

# 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.*

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

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
Mon	12/24 – 5:30 pm	Tommy Sturtz, Jr. (RIP) Thomas Sturtz, Sr. (RIP) Requested by Marguerite Sturtz & Family 9:00 pm – David 'Charlie' Sturtz (RIP) Requested by Jeanie Sturtz	Fr. Oscar  Fr. Oscar
Tue	12/25 – 9:00 am	Patsy Seckora (RIP) Anniversary of Birth Requested by Valeria & Paul Seckora	Fr. Oscar
Wed	12/26	Stefano & Pierina Marinello (RIP) Requested by Luciano Marinello	Fr. Oscar
Thur	12/27	For Our Parishioners	Fr. Oscar
Fri	12/28	No Intention	Fr. Oscar
Sat	12/29	Billy Webster (RIP) Requested by Bill Webster	Fr. Oscar
Sun	12/30	Frank Waxmunski (RIP) Requested by Susan Todd	Fr. Oscar

## Collections for December 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Parish Operations (Personnel, Utilities, Office, Postage, Repair & Maintenance, etc.)	\$2,965.00
<b>Total (Includes O.L. of Guadalupe)</b>	<b>\$2,965.00</b>
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Capital Improvements	\$ 130.00
Christmas Flowers	115.00
Haitian Ministry	50.00
Diocesan Collection	471.00
Poor Box \$23/Votive Stand \$22	45.00

Thank you for your support of your Parish!

### Church Attendance

Wednesday, December 12 (O.L. Guadalupe) - 60  
Saturday – December 15 - 66  
Sunday - December 16 - 119  
Spanish Mass – 49

### OLBS Church Cleaning Schedule

12/17 thru 12/23 – Gary & Jackie Silvia  
12/24 thru 12/30 – Tom & Rowena Fauber

God chose to become man to lead us in a path of righteousness; is God calling you to grow in holiness? He may be inviting you to the priesthood. 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).

A Special Thank you to Quan Dinh and Sandy Lam for donating lunch for the crew who worked on the Food Baskets on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>! It was very much appreciated by all!!!

## Calendar for Week of December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Monday – 12/24 – Christmas Eve

Masses at 5:30 pm and 9:00 pm

Tuesday – 12/25 – Christmas Day – Mass at 9:00 am

Wednesday – 12/26 – Mass 8:30 am

Thursday – 12/27 – Mass 8:30 am

Friday – 12/28 – Mass 8:30 am

Saturday, 12/29 – Rosary 4:45 pm - Mass 5:30 pm

Sunday – 12/30 – Mass 9:00 am - NO CFC CLASSES

Spanish Mass 11:30 am

Monday – 12/31 – No Mass

**Tuesday – 1/1 – New Year's Day (Holy Day of Obligation)  
Mass 9:00 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	
Julie Wilson Chungath	Pam Rigsby
Meredith Crowe	Phyllis Russell
Eric Crump	Virginia Ryczak
Vincent D'Elia	Bill Scaife
Denise DePompeo	Barbara Schafer
Donna Donahue	Allen Smith
Amanda Leigh Fincher	Levi Sturtz
Brenda Frederick	Jim Tokarz
Helen Fudala	Mae Touray
Margaret Geron	Dorothy Ware
Jim Gregory	Linda Webster
Pat Hinkle	Shelli Whitehurst
Kelly Hipple	Lois Wilson
Mary Ann Hooper	Robert 'Bobby' Wilson
Helen Kaczmarek	Jody Zogran
Mary Leigh McDonald	Lucy Carson

## 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

**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

12/22 – 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  
12/29 – Daniel Gibbs, Jackson Gibbs, Ryan Sprouse  
12/30 – Tazewell Rae, Elizabeth DiLandro, Clara DiLandro  
11:30 am – Misael Hernandez, Jovany Velazquez  
1/1/19 – 9:00 am – Oliver Owens, Adrian Vidal

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

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  
12/29 – Lorraine Ryalls, Cathy Fudella, Gary Silvia  
12/30 – Wini Barron, Kim DiLandro, Jim Pyne, Kay Shaw, Vickie Roane  
1/1/19 – 9:00 am – Joe Drexler, B.J. Bui, Edwina Madigan

## DO YOU KNOW

According to From Adam's Apple to Xmas: An Essential Vocabulary Guide for the Politically Correct, the word "Christianity" was spelled "Xianity" as far back as 1100. X, or Chi, in Greek is the first letter of "Christ" and served as a symbolic stand-in. In 1551, the holiday was called "Xtemmas" but eventually shortened to "Xmas." So even those who use "Xmas" are keeping Christ in Christmas!

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

There are some people who will never hear the Good News of Jesus' coming to save us except through us. They will never darken the inside of a church unless we live lives that welcome them into the community of the church. As we hear Mary's visit to Elizabeth, we should realize that we are called to not focus on ourselves but to reach out and visit those who need our help, thus enabling them to experience the Lord Jesus whom we bring to them. Our caring and compassionate deeds must make people aware that they are blessed by God and that we can only find salvation through His Son, Jesus.

Adults: To whom can I reach out during the week ahead in a way which invites others to experience the presence of the Lord Jesus in a new and positive way?

Child: How can I show others that Jesus is within me?

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. As you take your family's calendar, please take a moment to thank some of the Knights of Columbus who, once again, sponsored the calendars for our parish.

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.

Due to the rescheduling of the Christmas potluck/program to January 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be no youth group meetings that evening. The older youth group will meet again on January 20. We are in the process of revising the meetings of the younger group as we currently don't have a leader. More details will follow.

Confirmation classes will resume on January 13 at 6:30 pm in the Mercy Center Conference Room.

Many thanks to those who participated in the parish Christmas caroling last Sunday. Special thanks to Erin Hayden for organizing the event. Those who attended spread the Good News through song and enjoyed hot chocolate, cookies and a time of fellowship afterwards.

Our prayers and sympathy to Bobbi Drexler and family on the death of her grandfather, Alvin Narron. May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him.

There will not be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Mercy Center Chapel the week of December 24<sup>th</sup> thru the 27<sup>th</sup>.

What an Honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, that this parish is so generous that 50 children and 12 whole families will have a Merry Christmas this year! Through the generosity of our amazing parish and a collaborative effort from many, 50 children were given some Christmas gifts who may not have had any. Also, over \$1,000 was so kindly given to the Food Basket Drive! Through the help of some adults and the volunteerism of many young people (Daniel Duke, Kelsea Duke, Jackie Hernandez, Kody Kopacki, Mason Kopacki, Kaitlyn Lyon, Fatima Nava, Jonathan Reynosa, and Allison Smith), 12 Food Baskets were purchased and put together at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please know that these young people were not compelled to help with the Food Baskets. Each and every one of them simply volunteered their time and talent to help others less fortunate. At a time when many young people are written off as self-centered, our young people in this parish honor our Lord and their families with their generous hearts! The sky is the limit on what this parish can do when we work together to live our faith each day!!!

A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for offering the use of their Hall for the Food Basket Assembly! They are truly prime examples and role models for all of us in living our faith each and every day!

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).

HUMAN LIFE ACTION: Dear Pro-Life Friends: 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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