

# 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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### OFFICE VOLUNTEER

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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.

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*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.*

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## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup> & SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2019**



Sat	8/31 – No Mass Intention	
Sun	9/1 – Donald Willard (RIP)	Fr. Stinson Requested by Richard Fredericks
Mon	9/2 – No Mass	
Tue	9/3 – No Mass	
Wed	9/4 – No Mass	
Thurs	9/5 – No Mass	
Fri	9/6 – No Mass	
Sat	9/7 – Melvina Gooch (RIP)	Fr. Baab Anniversary of Her Death Requested by Edna Trudeau
Sun	9/8 – No Mass Intention	

### Collections for August 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Parish Operations (Personnel, Utilities, Office, Postage, Repair & Maintenance, etc.)	\$3,094.00
Votive Candles	31.25
Supplementary Collection	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,150.25</b>
<b>Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is</b>	<b>\$3,940</b>
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
St. Theresa's Cemetery	\$80.00
Haiti Ministry	\$523.00



Thank you for your support of your Parish!

\*\*\*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!

## Calendar for Week of September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

Monday – 9/2 – No Mass - Knights of Columbus 7:30pm  
 Tuesday – 9/3 – No Mass  
 Wednesday – 9/4 – No Mass  
 Thursday – 9/5 – No Mass  
 Friday – 9/6 – No Mass – First Friday – Adoration 6-9pm in  
 Mercy Center Chapel  
 Saturday – 9/7 – Rosary – 5:00 pm – Mass 5:30 pm  
 Sunday – 9/8 – Mass – 9:00 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	Gladys Mierle
Lurene Burke	Clara Morrow
Kevin Carson	Randy Morrow
Lucy Carson	Specialist Mullins
Meredith Crowe	Marilyn Naggy
Eric Crump	Larry Newtzie
Vincent D'elia	Nancy Nuttall
Denise DePompeo	Desiree Page
Dexter Dix	Pam Rigsby
Donna Donahue	Mark A. Roane
Larry Dzula, Jr.	Virginia Ryczak
Michelle Eshelman	Bill Scaife
Amanda Leigh Fincher	Barbara Schafer
Henry Franzysen	Allen Smith
Sydney Gay	Levi Sturtz
Margaret Geron	Jim Tokarz
Jim Gregory	Mae Touray
Pat Hinkle	Dorothy Ware
Kelly Hipple	Linda Webster
Mary Ann Hooper	Gloria Wajciechowski
Gail Justin	Lois Wilson
Helen Kaczmariski	Robert 'Bobby' Wilson
John Kellam	Jody Zogran

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Lurene Burke

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culbertson (Afghanistan)

### CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday – August 24<sup>th</sup> - 90

Sunday – August 25<sup>th</sup> - 125

Spanish Mass – 51

To donate flowers for a weekend, please call the Parish Office at 804-843-3125 for more information.



8/31 – Kody Kopacki & Mason Kopacki  
9/1 – Tazewell Rae & Daniel Duke



8/31 – Joe Drexler, Tom Fauber & Cathy Fudella  
9/1 – Sarah Rae, Bill Madigan, Kay Shaw, Jim & Pattie Vadas

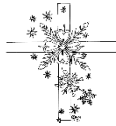


8/31 – Paul Seckora & Andrew Seckora  
9/1 – Jim Milby & Tuan Nguyen

#### Church Cleaning Schedule

8/26 thru 9/1 – Dan Gibbs Family  
9/2 thru 9/8 – Teresa Nguyen/Nguyen Sisters  
9/9 thru 9/15 – 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.



**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).

Registration for formation classes and sacramental preparation (Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation) is now due. Forms are in the back of the Church. Confirmation orientation for those who are 16 and/or in 10<sup>th</sup> grade and parents will be on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm in the Mercy Center Conference Room. Parents' preparation for First Penance is scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am in the Boogaard Hall. All children should be registered and attending morning classes before those dates.

## DO YOU KNOW?

The purpose of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus. Too many people have a false understanding of the purpose of the Catholic Church. After Jesus made the Church, He gave a clear mission statement to His apostles: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." - Matt 28:19-20. Everything else the Church does, feed the hungry, perpetuate the Sacraments, etc. is in service to this mission. Evangelization isn't optional. Each of us, as baptized Christians, need to spread God's love through our works of service - not just to those we are comfortable helping but those who are on the margins of society.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Humility, true humility, is not hovering in a corner and falsely putting ourselves down.

True humility is based on honesty - acknowledging who we are in God's sight and how the Lord Jesus has blessed us. It also requires that we have the same attitude that Jesus demonstrated by His compassion and His reaching out to those who truly needed to hear from His actions the Good News which He preached. To put it succinctly, humility is not just thinking less of ourselves but rather thinking of ourselves less and, thus, thinking of others more.

**Adults:** When was the last time you left your comfort zone to put another's needs before yours?

**Children:** What can you do to help others whose needs are bigger than yours?

\*\*\*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 9<sup>th</sup> so that adequate materials can be provided. Registration forms are in the back of the Church.



"In a pluralistic society, people disagree. It is arrogant to insist that the Church does not have the right to her own teaching. Certainly, a politician has the freedom to reject Church's teaching. But let's be honest. To choose to be pro-choice is to reject the Gospel of life. It is to be not faithful to Church teaching. The Church teaches that the right to life is fundamental. Without life, there are no other rights. ...Today not only is the taking of so many innocent lives alarming, but no less unsettling is the darkening of conscience among so many who find "it increasingly difficult to distinguish between good and evil in what concerns the basic value of human life" (Evangelium Vitae, 4). Why should the Church not have a right to voice her teaching on this important issue in the public square? She must speak and speak often. Abortion may be for some just a political issue. But, for the innocent child, it is a matter of life or death." -- Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D, Bishop of Paterson, June 19, 2007. (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 15<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto:vac@richmonddiocese.org) to report sexual abuse.

We are called to be humble of heart. Come to a Marriage Encounter Weekend and learn how to love each other with humility. 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/>



"Take my yoke upon you, says the LORD." Are you willing to accept the yoke of the Lord through a vocation 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](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).



Congratulations to those couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in September: Gary & Jackie Silvia – 9/17/1988.

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](http://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!

#### 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.





Our young people need you! We are in need of a catechist for either middle school or high school (your choice!). Our tweens and teens need a variety of Catholic role models to help them deepen their relationship with Christ. The more people they see living out the faith, the more likely they are to become fruitful disciples. This position can be shared by rotating Sundays with another volunteer. Lesson plans and materials are provided. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to this ministry. You may contact Lorraine Ryalls at 804-843-3125, extension 103 or [Dre@olbs.hrcxmail.com](mailto:Dre@olbs.hrcxmail.com) for more information or to volunteer.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume on September 7<sup>th</sup> at the 5:30pm Mass and on September 8<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00am Mass. **WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF VOLUNTEER LEADERS.** For more information, please contact Lorraine Ryalls.

\*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.

**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.

**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 [vintagenotes@verizon.net](mailto:vintagenotes@verizon.net)).

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](mailto:nmdouglas2013@gmail.com) or Kelly Stefanko at [kstefanko@hotmail.com](mailto:kstefanko@hotmail.com) and men please contact Mark Zito at [gunnerz75@hotmail.com](mailto:gunnerz75@hotmail.com) or Harry Twiford at [coachhrt@cox.net](mailto: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.

A note shared:

Hi Mr. Drexler,

Hope you are doing well! I was passing through West Point this weekend and attended the 9:00am Mass at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament yesterday (August 11<sup>th</sup>). I was an Altar Server growing up and even to this day. I always take note when I see Altar Servers doing a good job. Just wanted to let you know that I thought the two young men who served the 9:00am Mass on 8/11/2019 were exceptional, and was hoping that you could pass that compliment on to them for me. Thank you,

Anonymous

# 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

<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Joe Drexler 843-2541	<b>COMMUNITY LIFE</b>	<b>MINISTRY SCHEDULING</b> Mary Horton 843-3490 mhorton@aol.com
<b>ART &amp; ENVIRONMENT</b> Rowena & Tom Fauber 725-6110 Valeria Seckora 337-5477	<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b> Richard Duke 843-3125	<b>OFFICE VOLUNTEERS</b> Margaret Varboncoeur 843-2867
<b>BELL CHOIR</b> Mary Horton 843-3490	<b>HOSPITALITY</b> Glenn & Kay Shaw 843-3476	<b>PARISH COUNCIL</b> Bob Ryalls 757 207-0215 bryalls@cox.net
<b>CANTORS/CHOIR</b> Leda Zaginaylo 757 870-2516	<b>JUSTICE &amp; PEACE</b> Chris & Paula Polcyn 843-3589	<b>SACRISTAN</b> Marguerite Sturtz 843-2175
<b>CEMETERY COMMITTEE</b> Gary Silvia 757-303-8756	<b>KNIT, PURL &amp; PRAY</b> Linda Drexler 843-2541 Donna Geron 843-2781	<b>YOUTH MINISTRY</b> Erin Hayden 366-4435
<b>CHURCH HISTORIAN</b> Linda Drexler 843-2451 vintagenotes@verizon.net	<b>LAWN MOWING COMMITTEE</b> Eric Ellingson 843-2184 ericellingson@verizon.net	
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