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

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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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 14 th & SEPTEMBER 15 th , 2019					
	Special Intentions				
Sat	9/14 – Francis & Esther Seckora (RIP) Anniversary of their Marriage	Fr. Kaggwa			
Requested by Paul & Valeria Seckora					
Sun	9/15 – Billy McGowan (RIP) Requested by Janice McGowan	Fr. Brownell			
Mon	9/16 - No Mass				
Tue	9/17 – No Mass				
Wed	9/18 – No Mass				
Thurs	9/19 – No Mass				
Fri	9/20 – No Mass				
Sat	9/21 – Tommy Sturtz, Jr. (RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Drexle	Fr. Kaggwa er			
Sun	9/22 – Anthony Gintout (RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Drex	Fr. Brownell ler			
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Thank you for your support of your Parish!

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

***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 due back now and are in the back of the Church.

Calendar for Week of September 16th, 2019

Monday - 9/16-No Mass - Adoration in Mercy Center Chapel Knights of Columbus - 7:30pm Tuesday - 9/17 - No Mass - Adoration in MC Chapel Wednesday - 9/18 - No Mass Thursday - 9/19 - No Mass Friday - 9/20 - No Mass Saturday - 9/21 - Rosary - 5:00 pm - Mass 5:30 pm Spanish Liturgy of the Word - 7:00 pm Sunday - 9/22 - Mass - 9:00 am Father Bob Brownell's Jubilee Celebration at Hall Immediately Following Mass Faith Formation - 10:15 am - Hall Confirmation Meeting - Mercy Center Conference Room - 6:30pm



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Elizabeth Alley Candace Barefoot Virginia Becker **Paulette Berberich Ron Blevins** Jon Boyette **Robin Bristow** Joan Buehler Linda Burch Lurene Burke **Kevin Carson** Lucy Carson **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 Kojcisch Bonnie Kopacki Gordon Langston Patricia Lanuza **Bill Madigan Baby Vivian Mallis** Cecil Manny **Ron Martz Gladys Mierle Clara Morrow Randv Morrow Specialist Mullins Marilyn Naggy** Larry Newtzie Nancy Nuttall **Desiree Page** Pam Rigsby Mark A. Roane Virginia Ryczak **Bill Scaife Barbara Schafer** Allen Smith 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)

CHURCH ATTENDANCE – No Counts Recorded



- 9/14 Daniel Gibbs & Jackson Gibbs
- 9/15 Adrian Vidal & Elizabeth DiLandro
- 9/21 Oliver Owens & Peter Nguyen
- 9/22 Daniel Duke & Elizabeth DiLandro



- 9/14 Tom Fauber, Joe Drexler, & Cathy Fudella
- 9/15 Paula Polcyn, B.J. Bui, Wini Barron, Chris Polcyn, & Kay Shaw
- 9/21 Jackie Silvia, Gary Silvia, & Lorraine Ryalls
- 9/22 Jim Pyne, Bill & Edwina Madigan, Kim DiLandro, & Kathy Wills



9/14 – Dan Gibbs & Scott Watkins

- 9/15 Tuan Nguyen & Will Addison
- 9/21 Paul Seckora & Andrew Seckora
- 9/22 Will Addison & Craig Smith

Church Cleaning Schedule

9/9 thru 9/15 – Tom & Rowena Fauber 9/16 thru 9/22 – Gary & Jackie Silvia 9/23 thru 9/29 – 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.



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 16and/or in 10th grade and parents will be on September 22nd at 6:30pm in the Mercy Center Conference Room. Parents' preparation for First Penance is scheduled for October 6th at 10:15am in the Boogaard Hall. All children should be registered and attending morning classes before those dates.

Many thanks to our Catechists for the 2019-2020 academic year: Peggy Keane, Natalee Franzyshen, Karena Funkhouser, AJ Duke, Joe Drexler and Chris Polcyn. We appreciate their generous offer of time and talent to help our young people grow stronger in the Catholic faith.

DO YOU KNOW?

An interesting thing about the Mass is if you think about time zones, and that daily Mass has been a global practice since the days of

the Early Church, there is pretty much a Mass being offered somewhere continually on earth at all times...and has been for...well a really long time!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

If you have ever lost a child either at a shopping mall, amusement park, or outside playing, you know the anguish of losing something beyond measure. The joy you experienced when you found each other is

often something you can't even put into words. Part of you wants to be angry because the child caused you so much grief, but mostly you are just so happy to see the child, you can hardly speak. If we've had experiences like this, then we have an indication about how God feels when we are truly sorry for our sins and want to be a part of God's family.

Adults: When have you persistently sought after a member of your family who has lost his or her way?

Children: Have you ever felt you were not getting credit for your good works? What did you do?



"He was lost and has been found." Do you want to bring others to life in Christ as a priest? Call the Vocations Office at 804-359-5661 to speak with Fr. Michael Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano or write to <u>vocations@richmonddiocese.org.</u>



"There are just choices and there are unjust choices. Choices would be the preference for chocolate ice cream over vanilla ice cream or sherbet instead of ice cream. That is just a choice. A just choice would be to choose to pay a fair and living wage to employees as opposed to simply meeting the mandatory standard of minimum wage laws. An unjust choice would be to choose to terminate the life of another human being. This is not just a choice and it is not a just choice; it is an unjust choice. Furthermore, it is an unjust choice which is diametrically opposed to the clear and consistent teaching of the Catholic Church as well as to the clear and consistent teaching of God Himself in the Ten Commandments. The direct, intentional taking of the life of an innocent human being is inhumane and unjust. It is not just a choice!" - Bishop Robert Vasa, March 1, 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.

NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN: Once again St. Olaf Catholic Church in coordination with other Christian and Jewish faiths WELCOMES ALL to participate in the 31st National Life chain on Sunday, October 6th from 2:00-3:15pm. This will be the Greater Williamsburg area's 7th annual participation in this event. Location will be the sidewalk facing Richmond Road starting at Centerville Road and the Harris Teeter parking lot. The Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful, public witness of pro-life faithful standing in honor of 60 million lives lost to abortion. WE will be praying for our nation, for people in crisis situations and for an end to abortion and the abortionist organization, Planned Parenthood. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian and Jewish communities that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. Last year there were over 1,500 cities and towns that participated. We look forward to seeing you there. Please consider the words of Dietrich Bonheoffer who was a German pastor, theologian, anti-Nazi dissident: "Silence in the face of evil is itself evil; God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak...Not to act is to act."

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

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat for Healing After Abortion September 27-29, 2019: Some to a retreat for healing...if you have had one or more abortions...if you are responsible for the abortions of others...or if you have suffered from an abortion choice of another person. If you have felt regret, grief, guilt, or anger; unforgiveable, afraid, ashamed, defensive, unworthy, numb, or isolated...there is hope for healing, to accept God's mercy, and to find peace. Inquiries, registration, and participation are strictly confidential. For information & registration, contact: Marty Montgomery-Jennings @ 804-704-0429 or Maggie Carlson @ 804-432-2589 Email: RV4hope@gmail.com Church of the Epiphany Post Abortion Healing Ministry, 11000 Smoketree Drive, North Chesterfield, VA 23236. Website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.

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.

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.

Beginning Saturday, September 28th through most, if not all, of October, we may have to celebrate Masses in the Hall so that the new HVAC system can be installed in the Church. Further notice will be given if this becomes necessary. IF ANYONE HAS A CLOTHING RACK ON WHICH WE CAN HANG VESTMENTS FOR THE MASSES IN THE HALL, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE at 804-843-3125. This rack will be returned as soon as we are back in the Church for Masses.



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.



WE ARE CURRENTLY IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS AT BOTH MASSES. Lesson plans and materials are provided. This is a way that our little ones can learn more about God's Word on their level. If interested, please contact Lorraine Ryalls at 804-843-3125, Extension 103 or <u>Dre@olbs.hrcoxmail.com</u>.

*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. If you are a Catholic woman age 21 or older and practicing your faith, please join us for The Catholic Woman's Club Membership Tea on Monday, September 23rd at 2pm at the Columbian Center 2324 Pump Road. The Catholic Woman's Club promotes Catholic ideals through intellectual, cultural and spiritual development and philanthropic endeavors. For reservations/ questions, please contact Joan Walton at 804-266-3612 no later than September 16th. We hope to see you on September 23rd!

It's a Veterans Café Social!!!

<u>Where:</u> Pamunkey Baptist Association Building across from Hamilton-Holmes Middle School <u>Date:</u> Saturday, September 21, 2019 <u>Time:</u> 11:00 am – 1:00 pm FOOD, DRINKS, & DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR OUR VETS!!! We appreciate our Veterans and want to Salute them!

Knit, Purl & Pray group will meet on Thursday, September 19th at 7pm in the Mercy Center Parlor. Anyone interested in joining this ministry is invited to attend.



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

ValLimar Jansen Performing in Concert! Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 2150 Cunningham Drive, Hampton, VA. Acclaimed recording artist ValLimar's work includes Anointing, Psalms from the Soul, and Give God the Glory. Her most recent collection, Spirit & Soul, features popular contemporary songs from fellow Christian composers produced and sung with ValLimar's signature style. She tours internationally as an inspirational speaker, author, storyteller and vocalist. Come join in the fun as Immaculate Conception of Hampton celebrates its 50th Anniversary hosting this talented artist whose theme for the night is: "we are called...to be disciples on a journey celebrating yesterday, today and tomorrow". Youth 18 and under are FREE! Tickets are \$10 per adult on sale September 14 at Immaculate Conception Church or visit icchampton.org/50thanniversary for more information.

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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Rowena & Tom Fauber 725-6110	Richard Duke	843-3125	OFFICE VOLUNTEERS	
Valeria Seckora 337-5477			Margaret Varboncoeur	· 843-2867
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