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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.*

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD April 13TH & 14TH, 2019



Sat	4/13 – David 'Charlie' Sturtz (RIP) Fourth Anniversary of Death Requested by Jeanie Sturtz	Fr. Oscar
Sun	4/14 – Brenda Roane's Soul (RIP) Requested by Teresa Nguyen	Fr. Oscar
Mon	4/15 - No Mass	
Tue	4/16 – Frank Seckora (RIP) Requested by David Seckora	Fr. Oscar
Wed	4/17 – Patricia Seckora (RIP) Requested by David Seckora	Fr. Oscar
Thurs	4/18 – 7 pm – Michelle Eshelman For Good Health Requested by Bill Webster	Fr. Oscar
Fri	4/19 – Good Friday – No Mass	
Sat	4/20 – Easter Vigil 8 pm – For Peace Requested by Hang & Chuong Hoang Nguyen	Fr. Oscar
Sun	4/21 – Roland Klisiewicz, Jr. (RIP) Anniversary of Birthday Requested by The Watkins Family	Fr. Oscar

Collections for April 6th & 7th, 2019

Parish Operations (Personnel, Utilities, Office, Postage, Repair & Maintenance, etc.)	\$ 4,372.00
Debt Supplement	2,600.00
Total	\$ 6,972.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Capital Improvements	\$ 1,053.00
Votive Stand	395.80.
Easter Flowers	190.00
Haitian Ministry	1,200.00
Catholic Relief Services	10.00
Religious Education	17.00
Holy Thursday \$25/Good Friday \$25	50.00



Thank you for your support of your Parish!

Church Attendance

Saturday – April 6 – 74

Sunday – April 7 - 134

Spanish Mass – April 7 - 59

Calendar for Week of April 15th, 2019

Monday – 4/15 – No Mass – Chrism Mass 6 pm Cathedral

KofC Meeting – 7:30 pm

Tuesday – 4/16 - Mass 8:30 am

Bible Study 7 pm

Wednesday – 4/17 – Mass 8:30 am

Soup & Sermon – 12 Noon – St. John's Church –

Tenebrae – 7 pm

Thursday – 4/18 – Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 pm

Friday – 4/19 – Good Friday – No Mass – Fast & Abstinence

Stations 3 pm – Passion of the Lord 7 pm

Saturday – 4/20 – Holy Saturday - Blessing of Food 11:30 am

Easter Vigil 8 pm

Sunday – 4/21 – Easter Sunday – Mass 9 am - No CFC or

Youth Group - NO SPANISH MASS



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Elizabeth Alley	Gloria Kojcsich
Candace Barefoot	Bonnie Kopacki
Virginia Becker	Gordon Langston
Paulette Berberich	Patricia Lanuza
Ron Blevins	Bill Madigan
Jon Boyette	Baby Vivian Mallis
Robin Bristow	Cecil Manny
Joan Buehler	Ron Martz
Linda Burch	Gladys Mierle
Lurene Burke	Clara Morrow
Kevin Carson	Randy Morrow
Lucy Carson	Specialist Mullins
Kate Cheney	Larry Newtzie
Meredith Crowe	Desiree Page
Eric Crump	Pam Rigsby
Vincent D'Elia	Mark A. Roane
Denise DePompeo	Virginia Ryczak
Donna Donahue	Bill Scaife
Larry Dzula, Jr.	Barbara Schafer
Michelle Eshelman	Allen Smith
Amanda Leigh Fincher	Levi Sturtz
Sydney Gay	Jim Tokarz
Margaret Geron	Mae Touray
Jim Gregory	Dorothy Ware
Pat Hinkle	Linda Webster
Kelly Hipple	Gloria Wajciechowski
Mary Ann Hooper	Lois Wilson
Helen Kaczmariski	Robert 'Bobby' Wilson
John Kellam	Jody Zogran

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOME

Melvina Gooch

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)



4/13 – Oliver Owens, Peter Nguyen
 4/14 – Tazewell Rae, Daniel Gibbs, Jackson Gibbs, Clara DiLandro, Adrian Vidal
 4/17 – Tenebrae – 7 pm – Kody Kopacki, Mason Kopacki
 4/18 – Holy Thursday – 7 pm – Oliver Owens, Peter Nguyen
 4/19 – Good Friday – 7 pm – Daniel Duke, Daniel Gibbs, Jackson Gibbs, Adrian Vidal
 4/20 – Easter Vigil – 8 pm – Daniel Duke, Kody Kopacki, Mason Kopacki, Oliver Owens, Peter Nguyen
 4/21 – Easter – Clara DiLandro, Elizabeth DiLandro, Adrian Vidal, Tazewell Rae



4/13 – Tom Fauber, Erin Lazar, Cathy Fudella
 4/14 – Kay Shaw, Bill Madigan, Edwina Madigan, Sarah Rae, B. J. Bui
 4/17 – Tenebrae – 7 pm – None Scheduled
 4/18 – Holy Thursday – 7 pm – Wini Barron, Chris Polcyn, Paula Polcyn
 4/19 – Good Friday – 7 pm – Gary Silvia
 4/20 – Easter Vigil – 8 pm – Lorraine Ryalls, Joe Drexler, Tom Fauber, Jim Pyne, Gary Silvia
 4/21 – Easter – Bill Madigan, Wini Barron, B.J. Bui, Kathy Wills, Edwina Madigan



4/13 – Shawn Lazar, Scott Watkins
 4/14 – Tuan Nguyen, Jim Milby
 4/17 – Tenebrae – 7 pm – Alfred Jones, Tuan Nguyen
 4/18 – Holy Thursday – 7 pm – Paul Seckora, Andrew Seckora
 4/19 – Good Friday – 7 pm – Abby Lazar, Shawn Lazar
 4/20 – Easter Vigil – 8 pm – Bob Ryalls, Craig Smith
 4/21 – Easter – Will Addison, Jim Milby

DO YOU KNOW?

The Easter Vigil is generally seen as the most important service of the year, particularly in Catholic and Orthodox Churches. There were traces of the Vigil already in the second century. It was always a night of vigil, in remembrance and expectation of Jesus Christ's resurrection. To it was soon added the reception of the sacraments of Christian initiation: baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist, so that it became in turn the great sacramental night of the Church. It begins at sunset with the Service of Light, which at our parish begins on the front steps with a blazing fire. The new Paschal candle is blessed and lit and then we light our candles and process into a dark church. We

listen to the readings of our salvation story and suddenly the lights come on and we once again sing the Gloria and say Alleluia!, which have been silent since Ash Wednesday. We continue with the Liturgy of the Word and the blessing of the new baptismal water followed by the baptism and confirmation of our catechumen. Mass continues with the Liturgy of the Eucharist and the newly baptized will join us for the first time at the table of the Lord.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How quickly the crowd changed and turned on Jesus. The same people who were happy to welcome him with shouts of joy, will soon begin to shout 'Crucify him, Crucify him.' Jesus is even betrayed and denied by his closest friends. The rest of them run and desert him. He is left alone.

Adults: Do your actions and words ever betray and/or deny Jesus?

Children: Do you always let others see your love of Jesus?

"...He opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled..." Prayer and reflection are essential to discerning a vocation. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood? Call the Vocations Office, 804-359-5661 to speak with Fr. Michael Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano or vocations@richmonddiocese.org

TRADITION OF BLESSING OF THE EASTER FOOD

In many Eastern European countries, it's a tradition to have a basket of food blessed on Holy Saturday. In past times, Lent was a time of strict fasting. After the food was blessed it was taken home and eaten as the breakfast meal on Easter Sunday, thus "breaking the fast". This Catholic ritual which has been cherished for centuries was brought to our parish by Polish families. It has now been adopted by people of all ethnic backgrounds who enjoy this richly symbolic custom. If you would like to participate in this tradition bring your basket of food to the Church at 11:30 am on Holy Saturday.



Congratulations to those couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in April; April 5, 1997, Paul & Valeria Seckora; April 11, 1964, Paulette & Thomas Berberich; and April 25, 2015, Katie & Billy Fudella.



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.

There is no Sunday morning classes or youth group on Easter Sunday, April 21. Our last class is scheduled for May 5.



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 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:

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

FROM THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

The Cemetery Committee has purchased small American flags to be placed on the grave sites of the veterans we have buried in either St. Theresa or St. John of Kanti cemeteries. They will be placed a week or two prior to Memorial Day and left until after July 4th, after which they will be picked up then placed back down near Veterans Day.

If you know of any family member or friends that do not have their service indicated on their grave stone, please let one of the committee members know, we would not want to forget their service. 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 note that on Holy Thursday, after Father Oscar washes the feet of the initial 12 people, anyone from the congregation may come forward and participate.

Weather permitting, our 3 pm Good Friday rosary and Stations of the Cross will be held OUTDOORS in front of the Mercy Center at the wooden crosses. Chairs will be available for those who need/wish to be seated during our time of prayer. The Catholic Woman's Club of Richmond invites everyone on April 30, 2019 to a fun and history-filled day trip to Yorktown. Roundtrip transportation, admission and tour of American Revolution Museum, lunch at Riverwalk Restaurant, two-hour cruise on the tall ship Schooner Alliance and all gratuities are included. Leave the Columbian Center at 8:30 am and return at 6 pm. Contact Anne Alexander 804-317-9418 with questions and lunch and dessert choices. Make check to CWC, cost is \$147 and mail to Joan Walton, 300 Burnwick, Richmond, VA 23227.

OLBS Church Cleaning Schedule:

4/8 thru 4/14 – Dan Gibbs Family

4/15 thru 4/21 – Theresa Nguyen/Nguyen Sisters



Each individual life is a special gift bestowed only once by God to each person and when it is lost it can never be replaced. Pleasure and convenience should never be a reason to take human life.

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.

TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND – WTVZ Channel 33 (MyTVZ) at 7:00 am.

Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Lent and Easter? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online anytime on Sundays at www.HeartoftheNation.org. (For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.)

CHESAPEAKE POLISH FESTIVAL! April 26, 27, & 28. Authentic food, live music, kids activities, raffles, vendors, local plants, silent auction and more for the whole family!
St. Mary's Catholic Church
536 Homestead Road, Chesapeake.
www.chesapeakepolishfest.com

OLBS WOMEN'S GROUP meetings take place the fourth Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm in the VDB Hall Kitchen. Join us!

SENIOR LUNCHEON: The next Senior Luncheon will take place on Thursday, April 25th (change) immediately following the 11 am Mass at Vinnie's Restaurant on Route 360 in King William. If you wish to attend, please call the office to have your name placed on the sign-up sheet. Join us for good food and fellowship!

Please join St. Elizabeth Catholic Church as we celebrate with

Fr. Jim Arsenault

on the 30th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on Wednesday, May 15th, 2019 at the 6:00 pm Mass, followed by a reception in the parish hall – 2712 2nd Avenue, Richmond, VA 23222. Mailing address: 1301 Victor St., Richmond, VA 23222.

Greetings All! Prayer is truly powerful and I have been blest by the grace of God and your prayers to reach the five year marker cancer free! Thank you so much for prayers offered in my behalf and for all who are on this list. One of my favorite passages in regard to "The Power of Prayer" is in Matthew 7:7-8. "Ask, and you will receive. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and it will be opened to you. For the one who asks, receives. The one who seeks, finds. The one who knocks, enters." May God bless you always and keep you in His loving care. Brenda Frederick.

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend teaches a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives. It is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God. Give your marriage the boost it needs by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on June 21-23 in Cary, NC and September 20-22 in Charlotte, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/>.

REMINDER: Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. Only one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken, but together should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

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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