

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

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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.*

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 27th & July 28th, 2019



Sat	7/27 – Joe Sr, Elsie & Johnnie Drexler (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler Jeff Leister (RIP) Requested by Bob & Lorraine Ryalls
Sun	7/28 – No Mass Intention
Mon	7/29 - No Mass
Tue	7/30 – Donald Hite (RIP) Fr. Oscar Anniversary of Birthday on 7/29 Requested by Mildred Hite
Wed	7/31 - No Mass Intention
Thurs	8/1 – Billy McGowan (RIP) Fr. Oscar Anniversary of Birthday Requested by Janice McGowan & Family
Fri	8/2 – Melvin & Rosa Gooch (RIP) Fr. Oscar Wedding Anniversary Requested by Edna Trudeau
Sat	8/3 – Jeff Leister (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
Sun	8/4 – Marian Kopacki Fr. Oscar In Honor of 90th Birthday on August 6 th Requested by Children & Grandchildren & Families

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

Collections for July 20th & 21st, 2019

Parish Operations (Personnel, Utilities, Office, Postage, Repair & Maintenance, etc.)	\$3,256.00
Supplemental Collection	492.00
Total	\$3,748.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$125.00
Haiti Ministry	\$100.00



Thank you for your support of your Parish!

*****There will be no Daily Masses Tuesday,
August 6th through Friday, August 9th.
Father will be away at a Priests' Retreat.**

***There will be no Liturgy Committee Meeting for
the month of August or September. If any
questions or for Liturgy needs, please contact Joe
Drexler.**

Calendar for Week of July 29th, 2019

Monday – 7/29 – No Mass
Tuesday – 7/30 - Mass 8:30 am
Wednesday – 7/31 – Mass 8:30 am
Thursday – 8/1 – Mass 8:30 am
Friday – 8/2 – Mass 8:30 am
Saturday – 8/3– Adoration 4:30pm
Benediction 5:10pm Mass 5:30 pm
Sunday – 8/4 – Rosary 8:30am Mass 9:00 am
Spanish Mass 11:30 am
Youth Group 6:30pm - Hall



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Elizabeth Alley	John Kellam
Candace Barefoot	Gloria Kojcsich
Virginia Becker	Bonnie Kopacki
Paulette Berberich	Gordon Langston
Ron Blevins	Patricia Lanuza
Jon Boyette	Bill Madigan
Robin Bristow	Baby Vivian Mallis
Joan Buehler	Cecil Manny
Linda Burch	Ron Martz
Lurene Burke	Gladys Mierle
Kevin Carson	Clara Morrow
Lucy Carson	Randy Morrow
Kate Cheney	Specialist Mullins
Meredith Crowe	Larry Newtzie
Eric Crump	Desiree Page
Vincent D'Elia	Pam Rigsby
Denise DePompeo	Mark A. Roane
Dexter Dix	Virginia Ryczak
Donna Donahue	Bill Scaife
Larry Dzula, Jr.	Barbara Schafer
Michelle Eshelman	Allen Smith
Amanda Leigh Fincher	Jeanie Sturtz
Henry Franzyszen	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
Gail Justin	Robert 'Bobby' Wilson
Helen Kaczmariski	Jody Zogran

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Lurene Burke

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday – July 20th - 85
Sunday – July 21st - 138
Spanish Mass – 41



7/27 – Kody Kopacki & Mason Kopacki
7/28 – Elizabeth DiLandro



7/27 – Lorraine Ryalls, Tom Fauber, & Cathy Fudella
7/28 – Kim DiLandro, Wini Barron, Bill Madigan, Jim Pyne, & Kay Shaw



7/27 – Andrew Seckora & Paul Seckora
7/28 – Will Addison & Craig Smith

Church Cleaning Schedule

7/22 thru 7/28 – Dan Gibbs Family
7/29 thru 8/4 – Theresa Nguyen/Nguyen Sisters
8/5 thru 8/11 – Tom & Rowena Fauber

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!!!



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.

Please keep Lurene Burke, one of our newest parishioners, in your thoughts and prayers. Lurene has been fighting cancer since she has been with us but has recently had a brain bleed which has left her paralyzed on her right side. She is currently at Autumn Care in Mechanicsville.

Donate flowers for a weekend to commemorate a special day or just to honor someone who has passed or is still living. Please call the Parish Office at 804-843-3125 for more information.

***Please don't forget Adoration takes place in the Chapel in the Mercy Center all day every Tuesday and Wednesday. Jesus wants to create peace in your soul. Take some time to shut out the world and center instead on the Word made Flesh and experience the calm in your life for which you have been searching. Reading and Meditating Materials are available to use while in Adoration.

DO YOU KNOW?

There is still a stereotype that Mass is antiquated, or ritualistic. However, interestingly, much of the content of Mass is based on the book of Revelation. For example, each Mass we sing the "Holy, Holy, Holy" which is straight out of Revelation 4:8. The idea is we are joining in with those in Heaven in their unending hymn of praise. So that's a real profound moment, if you think about joining in singing the same song those in Heaven are singing, and the connection between the physical and the spiritual that is occurring. And that's just one tiny example. You can do an entire study on Revelation and the Mass. The more you know, the more amazing Mass becomes.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The Lord's Prayer begins by focusing on God, His nature, and His work in the world. This teaches us that our prayers should focus first on God, through praising and thanking Him. Only then, do we turn to our requests. "Give us this day our daily bread" is a petition for God to provide for us both materially (e.g. food, shelter, clothing, etc.) and spiritually (e.g. the nourishment for our souls we receive from the bread of life, the Eucharist). God wants to provide for our needs. We can have assurance that when we ask, He will answer. Even if we don't get what we want, the answer will be better than what we asked for, because God is a good gift giver. In fact, the ultimate and best gift He gives us is Himself, for we hear that the Father will "give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him." Therefore, we should persist in petitioning God. And we should strive to conform our requests to the will of God. Finally, our prayers should include confessing our sins to the Lord and asking for forgiveness. If we have committed a serious, mortal sin we need to go to Confession, too. But daily prayer should include acknowledging our sins and asking for forgiveness, along with seeking to forgive those who have sinned against us.

Adults: Have your most recent prayers been prayers of praise, petition, or sorrow? Which kind of prayer do you need to practice more often?

Children: What are you most thankful for right now?



"Give us this day our daily bread." Are you being called to help feed the people of God 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.



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).



From a Former Abortion Provider

"On October 23rd, I went and did my last abortions on just a few patients. And I knew it would be the last day. And that evening, I said No to money and Yes to God. The next day I went down to church and confessed with my mouth that Jesus was Lord. Then, on the way out of church, I saw this blue brochure for a crisis pregnancy center. I just looked at it and kind of felt that this was what I should be involved with. The next day I called up the center and told them I was a doctor in Atlanta and had done many, many thousands of abortions, and that I came to Christ the day before and now wanted to do everything to save babies instead of take their lives." – Dr. Joseph Randall. (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.

"Knock and the door will be opened to you." Discover the amazing plan God has for you and your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend 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: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/>

Parish Directories 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.

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



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.

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 toll-free 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 the 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.



A Book will be offered commemorating the Bicentennial Celebration of the Diocese of Richmond. The Book, worth more than \$100, is being offered by the Diocese for a mere \$35 and will include information on all the parishes, bishops, priests and the Diocese from its inception until present. This book will be ready by November. Please call the parish office to place your order now!

OLBS is planning a trip to the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on October 19th, 2019. Transportation will be by bus. The cost of the trip will be based on attendance. It will be an all-day trip, leaving at 7:00am and returning around 10:00pm. There is so much to see! It is a great opportunity to grow spiritually and bond with fellow parishioners. A sign-up sheet can be found in the back of the church for all who would like to attend this trip. Call Erin Hayden at 804-366-4435. All are Welcome to join!



***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.

Bishop Robert Barron, recently recalled Pope Francis' words from World Youth Day 2013: "What is the best tool to catechize a young person? Another young person." Bishop Barron goes on to say that it's true that parents are called to be the first and best teachers to their children in the ways of faith, but they can affirm all that has been learned in the home and expand upon it only so much. They know they need the help of the church community to raise their children well. Children eventually come to a point in their lives where they ask, "Is it necessary to practice the faith and to go to church?" To confirm all the good work that began at home, teens need to see people other than their parents living a rich life of faith to assure them that what they've been told is actually true. (Author: Bishop Barron). Please reflect on Bishop Barron's message and prayerfully consider volunteering in our children's programs. We are in need of a high school catechist and assistant Confirmation catechist as well as a youth leader. These positions need not be filled by one person but can be shared. In fact, the more Catholic witnesses in our young people's lives, the better! Please call 804-843-3125 or email Lorraine Ryalls if you feel called to this ministry at DRE@hrcoxmail.com.

Catholic Charities in Need of New or Gently Used 3T, 4T, and 5T Clothing. Catholic Charities Care's Centers in Virginia Beach and Newport News are in desperate need of new or gently used boy and girl 3T, 4T, and 5T clothing. Donations can be dropped off in Virginia Beach at 5361 Virginia Beach Blvd. or in Newport News at 12829 Jefferson Ave., Suite 101. Questions? Call Rebekah Hall at 757-456-2366.

Catholic Charities is Seeking Companion Care Workers for Seniors CCEVA is hiring several Companion Care workers to provide companionship to clients enrolled in the Companion

Care Pilot Program in order for them to stay socially engaged and to provide assistance with their daily activities in order to remain in their home comfortably and safely. The program provides non-medical, in-home support services such as home management (light housekeeping, laundry, bed making, and trash removal), meal planning and preparation, grocery shopping and running errands for client, transporting clients in your car to run errands and shopping, and providing medication reminders. This is considered a contracted position, part-time with flexible schedules. Successful applicants will have two or more years of recent experience in caring for the elderly. Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) or have successfully completed a Home Care Training Program is preferred. Applicants must complete a 25-hour training course. For more information or an application, call the Companion Care Care coordinator, at Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia 757-456-2366.

NEW Annual Appeal Update: To date, we have raised \$8,127.00 or 84.39% of our \$9,630.00 goal. We have collected \$7,224.66 or 75.02% 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!

From Bill Palmer, Chaplain of the Town of West Point Police Department:

If you are a senior citizen or a disabled citizen or know someone who may benefit from wellness checks, please consider enrolling yourself or them in our S.A.F.E. (Secure and Friendly Environment) Program. The concept is simple: by filling out a confidential questionnaire, you/they will receive a daily telephone call from a representative of the Police Department to check on your/their welfare. If the department is unable to contact you/them by phone, an officer will reach out to family members, neighbors, or others listed on the questionnaire to check on that person. Emergency personnel also may be dispatched as needed. S.A.F.E. offers an extra level of care for citizens who may experience accidental falls, medical emergencies, or need assistance during severe weather events. This is a FREE service to anyone who lives in the Town of West Point. To request the application, please call the West Point Police Department at their non-emergency number, 804-843-2800. An officer will deliver the application to your address and assist you in filling it out, if help is needed. The information you share with S.A.F.E. will be held in strict confidentiality. S.A.F.E. is designed to assist citizens who wish to live both independently and confidently. You/they are free to withdraw from the program whenever you choose. (The Town of West Point offers no expressed liability for the failure of the program through emergency demands, personnel availability, or human error.)

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

ALTAR SERVERS Joe Drexler 843-2541	COMMUNITY LIFE	MINISTRY SCHEDULING Mary Horton 843-3490 mhorton@aol.com
ART & ENVIRONMENT Rowena & Tom Fauber 725-6110 Valeria Seckora 337-5477	FINANCE COMMITTEE Richard Duke 843-3125	OFFICE VOLUNTEERS Margaret Varboncoeur 843-2867
BELL CHOIR Mary Horton 843-3490	HOSPITALITY Glenn & Kay Shaw 843-3476	PARISH COUNCIL Bob Ryalls 757 207-0215 bryalls@cox.net
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