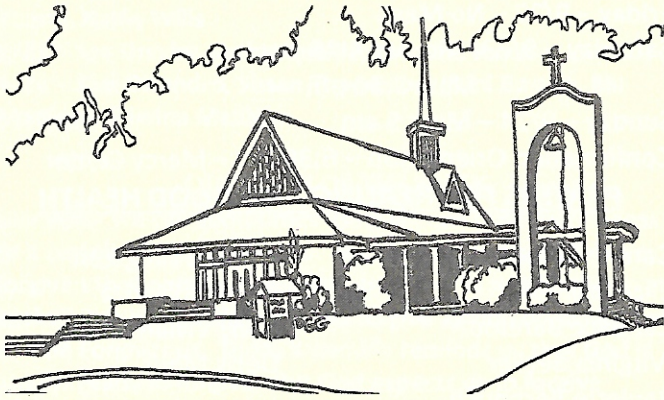


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MASS SCHEDULE

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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.*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16TH & 17TH, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Mon	12/18	No Mass	
Tue	12/19	Joe Sr., Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP) Anna & Richard Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Wed	12/20	Billy Webster (RIP) Requested by Bill Webster	Fr. Oscar
Thur	12/21	11 a.m. - For Our Parishioners	Fr. Oscar
Fri	12/22	Joe Sr., Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP) Anna & Richard Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Sat	12/23	Thomas A. Trudeau (RIP) Anny of Death Requested by Edna Trudeau Frank Waxmunski (RIP) Requested by Susan Todd	Fr. Oscar
Sun	12/24	Christmas Eve – 9 am – For Our Parishioners 5:30 pm – Thomas Sturtz, Sr., Tommy Sturtz, Jr. (RIP) Requested by Marguerite Sturtz & Family 9 pm – David ‘Charlie’ Sturtz (RIP) Requested by Jeanie Sturtz	Fr. Oscar “ “

Collections for December 9th & 10th, 2017

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

Offertory	\$3,102.00
Special Collection	15.00
Solemnity of Mary	10.00
Total	\$3,127.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,400
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Votive Stand	\$ 17.00
Capital Campaign	175.00
Christmas Flowers	175.00
Good Neighbor Ctr. (Thanksgiving)	25.00
Immaculate Conception	56.00

Thank you for your support of your Parish!

Church Attendance

Immaculate Conception 12/8 – AM 50 PM 26
Saturday December 9 – 85
Sunday December 10 – 94
Spanish Mass - 40

OLBS Church Cleaning Schedule

12/18 thru 12/23 – Jorge Duran Family/Hugo Rojas/Dan Gibbs Family
12/25 thru 12/30 – Mark, Carolyn & Mark Jr. Drexler/David Seckora

NO Sunday classes on December 24 and 31.

Calendar for Week of December 18th

Monday – 12/18 – No Mass

KofC Meeting 7:30 pm

Tuesday – 12/19 – Mass 8:30 am

Christmas Caroling 6 pm

Bible Study – 7 pm – Mercy Center

Wednesday – 12/20 – Mass 8:30 am

Thursday – 12/21 – Mass 11 am

Senior Luncheon – Nick’s Spaghetti House

Friday – 12/22 – Mass 8:30 am

Saturday – 12/23 - Rosary 4:45 pm - Mass 5:30 pm

Sunday – 12/24 – Mass 9:00 am, 5:30 pm, 9:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE – NO SPANISH MASS – NO CFC

Sunday – Christmas Day – 12/25 – Mass 9:00 am

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Carolyn Alford	Gordon Langston
Elizabeth Alley	Patricia Lanuza
Candace Barefoot	Baby Vivian Mallis
Virginia Becker	Doris Modr
Paulette Berberich	Clara Morrow
Ron Blevins	Randy Morrow
Robin Bristow	Specialist Mullins
Joan Buehler	Larry Newtzie
Linda Burch	M.C. ‘Sam’ O’Connor
Kevin Carson	Joyce Richardson
Meredith Crowe	Pam Rigsby
Vincent D’Elia	Emma Robertson
Denise DePompeo	Harriet Ropelewski
Donna Donahue	Virginia Ryczak
Brenda Frederick	Bill Scaife
Helen Fudala	Barbara Schafer
Margaret Geron	Allen Smith
Jim Gregory	Barbara Sturtz
Pat Hinkle	Levi Sturtz
Kelly Hipple	Marguerite Sturtz
Mary Ann Hooper	Jim Tokarz
Helen Kaczmarek	Mae Touray
Victor Kaczmarek	Dorothy Ware
John Kellam	Linda Webster
Fred Kolberg	Lois Wilson
Bonnie Kopacki	Robert ‘Bobby’ Wilson
Debbie Liberato-Randall	Jody Zogran
Cathy Massok	

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

12/16 – Ryan Sprouse, Peter Nguyen
12/17 – Colleen Rae, Tazewell Rae
11:30 am – Misael Hernandez, Jovany Velazquez
12/23 – Oliver Owens, Daniel Gibbs Jr., Jackson Gibbs
12/24 – 9 am – Adrian Vidal, Elizabeth DiLandro, Clara DiLandro
5:30 pm – Mason Kopacki, Kody Kopacki, Oliver Owens
9:00 pm – Daniel Gibbs Jr., Jackson Gibbs
12/25 – Christmas Day – 9:00 am – Clara DiLandro, Elizabeth DiLandro, Daniel Duke

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

12/16 – Tom Fauber, Cathy Fudella, David Seckora
12/17 – Sarah Rae, B.J. Bui, Bill Madigan, Edwina Madigan, Mary Leigh McDonald
12/23 – Tom Fauber, Gary Silvia, Jackie Silvia
12/24 – 9:00 am – Jim Vadas, Pattie Vadas, Kim DiLandro, Vickie Roane, Susan Thompson
5:30 pm – Paula Polcyn, Bill Madigan, Edwina Madigan
9:00 pm – Kay Shaw, B.J. Bui, Jim Pyne
12/25 – Christmas Day – 9:00 am – Kim DiLandro, Kathy Wills, Vickie Roane

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Like John the Baptist we have been called to be the means to bring Jesus into other people's lives. There are so many people out there who live in darkness. So many out there are waiting for us to shine the light of Christ on them and to turn their lives into experiences of joy, of wholeness and integrity. The joy of Jesus, the joy of Christmas can only be ours to the extent that we work with Jesus to bring that joy into the lives of others too.

Adult: With who can you share the joy of Jesus this Christmas season?

Child: With who can you share the joy of Jesus' birthday this Christmas?

DO YOU KNOW?

The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally referred to as "Gaudete" Sunday, because GAUDETE is the Latin word for REJOICE! And "GAUDETE" – "REJOICE" – is the first word of today's Entrance Antiphon (which is recited when a processional hymn is not sung.) That one word – 'REJOICE' – sets the theme of today's Liturgy, as this celebration marks the half-way point in our observance of Advent. And so we REJOICE this today, because Christmas is now less than two weeks away. And we light the pink candle in our Advent wreath as a reminder that this is a time for us to rejoice.

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 an area reconciliation service you might wish to attend: St. Bede/St. Olaf at St. Bede, Williamsburg, Tuesday, December 19th at 7:00 pm.

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!

GIVING TREE

If you have taken an angel from the Giving Tree, please be sure to bring your presents back and place them under the tree by the end of the 9:00 am Mass this Sunday, December 17th. They are needed for distribution the same afternoon. They do not have to be wrapped, but please remember to include a list of what you bought if you did wrap them. (Social Services requires this.) Also, we will be packing the food baskets after Mass with the Middle School and High School CCD groups. Anyone who wishes to help is welcome.

Please be sure to thank our Knights of Columbus! Once again they have purchased our new calendars for 2018. Please be sure to pick one up for your family. They will be at the back of the church. We appreciate all the Knights of Columbus do for our parish!

In keeping with the true celebration of Christmas, children are encouraged to make a birthday card for Baby Jesus and bring it to the manger during the offertory procession at whichever Christmas Mass they attend. Have your child, with their card, go to the back of the Church as the servers leave the altar to meet the gift bearers.

PRAYER PARTNERS We've postponed our Prayer Partner sign-up until after the Liturgy Committee meeting in late January.

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!

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.

"The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me;..." Let your spirits be augmented by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend with your spouse. The next weekends are: February 2-4, 2018 in Clemmons, NC and March 2-4, 2018 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369/

The Mercy Center Offices will be closed on Monday, December 25th, Tuesday, December 26th, and Monday, January 1st.

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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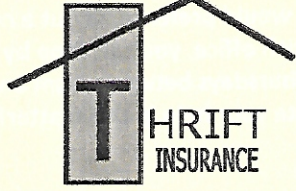
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