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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.*

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 15th & 16th, 2020



Sat	2/15 – Phyllis Wyatt (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	
Sun	2/16 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	
Mon	2/17 – No Mass	
Tue	2/18 – Joe, Sr., Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	
Wed	2/19 – Wedding Anniversary on 2/11 of Mildred & (Donald RIP) Hite	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Mildred Hite	
Thurs	2/20 – Anna Kozlowski (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Donna Geron	
Fri	2/21 – Roger Staskiel (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	
Sat	2/22 – In Thanksgiving to God	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Eston & Teresa Nguyen	
Sun	2/23 – Xuan Mai Huynh (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by the Bui Family	

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

Collections for February 8th & 9th, 2020

Parish Operations	\$3,995.00
Votive Stand	84.30
Total	\$4,079.30
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Preschool Assistance	\$423.00
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$250.00
Haiti Ministry	\$25.00
Diocesan Collection: Respect Life	\$25.00



Thank you for your support of your Parish!

***If you would like to put something in the bulletin, please email to olbs@olbs.hrcoxmail.com no later than noon each Tuesday or call the parish office at 804-843-3125.

***Please submit any information you may need included on March's Monthly Calendar to pam.watkins@olbs.hrcoxmail.com no later than February 23rd, 2020.

Many Thanks to Erin Hayden and Nathan Ryalls for chaperoning six of our teens at the Diocesan Youth Conference last weekend!

Youth Group meets this Sunday, February 16th at 6:30pm in the Hall.

Calendar for Week of February 17th, 2020

Monday – 2/17 – No Mass Adoration in MC Chapel
 Tuesday – 2/18 – Mass 8:30am Adoration in MC Chapel
 Wednesday – 2/19 – Mass 8:30am
 Thursday – 2/20 – Mass 11:00am Senior Luncheon Anna's, in West Point

Friday – 2/21 – Mass 8:30am
 Saturday – 2/22 – Rosary 5:00pm Mass 5:30pm
 Sunday – 2/23 – Mass 9:00 am
 Faith Formation – 10:15am Hall
 Parish Council – 10:15am MC Conference Room
 No Spanish Mass Today



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

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

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday, February 8th, 2020 – 78

Sunday, February 9th, 2020 – 127

Spanish Mass, February 9th, 2020 - 67

The Senior Luncheon will be this Thursday February 20th at Anna's Restaurant in West Point immediately following the 11:00am Mass. All are welcome! Please call the parish office to sign up so they can accommodate everyone!

FROM THE PRESCHOOL: Hello church family. The preschool has just begun registrations for the upcoming Fall for current students and is now open to the church. If you are interested in registering your little one for this Fall, please visit the preschool Facebook page and send a message or call the school at 804-843-4177.



- 2/15 – Jackson Gibbs & Addy Gibbs
- 2/16 – McKenna Kopacki & Adrian Vidal
- 2/22 – Peter Nguyen & Philip Owens
- 2/23 – Elizabeth DiLandro & Tazewell Rae



- 2/15 – Lorraine Ryalls, Jim Vadas & Pattie Vadas
- 2/16 – Jim Pyne, B.J. Bui, Vickie Roane, Kay Shaw, & Kathy Wills
- 2/22 – Gary Silvia, Tom Fauber, & Erin Lazar
- 2/23 – Kim DiLandro, Wini Barron, Bill Madigan, Edwina Madigan, & Sarah Rae



- 2/15 – Andrew Seckora & Paul Seckora
- 2/16 – Jim Milby & Craig Smith
- 2/22 – Abby Lazar & Shawn Lazar
- 2/23 – Tuan Nguyen & Craig Smith

Church Cleaning Schedule

- 2/17 thru 2/23 – Dan Gibbs Family
- 2/24 thru 3/1 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters
- 3/2 thru 3/8 – Tom & Rowena Fauber

THANK YOU to all who serve our parish in many different ways! Many serve this parish so that everything runs so smoothly we do not even know there was something that needed doing! Thanks so much to these unsung heroes!!!



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.

"Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift." Learn the tools of forgiveness and healing on 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/>



"it is loyalty to do His will." Are you considering following the will of God in the consecrated life or priesthood? Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

DO YOU KNOW?

At the beginning of each Eucharistic celebration, we participate in the penitential rite. The purpose of this rite is to ask God to forgive our sins, so that we may offer the sacrifice of the Mass worthily. The Eucharist is not only a sacrament that we receive. It is also a sacrifice that we offer. Here, we call to mind our sins, and the priest recites, "Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries." The next time you are at Mass, try not to only recite the words of the penitential rite but also call to mind any unresolved animosities you hold against your brethren. Ask God for the grace to forgive them, so you may fully participate in the mystical and miraculous liturgy.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Jesus "did not come to abolish the law." Instead, He perfects and fulfills it. The scribes' and pharisees' mistake wasn't that they strove to keep the letter of the law. Most problematic was the spirit in which they kept the law. In the Gospel for this Sunday, Jesus poignantly prompts us to ponder our behavior and challenges us to make necessary changes in any of the areas where we lack or struggle to abide by the law. As Jesus speaks to us in Matthew's Gospel, this long passage incorporates many habits of thought and action we should examine carefully, making sure to keep the commandments as intended and not as we perceive. **Adults:** What area of the law do you struggle with most? What changes can you make to lessen the struggle? **Children:** What commandment challenges you the most?

Please pray for the Confirmation candidates who are entering in their final phase of preparation: Hughie Owens, Kody Kopacki, and Kaitlyn Lyon. Their sacrament will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 18th at 7:00pm at St. Bede Catholic Church in Williamsburg. May God bless them with the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit to guide them through their lives!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Vincent de Paul was born at Pouy, France in 1581, the third of six children. He was ordained a priest and served in several key positions. He became noted for his work among the poor and was a chaplain to galley slaves waiting to be shipped abroad. In 1625, with the help of a wealthy friend, Vincent founded the Congregation of the Missions (known today as the Vincentians), an order devoted to work among the peasants. In 1633, along with Saint Louise de Marillac, he founded the Sisters of Charity. In his lifetime, Vincent de Paul established hospitals, orphanages, and seminaries; ransomed slaves in northern Africa; sent his priests abroad to preach missions; and organized far-flung relief among victims of war. It is remarkable that one man could achieve so much. Saint Vincent is the patron saint of our diocese and his feast day is celebrated on September 27th.



The Lenten West Point Soup & Sermon Series will, once again, be held at St. John's Episcopal Church at 916 Main Street in West Point. Different churches and denominations pair up to provide a sermon about Jesus and afterwards, have some soup, dessert, and fellowship. We will be paired with West Point Church of God to coordinate the Soup & Sermon for Wednesday, March 18th. We have worked with Pastor Groom and his wife and they are wonderful to work with. However, the person who has organized with them for the food is no longer able to take the lead with this activity, but is happy to help with advice, if needed. We are in need of someone to take charge of the food part and work with Mrs. Groom to organize and be there the day of the Soup & Sermon. If you are able to give your time to help our parish do our share in this great endeavor, please call the parish office at 804-843-3125.

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.



The Books commemorating the Bicentennial Celebration of the Diocese of Richmond are here! The Book, worth more than \$100, can be purchased for a mere \$35 and includes 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 or place your order at the back of the Church! You can look over a copy at the back of the Church. *Soon, we will be sharing any leftover books with another parish, so please go ahead and get your books now.*

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.

MOVIE NIGHT! Save the date of Thursday, February 20th at 6:30pm in the van den Boogaard Hall. The Movie, 2012 "For Greater Glory," is based on the true events of the Cristero War and the story of St. Jose Sanchez del Rio, Martyred at age 14 for his part in defending the faith. Movie rating – R for Violence.

The Parish Council and the Knights of Columbus have asked the Red Cross to conduct a blood drive on October 7, 2020 from 1-6pm. The Red Cross has agreed to do this if we provide them with a list of 35 or more donors willing to give blood. Sign up sheets are in the back of the Church. For more information or if you have any questions, call Joe Drexler at (804) 366-7563 or Jim Milby at (804) 513-9799.

So far into our 2019 Appeal, we raised 93.95% of our \$9,630.00 goal or \$9,047.00 and have collected 92.45% or \$8,903.00. Thanks so much for your generous support!!!



Pope Benedict's Encyclical - "God is Love" Pope Benedict XVI says the following words in his first encyclical letter "God is Love": "In sacramental communion I become one with the Lord, like all the other communicants. As Saint Paul says, "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Cor 10:17). Union with Christ is also union with all those to whom he gives himself. I cannot possess Christ just for myself; I can belong to him only in union with all those who have become, or who will become, his own. ... Love of God and love of neighbor are now truly united: God incarnate draws us all to himself. ... Here the usual contraposition between worship and ethics simply falls apart. "Worship" itself, Eucharistic communion, includes the reality both of being loved and of loving others in turn. A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is intrinsically fragmented" (n. 14). These words remind us of our calling to love all our neighbors, born and unborn. (Priests for Life)

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Christians throughout Richmond are invited to take part in the International 40 Days for Life effort from February 26th through April 5th. We will be dedicating 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. A peaceful vigil of prayer will also be held outside the Planned Parenthood at 201 North Hamilton Street off Grove Avenue near the downtown expressway from 7:00am until 7:00pm each of these 40 days. Please sign up to pray for an hour at the vigil. Spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. For more information visit www.40DaysforLife.com or email lovethemboth.40@gmail.com.

From the Cemetery Committee

The Cemetery Committee recently had the opportunity to meet with the new Director of the Office of Cemetery and Funeral Services for the Diocese, Deacon Ed Handel. The meeting went very well as Deacon Handel had many positive remarks on how and what the committee has been doing and accomplished. Deacon Handel has forwarded a new copy, from our Diocese, of the rules and regulations governing Catholic Cemeteries. These will be placed in the back of the Church, for review by all. They will also be placed in the purchasing packages, upon a sale of Burial Rights, and will also be available to persons who have previously purchased Burial Rights upon request. These rules and regulations mirror what have been in place since this committee was formed.

The Cemetery Committee will be placing a survey in the bulletin to assess the end of life needs of our parish community. The committee would appreciate parishioners taking a few minutes to complete the survey, as this will aid us with any future planning.

With the Holiday Season over, please remember to remove any holiday decorations that may have been placed in the Cemetery during this season. Thank you.



CREATION OF THE DIOCESE OF RICHMOND

On July 11, 1820, Pope Pius VII established the Diocese of Richmond. It was formed from the Diocese of Baltimore, whose Bishop thought the new diocese was unnecessary due to the small, impoverished number of Catholics which would make up the new diocese. Father Patrick Kelly of Ireland was made bishop and appointed as the first bishop of the Diocese of Richmond. Upon arriving in America, Bishop Kelly went to Baltimore to meet with Archbishop Maréchal who spoke against the formation of the new diocese. Bishop Kelly then went to Norfolk. While in the area, Bishop Kelly received no financial support from the Catholics and began teaching to support himself. Seeing that the area could not support Bishop Kelly, he was transferred back to Ireland. He left Virginia never having been to Richmond. The Diocese of Richmond remained a separate diocese but under the jurisdiction of the Diocese of Baltimore. In 1841, Pope Gregory XVI restored the Richmond Diocese to independent status. Father Richard Whelan was appointed bishop and named the second Bishop of the Diocese of Richmond.



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).

2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Building our Family of Faith: In honor of this landmark year for our Diocese, Bishop Kneestout has announced a special **Bicentennial Challenge to raise \$5 million through this year's Annual Appeal.** Reaching this challenge will allow the Diocese to fund three key priorities: the education of our youth, care for our elderly poor and support for our mission parishes. In addition, this success will flow back to all parishes and provide significant boosts to all ministries supported by the Appeal. It is with these goals in mind that we hope all our parishioners will join with us this year in making a generous pledge to the Appeal to help us launch our Diocese into the next 200 years.



To our couples with anniversaries in February: Donna & (James) Geron – 2/7/1970; Cheryl & (Robert) Servonsky – 2/10/1973; Margaret & (Charles) Varboncoeur; Virginia & (Ed) Kopacki – 2/24. Even though in different places, love lives on!

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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