

HE IS Risen

EASTER 2025



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www.richmonddiocese.org

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.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS WEEK: APRIL 27-MAY 4, 2025

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

9:00 a.m. Mass
 10:00-11:00 a.m. Elementary Christian Formation
 11:00 a.m. Mass (livestreamed)
 12:30-2:30 p.m. First Eucharist Rehearsal
 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Prayer Service & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

MONDAY, APRIL 28

No Daily Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

9:00 a.m. Mass followed by the Praying of the Rosary

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

9:00 a.m. Mass followed by the Praying of the Rosary
 6:30-8:00 p.m. Choir and Music Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 1

9:00 a.m. Mass followed by the Praying of the Rosary
 10:00 a.m.-Noon Crafters Meeting in Parish Hall

FRIDAY, MAY 2

9:00 a.m. Mass followed by Exposition and Adoration
 11:00 a.m. Benediction
 10:30-11:30 a.m. Knights of Columbus in Parish Hall for First Friday

SATURDAY, MAY 3

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Car Wash Fundraiser
 3:30-4:45 p.m. Reconciliation
 5:00 p.m. Mass (Baptisms)

SUNDAY, MAY 4

9:00 a.m. Mass
 10:30 a.m. May Procession and Potluck Lunch
 11:00 a.m. Mass (First Eucharist; livestreamed)
 1:00 p.m. Pre-Baptism Preparation Session (Virtual)

ORATIO IMPERATA:

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

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

ASSISTIVE HEARING DEVICES

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

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE QUOTE FOR MEDITATION

April 27, 2025: Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

John 20:29 "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

May 4, 2025: Third Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

2nd Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

9:00 a.m. Rocco Russo †

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

9:00 a.m. Midge Russo †

THURSDAY, MAY 1

9:00 a.m. Deacon Mike Johnson †

FRIDAY, MAY 2

9:00 a.m. Eusebio and
 Esperanza Cacho †

SATURDAY, MAY 3

5:00 p.m. Madelyn Lowe-Perdue †

SUNDAY, MAY 4

9:00 a.m. William Barzano †
 11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

† denotes deceased

MASS COUNTS: APRIL 12/13, 2025

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	271
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	396
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	410
Total:		1,077

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: Glenn Davis, Wilma O'Callaghan, Bill Holtsnider, Richard Higgins, Patricia Byrne, Rosa Iglesia, Margaret Gillaspie, 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: Eileen Lamont, Helen Neyinpassu, Tina Dean, Wayne Waibel, Ann Waibel, Bob Russell, Edward Gasca, Shawn Ries, Elma Alviar, Betssie Ellen Reed, Shirley Byrd, Kathryn Marks, Emily Lutz, Fanny Wickley, Joseph Evan, Ada Murphy, Sherri Yewitt, and Heather Speicher.

IN THE HOSPITAL: Charles Detore, Austin Boone, Linda Treffeisen

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Catherine Twomey, Elma Muniz, Emilio Whelan O. Moraleta, Lillian Grace Guardino, Gene DiPascale, Tina Cole, Madelyn Lowe-Perdue, Kimberly Carnes, Maria-Angelica Posadas Briceno, Frank Papa, Mibelle Richey, Rose Jesselli, Infant Jacob Karp, Michelle Mclees

WE REJOICE

Prince of Peace Parish joyfully welcomes
Legend Hulse | Christopher Matthews | Aiden Revell
who were fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church
at the Easter Vigil.

Prince of Peace Parish joyfully congratulates
Kenneth Jones
who made a Profession of Faith into Full Communion into the
Roman Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

We thank their families, sponsors, catechists,
and OCIA Team members
for journeying with them to the
Easter Sacraments.

May God continue to bless them abundantly!

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – APRIL 27, 2025**

Please join our parish family for the Divine Mercy Sunday afternoon prayer service and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, April 27. Invite your family and friends to join, as well. The prayer service will be held at **Prince of Peace at 3:00 p.m.** This is an opportunity to join others to venerate the Lord's great mercy.

closed for lunch
LUNCH

The office will close for lunch Monday-Thursday
from 12:00-12:30 p.m.

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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!

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, May 4, 2025**

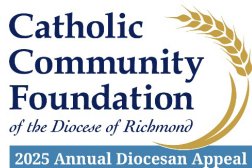
Parents are asked to register for the sessions by visiting our parish website at popparish.org. Go to the *Sacrament* tab and scroll down to *Baptisms*. Anyone with questions, please contact Sister Dolores at the Parish Office.

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.



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.



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



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, 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.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

PoP Capital Improvement May 17/18, 2025
Diocesan Home Missions May 24/25, 2025
PoP 50th Anniversary May 31/June 1, 2025

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.



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

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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.

REST IN PEACE HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS



BORN
DECEMBER 17, 1936

ORDAINED TO THE HOLY PRIESTHOOD
DECEMBER 13, 1969

ELECTED TO THE PAPACY
MARCH 13, 2013

DIED
APRIL 21, 2025



"We will never be disillusioned or lose our way if we are guided by God."

Pope Francis, who died April 21 at the age of 88, gave new energy to millions of Catholics as he transformed the image of the papacy into a pastoral ministry based on personal encounters and strong convictions about poverty, mission and dialogue. U.S. Cardinal Kevin J. Farrell, chamberlain of the Holy Roman Church, announced that Pope Francis had died at 7:35 a.m. "His whole life was dedicated to the service of the Lord and His Church," Cardinal Farrell said in a video announcement broadcast from the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae, where Pope Francis lived.

Promoting peace, solidarity and respect for the Earth, the pope insisted people needed to recognize each other as brothers and sisters and issued an encyclical about that, "Fratelli Tutti, on Fraternity and Social Friendship." He signed the text at the tomb of St. Francis of Assisi on the saint's feast day, October 4, 2020.

Pope Francis spent much of the first nine years of his pontificate pursuing two ambitious projects: revitalizing the Church's efforts at evangelization – constantly urging outreach rather than a preoccupation with internal church affairs – and reforming the central administration of the Vatican, emphasizing its role of assisting bishops around the world rather than dictating policy to them.

On March 19, 2022, the ninth anniversary of the inauguration of his papacy, he finally promulgated "Praedicate Evangelium" ("Preach the Gospel"), his complete restructuring of the Roma Curia, highlighting its mission to serve the Church's evangelization efforts at all levels.

"Go out" was Pope Francis' constant plea to every Catholic, from curial cardinals to the people in the pews. More than once, he told people that while the Bible presents Jesus as knocking at the door of people's hearts to get in, today Jesus is knocking at the doors of parish churches trying to get out and among the people.

Read the full article: "Global pastor: In word and deed, pope preached mercy, outreach" by Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service <https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/global-pastor-word-and-deed-pope-preached-mercy-outreach> (Accessed April 21, 2025).

Christian Formation



ELEMENTARY CLASSES:

Sunday, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
April 27

SONLIGHT:

Wednesday, 5:00-6:30 p.m.
May 21
June 18
July 16

UPCOMING DATES:

First Communion REHEARSAL

Sunday, April 27: 12:30-2:30 p.m.



Sunday, May 4:
10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
May Procession/Potluck
(all grades)



First Communion

Sunday, May 4:
11:00 a.m.
First Communion

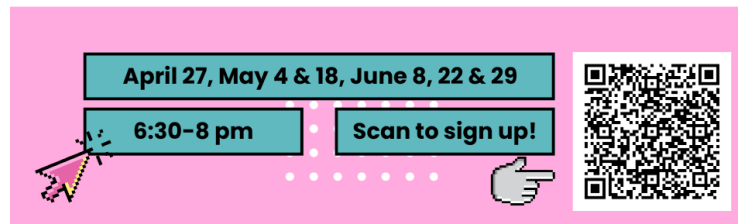
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

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.

If you have any questions, please contact:



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



VIRTUS:

All Catechists, Assistants, VYMs, people in leadership roles, and those serving minors or vulnerable adults are required to register for and attend a one-time class, VIRTUS Protecting God's Children. Registration for the class will initiate the Safe Environment Screening which is required every five years. Please email our POP safe environment coordinator Melody.Smith@popparish.org for more information.

PEACE AND JUSTICE:

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



Thankyou

Thank you to all of the CAST volunteers and donors. Your love and compassion made it an exceptional week for all of our guests. While this was a new venture for us at the CARES Resource Center, you stepped up and made this a week where folks felt truly cared for. They enjoyed the meals, loved the activities, and were warm and dry overnight.

The donations helped to make our week complete with prizes for the many rounds of Bingo they want to play. The food donations went a long way in supplementing the meals and providing snacks and lunch bags for those not able to buy their meals.

The Prince of Peace beautiful way of ministering to those who are unhoused came through to all of the 50 men and women we served each night and morning. Thank you for always being there and for making this a remarkable piece of our Lenten journey.

If you would like to volunteer outside of our CAST week, please contact Mary Riley at maryriley94@gmail.com for ways you can continue serving those who need us.

Sincerely,
Ray McCollum

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.

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.

**CALLING ALL ADULT CRAFTERS & SEWISTS**

**Thursdays,
10 am - noon
in the Parish Hall**

**Agape Feast will be selling
crafts at local fairs to help fund
our life-saving ministry.**

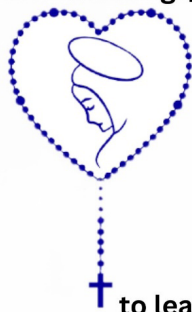
Sandy Shepard
agapefeastmeals@gmail.com

THANK YOU, TIGERS!

This past year, a number of PoP parishioners stepped forward to help with the Refresh of the church for our 50th Anniversary Celebration. Significant among their many accomplishments were the preparation and painting of the Parish Hall, Atrium, and Commons. In addition, Tigers completely refurbished the three outside garden pathways, removed hedges, planted new flowers, mulched, relocated the garden statue of Our Blessed Lady to inside the garden walls, built and placed a lighted trellis over Mary, and installed a new garden statue of St. Joseph.

As a result, our Tiger teams saved in labor costs for our church well over an estimated \$100,000.00. But, the work continues! This summer, the Tigers will be putting up new Stations of the Cross inside the church, and relocating the old Stations to the outside garden pathways. The Tigers will also be planting more flowers in the garden and clearing away dead trees and brush from around our perimeter. As always, many hands make light work. If you'd like to join the PoP Tigers and lend a helping hand, please contact our "Tiger King," Jerry Hart at 757-575-1857 or email jsandyhart@aol.com.

Next Meeting: April 30th at 1 pm and 6:30 pm, Rm 10



*Dorothy Hill: dorothy.hill757@yahoo.com
or Pat Mitolo: mitolo@cox.net*

Rosary Makers Ministry

**New members always welcome
to learn how to make cord-knotted rosaries!**

HELP NEEDED

Ascension's Faith Formation Department seeks a **Coordinator of Initiation (OCIA) and Sacramental Preparation** who will work with the formation staff and volunteers. This is a part-time, 15 hours per week, hourly position. The candidate must be a Catholic in good standing and have a good working knowledge of the Order of Christian Initiation and the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. The candidate must also be proficient with Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook and be willing to learn to use other software such as Flocknotes. Visit www.ascensionvb.org/employment for more information. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest and résumé to Bridgett Passauer at passauerb@ascensionvb.org.

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.



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.



CAR WASH

**Knights of Columbus Fundraiser
SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025**

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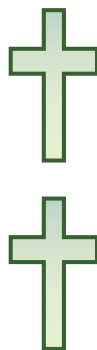
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