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

PARISH OFFICES at the MERCY CENTER 207 W. Euclid Blvd., West Point, VA 23181 Phone: 843-3125 Fax: 843-9158

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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.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 13th & July 14th, 2019

- Sat 7/13 Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler Ed Kopacki (RIP) Anniversary of Birthday Requested by Virginia Kopacki
- Sun 7/14 Hope J. Royals (RIP) Fr. Oscar Anniversary of Birthday on 6/30/2019 Angelo S. Gaeta (RIP) Anniversary of Birthday on 6/4/2019 Requested by Catherine Huckabee
- Mon 7/15 No Mass
- Tue 7/16 Joe Sr, Elsie & Johnnie Drexler (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
- Wed 7/17 - Jeff Leister (RIP) Fr. Oscar **Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler** 7/18 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Thurs Fr. Oscar **Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler** Fri 7/19 – Thomas A. Trudeau (RIP) Fr. Oscar **Anniversary of Birthday Requested by Edna Trudeau** 7/20 – Melvian A Gooch (RIP) Fr. Oscar Sat
- Anniversary of Death Requested by Edna Trudeau Sun 7/21 – Joseph & Marie Gawlik (RIP) Fr. Oscar Michael & Shirley Mara (RIP) Both Requested by Arlene Lasch

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

Collections for July 6th & 7th, 2019

Parish Operations (Personnel, Utilities, Office, Po	ostage,
Repair & Maintenance, etc.)	\$4,086.00
Supplemental Collection	2,600.00
Votive Candles	8.00
Poor Box	20.00
Total \$	6,714.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$991.00
Haiti Ministry	\$310.00
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Thank Vou!

Thank you for your support of your Parish!

***The Flowers the weekend of June 23rd for Corpus Christi and First Holy Communion were donated by Lorraine and Bob Ryalls in honor of the First Holy Communicants. Calendar for Week of July 15th, 2019 Monday – 7/15 – No Mass Knights of Columbus Meeting – 7pm Tuesday – 7/16 - Mass 8:30 am Wednesday – 7/17 – Mass 8:30 am Thursday – 7/18 – Mass 11:00 am – Senior Luncheon Immediately Following Mass – Lucano's in New Kent Friday – 7/19 – Mass 8:30 am Saturday – 7/20– Rosary 5:00pm Mass 5:30 pm Sunday – 7/21 – Mass 9:00 am Parish Council – 10:15am - MC Spanish Mass 11:30 am



Youth Group – 6:30pm Hall

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Elizabeth Alley Candace Barefoot Virginia Becker **Paulette Berberich Ron Blevins** Jon Boyette **Robin Bristow** Joan Buehler Linda Burch Lurene Burke Kevin Carson Lucy Carson Kate Cheney **Meredith Crowe** Eric Crump Vincent D'Elia **Denise DePompeo Dexter Dix** Donna Donahue Larry Dzula, Jr. **Michelle Eshelman** Amanda Leigh Fincher **Henry Franzyshen** Sydney Gay **Margaret Geron** Jim Gregory Pat Hinkle **Kelly Hipple** Mary Ann Hooper Gail Justin Helen Kaczmarski

John Kellam **Gloria Kojcsich** Bonnie Kopacki **Gordon Langston** Patricia Lanuza **Bill Madigan Baby Vivian Mallis** Cecil Manny **Ron Martz Gladys Mierle Clara Morrow Randy Morrow Specialist Mullins** Larry Newtzie **Desiree Page** Pam Rigsby Mark A. Roane Virginia Ryczak **Bill Scaife Barbara Schafer** Allen Smith Jeanie Sturtz Levi Sturtz Jim Tokarz Mae Touray **Dorothy Ware** Linda Webster Gloria Wajciechowski Lois Wilson Robert 'Bobby' Wilson Jody Zogran

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday – July 6th- 68 Sunday – July 7th - 142 Spanish Mass – 43



7/13 – Oliver Owens & Peter Nguyen

- 7/14 Daniel Duke & Tazewell Rae
- 7/20 Daniel Gibbs, Jr. & Jackson Gibbs
- 7/21 Daniel Duke & Tazewell Rae



- 7/13 Joe Drexler, Cathy Fudella, Erin Lazar
- 7/14 Paula Polcyn, Chris Polcyn, Jim Pyne, Sarah Rae, & Kathy Wills
- 7/20 Jim Vadas, Gary Silvia, Pattie Vadas
- 7/21 Bill Madigan, B.J. Bui, Edwina Madigan, Sarah Rae, & Vickie Roane



7/13 – Abby Lazar & Scott Watkins 7/14 – Jim Milby & Tripp Racioppi 7/20 – Dan Gibbs, Bob Ryalls 7/21 – Tuan Nguyen, Larkin Rae

Church Cleaning Schedule

7/8 thru 7/14 – Gary & Jackie Silvia 7/15 thru 7/21 – Jorge Duran Family/Hugo Rojas & Jose Valasquez

7/22 thru 7/28 – Dan Gibbs Family

THANK YOU to all who serve our parish in many different ways! Many serve this parish so that everything runs so smoothly we do not even know there was something that needed doing! Thanks so much to these unsung heroes!!!



Our thoughts and Prayers are with Jim Pyne and his family at the passing of his beloved Mother Friday, July 5th. May she rest in peace and the perpetual light shine upon her.

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.

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.



"What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Faithfulness to one's vocation is essential to holiness. Is yours to be 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.



ARE YOU IN NEED OF PRAYER? DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE IN NEED OF PRAYER? Please contact the prayer chain to request any prayers needed. 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).

DO YOU KNOW?

A Roman necropolis stood on Vatican Hill in pagan times. When a great fire leveled much of Rome in 64 A.D., Emperor Nero, seeking to shift blame from himself, accused the Christians of starting the blaze. He executed them by burning them at the stake, tearing them apart with wild beasts and crucifying them. Among those crucified was St. Peter - disciple of Jesus Christ, leader of the Apostles and the first bishop of Rome – who was supposedly buried in a shallow grave on Vatican Hill. By the fourth century and official recognition of the Christian religion in Rome, Emperor Constantine began construction of the original basilica atop the ancient burial ground with what was believed to be the tomb of St. Peter at its center. The present basilica, built starting in the 1500s, sits over a maze of catacombs and St. Peter's suspected grave.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

We all have people in our lives that irk us far past what is holy. It is these people that Jesus says are our neighbors. It is these people we are to love. Pope Francis has trumpeted this message from Jesus that we are to go beyond our comfort zone and love these neighbors. Depending on the situation, this may not even be simple, let alone easy. Yet we are encouraged as Christians to think of the people or groups we find hard to like, even people who have totally different viewpoints, morals, faith, and country of origin than we do. These are our Samaritans; these are our neighbors.

Adults: When was the last time you helped someone that made you reach out of your comfort zone? Children: When have you been a "good Samaritan" to someone that was hard to love?



Pope Benedict XVI has stated, "I feel the duty to affirm yet again that not all that is scientifically possible is also ethically licit. Technology, when it reduces the human being to an object of experimentation, results in abandoning the weak subject to the arbitration of the stronger. To blindly entrust oneself to technology as the only guarantee of progress, without offering at the same time an ethical code that penetrates its roots in that same reality under study and development, would be equal to doing violence to human nature with devastating consequences for all. The contribution of scientists is of primary importance. Together with the progress of our capacity to dominate nature, scientists must also contribute to help understand the depth of our responsibility for man and for nature entrusted to him" (February 12, 2007 -Address to the International Congress on Natural Moral Law). Priests for Life

JOIN US IN OUR FIGHT FOR LIFE!

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.

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 to report sexual abuse.

Jesus calls us to love the Lord and to love one another. Deepen your communication, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on Sep 20-22, 2019 in CHARLOTTE, NC and Sep 20-22, 2019 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <u>https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/</u>

The WOMEN'S GROUP has scheduled an ice cream social field trip on FRIDAY, JULY 12th. All women of the parish and guests are invited to join us (including moms and grandmas with children!). We will meet in the church parking lot at 12:30pm and carpool to Short Lane Ice Cream Rte. 17 in Gloucester. The ice cream is made onsite and is delicious. They have ample seating for the time we will be there. Come, join us! Enjoy some fellowship and a scoop or two, or whatever calls your name! THIS SOCIAL WILL BE IN PLACE OF OUR JULY MEETING. OUR NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, AUGUST 22nd.

FROM THE OFFICE OF BISHOP KNESTOUT: "Christian Stewardship calls us to utilize the resources of the diocese with integrity." Bishop Barry C. Knestout announces the implementation of a hotline that will be used to report concerns of suspected financial, administrative or human resource misconduct within the Diocese of Richmond. The hotline will be handled by an independent, third-party reporting system, EthicsPoint, to ensure accountability and transparency with reporting procedures. The use of such a hotline is another safeguard to protect the resources entrusted to us by the people of our diocese. Reports can be made online or by phone. Employees, volunteers, clergy, parishioners and any other individual wishing to report can do so anonymously, if they wish. The tollfree number is 844-739-3210 and is offered in multiple languages. To submit a report online, please visit the diocesan website, www.richmonddiocese.org and select "EthicsPoint." The hotline number is not a 911 or emergency service number. Individuals should not use this number to report information that is of an immediate threat to life or property. Additionally, EthicsPoint is NOT intended to receive information about sexual abuse allegations. Abuse allegations should be reported immediately to local law enforcement and th4 Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-833-454-9064. Additional information including a video message and letter from Bishop Knestout, a list of frequently asked questions and other resources regarding EthicsPoint can be found by visiting the diocesan website.

<u>12 DAYS IN FRANCE:</u> 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

From the Cemetery Committee:

*The minutes from the last Cemetery Committee meeting have been posted in the rear of the Church. *Please remember that planting of any flowers or plants is not permitted in either St. Theresa or St. John of Kanti Cemeteries.

*The Cemetery Committee will try to contact family members to have them remove already planted flowers/bushes. If anyone knows family members/friends who may need to do this, please contact them. If all else fails members of the Cemetery Committee will have to remove them.

*The Cemetery Committee has placed an information link for both St. Theresa and St. John of Kanti Cemeteries on the OLBS web page. It is still a work in progress but contains excellent information.



*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 (Both English & Spanish) Choirs. Practices are usually on Wednesday evenings. Please see Leda after any of the Masses or call the Parish Office at 804-843-3125 for more details.

PARISH COUNCIL: There are several members of the Parish Council who are scheduled to step down after several years of service. To provide a smooth transition to new leadership, we are looking for parishioners who would be interested in serving in this important ministry for our parish. The Parish Council meets once a month. If you are interested in serving, please contact either Fr. Oscar or Bob Ryalls, current Parish Council Chairman at <u>bryalls@cox.net</u> or 757-207-0215.



A Book will be offered commemorating the Bicentennial Celebration of the Diocese of Richmond. The Book, worth more than \$100, will include two pages on each of the parishes in the Diocese and include information on all the bishops and priests since the foundation of the Diocese. The book will include much information about the Diocese from its inception until present. This book will be ready by November. The Diocese is offering this book for a mere \$35 and will be covering the remainder of the cost to make it more affordable for all parishioners. Please call the parish office to place your order now!

For anyone who would like a Parish Directory, they are available at the Parish Office. Please come by Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays between 10:00am and 4:30pm or call Pam at 804-843-3125 to get your directory.

Would you like to register in the Parish? Registration forms can be found in the Welcome Center of the Church located in the Narthex, next to the Little Religious Shop. You may fill out the form and hand it to an usher, place it in the collection basket, or mail the registration form to the Parish Office at 207 West Euclid Blvd, West Point, VA 23181. You may also visit our parish office and fill out the registration while you are there. No matter how you choose to register, we welcome you to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and look forward to getting to know you! Remember to register your children ages 3 through 5th grade and their friends for To Mars and Beyond Vacation Bible School and grades 6th-8th for Make a Difference (MAD) scheduled for July 22-26 from 6-8pm. Register online at

https://tmab.cokesburyvbs.com/olbs or pick up a form in the back of the Church. They will learn more about God's great love and mercy through stories, songs, games and experiments. Hope to see them there!

Our middle schoolers will be completing a service project during their MAD session and need items to put in bags for children who are living in domestic violence shelters. We would appreciate any donations of the following items: Crayons, Coloring Books, pads of paper/small notebooks, pens, markers, playdough, small puzzles, small stuffed animals, action figures, children's books, and stickers, etc. Please keep in mind these items will need to fit in a gift bag approximately 9x12. A box will be at the back of the Church to collect items or contact Lorraine Ryalls at olbsvbs@gmail.com.



Congratulations to those couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in July: Dan & Amber Gibbs – 7/1/2006; Bob & Mary Cox – 7/5/1980; Ricardo & Elsie Letada – 7/22/1967; Ralph & Roberta Racioppi – 7/28/1973.

Congratulations to Melissa and Sal Inga on the Baptism of their daughter, Cecelia Rose and to Luis and Rebecca Osuna Alba on the Baptism of their son, Luis Rey. May the light of Christ guide these children all the days of their lives!

**CORRECTION TO JULY CALENDAR: THE SENIOR LUNCHEON FOR JULY WILL BE JULY 18th. There will be an 11:00am Mass followed by the luncheon at Lucano's Restaurant in New Kent. Please call the Parish Office to make a reservation.

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in the heart of Richmond, in the beautiful area of Highland Park will have their 11th Annual Jazz Festival on August 3rd, 2019. The Church is located at 1301 Victor Street in Richmond, VA 23222. Please call for more details to 804-329-4599, ext. 12 or go online to their website at stejazzfestival.com.

Annual Appeal Update: To date, we have raised \$7,737.00 or 80.34% of our \$9,630.00 goal. We have collected \$6,737.83 or 69.97% of our \$9,630.00 goal. We are almost there!!! Please remember a percentage of what is collected over and above our goal comes back to our parish! If you have not already given, please consider giving generously.

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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