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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.*

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 23rd & 24th, 2019



Sat	3/23 – For Thanks to God Requested by Teresa Nguyen	Fr. Oscar
Sun	3/24 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Mon	3/25 - No Mass	
Tue	3/26 – Von & Melvin Moody (RIP) Requested by Theresa Moody	Fr. Oscar
Wed	3/27 – Joe Sr., Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP) Requested by Theresa Moody	Fr. Oscar
Thurs	3/28 – For Peace Requested by Theresa Nguyen	Fr. Oscar
Fri	3/29 – Joe Sr., Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Sat	3/30 – Carolyn Bartos Alford (RIP) Requested by Theresa Moody	Fr. Oscar
Sun	3/31 – Hellen Lash O'Connor (RIP) On her 82 nd Birthday Requested by Natalee & Henry Franzysen	Fr. Oscar

Collections for March 16th & 17th, 2019

Parish Operations (Personnel, Utilities, Office, Postage, Repair & Maintenance, etc.)	\$ 2,627.00
Debt Supplement	385.00
Total	\$ 3,012.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Capital Improvements	\$ 25.00
Poor Box	40.00
Easter Flowers	310.00
Haitian Ministry	50.00
Votive Stand	11.00



Thank you for your support of your Parish!

Church Attendance

Saturday – March 16 - 75
Sunday - March 17 - 116
Spanish Mass – March 17 - 53

OLBS Church Cleaning Schedule

3/18 thru 3/24 - Tom & Rowena Fauber
3/25 thru 3/31 – Gary & Jackie Silvia

Calendar for Week of March 25th, 2019

Monday – 3/25 – No Mass
Tuesday – 3/26 - Mass 8:30 am
Finance Committee Mtg. – 6:30 pm – Bible Study 7 pm
Wednesday – 3/27 – Mass 8:30 am
Soup & Sermon – 12 Noon – St. John's Church
Thursday – 3/28 – Mass 8:30 am
Friday – 3/29 – Mass 8:30 am – Day of Abstinence
Rosary 6:30 pm – Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm (Finance)
KofC Crab Cake Dinner – 5 to 8 pm VDB Hall
Saturday – 3/30 - Rosary 4:45 pm - Mass 5:30 pm
Sunday – 3/31 – Mass 9:00 am - CFC 10:15 am - Bible Study
10:15 am – Spanish Mass 11:30 am
Outdoor Stations of the Cross – 10:15 am



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

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	Gladys Mierle
Joan Buehler	Clara Morrow
Linda Burch	Randy Morrow
Lurene Burke	Specialist Mullins
Kevin Carson	Larry Newtzie
Lucy Carson	Desiree Page
Kate Cheney	Pam Rigsby
Julie Wilson Chungath	Brenda Roane
Meredith Crowe	Mark A. Roane
Eric Crump	Virginia Ryczak
Vincent D'Elia	Bill Scaife
Denise DePompeo	Barbara Schafer
Donna Donahue	Allen Smith
Larry Dzula, Jr.	Levi Sturtz
Amanda Leigh Fincher	Jim Tokarz
Brenda Frederick	Mae Touray
Margaret Geron	Dorothy Ware
Jim Gregory	Linda Webster
Pat Hinkle	Gloria Wajciechowski
Kelly Hipple	Lois Wilson
Mary Ann Hooper	Robert 'Bobby' Wilson
Helen Kaczmariski	Jody Zogran
John Kellam	

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOME

Melvina Gooch

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)



3/23 – Oliver Owens, Peter Nguyen
 3/24 – Tazewell Rae, Clara DiLandro
 3/30 – Daniel Gibbs, Jackson Gibbs
 3/31 – Adrian Vidal



3/23 – Gary Silvia, Lorraine Ryalls, Erin Lazar
 3/24 – Jim Vadas, Pattie Vadas, Kim DiLandro, Sarah Rae, Jim Pyne
 3/30 – Tom Fauber, Pattie Vadas, Jim Vadas
 3/31 – Wini Barron, Kathy Wills, B.J. Bui, Bill Madigan, Kay Shaw



3/23 – Bob Ryalls, Scott Watkins
 3/24 – Craig Smith, Will Addison
 3/30 – Alfred Jones, Scott Watkins
 3/31 – Tuan Nguyen, Jim Pyne

DO YOU KNOW?

Catechumens are unbaptized persons who desire to be fully incorporated into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Candidates are those who have been baptized in the Christian faith and are seeking full communion in the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Proof of valid baptism in a recognized Christian denomination (by way of a certificate of baptism or letter of verification from one's pastor or church of baptism) is required of all candidates.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The people of Jesus' time often thought, wrongly, that misfortunes of any kind, such as accidents or ill health, were signs of sinfulness in the unfortunate person or persons. Jesus points out that this was not the case. Those who are not careful about their relationship with God are in greater danger. He gives an example of a fig tree that is in full foliage with all the appearance of being healthy, but it does not bear fruit. The owner orders it to be cut down for not fulfilling its intended purpose. However, the gardener asks for more time to work with it hoping that it will respond. Lent is like that "more time" for us to respond to God's call to repent so that we can fulfill our intended purpose. Adults: Are you taking time to be with God in prayer during this Lenten season so that you can produce good fruit? Children: Are you taking a little more time to pray during Lent?

"I AM sent me to you." Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, 804-359-5661 to speak with Fr. Michael Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano or vocations@richmonddiocese.org



To Sandy Lam who is now a member of the Elect. Please pray for her as she begins the Period of Purification and Enlightenment to ready her for the Easter Sacraments.

Congratulations to those couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary this month: March 6, 2004, Shawn & Erin Lazar; March 7, 1998, Donna & David Haviland; and March 14, 1966, Wini & Pat Barron.



We need volunteers for the Choir on Saturdays and Sundays. Please call the office if you are interested in joining your voice to this ministry.



The next Confirmation Class is scheduled for March 24 at 6:30 pm in the Mercy Center Conference Room.

OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS are scheduled for Sunday, March 31 at 10:15 am in front of the Mercy Center (Euclid Boulevard). Rain date is April 7.

The next YOUTH GROUP MEETING will be April 7 at 6:30 pm. All those 6th grade and up are invited to join us.



The Sunday Morning Bible Study invites you to check out their new study. This study shows how to put our Catholic faith into practice through prayer and action. The result is real, often profound change occurring in people's lives as they begin living as God intended them to. They meet after Mass in the Mercy Center parlor.



ARE YOU IN NEED OF PRAYER? DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE IN NEED OF PRAYER? Please contact the prayer chain to request any prayers needed. Prayers will go out for your needs or the needs of others. Anonymous Prayer Requests accepted. Contact: On Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, please contact Pam Watkins at the church office at 804-843-3125 from 10:15 am through 4:30 pm. Any other times, please contact Pam Watkins at 919-820-1986 (cell phone).



The catechists/CLOW leaders' hour of reflection is scheduled at 10:15 am on Sunday, March 24 in the Boogaard Hall.

Adults

The Little Black Books with Lenten Reflections are available in the back of the Church.

Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. Give the gift of your love by attending the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on March 22-24 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/>.



THE SCHEDULE FOR THE LENTEN SOUP AND SERMON WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 916 MAIN STREET, WEST POINT, AT 12 NOON, IS AS FOLLOWS:

March 20 – Christian Church & Chaplin Bill with Fire/Police

March 27 – First Baptist and United Methodist

April 3 – WP Church of God AND OLBS

April 10 – Brett-Reed and The Point

April 17 – Mt. Nebo and Church of the Nazarene
LUNCH WILL FOLLOW.

April 3 – Soup & Sermon – If you can donate a Dessert or Volunteer on April 3 at 9:30am at WP Episcopal Church, please contact Jeanie Sturtz at 804-843-3201.

FROM THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

In the near future the roads at St. Theresa Cemetery will be getting a much needed face lift. The contractor has said that we do not need to close down the cemetery while work is ongoing, but if you visit while work is in progress please beware and park accordingly. Thank you.



The Diocese of Richmond urges individuals who have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese to report abuse directly to law enforcement, including Child Protective Services (CPS) at 1-800-552-7096, and by calling the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-883-454-9064.

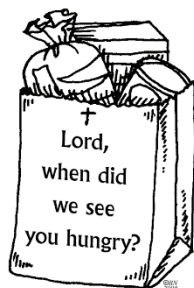
Individuals are also encouraged to contact the 24-hour confidential Victim's Assistance Reporting number at 1-877-887-9603 or email vac@richmonddiocese.org.



Please don't forget to use your flower envelopes or the inserts in last week's bulletin to list your loved ones you would like remembered with your Easter Flower donation. If you have already donated and did not list anyone, but would like to, please call the parish office at 804-843-3125.



PRESCHOOL UPDATE: Hello church family. We hope Spring weather is here to stay. We are enjoying our last months of preschool. We want you to know that we are now taking registrations for the upcoming 2019-20 school year. Please spread the word. The preschool will also follow WPPS Spring break closure. We will not have preschool April 2 – 6. Please note that our end of the year ceremony will be held in the church on Thursday, May 23rd at 9:30 am. All are welcome to join us. Thank you always for your prayers and support.



The Lord put us on earth to love and care for one another. Once, again, we will be collecting money for Easter Food Baskets. We have been able to supply a week or more of groceries (depending on size of family) for families in need. By participating in this service for others, we are spreading the love of Christ as He calls us to do. Our Lenten sacrifice can make a difference in someone's life. If you know of a family in need this season, please contact Pam Watkins at the parish office, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays at 804-843-3125.

Please make your donations to OLBS, clearly mark them for Food Baskets and put in an envelope in the regular offertory baskets.

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California is earning the title of "the Suicide State" by virtue of recently signed, permissive assisted suicide legislation. Buttressing the state's End of Life Option Act which legalized assisted suicide, Gov. Jerry Brown signed additional legislation that allows an individual to aid, advise, and encourage a person to commit suicide-AND sign off on the method of suicide-while financially benefitting from the person's death." The Daily Wire, 9/18.

VIRGINIA MARCH FOR LIFE:

The March for Life is coming to Virginia on April 3, 2019 in Richmond! Virginia is facing a pivotal moment in our Commonwealth's history. Legislation like that seen in New York is being considered in Virginia. Bills were filed this year which would have removed most restrictions on late term abortions and would have made abortion a "fundamental right." Governor Northam endorsed this extreme pro-abortion legislation. Thankfully, the anti-life legislation failed this year. It is critical that every pro-life Virginian take a stand for life at the March. Join the Virginia Catholic Conference network to receive Virginia March for Life updates and visit the website for more information at www.vacatholic.org.

Schedule of the Day:

9:00 am – Mass celebrated by Bishop Knestout at St. Peter Catholic Church, Richmond.

11:00 am – Rally at the State Capitol in Richmond

12:00 pm – March for Life begins

JOIN US IN OUR FIGHT FOR LIFE IN VIRGINIA!

Prayer Cards for the End to Abortion and Infanticide are located at the back of the church. Please take one and pray fervently for the end to these abominations. As Christians and Catholics, we must stand up for the innocent babies who are denied their chance at life.



PARISH COUNCIL: Your Parish Council, during our March meeting, discussed how we can increase our parish membership and attendance, as well as increase ways to improve our financial growth. We are asking that you give some thought to these issues and submit your suggestions to the Parish Council using the SUGGESTION BOX located in the foyer of the church entrance. Your assistance in this endeavor is greatly appreciated.

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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