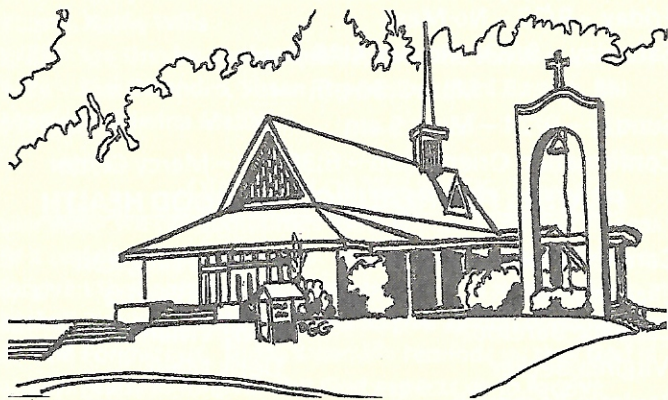


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MASS SCHEDULE

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.*

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

December 30th & 31st, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	12/30	John F. Roane, III (RIP) Requested by Vickie & John Roane	Fr. Oscar
Sun	12/31	Dr. O. Allen Bristow, Jr. (RIP) Anniversary of Death Requested by Bristow Family Mary Kurdziel (RIP) Requested by Edna Trudeau	Fr. Oscar
Mon	1/1	Deceased Members of Sturtz Family Requested by Jeanie Sturtz Mark Drexler, Sr. – Happy Birthday	Fr. Oscar
Tue	1/2	No Mass	
Wed	1/3	No Mass	
Thur	1/4	No Mass	
Fri	1/5	No Mass	
Sat	1/6	David ‘Charlie’ Sturtz (RIP) Anniversary of Birth 1/3 Requested by Jeanie Sturtz	Fr. Oscar
Sun	1/7	Gian Duong & An Bui (RIP) Requested by Huong & Vuong Bui	Fr. Oscar

Collections for December 23rd, 24th & 25th, 2017

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

Offertory	\$2,922.60
Special Collection	25.00
Total	\$2,947.60
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,400
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Christmas	\$3,225.00
Capital Campaign	25.00
Haiti	25.00
First Offering	45.00
Votive Stand	45.15
Respect Life	25.00
Catholic Charities	772.00

Thank you for your support of your Parish!

Church Attendance

Saturday December 23 - 100
Sunday December 24 – 9 am – 111, 5:30 pm – 132,
and 9 pm - 91
Monday, December 25 - 57

OLBS Church Cleaning Schedule

1/1/18 thru 1/7 – Theresa Nguyen/Nguyen Sisters
1/9 thru 1/14 – Theresa Nguyen/Nguyen Sisters

Christian Formation Classes resume on January 7th.

The next Confirmation Class is scheduled for January 14 at 6:30 pm in the Mercy Center Conference Room.

Calendar for Week of January 1st, 2018

Monday – 1/1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Mass – 9 am

Tuesday – 1/2 - No Mass

Bible Study – 7 pm – Mercy Center

Wednesday – 1/3 – No Mass

Thursday – 1/4 - No Mass

Friday – 1/5 – No Mass

Saturday – 1/6 – Adoration & Benediction 5:00 pm

Mass 5:30 pm

Sunday – 1/7 – Mass 9:00 am

Spanish Mass 11:30 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

12/30 – Daniel Gibbs, Jr., Jackson Gibbs
12/31 – Collee Rae, Tazewell Rae, Daniel Duke
11:30 am – Misael Hernandez, Jovany Velazquez
1/6/18 – Oliver Owens, Ryan Sprouse, Peter Nguyen
1/7 – Clara DiLandro, Elizabeth DiLandro, Dawson Haviland
11:30 am – Misael Hernandez, Jovany Velazquez

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

12/30 – Tom Fauber, Cathy Fudella, Lorraine Ryalls
12/31 – Gary Silvia, Jackie Silvia, Mary Leigh McDonald, Wini Barron, Sarah Rae
1/6/18 – Lorraine Ryalls, Tom Fauber, David Seckora
1/7 – Bill Madigan, Edwina Madigan, Kimberly DiLandro, Mary Leigh McDonald, Kathy Wills

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The importance of the Holy Family's example of faith and love is essential for all families. Many laws and cultural pressures are attacking the family. Families must model themselves on the Holy Family, living as domestic churches, to counter these anti-family forces. The Holy Family was centered around Jesus; every family is called to center their lives around Jesus the Lord. The family that does this grows in holiness. The family that doesn't, doesn't. The Holy Family was holy because they always sought to do God's will. Every family that wants to be holy is called to do the same. The culture is pulling us away from the example of the Holy Family and we must do all we can to stay focused on our call to family holiness.

Adult: What can you do to help pattern your family life after the Holy Family?

Child: How can you live more like Jesus' family?

DO YOU KNOW?

Some people think of Xmas as a contemporary, sacrilegious abbreviation of the word Christmas. On the contrary, the first letter of the word Christ in the Greek language is chi, which is identical to the modern Roman alphabet's X. Therefore, Xmas is an ecclesiastical abbreviation that has been used for almost as long as Christmas has been in existence.

Congratulations to Natalee Franzysen who recently completed the requirements to become a Pathways Certified Catechist through the Diocese of Richmond! Natalee teaches our first and second graders.

There are still 2018 Calendars in both English and Spanish available in the back of the Church. Please take one per family.

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

YOUTH GROUPS: Upper and lower Youth Groups will meet on January 7th at 6:30 pm in the Boogaard Hall.

The Mercy Center Offices will be closed on Monday, January 15th, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday.

Please consider using your bank's online bill-paying system to make your regular and special donations to OLBS. Be sure to include your parish envelope number as the account number or in the memo line so that your contribution is recorded correctly.

We hope everyone has had a very Blessed Christmas and that the Blessings will continue throughout the season and the New Year! The Mercy Center, Boogaard Hall, the Church, and all the grounds were decorated so beautifully during Advent and on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day! We thank all of those who took time out of their Christmas Eve to decorate the Church so beautifully for the Christmas Masses! Our deep appreciation to the Seckora family, the Fauber family, the Ryalls family, Joe Drexler, and Kathy Wills for taking the time to make everything so special for our parish family this Christmas!

Seats Remain for Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, Spain & France

Fr. Tom Mattingly, Pastor at St. Olaf Catholic Church in Williamsburg, VA will be the Spiritual Director for a 13 day Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, Spain and France from September 17-29, 2018. The itinerary includes three nights each Fatima and Paris, two nights Lourdes and one night each in Burgos, Rocamadou, and Nevers.

Cost is \$4100 per person. Deposit is \$450 with final payment due by June 17, 2018. Package includes Round-trip air from most East coast cities, superior tourist class hotels, all fees and gratuities, escorted guides, air/conditioned motor coaches, and daily breakfast and dinners. For information and brochures, contact John Tagnesi, toll free 1-888-544-4461 or jtag 1964@verizon.net.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS: On the weekend of January 13th & 14th we will have a second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please be generous for the people who have given their lifetime to serving God and us over the years.

PLEASE RESERVE THIS DATE! Thursday, February 15th – From 5:00 to 6:00 pm, with reception to follow.

Virginia Vespers: Evening Prayer for the Commonwealth – with the Catholic Dioceses of Arlington and Richmond. Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 800 S. Cathedral Place, Richmond. As we advocate for the common good during the 2018 Virginia General Assembly session, please join public officials, Catholics, and people of all faiths as we come together for prayer for and with our legislators and the people of Virginia. This evening prayer draws on ancient Christian liturgy and includes Scripture, music and song. Registration details forthcoming.

In prayer and in public, your voices are urgently needed to bring Gospel values to bear on vital decisions being made by those who represent you.

OLBS PRESCHOOL reopens on January 3rd.

GREATER HAMPTON ROADS CURSILLO:

Leadership School will be starting back up in January 2018. We are trying something new for leadership school in hopes it will work for everyone. There will be classes on the Peninsula on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm as follows:

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

315 Harris Grove Lane, Yorktown, VA 23692

January 10, 2018 - January 17, 2018

April 11, 2018 - April 18, 2018

July 11, 2018 - July 18, 2018

October 3, 2018 – October 10, 2018

If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Krieschen-Douglass at 757-874-5670 or Nicole.ghrcursillo@gmail.com.

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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