

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.*

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 18th & 19th, 2018

Sat	8/18	Tommy Sturtz, Jr. (RIP) Anniversary of Birth Requested by Marguerite Sturtz & Family	Fr. Oscar
Sun	8/19	Francis Seckora (RIP) First Anniversary of Death Requested by Paul & Valeria Seckora	Fr. Oscar
Mon	8/20	No Mass	
Tue	8/21	Joe Sr., Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Wed	8/22	Leonard & Lizzie Marshal (RIP) Requested by Marian Kopacki & Family	Fr. Oscar
Thur	8/23	Von & Melvin Moody (RIP) Requested by Theresa Moody	Fr. Oscar
Fri	8/24	Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Sat	8/25	Victor Kaczmarek (RIP) Requested by Cathy Fudella	Fr. Oscar
Sun	8/26	Marjorie Kellam (RIP) Anniversary of Death Requested by Jennifer & Bill Haynes Special Intention Requested by Edna Trudeau	Fr. Oscar

Collections for August 11th & 12th, 2018

Parish Operations (Personnel, Utilities, Office, Postage, Repair & Maintenance, etc.)	\$3,833.00
Special Collection	100.00
Total	\$3,933.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,400
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Capital Improvements	\$ 285.00
St. Theresa Cemetery	215.00
Haitian Ministry	200.00
Votive Stand	11.06
Religious Education	545.00

Thank you for your support of your Parish!

Church Attendance

Saturday, August 11 - 77
Sunday August 12 - 128
Spanish Mass – Cancelled

OLBS Church Cleaning Schedule
8/13 thru 8/19 – Rosa Mercado Family (Leader)/Eric Gonzalez
8/20 thru 8/26 – Gary & Jackie Silvia

Remember your parish if going away during the summer. To simplify your weekly offering to OLBS, consider using your bank's online bill-paying system. Be sure to include your parish envelope number as the account number or in the memo line so that your contribution is recorded correctly. Stay safe while travelling!

Calendar for Week of August 20th, 2018

Monday – 8/20 – No Mass

KofC Meeting 7:30 pm

Tuesday – 8/21 – Mass 8:30 am

Wednesday – 8/22 – Mass 8:30 am

Thursday – 8/23 – Mass 8:30 am

Friday – 8/24 – Mass 8:30 am

Saturday – 8/25 – **Rosary 4:45 pm** **Mass 5:30 pm**

Sunday – 8/26 – **Mass 9 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	Ron Martz
Paulette Berberich	Doris Modr
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Jon Boyette	Randy Morrow
Robin Bristow	Specialist Mullins
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Kevin Carson	Pam Rigsby
Kate Cheney	
Meredith Crowe	Harriet Ropelewski
Vincent D'Elia	Virginia Ryczak
Denise DePompeo	Bill Scaife
Donna Donahue	Barbara Schafer
Amanda Leigh Fincher	Allen Smith
Brenda Frederick	Geno Spiller
Helen Fudala	
Margaret Geron	Levi Sturtz
Jim Gregory	Jim Tokarz
Pat Hinkle	Mae Touray
Kelly Hipple	Dorothy Ware
Mary Ann Hooper	Linda Webster
Helen Kaczmarek	Shelli Whitehurst
John Kellam	Lois Wilson
Gloria Kojcsich	Robert 'Bobby' Wilson
Bonnie Kopacki	Jody Zogran

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOME

Melvina Gooch - Helen Fudala

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)
Sp. Logan W. Gay - Sgt. Nathan Gurganus
First Lieutenant Amber Fauber, F.E. Warren in
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Lt. Col. John Pilong – Afghanistan

THE WELCOME CENTER is located on the table at the back of the Church next to the bulletin board. Take a moment to look at the various brochures on display

ALTAR SERVERS

8/18 – Daniel Gibbs, Jr., Jackson Gibbs, Oliver Owens
8/19 – Clara DiLandro, Elizabeth DiLandro
11:30 am – Misael Hernandez, Jovany Velazquez
8/25 – Ryan Sprouse, Oliver Owens
8/26 – Adrian Vidal, Tazewell Rae, Daniel Duke
11:30 am – Misael Hernandez, Jovany Velazquez

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

8/18 – Jim Vadas, Cathy Fudella, Joe Drexler
8/19 – Susan Thompson, Kay Shaw, B.J. Bui, Kathy Wills, Vickie Roane
8/25 – Gary Silvia, Tom Fauber, Lorraine Ryalls
8/26 – Wini Barron, B.J. Bui, Edwina Madigan, Mary Leigh McDonald

DO YOU KNOW

For much of the nineteenth century Catholics in America were the unassimilated, sometimes violent “religious other.” Often they did not speak English or attend public schools. Some of their religious women – nuns – wore distinctive clothing. Their religious practices and beliefs – from rosaries to transubstantiation – seemed to many Americans superstitious nonsense. As the immigration pattern in the nineteenth century changed and more and more immigrants arrived ashore from countries other than England, the number of Catholics increased dramatically. Their arrival was met with suspicions and xenophobia. In the 1840s and 1850s these anxieties about Catholicism in American society turned violent, resulting in mob attacks on priests and churches as well as the formation of a major political party, the Know Nothings (aka The American Party) dedicated to combating Catholic influence.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is indeed a mystery of faith. In a world where answers to questions and explanations of how things work can be researched in an instant, it can be difficult to sit with such a mystery. Jesus becoming man, raising the dead, healing the sick, multiplying loaves and fish and rising from the dead are all “mysteries” in that we don’t understand how He did these things but because eyewitnesses have recorded this in Scripture, we believe. And yet, we stumble with the mystery of the Real Presence, also recorded by eyewitnesses in Scripture. Jesus himself stresses He is the Bread of Life and unless we eat of his flesh and drink of his blood we won’t have eternal life. If Jesus tells us this, then who are we not to believe it?

Adult: How does the hope of eternal life shape the way you live your life?

Child: What mysteries of our faith do you find hard to believe?

ALTAR FLOWERS – If you wish to donate flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, for a special intention, or to celebrate an anniversary or other occasion, please call the office by Tuesday at 1:30 pm for the following weekend. The office will make arrangements with the florist.

When we begin youth group activities in the fall, grades K through high school, we will be in need of additional volunteer leaders. The purpose of youth group is to provide our young people with spiritual, service and social activities to help them grow in their Catholic faith. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact Lorraine at 843-3125 or email lrkryalls@cox.net.

As many of you know, we will be celebrating our 100th Year Anniversary with his Excellency Bishop Barry Knestout on Sunday, November 18, 2018 with a Mass celebrated by our Bishop and a catered luncheon afterwards. For anyone who would like to contribute to this event, we have envelopes at the back of the church so that your donation can be counted in your offering and it can be added to your tax record for the year. Of course, if you would like to make an anonymous donation, please feel free. Please know that any contributions will be much appreciated. We look forward to seeing EVERYONE at this milestone celebration!

OUR T-SHIRT SALE IS ONGOING! Please call the parish office at 804-843-3125 if you would like to order shirts for your family. We will be placing an order in the next couple of weeks for more T-Shirts. Don’t miss your opportunity to advertise our wonderful parish and identify yourself with the Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament family! We are planning upcoming events to which you will be asked to wear your T-Shirts to show your support for your parish. Adult sizes Small through 3 X-Large and Children’s Small through Large are available. Please call today!

FALL 2018 CURSILLO WEEKENDS – Do you know someone who is looking for a closer encounter with Christ? We have two fall Cursillo weekends coming up.

September 20-23, 2018 – (Men)

October 18 – 21, 2018 – (Women)

Both weekends will be held at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center in Toano. Please contact the Greater Hampton Roads Coordinator for an application: Nicole Krieschen-Douglass: Nicole-ghrcursillo@gmail.com.

There will be a Parish Pot Luck Lunch at 1:00 pm on Sunday, August 19th in the Van den Boogaard Hall. Bring your favorite pot luck dish/dishes. We also need help to clean up after the lunch. Please call Pam Watkins at the parish office at 804-843-3125 or email to pam.watkins@olbs.hrcoxmail.com.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES begin September 16 at 10:15 a.m. Registration will begin next weekend.

A Charismatic Mass is scheduled at St. Michael’s in Glen Allen on Thursday, August 30. Praise and worship at 6:30 pm, Mass at 7 pm. Fellowship afterwards. Bring a snack. For further information contact Joe (804-643-2206) or Gwen (804-514-8304).

PAWS FOR PRAYER – Blessing of the animals will take place on August 26th at 1 pm at St. John’s Episcopal Church in West Point. Pet Picnic – People Snacks – Paws to Refresh the Spirit!! Cats, dogs and other critters welcome. Keith’s Ice Cream Truck will be there. Bring pet food donation for Animal Rescue groups. Fun for all ages!!

FOR ALL THE PARISH! You have been much appreciated through our recent losses. Thanks for all the prayers, hugs, and sympathy expressed by all. Sincerely, Allen & Hilda Smith & Family

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

New members are asked to register at the Parish Office in the Mercy Center.

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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