

Mother's Day Prayer

Dear Father, we approach your throne on behalf of the mothers whom you have entrusted with the care of your most precious little ones. We thank you for creating each mom with a unique combination of gifts and talents. We thank you for the sacrifice of self each mom gives for her children.

In-person services have resumed.

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 on Sundays for those individuals who have reservations about worshipping in person.

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. We will continue to follow all guidelines set down by the government.

As We Gather: The meaning of Easter continues to unfold for the life of the Christian. The words of Jesus take on new significance. We are called to abide in Christ through His Word and Sacraments. Abiding in Christ through the Means of Grace will enable us to bear the fruit of His new life in us now and even to eternal life. The fruits that endure are the good works that flow from a living faith and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, testify to Christ living in us.

Birthdays being celebrated this week: 5/10 Lyndsay Strang; 5/12 Joan Redfield; 5/13 Bonnie Bischoff. Zachary Junge; 5/14 Joan Bracco; 5/16 Bruce Junge.

Upcoming Planning Meetings for the June 5th Car Show will be held on Thursday May 13th at 7:00pm and Tuesday June 1st at 7:00pm. Help is needed in many areas! Please contact Tommy Campagna at 732-804-3052 with any questions

We're all in this together. The NY Blood Center is holding a Blood Drive at the Howell Donor Center at 4068 Rt. 9 South on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1:30pm—8:30pm and on Wednesdays from 7:45am - 2:45pm. Please make an appointment at nybc.org/donate or by calling 1.800.933.BLOOD.

Generosity Thought for Sunday, May 9, 2021 The Sixth Sunday of Easter **1 John 5:3 – “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.”** God's commandments are not burdensome. That's only true for Christians precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore, we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and to rejoice in the Law of the Lord. The love of God is that we keep His commandments.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Confirmation Class Schedule: Feb. 7 & 28, March 14, April 11 & 25, May 9 at 11:30 a.m.

Mother's Day Sunday May 9th

Car Show Planning Mtg. Thursday May 13th at 7:00pm

Board of Directors Mtg. Tuesday May 18th at 6:30pm

Confirmation Sunday is May 23rd

Memorial Day Monday May 31st - the church office is closed

Car & Truck Show Saturday June 5th

Floral Arrangements Requests are being accepted to dedicate floral arrangements for the altar each Sunday. You can make a dedication to a family or individual to honor a birthday, anniversary, special occasion or in memory of loved ones. Your dedication will be noted in the bulletin, weekly email blast and on our parish website. Please add your name to the Flower Book in the narthex or call the office to request a date - only three requests will be accepted for each week. Your donation is \$25.00 per dedication is payable by cash or check. *Floral arrangements will remain on the altar.*

Mark your calendars! Our Fourth Annual Car and Truck Show will be held on Saturday June 5, 2021, with a rain date of June 12. Please join us for this fun-filled outdoor event! We will have trophies, raffles, food, and live entertainment from the Black Ties and Nancy Scharff. If you have a car or truck you would like to showcase, registration forms are available in the church office or from Event Coordinator, Tommy Campagna. Please direct all questions to 732-804-3052. **This event is free for spectators!**

Next Sunday's Readings May 16, 2021 The Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 1:12-26 The Lord Chooses Matthias to fill the empty spot of Judas in preparation for Pentecost. 1 John 5:9-15 Whoever has the Son has life. John 17:11b-19 Jesus prays that we may be one as He and the Father are one.

The next Attic Treasures Flea Market will be held in the front of the church on Saturday June 5th (the same day as the Car Show.) This year, the church will NOT have a table - so please do not drop off any items at the church. \$25 spaces will be available for rent to anyone that wants to sell their gently used items. Applications are available in the church or on our website.

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!

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.

Life Quotes for The Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 9, 2021 "Little though you can see it now, God intends to do wonderful things with you. If He is taking it slowly, that's no surprise; He did it the first time, too. Nothing the devil can do will stop the Lord from finishing His work in you. After all, He has already laid down His life to make you His own." *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Thinking of You Cards We have resumed our "Thinking of You" card and magazine collection for Howell's "Meals on Wheels" program recipients. Taking the time to sign, seal and send a card communicates that you've been thinking about them - you don't need to write much to show someone you truly care. Drop off all completed cards in the Ricca mailbox. Please call Judy at 732-364-6615 if you have any questions.

Garage Sale Our friends at Howell Community Church (1554 Maxim Southard Rd.) will be holding a Garage Sale on Friday, May 21st and Saturday, May 22nd from 9:00am-2:00pm on both days. This event is rain or shine - indoors. Proceeds will benefit, Emily Sears, a missionary whose work has taken her to Berlin, Germany. If you would like to donate items to this sale, you may drop them off at their church on Thursday, May 20th at 6:00pm.

Support Prince of Peace You can make an impact while you shop. Did you know that you can generate donations while shopping at no extra cost? Simply start your shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7065103 to confirm "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church" as your charity of choice, and AmazonSmile will donate a portion of your eligible purchase price to our organization.

Roll out of our updated website! Prince of Peace is pleased to announce our church website has a new look! Our domain name remains unchanged – www.princeofpeacehowellnj.org, but we are now utilizing Faithlife Sites as our integrated ministry platform. Check out the Visitor Page to access Pastor's letter, the Worship Bulletin and Weekly Notes; check out the Latest News page to view the current church newsletter and advertisers; additional pages highlight our various church ministries and upcoming events; we have even set up a page for Online Giving! Check it out today - content is updated regularly!

Our Food Pantry is open during the pandemic We would like to say thank you to all that have been so generous with their donations. It is much appreciated and very helpful to our pantry clients. Our current needs would include water, juice, coffee and tea (often requested). For now, thanks to your generosity, we have a good supply of breakfast cereals, oatmeal, pasta, pasta sauce and canned vegetables.

THOSE WHO SERVE

In-person worship services have resumed

Worship Leader: The Rev. Kenneth Fosse

Sunday Service, May 9th at 8:00 a.m.

Elder: Brandon Chornobroff

Sunday Service, May 9th at 10:15 a.m.

Elder: Andrew Tess

Social Media Specialist: Madison Maresca

Organist: Melissa Marsicano

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Wednesday Midweek Service, May 12th at 7:00 p.m.