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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EUCHARISTIC 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.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD April 20TH & 21ST, 2019



- Sat4/20 Easter Vigil 8 pm For PeaceFr. OscarRequested by Hang & Chuong Hoang NguyenSun4/21 Roland Klisiewecz, Jr. (RIP)Fr. Oscar
- Anniversary of Birthday Requested by The Watkins Family
- Mon 4/22 No Mass

Tue	4/23 – Rose Seckora (RIP) Requested by David Seckora	Fr. Oscar
Wed	4/24 – Special Intention Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Thurs	4/25 – 11 am - For Peace Requested by Teresa Nguyen	Fr. Oscar
Fri	4/26 – Jason Harlow (RIP) Requested by Tuan Nguyen	Fr. Oscar
Sat	4/27 – Maria Doai (RIP) Requested by Teresa Nguyen Mary Attracta Owens (RIP) Requested by Edward & Helen Owens	Fr. Oscar
Sun	4/28 – In Honor of JoAn Klisiewecz On Her Birthday – April 29	Fr. Oscar

Requested by The Watkins Family

Collections for April 12th & 13th, 2019

Parish Operations (Personnel, Utilities, Office, Pe	osta	ge,
Repair & Maintenance, etc.)	\$3	,506.00
Debt Supplement		50.00
Total	\$3	,556.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is		\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish		
Capital Improvements	\$	5.00
Votive Stand \$9.00/Poor Box \$20.00		29.00
Easter Flowers		30.00
Haitian Ministry		643.00
Holy Thursday		3.00
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Correction on Last Week's Collection: \$395.80 should be Poor Box, not Votive; Votive should be \$17, not Rel. Ed.



Thank you for your support of your Parish!

Calendar for Week of April 22nd, 2019 Monday – 4/22 – No Mass Tuesday – 4/23 - Mass 8:30 am Bible Study 7 pm – Finance Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm Wednesday – 4/24 – Mass 8:30 am Thursday – 4/25 – Mass 11 am – Followed by Senior Luncheon at Vinnie's Restaurant, Rt. 360 – K.W. Women's Group Meeting – 7 pm – VDB Hall Kitchen Friday – 4/26 – Mass 8:30 am Saturday – 4/27 – Rosary 4:45 pm – Mass 5:30 pm Sunday – 4/28 - Mass 9 am - No CFC or Youth Group - NO SPANISH MASS – Confirmation Prep 6:30 pm



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 Barbara Schafer** Larry Dzula, Jr. **Michelle Eshelman Allen Smith** Levi Sturtz Amanda Leigh Fincher Sydney Gay Jim Tokarz **Margaret Geron** Mae Touray **Dorothy Ware** Jim Gregory Pat Hinkle Linda Webster Gloria Wajciechowski Kelly Hipple Mary Ann Hooper Lois Wilson Helen Kaczmarski 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

Church Attendance Saturday – April 13 – 91 Sunday – April 14 – 1236 (No Spanish Mass)



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

4/27 – Daniel Gibbs, Jackson Gibbs

4/28 – Daniel Duke, Elizabeth DiLandro, Tazewell Rae



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

4/27 – Tom Fauber, Cathy Fudella, Erin Lazar

4/28 – Chris Polcyn, Paula Polcyn, Sarah Rae, Kim DiLandro, Kay Shaw



4/20 – Easter Vigil – 8 pm – Bob Ryalls, Craig Smith

4/21 - Easter - Will Addison, Jim Milby

4/27 – Shawn Lazar, Abby Lazar

4/28 – Tuan Nguyen, Jim Pyne

DO YOU KNOW?

Jesus or the angels rolled away the stone of Jesus' tomb not so He could get out, but so others could get in and see that the tomb was empty, testifying to the resurrection. The stone was around 2 tons and would have taken many strong men to move it. The tomb was also sealed off and watched by Roman guards so the idea that the disciples secretly came at night is hard to buy. If the tomb had not been empty, claims of the resurrection could not have been maintained even for a short period of time, knowing that people in Jerusalem could have gone to the tomb to look for themselves.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The disciples were to proclaim the Good News about the Risen Jesus. The Jesus who will give new life to every single person who accepts him as Lord, who accepts him as the Way, Truth and Life. Peter and his fellow disciples are called "apostles", people sent out on a mission, "ambassadors for Christ", Paul calls them. We, too, share that mission. We are not just disciples, followers of Jesus. We are also meant to be his living ambassadors. No one will know about Jesus and what he means for our lives unless we tell them. World-wide there were many people baptized at this year's Easter Vigil. Not a single one of them came to the Church without the intervention of some Christian(s) somewhere. The Good News about Jesus is not to be kept a secret. There are many people out there waiting to hear it. They are depending on you and me, members of Christ's Body, to tell them. Adults: How will you go and tell the story of the empty tomb out loud?

Children: How will you let your friends know the good news of Jesus' resurrection?

"The Lord is truly risen!" Are you being called to proclaim the Lord's resurrection as a priest? 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).

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 24hour confidential Victim's Assistance Reporting number at 1-877-887-9603 or email vac@richmonddiocese.org.



Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our parishioners and the collaborative efforts of many, we were able to Bless 11 families this Easter with Food Baskets that included some special surprises. So that the families would know that all this was done for the Glory of God, special prayer crosses were included and beautiful cards from our Faith Formation students. Once, again, without being required to, some of our youth came out to help in a big way. If you see Dawson Haviland, Allison Smith, Paula Perez, Jackson Gibbs, and Abby Lazar, please thank them for their service to others and their wonderful Spirit of giving Blessings from God in this Easter Season! Also, a great big thank you to Quan Dinh and Sandy Lam for, not only helping but also, donating lunch for everyone on Saturday! Blessings abound when we all work together for the Glory of God!!!

The Catholic Woman's Club of Richmond invites everyone on April 30, 2019 to a fun and historyfilled 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: 4/15 thru 4/21 – Theresa Nguyen/Nguyen Sisters 4/22 thru 4/28 – Tom & Rowena Fauber

The next Senior Luncheon will take place this coming Thursday, April 25th, immediately following the 11 am Mass at Vinnie's Restaurent 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, so that we can let the restaurant know how many to set up for. Join us for good food and fellowship!



Each year spring and Easter speak of the gift of new life, both joyful events to celebrate. Sadly the new life announced by a positive pregnancy test is not always a welcome result so we must reach out to women and give them the hope that new life brings.

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.

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. The next meeting is Thursday, April 25th. Join us as we continue to serve our parish. 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.

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: <u>https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/</u>.

OLBS PRESCHOOL: 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!

CAMP ST. CHARLES is a traditional, Catholic over-night summer camp located on the shores of the Wicomico River in Southern Maryland. Our unplugged summer program is the perfect place for campers to encounter new adventures and safely grow as individuals under the supervision of our devoted, experienced counselors. To learn more about the program, visit campstcharles.org.

TO OUR PARISHIONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES – MAY YOU BE BLESSED DURING THIS MOST HOLY SEASON OF EASTER. And if you're traveling, our prayers for your safe return!

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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