

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

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Mrs. Melody Smith

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS WEEK: OCTOBER 15-23, 2023

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:00 a.m. Mass
10:05-11:55 a.m. Elementary Formation
11:00 a.m. Mass (also livestreamed)
12:00 p.m. Altar Server Training
1:00-2:00 p.m. Virtual Baptismal Preparation Session
5:00-8:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
6:00-8:00 p.m. Middle & High School Formation

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:00-10:00 a.m. Drop off groceries at Food Pantry
7:00-8:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00 a.m. Mass followed by praying the Holy Rosary
7:00-9:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:00 a.m. Mass followed by praying the Holy Rosary
12:00 p.m. Early Office Closure
6:00-8:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Council Meeting
6:30-8:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

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

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00 a.m. Robert Whiting

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:00 a.m. Deacon Larry Illy †

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:00 a.m. Olivia Bell †

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

5:00 p.m. Nick & Nancy Marino †

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:00 a.m. Gilda Provenzale †
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.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE QUOTE FOR MEDITATION

October 15, 2023: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:14
"Many are invited, but few are chosen."

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

October 22, 2023: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

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.

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.

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.



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.



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 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.

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 richmonddioocese.org and go to the Employment tag at the bottom of the page.



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. The sessions will begin at 1:00 p.m. and last 45 minutes to an hour. The next sessions scheduled at Prince of Peace:

- Sunday, October 15, 2023
- Sunday, December 10, 2023
- Sunday, November 12, 2023
- Sunday, January 7, 2024

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 sign up for the next parent Zoom meeting on 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 who want to 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.

SPONSORED BY PRINCE OF PEACE
YOUTH IN MOTION

**TRUNK
OR TREAT**

JOIN US FOR FUN, GAMES AND PRIZES!

**OCT 29
TRICK OR TREAT
4PM TO 5:30PM**

**TRUNK AND TREAT
SIGN UP**



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Christian Formation



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** for the Fall 2023-2024 school year has begun. Classes are held on Sundays from 10:05-10:55 a.m. for elementary grades Kindergarten through 5th grade.

***Middle School and High School Youth Ministry and Peer Ministry** for the Fall 2023-2024 school year has begun. Classes are held on Sunday evenings, twice a month, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

***Friday Family Faith** for the Fall 2023-2024 school year has begun. 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 at Melody.Smith@popparish.org or Middle School/High School Formation & Peer Ministry at Kelly.Bruno@popparish.org.

Adult Faith Formation

BEGINNING NOVEMBER 5TH, 2023

Adults are invited to participate in *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist* sponsored by Ascension Press. *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist* explores the truth and beauty of Christ’s real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. The sessions will begin the week of November 5th.

A group will meet in person on Tuesdays at 1:00-2:30 p.m. For more information, contact Bobbi Yeager at 757-560-4050.

A group will meet virtually on Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Mark Falcon at 703-409-7733.

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	\$ 6,939.00	\$ 4,186.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$ (1,178.00)
Week Ending 10-01	\$ 7,952.17	\$ 5,982.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$ 1,631.17
Total	\$ 29,795.72	\$ 27,441.25	\$ 61,515.00	\$ (4,278.03)

*Amount in () indicates negative

	Fiscal YTD	Week Collection
	30-Sep-23	1-Oct
Funds collected:		
Capital Improvement:	\$ 11,375.81	\$ 931.00
Food Pantry:	\$ 7,543.30	\$ 723.00
Diocesan debt (BLUE env)	\$ 2,499.00	\$ 247.00
Homeless Meals:	\$ 4,651.28	\$ 276.00
Catholic Relief Services:	\$ -	

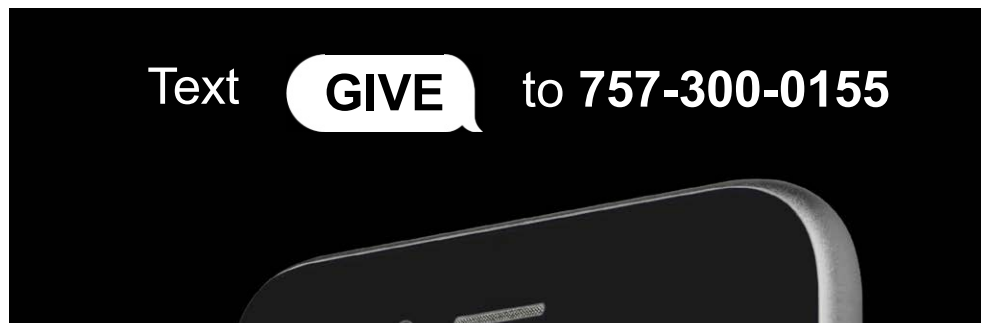
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GIFTS

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

- For your first time click "SIGN IN" then "REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT"
- Complete the registration to receive your secure PIN
- 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)

MASS COUNTS FOR LAST WEEKEND

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	197
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.	265
Sunday, 11:00 a.m.	282
TOTAL	744

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS
World Mission Collection:
 October 21/22, 2023
PoP Capital Improvement:
 November 18/19, 2023
PoP Capital Improvement:
 December 9/10, 2023

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

Preparing a Box of Joy

1. Get a Box

The knights will provide shoe boxes after Mass.

2. Choose & Shop

Fill it with small toys, school supplies, hard candy, etc. No liquids, food, or combat items.

3. Donate

Please include \$9 for shipping in the attached envelope, or pay at boxofjoy.org

4. Drop Off & Pray

Drop the box off at the Knights of Columbus desk before/ after Mass by November 12th.

Children's Worship Bulletin™

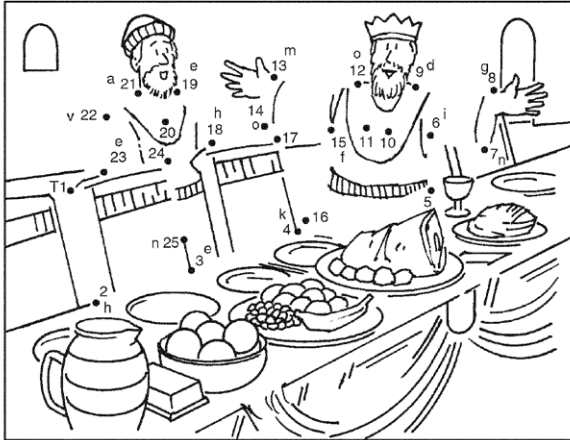
Ages 7+

October 15, 2023 • Matthew 22:1-14

Parable of the Wedding Banquet

What is it that Jesus says is like "a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son"?

Connect the dots and write the letters in the order you find them on the blanks below.



The king noticed that one of the guests was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked why. The man didn't say anything. The king had him thrown out of the hall!



Write the letter missing from each set based on alphabetical order. Find verse 14.

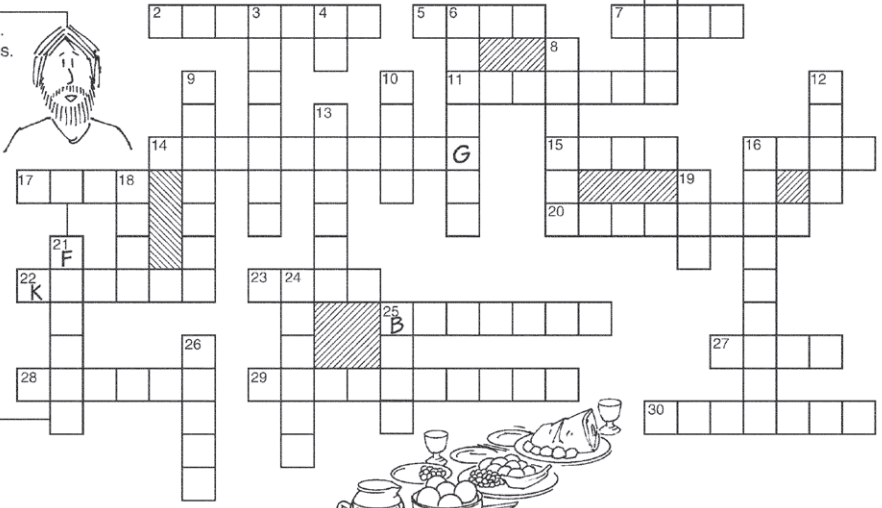
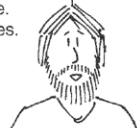
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Enter your **SECRET CODE** to unlock games @ games.childrensbulletins.com **SECRET CODE!**
ANVFV9

Here is the parable that Jesus taught.

First, fit the words into the puzzle. Next, transfer the words to the lines. Then, read the parable.

- no burn wedding
- bad city banquet
- good both refused
- hall ready enraged
- king killed destroy
- sent invite corners
- tell people servants
- come street attention
- more filled everything
- paid guests mistreated
- army invited



The 27) _____ 15) _____ his 20) _____ to 5) _____ those who had been 9) _____ to 12) _____ to the 2) _____ (25A) _____. They 11) _____ to 12) _____! He 15) _____ (7) _____ (20) _____ to 5) _____ them that 14) _____ was 26) _____. They 10) _____ 4) _____ (16D) _____ – and even 29) _____ and 22) _____ the servants! The 27) _____ was 6) _____. He 15) _____ his 16A) _____ to 3) _____ them and 25D) _____ their 23) _____. Then he 15) _____ his servants to 24) _____ (28) _____, (17) _____ (1) _____ and 19) _____, from the 13) _____ (30) _____. They 21) _____ the 18) _____ with 8) _____!

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

Oct 26th
7-9pm
\$3 cover

Vibrant Shore Brewing Co
@ Back deck beer garden (if able)
505 18th St Virginia Beach, VA 23452

FREE Parking - pass available on site, please park in the SSI lot just on the corner and place pass in dash

FOOD TRUCK WILL BE ON SITE FOR A MEAL

Theology On Tap

Aligning Faith & Finances
Speaker: Ben Salazar



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 16th, 23rd and November 6th 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!

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
Matthew 18:20

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.

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.

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

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 the 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



**THE FATHER ROMEO D. JAZMIN FOOD PANTRY
PRINCE OF PEACE
THANKSGIVING BAGS**

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION DATES...

(Your support is welcomed)

Saturday and Sunday: 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 a week.

THE PANTRY WILL BE CLOSED ON...

November 15th, and November 22nd, 2023
December 27th, 2023

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 submit through E-giving. If you are writing a check, in the memo, write "Food Pantry." Thank you and God bless.

WHAT'S IN THE BAG?

- Turkey (10-12 lbs)
- 6 cans of vegetables
- 5 lbs of potatoes
- 3 lbs of apples
- 2 boxes of stuffing

- Foil baking pan
- 2 cans of gravy
- 1 can cranberry sauce
- bag of rolls

THANKSGIVING DONATIONS NEEDED

The Food Pantry needs your support!

Please consider making a financial contribution, which will help defray the purchase of the Thanksgiving Bags. There are three ways to donate this year:

1. **E-Giving**
2. *** Cash donation**
3. *** Check** (make checks payable to PRINCE OF PEACE. On the memo line note: FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING BAG.)

* Cash or check donations can be dropped off at the church office or placed in the Food Pantry Contribution Box in the church commons.

A timely response to this request helps in providing 200 Thanksgiving Bags.

*At the end of our lives, we will not be judged by how many diplomas we receive, how much money we have made or how many great things we have done.
We will be judged by I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me, I was homeless and you took me in."
-St. Teresa of Calcutta*



PANTRY NEWS:

A Shout Out and Thank You to Kroger, located in the Great Bridge Shopping Center, for their large bundle of paper bags. The next time you're shopping at the store, thank the store manager on behalf of the Food Pantry and the church.



LUMEN CHRISTI LEGACY SOCIETY

November is a blessed and eventful month. We celebrate All Saints Day (November 1), All Souls Day (November 2) and Thanksgiving (November 23). During this time of honoring our saints, remembering our deceased loved ones, giving thanks for all your blessings, take an active role in the future of your church. Name it as a beneficiary in your estate plan as a gift to the Prince of Peace Church Endowment Fund. Your gift is significant, whatever the amount, and will be permanently invested to provide future income for the mission of your church.

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click on the "Legacy Giving" icon at bottom of the home page. Contact Nick Vacca (nbv8080@outlook.com) for additional information or contact him at the Parish Office (757-547-0356). Need a Will? Get started today at www.freewill.com/richmondcatholicfoundation; and for direct access, click on the "FreeWill" icon at bottom of the Prince of Peace Website home page. If you have already included Prince of Peace in your Will, "Welcome as a Lumen Christi Society Member."

CAST "CHESAPEAKE AREA SHELTER TEAM" needs CDL bus drivers with a "P" endorsement. CAST pays drivers \$30.00 a trip which last about an hour and 15 minutes. CAST is also looking for churches or organizations who would like to host a single night of CAST in order to fill some vacant weeks that we have in this year's schedule. IF you are interested or would like more information, please contact Sam Howard at sam.cast@abbalist.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF EASTERN VIRGINIA

Are you or a loved one struggling with grief, depression or anxiety? Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia offers mental health counseling for children, adolescents and adults, as well as marriage counseling services. Appointments are available in person or via telehealth. Fees are charged on a sliding scale according to income and subsidies are available. Please call 757-467-7707 to make an appointment today!

Want to make a difference in the lives of others and live out your Catholic faith?

Pregnant? Need Help? Please call or text Catholic Charities 24/7 at 757-274-4952 for pregnancy counseling services. All help is free and confidential. Let our professional staff support you whether parenting or making a plan of adoption. You are not alone!

Working hard but not getting ahead? Catholic Charities has multiple mentoring initiatives designed to help families move from surviving to thriving! Call Erika Crosby at 757-456-2366 for more information on our economic initiatives. All services are free.

CREATION CARE CORNER

What exactly does climate change mean? What does it have to do with right – or wrong – relationships with God, each other, all of humanity and our Earth?

To answer the first question, climate change includes increased temperatures, rising sea levels, and severe changes in storms – things that impact the atmosphere of our Earth. Some of the consequences are more frequent and more intense droughts, fires and floods. This means increasingly limited access to water, reduced crop yields, more widespread disease, increased frequency and intensity of natural disasters and conflicts arising from the decline of resources. The poorest among us on Earth will suffer the deepest hardships.

What does this have to do with God, faith and right relationships? Global climate change is about the future of our common home and God's human family. Its about protecting both the human environment and the natural environment.

We are making our relationship with God, with all of humanity and our Earth RIGHT and PROTECTING them when we engage in these following actions: *turn off our computer, *shut off lights, *unplug electrical appliances when not in use, *avoid the waste of electricity whenever possible; *use our legs or bike to reach destinations at a reasonable distance; *wash clothes in cold water and hang them out in the sun to dry; *use reusable containers and utensils; *buy locally-grown food items; *eat more vegetables and plant-based food and less meat; *help plant trees; campaign for recycling at our parish or your workplace; *carpool when possible; *advocate with our legislators for laws which protect the environment and promote its well-being.
Ed Marroni

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.

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

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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: John Williams and Colleen Richardson.

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