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PRINCE *of* PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 19**

9:00 a.m. Vincent Buscema †

7:00 p.m. Damie & Mary Hunter †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:00 a.m. Warren D. Williams †

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

9:00 a.m. Debra Ruddeck O'Donnell †

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 229:00 a.m. Timoteo, Sr. &
Andrea Pascua †**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**5:00 p.m. Phil Chaban
(Mass Intention)**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

9:00 a.m. Kayla & Olivia Ladehoff †

11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

4:00 p.m. William Barzano †

8:00 p.m. Debra Lazo †

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00 a.m. Schevech Family

† 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 17-25, 2023**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17****9:00 a.m. Mass**

9:00-10:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word

9:00-12:00 p.m. Christmas Bake Sale

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

11:00 a.m. Mass (Livestreamed)

4:00-6:00 p.m. Children/Youth Eucharistic Adoration

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

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

6:30-7:30 p.m. Simbang Gabi Set-Up Knights of Columbus

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19**9:00 a.m. Mass followed by praying the Holy Rosary**

6:00-7:00 p.m. Simbang Gabi Mass/Reception

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20**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 21**9:00 a.m. Mass followed by praying the Holy Rosary.**

Parish Office Closes at Noon

5:00-7:30 p.m. SonLight

6:30-8:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22**9:00 a.m. Mass followed by praying the Holy Rosary.**

Parish Office Closes at Noon

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Combined Christmas Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**9:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass****11:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass (Livestreamed)**

4:00 p.m. Vigil Christmas Mass

7:00 p.m. Vigil Christmas Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25**10:00 a.m. Christmas Mass (Livestreamed)****THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE QUOTE FOR MEDITATION**

December 17, 2023:

Third Sunday of Advent

John 1:6-8 "A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light."

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

December 24, 2023:

Fourth Sunday of Advent

1st Reading:

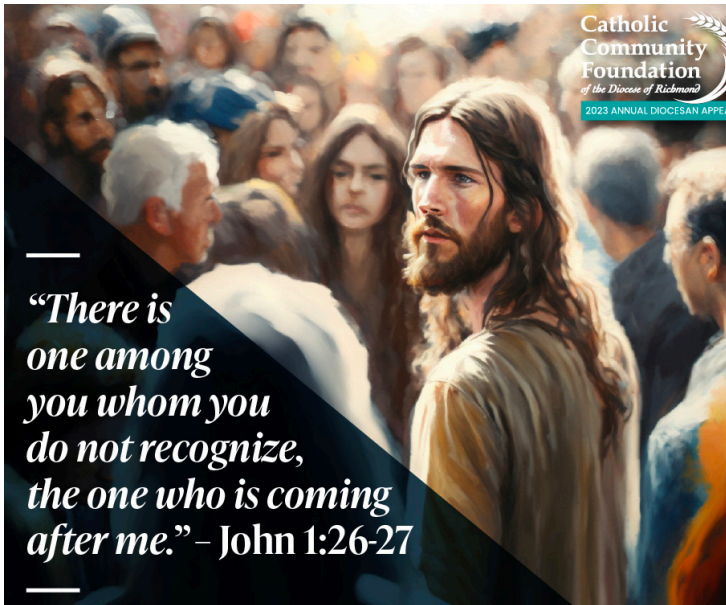
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

2nd Reading: Romans 16:25-27**Gospel:** Luke 1:26-38**MASS COUNTS FOR LAST WEEKEND**

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	170
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.	286
Sunday, 11:00 a.m.	265
TOTAL	721

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.



“There is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me.” – John 1:26-27

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

John warned the crowds, “There is one among you whom you do not recognize.” (John 1:26) When Christ comes again, will we recognize Him?

We probably will. He promised us that, when he comes again, “You will see ‘the Son of Man... coming on the clouds of heaven.’” (Matthew 26:64) It sounds like He will make Himself known clearly! Yet, He comes to us daily, in our brothers and sisters: “Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Matthew 25:40) Jesus is hard to recognize in “the least of these.”

He is also hard to recognize in the sinner – the person who cuts you off in traffic or doesn’t uphold their end of a bargain. We need the help of grace to see Jesus alive in our neighbors. Our parish is working hard to share the light of Christ in our neighborhood. It’s an arduous task; we can’t do it if we don’t pull together as a family and community of faith. Through our Annual Diocesan Appeal, you have an opportunity to enter more deeply into this mission and we ask you to give as you can. Your community is counting on you! This Advent, please consider contributing to our Annual Diocesan Appeal. If you do, you’ll be fulfilling Christ’s command to “love your neighbor as yourself,” and you’ll join John the Baptist in making way for Christ in your heart!



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER by Saint Alphonse 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.

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.



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.

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 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 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.

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

Advent Retreat

LED BY FR. MIKE JOLY



AN ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SPIRITUALITY ALWAYS:
SWIMMING AGAINST THE CURRENT, MY WILL WITH GOD'S

DECEMBER 17, 18, 19
6:30PM

FREE TO ATTEND · ALL ARE WELCOME

SAINT MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH
3314 SANDRA LN, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

Open the door... TO REVOLUTIONARY SPIRITUALITY

Open the door for the miracle of Advent and Christmas to be felt and lived always, no matter the obstacle. A man who has been blind for most of his life will present the mission. Fr. Mike Joly - a parish pastor, director of retreats and Catholic recording artist - will open up whether it is possible to sense the deeper and truer significance of the Christ Event in the first place. He will emphasize the power of God's will in union with ours and will challenge our product-oriented mindset with the fruitful Kingdom-oriented heart and perspective. He will draw on music and interacting dynamics to help reveal the real possibility for every day and night throughout the year to be a Holy Day and Night. Fr. Mike will make use of Advent/Christmas scriptures and the writings and teachings of some great leaders in our Catholic faith and help to make us instruments of the Incarnation ourselves.

ENJOY THIS VIDEO FROM
FR. MIKE JOLY! SCAN
HERE!



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; 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.

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.

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. Session is being held by Zoom. The session will begin at 1:00 p.m. and last 45 minutes to an hour. The next session scheduled at Prince of Peace:

- **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.



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

Our Treasures to the Lord

	Offertory	E-Giving	Weekly Needs	Over/(Short)*
Offertory				
Week Ending 12-03	\$ 7,202.91	\$ 7,217.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$ 2,116.91
Week Ending 12-10	\$ 6,196.88	\$ 4,186.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$ (1,920.12)
Week Ending 12-17	\$ -			\$ -
Week Ending 12-24	\$ -			\$ -
Week Ending 12-31	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 13,399.79	\$ 11,403.00	\$ 24,606.00	\$ 196.79

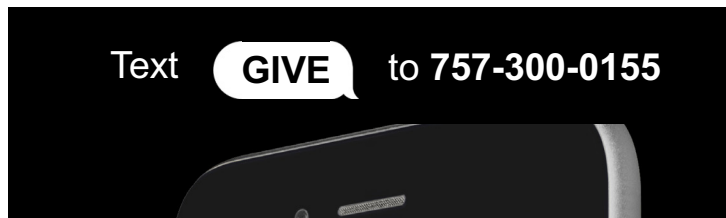
*Amount in () indicates negative

	Fiscal YTD 10-Dec-23	Week Collection 10-Dec
Funds collected:		
Capital Improvement:	\$ 17,389.31	\$ 785.00
Food Pantry:	\$ 14,503.65	\$ 138.00
Diocesan debt (BLUE env)	\$ 4,531.00	\$ 70.00
Homeless Meals:	\$ 7,398.67	\$ 1,041.00

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Catholic Charities (Christmas Day) (1/2 church needs):

December 24/25, 2023



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)

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.
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.

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 cooebybrooks@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.



Ages 7+

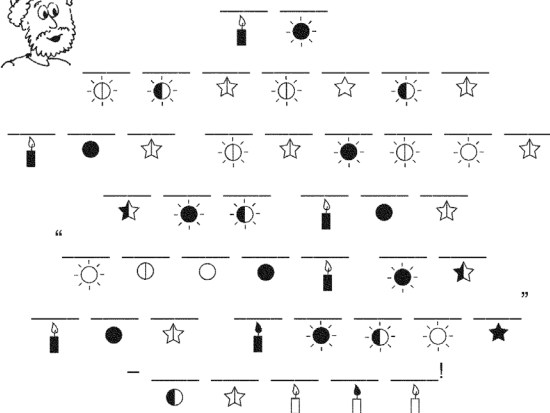
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John the Baptizer

John the Baptist was sent from God. Why?

Use the code to find out.

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★ = D ★ = F ● = H ◐ = J ☼ = O ☼ = R 🔦 = T 🔦 = W



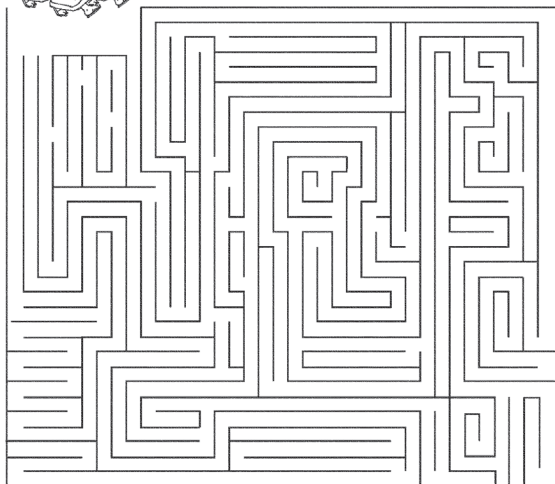
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Some people of Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to question John the Baptist while he was baptizing at Bethany, on the other side of the Jordan River.



Help them on their way.



John said, “I baptize with water, but among you stands One you do not know.” John was referring to Jesus.

Find the underlined words in the puzzle.

They are $\rightarrow \leftarrow \nearrow \nwarrow \swarrow \searrow \uparrow \downarrow$.

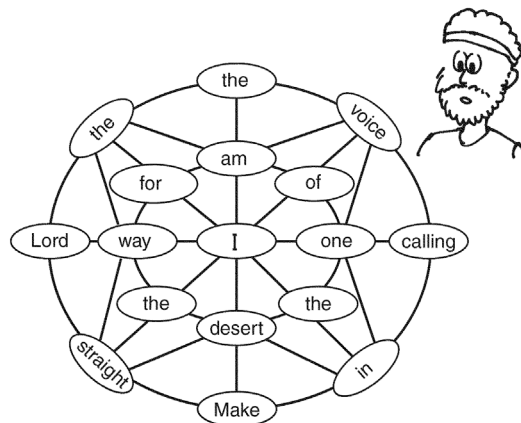


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W	N	S	I	O	J	D	U
D	N	O	T	U	N	C	S
R	O	B	H	A	D	K	E
E	Z	I	T	P	A	B	J
T	F	S	J	E	N	O	K
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W	Z	K	J	N	B	D	L



The Levites asked John who he was. John described himself using these words of the prophet Isaiah.

Start with the center word.
Use the arrows to find the right words to fill in the blanks.
Hint: Each word is used only once.



Christian Formation

CF NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



All Proceeds Goes To **YOUTH IN MOTION**
DECEMBER 17TH AFTER 9 & 11 am Masses
 Please drop off small loaf sweet breads, cakes, pies, cookies, or other treats to the receptacle outside the social hall doors by Sat. 5pm.



**A LITTLE HOLY &
 A LITTLE HOLLY**
 CF class next week
 December 17th is from
 4:00-6:00 p.m.



Jesus is really and truly present in the Eucharist! Eucharistic Adoration is an opportunity for families to spend quiet time with Jesus. A time to speak to Him, listen to Him, praise Him and thank Him in the silence of our hearts. A time to enjoy being in His presence.

The Youth will be hosting Eucharistic Adoration specifically designed with children and teens in mind. Adoration begins at 4:00 p.m. and followed by a dessert and appetizer celebration. All children, teens, and grown-ups are welcome to attend. Grades K-2 bring appetizers and grades 3-5 bring desserts to share. There will be a hot cocoa bar, games, Christmas movie and a chance for children and teens to make Christmas cards for those less fortunate than ourselves.



Sunday Christian Formation classes are on Christmas break from December 18th-January 6th. Classes will resume on January 7th.

Any donations to Youth Ministry are greatly appreciated, since we do subsidize for families in need. Thank you for your support!



K through 5th grade:

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



6th through 12th grade:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/17c44378-ffe6-4a74-ac78-2291ef72a3fd>

We look forward to this upcoming year to help your children to learn and grow in their faith.

If you have any questions, please contact: Elementary Formation (Melody.Smith@popparish.org) or Middle School/High School Formation & Peer Ministry (Kelly.Bruno@popparish.org).

DIOCESAN WEBSITE www.richmonddiocese.org • WEBSITE www.popparish.org



UPCOMING YOUTH IN MOTION EVENTS

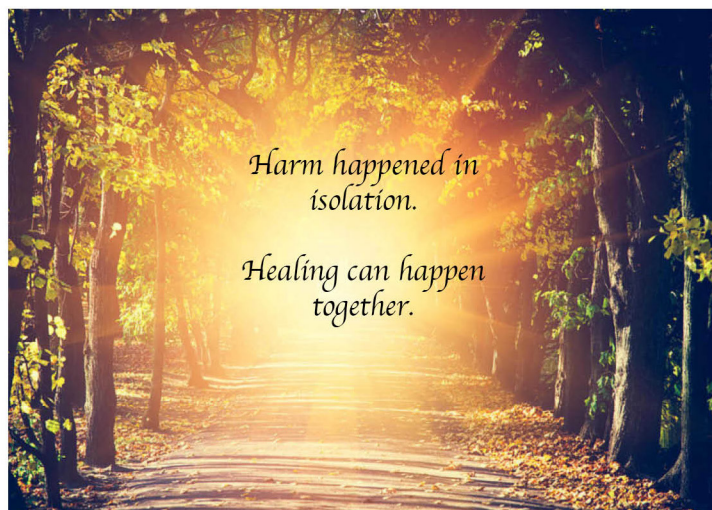
December 17: Eucharistic Adoration/Party, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
 December 17: Christmas Bake Sale, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
 December 21: SonLight, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
 January 7: Hotdog Sunday after 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Masses
 January 7: Puppet Show, 10:15-10:50 a.m.

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE THIS WEEKEND!

Sunday, December 17th, Youth in Motion is having a Christmas Bake Sale after both the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Mass. 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 part 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.



As a community, we strive to support survivors of child sexual abuse on their journey toward healing and wholeness.

For those who have suffered abuse by clergy residing in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, we invite you to join virtually, January 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Spouses and affected community members are also welcome. These gatherings, led by an independent facilitator, will offer a safe environment for participants to connect, share, support, and heal.

These meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month.

If you would like more information, or the virtual meeting link, please call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (877) 887-9603 or email dana@atreeplanted.org.



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in the worship space

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

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.

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

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.

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

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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/richmondccatholicfoundation>.

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.

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: Jack Heerema and Mary Brennan.



PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2023

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

No Confessions

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:00 a.m. Mass for Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m. Mass for Fourth Sunday of Advent (*livestreamed*)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 p.m. Vigil Christmas Mass

7:00 p.m. Vigil Christmas Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00 a.m. Mass (*livestreamed*)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26-FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

No Daily Masses

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

5:00 p.m. Mass – Vigil Feast of the Holy Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00 a.m. Mass – Feast of the Holy Family

11:00 a.m. Mass – Feast of the Holy Family (*livestreamed*)

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

10:00 a.m. Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (*livestreamed*)

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