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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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 7th & SEPTEMBER 8th, 2019



Sat 9/7 – Melvina Gooch (RIP)

Fr. Kaggwa

Anniversary of Her Death Requested by Edna Trudeau

Sun 9/8 – No Mass Intention

Mon 9/9 - No Mass

Tue 9/10 - No Mass

Wed 9/11 - No Mass

Thurs 9/12 – No Mass

Fri 9/613 – No Mass

Sat 9/14 - Francis & Esther Seckora (RIP) Fr. Kaggwa

Anniversary of their Marriage Requested by Paul & Valeria Seckora

Sun 9/15 – Billy McGowan (RIP) Fr. Brownell
Requested by Janice McGowan

Collections for August 31st & September 1st, 2019

Parish Operations (Personnel, Utilities, Office, Postage, Repair & Maintenance, etc.) \$4144.00 **Votive Candles** 29.00 **Supplementary Collection** 128.00 \$4,301.00 **Total** Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is \$3,940 Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish **Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund** \$1,018.00 **Maintenance Savings Account** \$50.00 St. Theresa's Cemetery \$125.00 \$160.00 **Haiti Ministry Retired Religious - Diocesan Collection** \$50.00



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 9th, 2019

Monday – 9/9 – No Mass - Adoration in Mercy Center Chapel Tuesday – 9/10 – No Mass – Adoration in MC Chapel

Wednesday – 9/11 – No Mass Thursday – 9/12 – No Mass

Friday – **9/13 – No Mass**

Saturday – 9/14 – Rosary – 5:00 pm – Mass 5:30 pm

Spanish Liturgy of the Word – 7:00 pm

Sunday – **9/15 – Mass – 9:00 am**

Parish Council – 10:15 am – Mercy Center First Sunday of Faith Formation – 10:15 am – Hall Youth Group – 6:30 pm - Hall



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 Baby Vivian Mallis** Jon Bovette **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 Barbara Schafer Amanda Leigh Fincher** Henry Franzyshen **Allen Smith** Sydney Gay **Levi Sturtz Margaret Geron** Jim Tokarz Jim Gregory **Mae Touray** Pat Hinkle **Dorothy Ware Kelly Hipple Linda Webster** Gloria Waiciechowski Mary Ann Hooper

Gail Justin Lois Wilson

Helen Kaczmarski Robert 'Bobby' Wilson

John Kellam Jody Zogran

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES Lurene Burke

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday – August 31st - 90

Sunday – September 1st – 105

Spanish Liturgy of the Word - No Count Recorded



9/7 – Kody Kopacki & Mason Kopacki

9/8 - Tazewell Rae & Daniel Duke

9/14 - Daniel Gibbs & Jackson Gibbs

9/15 - Adrian Vidal & Elizabeth DiLandro



9/7 - Gary Silvia, Jim Vadas, & Pattie Vadas

9/8 – Wini Barron, Kim DiLandro, Edwina Madigan, Vickie Roane, & Kathy Wills

9/14 - Tom Fauber, Joe Drexler, & Cathy Fudella

9/15 – Paula Polcyn, B.J. Bui, Wini Barron, Chris Polcyn, & Kay Shaw



9/7 - Alfred Jones & Scott Watkins

9/8 - Craig Smith & Tripp Racioppi

9/14 - Dan Gibbs & Bob Ryalls

9/15 - Tuan Nguyen & Will Addison

Church Cleaning Schedule

9/2 thru 9/8 – Teresa Nguyen/Nguyen Sisters 9/9 thru 9/15 – Tom & Rowena Fauber 9/16 thru 9/22 – Gary & Jackie Silvia

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).

Put God first in your marriage. Participate in a 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/

***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.

DO YOU KNOW?

When we enter into the Mass, we are no longer functioning on an earthly level. The Church uses "Heavenly" language in the Mass because it is set apart from earthly realities. The Mass isn't just about Jesus coming to earth as much as it is God lifting us up into Heaven for an hour. One of the major prayers that contains elements directly derived from the Bible is the Sanctus. The threefold acclamation of God's holiness - holy, holy, holy - is found in both the Old and New Testaments. In the Old Testament, the prophet Isaiah describes his vision of the heavenly throne room and how within it he sees and hears angels singing, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts" (IS 6:3). Similarly, St. John sees the same thing when he is given access to the heavenly throne room of the Lamb. He writes in Revelation 4:8, "And the four living creatures...day and night...never cease to sing, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!" Perhaps this makes sense out of the preface before the prayer of the Sanctus: "And so, with the angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the hosts and powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim." The Sanctus is thus a sign to the Catholic faithful that they are sacramentally entering into the heavenly

sanctuary to join their voices with the

heavenly beings.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In today's Gospel Jesus does not tell us that we should have no love for the things most precious in our lives, our many bonds of kinship, even our own life itself. He is telling us that even these things must not be given a preference in our decisions that would amount to a renunciation of Christ and what He stands for. If we are to be His true

followers, we must 'carry His cross and come after Him.' Our following must not be halfhearted. His two parables tell us. We must weigh up fully the implications of our decision not to allow any consideration to destroy our commitment to Him; we must be ready to carry it through to the end. The final words of the Gospel are the most challenging of all: 'none of you can be my disciples unless he gives up all his possessions'. But these very words help us to understand that Jesus is not holding up to us an impossible ideal. We are urged to 'lend, without hope of return' and to 'give' generously. What the Lord asks for is that in our life commitments, we place all that is most dear to us in His hands, ready to

Adults: Who or what problem do you need to place in God's hands and trust in Him?

Children: What are you worried about that you should trust God to take care of?

accept whatever He asks of us.



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

Congratulations to Elena Rodriquez and Isaac Sales on the Baptism of their daughter, Isabella Sales, on August 25th. May Isabella always walk in the light of Christ!



"Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Are you being called to discipleship 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.



Mother Teresa of Calcutta has been declared a saint by the Catholic Church. Back in 1994, she spoke at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC, and said the following words:

I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion? As always, we must persuade her with love, and we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts. Jesus gave even His life to love us. So, the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love, that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child. The father of that child, whoever he is, must also give until it hurts. By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems. And, by abortion, the father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world. That father is likely to put other women into the same trouble. So, abortion just leads to more abortion. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion. See more at www.PriestsforLife.org/MotherTeresa (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.

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).

It's a Veterans Café Social!!!

<u>Where:</u> Pamunkey Baptist Association Building across from Hamilton-Holmes Middle School

Date: Saturday, September 21, 2019

Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

FOOD, DRINKS, & DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR OUR VETS!!! We appreciate our Veterans and want to Salute them!

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!

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 Dre@olbs.hrcoxmail.com. Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume on September 7th at the 5:30pm Mass and on September 8th at the 9:00am Mass.

*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.

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! www.cwcrva.org.

Beginning Saturday, September 28th through most, if not all, of October, we will be celebrating Masses in the Hall so that the new HVAC system can be installed in the Church. 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.

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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