

# PRINCE *of* PEACE

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Parish Email

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### Parish Website

www.popparish.org

### Mass Live Stream

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

### Diocesan Website

www.richmonddiocese.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:**  
Joseph Guardino

**BOOKKEEPER:**  
Mrs. Pam Lerach

**SECRETARY:**  
Mr. Hunter Liptrap

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:**  
Mrs. Tanya Cole

**FACILITIES MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR:**  
Mr. John Leonard

**CHAIRPERSONS**

**Parish Council:**  
Mark Shepard.....757-567-8592

**Finance Council:**  
Barb Blumfelder.....757-548-1951

**MINISTRY CHAIRPERSONS**

**Christian Formation:**  
Heather Thomas .....757-619-8776

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Sheila Gargiulo .....716-244-2031

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**Stewardship:**  
Alan Cole .....757-802-5820

**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.*

**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.*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS WEEK SEPTEMBER 24-OCTOBER 1, 2023**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

9:00 a.m. **Mass**  
10:05-11:55 a.m. Elementary Formation  
11:00 a.m. **Mass** (also livestreamed)  
5:00-8:00 p.m. Confirmation Module

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

9:00-10:00 a.m. Drop off groceries at Food Pantry  
9:00 a.m. Volunteer keys/FOBs due to Parish Office

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

9:00 a.m. **Mass** followed by praying the Holy Rosary  
7:00-8:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

9:00 a.m. **Mass** followed by praying the Holy Rosary  
10:00-11:30 a.m. Food Pantry

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

9:00 a.m. **Mass** followed by praying the Holy Rosary  
6:00-9:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Council Meeting

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

9:00 a.m. **Mass** followed by praying the Holy Rosary  
6:30-8:30 p.m. Family Faith

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

3:30 p.m. **Reconciliation**  
5:00 p.m. **Mass**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**

9:00 a.m. **Mass**  
10:05-10:55 a.m. Elementary Formation  
11:00 a.m. **Mass** (also livestreamed)

**THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE QUOTE FOR MEDITATION**

September 24, 2023:  
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Matthew 20:16 *"The last will be first, and the first will be last."*

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

October 1, 2023:  
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
*1st Reading:* Ezekiel 18:25-28  
*2nd Reading:* Philippians 2:1-11  
*Gospel:* Matthew 21:28-32

**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.

**MASS COUNTS FOR LAST WEEKEND**

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	171
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.	275
Sunday, 11:00 a.m.	287
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>733</b>

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

9:00 a.m. Gloria Frenette †

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

9:00 a.m. Gloria Frenette †

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

9:00 a.m. Gloria Frenette †

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

9:00 a.m. Deacon Larry Illy †

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

5:00 p.m. Julie Ann Sciacchitano †

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**

9:00 a.m. Tuong Nguyen †

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.

**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.

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

**Our Current Parish Council:**

Parish Council Chair: Mark Shepard	
Parish Council Vice Chair: Ellen Green	
Parish Council Secretary: Leigh Williams	
Frank D'Angelo	Penni Harrison
Michele Leazer	Jerry Hart
Matt Yeager	Dorothy Hill
Laura Dufrene	Tom Lynch
Joseph Ellenbecker	William Shafley

**Chairs:**

Liturgy Chair: Debbie Tucker  
 Stewardship Chair: Alan Cole  
 Evangelization/Peace and Justice Chair: Mary Riley  
 Community Life Chair: Sheila Gargiulo  
 Christian Formation Chair: Heather Thomas  
 Father John Bosco Walugembe  
 Sister Dolores Sabisky

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

CLOW is the Liturgy of the Word suitably adapted for children ages 4 to 6 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](mailto:pop.office@popparish.org).

**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.

**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 email our POP safe environment coordinator [Melody.Smith@popparish.org](mailto:Melody.Smith@popparish.org) for more information.

**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 session scheduled at Prince of Peace on **Sunday, October 15, 2023**. Parents are asked to register for the sessions by visiting our parish website at [popparish.org](http://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. Sign up for the next parent Zoom meeting from our website at <https://popparish.org/sacraments/holy-eucharist/> or contact [Melody.Smith@popparish.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 757-547-0356, or email [Sister.Dolores@popparish.org](mailto:Sister.Dolores@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](mailto:egreen1016@icloud.com) or 757-646-2117.

**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](http://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.

**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](http://richmonddiocese.org) and go to the **Employment** tag at the bottom of the page.



**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](mailto:judithflorance@cox.net) OR Rosalyn Price at [roz3@cox.net](mailto: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.



**THANK YOU, PAT!**

**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

**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, October 1st. 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** began 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 p.m. to 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 families in need. Thank you for your support! Below is a registration link for Kindergarten through 5th grade and a separate registration link for 6th through 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](mailto:Melody.Smith@popparish.org) or Middle School/High School Formation & Peer Ministry at [Kelly.Bruno@popparish.org](mailto:Kelly.Bruno@popparish.org).



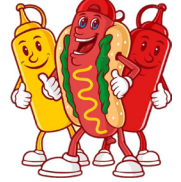
**LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER YOUR TEEN FOR THE 2023/2024 CONFIRMATION YEAR**

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 Spring 2024, please contact Kelly Bruno at [Kelly.Bruno@popparish.org](mailto:Kelly.Bruno@popparish.org).



**OUR YOUTH MINISTRY IS OFFERING A HOT DOG SUNDAY LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER ON OCTOBER 8TH IN THE SOCIAL HALL**

- *Single Dog* \$5.00
- *Hot Dog Happy Meal* \$8.00
- *Double Dog Meal* \$10.00



Meals include a hot dog, bag of chips, and a drink. Hot dogs will be sold as takeout after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and as a sit-down meal after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.



All the proceeds from Hot Dog Sunday go to Youth Ministry to help offset the cost of religious education curriculum and events.

Thank you for your support!

**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](mailto: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](#).



**BIBLE STUDY**

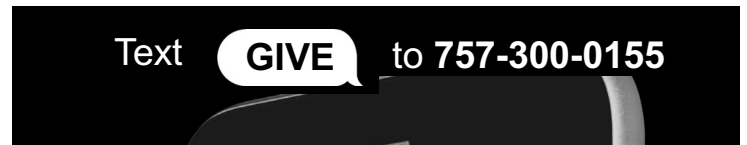
Calling all Young Adults age 20-35, come study God's Word with your peers and grow in understanding God and His works. The Bible Study "The Biblical Roots of the Mass" includes videos, a workbook, a book, and group discussion, which will take place at POP on the evenings of September 26th, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and November 7th at 7:00 p.m. Although this is the first time this Bible Study is being offered to Young Adults exclusively, it has been taught four times over the years, and each time, it has been an enormous success. Dr. Edward Sri, the teacher, is knowledgeable and enthusiastic. Don't hesitate to get in touch with Mike Corrigan at 757-775-7696 or [micjohcor@gmail.com](mailto:micjohcor@gmail.com) to register. Don't forget to bring a friend!

**OUR TREASURES TO THE LORD**

	Offertory	E-Giving	Weekly Needs	Over/(Short)*
Offertory				
Week Ending 09-03	\$ 6,453.00	\$ 8,352.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$ 2,502.00
Week Ending 09-10	\$ 4,054.00	\$ 3,627.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$ (4,622.00)
Week Ending 09-17	\$ 4,397.55	\$ 5,294.25	\$ 12,303.00	\$ (2,611.20)
Week Ending 09-24	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,904.55</b>	<b>\$ 17,273.25</b>	<b>\$ 36,909.00</b>	<b>\$ (4,731.20)</b>

\*Amount in () indicates negative

	Fiscal YTD 17-Sep-23	Week Collection 17-Sep
<i>Funds collected:</i>		
Capital Improvement:	\$ 10,486.65	\$ 2,555.47
Food Pantry:	\$ 6,692.30	\$ 353.00
Diocesan debt (BLUE env)	\$ 2,342.00	\$ 160.00
Homeless Meals:	\$ 1,756.96	\$ 276.00
Catholic Relief Services:	\$ -	



**YOU'LL RECEIVE A LINK**

1. For your first time click "SIGN IN" then "REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT"
2. Complete the registration to receive your secure PIN
3. Select the fund, enter the donation amount and payment information. Tap "Save Payment" to use it for future gifts.

**OTHER TEXT COMMANDS:**

**EDIT** - Update your account & payment information

**KEYWORD** - See a list of Keywords (Funds) you can give towards

**REFUND** - Made a mistake? Refund your last gift. (15 min. expiry)

**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 below, ordering and having them sent to POP - Homeless Meals, the address will be available for you to choose once you go to check out!! If you have any questions at all, please just email me at [cooeybrooks@cox.net](mailto:cooeybrooks@cox.net). Thank you so much!!



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

**(Your support is welcomed) Saturday and Sunday: October 7/8, November 4/5, December 2/3 (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 three 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, Brown Paper Bags**  
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](http://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.

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

- Retired Religious:** September 23/24, 2023
- Collection for Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Richmond:** September 30/October 1, 2023
- PoP Capital Improvement:** October 14/15, 2023
- World Mission Collection:** October 21/22, 2023



**LEARN TO LEAD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN SPECIAL COLLECTION WEEKEND: SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1**

Bishop Knestout invites your participation in the *Learn to Lead* Capital Campaign that will strengthen the extraordinary ministry of our Catholic schools. Our Catholic Schools shape the lives of more than 7,000 young people - helping them realize their greater purpose - succeeding and serving God, their families, churches, and communities. If you have been blessed by a Catholic education or believe in the importance of its mission, please make a generous gift. To learn more about this campaign or to make a secure online gift now, please visit [learntoleadcampaign.org](http://learntoleadcampaign.org) or scan the following QR code. Thank you!



**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GIFTS**

Thanks to all of you, our generous Prince of Peace Parishioners, we'd like to report to you all the wonderful things we've done with your Capital Improvement gifts.

In the past Fiscal Year, July 2022-June 2023, the following projects have been completed:

Shed Roof Repair	\$ 1,000.00
Termite Infestation in Room 5	\$ 3,800.00
New HVAC - Education Wing	\$ 180,000.00
New HVAC - Parish Offices	\$ 11,000.00
New HVAC - Sanctuary	\$ 46,000.00
Rectory Renovations (Roof repairs, new kitchen, bathroom repairs, electrical repairs, painting - whole interior)	\$ 28,000.00
New Rectory HVAC	\$ 10,000.00
<b>Total listed</b>	<b>\$ 279,800.00</b>

Thank you again for your continued generosity



## *Preparing and Voting as Virginia Catholics*

*September 2023*

This year, voters will elect members to all 140 seats in the Virginia General Assembly – 40 in the Senate and 100 in the House of Delegates – as well as other offices in some localities. Early voting begins September 22. Election Day is November 7.

Much is at stake, and it is the sacred duty of each voter to form his or her conscience and participate in these critical decisions. To prepare:

First, register to vote if you are not registered already. A Virginia Catholic Conference bulletin insert explains how to register, eligibility and key dates. Registration ends October 16.

Second, locate your new districts. New General Assembly district maps are in effect for this year's elections. A VCC bulletin insert explains how to find your new state Senate and House of Delegates districts and who the candidates are.

Third, prayerfully form your conscience. The VCC's *Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching* bulletin insert provides a helpful overview for reflection, in an easy-to-read format.

Visit [www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org) to view these materials.

As we have stated in previous pre-election letters, three foundational principles are essential to forming consciences and evaluating candidates:

- Many issues are important.
- Not all issues have equal moral weight.
- Protecting life is paramount.

Addressing the tragedy of abortion is the “preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed” (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, [\*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship\*](#), Introductory Letter).

As a Catholic and a voter in Virginia, please respond to the call of faithful citizenship. Prepare and engage in these vitally important elections. Protect life to the fullest extent possible.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout  
Bishop of Richmond



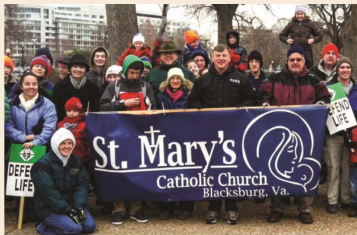
# Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching\*

The central and enduring themes of Catholic social teaching are organized under four principles that provide a moral framework for decisions in public life.

[www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org)

## The Dignity of the Human Person

Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable. In our society, the gravest example is abortion. Euthanasia, assisted suicide, human cloning, in vitro fertilization and the destruction of embryos for research are others. Protecting the dignity of life also includes overcoming poverty, ending use of the death penalty, and opposing racism, torture, unjust war, human trafficking and all activities that contribute to the “throwaway culture” identified by Pope Francis.



## The Common Good

The common good is achieved when social conditions allow people to reach their fulfillment more fully and easily. It upholds the fundamental right to life, which makes all other rights possible. It asserts the right to food, shelter, education, employment, health care, housing, freedom of religion and conscience, and family life. It requires an economy that serves people, not the other way around. It calls on employers to uphold the dignity and rights of workers by offering productive work, decent and just wages, adequate security in their old age, the choice of whether to organize and join unions and the opportunity for legal status for immigrant workers. Workers should contribute a fair day’s work for a fair day’s pay, treat employers and co-workers with respect and contribute to the common good. This principle requires we protect and care for all of God’s creation, especially the most vulnerable among us, and the earth, our common home.



## Subsidiarity

The human person is social. The family is the fundamental building block of society, based on marriage between a man and a woman, a sanctuary for creation and nurturing of children. Policies and programs should defend, strengthen and respect this foundational unit and uphold parents’ rights and responsibilities to care for and educate their children. Further, every person and association has a right and duty to actively shape society and promote the well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. Subsidiarity means that society’s larger institutions should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local ones. These larger institutions are obliged, however, to protect human dignity and meet human needs when smaller institutions cannot adequately do so.



## Solidarity

We are one human family, despite our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences, called to love our neighbor as ourselves. We must work to eradicate poverty, disease and racism; and welcome immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers who are seeking employment, safety, education and a better life for their families. Solidarity requires preferential concern for the poor. A basic moral test of any society is how it treats those who are most vulnerable. This preferential option for the poor and vulnerable includes all who are marginalized – unborn children, persons with disabilities, the elderly and terminally ill, victims of injustice and oppression and immigrants.



\*Adapted from *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, Nos. 44-56, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2015.

# DID YOU KNOW VIRGINIA HAS NEW POLITICAL MAPS?

Your districts for the Virginia House of Delegates and Senate are changing! The [Virginia Catholic Conference Election Resource Hub](http://www.vacatholic.org/election2023) has everything you need to find your new districts and discover the candidates running this year!

At our Election Resource Hub, you can also find information on how to register to vote and more!

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## PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE

### GRAND GROUP NEWS



October 3, 2023 (Tuesday) Grand Group Meeting – The Grand Group will join together for Faith, Fun, and Fellowship on Tuesday, October 3. We look forward to seeing current members and welcoming new ones. Our meeting will begin with a celebration of Mass at 11:00 a.m. Mass and a Potluck Lunch afterwards in the church social hall. Please bring your favorite dish or dessert to share. If you are unable to bring a dish, there will be a \$5.00 charge. Since Halloween is approaching, dress in costume for an early holiday surprise!! Also, search your belongings for that special item for our annual silent auction. Please contact Judy Florance at 757-472-6008 or [judithflorance@cox.net](mailto:judithflorance@cox.net) or Joan Stanczyk at 757-226-7468, [stanjam22@aol.com](mailto:stanjam22@aol.com) with questions.




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✓ **Who is eligible to register?**

- Must be a U.S. citizen.
- Must be a resident of Virginia.
- Must be 18 on or before the next election (e.g., 17-year-olds born on or before Nov. 7, 2005 can register today).
- Not be registered and plan to vote in another state.

✓ **How to register:**

You can register online, by mail, or at your local registrar’s office, among other locations. Visit [vote.elections.virginia.gov](http://vote.elections.virginia.gov) or scan the QR code to:

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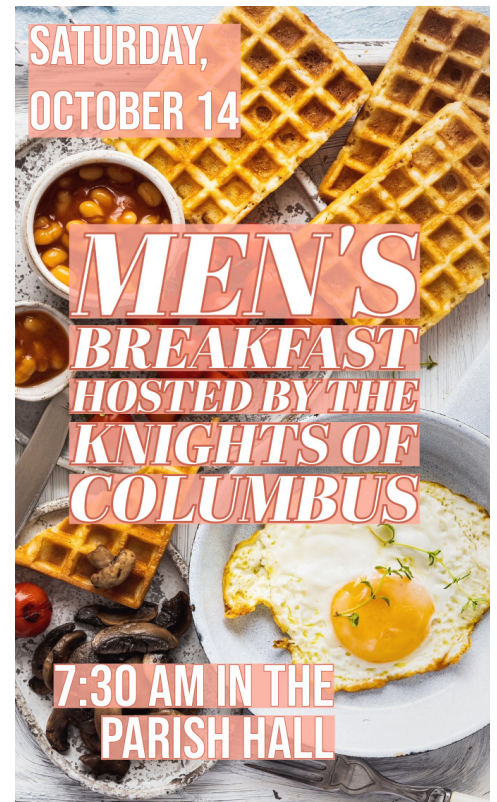
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In October, nature puts on the ultimate show of leaves changing color for our enjoyment. In October, the Church gives us the ultimate prayer and celebration: The celebration of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary (October 7). The Apostolic Letter, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, written by St. John Paul II, provides an understanding to the beauty of praying the Rosary. You can receive many benefits from praying the Rosary. You can have peace of mind, increase your love for Jesus and unity with our church, follow Mary's request, and have a greater focus on God rather than yourself. With your increase of love for Jesus and unity with our church, celebrate by considering a gift, in whatever amount you choose, to perpetuate the ministry of our church for generations. For more information about Legacy Giving, please view [A Guide to Legacy Giving Brochure](#) on the Prince of Peace website at [www.popparish.org](http://www.popparish.org). Go to [Support Your Parish](#), then to [Legacy Giving](#), or click on the "Legacy Giving" icon at bottom of the home page. Contact Nick Vacca at [nbv8080@outlook.com](mailto:nbv8080@outlook.com) for additional information.



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

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

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