

PRINCE *of* PEACE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Live Stream

www.facebook.com/popchurchchesapeake/
or youtube.com

Diocesan Website

www.richmonddioocese.org

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. *Livestreamed*

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 A.M.

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday at 3:30 P.M.

REGISTER IN THE PARISH

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



STAFF

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:
Mrs. Melody Smith

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT COORDINATOR:
Mrs. Kelly Bruno

MUSIC MINISTER:

BOOKKEEPER:
Mrs. Pam Lerach

SECRETARY:
Mr. Hunter Liptrap

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:
Mrs. Tanya Cole

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR:
Mr. John Leonard

CHAIRPERSONS

Parish Council:
Mark Shepard 775-7696

Finance Council:
Barb Blumfelder 548-1951

MINISTRY CHAIRPERSONS

Christian Formation:
Heather Thomas 619-8776

Community Life:
Sheila Gargiulo 716-244-2031

Evangelization/Peace & Justice:
Mary Riley 560-6444

Liturgy:
Debbie Tucker 436-0456

Stewardship:
Alan Cole 802-5820

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE QUOTE FOR MEDITATION
September 3, 2023: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 16:24 "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."
READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK
September 10, 2023: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9
2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-10
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS WEEK – SEPTEMBER 3-10, 2023

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
9:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Mass (also livestreamed)
12:00 p.m. Baptism
12:00-1:00 p.m. Hot Dog Sunday

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
9:00-10:00 a.m. Drop off groceries at Food Pantry
Labor Day – Parish Office Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
9:00 a.m. Mass followed by praying the Holy Rosary
11:00 a.m. Mass followed by Grand Group Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
9:00 a.m. Mass followed by praying the Holy Rosary
10:00-11:30 a.m. Food Pantry
7:00-8:00 p.m. Virtus Training

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
9:00 a.m. Mass followed by praying the Holy Rosary

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
9:00 a.m. Mass followed by praying the Holy Rosary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
3:30 p.m. Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
9:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Mass (also livestreamed)

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
9:00 a.m. Gloria Frenette †
11:00 a.m. Juan Arellano †

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
9:00 a.m. Jeffrey Shick †

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
9:00 a.m. Agnes Walker †

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
9:00 a.m. Edwin Young †

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
5:00 p.m. Catherine Smith †

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
9:00 a.m. Gilda Fiesta †
11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

† denotes deceased
*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.

MASS COUNTS FOR LAST WEEKEND

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	173
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.	275
Sunday, 11:00 a.m.	257
TOTAL	705

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.

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.

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.

VIRTUS:

All Catechists, Assistants, VYMs, 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/>. For your convenience, we will be offering them as an online Zoom class on September 6th and 20th at 7:00 p.m. Please email our POP safe environment coordinator at Melody.Smith@popparish.org for more information.



PRINCE OF PEACE FUNERAL RECEPTION MINISTRY

The Funeral Reception Ministry provides a kind work of mercy by providing a delicious reception for families and friends after a Funeral Mass. The Ministry welcomes parishioners who would be interested in supporting us by donating a specialty dish, salad, or dessert for *upcoming receptions*. If you are interested in helping, please contact Judy Florance at judithflorance@cox.net OR Rosalyn Price at roz3@cox.net. We will add your name to the Funeral Reception Ministry Contact List and be in touch by text, phone or email (your preference) when a Funeral Reception is planned. There will not be a need for everyone on the list to provide a dish for each reception, contacts will be rotated. Thank you for supporting this caring Ministry.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Parish Council

Father John Bosco and the Prince of Peace Parish Community would like to thank the following parishioners who have served on our Parish Council and whose term has ended:

Chair: Mike Corrigan	Karen Kemp
Vice-Chair: Myra Lee Seimetz	Johnny Matias
Secretary: Karen McDonald	

Our Parish Council Beginning July 2023:

Parish Council Chair: Mark Shepard	Chairs:
Parish Council Vice Chair: Ellen Green	Liturgy Chair: Debbie Tucker
Parish Council Secretary: Leigh Williams	Stewardship Chair: Alan Cole
Frank D'Angelo Penni Harrison	Evangelization/Peace and Justice Chair:
Michele Leazer Jerry Hart	Mary Riley
Matt Yeager Dorothy Hill	Community Life Chair: Sheila Gargiulo
Laura Dufrene Tom Lynch	Christian Formation Chair:
Joseph Ellenbecker William Shafley	Heather Thomas
	Father John Bosco Walugembe
	Sister Dolores Sabisky

We welcome Joseph Guardino to our parish staff. He is our new Music Minister. Joseph is currently serving as Music Minister in another parish in our diocese. His first day will be September 11th.

2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL – SHARING HIS LOVE WITH OTHERS

As part of the Catholic Community Foundation, of the Diocese of Richmond annual appeal, Prince of Peace is scheduled to receive four Parish-sharing checks in the upcoming year.

- 1st Round - Checks sent to parishes by July 28, 2023
- 2nd Round - Checks sent to parishes by October 31, 2023
- 3rd Round - Checks sent to parishes by January 31, 2024
- 4th Round - Checks sent to parishes by April 30, 2024

Thank you for your support of the many Diocesan ministries in our parish and helping to renovate our parish rectory.



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.

Scan the QR code to donate to the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal or visit <https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal-2/>.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: (CLOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

CLOW is the Liturgy of the Word suitably adapted for children ages four to six years old to make it relevant to their lives and experiences. It gives them the opportunity to understand the Gospel message. Our CLOW takes place during Mass and will begin in November; however, we are still looking for volunteers to help make this happen. If you are able to help with this program this year, please send an email to pop.office@popparish.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers for our coffee and snacks after weekend Masses. This volunteer opportunity requires limited time involvement. Please consider participating in this ministry. Contact Ellen Green at egreen1016@icloud.com or 757-646-2117.

CLASSES ON FUNERAL PLANNING AND THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERAL RITES

Community Outreach Staff from the Office of Cemetery and Funeral Services (OCFS), a Ministry of the Diocese of Richmond will be here on November 18th and 19th after all Masses to inform and discuss the spiritual and practical reasons for learning about Catholic funeral planning and the Order of Christian Funeral Rites, practices and traditions. There will be a short presentation along with a question-and-answer session in the hall. Please take advantage of this opportunity to better understand the importance of Catholic Funeral Rites and the benefits of preplanning your funeral arrangements. Food and refreshments will be served during the presentations.

HOLY FAMILY DAY SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Holy Family Day School is seeking a Preschool Teacher. Successful candidates will be compassionate, patient and have an educational background and experience in Early Childhood Education. This is a part-time position Monday to Friday, when school is in session. The Teacher will instill a love of learning, prepare developmentally appropriate lessons and activities to promote the children’s learning. They will also work cooperatively with the classroom assistant. If you are interested and qualified, please send a résumé and Diocesan Application to Cindy Girard at dayschoolprincipal@holymfamilyvb.org.

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND: OPEN POSITIONS

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond has many positions available in our parishes and schools and diocesan office. For more information, visit richmonddiocese.org and go to the *Employment* tag at the bottom of the page.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WAYNESBORO IS SEEKING A DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

The Director of Music (DM) is responsible for planning and facilitating music at parish liturgical celebrations. This includes, but is not limited to, weekend liturgies, funerals, weddings, Feast Days and prayer services. Interested candidates should submit their applications, cover letter and résumé to the Pastor, either by mail or email to fmusolooza@richmonddiocese.org.

ULTRASOUND TECHNICIANS NEEDED

The Hope 4 Life Medical Mobile Pregnancy Resource Center is hiring **ultrasound technicians to work flexible part-time hours at a competitive salary**. Since its founding in 2014, we have helped mothers to welcome 1,047 babies into the world by providing medical, moral, and material support to expectant moms outside of the three abortion "clinics" in our area. Offering free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds and baby supplies, Hope 4 Life needs more volunteers to assist families in the community as sidewalk advocates and administrative staff. Please call Louantha Kerr at 757-810-1653 for more information about this special ministry or send an email to ourhope4life@gmail.com.

BUSINESS MANAGER NEEDED

Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Virginia Beach, VA is seeking a full-time Business Manager to oversee parish administration. Interested applicants should submit the Diocese of Richmond application, along with a cover letter and résumé, to our pastor via email at franthony@holyspiritvb.org.

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 are **Sundays, September 17 and October 15, 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.

FIRST EUCHARIST 2024: If your child is entering 2nd grade or higher and is at least 7 years old by March 1, 2024, your child is eligible to begin Sacramental Preparation Classes for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this 2023-2024 school year. If you feel your child is ready to begin preparation, please attend the next online parent meeting on September 13th at 7:00 p.m. Sign up for the next parent Zoom meeting from our website at <https://popparish.org/sacraments/holy-eucharist/> OR contact Melody.Smith@popparish.org for more information.

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 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 757-547-0356, or email Sister.Dolores@popparish.org.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Catholic High School, a college preparatory school in Virginia Beach, has immediate openings for Substitute Teachers. A Bachelor's Degree and teaching experience are preferred. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest, résumé, and *Diocesan Application* at www.richmonddiocese.org to Mrs. Katherine Smith, Director for Student Life, at Catholic High School, 4552 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462 or via email at smithk@chsvb.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.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



A GREAT BIG THANK-YOU to our wonderful community for helping to replenish and refresh the Christian Formation games, activities and supplies. It is because of your generous support that our youth will start the new year with a Bang!!!

TIME TO REGISTER FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Yes, it is that time of year to register your child(ren) for the upcoming Christian Formation school year.

***Elementary Formation** begins for the Fall 2023-2024 school year on Sunday, September 17th. Classes will be held on Sundays, 10:05-10:55 a.m. for elementary grades Kindergarten through 5th grade.

***Middle School and High School Youth Ministry and Peer Ministry** begins for the Fall 2023-2024 school year on September 10th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Class will be on Sunday evenings twice a month.

***Friday Family Faith** begins for the Fall 2023-2024 school year on Friday, September 29th. In Family Faith, families get together once a month to share a meal and formational experience. The remaining three lessons are completed at home and turned in the following month. Monthly meetings run from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Parents should register younger children using the elementary K-5th grade link and older children using the youth 6th-12th grade link. (See below.)

Class **PRICES HAVE BEEN REDUCED** this year to \$45.00 per child or \$100.00 per family. Any donations to Youth Ministry are greatly appreciated, since we do subsidize for needy families. Thank you for your support! Below is a registration link for Kindergarten-5th grade and a separate registration link for 6th-12th grade.



K-5th grade: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/280d0069-c12f-4eb5-b55c-2877013cd21d>



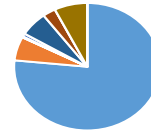
6th-12th grade: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/17c44378-ffe6-4a74-ac78-2291ef72a3fd>

We look forward to this upcoming year to help your children to learn and grow in their faith. If you have any questions, please contact Elementary Formation at Melody.Smith@popparish.org or Middle School/High School Formation and Peer Ministry at Kelly.Bruno@popparish.org.

OUR TREASURES TO THE LORD

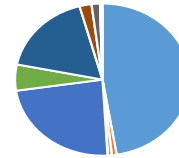
PRINCE OF PEACE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH 2023-2024 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET	
CASH RECEIPTS:	2023-2024
Sunday and Holy Day Collections and Parish Sharing Assessment	\$666,638
Fund Raising (Spaghetti Dinner/Spring Raffle/Christmas Trees/Craft Fair)	\$52,388
Catholic Virginian	\$485
Stole Fees (Gifts offered for Sacraments)	\$2,040
Fees/Rental Income	\$6,640
Interest Income	\$0
Contributions f/Designated Use (flowers, donuts, publications, etc.)	\$53,550
Capital Improvement Collections	\$25,000
Refunds/Overpayments	\$0
Diocesan Special Transactions (Bishop's Appeal; LOM; Grants)	\$63,500
Diocesan Charities Collections (including Haiti)	\$0
Parish Charities	\$0
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$870,241
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:	
Parish Personnel Costs (Salaries, Payroll taxes, Benefits, Background Check Fees, Clergy expenses, etc.)	\$413,700
Worship	\$7,600
Christian Formation	\$6,400
Sacramental Preparation	\$550
Building Operation & Maintenance (Utilities, Ordinary Repairs, Rectory)	\$205,784
Parish Administration Costs (Office supplies, collection envelopes, service contracts)	\$48,392
Assessments (Paid to Diocese)	\$153,291
Justice & Peace (Crisis Aid, Outreach, ForKids, NEST/CAST, Food Pantry, etc.)	\$19,325
Parish Community Life (Receptions, Bereavement, Picnic, etc.)	\$13,700
Parish Sponsored Activities	\$0
Youth Ministry and Young Adult Ministry	\$3,850
Living Our Mission Projects	\$0
Interest and Principal	\$0
Diocesan Charities Collections Forwarded (including Haiti)	\$0
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$872,591
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS:	-\$2,350

Prince of Peace
FY23-24 Budget - Receipts



- Sunday and Holy Day Collections and Parish Sharing Assessment
- Fund Raising (Spaghetti Dinner/Spring Raffle/Christmas Trees/Craft Fair)
- Catholic Virginian
- Stole Fees (Gifts offered for Sacraments)
- Fees/Rental Income
- Interest Income
- Contributions f/Designated Use (flowers, donuts, publications, etc.)
- Capital Improvement Collections

Prince of Peace
FY23-24 Budget Disbursements



- Parish Personnel Costs (Salaries, Payroll taxes, Benefits, Background Check Fees, Clergy expenses, etc.)
- Worship
- Christian Formation
- Sacramental Preparation
- Building Operation & Maintenance (Utilities, Ordinary Repairs, Rectory)
- Parish Administration Costs (Office supplies, collection envelopes, service contracts)
- Assessments (Paid to Diocese)
- Justice & Peace (Crisis Aid, Outreach, ForKids, NEST/CAST, Food Pantry, etc.)
- Parish Community Life (Receptions, Bereavement, Picnic, etc.)
- Parish Sponsored Activities

	Offertory	E-Giving	Weekly Needs	Over/(Short)*
Offertory				
Week Ending 08-06	\$ 11,183.72	\$ 8,007.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$ 6,887.72
Week Ending 08-13	\$ 7,497.14	\$ 5,156.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$ 350.14
Total	\$ 18,680.86	\$ 13,163.00	\$ 24,606.00	\$ 7,237.86
<i>*Amount in () indicates negative</i>				
		Fiscal YTD	Week Collection	
<i>Funds collected:</i>		13-Aug-23	13-Aug	
Capital Improvement:		\$ 3,842.00	\$ 636.00	
Food Pantry:		\$ 4,015.00	\$ 514.00	
Diocesan debt (BLUE env)		\$ 1,339.00	\$ 297.00	
Homeless Meals:		\$ 4,218.47	\$ 131.00	

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

PoP Capital Improvement - September 16/17, 2023
Retired Religious - September 23/24, 2023

Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 7+

September 3, 2023 • Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus Tells What Will Happen

Jesus told His disciples what would happen to Him in Jerusalem. He would suffer, be killed and then be raised to life.

Find the hidden letters in the picture. Jerusalem



Enter your **SECRET CODE** to unlock games @ games.childrensbulletins.com **SECRET CODE!**
FTKT13

What did Peter say to Jesus?

Cross out these letters from the text.
Then write the remaining letters in order on the lines below.

c f j q w x z

c f N j q w x e z c f v j q e w x
r f z L x q o z x w r c f d h q w c
e f j q s a i w x z c f d T z
x c f j q h f j i s w x s z z j h q w
x a l c f j l n f f e q w v z e w q j r
h w w w a f q p w x p e z z n t f
c w o z x z x Y j c f o f w u



“ _____ !”
“ _____ !”



What does Jesus tell us about the future?

Find your way through the maze and transfer the words from the correct path to the blanks below.

BEGIN

the Son of soul whoever
worked
For the of laborers
find gains Man and then
is angels
who soil He kingdom
going wind
forfeits His
whole world
to come with
find taste death glory will
reward in what
deny His Father's
to according
what they disciples reward
and some everyone
finds have done

END

“ _____

_____”



Jesus also told them,
“If anyone would come after Me, ...”

Use the code to fill in the blanks below.

C	A	D	H	M	R	V
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
E	K	O	T	Y		

“ _____
_____”

“ _____
_____”



PASS ON THE GOOD NEWS! FAITH IN MOTION

What good news? – The Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith! This fall, over 200 children and teenagers, preschool through grade 12, will sign up to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. You can help them learn and grow in faith by becoming a catechist (teacher, leader, mentor) for Faith Formation. With classes offered Sunday mornings for Elementary Formation from 10:05-10:55 a.m. and Sunday evenings for Middle/High School Formation from 6:00-8:00 p.m., you are almost sure to find a time that fits your schedule. As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow, as well! As one long-time catechist put it, “I learn so much from the children!” We provide you with training, materials, and support. There is a place for you and your special gift; teach class, small group leader, large group fun activity leader, snack Queen or King, craft master, IT wizard, music leader and much more. Classes begin in September. Become part of the Faith in Motion team. There is a bulletin board in the Social Hall for sign-ups or if interested for more information, contact the following. For Elementary Formation, contact Melody Smith at Melody.Smith@popparish.org. For Middle/High School Formation, contact Kelly Bruno at Kelly.Bruno@popparish.org.



LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER YOUR TEEN FOR THE 2023/2024 CONFIRMATION YEAR

If your son/daughter will be in 10th grade in September 2023, has celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, and wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring 2024, please contact Kelly Bruno at Kelly.Bruno@popparish.org.

YOUNG ADULT



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.



YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

We all need to take time to rest, retreat from the world, and recharge. This fall, young adults from across the Diocese of Richmond have an opportunity for a spiritual weekend retreat in a relaxing beach environment. The retreat will include a combination of keynote sessions and personal reflection times, and a priest will be available throughout the weekend for Mass, Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration. There will also be ample opportunities for prayer, fellowship, and downtime. Lean into our 2023 theme of “Courage, Dear Heart,” finding both comfort and strength in Jesus’ True Presence in our hearts and in the world! For more information: [Young Adult Retreat – Evangelize Richmond](#).



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Prince of Peace is sponsoring a **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Monday, October 9, 2023, 1:00-6:00 p.m., in the POP Parish Hall.** Please save the date and encourage your friends and family to give much needed blood. Several donors have already signed up. Thank you. To schedule an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: POPCath. (On the day of your appointment, save up to 15 minutes by visiting redcrossblood.org/rapidpass to complete your predonation reading and health history questions before you arrive.)

PEACE AND JUSTICE:

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



HELPING OUR HOMELESS CHESAPEAKE NEIGHBORS:

We have several ongoing programs to support our homeless neighbors within Prince of Peace and we also partner with many other churches in the area. We have 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 cooeybrooks@cox.net. Thank you so much!!



FATHER ROMEO D. JAZMIN FOOD PANTRY MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION DATES...

(Your support is welcomed) Saturday and Sunday: September 2/3, October 7/8 (Mark your calendar. Drop off food bags before each Mass in the Commons. Thank you.) **The Food Pantry serves: Children 0-17 years, Adults 18-59, Seniors 60+.** **The Food Pantry in the past 3 months has gone from 800 family members to 1,021 members a month being served. The Pantry has increased from 45 to 55 families a week.**

WEEKLY FOOD PANTRY HOURS...

Mondays, 9:00-10:00 a.m. – Drop off food... Pantry Volunteers are available to help with your bags or boxes.

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 NEEDED, PLEASE CONSIDER...

Peanut Butter, Canned Fruit, Jell-O, Hamburger Helper, Jelly, Canned Soup, Pork & Beans, 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 the website at popparish.org, and to Prince of Peace Parishsoft Giving & Offering (Tap) and submit through E-giving. If you are writing a check, in memo write “Food Pantry.” Thank you and God bless.

PANTRY NEWS:

A special thank-you to all our Food Pantry Supporters for helping us with paper and plastic bags. Don’t stop saving them. We always need them. Drop them off at the church or at the Food Pantry. God bless you all for your gifts to the Food Pantry... for you are the Light of The World and The Salt of The Earth.

PRINCE OF PEACE VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH FOR THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT IS PAT MITOLO

Pat volunteers most Wednesdays and is a blessing to our church, in taking charge of fixing leaking faucets in both the kitchen and water closet, cleaning, maintaining and fabricating parts to keep the kitchen grill in like-new condition, and repairing the leaking faucet in the baptismal font. We have several volunteers that I really appreciate and will be highlighting them and their accomplishments every month. God bless!
John Leonard
Facility Maintenance Coordinator

PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE



HELLO, ALL POP PARISHIONERS!

Our Annual Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, December 9th and that will be here before we know it. We are ramping up and looking for vendors. Tell your friends, family and neighbors who might have a hobby and may be interested in attending the Fair as a vendor. Vendor applications are available online or please contact our Parish Office during business hours at 757-547-0356 for an application. Thank you for your time and God bless.



GRAND GROUP NEWS

September 5, 2023 (Tuesday) Grand Group Meeting –

Summer is ending and that means the Grand Group will begin getting together for Faith, Fun, and Fellowship. We look forward to seeing everyone again, and welcoming new members. If you are a Senior with a little extra time on your hands and would like to meet some really great people, please join us. We have a fun-filled year ahead. Come see! 11:00 a.m. – Celebrate Mass, enjoy pizza/salad (no cost), discuss plans/activities for Grand Group Year 2023-2024. Contact Judy at judithflorance@cox.net or Joan at stanjam22@aol.com with any questions.

Knights of Columbus 8240 Pregnancy Crisis Center of Chesapeake BABY BOTTLE MONTH SEPTEMBER IS BABY BOTTLE MONTH! THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL BE PASSING OUT BOTTLES AFTER MASS IN SEPTEMBER TO BE FILLED WITH SPARE CHANGE AND RETURNED AT THE END OF THE MONTH TO BENEFIT THE PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER OF CHESAPEAKE! PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY AND THE SACRED GIFT OF LIFE.



RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKEND RETREAT FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION – SEPTEMBER 8-10, 2023

“Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.” (Hebrews 4:16).

Come to a retreat for healing... if you have had one or more abortions... if you are responsible for the abortions of others... or if you've suffered from an abortion choice of another person. If you've felt regret, grief, guilt or anger; unforgiveable, afraid, ashamed, defensive, unworthy, numb, or isolated... there is hope for healing, to accept God's mercy and to find peace. Inquiries, registration and participation are strictly confidential. For information and registration, contact Marty Montgomery-Jennings at 804-704-0429 or Maggie Carlson at 804-432-2589, or email RV4hope@gmail.com. Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Post-abortion Healing Ministry, 8200 Woodman Road, Henrico, Virginia 23228. Call 804-262-7315, ext. 402 to leave a confidential voicemail. Visit our website at rv4hope.org.

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Caregiver SUPPORT GROUP

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You're invited! 4th Thursday of Every Month* 5-6:30 p.m.

Lifestyle Health & Fitness Center

Topics include:

- Specific needs of older adults • What to expect during a hospitalization • What is dementia? • Resources after discharge • Medication management • The difference between palliative and hospice care • Advance directives • Insurance coverage • Caregiver burden and stress • The difference between personal care and home health aide services

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BE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD AND THE SALT OF THE EARTH: HELP PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS WITH AN IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER...

Parishioners who are 70.5 years of age or older can help the Parish with a gift from their IRA account. You can direct your IRA plan administrator to make all or part of your Required Minimum Distribution. The IRA charitable transfer is an excellent way to make a gift and possibly reduce your taxable income. Charitable distributions can take longer to process. Contact your IRA plan administrator early about making this kind of gift.

LEAVE A LEGACY TO HELP PROPAGATE THE FAITH

August is National "Make-A-Will" Month, which serves as an annual reminder to think about your estate plans and the legacy you can leave with the gifts you have receive from God. As you consider your plans, we would be most grateful if you became an inaugural member of The Lumen Christi Legacy Society by making a provision in your will, trust, or estate plan for Prince of Peace Catholic Church. Your legacy gift to Prince of Peace Catholic Church will make a lasting impact on the parish that will allow the mission of our "Ministries" to withstand any short falls in the economy. Don't have a will? Need to update your will? Get started today in just 20 minutes at www.freewill.com/richmondccatholicfoundation. In September, we commemorate two special feast days: September 8, the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and September 12, four days after the feast of her Birth, we celebrate the Most Holy Name of Mary. The feast day of the Most Holy Name of Mary encourages us all to pray for her intercession to deepen our love of Christ and our relationship with the Lord. A special gift to the Lord will acknowledge you as a steward of all that He has provided. Just as you sacrifice throughout your lives, you will give a final gift at the end of your life here on earth. This gift, in whatever amount you choose, does not end when you are gone. Please view *A Guide to Legacy Giving Brochure* on the Prince of Peace website at www.popp parish.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. Need a will? Get started today at www.freewill.com/richmondccatholicfoundation. If you have already included Prince of Peace in your Will, "Welcome as a Lumen Christi Society Member."



CYCLES

Next class series starts at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 22nd at St. John the Apostle. These classes are for engaged or married couples. *Preregistration and purchase of course material required prior to September 18th at www.ccli.org.* For information on cycle awareness, how it can benefit a woman's health (teens included) or to ask questions, contact Stephanie Finocchio at finoc@msn.com or Deacon Chris Finocchio at cfinocchio@sjavb.org. Call 757-430-1493.

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, Elizabeth Farrell, Rodney Grenne, Barbara Sullivan, Mary Anne Agne, and Phyllis Hunt.

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

AT HOME:

Gene DiPascale, John Heerema, Jr., Doris Moyer, Joseph Evan, Patty and Al Russell, Ada Murphy, Sherri Yewitt, Paul Michael Thomas, and Colleen Richardson.

IN THE HOSPITAL:

Let us pray for all those currently in the hospital.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Joseph Nowak and Helen Long.

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