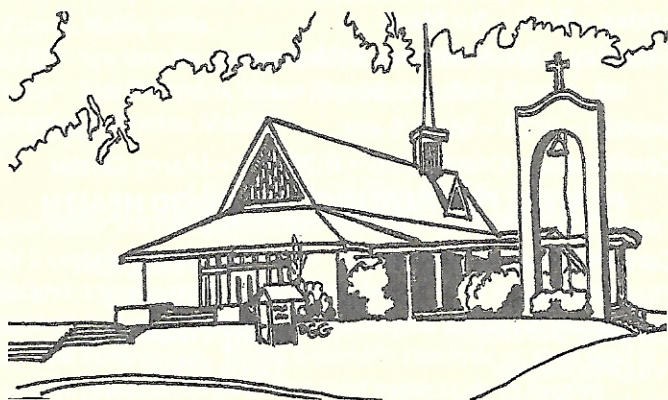


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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS: SATURDAY 5:30 P.M.

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

11:30 A.M. (SPANISH MASS)

WEEKDAYS: 8:30 A.M. Tuesday - Friday

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SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Also by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday and Tuesday

Mercy Center Chapel

First Friday at the Mercy Center Chapel

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

OUTREACH

A food basket and donation box are in the church entry. Your donations provide the means to give direct help to the needy. We collect food on the first weekend of the month.

INFANT BAPTISM

Parent preparation classes are required for each couple planning to have their baby baptized. To schedule a preparation session, please call the church office.

MARRIAGE

OLBS sponsors a preparation program for couples who intend to marry. The Pastor must be contacted at least six months prior to the date of the wedding.

RECEPTION into the CHURCH

Those inquiring into the Catholic Faith or seeking Communion with the Church are invited to contact the Parish Office. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is offered.

*The mission of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church,
centered in the Eucharist, is to Love God and His people
and to extend His Love to others through service and prayer.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9th & 10th, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	12/9	Joe Sr., Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP) Anna & Richard Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Sun	12/10	Francis & Esther Seckora (RIP) Joe Sr., Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP) Requested by Theresa Moody	Fr. Oscar
Mon	12/11	No Mass	
Tue	12/12	Francis Seckora (RIP) Requested by Philip & Karen Liberato Katherine Crump (RIP) – Anny of Birthday Requested by Joyce Richardson	Fr. Oscar
Wed	12/13	Joe Sr., Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP) Anna & Richard Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Thur	12/14	For Our Parishioners	Fr. Oscar
Fri	12/15	Billy McGowan (RIP) Requested by Janice & Family	Fr. Oscar
Sat	12/16	Joe Sr., Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Sun	12/17	Mary Kurdziel (RIP) Requested by Vickie & John Roane	Fr. Oscar

Collections for December 2nd & 3rd, 2017

Parish Operations (Personnel, Utilities, Office, Postage, Repair & Maintenance, etc.)

Offertory	\$3,580.75
Special Collection	2,025.00
Debt Reduction \$110/Solemnity of Mary \$25	135.00
Total	\$5,740.75
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,400
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Votive Stand	\$ 6.04
Religious Education	50.00
Capital Campaign	1,027.00
Christmas Flowers	265.00
Good Neighbor Ctr. (Thanksgiving)	10.00
Christmas	700.00
Haiti	1,000.00

Thank you for your support of your Parish!

Church Attendance

Saturday, December 2 – 75
Sunday, December 3 - 133
Spanish Mass - 40

OLBS Church Cleaning Schedule

12/11 thru 12/16 – Tom & Rowena Fauber
12/18 thru 12/23 – Jorge Duran Family/Hugo Rojas/Dan Gibbs Family

Our condolences and prayers to Michael & Lillian “Lil” McElhinney of the Good Neighbor Center on the loss of her mother. May she rest in peace.

Calendar for Week of December 11th

Monday – 12/11 – No Mass

Tuesday – 12/12 – Mass 8:30 am

Bible Study – 7 pm – Mercy Center

Wednesday – 12/13 – Mass 8:30 am

Thursday – 12/14 – Mass 8:30 am

Preschool Annual Christmas Program – 9:30 - Church

Friday – 12/15 – Mass 8:30 am

Saturday – 12/16 - Rosary 4:45 pm - Mass 5:30 pm

Christmas Party – 6:30 pm – VDB Hall

Sunday – 12/17 – Mass 9:00 am – CFC 10:15 am

Parish Council Mtg – 10:15 am – Spanish Mass 11:30

Pot Luck 5:30 pm – Christmas Pageant 6:30 pm VDB

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Carolyn Alford	Baby Vivian Mallis
Elizabeth Alley	Doris Modr
Candace Barefoot	Clara Morrow
Virginia Becker	Randy Morrow
Paulette Berberich	Specialist Mullins
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Joan Buehler	Joyce Richardson
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Meredith Crowe	Harriet Ropelewski
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Helen Fudala	Allen Smith
Margaret Geron	Barbara Sturtz
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Pat Hinkle	Marguerite Sturtz
Kelly Hipple	Jim Tokarz
Mary Ann Hooper	Mae Touray
Helen Kaczmarek	Dorothy Ware
Victor Kaczmarek	Linda Webster
John Kellam	Lois Wilson
Fred Kolberg	Robert ‘Bobby’ Wilson
Bonnie Kopacki	Jody Zogran
Gordon Langston	
Patricia Lanuza	
Debbie Liberato-Randall	

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOME

Irene Kruger Melvina Gooch

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)
Sp. Logan W. Gay - Sgt. Nathan Gurganus
Army Rangers Austin T. Sturtz (Ft. Lewis, Washington)
First Lieutenant Amber Fauber, F.E. Warren in Cheyenne, Wyoming

ALTAR SERVERS

12/9 – Mason Kopacki, Kody Kopacki
12/10 – Adrian Vidal, Dawson Haviland
11:30 am – Misael Hernandez, Jovany Velazquez
12/16 – Ryan Sprouse, Peter Nguyen
12/17 – Colleen Rae, Tazewell Rae
11:30 am – Misael Hernandez, Jovany Velazquez

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

12/9 – Tom Fauber, Gary Silvia, Joe Drexler
12/10 – Kay Shaw, Edwina Madigan, Kim DiLandro, Kathy Wills, Wini Barron
12/16 – Tom Fauber, Cathy Fudella, David Seckora
12/17 – Sarah Rae, B.J. Bui, Bill Madigan, Edwina Madigan, Mary Leigh McDonald

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

John the Baptist was clothed in camel's hair, wore a leather belt around his waist, and fed on locusts and wild honey. He stood out as being different, even strange, in comparison to the people around him. Yet people were drawn to him and to what he said. They heard his call to repentance and were baptized in the Jordan River. We often avoid people who are "different", who march to their own drummer like John, we don't like leaving our comfort zone. Look how many people wouldn't have had an opportunity to repent and follow Jesus if they had avoided John because he wasn't like them.

Adult: Who are you avoiding because befriending them would mean leaving your comfort zone?

Child: Is there someone you ignore because they are different from you and your friends?

DO YOU KNOW?

The tradition of the Oplatek Wafer aids in keeping the family bond together. The Oplatek Wafers are thin unleavened wafers similar to communion wafers. The eldest member then takes the oplatek wafer, breaks it and shares it with the next in line. Each then shares pieces of the oplatek wafer with everyone else present at the table. The sharing ritual is accompanied by embraces and the exchange of good wishes. Typical wishes might go: "I wish you much health, happiness and the Lord's bountiful blessings as well as the fulfillment of all your plans and of everything you wish for yourself." This custom is common in Polish, Lithuanian and Slovak families. Soon, Father Oscar will bless this year's oplatek and it will be available to families to take home and continue the tradition on Christmas Eve. Think about starting a new tradition this year!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Our annual pot luck supper and **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** is scheduled for Sunday, December 17. Supper will begin at 5:30 pm followed by the play at 6:30 pm. Come join us for good food, good fellowship and the telling of the Nativity story by the children of the parish.

If you weren't able to attend our Advent Reconciliation Services, here is a list of area reconciliation services you might wish to attend: St. Francis DeSales, Mathews, 6:30 pm on Tuesday, December 12; St. Therese, Gloucester, 7 pm on Wednesday, December 13; St. Bede/St. Olaf at St. Bede, Williamsburg, Tuesday, December 19th.

December 16 – Christmas Party! The adult members of our church are invited to a Christmas Party on December 16th at 6:30 pm in the Hall. The Knights of Columbus will provide appetizers and a DJ – just bring your favorite drink and an appetite for fellowship and fun. We hope to see you there!

We are off to a great start with the Giving Tree!

Everything we have is on the tree. Please consider taking an angel; we have more information on most of the children so that you can have some ideas on clothing sizes and their wishes. We still have a handful that we have limited info for, but if you happen to choose one of them and would like some ideas, don't hesitate to contact me, Pam Watkins, at 919-820-1986 or at the parish office on Tuesdays and Thursdays – 843-3125. The gifts can be wrapped or unwrapped, but if you wrap them, please include a list of what the gifts are. This is a requirement of Social Services. We have help wrapping if you choose not to do so. The gifts need to be back under the tree by the end of the 9 am Mass on December 17th. They will be distributed that afternoon. We are also collecting for Food Baskets. You can put an envelope marked "Food Baskets" in the offertory or see Scott, Pam, or Scotty Watkins after one of the Masses. Thank you so much for all your generosity in giving to those less fortunate!

PRAYER PARTNERS – We are re-establishing "prayer partners". Please complete the provided slip of paper with your name or the name of someone you know that is in need of prayer and place it in the basket in the back of the Church. On the third Sunday of Advent, we will have people draw a slip from the basket and pray for that person every day during the year. Please note that however many slips you put in the basket, you need to draw the same amount so that everyone will have someone praying for them. It's a wonderful gift to lift each other up in prayer throughout the year.

SENIOR LUNCHEON – We have made a reservation at Nick's Spaghetti House for Thursday, December 21st following the 11 am Mass. We need to know how many will attend for them to set up for us, so please call the office to have your name placed on the attendance sheet. Join us for this annual Christmas luncheon and enjoy the decorations at Nick's!

PRESCHOOL NEWS: It's the most wonderful time of the year again! Just a reminder that the preschool annual Christmas Program will be on Thursday, December 14th at 9:30 am in the Church. All are invited to share in the joy, followed by cookies in the foyer. Merry Christmas to you all! Our doors will open again for school on Wednesday, January 3rd.

SHARE THE CHRISTMAS JOY! Join us on Tuesday, December 19th for Christmas Caroling! We will meet at 6 pm in the church hall and leave by 6:15. Afterwards, we will go back to the hall and warm up with cookies and cocoa. Bring your favorite dish of cookies to share!

On Tuesday, December 5, 2017 the Holy Father, Pope Francis, appointed the Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, as 13th bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond. He will be installed on Friday, January 12, 2018 at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Richmond. Please pray for our new Bishop that, with the guidance of Jesus Christ, he will lead with wisdom and be an example for all his people here in the Diocese of how to love and serve our Lord.

Congratulations to Robert & Phyllis Geron, who are celebrating their 51st Wedding Anniversary on December 10th.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

New Members are asked to register at the Parish Office in the Mercy Center to receive envelopes.

We invite all parishioners to join a ministry.
Contact the Chairperson of the ministry or call the Parish Office at
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