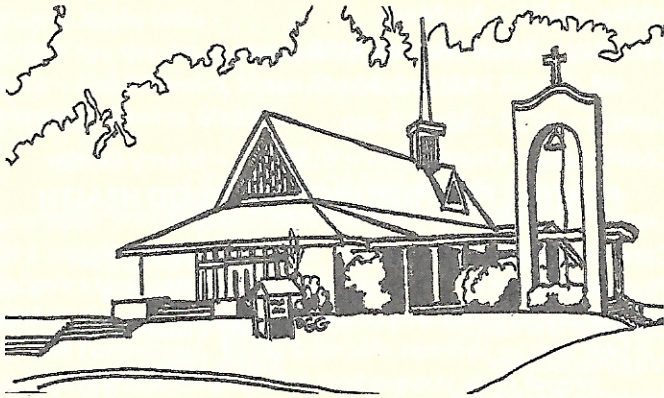


# OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

3570 KING WILLIAM AVENUE, WEST POINT VA 23181



## 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.*

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	12/2	Henry J. Kopacki, Jr. (RIP) Requested by Janice McGowan & Family	Fr. Oscar
Sun	12/3	Joe Sr., Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP) Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Mon	12/4	No Mass	
Tue	12/5	Henry J. Kopacki, Jr. (RIP) Anniversary of Death Requested by Marian Kopacki	Fr. Oscar
Wed	12/6	Billy McGowan (RIP) Requested by Janice & Family	Fr. Oscar
Thur	12/7	For Our Parishioners	Fr. Oscar
Fri	12/8 – 8:30 am	Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
	7:00 pm	Marie McDonald (RIP) Requested by Mary Leigh & Paul McDonald	
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

## Collections for November 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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

Offertory	\$9,523.00
Special Collection \$35/Solemnity of Mary \$4	39.00
Total	\$9,562.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,400
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Votive Stand	\$ 18.35
Religious Education	20.00
Capital Campaign	125.00
Catholic Charities	25.00
Christmas Flowers	515.00
Good Neighbor Ctr. (Thanksgiving)	225.00
Christmas	25.00

Thank you for your support of your Parish!

### Church Attendance

Saturday, November 25 – 90  
Sunday, November 26 - 125  
Spanish Mass - 37

### OLBS Church Cleaning Schedule

12/4 thru 12/9 – Gary & Jackie Silvia  
12/11 thru 12/16 – Tom & Rowena Fauber

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

## Calendar for Week of December 4th

Monday – 12/4 – No Mass  
KofC Meeting – 7:30 pm  
Tuesday – 12/5 – Mass 8:30 am  
Bible Study – 7 pm – Mercy Center  
Wednesday – 12/6 – Mass 8:30 am  
Thursday – 12/7 – Mass 8:30 am  
Friday – 12/8 – Mass 8:30 am & 7:00 pm  
Holy Day of Obligation  
Saturday – 12/9 Rosary 4:45 pm - Mass 5:30 pm  
Sunday – 12/10 – Mass 9:00 am – CFC 10:15 am  
Spanish Mass 11:30 am

## 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
Linda Burch	Pam Rigsby
Kevin Carson	Emma Robertson
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Helen Fudala	Allen Smith
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Jim Gregory	Levi Sturtz
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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

12/2 – Ryan Sprouse, Peter Nguyen, Oliver Owens  
12/3 – Clara DiLandro, Elizabeth DiLandro  
No Spanish Mass  
12/8 – 7:00 pm – Daniel Gibbs, Jr., Jackson Gibbs, Ryan Sprouse  
12/9 – Mason Kopacki, Kody Kopacki  
12/10 – Adrian Vidal, Dawson Haviland  
11:30 am – Misael Hernandez, Jovany Velazquez

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

12/2 – Lorraine Ryalls, Cathy Fudella, David Seckora  
12/3 – Bill Madigan, Edwina Madigan, Mary Leigh McDonald, Jim Pyne, Vickie Roane  
12/8 – 7:00 pm – Paula Polcyn, Chris Polcyn, Joe Drexler  
12/9 – Tom Fauber, Gary Silvia, Joe Drexler  
12/10 – Kay Shaw, Edwina Madigan, Kim DiLandro, Kathy Wills, Wini Barron

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

Adult: How can you live your life so you are better prepared for Christ's second coming?

Child: What can you do to be ready for when Jesus comes again?

## DO YOU KNOW?

By the expression "the Second Coming", we are referring to the Christian belief in the words of Jesus that he will come again in glory to judge all men. The Parousia will signal the end of human history as we know it. When this will take place no one knows but the Father (Acts 1:11), nor is there any clear indication in Scripture of just how it will be accomplished. In popular language we usually refer to these events as "the end of the world", which itself is not completely accurate, since the Day of the Lord does not mean that the universe as we know it will be annihilated, but only that it will be changed into something new and wonderful, something that surpasses the imagination of man.

There will be NO YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS in the month of December. We will resume meeting on January 7.

**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.

We will be sponsoring the Giving Tree and collecting money for Food Baskets, again, this year. Please look for the tree the first Sunday of Advent. You can include an envelope marked "Food Baskets" in the regular collection basket or see Pam Watkins, Scotty Watkins, or Scott Watkins to give a donation to the food baskets. Helping those in our community who are in need is a wonderful Christmas Tradition in honor of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**SPECIAL NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE A SPANISH MASS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>. INSTEAD, THE SPANISH MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 2:30 PM ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>.**

The Little Blue Books for the Advent and Christmas Season are available in the back of the Church. The books provide a spiritual reflection for each day of the season. Please take one for your family.

**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.

The next 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MEETING will be on Thursday, December 7 at 7 pm in the Mercy Center parlor.

No Knit Purl Pray during December. The next KPP meeting will be Thursday, January 11 at 7 pm in the M.C. parlor.

Once again the Lost and Found basket is nearly full. If items are not claimed by the weekend of December 9/10, a new home will be found for them.

**SENIOR LUNCHEON** – We have made a reservation at Nick's Spaghetti House for Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 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!

2018 CALENDARS are in the back of the Church. Please take one for your family so that you can keep up to date with the Catholic calendar and Saints Days.

Masses for the Christmas weekend: Sunday, December 24 at 9 am, 5:30 pm, and 9 pm. No Spanish Mass. Monday, Christmas Day – 9 am only, a Holy Day of Obligation. In order to fulfill your obligation, you must attend Sunday, the 24th, either by going to Mass on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm, or Sunday at 9 am. To fulfill your obligation for Christmas Day, you can either attend Mass on Sunday at 5:30 pm or 9 pm, or Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.



# 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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