

LENT

*"Behold, now is a very acceptable time;
behold, now is the day of salvation."*
2 COR 6:2

PRINCE *of* PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Live Stream

www.facebook.com/popchurchchesa-
peake/
or youtube.com

Diocesan Website

www.richmonddiocese.org

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesdays at noon

Office Hours

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

Masses

Saturday 5:00 P.M.

Sunday 9:00 A.M. &
11:00 A.M. Livestreamed

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 A.M.

Reconciliation

Every Saturday at 3:30 P.M.

Register in the Parish

Welcome! To join the parish,
please contact our office at
pop.office@popparish.org.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS WEEK: FEBRUARY 18-25, 2024

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:00 a.m. Mass

Free Parish Breakfast by the Knights of Columbus after the Sunday Masses

9:00-10:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:15-10:45 a.m. Combined Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Mass

12:00 p.m. CAST (Housing the Homeless) Learn Event in Rooms 9 & 10

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

No Daily Mass
Parish Office Closed
Scouts

7:30-9:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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

2:00-3:00 p.m. A Lenten Retreat, *The Cry from the Cross* in Room 10

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

10:00-11:30 a.m. Food Pantry Open
6:00-7:00 p.m. Instrumental Rehearsal
7:00-9:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting
7:15-9:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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

6:00-9:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus 8240 Council Meeting

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:00 a.m. Mass followed by Stations of the Cross.

5:00-7:00 p.m. All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry hosted by the Knights of Columbus

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

10:00 a.m. Funeral
1:00-2:00 p.m. Confirmation Practice
3:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 a.m. Mass

9:00-10:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Module 1 (First Eucharist)
10:15-10:45 a.m. Combined Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Mass

1:00-2:00 p.m. Baptism Parent Session (Virtual)
5:00-6:00 p.m. Confirmation Module 5
6:00-8:00 p.m. Middle & High School Formation

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Father John Bosco will lead the Stations of the Cross immediately following our 9:00 a.m. Daily Mass on Fridays. The Rosary will continue to be prayed after the 9:00 a.m. Daily Masses Tuesdays-Thursdays.

BLESSING OF MARRIED COUPLES

Each year, National Marriage Week USA and World Marriage Day provide an opportunity for the Catholic Church to focus on and celebrate the vocation to marriage and family life. This year, National Marriage Week USA was celebrated February 7-14. The theme for this year's celebration of National Marriage Week is "Love Beyond Words," which recalls the self-sacrificing love in marriage that is rooted in the wedding promises that the couple makes in matrimony. At all the Masses at Prince of Peace on February 17-18, 2024, married couples will be invited to receive a blessing during Mass.

ORATIO IMPERATA:

God Our Father, we come to You in our need to ask Your protection against the 2019 N-Coronavirus that has claimed lives and has affected many. We pray for Your grace for the people tasked with studying the nature and cause of this virus and its disease and of stemming the tide of its transmission. Guide the hands and minds of medical experts that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion, and of those governments and private agencies that must find cure and solution to this epidemic. We pray for those afflicted; may they be restored to health soon. Grant us the grace to work for the good of all and to help those in need. Grant this through Our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Jay Stefaney †

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

9:00 a.m. Garry Hickerson †

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

David Schick †

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Trinidad Sarmiento
Mass Intention

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

5:00 p.m. Dolores Sabisky †

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 a.m. Oscar Rodriguez †
11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

† denotes deceased

*In order to keep with Canon Law, as of March 13, 2019, there will be only one Mass Intention offered per Mass. Mass Intentions for the repose of the soul and Special Intentions can be made at least two weeks before the requested day. The Parish Office will not be able to schedule Mass Intentions on the same week of the requested day. Thank you for understanding.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE QUOTE FOR MEDITATION

**February 18, 2024:
First Sunday of Lent**

Mark 1:15 *"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel."*

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK
February 25, 2024:
Second Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading:

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

2nd Reading: Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10



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.

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.

ASSISTIVE HEARING DEVICES

With our new sound system in place, we are once again offering assistive hearing devices for use during Mass. While we recommend you bring your own earbuds, we do have headsets you may borrow. Please see an usher if you wish to use one.

MASS COUNTS FOR LAST WEEKEND

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	201
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.	345
Sunday, 11:00 a.m.	356
TOTAL	902

LENT REGULATIONS FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for Baptism or of renewal of Baptism at Easter.

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 sessions scheduled at Prince of Peace are:

- **Sunday, February 25, 2024**
- **Sunday, March 17, 2024**
- **Sunday, April 7, 2024**
- **Sunday, April 28, 2024**
- **Sunday, June 9, 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, contact Melody.Smith@popparish.org for more information.

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

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

Our Treasures to the Lord

	Offertory	E-Giving	Weekly Needs	Over/(Short)*
Offertory				
Week Ending 01-07	\$ 6,947.20	\$ 6,455.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$ 1,099.20
Week Ending 01-14	\$ 4,705.25	\$ 6,060.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$ (1,537.75)
Week Ending 01-21	\$ 5,717.37	\$ 4,160.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$ (2,425.63)
Week Ending 01-28	\$ 5,765.25	\$ 4,880.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$ (1,657.75)
Total	\$ 23,135.07	\$ 21,555.00	\$ 49,212.00	\$ (4,521.93)

*Amount in () indicates negative

	Fiscal YTD 28-Jan-24	Week Collection 28-Jan
Funds collected:		
Capital Improvement:	\$ 23,937.31	\$ 201.00
Food Pantry:	\$ 20,349.31	\$ 393.00
Diocesan debt (BLUE env)	\$ 5,457.00	\$ 31.00
Homeless Meals:	\$ 9,337.33	\$ 576.00

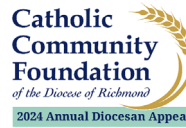
Thank you to all who contributed to the Bishops special Second Collection the last weekend of the year for Catholic Near East Warfare Association (CNEWA) and Pontifical Mission. Prince of Peace contributed \$1,221.02 locally. Thank you for always being there for others in need.

2023 TAX STATEMENTS

The Prince of Peace 2023 Year contribution statements are now available in your My Giving/My Own Church account. If you do not have access to a computer, to help offset costs, you may drop off your self-addressed stamped envelope and place it in the box in the commons during Mass or office hours. Alternatively, we are able to email a copy upon request. Call or email the office. If you encounter any issues with your contributions statement, please contact the bookkeeper during business hours. If you have any issues with your ParishSoft account set up or have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 757-547-0356 or pop.office@popparish.org.

GRANT RECEIVED

Prince of Peace received a \$1,000.00 award from the Diocesan Fuel and Hunger Fund established by the Diocese of Richmond. It will be used to provide assistance to people in need. The Fuel and Hunger Fund is made possible by contributions to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Thank you to all parishioners who made this award possible.



2024 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: SHARING HIS LOVE WITH OTHERS

Recently, many of you received a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal. We hope you will prayerfully consider this request. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our **In-Pew Process** at all Masses during the weekend of February 24th/25th. An important aspect of the Appeal is that all parishes receive back a portion of their funds collected to be used for important local priorities. This year, the funds returned to our parish will be used to help us prepare for our parish's 50-year anniversary celebration at Prince of Peace. This will include the refreshing and reorganizing of the worship area. Thank you in advance for your support of the 2024 Appeal.

2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others

We have received our third Parish sharing check (October) in the amount of \$6,111.75. This brings our total to date to \$28,302.02. Thank you for your support of the many Diocesan ministries in our parish and helping to renovate our parish rectory.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Please note as a Community of Faith, we offer our prayers for the sick. With so many requests for prayers, we have begun rotating names. Please be assured that sick loved ones and friends continue to be prayed for... Each week our petition, "For the sick.... especially all those who have asked for our prayers, including..."

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS: Rosa Iglesia, Margaret Gillaspie, Minnette Mergen, Walter Quigley, Tom Boone, June Baiocco, Christine Harrington, Josephine Tarquinio, Carolyn Seigle, Marie Kiesel, Louise Phillips, Eileen Ettwein, Dick DeLong, Joseph Rejuney, Joan Crane, Marie Kuenzer (MC), Susan Ott, Mary Oliver, Rodney Grenne, Barbara Sullivan, Mary Anne Agne, Phyllis Hunt, Evelyn Foley, Maureen Anderson, Steve Blum, Jane & Rick Gallagher.

CHESAPEAKE HEALTHCARE CENTER: Clair Saar, Mary Thatcher, Mike Walker, Anna Phillips, Rafaela Martinez, and Elizabeth Bolmarcich.

AT HOME: Kathryn Marks, Fannye Wickley, Gene DiPascale, 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: Jay Stefaney, Joseph Bertini, Glen Carey, Robert Stermer, Rustico Macasaet, Sandra Bullinger, and Monica Wheaton.



CF NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTER FOR SUNDAY CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES:

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>

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

February 18, 25; March 3, 10, 17, 24; April 7, 14, 21, 28; May 5

UPCOMING YOUTH IN MOTION EVENTS

- February 24 Confirmation practice
- February 25 CF Class
Confirmation Module 5
- February 28 Confirmation
- March 3 Hotdog Sunday after 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses
- March 17 CF Class
- March 24 CF Class – End of Year Celebration
- June 17-21 Paint Explosion Youth Mission



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SUPERBOWL OF CARING!

Prince of Peace youth would like to thank everyone who supported them at this year's SouperBowl of Caring fundraiser! This year, the proceeds from the SouperBowl of Caring will be used to stock our food pantry and bring new life to the Education Wing in our youth mission project. We collected almost 100 canned goods and food items for our food pantry. Additionally, with your generous contributions of \$574.38, we will convert the old chalkboards into whiteboards and paint colorful murals in the hallway of the Education Wing. It's not too late to help, as our QR code contributions link is open for another two weeks. Just choose "SouperBowl of Caring" as your fund. Thank you, Prince of Peace Family!



It's time to Spring Clean!

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The Society of St. Vincent De Paul is holding a drive thru drop off clothing drive.

Early bird drop off:

Friday, March 8th, 4pm-7pm

Main Event:

Saturday, March 9th,
9am -12pm

At: Saint Benedicts Parish
521 McCosh Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Pull up, drop off, and Go!



St. Vincent De Paul
Pray for us.



Chesapeake Council 8240

Fish Fry



(Prince of Peace Catholic Church,
621 Cedar Road)

February 23rd, March 15th, and March 22nd 5PM - 7PM

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL BE HOLDING A FISH FRY IN THE PARISH HALL ON FRIDAYS FEBRUARY 23RD, MARCH 15TH, AND MARCH 22ND, FROM 5 PM TO 7 PM. THE COST OF THE ALL YOU CAN EAT DINNER IS

\$15 - ALL YOU CAN EAT

\$5 - KIDS PIZZA MEAL

TAKE OUT ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR \$10 EACH. TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR.

Fish Meal Alaskan Pollock – Fried Fish
French Fries and Cole Slaw, Hushpuppies and Corn Bread
Drinks will be provided



Children's Worship Bulletin™

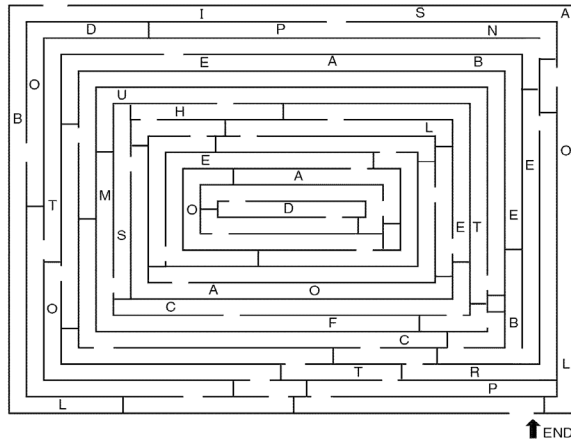
Ages 7+

February 18, 2024 • Mark 1:12-15

Jesus Is Tempted

After Jesus was baptized, the Spirit sent Him somewhere. Where was it?

Find the correct path through the maze and write the letters on the blanks below.



Enter your **SECRET CODE** to unlock games @ games.childrensbulletins.com **SECRET CODE** **CRMJQ4**

How many days was Jesus in the desert?

Do the math problems.
Write the most common answer on the line below.

$\begin{array}{r} 20 \\ + 30 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 20 \\ - 10 \\ \hline \end{array}$
$60 - 50 =$	$50 - 30 =$
$\begin{array}{r} 20 \\ + 20 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ + 20 \\ \hline \end{array}$
$\begin{array}{r} 20 \\ + 20 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$50 - 10 =$
$50 - 20 =$	$\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ + 30 \\ \hline \end{array}$

Jesus was in the desert for _____ days.



What message did Jesus proclaim in Galilee?

Use the code to fill in the letters on the blanks below

- ☆ = A
- ★ = B
- ☆ = C
- ★ = D
- ☆ = E
- ☆ = F
- ☆ = G
- ☆ = H
- ☆ = I
- ☆ = J
- ☆ = K
- ☆ = L
- ☆ = M
- ☐ = N
- ☐ = O
- ☐ = P
- ☐ = Q
- ☐ = R
- ☐ = S
- ☐ = T
- ☐ = U
- ☐ = V
- ☐ = W
- ☐ = X
- ☐ = Y
- ☐ = Z

"The time has come," He said.

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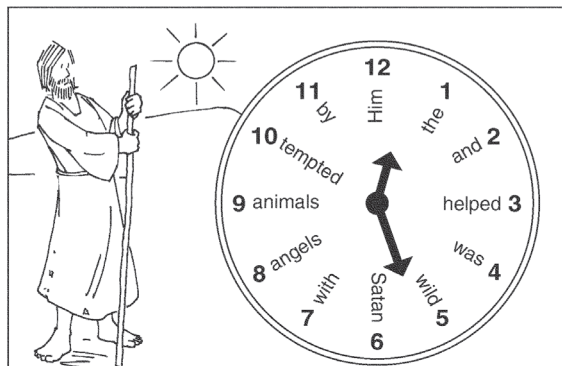
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☐ ☆ ☐ ☐ !”

What happened while Jesus was in the desert?

Use the clock code to fill in the blanks.



He _____

_____ He _____

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
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Scan Now




There's a place for everyone in the Music Ministry



<https://popparish.org/ministries/music-ministry/>

Music Rehearsal Schedule

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

HOUSING THE HOMELESS AT POP – MARCH 6-13, 2024!

Please sign up to help house 50 of our most needy homeless in Chesapeake. We need breakfasts, dinners, bus team, overnight team, cleanups, and activities volunteers. Please see our announcers after Masses with questions, text Mike Corrigan at 757-775-7696, and sign up online. We will also have an information session after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 18. Please get some breakfast from the Knights of Columbus and visit us in Classrooms 9/10.

THE CRY FROM THE CROSS

A Lenten retreat, *The Cry from the Cross*, will be offered on Tuesdays, February 20-March 26, at 2:00 p.m. We will follow the presentations on the site Pray As You Go. There is no book or workbook to purchase. Please join us in Room 10 (in the Education Wing) to view, pray, and grow together during this time of preparation for the Passion of Christ and His Resurrection. Contact Cheryl at 757-410-1525 or Bobbi at 757-560-4050 with any questions.

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.



JOIN US FOR
THEOLOGY ON TAP
 Called to Marriage:
 Dating, Relationships,
 and Family
 With Patrick and Eileen Mayette

2/29/2024
 7-9 PM \$3 Cover

Location: Vibrant Shore Brewing
 Food truck and free parking pass available on site.

HAMPTON ROADS CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB LUNCHEON

The Hampton Roads Catholic Singles Club will meet for lunch on Sunday, February 18 at 1:00 p.m. at Freemason Abbey in Norfolk. Afterwards, the group will visit the Chrysler Museum to view its Beatles photo exhibition. If you wish to attend, please call 757-746-4674 or email wmee1@cox.net to let us know that you will be coming.



Prince of Peace Volunteer of the Month for the maintenance department is Knights of Columbus Council 8240

The Knights of Columbus' principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism serve as the basis of the Order's core values which are Integrity, Professionalism, Excellence, and Respect.

The Knights of Council 8240 are a blessing to our church in so many ways, it is hard to keep track of the numerous projects and countless hours of volunteer service keeping Prince of Peace Church moving forward. The Knights spent long hours in the Summer heat taking back our parking lot from the overgrown forest, are constantly assisting with cleanups after church functions, repairing and replacing broken equipment, setting up and breaking down tables and chairs for functions, hauling away debris, donating money to church projects, and always with good spirits and comradery. The Knights of Council 8240 set the example of how to lead an exemplary Catholic life and serve as a role model for our youth.

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

John Leonard – Facility 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 coeeybrooks@cox.net. Thank you so much!!

BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU:

Thank you, blood donors! The Blood Drive on Monday, February 5, 2024, was a great success. We received **44 pints of blood**. Your gift of life is so precious and appreciated, especially at this time. Thank you to the Red Cross who managed the Blood Drive with great professionalism. Thank you also to our parishioners who volunteered to help make the Blood Drive run so smoothly, including Barb Blumfelder, Mary Williams, Louise Keegan, Linda Anderson, Mitch McDonald, Pat Mitolo, Al Frenette, Chris Janes, John Nogosek, Matt Yeager, and John Lawrence. We appreciate all your hard work and dedication.

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.

FREEWILL – LEAP INTO 2024 WITH FAITH AND PREPARATION

As we embrace the leap of 2024, we have an extra day – a perfect opportunity to reflect on our faith journey and plan for the future. Estate planning is an essential act of stewardship for Catholics, ensuring that our values and faith are woven into our future plans. In partnership with FreeWill, the Catholic Community Foundation offers a simple and free way for you to create your estate plan. This leap year, take the opportunity to ensure your legacy aligns with your spiritual values and contributes to the ongoing growth and strength of our parish community. Visit FreeWill.com/RichmondCatholicFoundation to start your estate planning today and take a leap of faith into the future. It is free, legal and user-friendly.



**FATHER ROMEO D. JAZMIN
FOOD PANTRY
MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION DATES...**
Saturday and Sunday: March 2/3
(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
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 the memo, write "Food Pantry." Thank you and God bless.



LUMEN CHRISTI LEGACY SOCIETY
February marks the end of the church Ordinary Time and begins the Holy Season of Lent. Though the shortest month, it contains a feast (Presentation of our Lord [February 2] and bridges two seasons Christmas and Easter). Also, the faithful may receive two Church sacramentals: blessed candles and the blessing of throats. Candles symbolize Christ the Light, "The Light of Revelation" shines brightly with each successive Sunday of the Ordinary Time. We prepare to accept the cross of blessed ashes on Ash Wednesday (February 14) and plunge ourselves into anticipating the major exercises of Lent – fasting, prayer, almsgiving – laying our thoughts and prayers on the heart of our Mother Mary, who offered her Son in the temple and on the Cross, will teach us how to deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and follow after her Son. In this time, let us grow in and strengthen our faith which binds all of us together and makes all things possible because of our love and devotion to Jesus. This is a time to consider your love for, and future needs of, our holy church community, Prince of Peace. An invested gift, in whatever amount you choose, is a manifestation of love that will provide future income for our church mission. 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."

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 the Grand Group. Next meeting is Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

- 11:00 a.m. – Celebrate Mass
- Carpool to Reserve at Greenbrier Independent Living located at 1005 Elysian Place. (Just beyond Greenbrier Mall)
- Lunch served upon arrival.
- Joan Motley welcomes everyone with presentation and tour of building plus grounds.
- Separate requests to see apartments can be scheduled.

Please contact Joan at 757-226-7468 or stanjam22@aol.com or Judy at 757-472-6008 or judithflorance@cox.net with questions.

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.

MARRIAGE RETREAT!

By offering Married Couples the beautiful experience of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, the Catholic Church is affirming and supporting you in your chosen vocation – Marriage. Take advantage of this great gift to enhance your relationship and enjoy a love-filled weekend away together. For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click “Apply” and search for “Virginia” or your desired location. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:
 March 1-3, 2024 – College Park, MD
 April 12-14, 2024 – Herndon, VA



PRINCE OF PEACE FUNERAL RECEPTION MINISTRY

The Funeral Reception Ministry provides a kind work of mercy by providing a delicious reception for families and friends after a Funeral Mass. The Ministry welcomes parishioners who would be interested in supporting us by donating a specialty dish, salad, or dessert for **upcoming receptions**. If you are interested in helping, please contact Judy Florance at judithflorance@cox.net OR Rosalyn Price at roz3@cox.net. We will add your name to the Funeral Reception Ministry Contact List and be in touch by text, phone or email (your preference) when a Funeral Reception is planned. There will not be a need for everyone on the list to provide a dish for each reception, contacts will be rotated. Thank you for supporting this caring Ministry.

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

Prince of Peace 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW) VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CLOW is the Liturgy of the Word suitably adapted for children ages 4 to 6 years old to make it relevant to their lives and experiences. It gives them the opportunity to understand the Gospel message. Our CLOW takes place during Mass and began in November; however, we are still looking for volunteers to help make this happen. If you are able to help with this program this year, please send an email to pop.office@popparish.org.

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