

PRINCE & PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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or youtube.com

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Bulletin Deadline Tuesdays at noon

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

Masses
Saturday 5:00 P.M.
Sunday 9:00 A.M. &
11:00 A.M. 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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 a.m. John Williams † 11:00 a.m. Dickie Altman †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00 a.m. John Williams †

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00 a.m. Anderson Family † 7:00 p.m. Sister Ellen Giardino, IHM

Mass Intention

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:00 a.m. Marty Kelly †

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

5:00 p.m. Gloria Frenette †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00 a.m. Chester Sabisky

Mass Intention

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS WEEK: DECEMBER 3-10, 2023

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:00 a.m. Mass

9:00-10:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:05-10:55 a.m. Elementary Formation

10:15-10:45 a.m. Combined Music Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Mass (Livestreamed) 12:00-1:00 p.m. Hot Dog Sunday

6:00-8:00 p.m. Middle & High School Formation

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

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

11:00 a.m. Grand Group Mass

1:00-2:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation (In-Person)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

10:00-11:30 a.m. Food Pantry Open 5:00-5:45 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal 6:00-7:00 p.m. Instrumental Rehearsal 7:00-8:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation (Virtual)

7:15-9:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00 a.m. Mass followed by praying the Holy Rosary. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Craft Fair Setup (Knights of Columbus)

7:00-8:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation (In-Person)

7:00-8:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:00 a.m. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Livestreamed)

6:30-8:30 p.m. Family Faith

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Holiday Craft Fair **3:30 p.m. Reconciliation**

5:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00 a.m. Mass With Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:00-11:00 a.m. Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast

10:05-10:55 a.m. Elementary Formation
10:15-10:45 a.m. Combined Music Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Mass (Livestreamed)

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE QUOTE FOR MEDITATION

December 3, 2023 First Sunday of Advent

Mark 13:33 "Be watchful! Be alert!"

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

 1st Reading:
 Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

 2nd Reading:
 2 Peter 3:8-14

 Gospel:
 Mark 1:1-8

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.

MASS COUNTS FO LAST WEEKEND	R
Thanksgiving Day	104
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	187
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.	248
Sunday, 11:00 a.m.	250
TOTAL	789



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. FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 3, 2023

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Prepared by God from the very first moment of her life to receive Jesus Christ, God's grace preserved Mary from sin from the womb to the end of her life because of her role in the mystery of salvation as the Mother of God.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on Friday, December 8, 2023. Masses will be celebrated on Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. and on Friday, December 8th at 9:00 a.m. The 9:00 a.m. Mass will be livestreamed. It is Holy Day of Obligation.

ADVENT COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION:

Prepare your hearts for Christmas and plan to attend our annual Advent Penance Service on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. here at Prince of Peace. There will be several priests present to hear individual Confessions.

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 to assist you with your needs.

STEWARDSHIP

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.

The Prince of Peace (POP) Funeral Reception Ministry thanks everyone who provided delicious baked goods for our recent Bake Sale and all parishioners who supported our Ministry with your purchases. Because of you, it was a great success! Look for us next Spring for a repeat of another special Bake Sale.

- Judy Florance, Roz Price

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 begins December 3; however, we are still looking for volunteers. If you are able to help with this program this year, please send an email to pop.office@popparish.org.

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.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

As we pray for peace and an end to violence throughout the world, we as a parish community will pray the Prayer to St. Michael after Mass. The prayer will be prayed after the Final Blessing and before the Recessional.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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 tab at the bottom of the page.



PRINCE OF PEACE ADVENT TREE PROGRAM 2023

Sign-ups for the Advent Tree Program, which provides gifts and food baskets for the less fortunate in the community, began the weekend of November 18/19 and will continue through December 9/10. For more information, please contact Julie Chandoo at 287-2916 or jchandoo@cox.net.

Our Treasures to the Lord

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11-12	\$	8,878.00	\$ 4,814.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$	1,389.00	
11-19	\$	5,201.52	\$ 5,137.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$	(1,964.48)	
11-26	\$	5,258.50	\$ 5,010.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$	(2,034.50)	
Total	\$	26,728.37	\$22,757.00	\$ 49,212.00	\$	273.37	
*Amount in () indicates negative							

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Funds collected:	27-Nov-23		27-Nov
Capital Improvement:	\$ 16,145.31	\$	411.00
Food Pantry:	\$ 13,761.65	\$	923.00
Diocesan debt (BLUE env)	\$ 3,749.00	\$	118.00
Homeless Meals:	\$ 6,311.67	\$	281.00

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

PoP Capital Improvement: December 9/10, 2023

Catholic Charities (Christmas Day)

(1/2 church needs): December 24/25, 2023

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, December 10, 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 attend the next parent Zoom meeting from our website at https://popparish.org/sacraments/holy-eucharist/OR contact Melody.Smith@popparish.org for more information.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: Any adult Catholic who has never been confirmed; sessions are held throughout the year. For more information, please call Sister Dolores at the Parish Office or email her at Sister.Dolores@popparish.org.

RCIA: Thinking of joining the Catholic Church??? Prince of Peace parish community offers "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" (RCIA) process for those adults seeking to learn more about and 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.



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
- 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)



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 is 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 for the Fall 2023-2024 school year is on Sunday evenings twice a month, 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-5th grade and a separate registration link for 6th-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.



UPCOMING YOUTH IN MOTION EVENTS

December 3 – Hotdog Sunday after 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 3, 2023



ADVENT

From the website of the United States Catholic Bishops:

ADVENT: Advent (*ad-venio* in Latin or "to come to") begins the Church year and consists of the four Sundays before Christmas. The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. Advent devotions remind us of the meaning of the season. Special Advent Devotions: The lighting of the Advent wreath each Sunday during Advent. Advent prayers prepare us spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

ADVENT WREATH: The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.

ADVENT PRAYERS: Advent prayers call to mind our preparation for the Lord's coming on Christmas and His second coming at the end of the world. The Advent theme of preparing one spiritually requires special Advent prayers focused on waiting, watching, and hoping for the Lord's coming. Many Advent prayer books include daily prayers, while others involve the writings of popular Catholics including Pope John Paul II or Fulton Sheen. Other prayers are meant specifically to be said along with an Advent wreath.

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR YOUR HOME ADVENT WREATH:

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ: He is Emmanuel, the hope of all people, He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, He is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let Your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this Advent wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



ADDITIONAL ADVENT RESOURCES

United States Catholic Bishops Website
Prayer and Worship: usccb.org
FORMED: See our parish bulletin for details.
Prince of Peace Parish Facebook Page
Pray as you Go: https://pray-as-you-go.org
Catholic Relief Services: www.crsfairtrade.org/advent
Loyola Press:loyolapress.com

ADVENT WREATH PRAYERS

First Week of Advent: Light the first purple candle.

Prayer: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the dangers that come upon us through our sins; and be a Redeemer to deliver us; Who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Alternate/Complementary Prayer: O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, desire of every nation, Savior of all peoples, come and dwell among us. (From Christmas Prayers, Victor Hoagland, C.P.)

Scriptures: Isaiah 11:1-10, Isaiah 7:10-14, Luke: 1:26-38, Matthew 1:18-24

Second Week of Advent: Light 2 purple candles.

Prayer: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the paths of Your only-begotten Son: that we may worthily serve You with hearts purified by His coming: Who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Alternate/Complementary Prayer: O King of all nations, Jesus Christ, only joy of every heart, come and save Your people.

(From Christmas Prayers, Victor Hoagland, C.P.)

Scriptures: Micah 5:2, Isaiah 2:1-5, Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11, Matthew 3:1-6

Third Week of Advent: Light 2 purple candles and the rose candle.

Prayer: We beseech You to listen to our prayers, O Lord, and by the grace of Your coming enlighten our darkened minds: You who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Alternate/Complementary Prayer: O Key of David, Jesus Christ, the gates of heaven open at Your command, come and show us the way to salvation.

(From Christmas Prayers, Victor Hoagland, C.P.)

Scriptures: Isaiah 9:6-7, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, John 1:19-34, Philippians 2:1-11

Fourth Week of Advent: Light 3 purple candles and the rose candle.

Prayer: Pour forth Your power, O Lord, and come: Assist us by that mighty power, so that by Your grace and merciful kindness we may swiftly receive the salvation that our sins impede: Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Alternate/Complementary Prayer: O Wisdom, holy Word of God, Jesus Christ, all things are in Your hands, come and show us the way to salvation.

(From Christmas Prayers, Victor Hoagland, C.P.)

Scriptures: Malachi 3:1-5, Romans 8:18-25, Isaiah 52:7-10, Revelation 21:1-4

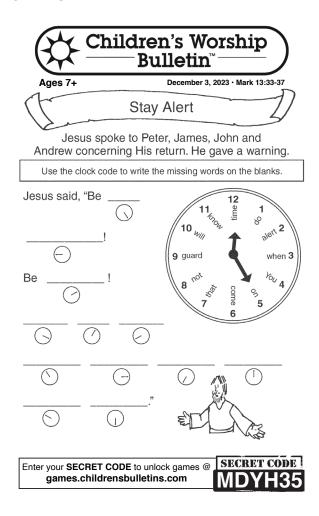
(Optional) Christmas Eve/Christmas Day: Light 3 purple candles and the rose candle. Light a white candle placed in the center.

Prayer: God of love, Father of all, the darkness that covered the earth has given way to the bright dawn of Your Word made flesh. Make us a people of this light. Make us faithful to Your Word that we may bring Your life to the waiting world. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(From The Roman Missal, Catholic Book Publishing Co.) Alternate/Complementary Prayer: Let the just rejoice, for their justifier is born. Let the sick and infirm rejoice, for their savior is born. Let the captives rejoice, for their Redeemer is born. Let slaves rejoice, for their Master is born. Let free men rejoice, for their Liberator is born. Let All Christians rejoice, for Jesus Christ is born.

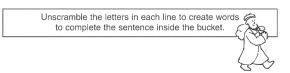
(St. Augustine of Hippo)

Scriptures: Isaiah 9:1-6, John 1:1-18, Luke 2:1-20, Titus 2:11-14

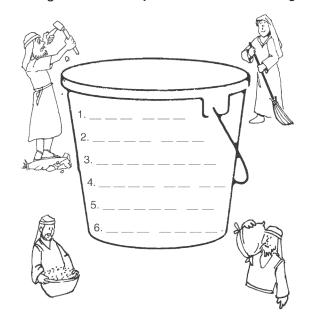


Jesus also told the disciples something they should be careful not to do. Use the calendar code to complete the sentence. SUN MON TUES WED THURS FRI SAT AM E I 0 Н T F S PM M D G Ν T/AM S/PM S/AM W/PM F/AM S/AM M/AM M/PM W/PM W/AM T/PM T/PM S/AM Sat/PM Th/AM F/PM Sat/PM T/AM Sat/AM Th/AM S/AM Sat/AM F/AM M/AM S/PM M/PM M/AM Sat/PM T/PM F/PM T/AM W/AM $\overline{W/PM}$ $\overline{Th/AM}$ $\overline{S/AM}$ $\overline{S/AM}$ $\overline{M/AM}$ $\overline{Sat/PM}$ $\overline{Th/PM}$ What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

Jesus said it would be like a man who took a trip.

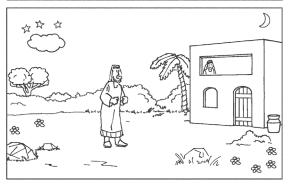


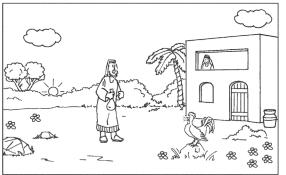
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Jesus said, "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back — whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn."

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT **DECEMBER 3. 2023**



Music Rehearsal Schedule

Wednesdays: Instrumental 6-7pm

Choir 7:15-9pm

Sundays: Combined 10:15-10:45am in the worship space

Wednesday, December 6, 5:00-5:45 p.m., Youth Choir Rehearsal Wednesday, December 13, 5:00-5:45 p.m., Youth Choir Rehearsal Wednesday, December 20, 5:00-5:45 p.m., Youth Choir Rehearsal Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Combined Christmas Rehearsal

Adult Faith Formation

PRESENCE: THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

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. A group will meet in person on Tuesdays from 1:00-2:30 p.m. For more information, contact Bobbi Yeager at 757-560-4050. A group will meet virtually on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Mark Falcon at 703-409-7733. A group will meet in person on Thursday evenings rom 7:00-8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Bill Shafley at 727-359-3207.

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.





HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

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

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Vendor applications are closed. We look forward to seeing you there!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Community Life is looking for volunteers to join the Donut Ministry, which provides donuts for the Parish after Sunday Mass, and volunteers for the nursery, which will reopen in the near future - interested individuals may contact Community Life Chair, Mrs. Sheila Gargiulo, at sheilajoe@cox.net.

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

whether single or married, are welcome!

Date: Last Thursday of the month

Location: Locations rotate every month; contact Chloe for more

connect with other young adults in the area. All young adults,

information

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

Contact: Chloe Barnes at oliviafreeman804@outlook.com.



Prince of Peace Volunteer of the Month for the maintenance department is John Ricci.

John Ricci is a blessing to our church and my go-to guy whenever I have a problem trying to figure out past work done, and by which

contractor, where to find a piece of equipment, save us from a leaking toilet or pipe, cutting down trees, cutting up pews, and so many other things it is hard to list. Evidently, one must be named John to work as a facilities coordinator, but one Richard managed to make the cut. John introduced me to the church and showed me the ropes of continuing in the job since he was ready to retire. I have continually called and pestered him for support so often that I'm surprised he still answers the phone. We have several volunteers that I really appreciate, and I 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

Pantry MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION DATES... Saturday/Sunday: December 2/3 and 16/17

(Mark your calendar. Drop off food bags before each Mass in the Commons. Thank you.)

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) The Pantry is closed on Wednesday, December 27th. Reopens Wednesday, January 3rd.

(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 757-410-7957 for a date and time to pick up food or pick up food on Wednesdays between 10:00-11:30 a.m.

SOME SHOPPING ITEMS NEEDED, PLEASE CONSIDER... Peanut Butter, Canned Fruit, Jell-O, Hamburger Helper, Jelly, Canned Soup, Pork & Beans, Eggs

If you would rather have the pantry do the shopping, consider a financial contribution. Financial gifts can be made in cash, check, and by going to the website at popparish.org and to Prince of Peace Parishsoft Giving & Offering (Tap) and submit through E-giving. If you are writing a check, in memo, write "Food Pantry." Thank you and God bless.

PANTRY NEWS:

On October 10, 2023, the Food Pantry celebrated its 13th Anniversary! A thank-you and a God bless you to all who have supported the Food Pantry with Food, Financial Assistance, and their Time over these many years. If you wish to find Joy and Peace in your life, become an integral part of the pantry's operation. Join us!

A big shout-out to Harris Teeter on Hanbury and Food Lion on Centerville for helping the Food Pantry with large quantities of paper bags. Next time you are in the store, thank the manager on our behalf.

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.



GRAND GROUP NEWS

Jesus is the Light of our Christmas, the joy of our hearts and hope of our world. In the spirit of the season on December 5 the Grand Group will join together to celebrate

Mass at 11:00 a.m. and afterwards enjoy lunch at the Black Pelican Restaurant at Greenbrier. We wish everyone at Prince of Peace a Blessed Christmas and New Year. We welcome all Prince of Peace seniors to consider joining our Grand Group in 2024 for Faith, Fun and Fellowship. Please contact Joan at stanjam22@ aol.com or Judy at judithflorance@cox.net with any questions.



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PRINCE OF PEACE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry uses the time and talents of parish members to knit or crochet shawls that will be given away to help spread the message of God's mercy, love and compassion. The recipients include people entering a new phase in life or those experiencing a loss, illness, or difficult circumstances. If you know someone who might need a Prayer Shawl, please contact Sister Dolores at the Parish Office.

PRINCE OF PEACE SIMBANG GABI MINISTRY

On Tuesday, December 19, 2023, POP will be a host for one night of "Simbang Gabi," a Filipino tradition of nine consecutive Masses, preparing for the birth of "Child Jesus." Help is always needed. Please contact Val/Nelia Macasaet at 757-482-5064 (home) or 757-737-1506 (cell) or neliamacasaet@gmail.com. "Teach us to give and not count the cost." - St. Ignatius of Loyola

CAST

CAST (Chesapeake Area Shelter Team) needs CDL bus drivers with a "P" endorsement. CAST pays drivers \$30.00 a trip which lasts 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.

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE VOLUNTEERS

Want to be the face of charity for our local homeless living in their cars? We distribute food for the homeless early on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in two large parking areas. Contact Mike Corrigan at 757-775-7696.

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

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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 Galo Jr., and Fufracia Se.

LUMEN CHRISTI LEGACY SOCIETY Prince of Peace



During this month of giving, take an active role in the future of your

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WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

At this time of the year, we recognize National Estate Planning Awareness Week, an ideal opportunity to consider how you can use your gifts to support your loved ones, and to impact organizations and causes that are important to you. Crafting an estate plan is a profound act of stewardship and a way to create your legacy of faith. To support you in creating your plan, we're highlighting this free online estate planning tool from FreeWill. It's a self-guided platform that walks you through each step of writing your estate plan and can create a legally valid will at https://www. freewill.com/richmondcatholicfoundation. If you feel moved to extend your spirit of generosity to Prince of Peace parish through a planned gift, know that this act of stewardship profoundly empowers our ability to continue our mission, foster our faith community, and extend our reach of love and service. For more information about planned giving, please visit Legacy Giving, and feel free to contact Nick Vacca at the Parish Office at 757-547-0356.

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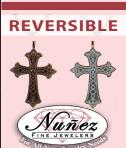
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