

# 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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### OFFICE VOLUNTEER

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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.

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*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.*

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# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## May 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019



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
Mon	5/27 – No Mass	
Tue	5/28 – No Intention	Fr. Oscar
Wed	5/29 – No Intention	Fr. Oscar
Thurs	5/30 – Our Parishioners	Fr. Oscar
Fri	5/31 – No Intention	Fr. Oscar
Sat	6/1 – No Intention	Fr. Oscar
Sun	6/2 – No Intention	Fr. Oscar

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

### Collections for May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Parish Operations (Personnel, Utilities, Office, Postage, Repair & Maintenance, etc.)	\$ 2,996.00
Supplemental Collection	375.00
Poor Box	22.00
Votive Candles	28.00
Total	\$3,421.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Capital Improvements	\$ 225.00
Maintenance Fund	8.00
Scholarship Fund	25.00
Peter's Pence Collection	25.00



Thank you for your support of your Parish!

**\*\*\*The Holy Day of Obligation for the Ascension (May 30<sup>th</sup> has been moved to Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> & Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>).**

Next weekend we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. You will find the envelopes in your June Collection Envelope mailing. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

### Calendar for Week of May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Monday – 5/27 – No Mass Memorial Day  
Parish Office Closed  
Tuesday – 5/28 – Mass 8:30 am  
Finance Meeting – 6:30pm – MC  
Wednesday – 5/29 – Mass 8:30 am  
Thursday – 5/30 – Mass 8:30 am  
Ascension of the Lord – Holy Day Sunday  
Friday – 5/31 – Mass 8:30 am  
Saturday – 6/1 – Rosary 5:00 pm - Mass 5:30 pm  
Sunday – 6/2 – Rosary 8:30 am – Mass 9:00 am - Spanish  
Mass 11:30 am \*\*\*Holy Day for Ascension of the Lord



### 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 18<sup>th</sup> - 71

Sunday – May 19<sup>th</sup> - 101

Spanish Mass – 52



5/25 – Oliver Owens, Peter Nguyen

5/26 – Daniel Duke, Tazewell Rae



5/25 – Lorraine Ryalls, Jim Vadas, Pattie Vadas

5/26 – Wini Barron, B.J. Bui, Jim Pyne, Sarah Rae, Vickie Roane



5/25 – Bob Ryalls, Paul Seckora

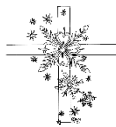
5/26 – Will Addison, Tuan Nguyen

### Church Cleaning Schedule

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

5/27 thru 6/2 – Tom & Rowena Fauber

6/3 thru 6/9 – Gary & Jackie Silvia



**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.

### **DO YOU KNOW?**

Per the Catechism, just War doctrine gives certain conditions for the legitimate exercise of force, all of which must be met:

1. the damage inflicted by the aggressor on the nation or community of nations must be lasting, grave, and certain;
2. all other means of putting an end to it must have been shown to be impractical or ineffective;
3. there must be serious prospects of success;
4. the use of arms must not produce evils and disorders graver than the evil to be eliminated. The power of modern means of destruction weighs very heavily in evaluating this condition [CCC 2309].

### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

When we think of peace we usually consider the cessation of hostilities between warring nations, or even warring members of a family. That is not the peace the Lord gives. The peace of the Lord is the joy we experience when we are united to Him. This is the peace that Jesus felt on the cross when He was united to His Father while His Sacred Body was being tortured to death. This is the peace that the martyrs felt when others brutalized them for refusing to give up Jesus Christ. This is the peace that we all feel when we are mocked for taking our faith, our commitment to the Lord, so seriously that we refuse to join in with the immorality of our particular societies, be that at school, in the neighborhood, or even within the country. Adult: What keeps you from experiencing the peace of being totally united to Christ? Child: What can you do to be more peaceful in your life?



"Whoever loves me will keep my word." Are you called to bring the word of Christ to His flock? The Vocations Office Call the Vocations Office, 804-359-5661 to speak with Fr. Michael Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano or write to [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto: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

The next Youth Group Meeting is scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm. Please join us as we plan our summer activities.



**SAVE THE DATE FOR TO MARS AND BEYOND VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SCHEDULED FOR JULY 22-26 FROM 6:30-8:30PM. – Anyone interested in VOLUNTEERING IS ASKED TO ATTEND A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM IN THE BOOGAARD HALL. WE NEED ADULT AND TEEN VOLUNTEERS.**



**Congratulations to those couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in June; John & Victoria Kurdziel Roane – 6/26/1960.**



**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 thanks the following youth group members who placed 90flags on veterans' graves at Saint Theresa's Cemetery: Paula Perez, Kaitlin Lyons, Kody Kopacki, Abigail Lazar, Daniel Gibbs, and Jackson Gibbs. If you know of someone who served in the military that didn't have a flag placed on their grave, please leave a message for Gary Silvia at 804-843-3125.

Our new parish directories are here and will be distributed to those who participated in June.

**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.

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

The CDC reported that abortions have been declining steadily since the mid-2000s. A word of caution: not all states (including California and Maryland) report the number of clinic abortions to the CDC. And an additional troubling note: no major research organization has counted how many Americans are getting abortions by ordering abortion-inducing drugs over the internet. Stand 4 Life, 12/25/2018.

#### **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.

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 1-833-454-9064. Individuals are encouraged to contact the 24-hour confidential Victim's Assistance Reporting number at 1-877-887-9603 or email [vac@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vac@richmonddiocese.org) to report sexual abuse.

**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 \$7,312.00 or 75.93% of our \$9,630.00 goal and has collected \$6,252.00.00 or 64.92% of our goal. We still have a ways to go. Thank you to all who have already pledged or donated your contribution!



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!

**FROM THE OLBS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:** The winner of the \$1,000 Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Scholarship will be announced at the 9:00 am Mass on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Leigh McDonald at 804-769-2483.

June 20<sup>th</sup> will be an 11:30am Mass followed by the Senior Luncheon at Food for Thought in Williamsburg, VA. Please call the Parish Office at 804-843-3125 to sign up for the Luncheon.

**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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**\*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.**

**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.

The church provides fresh flowers for our Holy Days and Feasts, but anyone can donate flowers for a weekend to commemorate a special day (wedding anniversary, birthday, etc.) or just to honor someone who has passed or is still living. Please call the Parish Office at 804-843-3125 for more information.

**12 DAYS IN FRANCE:** September 30- October 11, 2019. Nice, Monte Carlo, Lyon, Loire Valley, Tours, Mont St. Michel, Bayeux, Normandy, Rouen, Paris - \$3899 from Washington, D.C. (air/land tour price is \$3449 plus \$450 government taxes/airline surcharges) For more information contact Mrs. Gerry Mancuso at the Richmond Diocese at 804-622-5264 [gmancuso@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:gmancuso@richmonddiocese.org)

# 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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**CANTORS/CHOIR**  
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**CEMETERY COMMITTEE**  
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**COMMUNITY LIFE**

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