

# Advent The Season of

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## PRINCE *of* PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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or [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

### Diocesan Website

[www.richmonddiocese.org](http://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.

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### Register in the Parish

Welcome! To join the parish,  
please contact our office at  
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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
9:00 a.m. Don Graham †

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13**  
9:00 a.m. Monsignor Joseph P. Lehman III †

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14**  
9:00 a.m. Marty Kelly †

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15**  
9:00 a.m. John Williams †

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**  
5:00 p.m. Rosa Flores †

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17**  
9:00 a.m. John Williams †  
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.	142
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.	304
Sunday, 11:00 a.m.	302
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>748</b>

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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10**  
9:00 a.m. **Mass**  
9:00-10:00 a.m. Children’s Liturgy of the Word  
9:00-11:00 a.m. Free Parish Breakfast (KOC)  
10:05-10:55 a.m. Elementary Formation  
10:15-10:45 a.m. Combined Music Rehearsal  
11:00 a.m. **Mass** (Livestreamed)  
1:00-2:00 p.m. Baptismal Preparation Class (Zoom)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
9:00-10:00 a.m. Drop off groceries at Food Pantry

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
9:00 a.m. **Mass** followed by praying the Holy Rosary  
7:00-8:00 p.m. Advent Reconciliation Service

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13**  
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 14**  
9:00 a.m. **Mass** followed by praying the Holy Rosary.  
5:00-8:30 p.m. Advent Tree Setup (Knights of Columbus)  
6:00-8:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus 8240 Meeting  
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation (In-Person)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15**  
9:00 a.m. **Mass** followed by praying the Holy Rosary.  
Advent Tree (Drop-Off)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**  
3:30 p.m. **Reconciliation**  
5:00 p.m. **Mass**  
5:00 p.m. Baptism  
Advent Tree (Deliver)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17**  
9:00 a.m. **Mass** With Children’s Liturgy of the Word  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Christmas Bake Sale**  
10:05-10:55 a.m. Elementary Formation  
10:15-10:45 a.m. Combined Music Rehearsal  
11:00 a.m. **Mass** (Livestreamed)  
4:00-6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration  
4:00-6:00 p.m. Middle & High School Formation

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

December 10, 2023:  
Second Sunday of Advent  
**Mark 1:3** “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”  
**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**  
December 17, 2023:  
Third Sunday of Advent  
**1st Reading:** Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11  
**2nd Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
**Gospel:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

**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.*

**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.*

**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.

**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.

**ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY**

Prince of Peace has just begun an Altar Server Ministry and we still have room to grow. This Ministry is open to our young parishioners – girls and boys – who have received First Holy Communion. Parents of those interested in joining are asked to please contact Mark Falcon at 703-409-7733 or Adelina Koble at ajkoble@yahoo.com.



**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



**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL**

John the Baptist was a striking messenger. Camel's hair, locusts, and wild behavior drew a lot of attention!

God called the Israelites through the waters of the Red Sea into the desert to become His people. John did something similar. He drew people to the waters of Baptism, a prefigurement of our sacramental Baptism.

John is an image of the Church: "A voice of one crying in the desert." (Mark 1:3) The Church, from century to century, calls with love to parched souls: "All you who are thirsty, come to the water!" (Isaiah 55:1)

Our parish joins the cry of John and the universal Church. In our Annual Diocesan Appeal, your parish calls to you with the same thirst of all the souls longing for the coming of Christ. With your sacrificial gifts, you can simultaneously help us satisfy the thirst of our community, while making more room in your own heart for the coming of God. By your prayers, you can help our call ring out loudly and call many souls to the Church. Souls are thirsting for Christ right here in our streets. They need the water that only God can give. Join our Annual Diocesan Appeal this Advent, and help our voice reach them in this thirsty corner of the country.

**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 began 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.

**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.

# Our Treasures to the Lord

Week Ending	Offertory	E-Giving	Weekly Needs	Over/(Short)*
11-5	\$ 7,390.35	\$ 7,796.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$ 2,883.35
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)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 26,728.37</b>	<b>\$22,757.00</b>	<b>\$ 49,212.00</b>	<b>\$ 273.37</b>

\*Amount in ( ) indicates negative

	Fiscal YTD 27-Nov-23	Week Collection 27-Nov
Funds collected:		
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](http://popparish.org). Go to the *Sacrament* tab and scroll down to *Baptisms*. Anyone with questions, please contact Sister Dolores at the Parish Office.

**FIRST EUCHARIST 2024:** If your child is entering 2nd grade or higher and is at least 7 years old by March 1, 2024, your child is eligible to begin sacramental preparation classes for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this 2023-2024 school year. If you feel your child is ready to begin preparation, please attend the next parent Zoom meeting from our website at <https://popparish.org/sacraments/holy-eucharist/OR> contact [Melody.Smith@popparish.org](mailto:Melody.Smith@popparish.org) for more information.

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

**RCIA:** *Thinking of joining the Catholic Church???* Prince of Peace parish community offers "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" (RCIA) process for those adults seeking to learn more about and join the Catholic Christian Faith. RCIA is for those who are not yet baptized and also for Christians of other denominations who choose to seek full Communion with the Catholic Church. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested in learning more about the RCIA journey, please contact Sister Dolores at the Parish Office at 757-547-0356, or email [Sister.Dolores@popparish.org](mailto:Sister.Dolores@popparish.org).



## 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)



## 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](mailto:Melody.Smith@popparish.org) or Middle School/High School Formation & Peer Ministry at [Kelly.Bruno@popparish.org](mailto:Kelly.Bruno@popparish.org).





## 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 good 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](http://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](http://www.crsfairtrade.org/advent)

Loyola Press: [loyolapress.com](http://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

# Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 7+

December 10, 2023 • Mark 1:1-8

## Preparing the Way for Jesus

It was written in the book of Isaiah that someone would prepare the way for Jesus.

Cross out every letter that appears four or more times. Unscramble the remaining letters to fill in the blanks.

A	V	H	T	H	N	O	K
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H	B	V	T	M	K	O	T
T	H	K	E	V	D	A	G
D	S	O	B	H	R	T	B

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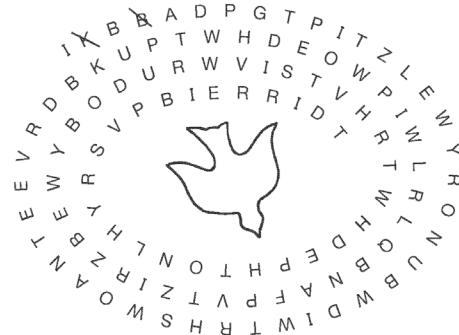
John baptized in the desert region and preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Find 15 things that are different in the 2nd picture.



John said that One who was more powerful than he would come after him.

Cross out every other letter and write the remaining letters on the lines below. The puzzle has been started for you.



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How is John described?

Use the code to fill in the missing letters.

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A N	L D	S O	E H
M R	I U	T W	C Y

John wore clothing made of \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate

\_\_\_\_\_

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**UPCOMING YOUTH IN MOTION EVENTS**

December 17 – Eucharistic Adoration/Party, 4:00-6:00 p.m.  
 December 17 – Christmas Bake Sale, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

December 21 – SonLight, 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
 January 7 – Hotdog Sunday after 9:00 am & 11:00 a.m. Masses  
 January 7 – Puppet Show, 10:15-10:50 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE**

Next Sunday, December 17th, Youth in Motion is having a Christmas Bake Sale after both the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Just in time to place on your Christmas tables, you'll be able to purchase deliciously sweet snacks, breads, and cakes in support of our parish youth. We will also have various POP Shop items for you to pick up that last-minute gift! To help provide baked goods, contact Melody.Smith@popparish.org.

**A LITTLE HOLY & A LITTLE HOLLY: 4:00-6:00 P.M.**

Eucharistic Adoration is a beautiful way for families to spend quiet time with Jesus' True Presence! All families are invited to enjoy this experience of Jesus, and to attend the "HOLLY" jolly Christmas party afterwards. There will be a hot cocoa bar, games, a Christmas movie, and a chance for children and teens to make Christmas cards for those less fortunate than ourselves. Adoration starts at 4:00 p.m. and the party concludes at 6:00 p.m. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

*Music Rehearsal Schedule*

Wednesdays: Instrumental 6-7pm  
 Choir 7:15-9pm  
 Sundays: Combined 10:15-10:45am  
*in the worship space*

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

**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.

*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 from 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](http://www.formed.org).
2. Click on the blue "Sign up as a Parishioner" button.
3. Enter: "Prince of Peace, 621 Cedar Road, Chesapeake, VA."
4. Enter your Name and Email.



**Prince of Peace Volunteer of the Month for the maintenance department is Judy Florance**

Judy is a blessing to our church, through her many ministries and especially the bereavement ministry, she brightens up the church creating handmade flower and decorative arrangements for each table, choreographing the layout of the tables and chairs, and ensuring the table linen is cleaned and ready to go for the next function. Judy is such a classy person with an eye for excellence, she has been a most valuable volunteer helping with advice on what broken and old junk needs to be tossed, trees and bushes to be removed, which flowers to be planted, how to treat sick and needy plants, and knows how to make any chore seem like fun. Judy always seeks out my advice, even when she has already made up her mind on what needs to be done, and she has been a true friend.

I always enjoy meeting up with Judy at church, she is always smiling, good natured and a positive influence on everyone around her.

God bless!  
 John Leonard  
 Facilities Maintenance Coordinator



**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](mailto:jchandoo@cox.net).



**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 coeybrooks@cox.net. Thank you so much!!



**FATHER ROMEO D. JAZMIN FOOD PANTRY MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION DATES...**  
**Saturday/Sunday: December 16/17 and January 6/7** (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.

**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.



**GRAND GROUP NEWS**

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.

**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.

**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



**LUMEN CHRISTI LEGACY SOCIETY**

As we celebrate the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ, remember you can give a gift that makes a difference. Imagine a gift that can last forever. That is exactly what a planned endowment gift to Prince of Peace church can do. What you give now will be used in perpetuity to provide financial support and strength for our parish. Putting some of your lifelong earned assets to work for the Lord acknowledges that you are a good steward of His blessings. You sacrificially give throughout your life. Give as a final special gift of whatever amount you choose to the Prince of Peace endowment.

Please view A Guide to Legacy Giving Brochure on the Prince of Peace Website at www.popparish.org. Go to *Support Your Parish*, then to Legacy Giving. Contact Nick Vacca at nbv8080@outlook.com for additional information, or contact him at the Parish Office at 757-547-0356. If you have already included Prince of Peace in your Will, "Welcome as a Lumen Christi Society Member."

**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. Visit <https://www.freewill.com/richmondatholicfoundation>.

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.





**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.

**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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 8240**  
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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:** Jack Heerema and Mary Brennan.

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