

# PRINCE *of* PEACE

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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or youtube.com

### Diocesan Website

www.richmonddioocese.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 3:30-4:45 P.M.

## REGISTER IN THE PARISH

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



**STAFF**

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Mrs. Melody Smith

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Mr. Joseph Guardino

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS WEEK: AUGUST 11-18, 2024**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11**

9:00 a.m. Mass  
10:15-10:45 a.m. Combined Rehearsal  
11:00 a.m. Mass

**MONDAY, AUGUST 12**

No Daily Mass

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 13**

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

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14**

9:00 a.m. Mass followed by the Praying of the Rosary  
10:00-11:30 a.m. Food Pantry Open

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15**

9:00 a.m. Mass followed by the Praying of the Rosary in the Parish Garden  
7:00 p.m. **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 16**

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

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17**

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

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18**

9:00 a.m. Mass  
10:15-10:45 a.m. Combined Rehearsal  
11:00 a.m. Mass  
1:00 p.m. Baptismal Parent Session (virtual)

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

**August 11, 2024: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**John 6:51** "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever."

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

**August 18, 2024: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1st Reading:** Proverbs 9:1-6

**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 5:15-20

**Gospel:** John 6:51-58

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 13**

Sonny Florance †

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14**

Arvis Bernadette Robertson †

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15**

9:00 a.m. Dolores Sabisky †  
7:00 p.m. Cynthia Ann Smith Pauler †

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 16**

Leonard Skebeck †

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17**

5:00 p.m. Karen Van Petten †

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18**

9:00 a.m. James Corrigan †  
11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

† denotes deceased

**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 COUNTS FOR LAST WEEKEND**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	190
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	306
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	315
<b>Total:</b>		<b>811</b>

**MASS INTENTIONS ARE AVAILABLE**

Mass intentions for the remainder of the 2024 Calendar Year are available! Please stop by the Parish Office to reserve dates for intentions. The requested donation amount is ten dollars for intentions, and Mass Cards are available.

**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.*

**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.*

**MISSION COOPERATIVE SUNDAY**

Thank you to our parishioners. Through your generous contributions, we will be sending over \$6,000.00 to the Mission Cooperative Program.

**ASSISTIVE HEARING DEVICES**

Our new sound system is now working with assistive hearing devices for use during Mass. While we recommend you bring your own earbuds, however, we do have headsets you may borrow. Please see an usher for assistance.

**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.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary CELEBRATION**

**ALL ARE INVITED! AUGUST 2024**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024 – THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (HOLY DAY)**  
 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses  
 Praying of the Rosary in the Parish Garden after the 9:00 a.m. Mass

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2024**  
 Holy Hour 6:00-7:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024**  
 Parish Picnic after the 11:00 a.m. Mass

**ATTENTION, CATHOLIC ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL AND POLICE/FIREMEN FIRST RESPONDERS**

Did you know that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, college scholarships are available to your children should you be killed or permanently disabled by hostile action while serving in the armed forces in a combat zone? This opportunity is also available to full-time firefighters and law enforcement officers who, while in the performance of their duties, die as a result of criminal violence directed towards them.

Benefits for children of these Fallen brother Knights include a \$25,000.00 scholarship per year at any four-year Catholic University anywhere in the continental limits of the U.S. For more information on how you can become a Knight of Columbus and how your children can become eligible for this scholarship should, God forbid, you be killed in the line of duty, please contact Council 8240 Grand Knight Mike Mastro at 908-399-3982 or Past Grand Knight Jerry Hart at 757-575-1857.

**2024 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: SHARING HIS LOVE WITH OTHERS**

As part of the Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Richmond Annual Appeal, Prince of Peace is scheduled to receive four parish-sharing checks in the upcoming year.

- 1st Round – Checks sent to parishes by July 29, 2024
- 2nd Round – Checks sent to parishes by October 31, 2024
- 3rd Round – Checks sent to parishes by January 31, 2025
- 4th Round – Checks sent to parishes by April 30, 2025

We have received our first parish sharing check this month in the amount of \$19,158.59. Thank you for your support of the many Diocesan ministries in our parish and helping to renovate our church for our 50th Anniversary.

**OUR TREASURES TO THE LORD**

**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, August 18, 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.

**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 07-07	\$ 7,557.25	\$ 7,748.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$ 3,002.25
Week Ending 07-14	\$ 5,037.31	\$ 6,264.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$ (1,001.69)
Week Ending 07-21	\$ 5,022.27	\$ 3,734.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$ (3,546.73)
Week Ending 07-28	\$ 7,378.00	\$ 4,132.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$ (793.00)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 24,994.83</b>	<b>\$ 21,878.00</b>	<b>\$ 49,212.00</b>	<b>\$ (2,339.17)</b>

*\*Amount in () indicates negative*

	NEW Fiscal Year	
	Fiscal YTD	Week Collection
	28-Jul-24	28-Jul
<b>Funds collected:</b>		
Capital Improvement:	\$ 2,579.10	\$ 1,361.10
Food Pantry:	\$ 1,956.20	\$ 474.00
Diocesan debt (BLUE env)	\$ 904.00	\$ 48.00
Homeless Meals:	\$ 5,989.00	\$ 206.00



Text “Give” to **757-300-0155** Thank you for your generosity!

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

- PoP Capital Improvement August 17/18, 2024
- PoP Capital Improvement September 14/15, 2024
- PoP Capital Improvement October 12/13, 2024

# Christian Formation

## CF NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

If your child is at least 7 years old and in 2nd grade by September 1st, he or she may be ready to begin preparation for First Eucharist. There will be an online registration meeting for parents who wish to find out more or to register their child for a sacrament. The next meeting is August 20th at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up for this from our webpage <https://popparish.org/sacraments/holy-eucharist/> or contact Melody.Smith@popparish.org for more information.

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION REGISTRATIONS 2024-2025

**Christian Formation Registrations for the school year 2024-2025 are now open!**

There will be three class models this year:

- **Friday Family Faith** – First Fridays 6:30-8:30 p.m.; remaining three classes per month are homeschooled
- **Elementary classes** – Sunday mornings 10:05-10:55 a.m. Between both Masses
- **Youth Ministry** – Sunday evenings 6:00- 8:00 p.m. Twice a month, plus events
- **Peer Ministry** – Sunday evenings, 5:00-8:00 p.m., Twice a month, plus events



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



### REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2024/2025 CONFIRMATION MEETING

If your son/daughter will be in 10th grade and at least 15 years old in September 2024, has celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, and wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in spring 2025: You and your Teenager are invited to attend a **mandatory** Confirmation Information Meeting on Sunday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m. This will be the last opportunity to register before classes begin on Sunday, September 15th. Please take a moment to register your teen. You will be provided the link to register for classes at the meeting. You may also register by using the QR code.



**First Eucharist Parent Meeting dates and registration coming soon!**

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

Children's Liturgy of the Word is on summer break for the rest of the summer. However, this is a great time to build up our volunteer base! It takes a lot of volunteers to help make CLOW successful. If you would like to volunteer, contact Melody.Smith@popparish.org. We will train you and pay for your safe environment class. For a list of VIRTUS Protecting God's Children trainings this summer, go to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org).



**UPCOMING YOUTH IN MOTION EVENTS:**  
 Stay tuned!

### VIRTUS:

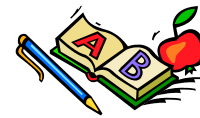
All Catechists, Assistants, VYMs, people in leadership roles, and those serving minors or vulnerable adults are required to register for and attend a one-time class, VIRTUS Protecting God's Children. Registration for the class will initiate the Safe Environment Screening which is required every five years. Please email our POP Safe Environment Coordinator at Melody.Smith@popparish.org for more information.



### YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

*We all need to take time to rest, retreat from the world, and recharge. This fall, young adults will have an opportunity for a spiritual weekend retreat in a relaxing beach environment. The Retreat will include a combination of keynote sessions and personal reflection times, and a priest will be available throughout the weekend for Mass, Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration. There will also be ample opportunities for prayer, fellowship, and downtime.*

The Retreat is intended for young adults ages 18-39. Single people and married couples are all welcome. The Retreat will take place October 18-20, 2024 at the Ramada Plaza Nags Head Oceanfront on the beach in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina. For more details: Young Adult Retreat – Evangelize Richmond



### SCHOOL DAYS \*\*\*SCHOOL DAYS \*\*\* SCHOOL DAYS

It is that time of year when our children are checking off their school supply list and filling their backpacks. More than ever, there are children who need our help to ensure they have the supplies needed to have a successful school year. During the months of July and August, there will be a school supply box in the Commons area where you can drop off school supplies for those children who are in need.

**School supplies that are needed:** Backpacks, pencils, pens, paper, glue, glue sticks, composition books, crayons, etc....

**Thank you for your help!**

Any questions, contact Kelly Bruno at [kelly.bruno@popparish.org](mailto:kelly.bruno@popparish.org).

## 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 states "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, Carolyn Seigle, Marie Kiesel, Louise Phillips, Eileen Ettwein, Dick DeLong, Joan Crane, Marie Kuenzer (MC), Susan Ott, Mary Oliver, Rodney Grenne, Barbara Sullivan, Mary Anne Agne, Phyllis Hunt, Maureen Anderson, Steve Blum, Jane & Rick Gallagher, Anita York, and Diane Davis.

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

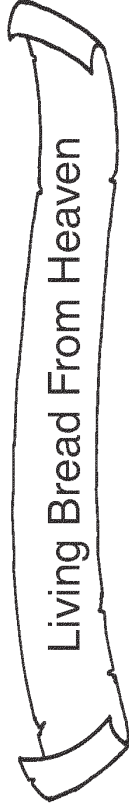
**AT HOME:** Kathryn Marks, Fanny Wickley, Gene DiPascale, Doris Moyer, Joseph Evan, Patty and Al Russell, Ada Murphy, Sherri Yewitt, Paul Michael Thomas, and Heather Speicher.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Kyle Clock, Josephine Tarquinio

# Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 3+

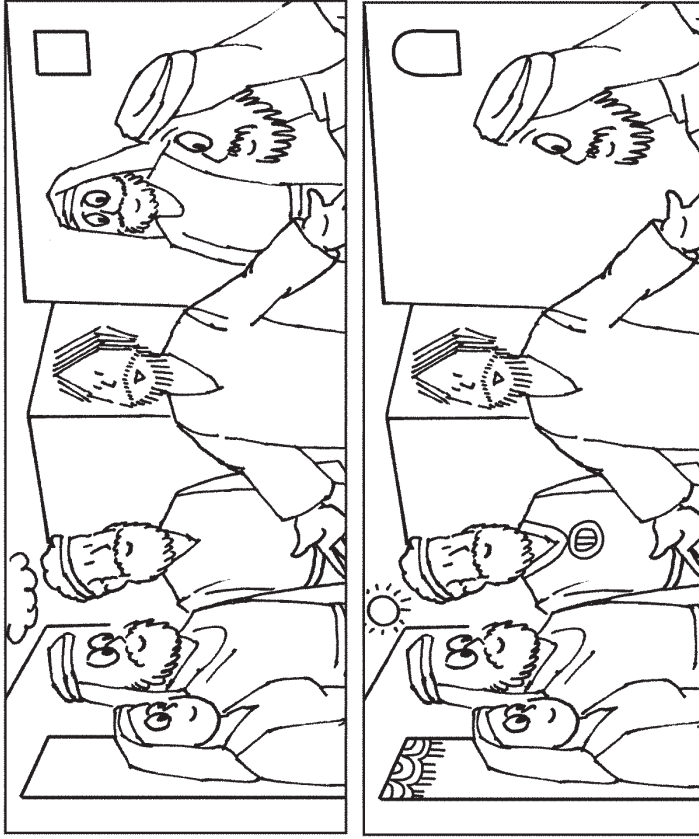
August 11, 2024 • John 6:35-51



Living Bread From Heaven

Some people wondered about Jesus.

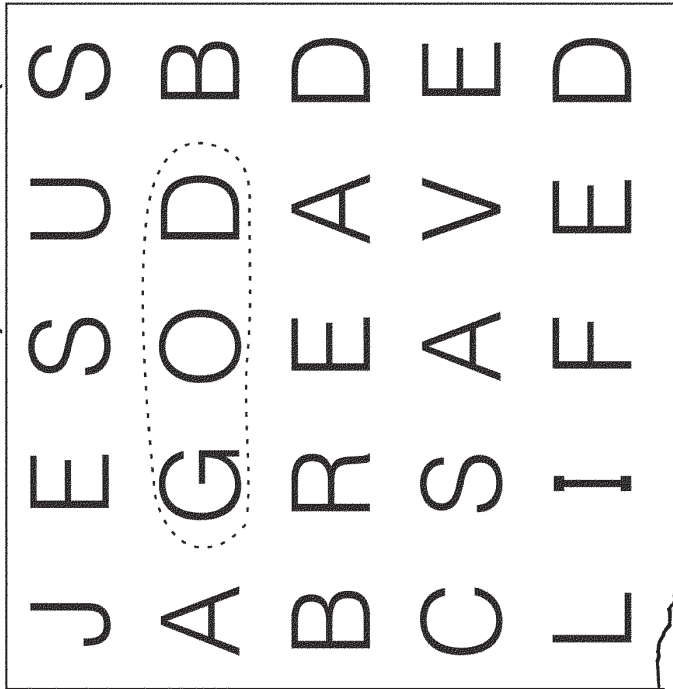
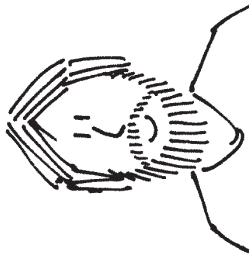
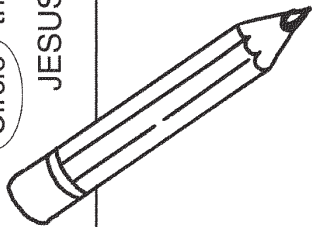
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Jesus is the bread of heaven and gives life to the world.

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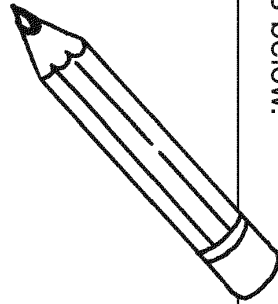
JESUS GOD BREAD SAVE LIFE





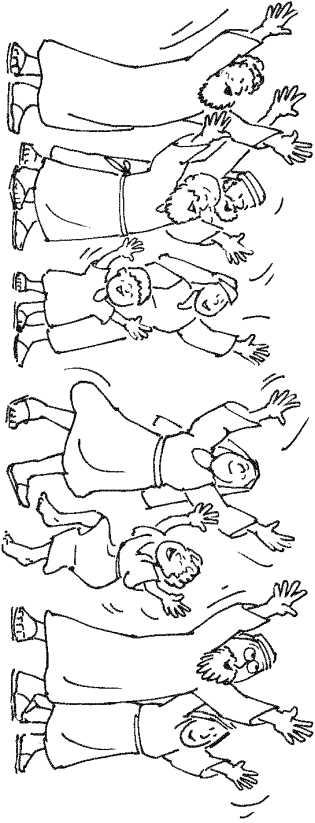
Jesus said, "The one who believes  
has eternal life.  
I am the bread of life."

Trace the words below.



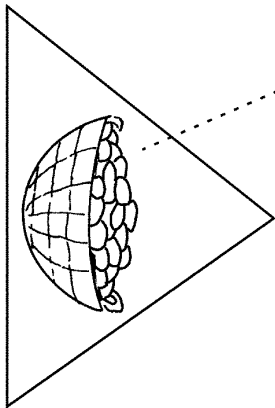
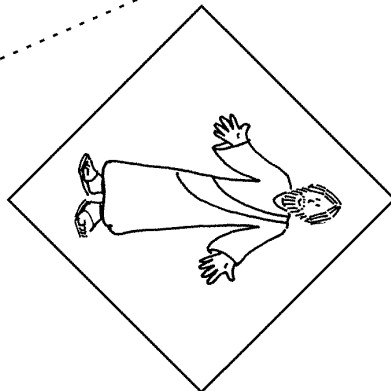
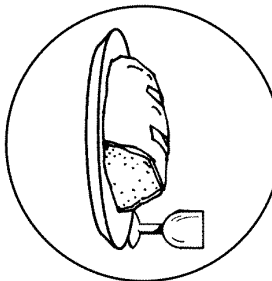
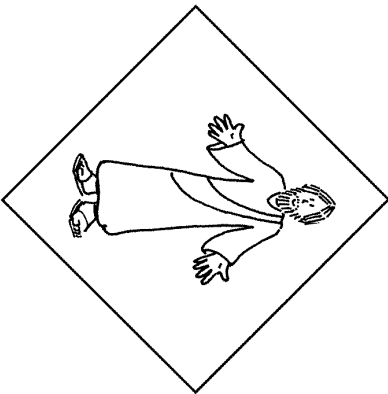
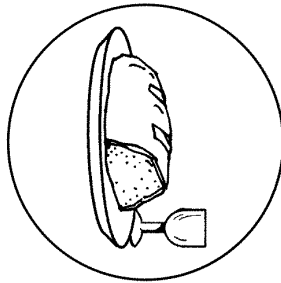
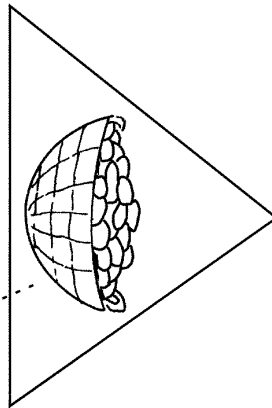
Eternal

Life



Jesus said, "I am the living bread  
that came down from heaven."

Match the shapes below.



**Dedicated to helping you heal**

Virtual Support Group for those who have suffered abuse by clergy or lay personnel residing in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.

We invite you to join the group on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. These gatherings, led by an independent facilitator, will offer a safe environment for participants to connect, share experiences, support, and heal.

*Spouses and affected community members are also welcome.*

Questions? Email [vac@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vac@richmonddiocese.org)

QR code for joining the virtual support group.

**FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR:**

Attention, all Parish Musicians, Singers, and lovers of music: Our choir and instrumental groups are preparing for an exciting, song-filled 50th Jubilee Year. For the 2024-2025 Year, we will have a Christmas Concert, participate in Simbang Gabi and Jubilee Mass, and introduce new music from Gregorian Chant to Contemporary Christian! In order to make this happen, we need you. If you have sung or played with us in the past, coming from another parish music program, or are new to music, *you are welcome!* Rehearsals start this August for our **Kickoff Choir Mass on September 8th**. Please see the Music Director, Joseph Guardino, if you are interested in joining.

**ATTENTION ALL PARISH YOUTH:**

Youth Choir registrations have begun! If you or your child are in grades 2-12 and want to learn how to sing, read music, and grow in faith, then Youth Choir is for you! We look forward to hearing from you. All are welcome, all belong! If you are interested, please fill out an interest form by scanning the QR code. We look forward to hearing from you.

Joseph.guardino@popparish.org • 757-547-0356



**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.

**PILGRIMAGE TO MARIAN SHRINES WITH FR. CHARLES & FR. JOHN BOSCO**

Lisbon, Fatima, Spain and Lourdes, September 23-October 2, 2024. Time is running out! See the flyers in the Commons for more information on this exciting trip. Contact Jan Barger at [j.barger@dreamvacations.com](mailto:j.barger@dreamvacations.com).

**DAY RETREAT:**

**STORY OF A SOUL, TRANSFORMATION IN CHRIST**

The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites are offering a day retreat based on the writings of St. Therese of Lisieux, presented by Rev. Dillon Bruce on August 17, 2024 from 9:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Please join us for a restful day at St. Clare of Assisi Retreat Center, 620 Buckroe Avenue, Hampton, VA 23664. Make your reservation now by texting or calling Maryann Ayer at 757-660-5510 or emailing [carmelconnect2020@gmail.com](mailto:carmelconnect2020@gmail.com). Offering: \$15.00 (payable on day of Retreat by cash or check)

**PEACE AND JUSTICE:**  
We strive to live the love of Christ  
by sharing it with those in our community.

**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](mailto:judithflorance@cox.net) or Rosalyn Price at [roz3@cox.net](mailto: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.



**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 support this ministry if you don't have time to make sandwiches, etc. It is as easy as going to the link via the QR code, ordering and having them sent to **POP – Homeless Meals**. The address will be available for you to choose, once you go to checkout!! If you have any questions at all, please just email me at [cooeybrooks@cox.net](mailto:cooeybrooks@cox.net). Thank you so much!!

**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 Mike Mastro at [45michael.mastro@gmail.com](mailto:45michael.mastro@gmail.com) or call 757-615-6285.

**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 Mary Riley at 757-560-6444.

**HELLO ALL POP PARISHIONERS!**

Our Annual Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, December 7th and that will be here before we know it. We are ramping up and looking for vendors. Tell your friends, family, and neighbors who might have a hobby and may be interested in attending the Fair as a vendor. Vendor applications are available using the QR code. Applications are also available in the Parish Office. For any questions, reach out to John Ricci at 757-995-5532. Thank you for your time and God bless!

**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.

**FREWILL - A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON OUR FAITH JOURNEY AND PLAN FOR THE FUTURE**

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**Father Romeo D. Jazmin Food Pantry**

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**CAMPAIGN COLLECTION DATES**

**Sat. & Sun: Sept. 7 & 8** *(Mark your calendar. Drop off food bags before each Mass in the Commons. Thank you.)*

**FOOD PANTRY HOURS...** Mondays, 9:00-10:00 am **(Drop off food.)** Pantry Volunteers are available to help with your bags and boxes.

**Wednesdays, 10:00am to 11:30am (Pick up & 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.)

**PLEASE CONSIDER...** Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Fruit & Vegetables, Canned Soup, and Tuna, Pork & Beans, Spaghetti & Sauce, and Applesauce.

{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 [popparish.org](http://popparish.org) and submit through E-giving. If you are writing a check, in memo, write "Food Pantry." Thank you and God bless. }

**We are in need of canned food! All new members of the parish are invited to join us in the food drive. Thank you and God Bless you!**

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**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.



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