

# PRINCE *of* PEACE

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Mass Live Stream

www.facebook.com/popchurchchesapeake/  
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

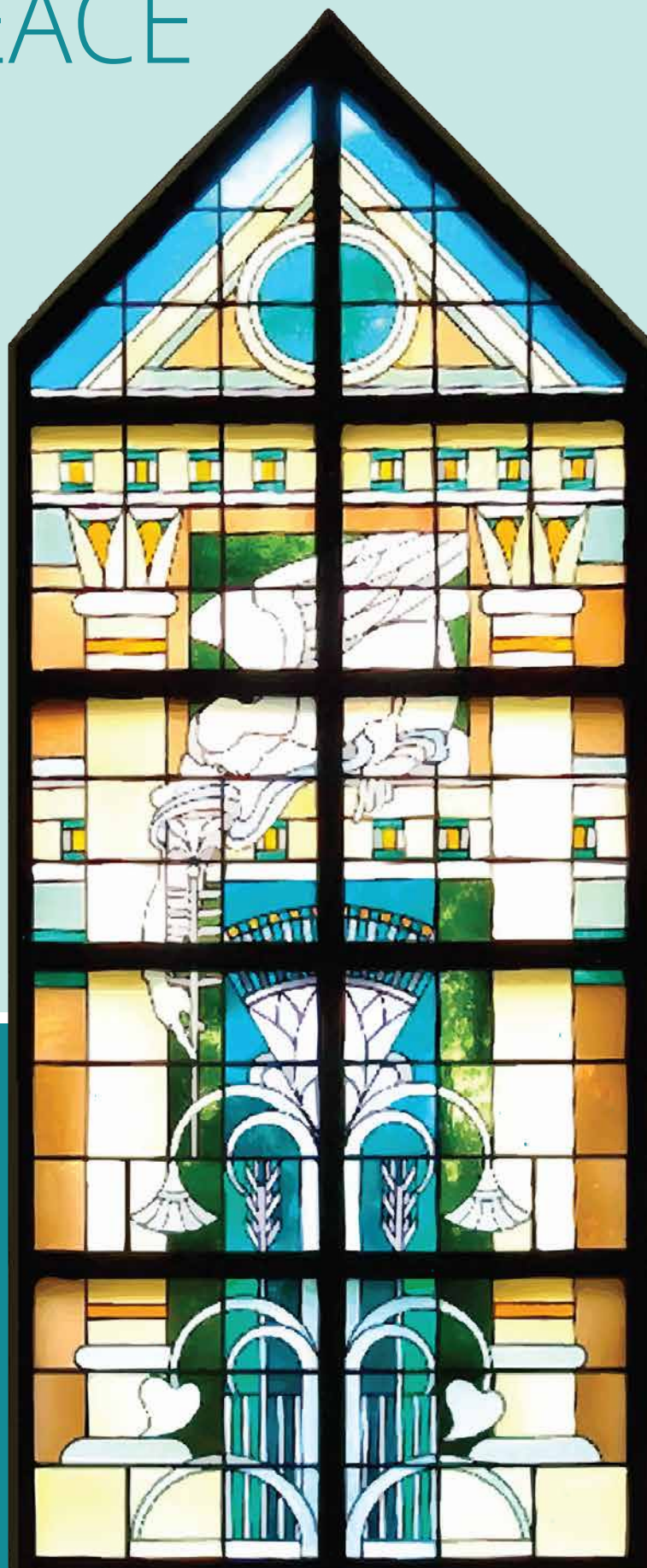
Saturday	5:00 P.M.	
Sunday	9:00 A.M.	
	11:00 A.M.	<i>Livestreamed</i>
Tuesday-Friday	9:00 A.M.	

## 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**

**PARISH SECRETARY:**  
Mrs. Shannon Schmidt

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Mrs. Melody Smith

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Mrs. Kelly Bruno

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Mr. Joseph Guardino

**BOOKKEEPER:**  
Mrs. Pam Lerach

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Mr. John Leonard

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**  
9:00 a.m. Maria Ofelia Shoester †

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**  
9:00 a.m. Michael Taphouse †

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**  
9:00 a.m. Joseph Tomayko †

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**  
5:00 p.m. Rosa Flores †

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**  
9:00 a.m. Olvis and Mary Sammons †  
11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

† denotes deceased

**MASS COUNTS FOR LAST WEEKEND**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	240
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	395
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	266
<b>Total:</b>		<b>901</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.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS WEEK: SEPTEMBER 22-SEPTEMBER 29, 2024**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**  
9:00 a.m. **Mass**  
10:00-11:00 a.m. Elementary Christian Formation  
10:15-10:45 a.m. Combined Rehearsal  
11:00 a.m. **Mass**  
1:00-2:00 p.m. Baptismal Preparation Class (Zoom)

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**  
No Daily Mass

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**  
No Daily Mass

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**  
9:00 a.m. **Mass** followed by the Praying of the Rosary  
10:00-11:30 a.m. Food Pantry Open

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**  
9:00 a.m. **Mass** followed by the Praying of the Rosary  
6:00-9:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting  
6:30-8:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting in Library

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**  
9:00 a.m. **Mass**  
6:30-8:30 p.m. Family Faith Orientation

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**  
3:30-4:45 p.m. Reconciliation  
5:00 p.m. **Mass**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**  
9:00 a.m. **Mass**  
10:00-11:00 a.m. Elementary Christian Formation  
11:00 a.m. **Mass**  
6:00-8:00 p.m. Middle & High School Christian Formation

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

**September 22, 2024: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Mark 9:37** "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**  
**September 29, 2024: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**1st Reading:** Numbers 11:25-29  
**2nd Reading:** James 5:1-6  
**Gospel:** Mark 9:38-43; 45; 47-48

**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.*

**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.*

**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.*

**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.

**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, September 22, 2024**
- **Sunday, October 20, 2024**
- **Sunday, November 24, 2024**
- **Sunday, December 15, 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.

**OCIA: Thinking of joining the Catholic Church???** Prince of Peace parish community offers “Order of Christian Initiation of Adults” (OCIA) process for those adults seeking to learn more about and join the Catholic Christian Faith. OCIA 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 OCIA journey, please contact Sister Dolores at the Parish Office at 757-547-0356, or email Sister.Dolores@popparish.org.

**FOOD PANTRY**

**CAMPAIGN for CANNED GOODS:**

**Purpose... Build an Inventory! Join us!**

**CAMPAIGN COLLECTION DATES:**

**Saturday/Sunday, October 5/6** (Mark your calendar. Drop off food bags before each Mass in the Commons. Thank you.)

**FOOD PANTRY HOURS:**

**Mondays, 9:00-10:00 a.m. (Drop off food.)**

Pantry Volunteers are available to help with your bags and boxes.

**Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m. (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 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 120 cans of 24 oz. Spaghetti Sauce for this month! Can you help? Thank you and God bless.**

**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.



**Get Your Affairs in Order:**  
**Four Things Your Family Will Thank You For Seminar**  
 You are invited to attend a free, information-only seminar hosted by Prince of Peace Catholic Church  
**Thursday, October 10th at 11 AM and 6 PM**  
 Refreshments will be served.  
**This seminar will provide free information on Wills, Trusts, Catholic Advanced Medical Directives, Catholic Funeral Mass & Burial Planning, and Guardianship.**  
 If you do not have a Will or need to update your current Will, please make an effort to join us. Attendees will receive copies of the Catholic Estate Planning Guide, Catholic Advanced Medical Directives, and the Catholic Funeral Planning Guide.  
 To reserve your seat, call the Parish Office at (757) 547-0356.

**WHERE DO OUR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT DONATIONS GO?**

With the closing of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, we are providing an update on a couple of our major projects in the parish.

ADA 2021 – The AV Ministry project was closed out with the upgrading of the sound system in the church. This upgrade included the new speakers, mics and hearing aid devices. This project was paid for by the funds from the Annual Diocesan Appeal of FY 2021. The cost of the upgrade exceeded the funds collected by \$2,235.79.

ADA 2023 – Additionally, we closed the books on the Rectory Renovation. This brought the rectory up to date and provided some long overdue repairs. This project was paid for by the funds from the Annual Diocesan Appeal of FY 2023. The cost of the repairs and upgrades exceeded the funds collected by \$15,431.72. The excess funds needed for these important initiatives were provided by your ongoing contributions to our capital improvement fund. These important funds help with projects but also the ongoing maintenance of our building.



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

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

- PoP Capital Improvement October 12/13, 2024
- World Mission Collection October 19/20, 2024
- PoP Capital Improvement November 16/17, 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. Please contact: [Melody.Smith@popparish.org](mailto:Melody.Smith@popparish.org) for more information.

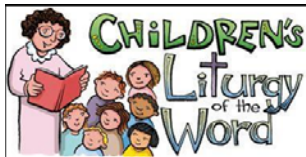
### CHRISTIAN FORMATION 2024-2025

There are three class models this year:

- **Friday Family Faith** – 1st Fridays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., remaining 3 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](mailto:Melody.Smith@popparish.org)  
 Middle School/High School Formation & Peer Ministry – [Kelly.Bruno@popparish.org](mailto:Kelly.Bruno@popparish.org)



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

Resumes September 22nd at the 9:00 a.m. Mass for children ages 4-6 years old and those in Kindergarten. For more information about CLOW or to volunteer to help with CLOW, please contact Melody Smith at [Melody.Smith@popparish.org](mailto:Melody.Smith@popparish.org).

### 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](mailto: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



If you're over 70 ½, making a Qualified Charitable Distribution to our parish from your IRA will support the good works we do in our parish community. To make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA, contact your IRA administrator or parish staff with questions.

**TIGERS NEEDED!**

**PAINTERS, CARPENTERS, ELECTRICIANS, ROOFERS, BRICKLAYERS, & LANDSCAPERS**

**FOR PRINCE OF PEACE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**SIGN UP AFTER MASSES IN THE COMMONS**

**JERRY HART 757.575.1857**

**JSANDYHART@AOL.COM**

## 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:** Jim Daffron, Jean Lamont, Emily Lutz, Becky Schares, Kathryn Marks, Fannye Wickley, Gene DiPascale, Joseph Evan, Patty and Al Russell, Ada Murphy, Sherri Yewitt, Paul Michael Thomas, and Heather Speicher.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Darrin Andre Colbourne, Regina Parker, Doris Moyer, John Lasko, Jr., Lucille Antroinen

## PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

**Puebla, Mexico City, Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pyramids, Ocatlan, Tlaxcala**

**Daily Mass with Fr John Bosco Walugembe**

**MARCH 14-19, 2025 ( 6 Days)**

**Tour cost: \$2,399.00 with taxes from Norfolk, VA**

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Round trip airfare from Norfolk, VA</li> <li>- 5 Nights Accommodations at 4-star hotel</li> <li>- 5 Breakfast, 5 dinners</li> <li>-English speaking guide to all tours and visits-</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All entrance fees in the itinerary</li> <li>- Daily Mass</li> <li>- Deluxe air-conditioned bus</li> <li>- Hotel taxes, baggage handling, service charges</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Not included: Tips to driver and guide, lunch, drinks, personal items, travel insurance, baggage allowance</b></p>   |  |

### ITINERARY

**DAY 1, March 14, 2025, Friday, USA- MEXICO CITY - PUEBLA**

Depart from Newark, NJ to Mexico City. On arriving, we'll meet our guide for our five-day adventure. Transfer to our hotel. Dinner and overnight in Puebla.

**DAY 2, March 15, 2025, Saturday Puebla- Rosary Church, San Francisco Church, Cathedral-Cholula-Puebla**

On our sightseeing tour, we will visit the Cathedral dedicated to the Immaculate Conception, and a treasure of colonial art, the Church of St. Dominic to admire the Chapel of Our Lady of the Rosary built in 1690. This is an outstanding example of Mexican Baroque, with dazzling use of gilded stucco and onyx stonework. Then we will see the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, where you will view the incorrupt body of Blessed Sebastian of Aparicio. This afternoon we will have time for shopping at the local Parian market with its colorful, glazed pottery. Enjoy a typical poblano lunch and mole tasting at a local restaurant. Dinner and overnight in Puebla.

**DAY 3, March 16, 2025, Sunday Puebla – Tlaxcala – Shrine of San Miguel Del Milagros – Ocotlan – Mexico City**

Drive to Tlaxcala and the Shrine of San Miguel Del Milagro. Celebrate Mass at the site where St Michael the Archangel appeared to Diego Lazaro in 1631, directing him to the Grotto and to a well of miraculous curative waters. Visit the Grotto and healing waters. We will travel to the Basilica of Our Lady of Ocotlan to see the image of Our Lady burnt into a tree trunk after she appeared to Juan Diego Bernardino in 1541. Dinner and overnight in Mexico City.

**DAY 4, March 17, 2025, Monday, Pyramids-Shrine of Our Lady-Mexico City**

After breakfast, we will drive to Teotihuacan to see the Pyramid of the Sun and the Pyramid of the Moon and ancient structures. Our next visit is to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of the Americas. Celebrate Mass in the brilliantly colored, modern Basilica dedicated in 1976. Join your prayers with those of other pilgrims as you kneel before the altar displaying the astounding Tilma, the sackcloth bearing the image of the Holy Virgin. Dinner and Overnight in Mexico City.

**DAY 5, March 19, 2025, Tuesday- Zocola- Xochimilco-Coyoacan**

Drive through the Zocalo, the Metropolitan Cathedral, and the National Palace and the Santo Domingo Church. We travel by way of the Plaza of the Three Cultures (Tlatelolco) to visit the baptismal place of Juan Diego. Then we will drive to Xochimilco to have a boat ride. End of the boat ride, we will drive to Coyoacan to visit the church of St. John of the

Baptist, enjoy the traditional Mexican coffee “ Café El Jarocho” and varieties flavors of churros. Then, visit the Church of San Jose del Altillo to see the crypt where Blessed Conchita Cabrera is buried. Dinner and overnight in Mexico City.

**DAY 6, March 19, 2025-Wednesday- MEXICO CITY – USA**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight back home.



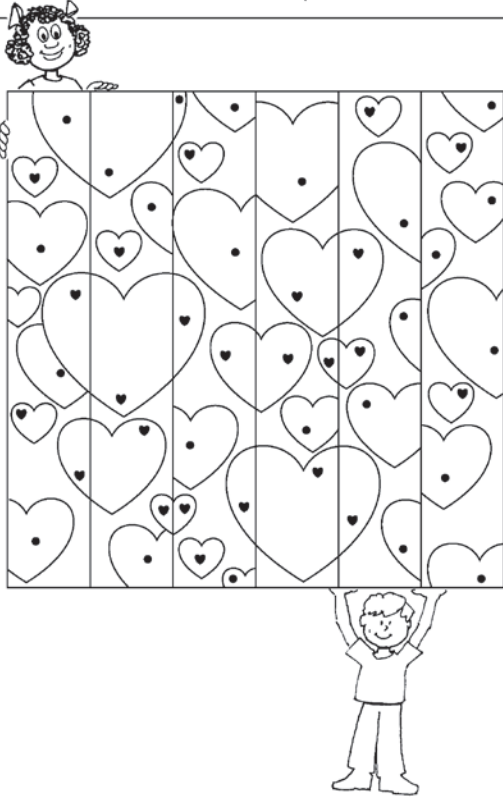
### FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS

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Ask God with the right ♥ .

Circle 8 things that are wrong.



# Children's Worship Bulletin™



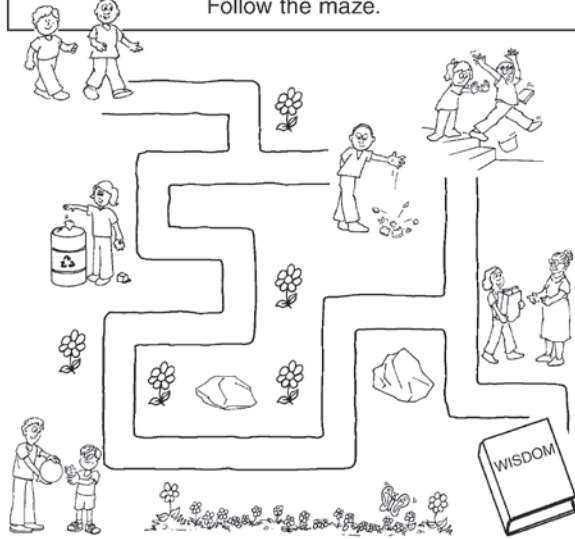
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September 22, 2024 • James 3:13-18; 4:1-3, 7-8

## Two Kinds of Wisdom

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Come near to God and . . .



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**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!* Please see the Music Director, Joseph Guardino, at [Joseph.guardino@popparish.org](mailto:Joseph.guardino@popparish.org) or 757-547-0356 if you are interested in joining.



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**Youth Choir**

**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](mailto:Joseph.guardino@popparish.org) or 757-547-0356



**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](mailto:oliviafreeman804@outlook.com)



**THEOLOGY ON TAP**

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO TRUST IN JESUS?**

Sept 26  
7-9pm

Vibrant Shore Brewing Co  
@ Back deck beer garden (if able)  
505 18th St Virginia Beach, VA 23452

**TRAVIS RODGERS**

YOUTH MINSITER FROM ASCENSION

FREE Parking - please park in the SSI lot just on the corner

FOOD TRUCK WILL BE ON SITE FOR A MEAL

**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](mailto:greatfx35@gmail.com) or call 757-615-6285.

**PRESENTATION: CALLED TO FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP**

**Jeff Caruso, Executive Director,**

**Virginia Catholic Conference**

**October 9, 2024, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

**Church of St. Therese,**

**4137 Portsmouth Boulevard, Chesapeake, VA 23321**

Join us to welcome Jeff Caruso, Executive Director of the Virginia Catholic Conference, the public-policy office of Virginia's Catholic bishops and their dioceses. Join us to learn about the VCC's mission, the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, and how to be faithful citizens this election season and throughout the year.

**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 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.



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

**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 Katerina Blackstone at 757-288-6766.

**HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR**

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.



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY MEETING**

**Thursday, September 26th in the Library, 6:30 p.m.**

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 PARISH SURVEY - 2024 (SEPTEMBER 7TH-OCTOBER 8TH)**

This survey is anonymous. We ask that one survey per household be completed. The purpose of this survey is to evaluate the effectiveness of our parish ministries in providing for the spiritual, educational, and social needs of the parishioners. We will use the results of this survey to make immediate corrections and to plan for the next 5 to 10 years.

Please use the QR Code or <https://forms.office.com/r/KxfEeHdLHJ> to respond to this anonymous survey on your computer or mobile device (e.g. Smart Phone, Tablet).



**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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# Grand Group News

**Tuesday, October 1st**  
 11 a.m. Senior Mass  
*Followed by lunch, meeting & activity*

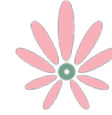
Grand Group held their first meeting on the first Tuesday of September. It was wonderful seeing new faces.  
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For more information:  
 Joan: stanjam22@aol.com

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Prince of Peace is sponsoring a RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Monday, October 7, 2024, 1:00-6:00 p.m., POP Parish Hall Please save the date and encourage your friends and family to give much needed blood. The Red Cross has been experiencing a blood donor shortage all summer. So, please help if you can! To schedule an appointment, please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: POPCath. (On the day of your appointment, save up to 15 minutes by visiting [redcrossblood.org/rapidpass](http://redcrossblood.org/rapidpass) to complete your predonation reading and health history questions before you arrive.)

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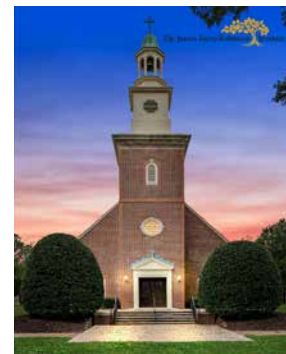
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