

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

PARISH OFFICES at the MERCY CENTER

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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.*

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 2nd & November 3rd, 2019



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| Sat | 11/2 – Virginia Schmitz (RIP) Requested by Marguerite Sturtz | Fr. Oscar |
| Sun | 11/3 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler | Fr. Oscar |
| Mon | 11/4 – No Mass | |
| Tue | 11/5 – Joe Sr, Elsie & Johnnie Drexler (RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler | Fr. Oscar |
| Wed | 11/6 – Dorothy Ware (RIP) Requested by The Bui Family | Fr. Oscar |
| Thurs | 11/7 - Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler | Fr. Oscar |
| Fri | 11/8 – Dorothy Ware (RIP) Requested by David Seckora | Fr. Oscar |
| Sat | 11/9 – Joe Sr, Elsie & Johnnie Drexler (RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler | Fr. Oscar |
| Sun | 11/10 – Reverend John Brieffies (RIP) Requested by The Bui Family | Fr. Oscar |

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

Collections for October 26th & 27th, 2019

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| Parish Operations (Personnel, Utilities, Office, Postage, etc.) | \$3,675.00 |
| Supplemental Collection | 20.00 |
| Parish Heating | 110.00 |
| Poor Box | 5.00 |
| Votive Stand | 9.75 |
| Total | \$3,819.75 |
| Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is | \$3,940 |
| Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish | |
| Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund | \$150.00 |
| Cemetery Fund | \$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.

Parish Directories are available at the Parish Office. Please come by Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays between 10:00am and 4:30pm or call Pam at 804-843-3125 to get your directory.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday, October 26th – 79
Sunday, October 27th – 109
Spanish Mass, October 27th – 48

Calendar for Week of November 4th, 2019

Monday – 11/4 – No Mass - Adoration in MC Chapel
Knights of Columbus Meeting – 7:30pm
Tuesday – 11/5 – Mass 8:30am – Adoration in MC Chapel
ELECTION DAY – PLEASE GET OUT AND VOTE!!!
Wednesday – 11/6 – Mass 8:30am
Thursday – 11/7 – Mass 8:30am
Friday – 11/8 – Mass 8:30am
Saturday – 11/9 – Rosary - 5:00 pm – Mass 5:30 pm
Sunday – 11/10 – Mass 9:00 am
Faith Formation – 10:15 am – Hall
Spanish Mass – 11:30am
Confirmation Class – MC Conference Room



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

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| 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 |
| Dexter Dix | Mark A. Roane |
| Donna Donahue | Virginia Ryczak |
| Michelle Eshelman | Bill Scaife |
| Amanda Leigh Fincher | Barbara Schafer |
| Henry Franzysen | 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 Kaczmariski | Jody Zogran |

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

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.



11/2 – Daniel Gibbs & Philip Owens
 11/3 – Elizabeth DiLandro & McKenna Kopacki
 11/9 – Daniel Gibbs & Addy Gibbs
 11/10 – Daniel Duke & Adrian Vidal



11/2 – Tom Fauber, Cathy Fudella, & Erin Lazar
 11/3 – Wini Barron, B.J. Bui, Kim DiLandro, Kathy Wills, & Vickie Roane
 11/9 – Lorraine Ryalls, Jackie Silvia, & Jim Vadas
 11/10 – Jim Pyne, Bill & Edwina Madigan, Chris & Paula Polcyn



11/2 – Dan Gibbs & Bob Ryalls
 11/3 – Tuan Nguyen & Jim Pyne
 11/9 – Joe Drexler & Scott Watkins
 11/10 – Jim Milby & Tripp Racioppi

Church Cleaning Schedule

10/28 thru 11/3 – Jorge Duran Family/Hugo Rojas/
 & Jose Velasquez
 11/4 thru 11/10 – Dan Gibbs & Family
 11/11 thru 11/17 – Theresa Nguyen / Nguyen Sisters



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 will meet this Sunday, November 3rd at 6:30pm in the Boogaard Hall.**

*****The next Confirmation Class is scheduled for Sunday, November 10th in the Mercy Center Conference Room.**

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Martin de Porres was born on December 9, 1579 in Lima, Peru to a Spanish nobleman and former black slave. At a young age, Martin's father abandoned him, his mother and his younger sister leaving Martin to grow up in deep poverty. After spending just two years in primary school, Martin was placed with a barber/surgeon where he would learn to cut hair and the medical arts. As Martin grew older, he experienced a great deal of ridicule for being of mixed race. Martin entered the Dominican clergy in 1601, although it was quite unusual at the time for someone of mixed race to be received into the religious order. He was known for his vegetarian lifestyle, social work, and unique healing powers, and for founding a residence in Lima for orphans and abandoned children. He died in Lima, Peru on November 3, 1639. Saint Martin de Porres is the patron saint of interracial harmony.

DO YOU KNOW?

"We are all called to become saints! So often, we are tempted to think that holiness is granted only to those who have the opportunity to break away from the ordinary tasks to devote themselves to prayer. But it is not so! Some people think that holiness is closing your eyes and putting on a pious face...No! That is not holiness! Holiness is something greater, more profound that God gifts us. Indeed, it is by living with love and offering Christian witness in our daily tasks that we are called to become saints." (Pope Francis) We may not all be "named" in sainthood by the Church but it recognizes that everyone who attains Heaven is a saint. We belong to the Communion of Saints. The Church teaches that the Body of Christ is one, but even as we are one, we exist in three separate states: the Church Militant (here on earth), the Church Suffering or the Church Penitent (those being purified in purgatory), and the Church Triumphant (those in Heaven). As part of this unity, we can ask the Church Triumphant for their intercession for our needs and we are to pray for the Church Suffering to be loosed from the bonds of sin so that they, too, will soon enter the Beatific Vision.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Like Zacchaeus, we all have obstacles in our lives from seeing God who passes our way each day. Some obstacles are inherent (it's called sin), and some are placed in our way and can come in many forms like people and circumstances. Our own variegated past can easily hinder us from getting clear views of God's working in our lives. Salvation came to Zacchaeus not by his own initiative but by God's. Grace moved him out to the street and up the tree. Jesus coming to his house for lunch was pure grace. Yet Zacchaeus could have declined the offer as God is not about forced entry. The door must be opened from the inside. We must make the decision to yield to His mercy and receive the gift. And to receive the gift means that our hands must be empty. We have to let go of some things if we want to grasp the hand of Christ.

Adults: What in your life is blocking you from completely receiving Jesus' gift?

Children: Do you sometimes hold on too tightly to things that might keep you from Jesus' mercy and grace?



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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Parish Christmas Caroling will be held on Sunday, December 15th. More details will be forthcoming. 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.



DISPOSABLE CHILDREN? - "The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships...It has portrayed the greatest of gifts - a child - as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience. It has nominally accorded mothers unfettered dominion over the independent lives of their physically dependent sons and daughters...The right to life does not depend, and must not be declared to be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or a sovereign." – Mother Teresa 1994. (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 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.

Remember your honeymoon! Remember how special it was? Worldwide Marriage Encounter helps you bring back the togetherness of those times. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Nov 8-10, 2019 in ATLANTIC BEACH, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/>.

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.



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.



"But you have mercy on all, because you can do all things." Are you called to be a vehicle of God's mercy 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. The 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 (lhrran75@aol.com) or David Reaves (dreaves@prismce.com).

Catholic Charities hosting Special Adoption Information Night CCEVA is hosting a special adoption information night focused on alternatives to traditional domestic and international adoption. During this event you will learn about home studies, alternatives to traditional domestic infant adoptions, as well as international adoption. Two adoptive families will be present to share some of these paths to grow their family. The event will take place on Thursday, November 14, 2019 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the CCEVA office (5361 Virginia Beach Blvd.) Please RSVP to Rebekah Hall at 757-533-5217 or rhall@cceva.org.

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!

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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