

PRINCE *of* PEACE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

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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.

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 OCTOBER 1-8, 2023

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:00-10:00 a.m. Drop off groceries at Food Pantry

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:00 a.m. **Mass** followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30-8:30 p.m. Family Faith

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:00 a.m. **Mass**
10:05-10:55 a.m. Elementary Formation
11:00 a.m. **Mass** (also livestreamed)
12:00-1:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE QUOTE FOR MEDITATION

October 1, 2023: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 21:32 *"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him."*

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

October 8, 2023: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:00 a.m. Eliseo M. & Josefa D. Jazmin †

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:00 a.m. Thomas Bennett †

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

9:00 a.m. Faye & Paul Taraschi †

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:00 a.m. Anastacio & Rosario Macasaet †

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

5:00 p.m. Tony Walker †

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:00 a.m. Gloria Frenette †
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.	150
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.	260
Sunday, 11:00 a.m.	311
TOTAL	721

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR – Blessing of Animals

The Blessing of the Animals is a beautiful annual ceremony celebrating the human-animal bond, originating from a Roman Catholic tradition as part of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment. St. Francis is one of the most beloved Catholic saints. His feast day is celebrated on October 4th.

Please join us on Wednesday, October 4th at 9:30 a.m., or Sunday, October 8th at 12:00 p.m. in front of the Church!

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 at Melody.Smith@popparish.org for more information.

ST. PADRE PIO RELIC TOUR VISITS ST. BEDE PARISH

You are invited for one day only to encounter and join the St. Bede parish community for public veneration of the holy relics of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina on Friday, October 6. The day begins with 9:00 a.m. Mass and the all-day veneration concludes at 6:45 p.m. with closing prayer. In all, five relics of St. Padre Pio will be available, including a first-class relic. Saint Bede is the only Virginia parish in 2023 where the relics will be displayed. Devotional items will be available to purchase. Don't miss this unique opportunity for a spiritual encounter with one of the most venerated of the modern saints in the Catholic Church. Join fellow Catholics for this unique opportunity! Contact St. Bede Catholic Church at 757-229-3631 or comm@bedeva.org for more information. Don't miss it!

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 in a rotation. Thank you for supporting this caring Ministry.

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.

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 the program this year, please send an email to 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.

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.

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.

**Knights of Columbus
SOCCER
CHALLENGE**

**Saturday Oct 7th 9am
Meet in the parking lot at**

Great Bridge Football Stadium

140 Stadium Dr, Chesapeake, VA 23322

Council Competition followed by District Competition

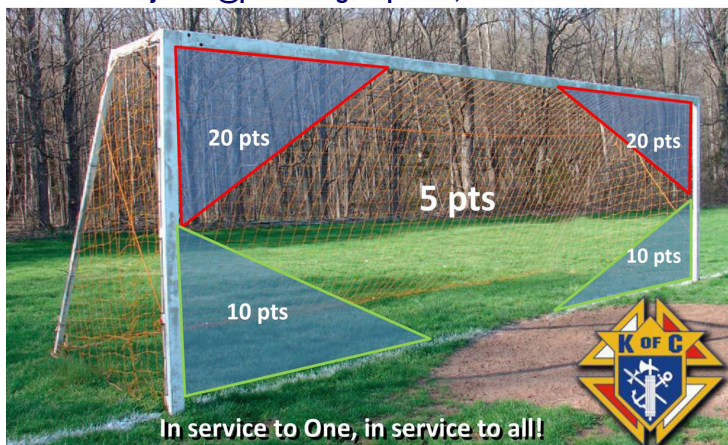
2 Age Divisions: 9-10-11 (size 4 ball) and 12-13-14 (size 5 ball)

FREE ENTRY – EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Penalty Kick Format: 3 Practice Kicks – 15 for Score

District Challenge Immediately Follows

**Contact Information: Stephen Clock,
sjclock@phoenix-group.com, 757.615.2367**



In service to One, in service to all!



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!

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 is scheduled at Prince of Peace on:

- **Sunday, October 15, 2023**

Parents are asked to register for the session 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 Zoom meeting from our website at <https://popparish.org/sacraments/holy-eucharist/> or contact Melody.Smith@popparish.org for more information.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: For 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 757-547-0356, or email Sister.Dolores@popparish.org.

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	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 14,904.55	\$ 17,273.25	\$ 36,909.00	\$ (4,731.20)

*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:	\$ -	

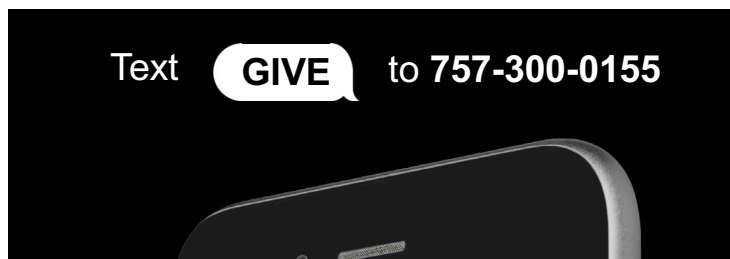
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GIFTS

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
Total listed	\$ 279,800.00

Thank you again for your continued generosity



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)



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 or scan the following QR code. Thank you!



UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

- PoP Capital Improvement:** October 14/15, 2023
- World Mission Collection:** October 21/22, 2023
- PoP Capital Improvement:** November 18/19, 2023
- PoP Capital Improvement:** December 9/10, 2023

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. Class will be on Sunday evenings, twice a month, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

***Friday Family Faith** began 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 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 through 5th Grade:

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



6th through 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 – Melody.Smith@popparish.org

Middle School/High School Formation

& Peer Ministry – 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.

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.

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.](#)



BIBLE STUDY

Calling all Young Adults ages 20 to 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 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 to register. Don't forget to bring a friend!

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

Prince of Peace Volunteer of the Month for the maintenance department chooses to be anonymous – can you guess who it is?

Our anonymous individual volunteers most days after Rosary and is a blessing to our church. He has been a hardworking volunteer, cleaning gutters and downspouts, keeping the baptismal font water tested and pure, changing light bulbs in the church, constantly emptying dehumidifiers, responding to numerous church emergencies, making sure contractors do what they are supposed to do, continually relighting the stove and assisting with emptying pans of water out of the ceiling after storms.

We have several volunteers that I really appreciate and will be highlighting them and their accomplishments every month.

God bless!

John Leonard

Facilities Maintenance Coordinator

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: 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+.

In the past three months, the Food Pantry has gone from 800 family members to 1,021 members being served each month. The Pantry has increased from 45 to 55 families per 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 and 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, and to Prince of Peace ParishSoft Giving & Offering (Tap) and submitting through E-giving. If you are writing a check, in the 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.

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 or Joan Stanczyk at 757-226-7468 or stanjam22@aol.com with questions.

PRINCE OF PEACE SIMBANG GABI MINISTRY

On Tuesday, December 19, 2023, POP will be a host for one night of "Simbang Gabi," a Philippine tradition of nine consecutive Masses preparing for the birth of the Child Jesus. Help is always needed. Please contact Val/Nelia Macasaet at 757-482-5064 (home) or 757-737-1506 (cell), or email neliamacasaet@gmail.com.

"Teach us to give and not count the cost" – St. Ignatius of Loyola



HELLO, ALL POP PARISHIONERS!

Our Annual Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, December 9th which 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.



REGISTER TO VOTE!



This fall, voters will elect Virginia General Assembly candidates — and in some areas — "down-ballot" offices. The deadline to register is **Monday, Oct. 16**.

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 or scan the QR code to:

- Register to vote online.
- Check registration status.
- Find your polling place.
- Apply to vote absentee by mail.

FOR MORE ELECTION RESOURCES FROM THE VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE VISIT: vacatholic.org/Election2023

EARLY VOTING BEGINS SEPT. 22. REGISTRATION ENDS OCT. 16. ELECTION DAY IS NOV. 7.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 8240

Attention, Catholic Men! Have you ever thought of joining the Knights of Columbus? The Knights of Columbus is the largest fraternal Catholic organization in the world. Men age 18 and over, who are practicing Catholics, are strongly encouraged to join for a variety of reasons. All Knights strive to be Catholic gentlemen, to learn more about their faith, and are dedicated to putting their faith in action in support of their church, family, community, and, yes, charities that help benefit children, the elderly, the handicapped, and the homeless. Prince of Peace Knights of Columbus Council 8240 has existed for over 35 years. Working together in unity and fraternity, the Brothers have helped countless families, individuals, church programs, and benefits over the years. We make a difference! Come join us. For more information, please contact Grand Knight Frank Kenney at greatfx35@gmail.com or call 757-615-6285.



LUMEN CHRISTI LEGACY SOCIETY

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