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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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 12th & October 13th, 2019



Sat 10/12 – David 'Charlie' Sturtz (RIP) Fr. Oscar Memorial of Wedding Anniversary (10/11/68) Requested by Jeanie Sturtz

Sun 10/13 – Anthony Gintout (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Mon 10/14 - No Mass - Clergy Convocation

Tue 10/15 - No Mass - Clergy Convocation

Wed 10/16 - No Mass - Clergy Convocation

Thurs 10/17 - No Mass - Clergy Convocation

Fri 10/18 - No Mass - Clergy Convocation

Sat 10/19 – Joe Sr, Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP) Fr. Oscar

Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Sun 10/20 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler

Collections for October 5th & 6th, 2019

Parish Operations (Personnel, Utilities, Office, Postage, etc.)

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	\$4,041.00	
Supplemental Collection	125.00	
Parish Heating	50.00	
Total	\$4,216.00	
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940	
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish		
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$816.00	
Haitian Ministry	160.00	
Maintenance Fund	147.25	
Diocesan Collections	137.25	



Thank you for your support of your Parish!

A very Special Thank you to all those involved in setting up the Hall for our Celebrations of Mass while the new HVAC is being installed in the Church!!! It is obvious it was done with love, care and glory for our Lord!!!

"Thanks to all our Parish Family who offered up prayers and well wishes during my recent surgeries. I am blessed to be part of such a loving family!" Kay Shaw

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

***There will not be Children's Liturgy on Saturdays and Sundays in the month of October.

***Please look for the free copies of "Give Us This Day" prayer books for the month of October located where Mass is being celebrated in the Hall.

Calendar for Week of October 14th, 2019

Monday – 10/14 –No Mass - Adoration in MC Chapel
Tuesday – 10/15 – No Mass – Adoration in MC Chapel
Wednesday – 10/16 – No Mass – Clergy Convocation
Thursday – 10/17 – No Mass – Clergy Convocation
Friday – 10/18 – No Mass – Clergy Convocation

Saturday – 10/19 – Rosary – 5:00 pm – Mass 5:30 pm – Hall Washington Bus Trip – Depart 7am - Return 10pm

Sunday - 10/20 - Mass 9:00 am - Hall

Faith Formation – 10:15 am – Hall Spanish Mass – 11:30am – Hall Youth Group – Hall – 6:30pm



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Elizabeth Alley John Kellam **Candace Barefoot** Gloria Kojcisch Virginia Becker **Bonnie Kopacki Paulette Berberich Gordon Langston Ron Blevins** Patricia Lanuza Jon Bovette **Bill Madigan Robin Bristow Baby Vivian Mallis** 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 Franzyshen **Allen Smith** Sydney Gay **Levi Sturtz Margaret Geron** Jim Tokarz Jim Gregory **Mae Touray** Pat Hinkle **Linda Webster Kelly Hipple** Gloria Wajciechowski

Mary Ann Hooper Lois Wilson

Gail Justin Robert 'Bobby' Wilson

Helen Kaczmarski Jody Zogran

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

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday, October 5th – 51 Sunday, October 6th - 111

Vietnamese Mass & Celebration, Sunday October 6th 4:30pm - No Count Recorded

The next Youth Group Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 20th at 6:30pm in the Hall.



10/12 - Kody Kopacki & Mason Kopacki

10/13 – Adrian Vidal & McKenna Kopacki

10/19 - Jackson Gibbs & Oliver Owens

10/20 - Daniel Duke & Tazewell Rae



10/12 - Tom Fauber, Cathy Fudella, & Pattie Vadas

10/13 – Joe Drexler, Bill Madigan, Chris Polcyn, Jim Pyne, & Gary Silvia

10/19 - Jim Vadas, Tom Fauber, & Cathy Fudella

10/20 - Sarah Rae, B.J. Bui, Mary Leigh McDonald, Vickie Roane, & Kathy Wills



10/12 - Andrew Seckora & Paul Seckora

10/13 - Dan Gibbs & Craig Smith

10/19 - Joe Drexler & Dan Gibbs

10/20 - Tuan Nguyen & Jim Pyne

Church Cleaning Schedule

10/7 thru 10/13 – Theresa Nguyen/Nguyen Sisters 10/14 thru 10/20 – Tom & Rowena Fauber 10/21 thru 10/27 – Gary & Jackie Silvia



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).



"But the Word of God is not chained." Are you considering a vocation to proclaim the Word of God as a priest? Call the Vocations Office at 804-359-5661 to speak with Fr. Michael Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Damien of Molokai was known as "the leper priest". At age 23, he traveled to Hawaii as a missionary where he was ordained. Saint Damien volunteered to live among the leper colony of Molokai and minister to those who were sick and outcast. His outreach to lepers gained notice, eventually bringing vital medical attention to those with the deadly, contagious disease. Saint Damien contracted leprosy and died in 1889. Fr. Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11th, 2009. The Catholic Encyclopedia calls him "the Apostle of the Lepers", and elsewhere he is known as the "leper priest". His feast day is April 15th.

DO YOU KNOW?

The mysteries of the Rosary were introduced by Dominic of Prussia sometime between 1410 and 1439. This gave each decade of the Rosary a unique quality. Each mystery leads us to ponder very specific events in the lives of Jesus and Mary and the lessons they hold for our own lives today. There were originally three sets of mysteries: The Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries, and the Glorious Mysteries. On October 16th, 2002, almost 600 years after the original Mysteries of the Rosary were established, Pope John Paul II proposed adding a new set of mysteries called the Luminous Mysteries (the Mysteries of Light) which focus on Jesus' public ministry. He wrote that "The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christ-centered prayer. It has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety. It is an echo of the prayer of Mary, her perennial Magnificat for the work of the redemptive incarnation which began in her virginal womb."

***The first Confirmation preparation class is scheduled for Sunday, October 13th at 6:30pm in the Mercy Center Conference Room. If you have not registered your child for sacrament preparation, please do so ASAP. It is important that all candidates begin attending preparation on the 13th of October. Those eligible to celebrate Confirmation are teens 16 years old and/or in tenth grade or above. Candidates need to also be registered and attending Sunday morning classes.

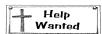
QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Today's leprosy is not a medical condition or a legal status. It is, rather, a spiritual condition. It is leprosy of the heart. Its symptoms have nothing to do with our skin. Instead they are things like perfectionism, gluttony, sadness, anger, pride, boredom, gossip, the need to control or of approval, fear, being judgmental, restlessness, excessive busyness, grudges, prejudice, jealousy, condemnation, indifference, addiction. It distorts how we see and relate to God, the world, others, and even ourselves. It is our spirits that need cleansing so that we can experience the fullness of life in this world and the next.

Adults: What are the things you need to be spiritually cleansed from?

Children: What are some habits you need to break so that you can feel spiritually clean?

Join us on a bus trip to Washington! We will be going October 19th, 2019 to the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land and the National Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The cost is \$37 per person. We still have some seats left. It will be a day of prayer, fun, and fellowship! If you are interested contact ASAP Erin Hayden at 804-366-4435.



WE NEED 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.

*We have many people asking about a parish yard sale. If you are interested in heading up a yard sale to benefit the parish, please contact the parish office at 804-843-3125.

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.

Please pray for Abby Lazar and Daniel Gibbs who will be attending the Diocesan Middle School Rally in Charlottesville on October 19th. May they be enlightened by experiencing the wider Church and may the activities help them grow closer to Christ.



MISCALCULATION - "The terrible miscalculation of young women is that abortion can make them 'unpregnant,' that it will restore them to who they were before their crisis. But a woman is never the same once she is pregnant, whether the child is kept, adopted, or killed. Abortion may be a kind of resolution, but it is not the one the woman most deeply longs for, nor will it even preserve her sense of self" (Paul Swope, "Abortion: A Failure to Communicate"). (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: Seven Youth and three Adults from OLBS attended last Sunday's Life Chain. This was a time to be a visible demonstration of our belief in the dignity of life. We silently stood on the sidewalk in front of the Harris Teeter shopping center in Lightfoot, holding signs and praying for an end to abortion. Several other area churches were in attendance but we were recognized as the only one who brought a youth group. Many thanks to those who gave up a Sunday afternoon to make a difference: Nancy Hernandez, Erin Hayden, Lorraine Ryalls, Kaitlyn Lyon, Allison Smith, Abby Lazar, Jorge Sales, Jackie, Misael and Luis Hernandez. May God bless you all for being a voice for the voiceless!

***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.

A popular scam targeting parishioners is making the rounds yet again. Criminals set up fraudulent email addresses, with similar spellings on yahoo, gmail, etc. and send messages that APPEAR to be coming from the pastor. They are trying trick people into sending gift cards to the pastor via links in the email (most popularly iTune gift cards). This scam has become common enough that Apple has placed a warning on their sire, as well. Please NEVER transfer funds or send gift cards to people requesting it online. ALWAYS check with your parish office first.

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.



Congratulations to those couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in October: Eric & Kimberly DiLandro – 10/1/1994; Brandon & Gigi Jordan – 10/3/2009; Frank & Mary Ann Fetterolf – 10/19/1963; Kevin & Deidra Kopacki – 10/20/2001; Mike & Nancy Pausic – 10/29/1960; and Scott & Pam Watkins – 10/29/1983.

WE ARE BAPTIZED AND SENT! Next week is World Mission Sunday, in a special Extraordinary Missionary Month. We are called through our Baptism to be a part of the Church's missionary efforts, through prayer, self-sacrifice and support of the missionary vocations through material aid. Remembering that we are Baptized and sent as a Universal Church of Christ on mission in the world, we can PRAY for the Church's worldwide missionary work. We can OFFER financial HELP and CHARITY through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands.

PRESCHOOL NEWS – Hello church family. We are enjoying a great year at preschool. We are excited for the upcoming holidays. We will have our Annual Halloween Parade on Thursday, October 31st at 9:15am. You are welcome to come take a peek at our sweet children in costume. We are also about to go on our first field trip to the Fire Department and the Pumpkin Patch. Thank you for supporting us and praying for us!

*The Senior Luncheon will be at Anna's Pizza on October 24th immediately following the 11:00am Mass.

MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND – Is someone you love unable to join us at church for the November 1st Holy Day Mass in celebration of All Saints Day? Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to experience the spiritual comfort of this joy-filled Catholic Mass to watch the online video. Online video will be available at www.HeartoftheNation.org all day. (For those who can attend church, the online liturgy will not fulfill the Holy Day Mass obligation.)

***The Parish Picnic has been planned for Sunday, October 27th. Please look for more details to follow.

Annual Appeal Update: The latest report is that we have raised 86.88% or \$8,343.15 of our \$9,630.00 goal and have collected 81.94% or \$7,891.15 of our \$9,630.00 goal. Thank you so much for your generosity! If you have not had an opportunity to give to the appeal, yet, there is still time.

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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