

# 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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### OFFICE VOLUNTEER

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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 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Sat	12/15	Kay Getman (RIP) Requested by David Seckora	Fr. Oscar
Sun	12/16	For Our Parishioners	Fr. Oscar
Mon	12/17	No Mass	
Tue	12/18	No Intention	Fr. Oscar
Wed	12/19	11 am - No Intention	Fr. Oscar
Thur	12/20	For Our Parishioners	Fr. Oscar
Fri	12/21	No Intention	Fr. Oscar
Sat	12/22	David 'Charlie' Sturtz (RIP) Requested by Jeanie Sturtz	Fr. Oscar
Sun	12/23	Thomas A. Trudeau (RIP) Anniversary of Death Requested by Edna Trudeau Mary Kurdziel (RIP) – Anniversary of Birthday Requested by Vickie & John Roane	Fr. Oscar

## Collections for December 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Parish Operations (Personnel, Utilities, Office, Postage, Repair & Maintenance, etc.)	\$2,613.00
Supplementary Collection	5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,618.00</b>
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Capital Improvements	\$ 105.00
Christmas Flowers	310.00
Solemnity of Mary	119.00
Haitian Ministry	50.00
Thanksgiving	5.00

Thank you for your support of your Parish!

### Church Attendance

Friday – Immaculate Conception – Dec. 7 – 67  
 Saturday – December 8 – 86  
 Sunday - December 9 – 113  
 Spanish Mass –

### OLBS Church Cleaning Schedule

12/10 thru 12/16 – Rosa Mercado Family (Leader)/Eric Gonzelez  
 12/17 thru 12/23 – Gary & Jackie Silvia

**SAVE THE DATE:** Ready to share the Good News? Then let's get together for Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Bring your favorite cookie dish to share! We will meet in the church hall at 3:45 and be ready to Sing @4:00. Afterwards, we will return to the Hall for cookies and cocoa. All are invited to share the Joy of the Season!! THIS IS A CHANGE!!!

Do you rejoice in the Lord? Is He asking you to consider a vocation as a priest? Call the Vocations Office (804-359-5661) to speak with Fr. Michael Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

## Calendar for Week of December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Monday – 12/17 – No Mass

**Knights of Columbus Meeting – 7:30 pm**

Tuesday – 12/18 – Mass 8:30 am

**Bible Study 7:00 pm**

Wednesday – 12/19 – Mass 11:00 am

**Followed by Senior Luncheon – Nick's Spaghetti House**

Thursday – 12/20 – Mass 8:30 am

Friday – 12/21 – Mass 8:30 am

Saturday, 12/22 – **Rosary 4:45 pm - Mass 5:30 pm**

Sunday – 12/23 – Mass 9:00 am - **NO CFC CLASSES**

Spanish Mass 11:30 am

**Monday – 12/24 – Christmas Eve – Masses 5:30 pm & 9 pm**

**Tuesday – 12/25 – Christmas Day – Mass 9 am**

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Carolyn Alford	John Kellam
Elizabeth Alley	Gloria Kojcsich
Candace Barefoot	Bonnie Kopacki
Virginia Becker	Gordon Langston
Paulette Berberich	Patricia Lanuza
Ron Blevins	Baby Vivian Mallis
Jon Boyette	Ron Martz
Robin Bristow	Doris Modr
Joan Buehler	Clara Morrow
Linda Burch	Randy Morrow
Lurene Burke	Specialist Mullins
Kevin Carson	Larry Newtzie
Kate Cheney	Pam Rigsby
Julie Wilson Chungath	Phyllis Russell
Meredith Crowe	Virginia Ryczak
Eric Crump	Bill Scaife
Vincent D'Elia	Barbara Schafer
Denise DePompeo	Allen Smith
Donna Donahue	Levi Sturtz
Amanda Leigh Fincher	Jim Tokarz
Brenda Frederick	Mae Touray
Helen Fudala	Dorothy Ware
Margaret Geron	Linda Webster
Jim Gregory	Shelli Whitehurst
Pat Hinkle	Lois Wilson
Kelly Hipple	Robert 'Bobby' Wilson
Mary Ann Hooper	Jody Zogran
Helen Kaczmarek	Lucy Carson
Mary Leigh McDonald	

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOME

Melvina Gooch - Helen Fudala

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)  
 Lt. Col. John Pilong – Afghanistan

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – SUNDAY – DECEMBER 16 10:15 AM**

**BECAUSE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE PARISH POTLUCK DINNER, SPANISH DANCE AND CHRISTMAS PAGEANT HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 6, FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY. We'd love to have you join us for an evening of fellowship.**

## ALTAR SERVERS

12/15 – Mason Kopacki, Kody Kopacki, Ryan Sprouse  
12/16 – Daniel Duke, Tazewell Rae, Adrian Vidal  
11:30 am – Misael Hernandez, Jovany Velazquez  
12/22 – Daniel Gibbs, Jackson Gibbs, Peter Nguyen  
12/23 – Clara DiLandro, Elizabeth DiLandro, Adrian Vidal  
11:30 am – Misael Hernandez, Jovany Velazquez  
12/24 – 5:30 pm – Kody Kopacki, Mason Kopacki, Oliver Owens  
9:00 pm – Daniel Duke, Daniel Gibbs, Jackson Gibbs  
12/25 – Christmas Day – 9 am – Clara DiLandro, Elizabeth DiLandro, Peter Nguyen

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

12/15 – Gary Silvia, Cathy Fudella, Jim Vadas  
12/16 – Paula Polcyn, Wini Barron, Kim DiLandro, Bill Madigan, Edwina Madigan  
12/22 – Joe Drexler, Tom Fauber, Gary Silvia  
12/23 – Jim Pyne, B.J. Bui, Kay Shaw, Pattie Vadas, Kathy Wills  
12/24 – 5:30 pm – Mary Horton, Tom Fauber, Edwina Madigan, Jim Vadas, Pattie Vadas  
9:00 pm – Kay Shaw, Cathy Fudella, Vickie Roane  
12/25 – 9:00 am – Kim DiLandro, B.J. Bui, Kathy Wills

## DO YOU KNOW

We refer to the Third Sunday of Advent as Gaudete Sunday (pronounced gow-dey-tay) because the introit for the mass begins “Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, Gaudete” meaning “Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say rejoice,” based on Philippians 4:4-5. The rose color vestments present a more joyful atmosphere than do the purple of penitence. Advent is the season of preparing for the arrival of the Lord Jesus (both his first coming and his second coming), and by the third Sunday of Advent, we are most of the way through the season. Thus it is appropriate to rejoice as we see the goal of the season approaching: “The Lord is near.”

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

“What then should we do?” John jars us with his message into looking afresh at our lives, our priorities and preoccupations, our style of living. We should check out our life in the mirror of how others might see us: We need to consider how recognizable we are as followers of Jesus. We might wonder whether they would know, as Jesus promised, that we are Christians by the way we love one another and the world.

Adults: To whom have your past acts of kindness brought joy?

What acts of kindness could you do this week?

Child: What kind thing have you done for someone lately? Whom could you make happy by your kindness this week?

There will be no elementary youth group meeting on December 16. The children and their families are welcome to participate with the parish Christmas caroling event on the 16<sup>th</sup>. In the new year the group will change its format. Please note time change – meet in the VDB Hall at 3:45 pm – Sing at 4:00 pm.

No Sunday formation classes on December 23 and 30 due to the Christmas holidays. Classes resume on January 6.

The Mercy Center Offices will be CLOSED Christmas week, from the 24<sup>th</sup> thru to the 28<sup>th</sup>. The office will also be closed New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day.

The LITTLE BLUE BOOKS for the Advent and Christmas Season are available at the back of the Church.

The 2019 Catholic Calendars will be at the back of the Church starting this weekend. Please take one per family.

The Knights of Columbus Christmas card sales have begun. These cards are designed to keep Christmas centered in the true meaning, Christ’s birth. Proceeds go to the Knights’ charitable causes. Please visit the card display at the back of the church.

**CORNUCOPIA BASKET** – I am trying to reunite a cornucopia basket with its donor that was used as a centerpiece for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Please, if anyone knows how to contact Barbara Huddleston (or a family member), let her know that her basket is in the church foyer on the lower shelf of the table to the left of the sanctuary doors.

**OLBS WOMEN’S GROUP** – Our newly formed women’s group has enjoyed a productive year in 2018...with meetings, honoring several parishioners with sacramental gifts and cards, hosting the Father’s Day Breakfast, assisting with VBS during the Family Night Dinner, enjoying a field trip, gathering in fellowship; and most recently, experiencing our first Christmas on the Town with awesome success. Our success at Christmas on the Town was possible due to our membership (including our dedicated and passionate event co-chairs), the Knights of Columbus, families of the Knights...and YOU (our parishioners) who supported this activity. Thank You! There is so much that we can do in 2019...Have a blessed Advent and a Joyous Christmas season!

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE AND FOOD BASKETS:** The Giving Tree will be in the back of the Church the weekend after Thanksgiving. If you wish to donate towards the food baskets which will be distributed to needy families during the Christmas holidays, please make your check payable to OLBS, mark “Christmas Food Basket” in the memo line, and place in the collection basket.

The next Senior Luncheon will take place on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> following the 11 am Mass at Nick’s Spaghetti House. Join us for good food and fellowship, and enjoy the beautiful Christmas decorations at Nick’s. If you plan to attend, please call the office to have your name placed on the sign-up sheet.

Following the listening sessions held throughout the diocese in October, Bishop Barry C. Knestout renewed his commitment to leading the Diocese of Richmond with transparency, faith and direct action. A webpage has been created to help the faithful stay informed of the diocese’s response to the present crisis in the Church. A video interview with the Bishop as he answers the faithful’s most frequently asked questions, a timeline of actions take within the diocese to address the crisis, and resources to learn how Bishop Knestout is answering the call for accountability is available at [www.richmonddiocese.org/diocese-response](http://www.richmonddiocese.org/diocese-response).

Please pray for our catechumen, Sandy Lam, as she continues to prepare for the Easter sacraments.

**HUMAN LIFE ACTION:** Dear Pro-Life Friends: We were truly overwhelmed by your generosity on Giving Tuesday. Thanks to your donations we enter 2019 in even better shape to reach more Catholics with the Pro-Life message. To make a donation by check, please mail to Human Life Action, P.O. Box 34116, Washington, D.C. 20043. May God bless you and your family and friends this Advent Season!

# 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

<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Joe Drexler	843-2541
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<b>CANTORS/CHOIR</b> Leda Zaginaylo	757 870-2516
<b>CEMETERY COMMITTEE</b> Gary Silvia	757-303-8756
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<b>CLEANING COORDINATOR</b>	

<b>COMMUNITY LIFE</b>	
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<b>LIBRARY</b> Linda Drexler	843-2541

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