

PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH
CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS WEEK – December 25, 2011

Sun., December 25	Christmas Day Masses, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. No Christian Formation Classes
Mon., December 26	Parish Office Closed
Tues., December 27	Mass, 9:00 a.m. Parish Office Closed Rosary, 7:30 p.m., Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Wed., December 28	Mass, 9:00 a.m. Parish Office Closed Food Pantry Open, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Blessed Sacrament Chapel No Christian Formation Classes
Thurs., December 29	Mass, 9:00 a.m. Parish Office Closed
Fri., December 30	Mass, 9:00 a.m. Parish Office Closed
Sat., December 31	Reconciliation, 4:30 p.m. Mass, 5:30 p.m.
Sun., January 1	Mary, Mother of God Masses, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. No Christian Formation Classes New Year's Day

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL READING

Christmas Day

Gospel: John 1:1-18

Question of the Week: What is the true spirit of Christmas?

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Mary, Mother of God, January 1, 2012

1st Reading: Number 6:22-27

2nd Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 27	9:00 a.m.	Fr. Romeo Jazmin- Mass Intentions Sister Dolores Sabisky- Mass Intentions
Wednesday, December 28	9:00 a.m.	Joan Edwards † Jacqueline Pirro †
Thursday, December 29	9:00 a.m.	Mary Barazin-Reinlein † Violet Abiad- Mass Intentions
Friday, December 30	9:00 a.m.	John Tomek † Isabel Tomek † Fr. Romeo Jazmin- Mass Intentions
Saturday, December 31	5:30 p.m.	Thomas Deegan, Jr. † Dave Medenilla- Mass Intentions
Sunday, January 1	9:00 a.m.	Fr. Bart Lynch † Rayden Baul †
	11:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Offertory- 12-11-2011	\$ 12,177.90	\$266,444.31
Budgeted Needs	- \$ <u>12,787.00</u>	- <u>\$294,101.00</u>
	- \$ 609.10	-\$ 27,656.69

Debt Balance: Mortgage: 3.35% \$453,959.00

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support of your parish.

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Merry Christmas to all Prince of Peace Parishioners and their Families.



***“And this will be a sign for you: you will find an Infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”
Luke 2:12***



FOOD PANTRY: If you have never donated food to the pantry, please consider doing so at this time. Any amount of food is appreciated, your bag does not have to be full. At this time, we do NOT need Soup, Baby Food, or Canned Pasta (ravioli, etc.) We NEED Juice, Jell-O, Jelly and Peanut Butter.

It is very important you keep these in mind when making your contributions:

NO GLASS JARS

WATCH THE EXPIRATION DATES

SMALL OR MEDIUM SIZE ITEMS ARE BEST

DO NOT GIVE PACKAGES THAT HAVE BEEN OPEN

We would like to wish everyone a blessed Christmas.

Let us give thanks that we are able to help those in need.

FOOD PANTRY IS ALSO FOR PARISHIONERS: We want to remind all of our parishioners that the food pantry is for YOU too. If you are in need, you can use the food pantry. **Contact Sister Dolores at the Parish office by calling 547-0356 and your case will be handled discretely.**

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE:

Thanks to the volunteers for their work at the church Christmas tree sale. The volunteers worked many days and nights setting up the lot, unloading the trees from the truck, selling the trees, and cleaning up the lot. The \$10,821.84 profit from this annual fund raiser helps to continue the operation of many of our church ministries. A special thanks to **Mike Corrigan** for an excellent job at his first year of being the chairperson for this ministry. Great job Mike!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The Parish Office will be closed from 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 22, 2011 through Monday, January 2, 2012. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

***** PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE NEWS *****

**Our mission is to strengthen our parish by bringing neighbors together.
The following dates have been scheduled for events taking place
here at Prince of Peace!**

GRAND GROUP: The next meeting for the Prince of Peace Grand Group will be Tuesday, January 3, 2012. We will begin with the 11:00 a.m. Mass, followed by a business meeting and lunch. The cost for lunch is \$6.00 per person. Entertainment will be provided by The Beachtones.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2012, from 8:00-9:30 a.m. in Rooms 9/10. All men of our parish are welcome to come for breakfast, fellowship and to share their faith.

WOMEN'S TEA: The next Women's Tea is Sunday, January 15, 2012 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in Room 10. Please join us for faith sharing, fellowship, and of course, a great spread of food. For more information, call Robin Marchi at 410-0786.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE DOUGHNUT MINISTRY!

Little time and skill are needed and it is a wonderful way to get the family involved, as the children like to help. If interested, please call Cheryl Bilbo at 547-7695 and leave a message.

DOUGHNUT VOLUNTEERS:

December 25-Christmas Day: No doughnuts
January 1-Deidre Purcell, Deb Kaser
January 8-Monica Rodriguez, Karen Queen

2011 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL:

Congratulations! Through your generous gifts Prince of Peace has exceeded the Diocesan Appeal goal. As of 12/08/11, we are at 175%. Our goal was \$25,700.00, we have raised \$44,924.00. Thank you for your continued support.

THANK YOU: Thanks to **Kelly Bruno** and **Dave Zybak** for their many hours of time and effort working on the Diocesan Appeal for Prince of Peace!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: In January 2010, a group of women met with Sister Dolores to establish a Prayer Shawl Ministry at Prince of Peace. Now eighteen women and one man knit and crochet the shawls. While they work, they pray for those who will receive the shawls; Fr. Romy blesses the completed wraps. We give the shawls to people who are dealing with illness or bereavement. Most of the recipients are members of our parish, but some have been sent to family and friends in Louisiana, Indiana, New York, and elsewhere. Since our first meeting, we have distributed **215** shawls. If you know someone who is in need of this comfort, contact information is on the Prince of Peace website: www.popparish.org. Last year the group expanded its ministry and now creates warm hats for the homeless served by NEST. Contributions to support this work are welcome; please write Prayer Shawl Ministry on the memo line of your check. The group meets once a month to package shawls and to share ideas. Check the parish bulletin for date and time if you would like to join the ministry. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, January 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in Rooms 9/10.

EAGLE SCOUT: Congratulations to Jeremiah Chastain for earning the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scout Troop 824! Jeremiah's Eagle Scout Project was to build a box for American Flags that need to be retired. The Boy Scouts have placed the box at the American Legion on Battlefield Blvd. Congratulations, Jeremiah, on earning this lifetime achievement!

ROMAN MISSAL

Ancient Prayers, New Translation

On this weekend December 24/25, 2011, Christmas Day, the Catholic Church in the United States continues to use a new translation of the prayers that are used at Mass. This is a new moment for our parish, a moment to celebrate the Mass with renewed minds and hearts. This is a moment when we can embrace what it really means to be a Roman Catholic parish; part of a universal Church. Ultimately, our hope is that this new translation draws us closer into relationship with God and with one another. The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops: "The entire Church in the United States has been blessed with this opportunity to deepen its understanding of the Sacred Liturgy, and to appreciate its meaning and importance in our lives. Now is the time to seize the opportunity

given to us for all Catholics in the United States to deepen, nurture, and celebrate our faith through the renewal of our worship and the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy."

We will have missals at the entrance of the Worship space for use during the celebration of the Mass. The missals will not take the place of our worship aids but will be used to help us enter fully into the prayers of the liturgy. Also available will be resources in the parish hall.

Should anyone have a question please contact Sister Dolores at the Parish Office.

PRAYERS AND DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays at 12:00 noon

First Friday of the month 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon, with Exposition and Benediction

(The next first Friday is January 6, 2012.)

Third Friday of the month 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

(The next third Friday Evening Adoration will be January 20, 2012.)

Any time the building is open, the Blessed Sacrament Chapel is available for Adoration.

Rosary

Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

And following daily Masses at 9:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are offered only on the following weekends:

January 7/8, 2012

February 18/19, 2012

April 21/22, 2012

May 19/20, 2012

June 23/24, 2012

August 4/5, 2012

September 8/9, 2012

October 6/7, 2012

November 10/11, 2012

Please call the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism date, and to register for the required sacramental preparatory class. Parents must be registered in the Parish a minimum of three months before the Baptism.

PRINCE OF PEACE POLICY : Anyone requesting a Godparent sponsor letter, a Confirmation sponsor letter, or a letter verifying church membership, must be a registered member of the Parish a minimum of three months.

RCIA CORNER:

Are you an adult who thinks it may be the right time to look into becoming a Catholic Christian? Are there subjects that seem to stand in your way and you would like clarity on them? Do you have an interest in entering a lifelong faith journey that embraces the love and joy inherent in the Holy seasons of Advent and Christmas? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you should consider contacting Sister Dolores concerning the study and reflections included within the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults here at Prince of Peace Catholic Church. No one will push you. Everyone will welcome you. And we will do all we can to help you discern your own calling—for it is yours alone—to His Holy Church. If you would like to join our current Inquirers as they seek closer Communion with God through the Roman Catholic Church, please contact Sister Dolores at 547-0356.

PRINCE OF PEACE BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY: Sister Dolores will begin facilitating a Prince of Peace Bereavement Ministry in February. There will be an information meeting on Sunday, January 22, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 10. This ministry is for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. At the meeting, participants will discuss the group's future meeting dates and time.

AN EVENING FOR COUPLES:

Prince of Peace Marriage Ministry will be offering a special evening-"Table for Two"- on Friday, February 17, 2012 for engaged and married couples at the Ramada on the Beach in Virginia Beach. "Table for Two" provides the opportunity for couples to spend an evening out together with other Catholic/Christian couples. The atmosphere is elegant, the food provided by Mahi Mahi's restaurant is delicious, and the company is the best. Couples will be seated at tables set for only the two of them. The cost of the evening is \$70.00 per couple which includes soup, salad, an entree, dessert, beverages, and a glass of wine. Couples wishing to spend the night or weekend at the Ramada will be given a special discount rate. Should you wish to give your spouse Table for Two for a Christmas or Valentine present, gift certificates are available. For more information contact Sister Dolores

WE REJOICE!

Prince of Peace Parish joyfully welcomes Mark Hovatter who was fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church on Saturday, December 10th. We thank his sponsor, catechists, and RCIA Team members for journeying with him. May God continue to bless Mark and his family abundantly!

NEW CD's HAVE ARRIVED: Check the CD rack for the new arrivals. One new CD is "The Meaning of Christmas" by Archbishop Fulton Sheen. You can listen to the CD in the car or at home. A suggested donation is \$3.00 per CD.

CRAFT FAIR: A huge thanks to all the volunteers who made our second annual Prince of Peace Craft Fair such a success. Also, thanks to the many parishioners who attended the fair and purchased items from the vendors. We plan to use the \$ 2,198.68 profit towards the purchase of a new defibrillator for the church. A special thanks to **John Ricci** for his exceptional job as chairperson for this event.

HOUSING THE HOMELESS. POP will be supporting its 17th year (and 27th week) of Housing the Homeless through the Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team (NEST), starting with dinner on February 29th and running through breakfast March 7, 2012. Volunteer signups will start in early February. Please mark you calendars!! Volunteers are especially need to drive the buses which are used to transport the homeless to bus sites. If you have a CDL license and can spare the time early morning (pickup is about 6:30 a.m.) or early evening (departure from downtown is about 7:30 p.m.) please call John Nogosek at 548-2794 for more details.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Knights of Columbus Council 8240 Free Throw Championship – Tuesday January 10, 2012 from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School gym. Sign ups will be after all masses the weekends of December 31 – January 1 and January 8-9, 2012. All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2012 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held Tuesday January 10, 2012 at 6:30 pm at the Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School gym.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based upon scores from the state –level competitions. All boys and girls 10 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Last year more than 130,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,000 local competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact: Tom Schares, (757) 548-4858.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with over 1.8 million members in 14,000 local councils. Last year, Knights donated over 69 million volunteer hours and \$151 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their church, councils, communities, families and youth.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Mission Trip to Haiti 2012 Two Fundraisers:

50/50 Raffle

The Young Adult Group Haiti Mission trip, 50/50 raffle is geared to allow anyone to give what they can. No matter what you donate, you will be given a ticket for the raffle. You may donate as many times as you like for as much as you would like to donate. 50% of the proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the Young Adult Haiti Mission Trip 2012 and the other 50% will go to the winning ticket holder or the ministry of the ticket holder's choice. Everybody wins!

World Class Travel

Once again World Class Travel of Chesapeake will help the Young Adult Group of Prince of Peace fundraise for their mission trip to Haiti 2012. The prize is a \$1500.00 travel voucher good towards any travel package that World Class Travel sells. Also, World Class Travel will make a donation from any trip booked between now and February by any member of Prince of Peace. The cost of the travel voucher tickets this year is \$10.00.

SPIRITUAL OFFERINGS

The following will be available in the parish hall to assist families on their Spiritual journey.

The Word Among Us: The Word Among Us is a book that contains all the words of Mass as well as the readings for each day and a daily meditation. A \$5.00 donation is asked to help defray the cost.

At Home with the Word: At Home with the Word is a book containing the Sunday readings for the Year and a short reflection. A \$10.00 donation is asked to help defray the cost.

Living Faith: Living Faith is a book that contains daily reflections on the readings. A \$3.00 donation is asked to help defray the cost.

POP Shop: Our POP shop offers many religious articles. All proceeds go toward our parish Youth Ministry.

MILITARY MINISTRY:

The Military Ministry support for the Wounded Warrior program needs your support. We are asking you to donate the following items to help the service members at the Naval Hospital Wounded Warrior program. When you go shopping, purchase an extra laundry soap and bring the donated laundry item to Mass or drop off at the front office. In addition, socks, sweat pants, sweatshirts, T-shirts sizes M, L and XL for the wounded. Preferably large and extra-large to facilitate easy donning and removal as they often have casts or dressings that require care and allow the service member to easily care for themselves. There will be a box in the parish hall (through the end of December), where you can drop the items off, or bring them to the front office during the week. If you would like more information please contact Barbara Cailteux-Zevallos at c-757-535-2363 h-757-966-1415 or George Decker at 617-6208.

**** CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS ****

Be a St. Nicholas for POP Youth

POP Youth are looking for a special parishioner to be St. Nicholas for us this Christmas. We are asking the person to build two Corn Hole games for our youth nights and events. If you can help, please contact Melody.Smith@popparish.org for more information.

TEEN TRIPS!

Please note the newly solidified dates below for TEEN MAIN EVENTS! We are now accepting applications for any teens wishing to attend a Teen Main Event. All but one of the dates are final and plans are well underway. Pre-registrations are essential! Fundraising has already begun so contact Melody.Smith@popparish.org to save your place soon. The following are POP Teen Main Events for which you MUST be pre-registered to attend:

2/19	Steve Angrisano Concert	\$15 for tickets
3/24	Regional Mini-Conference (Strongly Recommended)	\$0
4/29	Cooper Ray	\$5
5/20	Middle School Youth Rally (Strongly Recommended)	\$15 + fundraising
6/25-30	Serve The City (Local Mission)	\$50 + fundraising
6/23-29	Catholic Work Camp (Domestic Mission)	\$50 + fundraising
3/10-18	Haiti Mission 2012 (Foreign Mission)	doreenthomas@yahoo.com Must be 18 or older
7/27-29	Diocesan Youth Conference (Strongly Recommended)	\$50 + fundraising
8/TBD	Middle School Leadership Camp	\$TBD

VOLUNTEERS:

All volunteers in contact with minors are required to complete the following:
VIRTUS –You may register for a VIRTUS class by going to the following website:
https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theOrgID=18860&theme=0 Please contact
Melody.Smith@popparish.org for more information.

Pathways – Please contact Melody.Smith@popparish.org for more information.
Or to register go to the following website: <http://tinyurl.com/cdrpathways>

Security Screenings – All catechists are required to have security Screenings at least every 5 years. Please contact Melody.Smith@popparish.org for more information.

At the POP Shop:

Don't forget to check out the items at the POP Shop! Also, teens are asked to give of their time to help run the POP Shop after Masses this year (except Christmas Masses). Remember **all the proceeds from POP Shop sales go directly to Youth Ministry** to help pay for supplies, parties, missions, concerts, and other special events. Any hours you put in are credited directly to your mission trip or event! For more information please contact Melody.Smith@popparish.org or Dee.Vanderostyne@popparish.org.

Wii –TV Raffle!

Our youth are sponsoring our first Wii – TV raffle ! After Mass, just stop by any teen wearing a purple shirt to get your tickets for only \$5 each so you can win a Wii or a TV! All the proceeds from the Wii – TV raffle go directly to our YOUTH MISSIONARIES who will be giving of their time and talents this summer with our local mission **Serve the City** and our domestic mission **Catholic Work Camp**.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

CONFIRMATION 2011-2012

There will be a Confirmation Module 3, on Sunday, January 8, 2012 from 5:00-8:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall for teens preparing for Confirmation. Teens who have not yet signed up for their Confirmation interview, are reminded to schedule an interview by going to the Prince of Peace website: www.popparish.org.

Music Ministry News

Adults: Is the choir calling your name? This ministry is always looking for more choir members and instrumentalists. No experience is necessary. If you love to sing and would like to help the parish feel closer to God through music, this ministry is for you. Choir members sing each Sunday at 9:00 & 11:00 masses. Attendance at rehearsal is mandatory.

Adult rehearsal: Thursday, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Children's Choir: This group currently has 22 members ranging from grades K-8th. If your child has expressed an interest in singing or playing an instrument in our parish, please contact Elizabeth Nix at the Parish Office for more information about joining.

Children's Choir Rehearsal: Thursdays 5:30-6:30PM

Teens!!! You can play your instrument at mass! Instrumentalists must arrive 20 minutes prior to mass to tune and get settled. Want to play more? A teen band will be meeting once a week to praise, relax, and play music. Meeting time TBA. Please contact Ms. Nix for more information. We need your singing, strumming, or banging.

39th ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE: Mark your calendar for the March for Life, Monday, January 23, 2012. St. Stephen, Martyr Catholic Church will be hosting a bus trip to Washington D.C. A flyer with the trip details is on the Prince of Peace bulletin board. The cost is \$25.00 per person. For information and to reserve a seat on the bus, call Rebecca Ing 757-623-5672 or email:chiming@whro.net. The deadline for reservations is January 17, 2012.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER these people, and all that are kept from joining us due to their health...

(Nursing Home Residents) ALLZWELL: Frank Stingo. **AUTUMN CARE:** Carol Bryant, Soledad Romarez, Helen Falcone, Olga Caldwell, David Kim, Nora Tapia, Edith Firnges, Rebecca Lopez, Joan Michaels, Inge Barber, Rose Denuccio, Rose Romanchek, Veronica Casari, Mary Rudis, Carol Adamy, and Sarah Buczek. **CEDAR MANOR:** Dotty Boucher, Alice Chase, Tom King, Florence Kress, Collen Kozuk, Leona Kropp, Ann Rose. **CHESAPEAKE HEALTHCARE CENTER :** Bailio Bugarin, Carolyn Mankovick, Barbara Stepanski, Georgene Durbin, Kathleen Curtis, Janet Blazes, Kathleen Blood, Benamina Bunag, Mary Dodge, Catharine Draper, Joann Evans, Laura Krasniski, Katherine Merbler, Louis Murden, Verona Reese, and Anna Simmons. **GEORGIAN MANOR** Martha Eppley and Michael Sedlacko.

SENTARA: Catherine Black, Patricia Conway, Genevieve Gordy, Fred Harvey, Lucy Madden, Carmen Martinez, Mitchel Stockstad, and Macilinda Loberternos and Abel Gonzales. **SENTARA VILLAGE:** Connie Dinardo, Marie Gillespie, Florence Lentini, and Bernadine Lewis. **WHITEHURST MANOR:** Leonida Kraft and Betty Smith.

AT HOME OR IN THE HOSPITAL: Lori Noel, Charles Vitagliano, Ivy Farley, Walter Moore, Nancy Cole, Irene Champion, Dolores Collins, Phil Correll, Sharon Dameron, Hulon J. Drew, Eileen Ettwein, Bonnie Gallimore, Dominick Iafrato, Dorothy Janifer, Thomas Jenkins, Mary Kelly, Jaqueline Knight, Glenn Maynard, Tina Moses, Michael Peasley, Nancy Shashaty, Aileen Damron and Sally Vincent.

REMEMBER ALSO THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Gracie Mae Huffaker and John Weschler .

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: There are a number of job opportunities available in the Diocese of Richmond that are posted on the Prince of Peace bulletin board. For more information log on to <http://www.richmonddiocese.org/human/apply.htm>.

THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONS:

Christmas - December 25, 2011

“The Word became flesh and lived among us.” Vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life are living in our midst. If you may be among them, call Father Michael Boehling (804) 359-5661, or write: mboehling@richmonddiocese.org.

DOMINICAN RETREAT: Forthcoming programs at Dominican can be found on the bulletin board in the Prince of Peace Parish Hall or on their website at www.dominicanretreat.org.

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