

Prince of Peace

Roman Catholic Church



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The Seven Catholic Sacraments

BAPTISM For Catholics, the Sacrament of Baptism is the first step in a lifelong journey of commitment and discipleship. Whether we are baptized as infants or adults, Baptism is the Church's way of celebrating and enacting the embrace of God.

Baptism-Infant

Baptisms are only scheduled on specific weekends throughout the year at liturgies. Please check inside the weekly bulletin for upcoming baptism dates. A required initial parent preparation session occurs several weeks before the Baptism. To register for the next parent session and schedule your child's Baptism, please contact the Parish Office. An additional required session is also held just prior to the Baptism. Parents must be registered in the Parish.

Adults for Baptism or Reception into the Catholic Church

Adults who have not been Baptized or wish to be received into the Catholic Church participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

Baptism-Children

The process is adapted for children 7 years of age or older. Contact Sister Dolores at the parish office for information.

EUCCHARIST The Sacrament of Holy Communion is the reception of Christ's Body and Blood. We believe in the real presence of Jesus, who died for our sins. As we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, we are nourished spiritually and brought closer to God.

RECONCILIATION The Catholic Sacrament of Reconciliation (also known as Penance, or Penance and Reconciliation) has three elements: conversion, confession and celebration. In it we find God's unconditional forgiveness; as a result we are called to forgive others. *The Parish offers Reconciliation every Saturday at 4:30pm.*

CONFIRMATION Confirmation is a Catholic Sacrament of mature Christian commitment and a deepening of baptismal gifts. It is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation for Catholics. It is most often associated with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Confirmation (Youth): Youth may celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation when they are in the tenth grade and are at least 15 years of age. In addition to the Confirmation program each Confirmand must also be enrolled in a religious education program. Confirmation is normally celebrated during the Easter Season. *Contact Sister Dolores at the parish office for additional information.*

Confirmation (Adult): Baptized Adults who have received their first Eucharist and wish to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation participate in an eight week process usually beginning in Lent. *Contact Sister Dolores at the parish office for information.*

MARRIAGE The Sacrament of Marriage, or Holy Matrimony, is a public sign that one gives oneself totally to this other person. It is also a public statement about God: the loving union of husband and wife speaks of family values and also of God's values. *Please contact the Parish Office; there is a minimum of six months of preparation time.*

HOLY ORDERS

Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time: thus it is the sacrament of apostolic ministry. It includes three degrees: episcopate (bishops), presbyterate (priests), and diaconate (deacons). The bishop receives the fullness of the sacrament of Holy Orders, which integrates him into the episcopal college and makes him the visible head of the particular Church entrusted to him. As successors of the apostles and members of the college, the bishops share in the apostolic responsibility and mission of the whole Church under the authority of the Pope, successor of St. Peter. Priests are united with the bishops in sacerdotal dignity and at the same time depend on them in the exercise of their pastoral functions; they are called to be the bishops' prudent co-workers. They form around their bishop the presbyterium which bears responsibility with him for the particular Church. They receive from the bishop the charge of a parish community or a determinate ecclesial office. Deacons are ministers ordained for tasks of service of the Church; they do not receive the ministerial priesthood, but ordination confers on them important functions in the ministry of the word, divine worship, pastoral governance, and the service of charity, tasks which they must carry out under the pastoral authority of their bishop.

Men and women who are considering Holy Orders, Religious Life or Lay Ministry are encouraged to contact Father Jazmin at the Parish Office. For specific questions about the diaconate, you may also contact Deacon Adrian Marchi at the Parish Office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Catholic Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, formerly known as Last Rites or Extreme Unction, is a ritual of healing appropriate not only for physical but also for mental and spiritual sickness. *If you or someone you know is being admitted to Chesapeake General Hospital, please call the Parish Office so that we may share Eucharist and/or celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick.*

