

“And the
Word
became flesh and
dwelt
among us.”

- John 1:14

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS WEEK: JANUARY 5-12, 2025

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5
9:00 a.m. **Mass**
Youth Fundraiser Waffle Sunday after Masses
10:00-11:00 a.m. Elementary Christian Formation Epiphany Party
10:15-11:00 a.m. Combined Music Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. **Mass**
6:00-8:00 p.m. Middle and High School Christian Formation

MONDAY, JANUARY 6
No Daily Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7
9:00 a.m. **Mass** followed by Praying of the Rosary
11:00 a.m. **Grand Group Mass** followed by Meeting and Social

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8
9:00 a.m. **Mass** followed by Praying of the Rosary
10:00-11:30 a.m. Food Pantry Open
5:00-6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:30-8:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9
9:00 a.m. **Mass** followed by Praying of the Rosary
10:30-11:30 a.m. Daytime Choir Rehearsal
6:00-8:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Social Meeting in Parish Hall

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10
9:00 a.m. **Mass** followed by Praying of the Rosary
6:30-8:30 p.m. Family Faith

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11
3:30-4:45 p.m. Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. **Mass**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12
9:00 a.m. **Mass**
10:00-11:00 a.m. Elementary Christian Formation
10:15-11:00 a.m. Combined Music Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. **Mass** (Baptism)
6:00-8:00 p.m. Middle and High School Christian Formation

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7
9:00 a.m. Diana Skebek
Mass Intention

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8
9:00 a.m. Desiree Cajés
Mass Intention

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9
9:00 a.m. Rosa Triunfo †

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10
9:00 a.m. Daisy Leong
Mass Intention

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11
5:00 p.m. Monica M. Wheaton †

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12
9:00 a.m. John Lasko, Jr. †
11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

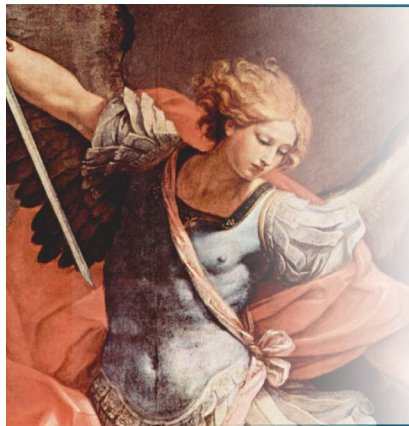
† denotes deceased

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE QUOTE FOR MEDITATION

January 5, 2025:
The Epiphany of the Lord
Matthew 2:11 "They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother."

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

January 12, 2025:
The Baptism of the Lord
1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22




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.



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UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

PoP Capital Improvement January 11/12, 2025
 Respect Life Collection January 18/19, 2025

2025 LIST OF NATIONAL, DIOCESAN and Parish COLLECTIONS

Name of Collection	Date of Collection
PoP Capital Improvement	January 11/12
Respect Life Collection	January 19
PoP Capital Improvement	February 15/16
PoP Capital Improvement	March 15/16
Catholic Relief Services (4th Sunday of Lent)	March 30, 2025
PoP Capital Improvement	April 19/20
PoP Capital Improvement	May 17/18
Diocesan Home Missions	May 25
PoP 50th Anniversary	June 2
PoP Capital Improvement	June 14/15
Peter's Pence	June 29
PoP Capital Improvement	July 19/20
PoP Capital Improvement	August 9/10
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	August 15, 2025
PoP Capital Improvement	September 20/21
PoP Capital Improvement	October 11/12
World Mission Collection [combined, shared equally among World Mission Sunday/Black & Indian Missions/Catholic Home Missions Appeal] (Penultimate Sunday in Oct)	October 19
Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA	November 8/9
Retired Religious	December 14
Catholic Charities (Christmas Day) (1/2 church needs)	December 25

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.

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, we do have headsets you may borrow. Please see an usher for assistance.

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.

OUR TREASURES TO THE LORD

WEEK ENDING	OFFERTORY	E-GIVING	GENERAL PARISH OPERATIONS	OVER/(SHORT)*
November 3	\$ 9,073.19	\$ 7,023.00	\$ 7,980.80	\$ 8,115.39
November 10	\$ 7,526.00	\$ 6,493.00	\$ 24,394.92	\$ (10,375.92)
November 17	\$ 6,495.86	\$ 4,633.00	\$ 2,608.24	\$ 8,520.62
November 24	\$ 8,287.00	\$ 4,328.00	\$ 16,084.53	\$ (3,469.53)
Total	\$ 31,382.05	\$ 22,477.00	\$ 51,068.49	\$ 2,790.56
<i>*Amount in () indicates negative</i>		FISCAL YTD	WEEK COLLECTION	
Funds collected:		NOVEMBER 24, 2024		
Capital Improvement:		\$ 14,781.00	\$ 196.00	
Food Pantry:		\$ 16,027.56	\$ 2,352.00	
Diocesan debt (BLUE env)		\$ 4,505.00	\$ 41.00	
Homeless Meals:		\$ 13,829.37	\$ 226.00	

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: Bill Holtsnider, Richard Higgins, 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: Patricia Byrne, Mary Thatcher, Mike Walker, Rafaela Martinez.

AT HOME: Catherine Twomey, Bob Russell, Edward Gasca, Molly Newman, Shawn Ries, Elma Alviar, Bessie Ellen Reed, Shirley Byrd, Kathryn Marks, Jean Lamont, Emily Lutz, Fanny 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: Shirley "Minnette" Mergen, Maurice Eley, Linda Carlberg, Paul Keel

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, 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 Tree



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.



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.

Join Us To Help



Sunday, January 12th following 11 a.m. Mass

For more information contact Joni Dillabough 757-228-2125

Grand Group News

Tuesday, January 7

11 a.m. Senior Mass

Followed by Potluck Soup Lunch

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For more information:

Joan: stanjam22@aol.com (757) 287-6779 or
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Christian Formation



CF NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

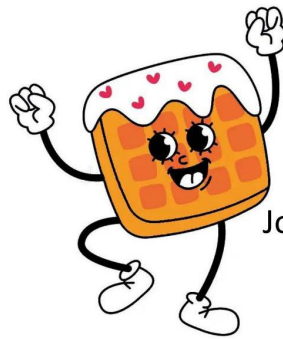
CHRISTIAN FORMATION 2024-2025

There are three class models this year:

- **Friday Family Faith** – 1st 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



Youth Waffle Sunday! Sunday, January 5

after 9 and 11 am Masses!

Join us for a delicious breakfast
of waffles and sausages.

DONATIONS ONLY

Thank you for giving generously to our youth!

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) resumes January 5th.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION EPIPHANY PARTY

Sunday, January 5th
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



Please join us in the Parish Hall

Children's Choir

Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m.

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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

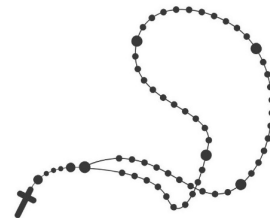
VIRTUS:

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.

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.



The Prince of Peace Rosary Makers will be holding a class on how to make a cord Rosary. The class will be held at 6:30 p.m., January 8th in classroom 10. If you are interested in attending, please send your name and email to mitolo@cox.net.

PEACE AND JUSTICE:

We strive to live the love of Christ by sharing it with those in our community.



FOOD PANTRY: BE A LIGHT TO THE WORLD

HOLIDAY FOOD PANTRY HOURS:

Food Pantry Closed: December 23-January 6, 2025

We need: Spaghetti Sauce, Ramen Noodles, Canned: Tuna, Soups, Fruit and Vegetables

Drop off before all Masses on the benches in the Commons. Consider a monthly financial contribution and the pantry will do the shopping. How much? Just remember you can't outgive 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 Social Hall.

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

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

Church Office

Mail: Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 621 Cedar Road, Chesapeake, VA 23322.

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 donation 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.

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 at 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.

FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Attention all Parish Musicians, Singers, and lovers of music: 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, if you are interested in joining. Joseph.guardino@popparish.org. 757-547-0356



There's a place for everyone in the Music Ministry



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

Can't Make It Out For Wednesday Night Choir Rehearsals?

Join us for a new Daytime Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:30 am



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.

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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Donald and Helen Dudley at 757-690-1369 or 703-646-1521 or donald.helen.dudley@wwme.org with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:

- * January 7-February 18 Virtual (Tuesday evenings)
- * January 21-February 2 Myrtle Beach, SC
- * March 7-9 Rehoboth Beach, DE
- * March 14-16 Jessup, MD and Ocean City, NJ
- * March 21-23 Emerald Isle, NC



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 Michael Mastro at 908-399-3982

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Want to make a difference in the lives of others and live out your Catholic faith?

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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!

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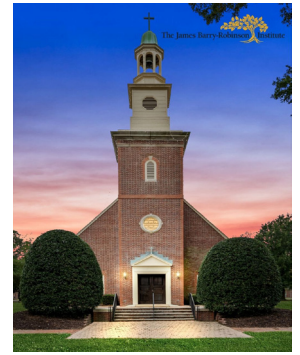
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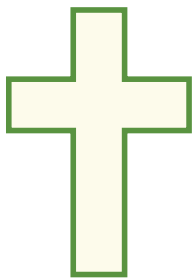
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