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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

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.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 24TH & AUGUST 25th, 2019



Sat 8/24 - Tommy Sturtz, Jr. (RIP) Fr. Oscar **Requested by Marguerite Sturtz & Family**

8/25 - In Honor of Father Bob Brownell Sun Fr. Oscar For the 50th (Jubilee) Anniversary of his Ordination Requested by the St. Patrick's High School (Richmond) Class of 1960

8/26 - No Mass Mon

8/27 - Melvina Gooch (RIP) Tue Fr. Oscar

> Anniversary of Her Birthday Requested by Edna Trudeau

8/28 - Melvina Gooch (RIP) Fr. Oscar Wed

Requested by Frank & Mary Ann Fetterolf

Fr. Oscar 8/29 - Rosalie Pyne (RIP) Thurs

Requested by Bob & Lorraine Ryalls

Fri 8/30 – No Mass Intention Sat 8/31 - No Mass Intention 9/1 - No Mass Intention Sun

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

Collections for August 17th & 18th, 2019

Parish Operations (Personnel, Utilities, Office, Postage, Repair & Maintenance, etc.) \$3,271.00 **Votive Candles** 13.75 **Poor Box** 30.00 **Supplementary Collection** 516.00 \$3,830.75 Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is \$3,940 Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish **Religious Education** \$10.00 St. Theresa's Cemetery \$25.00 **Facilities Repairs & Maintenance** \$250.00 **Haiti Ministry** \$150.00

NEW Annual Appeal Update as of 8/15/2019: We have raised \$8,227.00 or 85.43% of our \$9,630.00 goal. We have collected \$7,521.49 or 78.10% 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 this 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 26th, 2019

Monday - 8/26 - No Mass Tuesday - 8/27 - Mass 8:30 am Wednesday - 8/28 - Mass 8:30 am Thursday - 8/29 - Mass 8:30 am Friday - 8/30 - Mass 8:30 am Saturday - 8/31 - Rosary - 5:00 pm - Mass 5:30 pm Sunday - 9/1 - Mass - 9:00 am



Spanish Mass - 11:30 am

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Elizabeth Alley Gloria Kojcisch **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 **Gladvs Mierle Lurene Burke Clara Morrow Randy Morrow Kevin Carson Specialist Mullins Lucy Carson Meredith Crowe Larry Newtzie** Eric Crump **Nancy Nuttall** Vincent D'elia **Desiree Page Denise DePompeo Pam Rigsby** Mark A. Roane **Dexter Dix Donna Donahue** Virginia Ryczak **Bill Scaife** Larry Dzula, Jr. Michelle Eshelman **Barbara Schafer Allen Smith Amanda Leigh Fincher** Henry Franzyshen **Levi Sturtz Sydney Gay** Jim Tokarz **Margaret Geron Mae Touray** Jim Gregory **Dorothy Ware Linda Webster** Pat Hinkle Gloria Wajciechowski **Kelly Hipple**

Lois Wilson

Mary Ann Hooper

Gail Justin Robert 'Bobby' Wilson

Helen Kaczmarski **Jody Zogran**

John Kellam

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES **Lurene Burke**

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

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday - August 17th - 88 Sunday – August 18th – 112 Spanish Mass – No Count Taken

***The flowers on the altar this weekend were donated by Joe and Linda Drexler.



8/24 – Daniel Gibbs & Jackson Gibbs

8/25 – Adrian Vidal & Elizabeth DiLandro 8/31 – Kody Kopacki & Mason Kopacki

9/1 - Tazewell Rae & Daniel Duke



8/24 – Lorraine Ryalls, Gary Silvia & Jackie Silvia

8/25 – Kim DiLandro, Chris Polcyn, Paula Polcyn, Vickie Roane & Kathy Wills

8/31 – Joe Drexler, Tom Fauber & Cathy Fudella

9/1 - Sarah Rae, Bill Madigan, Kay Shaw, Jim & Pattie Vadas



8/24 - Bob Ryalls & Alfred Jones

8/25 - Craig Smith & Jim Pyne

8/31 - Paul Seckora & Andrew Seckora

9/1 – Jim Milby & Tuan Nguyen

Church Cleaning Schedule

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

8/26 thru 9/1 – Dan Gibbs Family 9/2 thru 9/8 – Teresa Nguyen/Nguyen Sisters

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?

John 6 describes the Eucharist as the actual body and blood of Christ. The disciples were deeply troubled by our Lord's words. If it were a symbol alone, it would not have been a challenging teaching, and Jesus would have clarified His meaning to the disciples. In fact, if His followers had so badly misunderstood, it would have been unlike Jesus to refrain from a deeper explanation of something so critical to our Christian faith. But nowhere in Scripture is the eucharistic mystery given the characterization of a symbol. The early Church fathers recognized the Real Presence as central to their understanding of the Eucharist.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

We are cautioned in this Gospel to be more than mere acquaintances with Jesus. We are challenged to have a deep and loving relationship with Him. What's the difference between the two? We are probably best at answering that question ourselves, but perhaps we attend Mass every week to fulfill an obligation. That might be acting like an acquaintance where as participating in that Mass, gathering with other worshippers afterwards, or participating in scripture study, service, or enrichment offerings of the parish would definitely deepen that relationship. Adults: What are you doing to strengthen your relationship with Jesus? Children: How can you become better friends with Jesus?



Our sincerest condolences to Father Oscar and his family on the loss of his brother, Romulo Paraiso, and to Wini Barron and her family on the loss of her uncle. Our thoughts and prayers are with both families at this time. May they rest in peace and may the perpetual light shine upon them.



"Quite often I even wake up in the morning thinking painfully of the undeniably selfish act I did over 11 years ago - STILL! I know I overrode in my core being my conscience (dulled at the time) and my Fatherhood instinct. No two ways about it: I acted - no, I was a coward. My action, despite my confession and repentance before my Creator - continues to rob much of the joy from my life. I would do anything (if God would accept the bargain) to reverse that fateful mistake." -- See more testimonies at www.Abortion-Testimonies.com. (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 Registration Deadline for voting in the General Election is Monday, October 15th.

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.

Allow Jesus to transform your marriage and show you how to truly love your spouse 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: https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/.



"Some of these I will take as priests and Levites, says the LORD." Is God calling you to the priesthood? 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.

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).

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 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 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/.



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.

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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Father Oscar on the 38th Anniversary of his Ordination as a Priest! We are so Blessed to have him with us! Your flock loves you, Father Oscar!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all who worked to put together the potluck dinner for Father Oscar's Anniversary Dinner! When our parish works together, anything is possible!!!

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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ART & ENVIRONMENT Rowena & Tom Faube Valeria Seckora	er 725-6110 337-5477	
BELL CHOIR Mary Horton	843-3490	
CANTORS/CHOIR Leda Zaginaylo	757 870-2516	
CEMETERY COMMITTEE Gary Silvia	757-303-8756	
CHURCH HISTORIAN Linda Drexler vintagenotes@verizo	843-245 l on.net	
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FINANCE COMMITTEE Richard Duke	843-3125
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JUSTICE & PEACE Chris & Paula Polcyn	843-3589
KNIT, PURL & PRAY Linda Drexler Donna Geron	843-2541 843-2781
LAWN MOWING COMMITTEE Eric Ellingson ericellingson@verizon.net	843-2184
LIBRARY	

MINISTRY SCHEDULING Mary Horton mchorton@aol.com	843-3490
OFFICE VOLUNTEERS Margaret Varboncoe	ur 843-2867
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