

# PRINCE *of* PEACE

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Diocesan Website

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### 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

**MUSIC MINISTER:**  
Mr. Joseph Guardino

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Mrs. Pam Lerach

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS WEEK: FEBRUARY 16-23, 2025**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16**  
9:00 a.m. **Mass**  
10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. First Eucharist Module 1 in Education Wing  
10:15-10:45 a.m. Combined Music Rehearsal  
11:00 a.m. **Mass**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17**  
**No Daily Mass**  
Office Closed in Observance of Presidents' Day

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**  
9:00 a.m. **Mass** followed by Praying of the Rosary  
10:15-11:45 a.m. Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study in Rooms 9 and 10  
7:00-8:30 p.m. Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study in Rooms 9 and 10

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19**  
9:00 a.m. **Mass** followed by Praying of the Rosary  
10:00-11:30 a.m. Food Pantry Open  
5:00 -6:30 p.m. Sonlight  
5:00 -6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal in the Education Wing, Room 10  
6:30 -8:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal in Worship Space  
7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20**  
9:00 a.m. **Mass** followed by Praying of the Rosary  
10:30-11:30 a.m. Daytime Choir Rehearsal in Worship Space  
12:00-4:00 p.m. Office Closed for Staff Meeting

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21**  
9:00 a.m. **Mass** followed by the Praying of the Rosary

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**  
10:00 a.m. First Reconciliation  
3:30-4:45 p.m. Reconciliation  
5:00 p.m. **Mass (OCIA: Rite of Welcoming and Acceptance)**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**  
9:00 a.m. **Mass**  
10:00-11:00 a.m. Elementary Christian Formation  
10:15-10:45 a.m. Combined Music Rehearsal  
11:00 a.m. **Mass**  
6:00-8:00 p.m. Middle and High School Christian Formation

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**  
9:00 a.m. Christopher Robertson †

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19**  
9:00 a.m. Virginia Moraleta †

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20**  
9:00 a.m. John Albert Lasko, Jr. †

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21**  
9:00 a.m. David Shick †

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**  
5:00 p.m. Dolores M. Sabisky †

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**  
9:00 a.m. Fiesta Family  
Mass Intention  
11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners  
† denotes deceased

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

**February 16, 2025:**  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Luke 6:23** "Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven."

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

**February 23, 2025:**  
**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
1st Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23  
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49  
Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

**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.*

**MASS COUNTS: FEBRUARY 8/9, 2025**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	121
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	304
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	370
<b>Total:</b>		<b>795</b>

**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.*

**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**

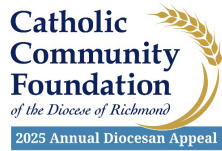
Our new sound system is now working with assistive hearing devices for use during Mass. While we recommend you bring your own earbuds, however, we do have headsets you may borrow. Please see an usher for assistance.



**Text "Give" to 757-300-0155 or visit our website [www.popparish.org](http://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](mailto:pop.office@popparish.org) to let us know to stop mailing your envelopes. Thank you for your generosity!

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

- PoP Capital Improvement February 15/16, 2025
- PoP Capital Improvement March 15/16, 2025
- Catholic Relief Services March 29/30, 2025



**2025 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: SHARING HIS LOVE WITH OTHERS**

Supporting the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal is about providing for 21 important ministries of our Catholic Church. For example, did you know that the Appeal:

- Provides formation opportunities for youth and young adults aimed at community building, prayer, worship, service, and education.
- Expands opportunities for college students to deepen their commitment to the Catholic Church.
- Funds the cost of room, board, tuition, and health insurance for our seminarians.

To see the full list of ministries supported by the Appeal, please visit [richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal](http://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal).

**2024 TAX STATEMENTS**

2024 contribution statements to Prince of Peace are available to download in your My Giving/My Own Church account. If you do not have access to a computer, you may request a copy of your statement by submitting your request in the box in the commons during Mass or office hours. Statements can be mailed to you using your self-addressed stamped envelope or emailed. If you have any issues with your ParishSoft account set up or have any questions, please contact Pam Lerach at [pam.lerach@popparish.org](mailto:pam.lerach@popparish.org) or call the Parish Office at 757-547-0356.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL VACANCY**

Prince of Peace currently has one Pastoral Council vacancy. 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.

*Our Treasures to the Lord*

Weekly Income versus General Operations Expense				
Week Ending	Offeritory	E-Giving	General Parish Operations <sup>(a)</sup>	Over/Short (difference)
Week Ending 12-01	\$6,230.00	\$6,677.00	\$6,254.53	\$6,652.47
Week Ending 12-08	\$6,958.73	\$5,878.00	\$17,035.20	(\$4,198.47)
Week Ending 12-15	\$6,639.00	\$5,965.00	\$6,815.32	\$5,788.68
Week Ending 12-22	\$6,740.30	\$20,178.00	\$19,288.40	\$7,629.90
Week Ending 12-29	\$19,441.78	\$5,323.00	\$1,316.94	\$23,447.84
Total	\$46,009.81	\$44,021.00	\$50,710.39	\$39,320.42
YTD Total	\$187,620.00	\$171,718.00	\$296,384.00	\$62,954.00

<sup>(a)</sup> subject to change

Funds collected:	Week Collection 26-Jan-25	Fiscal YTD
Capital Improvement:	\$ 168.00	\$ 18,880.36
Food Pantry:	\$ 193.00	\$ 18,575.95
Diocesan debt (BLUE env)	\$ 71.00	\$ 5,096.00
Homeless Meals:	\$ 331.00	\$ 16,014.96

**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.

**THE 2025 PRINCE OF PEACE CALENDARS HAVE ARRIVED!**

Calendars are located at the Welcome Desk in the Commons.

**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:** Wilma O'Callaghan, 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, 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:** Tina Dean, Wayne Waibel, Ann Waibel, Catherine Twomey, Bob Russell, Edward Gasca, Shawn Ries, Elma Alviar, Betssie Ellen Reed, Shirley Byrd, Kathryn Marks, Emily Lutz, Fanny Wickley, Gene DiPascale, Joseph Evan, Ada Murphy, Sherri Yewitt, and Heather Speicher.

**IN THE HOSPITAL:** Charles Detore

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Frank Papa, Mibelle Richey, Rose Jesselli, Infant Jacob Karp, Michelle Mclees

**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, March 9, 2025
- Sunday, April 20, 2025

Parents are asked to register for the sessions by visiting our parish website at [popparish.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 such as *Baptisms, confirmations, and anniversaries*, etching in time significant events in our Parish Family. *Single Leaf with 4 Lines of Text is \$300.00*. 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. Order forms are available at the Welcome Desk.

**Christian Formation**

**CF NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**



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



Please help the homeless by March 23rd by filling the monster's belly in the commons with: travel-sized deodorants, hand soaps, bath soaps, toothpastes, Chapstick, toothbrushes, disposable razors, and athletic socks.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

CLOW is the Liturgy of the Word suitably adapted for children ages 4 to 6 years old to make it relevant to their lives and experiences. It gives them the opportunity to understand the Gospel message. Our CLOW takes place during 9:00 a.m. Mass.

*Bring Us Your Palms!*

Please bring palms from last year's Palm Sunday in preparation for Ash Wednesday on March 5, 2025 and leave them in the basket in the commons so we may burn them for ashes.

**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 Melody.Smith@popparish.org for more information.



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.

**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 at Joseph.guardino@popparish.org or 757-547-0356, if you are interested in joining.

**PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**There's a place for everyone in the Music Ministry**



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

*Music Rehearsal Schedule*

Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Daytime Rehearsal

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



Prince of Peace Catholic Church is Housing the Homeless with **CHESAPEAKE AREA SHELTER TEAM (CAST)**

**WHO IS IT?** CAST is a Chesapeake organization led by Sam Howard of Great Bridge Presbyterian Church and is supported by Chesapeake area churches.

**WHAT IS IT?** A confederation of area churches, synagogues, and other organizations that provide food, shelter and safety for the homeless in Chesapeake every winter.

**WHERE IS IT?** CAST embraces the needs of the homeless in Chesapeake where there exists a significant homeless population. CAST supports one sponsor site each week starting with dinner on every Wednesday (late December through mid-April) and concluding after breakfast the following Wednesday. In the past, each church hosting the homeless did so in their own facilities. This year, for the first time, we will be using a City of Chesapeake facility located at 2255 Steppingstone Square (off of Military Highway) to house and feed our guests, which will potentially include children.

**HOW CAN I HELP?** Be part of Prince of Peace's efforts in supporting the homeless this year by signing up for any one of several jobs the week we will host these special guests at Steppingstone Square, **from April 2 through the morning of April 9, 2025.**

**Signups will start in early March;** details to be provided shortly. We have been housing the homeless every year (except for 2021 and 2022 due to Covid) since 1995 supporting our most needy in our community. Please consider helping in any way that you can. For more information, call Raymond McCollum at 757-403-2407, or stormer1120@yahoo.com, or John Nogosek at 757-646-5601, jnogosek95@gmail.com.



What else did the Lord say?

Add and subtract the letters to find out.

1. lizard + mp + attle + og = \_\_\_\_\_

2. hark + pencil + pple + abbit + at + ouse = \_\_\_\_\_

3. ors + nt + ake + urtle = \_\_\_\_\_

4. mous + bo + ldder + oney + ce cream + 9 - ni = \_\_\_\_\_

5. crophoe + onut = \_\_\_\_\_

"I the \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_"

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Ages 7+

February 16, 2025 • Jeremiah 17:5-10

Blessed Are Those Who Trust the Lord

Jeremiah talked about being blessed. Who did he say would not be blessed?

Cross out every other letter starting with the 2nd, and write the remaining letters in order on the lines below.

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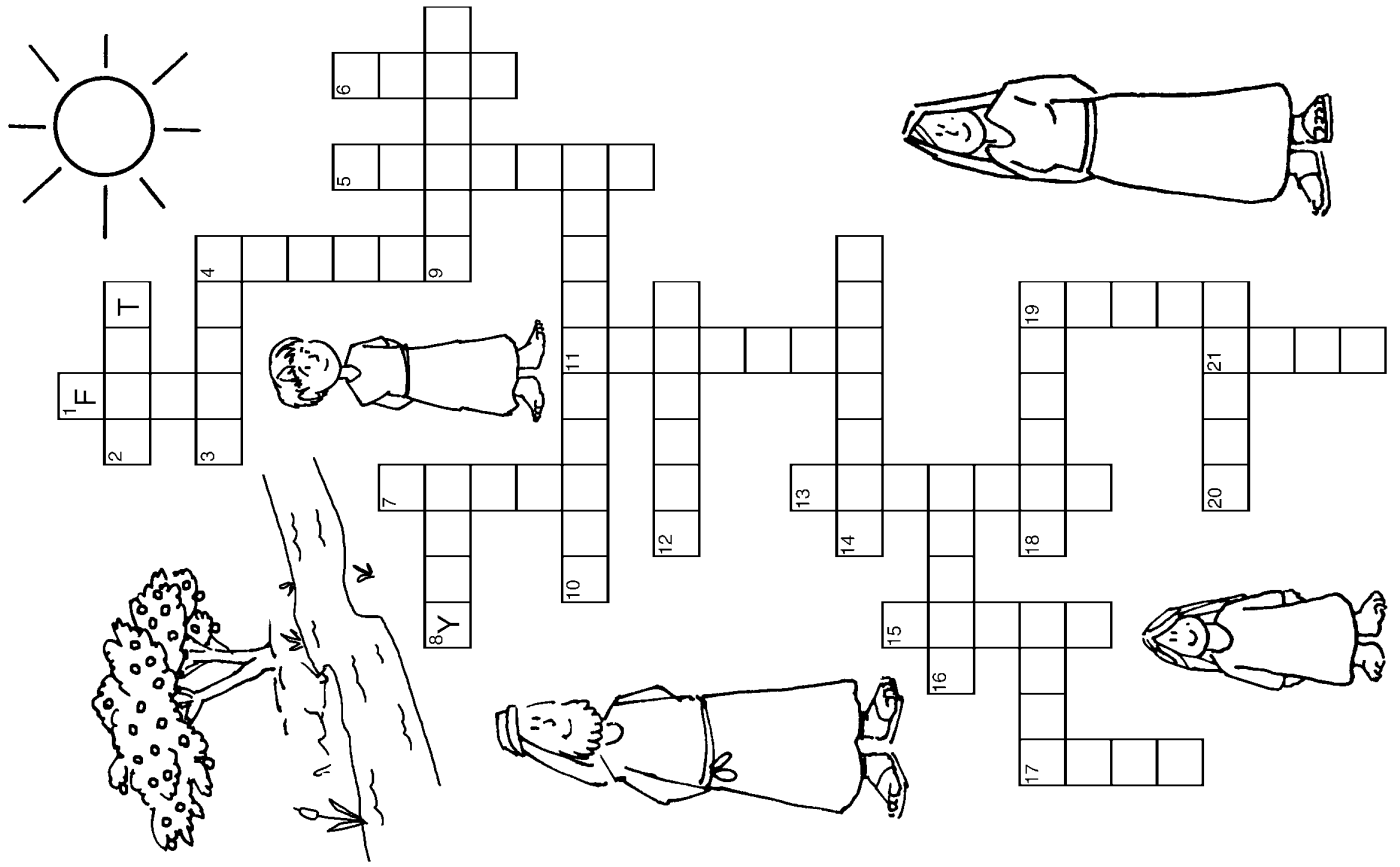
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What about the person who trusts the Lord?

Use these words to fill in the blanks below.

bear	tree	roots	person	drought
fear	year	sends	stream	planted
heat	falls	water	trusts	worries
like	fruit	leaves	blessed	confidence
Lord	green			

\_\_\_\_\_ 13 is the \_\_\_\_\_ 12 who \_\_\_\_\_ 4  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 in the \_\_\_\_\_ 17D whose \_\_\_\_\_ 10  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 is in Him. That person will be \_\_\_\_\_ 17A  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 17A a \_\_\_\_\_ 21 \_\_\_\_\_ 14 by the \_\_\_\_\_ 15  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 15 that \_\_\_\_\_ 19 out its \_\_\_\_\_ 20  
 by the \_\_\_\_\_ 9. It does not \_\_\_\_\_ 1 when \_\_\_\_\_ 2  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 comes; its \_\_\_\_\_ 18 are always \_\_\_\_\_ 7  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 7. It has no \_\_\_\_\_ 5 in a \_\_\_\_\_ 8  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 8 of \_\_\_\_\_ 11 and never \_\_\_\_\_ 16  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 16 to \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ 3



**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 CHESPEAKE 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 [coeybrooks@cox.net](mailto:coeybrooks@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.

**P.O.P FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION DATES**

**Saturday & Sunday, March 1 & 2 2025**

January 2025 POP Food Pantry Fed: 310 Children, 290 Adults, 171 Seniors and a Total of 181 Households. The Food Pantry needs the help of all Parishioners. Please help! Thank you & God bless you.

**FOOD PANTRY HOURS**

**Monday 9am – 10:30am**

**Wednesday 9am – 11:30am**

Please drop off your food donations in the Commons area.

**ITEMS IN NEED OF:**

• Spaghetti Sauce	• Canned Soup
• Canned Tuna	• Canned Fruit
• Ramen Noodles	• Canned Vegetables
• Jelly	• Peanut Butter

**Want to DONATE FINANCIALLY? Here's how:**

- Food Pantry Contribution Box
- Offertory Basket at Mass (Memo line: food pantry)
- E-Giving
- Church Office
- Mail via church address

**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.



**A VERY SPECIAL THANK-YOU TO PRINCE OF PEACE!**

Thank you to our Prince of Peace family for your great gift of giving blood at the Prince of Peace Blood Drive on Monday, February 3, 2025. Because of your generosity, we were able to collect 47 units of blood! Thank you to the Red Cross for its care and professionalism. Thank you also to our Prince of Peace volunteers including, Barb Blumfelder, Linda Anderson, Mary Williams, Pat Mitolo, Matt Yeager, Mitch McDonald, and our parish staff, including Shannon Schmidt, and Sister Dolores who gave their time and help to this Blood Drive. **A very special thank-you goes to all the people who donated blood.** That is a very special gift. God bless you all. (Save the Date: Our next Blood Drive is on Monday, June 30, 2025.)



**GRAND GROUP NEWS**

On Tuesday, March 4, the Grand Group will gather to celebrate Mass at 11:00 am and afterwards meet in the church social hall to enjoy some traditional St. Patrick's Day dishes as well as other choices. Those members who volunteered to bring a dish for this lunch will be reminded in a separate message (note). We welcome all Prince of Peace seniors to join us. There will be a \$5.00 fee, if you are not contributing a dish or dessert for this lunch. Directly after lunch, we will be serenaded by Lou Antonaccio who has a unique ability to reach all our "hearts." Please consider being a part of our Grand Group for Faith, Fun and Fellowship. Contact *Joan* at [stanjam22@aol.com](mailto:stanjam22@aol.com) or *Judy* at [judithflorance@cox.net](mailto:judithflorance@cox.net) with any questions.



**FREE INCOME TAX SERVICE BY AARP**

When: Tuesdays and Wednesdays through April 15th (8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.)  
Where: Great Bridge Presbyterian Church.  
Call 757-547-4741 to make an appointment.



**50TH ANNIVERSARY PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE**

**Did You Miss the Photo Sessions for Our 50th Anniversary Pictorial Directory?** Don't worry, you still have a chance to be included in our 50th Anniversary Pictorial Directory! **Please submit a digital photo with an optional \$15.00** to defray the fee from Universal Church Directories to the Parish Office **by February 28th**, or bring a photo to the Parish Office. Please submit digital photos to [pop.office@popparish.org](mailto:pop.office@popparish.org).

**Would you like to be included in the directory roster only?** Please contact the Parish Office to verify or update your contact information at 757-547-0356 or [pop.office@popparish.org](mailto:pop.office@popparish.org) **by February 28th**.

**Military Photos Wanted:** If someone in your family was, or is currently active in the military, please submit **a picture in uniform by February 28th** for our 50th anniversary Pictorial Directory *Salute to the Military* page. Please include his or her name, title and military branch.

# 2024

## Agape Feast Statistics

**AGAPE FEAST IS A YEAR-ROUND, ALL-VOLUNTEER, ECUMENICAL, HOMELESS OUTREACH MINISTRY OF PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Serving Homeless in Chesapeake:**

- Newborns to Senior Citizens
- Young Adults who have aged out of foster care
- Veterans
- Domestic Abuse Survivors
- People currently experiencing mental health issues
- People with current drug and/or alcohol issues and those recovering from such
- People who have been incarcerated
- People who are currently housed, but are on the brink of homelessness (by way of the community pantries that Agape Feast helps to keep stocked)

- In 2024**
- Over 800 hygiene packs and more single hygiene items distributed to the Resource Center
  - COUNTLESS clothing items: to people living in their vehicles, at encampments, and at the resource center. Keeping people clothed for whatever the current weather conditions are.
  - +50 pairs of sneakers were donated, sanitized, scrubbed, washed, rinsed, and dried then donated to the resource center (+75 pairs from last year's total of 125 pairs from the beginning of the R2E program)
  - Instructed 26 art classes this year. +18 last year = 44 art classes from the beginning of this program. (program helps people find a positive outlet to get away from their anxieties for a little bit.)
  - Over 31,000 lbs. -canned and boxed food Agape Feast helped distribute to people in need in Chesapeake through 7 local food pantries that we help keep stocked.
  - Street Outreach (S.O.) Food Distribution in 2024
    - 2026 Sandwich Bags:
    - 2027 Shelf Stable Bags:
    - 1748 Vehicles Distributed to



- From Beginning of S.O. Program:
  - Shelf Stable Bags: 8,336
  - Sandwich Bags: 8,333
  - Vehicles Distributed to: 7,175
- Hot Lunch including Pizza Fridays at RC= 2,135
- To-Go Bags Distributed at RC = 2,261
- Hot Thanksgiving Dinners distributed in parking-lots and at encampments = 43

**NUMBER OF MEALS AT ALL LOCATIONS (including parking lot feeding) DISTRIBUTED IN 2024 INCLUDING TO-GO BAGS = 8,492**

**Number of meals from Beginning of Program 4-20-20 to 12-31-2025 = +73,492**

-Welcome Home Program -53 people with basic household items to be able to function in their new residence.



God's Love Overflowing



## Agape Feast Needs Your Help:

<b>Volunteer Opportunity:</b>	<b>Number of People Needed:</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Day:</b>	<b>Time:</b>
-Clothing Distribution: Hand out needed clean clothing	2	Resource Center	M-T-W-T-F	11:30AM-1PM (1 ½ hrs)
-Shower List Monitor & Hygiene Items Handout :	1	Resource Center	M-T-W-T-F	11:30AM-1PM (1 ½ hrs)
-Laundry Room List Monitor & Pass out laundry pods & dryer sheets	1	Resource Center	M-T-W-T-F	11:30AM-1PM (1 ½ hrs)
-Lunch Team Member: distribute Hot lunch with other team members	2	Resource Center	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month	11:30AM-1PM (1 ½ hrs)
-Lunch Team Member: distribute Pizza with other team members	2	Resource Center	Fridays.	11:30AM-1PM (1 ½ hrs)

**ADDITIONAL WAYS YOU CAN HELP AGAPE FEAST:**

**Amazon Wishlist** – Donate using the QR code (see bottom right corner) through our Amazon Wishlist. We are always in need of shelf-stable items and other items that are updated on our Amazon Wishlist. (All items through the wish-list are delivered directly to Prince of Peace Catholic Church through Amazon delivery.

**Monetary Donations** – Go to popparish.org (this is Prince of Peace Catholic Church's website). Look for the blue Prince of Peace Parish Soft Giving and Offering box and click on the box. Then click on the highlighted words that say: ParishSOFT Giving. Click on either Recurring or One-Time. Under FUND scroll down and click on Homeless Meals Ministry (this is what Agape Feast was first named.). Fill in the amount you want to donate. If choosing recurring: Click on Frequency and Choose how often you would like to donate. You can select how many times you would like to donate or keep it continuous. Start date of when you want the first donation pulled. Then click on SUBMIT.



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\*\*Chesapeake Cares **Resource Center:** 2255 Steppingstone Square, Chesapeake, VA 23320  
 Volunteers can cover one day a month, one or more days a week, or be on a consistent weekly team  
 For more info contact Sandy at: [agapefeastmeals@gmail.com](mailto:agapefeastmeals@gmail.com) or 757-547-2151





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Feel free to contact Donald and Helen Dudley at 757-690-1369 or 703-646-1521 or [donald.helen.dudley@wwme.org](mailto:donald.helen.dudley@wwme.org) with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:

- \* March 7-9 Rehoboth Beach, DE
- \* March 14-16 Jessup, MD and Ocean City, NJ
- \* March 21-23 Emerald Isle, NC



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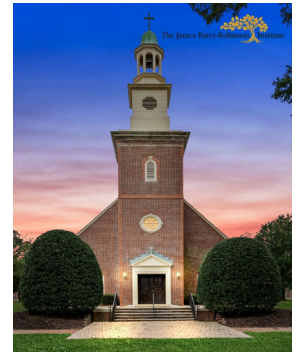
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