

**In-person services have resumed. Join us on
Sunday, September 13th at 8:00am & 10:15am or Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00pm.
Anyone entering the building must wear a face covering and maintain social distancing.**

**In addition, we will continue to live stream the 10:15am service
for those individuals who have reservations about returning.
You can view the 10:15am service through our Facebook GROUP page,
which can be found on our Facebook PAGE**

We continue to take COVID-19 Precautions at Prince of Peace

**Please keep checking back for further details or call the office if you have any questions.
Please follow all rules set down by the CDC.**

As We Gather: Holy Cross Day has been celebrated since September 14, 335, the date on which the Church of the Holy Sepulcher was dedicated. Unlike the somberness as we remember the cross on Good Friday, Holy Cross Day is much more celebratory and emphasizes the victory over sin, death, and Satan that was accomplished once and for all when Jesus was lifted up on the cross. While the world largely still sees the cross of Christ as a stumbling block or as folly, today is the day we celebrate the cross of Christ as the power of God and the wisdom of God. In the cross, the power of sin in our lives is overcome by the self-sacrificing love of God in Jesus. In the cross we witness the fulfillment of God's promise to redeem the world—the wisdom of His plan of salvation. All of this is for us! So today we lift high the cross!

Birthdays being celebrated this week: 9/14 Lynne Berghoff, Trish McAllister; 9/15 Charlie Rakita; 9/18 Melissa Marsicano; 9/19 Brandon Chornobroff.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by the Palladino Family in celebration of Mike's birthday which was celebrated on Sept. 11th.

The Rite of Confirmation will be held at the 10:15 .m. service this Sunday, Sept. 13th. The three Confirmands are Carmella Germann, Kristiane Romano and Emma Zawatski. Their Confirmation preparation has included learning, sharing, serving, fellowship and spiritual growth. Please pray for these young people.

Please join us at Our Annual Church Picnic ~ Socially distant style, on Sunday, September 20th, after the 10:15 service. We will gather on the lawn outside of the church to have a "socially distant" picnic. All food will be served by people who will wear gloves and masks. Tables will be set up according to state mandated protocol. We would like to ask for donations of hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, small bags of potato chips, and individually wrapped desserts and condiments. If you like, bring a your own picnic, we can have "socially distant fellowship" If that is too much for you, you are welcome to drive by and wave. Whatever your comfort level, all are welcome.

Sunday School Classes, for grades PreK through 6th grade, will begin on Rally Day Sept. 20th. For planning purposes, we ask that you pre-register your children so that supplies will be ready for the children on the first day of classes. This year, our group will meet in a "socially distant" manner in the Parish Hall and the class will be led by Mrs. Denise Abdul-Malak. All students will have assigned seating and their own set of supplies in a marked, Ziploc bag. **Masks are required for attendance.** Hand sanitizer will be used and sick children are to be kept home. Please direct questions to either Denise Abdul-Malak at denise2121@aol.com or Dani Romano at mytutoringnanny@gmail.com. See you on Rally Day!

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Confirmation Sunday September 13th at the 10:15 a.m. service
Sunday School Rally Day Sunday Sept. 20th in the Parish Hall
Church Picnic Sunday Sept. 20th after the 10:15am service
Board of Directors Meeting Sunday Sept. 27th at 11:30am

Looking ahead to next year....the new date for the next Comedy Show/Dinner and Gift Auction has been set for Saturday, May 1, 2021. See you there!

Give Plus Please note that there is another way to donate to Prince of Peace. Most of you know that you can sign up to have VANCO take money automatically from your checking account. You can decide if you want to make your donation monthly, weekly or any way that is convenient for you. In addition, VANCO also has an app called “**Give Plus**”. You download the app, create a password and then create a pin to make logging on easier. Then you search for a nearby church and Prince of Peace will be listed. Just choose the one that has our 434 Aldrich Road, Howell address. It will also ask for your bank information, for the transfer of funds. You then choose if it is a one-time payment or if you want recurring payments. Again, they give you the same choices such as weekly, monthly, biweekly, etc. Thank you in advance for supporting Prince of Peace!

Our new Adult Bible Study Class is underway and takes place every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Are you interested in learning about the Bible....book, chapter and verse? We are offering such a class taught by Deacon Tarek Abdul-Malak. This one hour class will be held on Sunday mornings between services from 9:00am-10:00am. Hope to see you there!

Life Quotes for The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 13, 2020 “When discipline and correction are called for in the Christian family, it is always administered in love, given for the express purpose of benefitting the family as a whole—the household as a whole. By this the family is strengthened to better witness to the life they share by faith in Jesus. For by the grace of God and in the power of His Holy Spirit, the Christian family at work, worship, prayer, or play bears witness to the faith that is in them through their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” *Ron Schlegel, The Lutheran Laymen – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Wawa Pick-up Thank you to Diana Zolla for stepping in to help with our weekly Wawa pick-up. She joins our volunteers that are already in-place: Larry Landis, Donna Greco, Lynne and George Berghoff. Any additional volunteers are always welcome!

Our Food Pantry is open during the pandemic Here is a list of our **MUCH NEEDED** items this week: Jelly, peanut butter, canned proteins (tuna, chicken, spam, beef), canned pasta, jar pasta sauce, facial tissues, napkins, paper towels, cereal, hearty soups, canned potatoes, personal hygiene products (shampoo, toothpaste, bar soap, etc.) and water (gallons and bottles.) Sugar-free items are frequently requested by our diabetic clients. *You can drop your donations outside near the back doors of the church.*

VANCO Simply Giving Would you find it helpful to have your offerings taken directly from your bank account as you do other monthly drafts? Thrivent Federal Credit Union endorses Simply Giving®. Your offerings are transferred electronically to the church’s account through VANCO Financial Services. During this time of quarantine, this service is particularly helpful. If you would like an authorization form, please call the church office and we will mail one to you.

Generosity Thought for Sunday, September 13, 2020 The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost **Romans 14:7** – “**For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.**” We just don’t belong to ourselves. We belong first of all to God, and, through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation. As a Christian, you serve others in the church; as a neighbor, you serve others in society; and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

The church office manager is following the government’s “stay at home” order and will be working from home until further notice. She will continue to monitor calls, emails, and post office mail on a daily basis. Pastor Fosse will be in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; please use Pastor’s cell number (908) 670-3540 to contact him on these two days.

Next Sunday’s Readings September 20, 2020, The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Isaiah 55:6-9 Those who forsake their sinful ways and return to the Lord in faith will find God’s compassion and pardon. Philipians 1:12-14, 19-30 Paul prays that the Gospel would change the lives of his readers for the better. Matthew 20:1-16 God’s generosity is explained by Jesus with an illustration of laborers being paid for work they didn’t do.

THOSE WHO SERVE

In-person worship services have resumed

Worship Leader: The Rev. Kenneth Fosse

Sunday Service, September 13th at 8:00 a.m.

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Live stream: Madison Maresca

Organist: Melissa Marsicano

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Wednesday Evening Service, Sept. 16th at 7:00 p.m.