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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.*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18th & 19th, 2019



Sat	5/18 – No Intention	Fr. Oscar
Sun	5/19 – No Intention	Fr. Oscar
Mon	5/20 - No Mass	
Tue	5/21 – No Intention	Fr. Oscar
Wed	5/22 – No Intention	Fr. Oscar
Thurs	5/23 – Buddy Walton (RIP) Anniversary of Death Requested by Valeria & Paul Seckora	Fr. Oscar
Fri	5/24 – For Our Parishioners	Fr. Oscar
Sat	5/25 – In Honor of Marguerite Sturtz Requested by Ed & Catherine Boeck	Fr. Oscar
Sun	5/26 – In Honor of Mildred Hite Requested by Ed & Catherine Boeck	Fr. Oscar

*****You are invited to the weekday Masses at 8:30am Tuesday-Friday every week*****

Collections for May 11th & 12th, 2019

Parish Operations (Personnel, Utilities, Office, Postage, Repair & Maintenance, etc.)	\$ 2,957.00
Total	\$ 2,957.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Capital Improvements	\$ 415.00
Haitian Ministry	50.00
Scholarship Fund	595.00



Thank you for your support of your Parish!



During the month of May, our Blessed Mother's month, we would like to begin saying the Rosary before the 9 am Sunday Mass. If you would like to participate, please be in church at 8:30 am.

*****The May Crown for Mother's Day was donated by Donna Geron in Memory of Patricia Seckora.**

Calendar for Week of May 20th, 2019

Monday – 5/20 – No Mass
Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30 pm KofC Hall
Tuesday – 5/21 - Mass 8:30 am
Wednesday – 5/22 – Mass 8:30 am
Thursday – 5/23 – Mass 8:30 am
Preschool Graduation 9:30 am in Church
Women's Group 7:00 pm VDB Kitchen
Friday – 5/24 – Mass 8:30 am
Saturday – 5/25 – Rosary 5:00 pm - Mass 5:30 pm
Sunday – 5/26 – Rosary 8:30 am – Mass 9:00 am – May Crowning Spanish Mass 11:30 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	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
Henry Franzysen	Jeanie 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)

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday – May 11th - 62

Sunday – May 12th - 159

Spanish Mass – 50



5/18 – Daniel Gibbs, Jackson Gibbs
 5/19 – Elizabeth DiLandro, Adrian Vidal
 5/25 – Oliver Owens, Peter Nguyen
 5/26 – Daniel Duke, Tazewell Rae



5/18 – Tom Fauber, Cathy Fudella, Erin Lazar
 5/19 – Paula Polcyn, Wini Baron, Chris Polcyn, Kay Shaw, Kathy Wills
 5/25 – Lorraine Ryalls, Jim Vadas, Pattie Vadas
 5/26 – Wini Barron, B.J. Bui, Jim Pyne, Sarah Rae, Vickie Roane



5/18 – Dan Gibbs, Shawn Lazar
 5/19 – Jim Milby, Tripp Racioppi
 5/25 – Andrew Seckora, Paul Seckora
 5/26 – Will Addison, Tuan Nguyen

DO YOU KNOW?

It might come as a surprise to many that the largest Catholic parish community in the world is found in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. Although Dubai is a Muslim city and emirate, Christians may openly practice their faith and also wear crosses in public. When Catholics applied to build the church of St Mary's in Dubai in the 1960s, the then ruler, Sheikh Rashid Bin Saeed Al Matoum, immediately gave permission. Not only that– he personally laid the church's foundation stone. On Sundays, seven Masses in various different languages are held at St Mary's, which is in the center of Dubai. The church is served by seven priests and holds around 2,000 worshipers. The church is full to overflowing at each Mass with people often having to stand in the doorway. The Dubai Catholic community also has a second church, St Francis. Fr Reinhold Sahner is the parish priest at St Francis. He has four assistant priests to help him look after his rapidly growing parish. Fr Sahner said he usually baptizes an average of five children each week and conducts 50 marriages a year at St Francis. There are 35 different Christian churches in the UAE. Most of them have been built on land donated by the country's ruling families.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

As followers of Jesus today, we are called not simply to believe in the resurrection, we are called to live it through the quality of our daily lives, through how we treat each other and speak to each other. Our actions will speak louder than our words. As John of the Cross reminds us, *'at the end of our lives, God will not judge us on our earthly possessions and our human achievements but on how much we have loved.'*

Adults: When have you seen the power of love overcome a bad situation?

Children: Do you believe love is stronger than hate? Why?



"Love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples." How will you manifest your discipleship? Consider living the Lord's new commandment of love as a priest. Call the Vocations Office, 804-359-5661 to speak with Fr. Michael Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

During this Easter Season, as we anticipate the celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we rejoice that Bishop Knestout has called a number of men to holy orders as priests for service in our diocese. Please see below a list of those candidates for ordination and the Mass. All are welcome to attend!

Priesthood Ordination

Saturday, June 1, 2019

10:30 am

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Richmond, VA

Reception to follow at Shafer Court

Presbyterate

Deacon Tochi Iwuji

Deacon Chris Masla

Deacon Dan Molochko

Deacon Kyle O'Connor

Deacon Cassidy Stinson

***Youth Group meets this Sunday, May 19 at 6:30pm. If the weather cooperates, we will be helping the Cemetery Committee place flags on the veterans' graves and then return to the hall for ice cream sundaes.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Anyone interested in helping with vacation bible school the last week of July, please call Lorraine at 804-843-3125 or email her at lrkryalls@cox.net. We need all kinds of help such as coordinator, teachers, music leader, snack coordinator, decorators and other behind the scene help. This year's theme will be **ROAR! LIFE IS WILD – GOD IS GOOD**. We need adult and teen volunteers.



Congratulations to those couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in May; Wini & Pat Barron, 5/14,1966; Chris & Barbara Hite, 5/15/1982; B.J. & Hope Kopacki, 5/17/2008; Robert & Jennifer Whitam, 5/24/2014; Jim & Pattie Vadas, 5/27/1972; and Tom & Rowena Fauber, 5/31/1991.



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. The Youth Group will be assisting in this task this Sunday on May 19th, weather permitting. Please let us know of any family member or friends that do not have their service indicated on their grave stone, we would not want to forget their service. Thank You.

GOOD SHEPHERD COUNCIL NAME: I am so honored to have the Knights of Columbus new council at The Church of the Good Shepherd in Smithfield named in my honor. It took me by surprise when the future Grand Knight Dan Lewandowski called and informed me of the name of the new Council, **FR. OSCAR PARAISO COUNCIL**. Thank you and God bless. Father Oscar

May Crowns: If you wish to donate a Crown for the Weekend May Crownings at Mass, please call the office at 804-843-3125.

MASS INTENTIONS: Once again the requests for Mass Intentions have fallen off. If you wish to have a Mass said to remember a deceased loved one, to celebrate a birthday/anniversary, or for a special intention, please call the office at 804-843-3125. Donations can be mailed or placed in the collection basket.



PARISHIONERS: As our faith community grows, we ask that we all take a moment before Mass and after Mass to say hello and welcome any new faces we see. As an extension of the Lord's grace, we should always seize the opportunity to say "hello" to a new person or family.



Italy is a country that has something to teach others. The abortion rate in that country has been declining because doctors are simply refusing to do abortions. Legalized in Italy 40 years ago, access to abortion is declining because so many doctors are simply objecting to the procedure.

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.



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!

***The Little White Books for Easter Reflections** can be found at the back of the Church.

2019 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: Building Our Family of Faith: If you made a pledge to the 2019 Appeal, the Diocese has begun sending reminders, so you can fulfill your pledge. It is important for all our parishioners to complete their pledges. The assistance that is provided to the ministries and programs the Appeal supports, such as grants to our mission parishes, heating and grocery assistance to families and tuition for our future priests to attend the seminary, is based on what is collected. Our parish has raised \$6,652.00 or 69.08% of our \$9,630.00 goal and has collected \$5,592.00 or 58.07% of our goal. We still have a ways to go. Thank you to all who have already pledged or donated your contribution!

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.

Church Cleaning Schedule

5/13 thru 5/19 – Dan Gibbs Family

5/20 thru 5/26 – Theresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters

5/27 thru 6/2 – Tom & Rowena Fauber

LOST AND FOUND: Please check the Lost & Found basket and see if any of the items there belong to you. The basket will be emptied after Mass on Sunday, May 19. Any appropriate items will find a new home.

Children's Liturgy at both Masses will break for the months of June, July and August. We will resume in September at the same time formation classes begin. This is an important ministry in that it helps the children become familiar the Gospel message on their level as well as the Creed and Prayers of the Faithful. Thanks to our leaders for sharing the Word of God with our little ones: Donna Donahue, A.J. Duke, Amber Gibbs, Deidra Kopacki,, Hope Kopacki, and Danielle Smith. We appreciate your dedication to this ministry!

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO GERRIE THOMAS: After many dedicated years of volunteering to produce the bulletin and keep us all informed, Gerrie Thomas is retiring and will be sorely missed. We cannot thank her enough for all she has done! We wish her and her family many Blessings for working to spread the Glory of God to all!

THE OLBS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE has begun their selection process for the recipient of the Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Scholarship. Any graduating High School Seniors who are members of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church are eligible to apply for the \$1,000 Scholarship. Applications can be found at the back of the Church or can be picked up at the Mercy Center. Instructions are located on the applications. Completed applications will be accepted through Thursday, May 23rd. The winner of the scholarship will be announced at the 9:00 am Mass on June 2nd. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Leigh McDonald at 804-769-2483.



***Volunteers are needed to cut the grass on the Church and surrounding grounds.** If you would like to volunteer but do not have a way to get your mower to the church, we have a solution! The Church has a lawn mower available for use in this ministry. If interested, please either call the parish office or David Seckora at 804-843-2969 and leave a message.

Volunteers are needed for the Saturday Night and Sunday Morning Choirs. Please come and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER TO WRITE THE WEEKLY BULLETIN. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL PAM WATKINS IN THE OFFICE AT 804-843-3125.

TRAVEL WITH FELLOW CATHOLICS: The Knights of Columbus from Church of the Redeemer will be taking a pilgrimage to the St. John Paul II Shrine and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on June 14th, 2019. We will depart from Church of the Redeemer at 7:30am. Upon arrival at the St. John Paul II Shrine, we will tour the facility and then attend a noon Mass for those who are interested. After Mass, we will go to the Basilica and have lunch in the cafeteria and tour the Basilica. We will depart the Basilica at 3:30pm and return to the Church of the Redeemer. Price for the event is \$30 per person. Please make checks payable to the K of C, 11042. Mail to: David Ward, 6432 Midway Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23111.

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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