIVING	WEEKLY NEEDS	OVER/(SHORT)*
Offertory 2-5-23	\$ 8,855.39	\$ 7,990.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$ 4,542.39
Offertory 2-12-23	\$ 6,701.50	\$ 4,486.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$ (1,115.50)
Offertory 2-19-23	\$ 7,543.10	\$ 7,080.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$ 2,320.10
Offertory 2-26-23	\$ 4,918.81	\$ 4,160.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$ (3,224.19)
Total	\$ 28,018.80	\$ 23,716.00	\$ 49,212.00	\$ 2,522.80

*Amount in () indicates negative

Capital Improvement 2-26-23:	\$ 26,806.05
Food Pantry 2-26-23:	\$ 27,465.00
Diocesan debt (BLUE env) funds collected through 2-26-23:	\$ 5,889.00
Homeless Meals 2-26-23:	\$ 9,756.00
Ash Wednesday 2-22-23:	\$ 1,303.00

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

PoP Capital Improvement	March 18/19, 2023
Catholic Relief Services (4th Sunday of Lent)	March 25/26, 2023
Pontifical Good Friday	April 7, 2023

OPEN POSITION AT THE CATHOLIC VIRGINIAN:

Are you a writer who loves to tell a good story? Is working with words your passion? Then become part of our team! The Catholic Diocese of Richmond’s Office of Communications is seeking a talented, experienced, motivated assistant editor to join our small, creative, and award-winning, multimedia team. We are looking for someone with drive and focus to cover Catholic news and write inspirational faith stories found within the multiple communities we serve. Additionally, we want someone who can balance the importance of print and digital platforms for our diocesan newspaper, *The Catholic Virginian* (CV). If interested, please see the full ad and how to apply at <http://bit.ly/3WVJfGD>.

FREE TAX PREPARATION

Get your taxes completed for free by AARP Taxaide. This is a free service to all individuals and families. Preparation takes place at Great Bridge Presbyterian Church on Cedar Road. By appointment only 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays, now through April. Call 757-547-4741 for an appointment and to receive pre-meeting.

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 pop.office@popparish.org to find out more!

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: **Sundays, March 19, April 16, and May 21, 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 Sister.Dolores@popparish.org.

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 join 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT NEEDED

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking an Administrative Assistant, for the Office of Finance, to provide administrative support to the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance. For the full ad and how to apply, please click here <http://bit.ly/3XSnasW>. For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist/ Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org.

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.

VIRTUS:

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

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

ELEMENTARY CLASSES:

Sunday, 10:05-10:55 a.m.

MARCH: 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.

March 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!

APRIL: 28

(May date TBD)

*Dates subject to change

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS: 2023

MARCH 18: Laetare Bread Sale

MARCH 19: Laetare Bread Sale

MAY 13: Mother’s Day Plant Sale

MAY 14: Mother’s Day Plant Sale

JUNE 19: Missions

JUNE 20: Missions

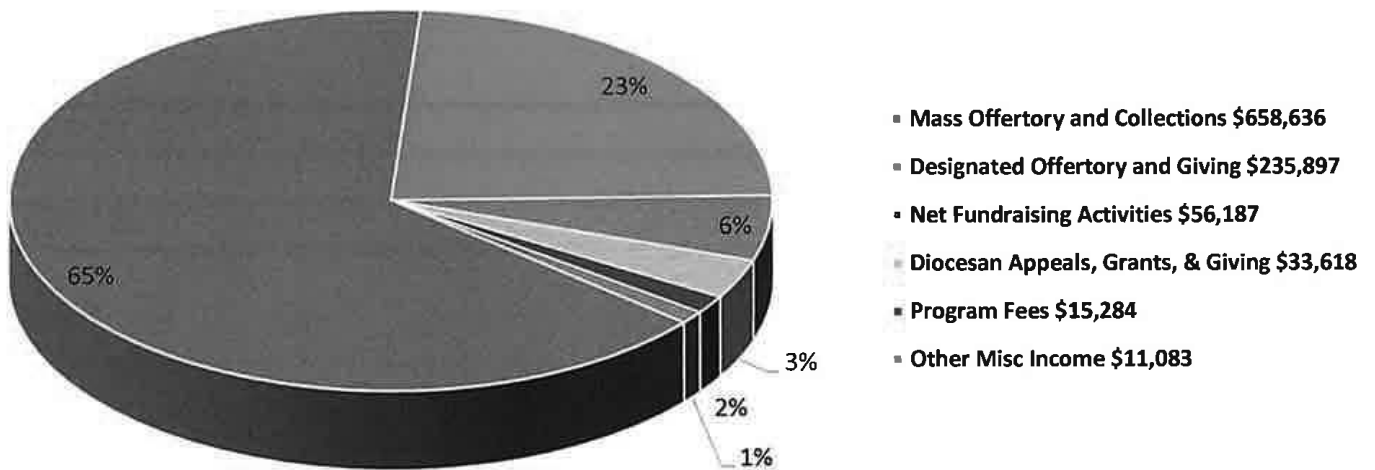
JUNE 21: Missions

JUNE 22: Missions

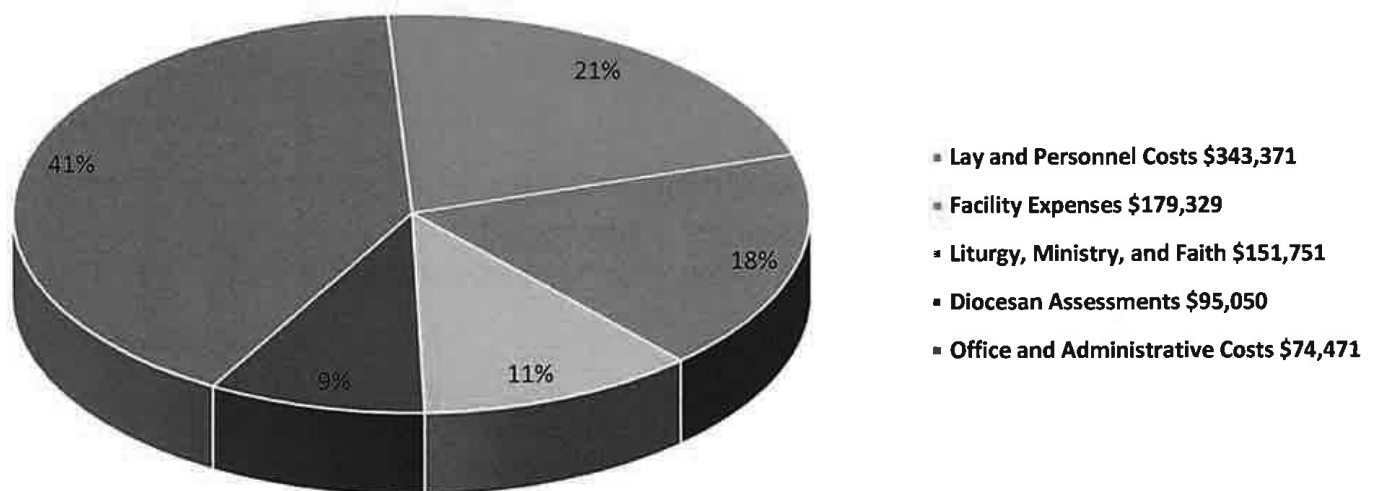
JUNE 23: Missions

**PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022**

Total Collections: \$1,010,705



Total Spent: \$843,972



**PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022**

Receipts	ACTUAL
Mass Offertory and Collections	\$658,636
Designated Offertory and Giving	235,897
Net Fundraising Activities	56,187
Diocesan Appeals, Grants, & Giving	33,618
Program Fees	15,284
Other Misc Income	11,083
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$1,010,705
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Disbursements	ACTUAL
Lay and Personnel Costs	\$343,371
Facility Expenses	179,329
Liturgy, Ministry, and Faith	151,751
Diocesan Assessments	95,050
Office and Administrative Costs	74,471
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	\$843,972
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EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS:	\$166,733

Beginning Cash Balances: July 1, 2021	\$ 359,542	
Current Year Total Receipts	\$ 1,010,705	
Mass Intentions, Collections, and other passthrough	\$ 1,284	
YTD Total Cash Available		\$ 1,371,531
Less: Current Year Total Cash Disbursements	\$ (828,078)	
Less: Current Year Capital Equipment Acquisition	\$ (88,221)	
Plus: Increase of Carryover for Prior Year Diocesan Debt	\$ 4,523	\$ (911,776)
Ending Cash Balances: June 30, 2022		<u>\$ 459,755</u>
	Checking and Cash on Hand	\$ 286,162
	Savings Account - Unrestricted	\$ 33,365
	Savings Account - For Restricted Purposes	\$ 140,228
		<u>\$ 459,755</u>

Prince of Peace Census Statistics

We are:

Men	1,216
Women	1,522
Children	<u>598</u>
Total	<u>3,336</u>
Total families:	1,132

This past year we shared the joy of:

- 19 Baptisms
- 34 Confirmations
- 47 First Eucharists

Together we celebrated: 5 Marriages

Together we mourned: 23 Deaths

Our Religious Education efforts reached:

- 113 Grade School Students
- 38 High School Students
- 25 Adults

YOUNG ADULT

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION FOR YOUNG ADULTS



Registration is Open – There's something about taking a step away from our normal lives into a place that's set aside that rejuvenates us, isn't there? Even in the Gospels, Jesus retreated into the mountains to connect with His Father. This Lent, journey into the foothills of the Shenandoah and join young adults from across the diocese for a day of reflection. Sister Maria, one of the nuns at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, will lead us through the theme of *Your Pain Will Turn Into Joy: Walking Through the Desert with Mary, Our Mother*. The Lenten Day of Reflection for Young Adults is Saturday, March 25 from 10:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Crozet, VA. \$30.00/person includes lunch and other retreat supplies. Limited space available; don't wait to sign up! *Lenten Day of Reflection for Young Adults – Evangelize Richmond*



THEOLOGY ON TAP

The goal of Theology on Tap in the Diocese of Richmond is to provide a place for young adults (roughly ages 21-35) to gather, delve into a Catholic topic, and connect with other young adults in the area. All young adults, whether single or married, are welcome!

Date: Last Thursday of the month

Location: Locations rotate every month, contact Chloe for more information

Time: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Contact: Chloe Barnes at oliviafreeman804@outlook.com.

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. 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 – Homeless Meals, 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 coeybrooks@cox.net. Thank you so much!!

HOUSING THE HOMELESS.

Our Housing the Homeless week was a complete success thanks to the efforts of all of the volunteers that stepped forward to make life a little bit easier for our homeless guests. Thank you all that gave of your donations, time, talents and prayers. The Housing the Homeless planning team.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Adults are invited to participate in *A Biblical Walk through the Mass*, sponsored by Ascension Press. The group is meeting in person in Rooms 9-10 on Tuesdays in March from 6:30-8:00 p.m. For more information, contact Mike Corrigan at micjohcor@gmail.com.

Adults are also invited to participate in *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion*. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a Biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. The group will meet on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Bobbi Yeager or Cheryl Loughran.

Mike Corrigan will facilitate a second class on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays in March. Please contact him with a text at 757-775-7696 and include your name and email.



FATHER ROMEO D. JAZMIN FOOD PANTRY

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION DATES: April 1/2, May 6/7 (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 a.m.

SOME SHOPPING ITEMS TO CONSIDER: Peanut butter and jelly, canned soup, Hamburger Helper and Jell-O. *Instead of 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 the memo, write "Food Pantry." Thank you and God bless you.*

LEGACY GIVING

During the Holy Season of Lent, we observe and commemorate the Passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Our Savior and Redeemer. It is a time to reflect on what it means to be a follower of Christ. It is a time of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. It is a time to grow in and strengthen our faith, which binds all of us together and makes all things possible because of our love and devotion to Jesus. This is also a time to consider your love for, and future needs of, our holy church community, Prince of Peace. An invested gift is a manifestation of love that will provide future income for our mission. Please view A Guide to Legacy Giving Brochure on the Prince of Peace Website at www.popparish.org. Go to *Support Your Parish*, then to *Legacy Giving*. Contact Nick Vacca at nbv8080@outlook.com for additional information, or contact him at the Parish Office at 757-547-0356. If you have already included Prince of Peace in your Will, "Welcome as a Lumen Christi Society Member."



AGAPE FEAST MEETING (AKA: POP HOMELESS MEALS MINISTRY)

For anyone interested in joining and current volunteers, (pick **one** meeting to attend): Wednesday, March 29th, 2023, Noon-1:00 p.m. or Saturday, April 1st at 9:00 a.m., in the Parish Hall at church.

DID YOU KNOW:

- POP through the Agape Feast ministry serves/distributes meals in four locations in Chesapeake year-round?
- April, 2020-January, 2023 distributed over 46,000 meals to individuals who are currently experiencing homelessness in Chesapeake.
- We do a lot more than feeding. **Come find out what else we do.**

*****Donations of:** bath towels needed, face cloths, hand cloths, new or older (not ripped/stained) must be **clean/freshly washed, We will be collecting at meeting. MANY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE. HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!!!!!!**

LAETARE SUNDAY



BREAD SALE

weekend of

March 18th & 19th

Please stop by and support Youth Ministry.

There will be many different types of bread for sale

Zucchini bread, Banana Bread, Pumpkin Bread, Lemon Bread to mention a few!

THANK YOU!

TWO WEEKS REMAINING TO RSVP FOR: *GET YOUR AFFAIRS IN ORDER: 4 THINGS YOUR FAMILY WILL THANK YOU FOR SEMINAR*

You are invited to attend a free, information-only *Get Your Affairs in Order: 4 things your family will thank you for* seminar, hosted by Prince of Peace Catholic Church on March 21st at 10:15-11:15 a.m. and March 23rd at 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the parish education wing Rooms 9 and 10. This one-hour seminar will provide education and information to couples and individuals on Wills, Trusts, Catholic Advanced Medical Directives, Funeral and Burial Planning and Legacy Planning. If you don't have a Will or you need to update yours, please join us for this free seminar. Attendees will receive copies of the materials covered. Please **RSVP** to the Parish Office at 757-547-0356.

ANNUAL EASTER "HAM IT UP" CAMPAIGN

The food pantry distributes hams to needy families the Wednesday prior to Easter Sunday. Depending on the size of the family, the pantry will distribute a 3 lb. or 1 lb. ham. Parishioners are treated anonymously. Contact the church office for private pickup. Please consider a contribution to help defray the cost of the hams for a family. Cash or checks made payable to Prince of Peace. Memo: Food Pantry Ham. These contributions can also be dropped in the Offertory basket, the Food Pantry Contribution Box, done through E-Giving or in the office.

PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE

GRAND GROUP NEWS

An outdoor adventure will be on March 17 to the Chesapeake Arboretum to see many varieties of Camellias in bloom. However, **there is a change in plans**, and we will not meet for lunch after our tour of the gardens. Contact Joan at stanjam22@aol.com or Judy at judithflorance@cox.net with any questions.



FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL IN TURKEY & GREECE

Please join us as we travel to follow in the Footsteps of St. Paul, **September 2-13, 2023**. This tour will take us to Istanbul, Troy, Pergamum, Ephesus, St. John Monastery, Smyrna, Aegean Cruise, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, and Athens. Daily Mass with Fr. Romeo Jazmin. For registration, please contact Luis Anacta at 757-401-3817 or Jocelyn Anacta at 757-729-5685 or luieanacta@gmail.com.

PILGRIMAGE TO JORDAN & HOLY LAND

There's still room to join this pilgrimage on May 8-19, 2023. For more information, see the flyer on the parish bulletin board, or for information and registration, please contact Luis Anacta at 757-401-3817 or Jocelyn Anacta at 757-729-5685 or luieanacta@gmail.com.

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LENTEN RETREAT

The Eucharist will be offered on Monday and Tuesday, March 13 and 14, at St. Stephen at 9:30 a.m. (repeated at 7:00 p.m.) by Dr. Jack Buchner. Dr. Buchner's new book, *Evangelization for Everyday Catholics*, will be available at the retreat. There is no charge or preregistration.

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