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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21st & December 22nd, 2019



Sat 12/21 - Thomas A. Trudeau (RIP) Fr. Oscar **Anniversary of Death** Requested by Edna Trudeau David "Charlie" Sturtz (RIP) By Jeanie Sturtz

> 12/22 - Frank Waxmunski (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Susan Todd

Mon 12/23 - No Mass

Sun

Tue 12/24 - 5:30pm Mass - Thomas Sturtz, Sr. Fr. Oscar

& Tommy Sturtz, Jr. (RIP)

Requested by Marguerite Sturtz & Family 9:00pm Mass - David "Charlie" Sturtz (RIP)

Requested by Jeanie Sturtz

12/25 - Frank Waxmunski (RIP) Wed Fr. Oscar

Requested by Susan Todd

Patricia Seckora (Anniversary of Birthday) Requested by Paul & Valeria Seckora

Thurs 12/26 - No Mass Intention Fri 12/27 - No Mass Intention Sat 12/28 - No Mass Intention

12/29 - Billy Webster (RIP) Sun Fr. Oscar

Requested by Bill Webster

Monday 12/30 – Mo Mass

Tuesday 12/31 - Sunday 1/5 - There are No Mass Intentions

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

Collections for December 14th & 15th, 2019

Parish Operations	\$3, 037.75
Supplemental Collection	473.00
Votive Stand	30.75
Christmas Flowers	105.00
Our Lady of Guadalupe Vigil Mass 12/11	259.00
Christmas	25.00
Solemnity of Mary	25.00
Total	\$3,955.50
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$125.00

Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund **Diocesan Collections – Catholic Charities** \$25.00 ### Please mark your envelopes with the amount you

have put in them. This will help make the job of our wonderful volunteer counters much easier! We appreciate all they do for our parish!

Thank you for your support of your Parish!

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Our Lady of Guadalupe Vigil, December 11th - 74 Saturday, December 14th - 75 Sunday, December 15th - 129

Spanish Mass, December 15th - Attendance - Not Recorded

Calendar for Week of December 23rd, 2019

Monday - 12/23 - No Mass Adoration in MC Chapel

Tuesday - 12/24 - Christmas Eve - Office Closed

Mass 5:30pm - Christmas Eve Vigil Mass Mass 9:00pm - Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

Wednesday - 12/25 - Christmas Day - Office Closed The Nativity of the Lord Mass 9:00am

Thursday - 12/26 - Office Closed Mass 8:30am

Friday – **12/27 – Mass 8:30am**

Saturday - 12/28 - Rosary 5pm Mass 5:30pm

Sunday - 12/29 - Mass 9:00 am Spanish Mass 11:30am



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Emily Adams Gloria Koicisch Elizabeth Alley **Bonnie Kopacki Candace Barefoot Gordon Langston** Virginia Becker Patricia Lanuza **Paulette Berberich Kenny McGinley Ron Blevins Bill Madigan Baby Vivian Mallis** Jon Boyette **Robin Bristow Ron Martz** Joan Buehler **Gladys Mierle Clara Morrow** Linda Burch Lurene Burke Randy Morrow **Kevin Carson Specialist Mullins Lucy Carson Marilyn Naggy Meredith Crowe Larry Newtzie Desiree Page Eric Crump** Vincent D'elia **Brett Pickens Denise DePompeo Pam Rigsby Dale Dippre** Mark A. Roane **Dexter Dix** Virginia Ryczak **Donna Donahue Bill Scaife** Michelle Eshelman **Barbara Schafer** Amanda Leigh Fincher **James Simmons** Henry Franzyshen **Allen Smith Sydney Gay Levi Sturtz Margaret Geron** Jim Tokarz Jim Gregory **Mae Touray** Pat Hinkle **Linda Webster Kelly Hipple**

Gloria Wajciechowski Lois Wilson Mary Ann Hooper

Robert 'Bobby' Wilson **Gail Justin**

Helen Kaczmarski Jody Zogran

John Kellam

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

***Please note that the Church Office will be closed the week of Christmas. We will be open on Tuesday, 12/31/19. THERE WILL BE NO BULLETINS next weekend. We wish all of our parishioners and their families a very Blessed, Merry Christmas!

***Please note, there will be no adoration during the week of Christmas.



12/21 - Addy Gibbs & Jackson Gibbs

12/22 - Elizabeth DiLandro & Tazewell Rae

12/24 – 5:30pm - Kody Kopacki & Mason Kopacki

12/24 - 9:00pm - Daniel Duke & McKenna Kopacki

12/25 – 9:00am – Elizabeth DiLandro & Adrian Vidal

12/28 - Peter Nguyen & Oliver Owens

12/29 – McKenna Kopacki & Tazewell Rae

1/1 - Philip Owens & Adrian Vidal



12/21 - Tom Fauber, Joe Drexler, & Jim Vadas

12/22 - Kim DiLandro, Bill Madigan, Edwina Madigan, Mary Leigh McDonald, & Sarah Rae

12/24 – 5:30pm – Jackie Silvia, B.J. Bui, Cathy Fudella, Vickie Roane, & Gary Silvia

12/24 – 9:00pm – Lorraine Ryalls, Jim Vadas, & Pattie Vadas

12/25 - 9:00am - Paula Polcyn, Edwina Madigan, Kathy Wills

12/28 - Gary Silvia, Tom Fauber, & Lorraine Ryalls

12/29 – Wini Barron, Mary Leigh McDonald, Jim Pyne, Sarah Rae, & Vickie Roane

1/1 - Jackie Silvia, Edwina Madigan, & Kay Shaw



12/21 - Andrew Seckora & Paul Seckora

12/22 - Jim Milby & Jim Pyne

12/24 - 5:30pm - Joe Drexler & Alfred Jones

12/24 - 9:00pm - Bob Ryalls & Craig Smith

12/25 - 9:00am - Tuan Nguyen & Jim Pyne

12/28 - Joe Drexler & Alfred Jones

12/29 – Jim Milby & Craig Smith

1/1 - Bob Ryalls & Scott Watkins

Church Cleaning Schedule

12/16 thru 12/22 – Theresa Nguyen /Nguyen Sisters 12/23 thru 12/29 – Tom & Rowena Fauber

12/30 thru 1/5/20 - Gary & Jackie Silvia

***We will be creating the new Church cleaning list on 12/31/19. Please call the parish office if you need to have us make changes to this list or your participation. Thank you so much for all you do for our parish!



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.

***The Little Blue Books for the Advent/Christmas Season are in the back of the Church. Please take one.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

John of Kanty was born in a small town in Poland on June 23, 1390. He attended the University of Krakow. After brilliant studies he was ordained a priest and became a professor of theology. His popularity caused him to be ousted by rivals and sent to be a parish priest at Olkusz. An extremely humble man, he did his best, but his best was not to the liking of his parishioners. Besides, he was afraid of the responsibilities of his position. But in the end he won his people's hearts with kindness and love. After some time he returned to Krakow to teach scripture. John was a serious man, and humble, but known to all the poor of Krakow for his kindness. His goods and his money were always at their disposal, and time and again they took advantage of him. He kept only the money and clothes absolutely needed to support himself. He slept little, ate sparingly, and took no meat. He made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, hoping to be martyred by the Turks. Later John made four subsequent pilgrimages to Rome, carrying his luggage on his back. He died on December 24.

1473. He is the patron Saint of teachers, students, priests, and pilgrims. Because of the liturgical celebrations of Christmas, his feast day has been moved to December 23rd. The Catholic Cemetery in New Kent is names for St. John Kanti.

DO YOU KNOW?

Bethlehem means "house of bread"! In Hebrew, Beth-lehem is two words and means "house" (Beth as in Beth-el, "house of God") and "bread" (lehem). How fitting that Jesus was born in Bethlehem and rested in a feeding trough so that He could become our Bread of Life.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

We all struggle with the choices of this world - whether we orient ourselves to the temporal and material, or whether we put the Lord first at the center of our hearts and our lives. We put ourselves on the path of destruction by paying homage to the material and the temporal, craving those to the extent that we shut out the Lord from our hearts and lives. He calls us constantly, but we often stop listening, and eventually stop being able to recognize His call.

Joseph and Mary show how we should orient ourselves to the Lord. In today's Gospel passage, Joseph opens his heart to the Lord and restores his house by bringing Mary into his home and also restoring the Davidic line.

When the Lord calls us, what will be our choice? Do we choose sin to reconcile us to the world, or choose Christ to reconcile us to God? When He comes to us, will we rejoice - or pretend we heard nothing?

Adults: How can you prepare your heart to hear God's call?

Children: How can you prepare to make the right choices?



If anyone has Rubbermaid type totes that they are no longer using, we'd be happy to put them to use for storing our pageant props and such. Contact Lorraine at 804-843-3125 if you have any to donate.

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 OPPRESSION SHALL CEASE: "The Christmas song 'O Holy Night' includes the following words: Truly he taught us to love one another. His law is love, and his gospel is peace. Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, and in his name all oppression shall cease.' This is a reminder that as we celebrate Christmas, we renew our commitment to ending all oppression, particularly of those who are most oppressed, the children living before birth within their mothers...children who have been deprived of legal protection and are oppressed by the mythology of choice. In the name of the newborn Christ, the oppression of our unborn children will cease. May Christmas give us the strength to be silent no more, and more active than ever in the prolife cause." (Priests for Life)

Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia is in desperate need of size 5 & 6 Diapers and pullups for families in their parenting support program! Diapers can be dropped off at their main office at 5361 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach or 12829 Jefferson Ave., Newport News office. Thank you for your generous support!

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. Please call the parish office at 804-843-3125 for more details.



Congratulations to those couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in December: Glenn & Kay Shaw – 12/1/1972; Craig & Danielle Smith – 12/1/2007; Michael & Jan Bellanca – 12/29/1963; Chris & Paula Polcyn – 12/30/1988.

Give your spouse a special gift this Christmas by signing up for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Feb 21-23, 2020 in VIRGINIA BEACH, VA and Mar 20-22, 2020 in FAIRFAX,, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/.



God Chose to become man to lead us in a path of righteousness, is God calling you to grow in holiness? He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email: yocations@richmonddiocese.org.

***Diocesan Bicentennial Calendars and Parish Calendars are Available at the Back of the Church. Please take one per family.

*There is no Youth Group meeting on January 5th due to the parish pot-luck and pageant. The next meeting is 1/19/20.

***The next Confirmation Class is scheduled for January 12th at 6:30pm in the Mercy Center Conference Room.



The Books commemorating the Bicentennial Celebration of the Diocese of Richmond are on their way to us and we should have them by Christmas. 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. 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 (lhran75@aol.com) or David Reaves (dreaves@prismce.com).

***Our Adult Faith Exploration Series Continues
Tuesday, January 14th at 7pm in the Mercy
Center. This session will be on Capital
Punishment. Any adults interested in this
subject are welcome to join us!

***PLEASE NOTE: There are no Sunday classes on December 22nd or 29th due to the holiday weekends.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Tuesday, December 24th – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
CHRISTMAS EVE – 5:30PM & 9:00PM MASSES
Wednesday, December 25th – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
CHRISTMAS DAY – 9:00AM MASS ONLY
Wednesday, January 1st – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – THE
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
ONLY ONE MASS AT 9:00AM

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.

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.

We are looking for someone to coordinate the parish pot-luck on January 5th. For more information or to sign up, please contact Lorraine at DRE@olbs.hrcoxmail.com or call 843-3125

SOMETHING NEW FOR OUR CHILDREN: We now have Children's Mass Bulletins available for elementary age students. These are located in the wire basket where the Mass bags are located. Crayons and pencils are also located in the basket. These bulletins usually contain the Gospel reading, word puzzles about the reading and the story of patron saints.

Parents: Please consider having your children make a birthday card for Baby Jesus and bring it to whichever Christmas Mass you attend. These will be brought up during the offertory and placed in Jesus' crib. This is a great way to help your family emphasize the true meaning of Christmas.

Thanks to all who participated in the parish Christmas caroling. It was one of our largest crowds ever (30 people) with ages ranging from 3 to 69 blending voices together to share Christmas spirit! Afterwards we enjoyed hot chocolate and treats as we played Christmas trivia and a video of the nativity retold by young children.



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).

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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