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BAPTISM/MARRIAGE: Please call the Parish Office during office hours.

FAITH FORMATION: Children from the ages of preschool and older should attend these classes held on Sunday. Please call the Faith Formation Office for information.

HOSPITAL, SICK AND HOMEBOUND: We appreciate knowing when a parishioner is in the hospital, nursing home or unable to attend Mass on a regular basis. Please call the Parish Office.

NEW PARISHIONERS: New Parishioners are welcome. Please call the Parish Office during hours to register. Parishioners moving from the parish or within the parish should notify the Parish Office prior to moving with address changes and phone number changes.

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MASSES

Weekend

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am

Daily Liturgies

Monday–Wednesday: 8:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 2:30-3:30 pm,

Or by appointment

PARISH MISSION

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Through SUPPORT & SERVICE to the COMMUNITY.



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**The Annual Prince of Peace Ministry Fair...
February 1st & 2nd**

Come and support our Confirmation candidates as they will present their service project posters. During the ministry fair, you will get to vote on which movie we will show in the parish hall in March. We will also be giving away a few door prizes throughout the weekend. All are invited to attend.



This Sunday we celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life. We recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church

through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. The consecrated life is one way that women and men live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day.

We give Thanks for Fr. Lou, Fr. Bob, Fr. Maloney and Deacon Bob



Most people take things like underwear for granted. According to Catholic Charities, many low-income families and seniors living on poverty-level incomes do not spend money on underwear and they desperately need it.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society at Prince of Peace is sponsoring an **Undy Sunday, February 15 – 16, 2025**. We are asking our parishioners to donate new underwear and socks of all sizes for men, women, and children. Bring them to the church and drop them in the baskets by the front or back doors. Donations will be taken to Common Threads for distribution. If you have questions, please call Christine Deock 330 807-8624. Thank you for your generosity. God Bless.



- Please Remember
- **William (Scooter) Lantz**

May he Enjoy Eternal Peace and his family be comforted by the Prince of Peace.



February 2, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord

Readings found on Page 67 of Today's Missal

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

- Lk 2:34-35

Readings for the week of February 2, 2025

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31
-32/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

Tax Statements - Those wishing an **2024 End of the Year Tax Statement**, can request one, by one of the following ways:

Emailing the church office at

(ppeacechurch@princeofpeaceparish.org)

-Drop a note in the Collection Basket with your Name and Envelope Number

-Phone the Rectory 330-825-9543

Statements will be available in the Church Vestibule.



**To Prince
Of Peace
Church**

If you would like to register at Prince of Peace or have any questions, please call the church office at 330-825-9543 or visit our website:
www.princeofpeaceparish.org



Saturday, February 1, 2025

St. Andrew the Apostle 8:00 a.m.

Betty Jo Beres

Int. of Friends of Children's Hospital

Prince of Peace 4:00 pm –

Albina & Frank Dallas

Int. of Cindy & Gary Dohner

St. Andrew the Apostle 5:30 p.m.– *Pro Populo*

Sunday, February 2, 2025–

Prince of Peace 8:30 a.m.– (Fr. Maloney)

Deceased Members of Holderbaum Family

Int. of Eileen Holderbaum

St. Andrew the Apostle 10:00 a.m.–

Rebecca Scarito

Int. of Jennifer & Robert Hopkins

St. Andrew the Apostle 11:30 a.m. –

Carol Steiner

Int. of Fran & Lisa Pelton

Monday, February 3rd– St. Blaise; St. Ansgar

Prince of Peace 8:00 am

Thomas Keating

Int. of Wife, Joyce & Family

Tuesday, February 4th

Prince of Peace 8:00 a.m.–

Jean & Don Linn

Int. of Ralston Family

Wednesday, February 5th– St. Agatha

Prince of Peace 8:00 a.m.

Evelyn Von Gunten

Int. of Wilma Stopar & Family

Thursday, February 6th– St. Paul Miki & Companions

St. Andrew the Apostle 8:00 a.m.–

Patricia Loose

Int. of Fr. Louis of the house of Thomas

Friday, February 7th

St. Andrew the Apostle 8:00 a.m.

Dan Hoynes

Int. of Jack Slinger

Saturday, February 8th–

St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita

St. Andrew the Apostle 8:00 a.m.–

Vincent Bontempo (Anniv. Of Death)

Int. of Family

Prince of Peace 4:00 p.m.– (Fr. Maloney)

Don Cassidy

Int. of Wife, Flo & Family

St. Andrew the Apostle 5:30 p.m.– *Pro Populo*

Sunday, February 9th Ordinary Time V

Prince of Peace 8:30 a.m.–

Bobby Coyle

Int. of Coyle Family

St. Andrew the Apostle 10:00 a.m. –

Donald J. Ruther, Jr.

Int. of Jody Ruther

St. Andrew the Apostle 11:30 a.m.

Rebecca Scarito

Int. of Jennifer & Robert Hopkins

Target Donations for BACM:

Due to all of the food shortages, BACM is not requesting specific items per month.



Thank you for your continued generosity!

Has your address, email or phone number changed? Or have you eliminated your land line? If so, please call the parish office at 330-825-9543 or send an email to:

ppeacechurch@princeofpeaceparish.org

so we can update our records.

Thank you!



We have an Altar Flower Fund for anyone who would like to donate toward flowers for the altar in memory of someone or for a special occasion.

Your name will be published in the bulletin the week of the occasion.

Please call Jenny Roth at the rectory 330-825-9543, for further information.



**ESTHER RYAN SHOE FUND
ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Friday, February 28th 4:00pm-7:00pm

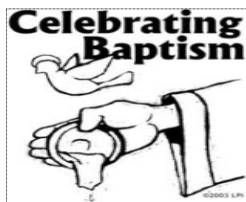
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Week
Of
Jan. 26th
2025

Regular & Misc. Collection.....	\$	2,931.00
Energy & Maintenance.....	\$	415.00
SVDP.....	\$	414.00
Major Repairs.....	\$	160.00
Initial Offering.....	\$	127.00
On Line Giving.....	\$	1,424.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

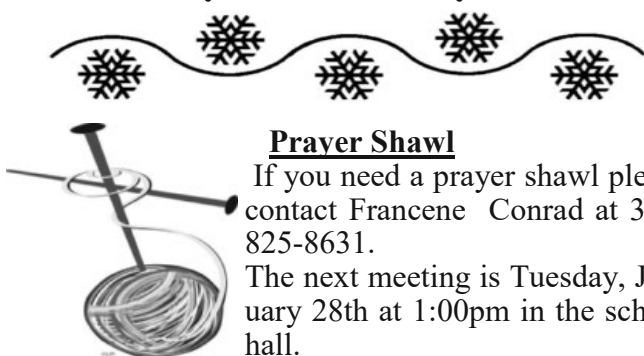


*recently baptized here
at Prince of Peace:*

Reagan Nicole Bailey
Daughter of:
Nicholas & Breanna (Hlas)



Sunday, February 2nd



Prayer Shawl

If you need a prayer shawl please contact Francene Conrad at 330-825-8631.

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 28th at 1:00pm in the school hall.

LADIES NIGHT OUT-THURSDAY 2/20/25

Attention all Ladies! Please join us for our **February Ladies Night Out** fellowship! This month we will meet at **Fa-Ray's Family Restaurant**, 1115 Wooster Rd. North in Barberton. Please **RSVP to Linda at 330-753-4733** or email lindeelloo007@hotmail.com if you are interested in joining us. **We will order dinner at 6:00pm.** We hope to see you there!

Hospitals

If any parishioner is admitted to the hospital, please have a family member contact the parish office at 330-825-9543 with the details as soon as possible we want to make sure that we don't miss anyone. Also their names will be put on our parish prayer line.

Our parish is participating in the Acme Community Cash Back Program again this year.

For more information see:

[http://www.acmestores.com/community - cash- back/.](http://www.acmestores.com/community-cash-back/)

Please help by saving your Acme cash register receipts **through February 16, 2025.**

look for the red box located in the main vestibule We are grateful for your continued participation.

Please do not turn in receipts if there is no community cash back dollar (\$0.00) amount listed on the bottom of the receipt.

HEARING UNITS

Our Church sound system has a loop system and may be compatible with your personal hearing aid.



The Ministry Schedules for Serves, Lectors and EME'S for February 2025 have been emailed to all ministers. If you are part of these ministries, and did not receive the new schedules, please send an email to:

virtus@princeofpeaceparish.org and a schedule will be provided to you.

Thank you

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



2025 Mass Intentions

The 2025 Mass Intention Book is open.

It is substantially the same as last year, **three intentions** per parish family.

Hopefully, everyone has an opportunity to schedule important dates for their loved ones,

Contact Jenny Roth at the rectory, 330-825-9543 or email her at: **ppeacechurch@princeofpeaceparish.org**

Bringing up Gifts at Offertory

If you have a Mass being offered for a loved one, please let the ushers know if your family will be taking the gifts up at Mass.

Pastoral Minister's Corner:

Do you like fun online trivia games or quizzes? If you do, and are interested in seeing how much you know about the Catholic faith, I have an interactive game just for you. This trivia game is also a great tool for learning more about the history and tradition of the Catholic Church. There are also different levels too. The St. Anne trivia game can be found in this link: **<https://trivia.stanneaz.org/>**



"LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL"

Prince of Peace Parish "Mardi Gras Social"

**Date: Saturday; March 1, 2025; 5:00—8:00
pm Location: Prince of Peace Social Hall**

Join us for this Family Event as we celebrate Mardi Gras. Activities and games for all ages (Children, Teens, Adults, "Older Kids" and Friends). Good food, including some traditional Mardi Gras desserts. Some surprises too! Please sign up on sheets available at all church doors, or call the Rectory at: (330) 825-9543.

— 33 —
**MY EYES HAVE
SEEN YOUR
SALVATION.**

— 22 —
(LK 2:30)



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February 2, 2025

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4 | Heb 2:14-18 | Lk 2:22-40

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Mary and Joseph bring their 40-day-old infant Jesus to the temple in order to fulfill the Mosaic law. There, they are met by Simeon and Anna, the faithful prophets who have spent their lives waiting for the coming of the King of Glory. These many years of waiting were like the “refiner’s fire” which the prophet Malachi describes in the first reading. Refined like gold by prayer and fasting, Simeon and Anna are prepared to meet their Lord. And in this moment, the Old and New Testaments meet and the fulfillment of the Old is foreseen. Imagine the splendor of the moment when they finally laid their eyes on this king of light and glory – the culmination of a lifetime of hope, prayer, and preparation. Overcome with peace and joy at seeing his Lord, Simeon declares, “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace,” for he had seen the glory of God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Have you ever marveled at the beauty of a shiny, gold ring? Gold has long been regarded as one of earth’s greatest treasures, yet the gold we admire today doesn’t emerge in its pure, radiant form. To produce such beauty, gold must first undergo a process of intense refinement. A crude material is exposed to extreme heat to be melted and purified – until something of profound value emerges. Like gold, we, too, must be forged in fire to be made pure and holy. This is one way we can understand the prophet Malachi’s words. The “fires” we experience in our lives are not without purpose – God is purifying us so that one day we may live with him in eternity. He isn’t afraid of our “crude material”; rather, he gazes upon us with such intense love that our own beauty is revealed. As we undergo personal purification, let us stand in holy confidence like Simeon and Anna, witnessing to the truth that it is through the refiner’s fire that we are brought to glory.

REFLECT

We can become discouraged, feeling that our prayers are unanswered or that a life devoted to Christ is too difficult. When these moments arise, consider the prophets Simeon and Anna, who gave their lives in quiet devotion, trusting in God’s promises. Pray Simeon’s canticle, meditating on the glorious gift we have been given in our salvation, and the promise that even in the darkest of days a bright and shining light awaits us.

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