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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 29TH & 30TH, 2018

Sat	12/29	Billy Webster (RIP) Requested by Bill Webster	Fr. Oscar
Sun	12/30	Frank Waxmunski (RIP) Requested by Susan Todd	Fr. Oscar
Mon	12/31	No Mass	
Tue	1/1 – 9 am	John F. Roane, III Requested by John & Vickie Roane	Fr. Oscar
Wed	1/2	No Intention	Fr. Oscar
Thur	1/3	For Our Parishioners	Fr. Oscar
Fri	1/4	No Intention	Fr. Oscar
Sat	1/5	No Intention	Fr. Oscar
Sun	1/6	Frank Waxmunski (RIP) – Birthday Requested by Susan Todd	Fr. Oscar

Collections for December 22, 23, 24, 25, 2018

Parish Operations (Personnel, Utilities, Office, Postage, Repair & Maintenance, etc.)	To be Listed on next week's bulletin
Debt Supplement	\$ 2,518.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Capital Improvements	\$ 325.00
Christmas Flowers	100.00
Haitian Ministry	150.00
Diocesan Collection (Catholic Charities)	309.00
Votive Stand	15.30

Thank you for your support of your Parish!

Church Attendance

Saturday – December 22 – 93
 Sunday - December 23 - 130
 Spanish Mass –
 Monday – December 24 – 5:30 pm – 146, 9 pm – 134
 Tuesday – December 25 - 64

OLBS Church Cleaning Schedule

12/24 thru 12/30 – Tom & Rowena Fauber
 12/31 thru 1/6 – Jorge Duran Family/Hugo Rojas/Dan Gibbs Family

Are you called to serve the family of the Lord and share the Father's love as a priest?

God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts." Do you feel the Spirit of Jesus prompting you to love and serve Him as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, 804-359-5661 to speak with Fr. Michael Bohling or Fr. Brian Capuano, or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

SUNDAY FORMATION CLASSES RESUME ON JANUARY 6 AT 10:15 AM.

Calendar for Week of December 31st, 2018

Monday – 12/31 – No Mass
 Tuesday – 1/1 – New Year's Day – Mass at 9:00 am
 Wednesday – 1/2 – Mass 8:30 am
 Thursday – 1/3 – Mass 8:30 am
 Friday – 1/4 – Mass 8:30 am
 Saturday, 1/5 – Adoration 4:30 pm – Benediction 5:10 pm
 Mass 5:30 pm
 Sunday – 1/6 – Mass 9:00 am - CFC 10:15 am - Bible Study 10:15 am
 Spanish Mass 11:30 am
 Christmas Potluck 5:30 pm - Pageant 6:30 pm – VDB Hall

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	Desiree Page
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	
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

12/29 – 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
1/5 – Oliver Owens, Daniel Gibbs, Jackson Gibbs
1/6 – Dawson Haviland, Adrian Vidal, Tazewell Rae

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

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
1/5 – Joe Drexler, Lorraine Ryalls, Jackie Silvia
1/6 – Bill Madigan, Paula Polcyn, Chris Polcyn, Pattie Vadas, Kathy Wills

DO YOU KNOW

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a liturgical celebration observed on January 1st. It is a holy day of obligation. The use of the word "Solemnity" here is a designation used for certain days within the liturgical calendar. Solemnities are the highest rank of liturgical celebration, - advocate the Antioch thinking that Jesus was two persons, one human and one divine; further, that Mary was not the Mother of God, but only the Mother of Jesus. This was declared a heresy by the Council of Ephesus in 431 as the Church's official position is that Mary is the Mother of Jesus and Jesus is God, therefore Mary is also the Mother of God.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Amid today's important and ongoing debates about the definitions and nature of marriage and family, both within the Church and in broader society, the Feast of the Holy Family reminds us of the true vocation of the family: to foster the faith of each of its members and to support them in their search for God and God's will for them. Mary and Joseph instilled in Jesus a love for the traditions and laws of God's Chosen People; families, parishes, and even religious communities, are called to nurture the same values. Adults: Who in your family – both in your home and in the broader human family – is alone or on the margins? How can you be a sign of God's love for them?
Child: How can you show your love and appreciation to your family?

The office will also be closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

The 2019 Catholic Calendars are at the back of the Church, both English and Spanish version. 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.

Due to the rescheduling of the Christmas potluck/program to January 6th, 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.

Addition to Christmas Flower Donation List: In Memory of Kathy Webster, Billy Webster, and Patricia Gurganus, donated by Bill Webster.

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 15th. 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!!!

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.

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!

Start the New Year out right by enriching your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are March 1-3 in Hickory, N.C. and March 22-24 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369.

COMING FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE IN JANUARY? JOIN US FOR THE

National Prayer Service

25th Annual National Memorial for the Preborn and their Mothers and Fathers

The morning of the March for Life in Washington, DC – Friday, January 18, 2019 at historic DAR Constitution Hall - 1776 D Street, NW (18th and D Street), Washington, DC

8:30 – 10:30 am

Free Admission, no tickets required. Large groups welcome.

Mass at 7:30 am (doors open at 7:00 am)

Interdenominational Service: 8:30 – 10:30 am leaving plenty of time to get to the March for Life Rally

Visit www.NationalPrayerService.com

AND LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING!

CONGRATULATIONS to those couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in January: Zachary & Angelynn McDonald, 1/17; and Bill and Edwina Madigan, 1/28.

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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