

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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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.

*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.*

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 23rd & November 24th, 2019



Sat	11/23 – Charles Varboncoeur (RIP) Requested by Margaret Varboncoeur & Family	Fr. Oscar
Sun	11/24 – Mary Rosa Gooch (RIP) Anniversary of Death Requested by Edna Trudeau	Fr. Oscar
Mon	11/25 – No Mass	
Tue	11/26 – Joseph Naggy (RIP) Anniversary of Birthday Requested by Mildred Hite	Fr. Oscar
Wed	11/27 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Thurs	11/28 – Kathy Webster (RIP) Requested by Bill Webster	Fr. Oscar
Fri	11/29 – Doug Finneran (RIP) Requested by Bill Webster	Fr. Oscar
Sat	11/30 – Mary & Joe Pausic (RIP) Requested by Mike & Nancy Pausic	Fr. Oscar
Sun	12/1 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar

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

Collections for November 16th & 17th, 2019

Parish Operations	\$3,183.00
Supplemental Collection	513.00
Votive Stand	25.00
Poor Box	11.00
Christmas Flowers	20.00
Total	\$3,752.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$10.00
Cemetery Fund	\$35.00
Diocesan Collections – Military Archdiocese	\$50.00



Thank you for your support of your Parish!

*****The Flowers on the altar this weekend were
donated by Joe & Linda Drexler in Thanksgiving for
their 51st Wedding Anniversary. What wonderful
role models!!!**

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday, November 16th - 99

Sunday, November 17th – No Count Recorded

Spanish Mass, Sunday, November 17th – 67

*Advent begins the weekend of November 30th.

Calendar for Week of November 25th, 2019

Monday – 11/25 – No Mass - Adoration in MC Chapel
 Tuesday – 11/26 – Mass 8:30am – Adoration in MC Chapel
 Finance Council Meeting – 6:30pm – MC Conference Room
 Wednesday – 11/27 – Mass 8:30am
 Thursday – 11/28 – 9:00am Mass – THANKSGIVING DAY
 Friday – 11/29 – Mass 8:30am
 Saturday – 11/30 – Rosary - 5:00 pm – Mass 5:30 pm
 *Food Baskets & Giving Tree continues – Gifts Due - 12/8
 Sunday – 12/1 – Rosary 8:30am Mass 9:00 am
 Faith Formation 10:15am – Hall Spanish Mass 11:30am
 Youth Group – 6:30pm – Hall



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Emily Adams	Helen Kaczmarek
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 Franzyszen	Levi Sturtz
Sydney Gay	Gerrie Thomas
Margaret Geron	Jim Tokarz
Jim Gregory	Mae Touray
Pat Hinkle	Gloria Wajciechowski
Kelly Hipple	Linda Webster
Mary Ann Hooper	Lois Wilson
Gail Justin	Robert 'Bobby' Wilson
	Jody Zogran

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culbertson (Afghanistan)

*****Our beautiful large star that sits in front of the
Church during the Christmas Season is missing from
in back of the Church! It seems to have been
missing since before October. If anyone has any
information or might know where the star is,
please call the parish office at 804-843-3125.**

*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.



11/23 – Kody Kopacki & Mason Kopacki
 11/24 – Elizabeth DiLandro & Adrian Vidal
 11/30 – Oliver Owens & Peter Nguyen
 12/1 – Daniel Duke & Tazewell Rae



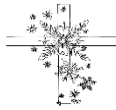
11/23 – Jackie Silva, Erin Lazar, & Joe Drexler
 11/24 – Bill & Edwina Madigan, Mary Leigh McDonald, Vickie Roane, & Kay Shaw
 11/30 – Tom Fauber, Gary Silva, & Cathy Fudella
 12/1 – Chris Polcyn, B.J. Bui, Wini Barron, Sarah Rae, & Kathy Wills



11/23 – Abby Lazar & Sean Lazar
 11/24 – Craig Smith & Jim Milby
 11/30 – Dan Gibbs & Alfred Jones
 12/1 – Jim Milby & Tuan Nguyen

Church Cleaning Schedule

11/18 thru 11/24 – Tom & Rowena Fauber
 11/25 thru 12/1 – Gary & Jackie Silva
 12/2 thru 12/8 – Jorge Duran Family/Hugo Rojas/& Jose Velasquez



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).

Our sincerest condolences and prayers go out to Carolyn Drexler and family at the loss of her beloved mother, Phyllis Rilee Wyatt. May she rest in peace and may the perpetual light shine upon her.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Cecelia was a rich and noble patrician in Roman society but she converted to Christianity. Cecelia vowed to remain a virgin in the service of God but her parents forced her into marriage with Valerian of Trastevere. On her wedding day, she persuaded her husband to be baptized. He converted his brother to Christianity and they developed a ministry devoted to providing proper burials to martyred Christians. When the faith of the brothers was learned they were martyred. Cecelia buried her husband and his brother for which she was arrested. She was then suffocated and when this failed to kill her, she was stabbed in the neck and left to bleed to death. Cecelia died in 280AD and her feast day is November 22nd. Legend tells us that while the profane music of her wedding was heard, Cecelia was singing in her heart a hymn of love of Jesus, her true spouse, therefore she is considered the patron saint of music.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus saying the reason for His coming – the reason that He was born – was to "bear witness" to the truth. That truth is that God, His Father, is also our loving and forgiving Father, so we are all His children forming one body. Hence, whatever we do for His children, our sisters and brothers, we do for Him. So we are called to be a people who reach out in compassion to the poor and to the marginalized sectors of our society, a people who will support one another in prayer, a people who will realize that we are called not to be served, but to serve. In other words, servant-leadership is the model that Christ the King has given us.

Adults: What role are you playing in bringing about the Kingdom of Christ?

Children: What are you doing to show others that Jesus is King of your life?

DO YOU KNOW?

The liturgical year consists of 6 liturgical seasons that determine when feast days and other holy days are observed, and which Scripture and Gospel readings are used at Mass. Aside from the readings, the liturgical calendar also determines the interior decoration of a Church, the priest's vestment colors, the timing of spiritual seasons and practices such as Lent, and much more. The mystery of Christ unfolds during the cycle of the liturgical year and calls us to live His mystery in our own lives.



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.



"All [the clients] were told about the procedure itself was that they would experience slight cramping similar to menstrual cramps, and that was it. They were not told about the development of the baby. They were not told about the pain that the baby would be experiencing or the physical effects or the emotional effects that it would have on them. They had no idea who was going to be there to help them when they fell apart afterwards. They were taken into the room then, and, as I said, there was no counseling done. These women basically had no idea what they were getting themselves into." Testimony of Deborah Henry, former Abortion Provider (Priests for Life)

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.

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 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.



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.

"Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." Rejoice in your marriage. Attend 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/>



"Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom." Will you make Christ the King and His merciful love remembered as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call the Vocations Office at 804-359-5661 to speak with Fr. Michael Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.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.)

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 (lhuran75@aol.com) or David Reaves (dreaves@prismce.com).

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! - With the concerted efforts of many, we were able to get the "Giving Tree" put up this past weekend. 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. You can return the gifts in a gift bag with tissue on top and the tag attached or you can wrap, but we need to have a list of what is wrapped attached with the tag. If you have taken a tag and forgot to sign it out, please contact the parish office or Pam Watkins at 919-820-1986 to let us know. Five tags were taken without being signed out. Thank you so much for your continued generosity!

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. Anyone can help, but we are asking that if children under the middle school age would like to help that a parent come with them. Please call the parish office to let us know you will be helping.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday, December 1st – Christmas on the Town in West Point
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.

Sunday, January 5th – Annual Covered Dish & Christmas Pageant on the Feast of the Epiphany – Dinner At 5:30pm followed by the pageant at 6:30pm.

***While at Christmas on the Town, visit the Historical Museum, 709 Main St., for an OLBS display of the school operated from 1931-1968...pictures, textbooks, programs from musicals and Christmas plays.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST: The OLBS Women's Group will gather for fellowship in December, in place of their monthly meeting. Please join us as we celebrate Christmas together. You do not need to participate in meetings (Although, we would love to have you!) to attend this social gathering. Please consider joining us for breakfast at Honeybutter's in Norge on Saturday, December 7th at 9:00am. We will be carpooling from the church parking lot by 8:30am for those who would like to ride along. **PLEASE CONTACT KAREN LIBERATO** at 804-843-4420 to be added to our reservation list. Thank you!

Our Annual Covered Dish and Christmas Pageant will be held on Feast of the Epiphany, Sunday, January 5th. Dinner at 5:30pm followed by the Pageant at 6:30pm. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy a time of parish fellowship as the children tell the story of Jesus' birth.

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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