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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

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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.*

THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 11th & 12th, 2020



Sat 1/11 – No Mass Intention
 Sun 1/12 – No Mass Intention
 Mon 1/13 – No Mass
 Tue 1/14 – No Mass Intention
 Wed 1/15 – Esther Seckora (RIP) Fr. Oscar
 Anniversary of Death
 Requested by Paul & Valeria Seckora
 Thurs 1/16 – No Mass Intention
 Fri 1/17 – No Mass Intention
 Sat 1/18 – No Mass Intention
 Sun 1/19 – Ed Kopacki (Husband) (RIP) Fr. Oscar
 David Kopacki (Grandson) (RIP)
 Requested by Virginia Kopacki
 Larry Laccabue (RIP)
 Requested by Trent & Karena Funkhouser

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

Collections for January 1st, 4th & 5th, 2020

Parish Operations	\$4,124.62
Votive Stand	24.00
Solemnity of Mary, January 1 st	958.00
Initial Offering	189.00
Total	\$5,296.62
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$964.50
Haiti Ministry	\$210.00
Maintenance Savings Account	\$60.00

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!

*****Saturday, January 18th & Sunday, January 19th, 2020. there will be Diocesan Wide Masses commemorating Bishop Patrick Kelly's Arrival in Virginia and the Opening of the Bicentennial Year. A Mass with a reception to follow will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 520 Graydon Ave., Norfolk, VA 23507.**

Calendar for Week of January 13th, 2020

Monday – 1/13 – No Mass Adoration in MC Chapel
 Tuesday – 1/14 – Mass 8:30am Adoration in MC Chapel
 Adult Faith Exploration 7pm – MC Parlor
 Wednesday – 1/15 – Mass 8:30am
 Thursday – 1/16 – Mass 11:00am Senior Luncheon to
 Immediately Follow Mass at The Blue Crab
 Friday – 1/17 – Mass 8:30am
 Saturday – 1/18 – Rosary 5pm Mass 5:30pm
 Sunday – 1/19 – Mass 9:00 am Faith Formation 10:15am
 Spanish Mass 11:30am
 Youth Group Meeting – 6:30pm in the Hall



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

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

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Wednesday, January 1st, 2020 – 105
 Saturday, January 4th, 2020 – 90
 Sunday, January 5th, 2020 – 139
 Spanish Mass, January 5th, 2020 – 49

*****Blessing of the throats and candles will take place the weekend of February 1st & 2nd, 2020. Please bring your candles from your home on that weekend if you would like them blessed.**



- 1/11 – Kody Kopacki & Mason Kopacki
- 1/12 – McKenna Kopacki & Tazewell Rae
- 1/18 – Jackson Gibbs & Oliver Owens
- 1/19 – Elizabeth DiLandro & Adrian Vidal



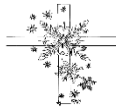
- 1/11 – Tom Fauber, Cathy Fudella, & Erin Lazar
- 1/12 – Jim Pyne, Wini Barron, Mary Leigh McDonald, Sarah Rae, & Vickie Roane
- 1/18 – Joe Drexler, Tom Fauber, & Lorraine Ryalls
- 1/19 – Chris Polcyn, B.J. Bui, Paula Polcyn, Kay Shaw, & Kathy Wills



- 1/11 – Bob Ryalls & Scott Watkins
- 1/12 – Jim Milby & Tripp Racioppi
- 1/18 – Andrew Seckora & Paul Seckora
- 1/19 – Jim Milby & Jim Pyne

Church Cleaning Schedule

- 1/6/20 thru 1/12/20 – The Hispanic Community
- 1/13/20 thru 1/19/20 – Dan Gibbs Family
- 1/20/20 thru 1/26/20 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters
- 1/27/20 thru 2/2/20 – Tom & Rowena Fauber



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.



Congratulations to Bill & Edwina Madigan who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in January – 1/28/67.

DO YOU KNOW?

In the eyes of the Catholic Church, any Baptism that uses water and the invocation of the Holy Trinity, as in "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit", is a valid sacrament. So if a follower of a Christian church that performs Baptism to these standards wants to become Catholic, he doesn't have to be re-baptized.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

The subject of a well-known Christmas carol, Wenceslas (Vaclav) was raised a Christian by his grandmother, St. Ludmilla. He became known as Vaclav the Good and established Christianity in Bohemia. This earned him the enmity of his own mother Drahomira and his brother, Boleslas, who eventually conspired to assassinate him. Their attempt to prevent the Christianization of Bohemia failed, however, and Wenceslas came to be venerated as a martyr. His feast day is September 28th and he is the patron saint of the Czech Republic. It is not clear how he became a major character in the Christmas carol especially given the fact that he was not a king!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

At Jesus' baptism, God affirms His Son's mission for salvation. God announces his pleasure with Jesus and, in Matthew's Gospel, announces to all that, "This is My beloved Son". With this affirmation, Jesus is able to resist the temptations described next in Matthew's Gospel and to begin His public ministry. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we can support one another in our Christian living by affirming the importance of each person in our eyes and in God's. Confident that through our Baptism we too were made children of God, we can resist temptation and share in Christ's mission.

Adults: Do you think God has been "well pleased" by your actions in recent weeks? Why or Why not?

Children: What good thing could you do this week that would be pleasing to God?



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.hrcxmail.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.



BAPTISM AND LIFE: "Whoever is moved by love begins to perceive what "life" really is. He begins to perceive the meaning of the word of hope that we encountered in the Baptismal Rite: from faith I await "eternal life" - the true life which, whole and unthreatened, in all its fullness, is simply life. Jesus, who said that He had come so that we might have life and have it in its fullness, in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10), has also explained to us what "life" means: "this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent" (Jn 17:3). Life in its true sense is not something we have exclusively in or from ourselves: it is a relationship. And life in its totality is a relationship with Him who is the source of life. If we are in relation with Him who does not die, who is Life itself and Love itself, then we are in life. Then we "live" - Pope Benedict XVI, Encyclical on Hope, November 30, 2007. (Priests for Life)

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. – FRIDAY, JANUARY 24th! The Knights of Columbus Council 6828 will have several buses going to the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 24th, 2020. The cost per seat is \$25.00. To make reservations, call Jim or Patti Carini at 757-221-0972 or email Rocky Natchus at rnatchus@yahoo.com. The buses will pick up people at St. Olaf's at 8:00am on Friday morning, January 24th. Please call now to make your reservations as seats are very limited.

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.

The Hanover Habitat for Humanity will be making a presentation to explore the feasibility of bringing their services to King William County on Thursday, January 23rd at 2pm at 172 Courthouse Lane, King William. We invite you to learn how you can volunteer to be a part of this non-profit endeavor to help families build and improve places to call home. More information can be found at <https://www.hanoverhfh.org> or call King William Social Services 804-769-4905.

*****Diocesan Bicentennial Calendars and Parish Calendars are Available at the Back of the Church.** Please take one per family. Our beautiful stained glass windows are featured in the Bicentennial Calendar in April, 2020.

*****Youth Group is scheduled to meet on Sunday, January 19th, 2020 at 6:30pm in the Boogaard Hall.**

*****Our Adult Faith Exploration Series this month is viewing a video by Sister Helen Prejean (Author of Dead Man Walking) re the Church's teachings on the death penalty. It will be on Tuesday, January 14th at 7:00pm in the Mercy Center Parlor. All are welcome to learn more about this aspect of our pro-life teachings.**



The Books commemorating the Bicentennial Celebration of the Diocese of Richmond are here! 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! They are beautiful and will be a keepsake for many years to come!

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.



“This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” Do you have a calling to follow the Son of God and become a priest, deacon, or consecrated religious? Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email:

vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



Please take time to see and thank Bob Ryalls who has so graciously agreed to fill the position of Business Manager for our parish! Effective January 1st, 2020, Bob brings his vast knowledge and wisdom to assist Father Oscar, our staff, and our parish in important parish matters.

A special Thank You to the Faubers and whoever helped them to make our Church and all the buildings so beautiful all throughout Advent and the Christmas Season! Thank you!



Also, thank you so much to David Seckora who decorates the front of the church so beautifully for Christmas. He truly passes on the Christmas Spirit each year!

A huge Thank You to our very generous parishioners for their donations for the Christmas Food Baskets and all who helped to shop and put them together. Please see below an accounting of the funds collected and spent:

Leftover from Easter Baskets	\$60.33
Checks Collected This Season	\$986.67
Cash Collected this Season	\$355.00
Total for Christmas Baskets	\$1,402.00
5 Shopping Receipts	-\$1,231.62
Total Deposited Awaiting Easter	\$170.38

Thanks to all who attended our parish Christmas pot-luck and pageant. It was great to see so many people support our children’s efforts in retelling the Good News of Jesus’ birth. About 20 children ages 15 through 4 participated. Special thanks to Deidra and Keven Kopacki, Donna Geron and Bob Ryalls for setting up and decorating and to Cathy Short for coordinating the pot-luck. Thanks also to Deidra, Danielle Shaw Smith, and Hope Kopacki for helping the cast with costuming and cues.

Parish Liaison to the Diocese for Bicentennial Year Celebration: *Linda Drexler* has been selected to represent *Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish* as our Bicentennial Parish Liaison to the Diocese of Richmond for the 2020 Bicentennial year, which celebrates the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Richmond. There are many exciting activities planned in the commemorative year ahead, including special, diocesan-wide Masses; pilgrimages to historic churches; service opportunities; and a monumental celebration of the Eucharist never before held in Virginia called a Eucharistic Congress. Thank you, *Linda*, for keeping us informed on the exciting activities in the year ahead! 2020.richmonddiocese.org for more information.

All are invited to join Bishop Barry C. Knestout for the

Bicentennial Regional Mass

Commemorating the arrival of our first Bishop of Richmond, Patrick Kelly,
and the opening of our Bicentennial

Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 10:30 am

Mass in Recognition of the Catholic Presence in the Eastern Vicariate
with Reception to Follow

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
520 Graydon Ave, Norfolk, VA 23507

In addition to the Bicentennial Regional Mass in the Eastern Vicariate, the weekend of January 18/19, parishes across the Diocese will use the Mass setting "For the Particular Church" from the Roman Missal to commemorate Bishop Patrick Kelly's arrival to Virginia and the opening of the 2020 Year. This Mass setting will also include special readings, intercessions, as well as the reciting of the Diocesan Bicentennial prayer.

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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).

Mark your Calendars! We will have a parish pot-luck dinner on Saturday, January 25th immediately following Mass. Please bring your favorite dishes (enough for your family and two people more) to share with our parish family! Drinks will be provided. Dishes can be dropped off at the parish hall before Mass. Please come and enjoy the fellowship!

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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