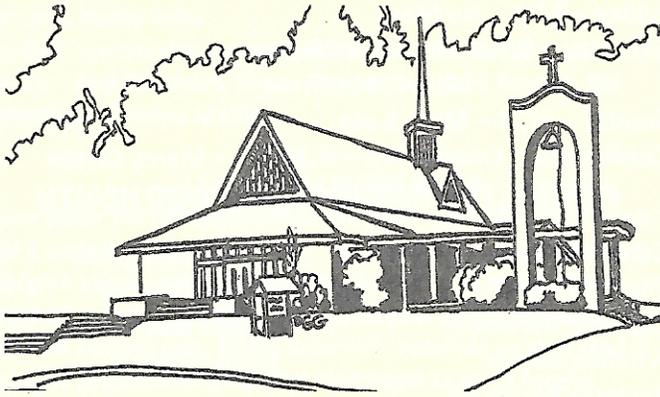


# OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**

## PARISH OFFICES at the MERCY CENTER

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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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## MASS INTENTIONS

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
Mon	1/8	No Mass	Fr. Oscar
Tue	1/9	For a Safe Trip Requested by Eston & Teresa Nguyen	Fr. Oscar
Wed	1/10	Mai Huynh (RIP) Requested by Huong & Vuong Bui	Fr. Oscar
Thur	1/11	For Our Parishioners	Fr. Oscar
Fri	1/12	Francis Seckora (RIP) Requested by Jeanie Sturtz	Fr. Oscar
Sat	1/13	Billy McGowan (RIP) Requested by Janice & Family	Fr. Oscar
Sun	1/14	Yen Nguyen (RIP) Requested by Huong & Vuong Bui	Fr. Oscar

## Collections for December 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017

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

Offertory	\$5,592.75
Solemnity of Mary	285.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,877.75</b>
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,400
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Christmas	\$ 50.00
Capital Campaign	700.00
First Offering	55.00
Votive Stand	10.00
Cemetery	25.00
Catholic Charities	70.00

Thank you for your support of your Parish!

### Church Attendance

Saturday December 30 - 76  
Sunday December 31 - 102  
Spanish Mass - 36

### OLBS Church Cleaning Schedule

1/8 thru 1/14 – Theresa Nguyen/Nguyen Sisters  
1/15 thru 1/21 – Gary & Jackie Silvia

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.

Lower and Upper Youth Groups meet this weekend, January 7 at 6:30 pm in the Boogaard Hall.

## Calendar for Week of January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Monday – 1/8 – No Mass

Tuesday – 1/9 – Mass 8:30 am

Bible Study – 7 pm – Mercy Center

Wednesday – 1/10 – Mass 8:30 am

Thursday – 1/11 – Mass 8:30 am

Knit Purl Pray – 7 pm

Friday – 1/12 – Mass 8:30 am

Saturday – 1/13 – Rosary 4:45 pm - Mass 5:30 pm

Sunday – 1/14 – Mass 9:00 am

CFC – 10:15 am – **Confirmation Class 6:30 pm**

**Sunday Bible Study Group – 10:15 am – MC Parlor**

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	Virginia Schmitz

## 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

1/6/18 – Oliver Owens, Ryan Sprouse, Peter Nguyen  
1/7 – Clara DiLandro, Elizabeth DiLandro, Dawson Haviland  
11:30 am – Misael Hernandez, Jovany Velazquez  
1/13 – Mason Kopacki, Kody Kopacki, Peter Nguyen  
1/14 – Clara DiLandro, Elizabeth DiLandro, Adrian Vidal  
11:30 am – Misael Hernandez, Jovany Velazquez

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

1/6/18 – Lorraine Ryalls, Tom Fauber, David Seckora  
1/7 – Bill Madigan, Edwina Madigan, Kimberly DiLandro, Mary Leigh McDonald, Kathy Wills  
1/13 – Jim Vadas, Pattie Vadas, Gary Silvia  
1/14 – Jim Pyne, Chris Polcyn, Paula Polcyn, Wini Barron, Vickie Roane

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

As we look upon the crib, we cannot stay there. Like the shepherds and the magi, we too are called to move away and take the light of Jesus with us. We are asked not only to admire the light, but to be people of light. As Jesus himself tells us, 'you are the light of the world and your light must shine.' The light of the Epiphany is given to us as a gift, but we cannot keep it to or for ourselves. Through the quality of our daily lives and how we treat each other, we are called to make our families, homes, parish communities and the wider world a better and brighter place for all people, especially the poor and the marginalized.

Adult: When have you found the presence of Christ in an unexpected place?

Child: Where and in whom will you look for Jesus this week?

## DO YOU KNOW?

The biblical account of the wise men (or magi) is found in Matthew 2:1-12. Verse 1 says they were "men" (meaning male and more than one) and came from east of Jerusalem, most likely from the region of Persia. The exact number of wise men is unknown but the number three has often been noted due to the fact that they gave three named gifts. There is also no mention that they traveled by camel. They were not kings but astrologers, ones who studied the stars and could interpret signs. The Bible account states that they were at the HOUSE of Jesus which leads us to believe that they didn't visit the Holy Family at the stable. This is logical as their journey could have taken them many months, maybe even a year or two. This is also logical as Herod ordered the killing of baby boys two years of age or under. The Church calls these slain infants the Holy Innocents, seeing them as martyrs for Christ, not by will but by blood and we celebrated their feast day on December 28.

The Sunday morning Bible study group will meet this Sunday, January 7 at 10:15 am in the Mercy Center parlor to discuss what will be the focus of their next study. Sessions will begin on January 14. Please feel free to join the group to broaden your knowledge of the Scriptures.

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.

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

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS:** On the weekend of January 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Meet the Actor David DeSanctis at the FREE Movie Screening of Where Hope Grows

Friday, January 12 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Saint Michael Hall) to benefit SPRED Partners of Virginia Inc. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Movie begins at 6:30 pm. Admission is free with R.S.V.P. David DeSanctis is one of the first actors with Down Syndrome to play a leading role in an English-language feature film. For free tickets – [spreadpartnersva.org](http://spreadpartnersva.org)

Mr. DeSanctis will attend a special Newport News screening of his film. He will sign autographs and have a discussion with the audience immediately following the screening. The screening is cosponsored by SPRED Partners of Virginia Inc and the Knights of Columbus.

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### **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION**

A Retreat will be held January 27-29 in Toano, VA sponsored by St. Joan of Arc Church in Yorktown. The weekend retreat includes spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment and is available to women, men and any person who may have been adversely impacted by an abortion. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and mercy. To register, contact Linda Riva at 757-887-3144 or email her at [lindajr2@yahoo.com](mailto:lindajr2@yahoo.com). The cost is \$185 for meals, a private room and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available!

### **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](mailto:Nicole.ghrcursillo@gmail.com).

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, January 18 at 7 pm in the Mercy Center parlor.

Our congratulations to Zachary and Angelynn McDonald who will be celebrating their Wedding Anniversary on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

Please pray for our new Bishop Barry Knestout, who will be installed on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond. That through the ministry of Bishop Barry we will be strengthened as God's holy people.

# 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  
804.843.3125

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