# PRINCE of PEACE

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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.

Rejoice

in the Lord always; again, I will say,



Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near." – Philippians 4:4-5



#### PRINCE OF PEACE

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CTAFE	CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS WEEK: DECEMBER 1-8, 2024		
STAFF	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1		
	9:00 a.m.	Mass	
PARISH SECRETARY:	10:15-11:00 a.m.	Combined Music Rehearsal	
Mrs. Shannon Schmidt	11:00 a.m.	Mass	
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:	4:00-6:00 p.m.	A Little Holy & A Little Holly Youth Eucharistic Adoration	
Mrs. Melody Smith	MONDAY, DECEMBER 2		
YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT COORDINATOR:	No Daily Mass		
Mrs. Kelly Bruno	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3		
MUSIC MINISTER:	9:00 a.m.	Mass followed by the Praying of the Rosary	
Mr. Joseph Guardino	10:15-11:45 a.m.	Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study Group	
BOOKKEEPER:		Social and Fellowship in Rooms 9/10	
Mrs. Pam Lerach	11:00 a.m.	Grand Group Mass	
	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study Group	
FACILITIES MAINTENANCE		Social and Fellowship in Rooms 9/10	
COORDINATOR:	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBE		
Mr. John Leonard	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Mass followed by the Praying of the Rosary	
CHAIRPERSONS	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Open Children's Choir	
Parish Council:	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Mark Shepard757-567-8592	6:00-7:00 p.m. THURSDAY, DECEMBER		
Finance Council:	9:00 a.m.		
Barb Blumfelder757-548-1951	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Daytime Choir Rehearsal	
MINISTRY CHAIRPERSONS	7:00 p.m.	Parish Advent Reconciliation Service	
Christian Formation:	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6	ransh Advent Neconcillation Service	
Heather Thomas757-619-8776	9:00 a.m.	Mass followed by Exposition and	
Community Life:	5.00 4.111.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Sheila Gargiulo716-244-2031	10:30 a.m.	Knights of Columbus Meeting for First Friday	
Evangelization/Peace & Justice:	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Family Faith	
Mary Riley757-560-6444	SATURDAY, DECEMBER		
Liturgy:	9:00-3:00 p.m.	Holiday Craft Fair	
Debbie Tucker757-436-0456	3:30-4:45 p.m.	Reconciliation	
Stewardship:	5:00 p.m.	Mass (Baptism)	
Alan Cole757-802-5820	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8		
	9:00 a.m.	Mass	
		Waffle Breakfast Youth Fundraiser after Masses	
MASS INTENTIONS	10:00-11:00 a.m.	Elementary Christian Formation	
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3	10:15-11:00 a.m.	Combined Music Rehearsal	
9:00 a.m. Cristina Almaden †	11:00 a.m.	Mass	
11:00 a.m. Deceased Members of	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Middle and High School Christian Formation	
Grand Group †			
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4	THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTU	RE OUOTE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK	
9:00 a.m. Marcelo M. Chiong †	FOR MEDITATION	December 8, 2024:	

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 9:00 a.m. Eudocia E. Chiong † FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 9:00 a.m. Theresa Aaron Mass Intention SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 5:00 p.m. James Corrigan † SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 9:00 a.m. Bruce Windorf † 11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

*† denotes deceased* 

#### 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.

# FOR MEDITATION December 1, 2024: First Sunday of Advent Luke 21:36 "Be vigilant at all times."

#### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK December 8, 2024: Second Sunday of Advent 1st Reading: Baruch 5:1-9 2nd Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

#### **ORATIO IMPERATA:**

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

#### PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

As we pray for peace and an end to violence throughout the world, we as a parish community will pray the Prayer to St. Michael after Mass. The prayer will be prayed after the Final Blessing and before the Recessional.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

# 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: Patricia Byrne, Rosa Iglesia, Margaret Gillaspie, Minnette Mergen, Walter Quigley, Tom Boone, June Baiocco, Christine Harrington, Carolyn Seigle, Marie Kiesel, Louise Phillips, 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: Mary Thatcher, Mike Walker, Rafaela Martinez.

AT HOME: Molly Newman, Shawn Ries, Elma Alviar, Beth Ryker, Betssie Ellen Reed, Shirley Byrd, Kathryn Marks, Elisa Agudelo, Jean Lamont, Emily Lutz, Kathryn Marks, Fannye Wickley, Gene DiPascale, Joseph Evan, Patty and Al Russell, Ada Murphy, Sherri Yewitt, Paul Michael Thomas, and Heather Speicher.

**IN THE HOSPITAL: Mike Zimmerman** 

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Eileen Ettwein, Sal Alvarado, Kalin Kines, Mary Wisenburg, Cristina Almaden, Alex Frenette, James Roy, Delores Caccamo, Jim Daffron

#### **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.



Text "Give" to 757-300-0155 or visit www.popparish. org to sign up for E-Giving. This helps to reduce our mailing costs. After your account is set up, please email pop.office@popparish.org to let us know to stop mailing your

envelopes. Thank you for your generosity!

#### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Retired Religious December 7/8, 2024 PoP Capital Improvement December 14/15, 2024 Catholic Charities December 24/25, 2024

#### **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 has received our second of four parish sharing checks this month in the amount of \$6,452.50. This brings our total parish share to date \$25,611.09. Thank you for your support of the many Diocesan ministries in our parish and helping to renovate our church for our 50th Anniversary.

#### **PASTORAL COUNCIL VACANCIES**

Prince of Peace currently has three Pastoral Council vacancies. In coordination with Father John Bosco, Council develops the Parish Mission Statement, vision, plans and policy. Please contact the Church Office for more information at 757-547-0356.

#### ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

Prince of Peace Altar Server Ministry still has 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.

# **SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISMS: Baptismal Preparation –** In preparation to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism with an infant, the parents are asked to attend a Baptismal Preparation Session at Prince of Peace. Sessions are being held by Zoom. The sessions will begin at 1:00 p.m. and last 45 minutes to an hour. The next sessions scheduled at Prince of Peace:

- Sunday, December 15, 2024
- Sunday, January 19, 2025
- Sunday, February 16, 2025

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.

Prince of Peace Donor Free



The Prince of Peace Donor Tree in the Commons of the Church is a permanent means for our community to offer remembrances and to mark milestones; etching in time significant events in

our Parish Family. This ongoing project raises capital for future Parish needs. The tree was installed May 20, 2018 to coordinate with the birth of the Church on Pentecost Sunday. Like our Parish, we'd love to see our tree grow in commemoration of our 50th Anniversary. To place an order, please contact the Parish Office or Alan Cole at alan.cole@popparish.org.





**CF NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 





Christian Formation Class December 1st, 4-6 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration followed by dessert & appetizer celebration, hot cocoa bar, games, Christmas movie, and Christmas card making

# Grades K-2 please bring appetizers Grades 3-5 please bring desserts

#### 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 for more information.

# **CHRISTIAN FORMATION 2024-2025**

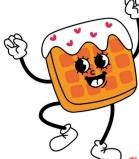
There are three class models this year:

- 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 Middle School/High School Formation & Peer Ministry -Kelly.Bruno@popparish.org



# Youth Waffle Sunday! Sunday, December 8th

after 9 and 11 am Masses! Join us for a delicious breakfast of waffles and sausages. DONATIONS ONLY



Your generous donations help support our children and teen programs, events, retreats, and missions.

Thank you for giving generously to our youth!

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) will resume after completion of painting in the Worship Space.

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# DECEMBER 3RD IS IGIVE CATHOLIC GIVING TUESDAY!

Your donations support Prince of Peace Youth programs, classes, events, retreats, and missions.



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Sign up for Flocknote and receive Parish communications, ministry updates and information about Parish happenings. Simply text "POP" to **84576** and follow the prompts. Please call the Parish Office if you need assistance.

# **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.

# 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 5 years.

Please email our POP safe environment coordinator Melody. Smith@popparish.org for more information.



# Advent: From the website of the United States Catholic Bishops:

# Advent

Advent (*ad-venio* in Latin or "to come to") begins the Church year and consists of the four Sundays before Christmas. The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. Advent devotions remind us of the meaning of the season. Special Advent Devotions: the lighting of the Advent wreath each Sunday during Advent. Advent prayers prepare us spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

# Advent Wreath

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the Third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His Second Coming to judge the living and the dead.

# **Advent Prayers**

Advent prayers call to mind our preparation for the Lord's coming on Christmas and His Second Coming at the end of the world. The Advent theme of preparing one spiritually requires special Advent prayers focused on waiting, watching, and hoping for the Lord's coming. Many Advent prayer books include daily prayers, while others involve the writings of popular Catholics including Pope John Paul II or Fulton Sheen. Other prayers are meant specifically to be said along with an Advent wreath.

# Prayer of Blessing For Your Home Advent Wreath

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ: He is Emmanuel, the hope of all people, He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, He is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, let Your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this Advent wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

# Advent Wreath Prayers First Week of Advent

Light the first purple candle

# Prayer:

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the dangers that come upon us through our sins; and be a Redeemer to deliver us; Who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

# Alternate/Complementary Prayer:

O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, desire of every nation, Savior of all peoples, come and dwell among us.

(From Christmas Prayers, Victor Hoagland, C.P.)

# Scriptures:

Isaiah 11:1-10	Isaiah 7:10-14
Luke: 1:26-38	Matthew 1:18-24

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# Second Week of Advent

# Light 2 purple candles.

# **Praver:**

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the paths of Your Only-begotten Son: that we may worthily serve You with hearts purified by His coming: Who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

# **Alternate/Complementary Prayer:**

O King of all nations, Jesus Christ, only joy of every heart, come and save Your people. (From Christmas Prayers, Victor Hoagland, C.P.)

# Scriptures:

Micah 5:2	Isaiah 2:1-5
Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11	Matthew 3:1-6

# Third Week of Advent

Light 2 purple candles and the rose candle.

# **Prayer:**

We beseech You to listen to our prayers, O Lord, and by the grace of Your coming enlighten our darkened minds: You who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

# **Alternate/Complementary Prayer:**

O Key of David, Jesus Christ, the gates of heaven open at Your command, come and show us the way to salvation. (From Christmas Prayers, Victor Hoagland, C.P.)

# Scriptures:

Isaiah 9:6-7 John 1:19-34

# Fourth Week of Advent

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Philippians 2:1-11

Light 3 purple candles and the rose candle.

# **Prayer:**

Pour forth Your power, O Lord, and come: Assist us by that mighty power, so that by Your grace and merciful kindness we may swiftly receive the salvation that our sins impede: Who lives and reigns with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God. world without end. Amen. **Alternate/Complementary Prayer:** 

O Wisdom, Holy Word of God, Jesus Christ, all things are in Your hands, come and show us the way to salvation. (From Christmas Prayers, Victor Hoagland, C.P.)

# Scriptures:

Malachi 3:1-5 Romans 8:18-25 Isaiah 52:7-10 Revelation 21:1-4

# (Optional)

# **Christmas Eve/Christmas Day**

Light 3 purples candles and the rose candle.

Light a white candle placed in the center.

# **Prayer:**

God of love, Father of all, the darkness that covered the earth has given way to the bright dawn of Your Word made flesh. Make us a people of this light. Make us faithful to Your Word that we may bring Your life to the waiting world. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (From The Roman Missal, Catholic Book Publishing Co.)

# **Alternate/Complementary Prayer:**

Let the just rejoice, for their justifier is born. Let the sick and infirm rejoice, For their savior is born. Let the captives rejoice, For their Redeemer is born. Let slaves rejoice, for their Master is born. Let free men rejoice, For their Liberator is born. Let All Christians rejoice, For Jesus Christ is born. St. Augustine of Hippo

# Scriptures:

Isaiah 9:1-6 John 1:1-18 Luke 2:1-20 Titus 2:11-14



# Additional Advent Resources

- United States Catholic Bishops Website: -• Prayer and Worship: usccb.org
- FORMED See our parish bulletin for details.
- Prince of Peace Parish Facebook Page
- Pray as you Go https://pray-as-you-go.org
- Catholic Relief Services: • www.crsfairtrade.org/advent
- Loyola Press:loyolapress.com •

#### **MEN'S GROUP**

Prince of Peace is starting a Men's Group in January: Men of St. Joseph. Anyone interested is asked to contact Sister Dolores for more details.





Sign-ups for the Advent Tree Program, which provides gifts and food baskets for the less fortunate in the community will continue through December 7/8. For more information, please contact Julie Chandoo at 287-2916 or jchandoo@cox.net.



#### HELPING OUR HOMELESS CHESAPEAKE NEIGHBORS

Agape Feast is an ecumenical homeless outreach ministry at Prince of Peace. The ministry is in dire need of shelf-stable food donations items, like fruit cups, chicken, cracker packs, individual serving size raisin packs, and more. We distribute

and serve about 160 meals a week to people who are living on the streets, in their vehicles, or in encampments. Your donation of the food items we need is incredibly valuable to those we serve. It is as easy as going to this **QR Code, ordering and having items 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 cooeybrooks@cox.net. Thank you.

# **FOOD PANTRY**

The Food Pantry fed 168 families this Thanksgiving, which included moms, dads, children and grandparents. God bless you, and thank you to our Food Pantry volunteers, parishioners and patrons for their food and financial support towards the Thanksgiving Bags. **FOOD COLLECTION DATES** 

#### Saturday and Sunday: December 7 and 8 (*Mark your calendar*. *Drop off food bags before each Mass in the Commons. Thank you.*) **HOLIDAY FOOD PANTRY HOURS...**

We reopen Monday, December 2, and are closed December 23 until January 6, 2025.

**We are in need of:** Spaghetti Sauce, Ramen Noodles, Canned: Tuna, Soups, Fruit and Vegetables

Drop off December 7 and 8 at Mass...

Consider a monthly financial contribution and the pantry will do the shopping. How much? Just remember you can't out give the Lord. Talk it over with the Holy Spirit, He will guide you.

#### How can I contribute to the Food Pantry...?

Food Pantry Contribution Box...Located in the Commons, sets on table near entrance to kitchen

Offertory Basket at Mass... Check made out to POP Church and in Memo: Food Pantry

E-Giving...Go to church website at www.popparish.org to sign up for church giving. Follow POP Parish Soft commands for donation to Food Pantry Funds.

Church Office...Walk-in

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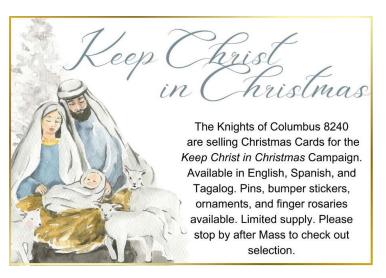
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#### HOMELESS ASSISTANCE VOLUNTEERS

Agape Feast of Prince of Peace needs at least 6 people to become Team Members for our Parking Lot Food Distribution Program. The distribution takes only about 30 minutes (4 days every 2 1/2 months before regular travel times to work.) Please consider being a part of the team that makes such a huge difference in the lives of those we serve. Please speak with Katerina Blackstone for information: 757-288-6766.

#### **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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#### 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 or 757-547-0356, if you are interested in joining.



#### 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 (six days).** 

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

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR:** Round-trip airfare from Norfolk, VA; All entrance fees in the itinerary; Five nights accommodations at four-star hotel; five breakfasts, five dinners; daily Mass; hotel taxes, baggage handling, service charges.

**Not included:** Tips to driver and guide, lunch, drinks, personal items, travel insurance, baggage allowance.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS: Contact Josie Anacta at 757-729-5685 (cell) or email louieanacta@gmail.com.

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Our **Annual Holiday Craft Fair** will be held on **Saturday, December 7th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** with over 50 vendors. Tell your friends, family, and neighbors who might be interested. For any questions, reach out to John Ricci at 757-995-5532.



#### PRINCE OF PEACE SIMBANG GABI MINISTRY

The *Simbang Gabi* is an ancient but little-known custom of preparing for the coming of the Child Jesus. It is a long-treasured Philippine tradition, originally a series of "dawn Masses" for nine consecutive days before Christmas Day. Its liturgical significance emanates from the Season of Advent, being the time of spiritual preparation and purification to welcome and receive the Child Jesus in our midst. The Mass at Dawn, *Simbang Gabi*, is a Novena to the Blessed Mother. It starts every December 16th and is one of the oldest and most important religious celebrations in the Philippines.

Here in the United States, Filipino immigrants brought with them this distinct tradition which has planted deep roots in many states like California, New York, Chicago, New Jersey, and in Virginia, receiving a strong and unequivocal support by the bishop of the Diocese of Richmond and the Office of Ethnic Ministries.



**Tuesday, December 17, 2024, 6:00 p.m. Simbang Gabi Mass and Social:** Volunteers and help are always needed. Please contact Val and Nelia Macasaet at 757-482-5064 or 757-737-

1506, or email neliamacasaet@gmail.com. Thank you all. *Teach us to give and not count the cost,* St. Ignatius of Loyola

Join Us To Help

Sunday, December 22nd following 11 a.m. Mass Monday, December 23rd when poinsettias arrive

Monday, December 23rd when poinsettias arrive Poinsettia Watering Helpers Needed during the Christmas Season.

For more information contact Joni Dillabough 757-228-2125



#### PRINCE OF PEACE HONORED BY BISHOP KNESTOUT FOR LEGACY GIVING

Members of the Lumen Christi Legacy Society from Prince of Peace attended its annual Mass and Luncheon in Richmond on October 22. The event, hosted by the Catholic Community

Foundation of the Diocese of Richmond, honors the over 300 members of the Society throughout the Diocese. Mass was celebrated by Bishop Barry Knestout, followed by a luncheon where members of the Society met with the Bishop and the staff of the Foundation. Bishop Knestout honored Prince of Peace Parish for having the highest attendance among all parishes and blessed the commemorative plaque honoring Society members. The plaque will be on display in the church Commons.

Membership in the Lumen Christi Legacy Society is an honor for those who have remembered their church in their estate plans. At the event, The Catholic Community Foundation reminded members that it has partnered with a free, online resource that can guide anyone through the process of creating a legally valid will in about 20 minutes at **FreeWill.com/RichmondCatholicFoundation**.

If you would like more information about Catholic estate planning, or including the parish in your plan, please contact the Parish Office at 757-547-0356.

#### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF EASTERN VIRGINIA**

Are you or a loved one struggling with grief, depression or anxiety? Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia offers mental health counseling for children, adolescents and adults, as well as marriage counseling services. Appointments are available in person or via telehealth. Fees are charged on a sliding scale according to income and subsidies are available. Please call 757-467-7707 to make an appointment today!

Want to make a difference in the lives of others and live out your Catholic faith? Pregnant? Need Help? Please call or text Catholic Charities 24/7 at 757-274-4952 for pregnancy counseling services. All help is free and confidential. Let our professional staff support you whether parenting or making a plan of adoption. You are not alone!

**Working hard but not getting ahead?** Catholic Charities has multiple mentoring initiatives designed to help families move from surviving to thriving! Call Erika Crosby at 757-456-2366 for more information on our economic initiatives. All services are free.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 8240:

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