## 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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Parish e-mail : <u>olbs@olbs.hrcoxmail.com</u> Parish Web address: <u>www.olbs-catholic.org</u>

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van den BOOGAARD HALL RENTALS Janice McGowan 843-2870 Email: 5mcgs@cox.net SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION Saturday 5:00 p.m. Also by appointment

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.

#### NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup> & AUGUST 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

	Special Intentions	Ċ
Sat	8/10 – Francis Seckora (RIP) Anniversary of his Birthday Requested by Paul & Valeria S	Fr. Oscar eckora
Sun	8/11 – Matthew A. Rogers (RIP) Anniversary of his Birthday Requested by Edna Trudeau	Fr. Oscar
Mon	8/12 - No Mass	
Tue R	8/13 – Marian Kopacki In Honor of her 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday (Augu Requested by Children & Grandchildren	•
Wed	8/14 – Jeff Leister (RIP) Requested by the Watkins Fan	Fr. Oscar nily
Thurs	8/15 – Marina D'elia (RIP) The Anniversary of her Death Requested by Vincent D'elia	Fr. Oscar
Fri	8/16 – Melvina Gooch (RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Dre	Fr. Oscar xler
Sat	8/17 – Charles Varboncoeur (RIP) Requested by Margaret Varbonco	Fr. Oscar oeur & Family
Sun	8/18 – Melvina Gooch (RIP) Requested by Donna Geron	Fr. Oscar
<u>Colle</u>	ctions for August 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	
Parish C	Operations (Personnel, Utilities, Office,	Postage,
Repair &	& Maintenance, etc.)	\$3,368.00
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Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Religious Ed. (Not GNC - July 27 & 28, 2019)	\$25.00
St. Theresa's Cemetery	\$425.00
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$1143.00
Haiti Ministry	\$176.75
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Thank O You!

Thank you for your support of your Parish!

90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for Marian Kopacki!!! The family of Marian Kopacki invites all parishioners to join us in celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the van den Boogaard Hall. Gift her only with the honor of your presence.

The Basket of Flowers in front of the altar this weekend is in honor of Marian Kopacki's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. They were donated by her children, grandchildren and families.

T-SHIRTS: It is T-Shirt weather and we still have some OLBS 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary t-shirts for sale in a variety of sizes...adults \$10 and children \$5. If interested, contact Linda Drexler (804-843-2541 or at <u>vintagenotes@verizon.net</u>).

## Calendar for Week of August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Monday - 8/12 - No Mass Adoration - Mercy Center Chapel Tuesday - 8/13 - Mass 8:30 am Adoration in Mercy Center Chapel Wednesday - 8/14 - Mass 8:30 am Thursday - 8/15 - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mass 8:30am & 7:00pm Friday - 8/16 - Mass 8:30 am Saturday - 8/17 - Rosary 5:00pm Mass 5:30 pm PARISH POTLUCK DINNER FOLLOWING 5:30pm MASS Sunday - 8/18 - Mass 9:00 am Parish Council Meeting 10:15am - Mercy Center Spanish Mass 11:30 am Youth Group 6:30pm - Hall

Pray for the Sick )

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

**Elizabeth Allev 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 NURSING HOMES

Lurene Burke

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

<u>CHURCH ATTENDANCE</u> Saturday – August 3<sup>rd</sup> - 73 Sunday – August 4<sup>th</sup> - 129



- 8/10 Daniel Gibbs, Jr. & Jackson Gibbs
- 8/11 Elizabeth DiLandro & Adrian Vidal
- 8/15 Peter Nguyen & Oliver Owens
- 8/17 Kody Kopacki & Mason Kopacki
- 8/18 Daniel Duke & Tazewell Rae



- 8/10 Gary Silvia, Erin Lazar & Lorraine Ryalls
- 8/11 Bill Madigan, Kim DiLandro, Edwina Madigan, Mary Leigh McDonald & Kathy Wills
- 8/15 Jim Vadas, Wini Barron & Pattie Vadas
- 8/17 Tom Fauber, Joe Drexler & Cathy Fudella
- 8/18 Wini Barron, B.J. Bui, Jim Pyne, Sarah Rae
  - & Kay Shaw



- 8/10 Dan Gibbs & Shawn Lazar
- 8/11 Tripp Racioppi & Craig Smith
- 8/15 Joe Drexler & Bob Ryalls
- 8/17 Andrew Seckora & Paul Seckora
- 8/18 Larkin Rae & Will Addison

**Church Cleaning Schedule** 

8/5 thru 8/11 – Tom & Rowena Fauber

8/12 thru 8/18 – Gary & Jackie Silvia

8/19 thru 8/25 – Jorge Duran Family/Hugo Rojas & Jose Velasquez

**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.

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.

\*\*\*We will have a Parish Potluck immediately following the Mass on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at the van den Boogaard Hall. Please bring your favorite dish or dishes, enough for your family plus two and come ready to share some fellowship!

## \*\*\*August 15<sup>th</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation celebrating The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

#### August 15 Holy Day Mass - Online for the Home-

<u>bound -</u> Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to experience the spiritual comfort of this joy-filled Catholic Mass. Online video will be available all day at www.HeartoftheNation.org. (For those who can get to church, the online liturgy will not fulfill the Holy Day Mass obligation.)

#### DO YOU KNOW?

Catholicism has experienced a greater net loss due to religious switching than has any other religious

- tradition in the U.S. Overall, 13% of all U.S. adults are former Catholics – people who say they were raised in the faith, but now identify as religious
- "nones," as Protestants, or with another religion. By contrast, 2% of U.S. adults are converts to Catholicism – people who now identify as Catholic after having been raised in another religion (or no religion). This means that there are 6.5 former

Catholics in the U.S. for every convert to the faith. No other religious group <u>analyzed in the 2014</u>

<u>Religious Landscape Study</u> has experienced anything close to this ratio of losses to gains via religious switching.

#### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When the third millennium arrived, many people worried that the world would end. We all read accounts of predictions citing signs and scripture.

Mostly the mood was one of fear and anxiety. Today's Gospel assures us that we have nothing to fear. Our only responsibility is to be ready for Jesus' return. We also hear that we have been entrusted with this Good News. So now what do we

do with it? Most likely we know we are basically good people and good disciples. But there is something more we can do, or does some part of our responsibility need attention? During these summer days, we might quietly reflect on how we view the end times and check our readiness and to consider how we are doing with the Good News we've been given. Adult: What are you doing to be ready for Jesus' return? Children: What will you say to Jesus when you meet Him face to face?



"...for He has prepared a city for them." Are you called to lead the Lord's people to the eternal city that He has prepared for them as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, 804-359-5661 to speak with Fr. Michael Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano or write to <u>vocations@richmonddiocese.org.</u>



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).

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## A Letter from an Unborn Child

Dear Christians,

I was very much looking forward to my life in this world. I wanted to have dolls, ride a bike, go to the circus, and see the zoo. I looked forward to celebrating Christmas and receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. I'm very sad I never got to do any of these things. My parents did not let me be born. But I just don't understand one thing -- why didn't any of you help me? I wish you had. Nobody heard my crying voice.

From, An unborn baby

(Priests for Life)

### \*\*\*The Registration Deadline for voting in the General Election is Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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.

"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Take care of your marriage now. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are 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/



Congratulations to those couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in August: Eric & Joanna Ellingson – 8/1/1992; Bob & Lorraine Ryalls – 8/5/1978; Camb & Wilma Ashley – 8/6/1977; Larry & Janie Dzula – 8/11/1973; Philip & Karen Liberato – 8/16/1986; Greg & Erin Hayden – 8/21/1993; Gene & Bonnie Kopacki – 8/23/1975; and Henry & Natalee Franzyshen – 8/26/1972. 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 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.



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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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. The deadline for signup for this trip is Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Time is needed to secure transportation and plan the details. All are Welcome to join!

\*\*\*The Senior Luncheon this month will be held on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> immediately following the 11:00am Mass. The youth group of the parish will be cooking and serving our seniors in the Hall following Mass on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Call Parish Office to Sign up.

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\*Volunteers are needed to cut the grass on the Church and surrounding grounds. 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.

Catholic Charities is in desperate need of group volunteers to provide yard work for seniors on the Southside and Peninsula. Many seniors who reach out to us cannot afford to hire a lawn service and many face city fines. Volunteers must have their own equipment and transportation. If you have a group able to help, please call our CARES Volunteer Coordinator Tressa Edwards at 757-456-2366.

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.* 

The Diocesan Asian Catholic Gathering will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at 6:30pm at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church at 4491 Spring Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060 in the Hall kitchen. For more information, please visit their Website at <u>https://saint-mikes.org</u>.

NEW Annual Appeal Update as of 7/26/2019: We have raised \$8,167.00 or 84.81% of our \$9,630.00 goal. We have collected \$7,361.49 or 76.44% of our \$9,630.00 goal. We are almost there!!!

## 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 hum an error.)

Would you like a weekend away from the demands of life to examine and celebrate yourself, your relationship with Christ, and your relationship with the Christian community? Greater Hampton Roads Cursillo is offering a 3-day retreat for men September 12-15 and for women October 17-20, 2019 at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center. What happens on a weekend? We begin with a silent retreat Thursday night through Friday morning. During the weekend, you'll hear short talks on a variety of topics from faith perspectives of team members just like you. During the days, you'll discuss each of the talks and your impressions with other people seated with you. There is music, singing, mass as well as community meals. Spiritual directors will be present as team members throughout the weekend. Interested? Women please contact Nicole Felice at nmdouglas2013@gmail.com or Kelly Stefanko at kstefanko@hotmail.com and men please contact Mark Zito at gunnerz75@hotmail.com or Harry Twiford at coachhrt@cox.net.

OLBS ON DISPLAY Our church will have a display in the West Point Historical Society building beginning Crab Carnival weekend. The first display will feature our history and its place in the town. The display will be changed to one featuring the OLBS school and the nuns for Christmas on the Town. Our church is being featured along with other churches in West Point to show their part in the town's history and how they persevered through the years. Stop by the Historical Society building between Crab Carnival and the end of the year and see how we and other denominations have evangelized God's Word and implanted His seeds of faith in West Point.

# 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 mchorton@aol.com	843-3490
ART & ENVIRONMENT	FINANCE COMMITTEE			
Rowena & Tom Fauber 725-6110	Richard Duke	843-3125	OFFICE VOLUNTEERS	
Valeria Seckora 337-5477			Margaret Varboncoeur	· 843-2867
	HOSPITALITY			
BELL CHOIR	Glenn & Kay Shaw	843-3476	PARISH COUNCIL	
Mary Horton 843-3490				57 207-0215
	JUSTICE & PEACE		bryalls@cox.net	
CANTORS/CHOIR	Chris & Paula Polcyn	843-3589		
Leda Zaginaylo 757 870-2516			SACRISTAN	
	KNIT, PURL & PRAY		Marguerite Sturtz	843-2175
CEMETERY COMMITTEE	Linda Drexler	843-2541		
Gary Silvia 757-303-8756	Donna Geron	843-2781	YOUTH MINISTRY	
			Erin Hayden	366-4435
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