

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.*

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 17th & AUGUST 18th, 2019



Sat	8/17 – Charles Varboncoeur (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Margaret Varboncoeur & Family	
Sun	8/18 – Melvina Gooch (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Donna Geron	
Mon	8/19 - No Mass	
Tue	8/20 – Charles Varboncoeur (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Margaret Varboncoeur & Family	
Wed	8/21 – Jeff Leister (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by David Seckora	
Thurs	8/22 – Melvina Gooch (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by David Seckora	
Fri	8/23 – Melvina Gooch (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Frank & Mary Ann Fetterolf	
Sat	8/24 – Tommy Sturtz, Jr. (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Marguerite Sturtz & Family	
Sun	8/25 – In Honor of Father Bob Brownell	Fr. Oscar
	For the 50 th (Jubilee) Anniversary of his Ordination	
	Requested by the St. Patrick's High School	
	(Richmond) Class of 1960	

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

Collections for August 10th & 11th, 2019

Parish Operations (Personnel, Utilities, Office, Postage, Repair & Maintenance, etc.)	\$3,227.00
Votive Candles	11.76
Poor Box	5.17
Supplementary Collection	100.00
Total	\$3,343.93
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Religious Education	\$544.00
St. Theresa's Cemetery	\$87.00
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$280.00
Haiti Ministry	\$50.00

NEW Annual Appeal Update as of 8/8/2019: We have raised \$8,167.00 or 84.81% of our \$9,630.00 goal. We have collected \$7,461.49 or 77.48% of our \$9,630.00 goal. We are almost there!!!



Thank you for your support of your Parish!

ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS

*** Altar Server training for all altar servers will take place next Saturday, August 24th immediately following the 5:30pm Mass. This training is for ALL servers, including anyone who would like to become an altar server. All who have received First Holy Communion are welcome!

Calendar for Week of August 19th, 2019

Monday – 8/19 – No Mass – Knights of Columbus – 7:30pm
 Tuesday – 8/20 – Mass 8:30 am
 Wednesday – 8/21 – Mass 8:30 am
 Thursday – 8/22 – Mass 11:00 am – Senior Luncheon
 Youth Group to Cook for and Serve Seniors in Hall
 Women's Group – 7:00pm – Kitchen in Hall
 Friday – 8/23 – Mass 8:30 am
 Saturday – 8/24 – Rosary – 5:00 pm – Mass 5:30 pm
 Sunday – 8/25 – Mass – 9:00 am
 Spanish Mass – 11:30 am



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	Nancy Nuttall
Vincent D'Elia	Desiree Page
Denise DePompeo	Pam Rigbsy
Dexter Dix	Mark A. Roane
Donna Donahue	Virginia Ryczak
Larry Dzula, Jr.	Bill Scaife
Michelle Eshelman	Barbara Schafer
Amanda Leigh Fincher	Allen Smith
Henry Franzysen	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 – August 10th - 103

Sunday – August 11th - 125

Spanish Mass – No Count Taken



8/17 – Kody Kopacki & Mason Kopacki
 8/18 – Daniel Duke & Tazewell Rae
 8/24 – Daniel Gibbs & Jackson Gibbs
 8/25 – Adrian Vidal & Elizabeth DiLandro



8/17 – Tom Fauber, Joe Drexler & Cathy Fudella
 8/18 – Wini Barron, B.J. Bui, Jim Pyne, Sarah Rae
 & Kay Shaw
 8/24 – Lorraine Ryalls, Gary Silvia & Jackie Silvia
 8/25 – Kim DiLandro, Chris Polcyn, Paula Polcyn, Vickie
 Roane & Kathy Wills



8/17 – Andrew Seckora & Paul Seckora
 8/18 – Larkin Rae & Will Addison
 8/24 – Bob Ryalls & Alfred Jones
 8/25 – Craig Smith & Jim Pyne

Church Cleaning Schedule

8/12 thru 8/18 – Gary & Jackie Silvia
 8/19 thru 8/25 – Jorge Duran Family/Hugo Rojas
 & Jose Velasquez
 8/26 thru 9/1 – 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!!!



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.



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?

Mary's Queenship is first based on her maternal relationship with Jesus. The ancient Hebraic notion of the Queen Mother applies to Mary as Mother of the Messianic King, Jesus Christ. In ancient Israel, the most important woman in the monarchy was generally the queen mother, not the queen. In the southern kingdom of Judah, the kings' wives were apparently never "queens." It was the queen mother (Hebrew, *gebira* or "Great Lady"), the king's mother, who was honored and who wielded authority as a counselor to the king. Pope Pius XII established the Feast of the Queenship of Mary in 1954 which we celebrate on August 22nd. But Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Sometimes we have to take an unpopular stand against the ideas of others. When we say "no" to someone who wants to hear "yes," division is created. Parents make decisions that serve a purpose and guide the formation of their children. Friends may say "no" to each other creating division. Of course, healing and reconciliation are vital to the growth of all relationships; and this is basically the same concept as today's Gospel.

There will be hard and unpopular acts associated with following Jesus. As a loving parent, God won't compromise the plan. As loving family members, we also understand God's motive!

Adults: When has your taking a strong stand on a moral issue created division rather than healing in the short term?

Children: Is it important to do the right thing even if others are angry as a result? Why or Why not?



“It is difficult to grasp the phenomenon of the sexual abuse of minors without considering power, since it is always the result of an abuse of power, an exploitation of the inferiority and vulnerability of the abused, which makes possible the manipulation of their conscience and of their psychological and physical weakness. The abuse of power is likewise present in the other forms of abuse affecting almost 85,000,000 children, forgotten by everyone: child soldiers, child prostitutes, starving children, children kidnapped and often victimized by the horrid commerce of human organs or enslaved, child victims of war, refugee children, aborted children and so many others.” – Pope Francis Address at the End of the Eucharistic Celebration at the Meeting “The Protection of Minors in the Church”, February 24, 2019 (Priests for Life)

*****The Registration Deadline for voting in the General Election is Monday, October 15th.**

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.

“My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.” Learn how God is calling you to more in your marriage on 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: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/>.



“I have come to set the earth on fire.” Do you want to carry the fire of the Lord to His people 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.

*****Catechetical Sunday is September 15, 2019. Sunday classes will begin at 10:15am on that date for pre-k 4 through high school. Please register your child/children for Christian Formation and Sacramental Preparation classes before September 9th so that adequate materials can be provided. Registration forms are in the back of the Church.**

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

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. Please call the West Point Police Department at their non-emergency number, 804-843-2800 to find out more information. This is a FREE service to anyone who lives in the Town of West Point. (The Town of West Point offers no expressed liability for the failure of the program through emergency demands, personnel availability, or human error.)

***The Senior Luncheon this month will be held on Thursday, August 22nd 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 22nd. Call Parish Office to Sign up.



The Christian Formation Ministry is in need of a high school catechist as well as a temporary first/second grade catechist. Lesson plans and materials are provided. Sharing your faith with our young people will also provide opportunities for you to grow in your faith, too. For more information about these positions, please contact Lorraine at DRE@olbs.hrcoxmail.com or call 804-843-3125, Ext. 103. Please consider volunteering!

*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.

Volunteers are needed for the Saturday Night and Sunday Morning (Both English & Spanish) Choirs. Please see Leda after any of the Masses or call the Parish Office at 804-843-3125 for more details.

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.

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Norfolk, VA seeks a full time Family Service Advisor (FSA) to assist families with advance planning and planning when need arises. An Associate's Degree in a related field is preferred, and at least 3 years of relevant cemetery experience. To find out more and to find out where to send your resume, please go to <https://richmonddiocese.org/family-service-advisor-st-marys-catholic-cemetery-norfolk/>.

T-SHIRTS: It is T-Shirt weather and we still have some OLBS 100th 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 vintagenotes@verizon.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.



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 Franzysen – 8/26/1972.

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.

New Phone System at Parish Offices is Installed!!!

Thanks to the very generous donation by one of our parish families and the persistence of Bob Ryalls, a much-needed updated phone system has been installed! Our number is still the same: 804-843-3125. The following are the new extensions for each of the offices:

Pam Watkins – Administrative Assistant	Extension 101
Father Oscar Paraiso – Pastor	Extension 102
Lorraine Ryalls – Coord. of Faith Formation	Extension 103
Spare Office Upstairs - Unmanned	Extension 104
Cemetery Office – Checked Once a Week	Extension 105
Facilities Office – Checked Once a Week	Extension 106
Downstairs Volunteer Desk	Extension 107

We are here to help you in any way we can. Please do not hesitate to call us. Our office hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 10:00am until 4:30pm. There is also a volunteer that works most Mondays from 1:00pm until 3:00pm.

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

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Rowena & Tom Fauber 725-6110
Valeria Seckora 337-5477

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Mary Horton 843-3490

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Leda Zaginaylo 757 870-2516

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Gary Silvia 757-303-8756

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vintagenotes@verizon.net

CLEANING COORDINATOR

COMMUNITY LIFE

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Richard Duke 843-3125

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Glenn & Kay Shaw 843-3476

JUSTICE & PEACE
Chris & Paula Polcyn 843-3589

KNIT, PURL & PRAY
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