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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.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 16th & November 17th, 2019



Sat 11/16 - Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler

11/17 - Xuan Mai Huynh (RIP) Fr. Oscar

Requested by The Bui Family

Mon 11/18 - No Mass

Sun

11/19 - Joe Sr, Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP) Fr. Oscar Tue

Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Wed 11/20 - No Mass Intention

Thurs 11/21 - No Mass Intention

11/22 - No Mass Intention Fri

11/23 - Charles Varboncoeur (RIP) Fr. Oscar Sat

Requested by Margaret Varboncoeur & Family

11/24 - Mary Rosa Gooch (RIP) Fr. Oscar Sun

> **Anniversary of Death** Requested by Edna Trudeau

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

Collections for November 9th & 10th, 2019

Parish Operations	\$4,326.06
Supplemental Collection	25.00
All Saints – Holy Day	28.00
All Souls Day	28.00
Thanksgiving	25.00
Religious Education Collection	25.00
Votive Stand	34.15
Christmas Flowers	45.00
Total	\$4,536.21
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$460.00
Maintenance Fund	\$60.00
Haitian Ministry	\$160.00
Cemetery Fund	\$200.00



Thank you for your support of your Parish!

***The Flowers on the altar this weekend were donated by Joe & Linda Drexler in Celebration of J.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday, November 9th - 68 Sunday, November 10th - 126 Spanish Mass, Sunday, November 10th - 53

Calendar for Week of November18th, 2019

Monday - 11/18 - No Mass - Adoration in MC Chapel Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7:30pm - Wives Invited Tuesday - 11/19 - Mass 8:30am - Adoration in MC Chapel Cemetery Committee Meeting - 6:30pm - MC Adult Bible Study - 7:00pm - Mercy Center

Wednesday - 11/20 - Mass 8:30am Thursday - 11/21 - Mass 11:00am

> Senior Luncheon at Blue Crab Downtown West Point Women's Group Meeting - 7pm - Kitchen in Hall

Friday - 11/22 - Mass 8:30am

Saturday - 11/23 - Rosary - 5:00 pm - Mass 5:30 pm

***Food Baskets & Giving Tree Begins - Gifts Due - 12/8

Sunday - 11/24 - Mass 9:00 am

Faith Formation - 10:15am - Hall Spanish Mass - 11:30am



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Emily Adams Helen Kaczmarski Elizabeth Alley John Kellam **Candace Barefoot** Gloria Kojcisch Virginia Becker **Bonnie Kopacki Paulette Berberich Gordon Langston Ron Blevins** Patricia Lanuza Jon Boyette 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 **Desiree Page Denise DePompeo** Pam Rigsby **Dale Dippre** Mark A. Roane **Dexter Dix** Virginia Ryczak **Donna Donahue Bill Scaife** Michelle Eshelman **Barbara Schafer** Amanda Leigh Fincher **Allen Smith** Henry Franzyshen **Levi Sturtz** Jim Tokarz Sydney Gay **Margaret Geron Mae Touray** Jim Gregory Linda Webster Pat Hinkle Gloria Wajciechowski **Kelly Hipple** Lois Wilson Robert 'Bobby' Wilson

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Jody Zogran

Mary Ann Hooper **Gail Justin**

Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)

*Some cash was found on the floor in the Mercy Center Conference Room. Please contact the Parish Office at 804-843-3125 if you think it might be yours.

*Some Keys were found in the Church Parking Lot Saturday Night, October 26th. Please call the Parish Office at 804-843-3125 if you have lost a set of keys.



11/16 - Mason Kopacki & Kody Kopacki

11/17 – McKenna Kopacki & Tazewell Rae

11/23 - Kody Kopacki & Mason Kopacki

11/24 - Elizabeth DiLandro & Adrian Vidal



11/16 – Gary Silvia, Joe Drexler, & Tom Fauber

11/17 – Sarah Rae, Mary Leigh McDonald, Kay Shaw, Jim Vadas, & Pattie Vadas

11/23 – Jackie Silvia, Erin Lazar, & Joe Drexler

11/24 – Bill & Edwina Madigan, Mary Leigh McDonald, Vickie Roane, & Kay Shaw



11/16 - Andrew Seckora & Paul Seckora

11/17 - Tuan Nguyen & Craig Smith

11/23 - Abby Lazar & Sean Lazar

11/24 - Craig Smith & Jim Milby

Church Cleaning Schedule

11/11 thru 11/17 – Theresa Nguyen / Nguyen Sisters 11/18 thru 11/24 – Tom & Rowena Fauber 11/25 thru 12/1 – 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).

***The Youth Group Meeting will be this Sunday, November 17th at 6:30pm in the Mercy Center due to a Hall Rental.

THE NOVEMBER SENIOR LUNCHEON will be on Thursday, November 21st at the Blue Crab Restaurant in downtown West Point immediately following the 11:00am Mass that morning. Please call or come by the Parish Office to sign up.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

In her short life, Elizabeth of Hungary manifested such great love for the poor and suffering that she has become the patroness of Catholic charities and of the Secular Franciscan Order. The daughter of the king of Hungary, Elizabeth chose a life of penance and asceticism when a life of leisure and luxury could easily have been hers. This choice endeared her in the hearts of the common people throughout Europe. Her feast day is November 17th and she is also the patroness of bakers.

DO YOU KNOW?

This feast marks the last week of our Liturgical Year. The New Church Year begins with the First Sunday of Advent. Next week is when we begin to anticipate the coming of the Lord Jesus. St. Paul referred to Jesus as "King of kings and Lord of lords", a phrase with which we are familiar. If we accept Christ as our King, and if we live our lives as His disciples and followers, we are certainly part of His Kingdom. Pope Pius XI instituted today's solemnity in 1925 at a time when many countries were struggling with total loyalty to secular royalty. Pius XI wanted us to recognize that our loyalty is to a higher power, our spiritual King in Heaven. May Christ the King reign in our hearts, our families, our parishes, and our world!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

It is clear from Luke's Gospel that when the world ends, some terrifying events will occur. The clear message; however, is that we should not face these events with apprehension, but rather with trust - trust that God wants us to have everlasting life with Him. Instead of being afraid, we are called to find strength and courage in God's love and persevere in our faith. Adults: When bad things happen, how do you deal with them? Children: Have you ever worried about something that might happen? What can help you worry less?



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.

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.



My one Regret - "My abortion is definitely the one thing I regret. There will always be remorse and sadness. The feeling of the loss of a child will always be there. I wish I could have known then what abortion was all about and its devastating effects on the woman. So many women feel that if they had more support and truth during their crisis pregnancy many lives would have been saved." - - from the testimonies of those who have had abortions -

see www.AbortionTestimonies.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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! – The Virginia March for Life will be held in Richmond on Thursday, February 13, 2020. It will start with a 9:15am Mass, then an 11:45am Rally at the State Capital and ends with a 12:45pm March for Life. Last year nearly 7,000 people participated in the first annual Virginia March for Life in Richmond.

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.

Advent Begins on the weekend of November 30th and December 1st. On this weekend, the Church will begin to use the readings for Year A. Please look for opportunities to make this Advent and Upcoming Christmas special for you and your family.

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.



Congratulations to those couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in November: Shane & Donna Donahue – 11/5/2001; Richard & Margaret Mountcastle – 11/6/1971; Jody & Bobbi Drexler – 11/15/2003; Stanley & Geraldine Thomas – 11/22/1959; Joe & Linda Drexler – 11/23/1968.

"By your perseverance you will secure your lives."
Persevere in your marriage by using the tools learned on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Mar 20-22, 2020 in FAIRFAX, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/



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.)

The Movie Tavern Theater in Williamsburg is having a special showing of the movie, St. Faustina Love and Mercy (A movie about the Divine Mercy and for our time). This will be Monday, December 2nd at 7:00pm. Group rate tickets are available at \$10.50 versus the regular price of \$12.50. Seats are limited and once full, no longer available. We have a limited number of tickets in hand now. Please consider joining us for this special movie event! If you do not want to drive at night, please don't let that stop you. People will be available to carpool with. Call: Erin Hayden at 804-366-4435.



"I myself shall give you wisdom in speaking." Are you considering a call to proclaim the Gospel 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.

For many years people have been asking for a follow up retreat from Cursillo. This retreat is for both men and women (couples are also welcome!) and starts on a Friday night and ends with Mass on early Sunday afternoon. The dates for the retreat are January 24-26, 2020. The location will be the cabins at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center. The cost for the weekend is \$150/person. This includes all food, lodging, and supplies for the weekend. This intent of this weekend is to dive deep into the Mass and the prayers of the Church. For more information or to sign up for the retreat, please reach out to Lisa Ranellone (lhran75@aol.com) or David Reaves (dreaves@prismce.com).

Caring.com is a leading senior care resource for family caregivers seeking information and support as they care for aging parents, spouses and other loved ones. They have created a free resource that provides comprehensive information on different pertinent topics. Please visit their Website to find valuable links to many different but pertinent resources at https://www.caring.com.

FROM THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE: First, thank you to all who have done such a great job on the condition and appearance of the cemeteries.

This is just a quick reminder that the end of October, prior to the holiday season, is when the Cemetery Committee does their bi-annual inspection of the cemeteries. Please remember to remove anything that falls outside of our Catholic guidelines for Fall and the Holiday Season. Thank you.

Please put a Cemetery Committee Meeting on your schedule for Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30pm in the Mercy Center. This will be a review of the summer months as we move into fall, winter, and holiday months. Hope to see you there!

NEW ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY — Beginning Tuesday, November 19th we will offer "Faith Exploration" sessions that focus on contemporary issues in the Church (abortion, euthanasia, death penalty, etc.). These sessions will be video based. Our first Faith Exploration Session will be "Making the Case for Life" presented by Trent Horn. Mr. Horn shares practical tips for persuading others to recognize the unborn's fundamental right to life. His presentation will teach you not simply to win fruitless arguments but to leave other people receptive to the truth about abortion. Sessions will be held at 7:00pm in the Mercy Center Conference Room.

Women's Group: The Women will meet on Thursday, November 21st at 7:00pm in the Kitchen in the Hall. We will be finalizing our December plans and determining our January Meeting Date and times.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! - The "Giving Tree" will be put up for the weekend of November 23rd & 24th this year. We have a very short turn-around time this year. We will need the children's gifts returned to us by The weekend of December 7th & 8th. If you know of a child who is in need this Christmas, please call the Parish Office so we can add to our list.

FOOD BASKETS - Also we will, once again, collect money for Christmas Food Baskets for Families in Need in our Community. Please place in an envelope clearly marked – Food Baskets – and drop in collection or see Erin Hayden, Deidra Kopacki or Pam Watkins at one of the Masses. If you know someone in need of a Food Basket this year, please let Erin Hayden, Deidra Kopacki or Pam Watkins know as soon as possible. To help with the shopping and packing of Food Baskets, please call the parish office.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

December 7th & 8th – Giving Tree Gifts Due back at Church Monday, December 9th – 8:30am Mass for the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 10th – 7pm – Advent Penance Service Wednesday, December 11th – 7pm – Our Lady of Guadalupe Vigil Mass in Spanish

Sunday, December 15th - Parish Christmas Caroling If you know of someone who might appreciate a caroling visit, please contact Lorraine At 804-843-3125 or DRE@olbs.hrcoxmail.com to add them to the list.

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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KNIT, PURL & PRAY Linda Drexler Donna Geron	843-2541 843-2781
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