# PRINCE % PEACE

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> Bulletin Deadline Tuesdays at noon

Office Hours Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Closed for lunch 12:00 - 12:30 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.

THE SEASON OF 2025 PRAY 
FAST

#### **PRINCE OF PEACE**

#### STAFF

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#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 8** 9:00 a.m. Lillian Grace Guardino †

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 9:00 a.m. Stacey Roscoe †

**THURSDAY, APRIL 10** 9:00 a.m. Lillian Grace Guardino †

FRIDAY, APRIL 11 9:00 a.m. Mario Lombardo †

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12** 5:00 p.m. Rosa Ortiz †

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 9:00 a.m. Madelyn Lowe-Perdue † 11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

† denotes deceased

# MASS COUNTS: MARCH 29/30, 2025 Saturday 5:00 p.m. 197 Sunday 9:00 a.m. 410 Sunday 11:00 a.m. 370 Total: 977

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS WEEK: APRIL 6-13, 2025

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 9:00 a.m. 10:00-11:00 a.m. **11:00 a.m.** 1:00-2:00 p.m. MONDAY, APRIL 7

12:00-12:30 p.m. **TUESDAY, APRIL 8** 9:00 a.m. 12:00-12:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 9:00 a.m. 10:00-11:30 a.m. 12:00-12:30 p.m. THURSDAY, APRIL 10 9:00 a.m. 12:00-12:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. FRIDAY, APRIL 11 9:00 a.m. 5:00-7:00 p.m. SATURDAY, APRIL 12 3:30-4:45 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Mass Elementary Christian Formation Mass Pre-Baptism Class (Virtual)

**No Daily Mass** Office Closed for Lunch

**Mass** followed by Praying of the Rosary Office Closed for Lunch Knights of Columbus Planning Meeting

Mass followed by Praying of the Rosary Food Pantry Open Office Closed for Lunch

**Mass** followed by Praying of the Rosary Office Closed for Lunch Knights of Columbus Business Meeting

**Mass** followed by Stations of the Cross Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry in Parish Hall

Reconciliation **Palm Sunday Vigil Mass** (Palms Blessed and Distributed During Mass)

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#### **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.

## THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE QUOTE FOR MEDITATION

5:00 p.m.

April 6, 2025: Fifth Sunday of Lent John 8:11 "Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK April 13, 2025: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Gospel at the Procession: Luke 19:28-40 1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7 2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11 Gospel: Luke 22:14–23:56

#### **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.

#### 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.



#### **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.



Father John Boso will lead the Stations of the Cross immediately following our 9:00 a.m. Daily Mass on Fridays during Lent. The Rosary will continue to be prayed after the 9:00 a.m. Daily Masses Tuesdays-Thursdays.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TRIDUUM 2025 SCHEDULE:

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, April 12/13 Saturday, April 12 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation5:00 p.m. Mass with Blessing of the Palms Sunday, April 13 9:00 a.m. Mass with Blessing of the Palms 11:00 a.m. Mass with Blessing of the Palms Tuesday of Holy Week, April 15 9:00 a.m. Mass and Praying of the Rosary Wednesday of Holy Week, April 16 9:00 a.m. Mass and Praying of the Rosary Holy Thursday, April 17 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration until 10:00 p.m. Good Friday, April 18 Noon Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion Holy Saturday, April 19 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 20 9:00 a.m. Mass 11:00 a.m. Mass

#### **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: Glenn Davis, 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:** Helen Neyinpessu, 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, Fannye Wickley, Joseph Evan, Ada Murphy, Sherri Yewitt, and Heather Speicher.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Emilio Whelan O. Moraleta, Lillian Grace Guardino, Gene DiPascale, Tina Cole, Madelyn Lowe-Perdue, Kimberly Carnes, Maria-Angelica Posadas Brieceno, 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, April 6, 2025
- Sunday, May 4, 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.



#### CONGRATULATIONS PRINCE OF PEACE CONFIRMATION CLASS APRIL 2, 2025

Maya Victoria Alexis Colton Lee Amerson Christopher Lee Brennan Jennifer Hope Caccamo Jacob Devin Carpenter Grace Elizabeth Casey Amaris Leigh Castillo Matthew Ryan Clock Loryn Elise Angeles Delos Reyes Sierra Grace Elbert Addison Nicole Flores Kirsten Marie Gilbert Emma Madeline Griffith Erin McCay Halle Lillian Hill Kara Marie Jeter Luke James Killenbeck Matthew Ryan Kuhlmann Benjamin Reynolds Kuntzman Ty Thomas Lee Cameron Faith Lowe Timothy Peter McEvoy Reed Thomas Moberley Christopher Joseph Patton Adrian Lamont Rivera, Jr. Michael Benjamin Aguinaldo Shaddeau Giselle Sosa Jack Pierce Steffens Isabella Rose Verdeschi Jack Campbell Wafford Robert George Williams Sophie Marianna Williams Bryce Michael Woodcock Molly Amelia Zardeskas

#### 621 CEDAR ROAD, CHESAPEAKE, VA 23322

closed for lunch LUNCH The office will close for lunch

Monday-Thursday from 12:00-12:30 p.m.

#### WEEKLY INCOME VERSUS GENERAL OPERATIONS EXPENSE

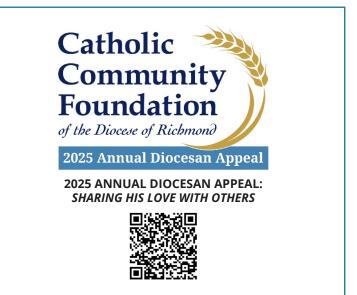
Week Ending	(	Offertory	E-Giving		General Parish Operations		Over/ (Short)*	
February 2	\$	7,985.60	\$	8,842.00	\$	18,190.63	(\$	1,363.03)
February 9	\$	5,557.75	\$	5,608.00	\$	10,331.09	\$	834.66
February 16	\$	6,688.50	\$	6,879.00	\$	25,322.67	(\$1	1,755.17)
February 23	\$	4,728.02	\$	3,993.00	\$	27.78	\$	8,693.24
Total	\$2	24,959.87	\$2	25,322.00	\$	53,872.17	(\$	3,590.30)



**Text "Give" to 757-300-0155 or visit our website 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

PoP Capital Improvement April 19/20, 2025 PoP Capital Improvement May 17/18, 2025 Diocesan Home Missions May 24/25, 2025





# Annual Easter

# "Ham It Up Campaígn "

It's time again to "HAM IT UP". Every Easter since the opening of the Fr. Romy Food Pantry, Easter hams have been distributed to needy families, two Wednesdays prior to Easter Sunday. We are continuing this tradition thanks to the Prince of Peace Church Community, Non-Parishioners and the Food Pantry volunteers. The canned hams are over and above the groceries the Guests would normally receive. Depending on the size of the family, the pantry will distribute either a 2 or 3 pound ham.

(Parishioners are treated anonymously, contact church office for private pickup.)

Lent is a time for *prayer*, *fasting* and *almsgiving*. You and your family are invited to consider a contribution that will help defray the cost of the hams for a single family. Please make your check payable to Prince Of Peace and memo: *Food Pantry Ham.* Place check in *Offertory Basket*, at any mass, or in the *Food Pantry Contribution* box , along with cash, located in the Commons or go online to *E-Giving* and click *Food Pantry*. God bless you and thank you.



"In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love."

St. Mother Teresa



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, First Communions, 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.

#### **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 be emailed.

If you have any issues with your ParishSoft account setup or have any questions, *please contact Pam Lerach at pam.lerach@popparish. org* or call the Parish Office at 757-547-0356.

#### A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JOHN BOSCO WALUGEMBE

Throughout March, we have spoken about the Annual Diocesan Appeal. The Appeal helps fund cornerstone ministries of the Diocese of Richmond that one parish cannot support alone. For instance, one parish could not support the room, board, and tuition assistance needs of our seminarians, supply over half a million dollars to parish foodbanks and Catholic organizations across our Diocese or provide for diocesan-wide next generation evangelization and formation initiatives.

The faithful support of the Appeal by so many enables our Diocese to more effectively meet the urgent annual needs of the Church which serve as building blocks to grow the Church's impact for years to come.

If you have not yet done so, I hope you will join us in contributing. You may pick up a pledge card in our parish office or visit richmondcatholicfoundation.org/ appeal/ (checks are made payable to **Catholic Diocese of Richmond**.)

On behalf of Bishop Knestout, myself, and our parish leadership, thank you for supporting the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal.

# Christian ARA

#### 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



#### JUBILEE 2025

Pope Francis declared this year to be the Jubilee of Hope. The Jubilee calls for us to set out on a journey and to cross boundaries. When we travel, we do not only change place physically, but we also change ourselves. Bishop Knestout designated four locations in the Diocese of Richmond as pilgrimage sites. For the Jubilee of Hope, participation in a pilgrimage to one of the local sites enables one to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence.

> Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Richmond Basilica of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Norfolk

Basilica of Saint Andrew, Roanoke National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Williamsburg

To learn more, go to www.richmonddiocese.org or www. catholicvirginian.org.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### **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

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.

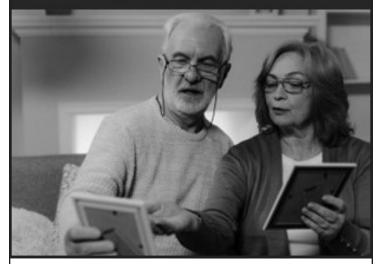


It is as easy as going to the **QR Code, ordering and having items sent to POP – Homeless Meals**. The address will be available for you to choose once you go to check-out. If you have any questions at all, please just email cooeybrooks@cox.net. Thank you.

#### HOMELESS ASSISTANCE VOLUNTEERS

Agape Feast of Prince of Peace needs at least six people to become Team Members for our Parking Lot Food Distribution Program. The distribution takes only about 30 minutes (four days every two and a half 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.

## IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution



#### QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

When you make a gift of a distribution from your IRA to your parish, it allows you to demonstrate a legacy of love for Christ and His Church. If you're over 70 ½, making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to our parish from your IRA can also save on taxes. To make a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA, contact parish staff with questions.

#### Next Meeting: <u>April 30<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm and 6:30 pm, Rm 10</u>



#### 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.

Contact: Chloe Barnes at oliviafreeman804@outlook.com.

Time: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

#### 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.



#### **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.



#### 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.

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