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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.*

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 22nd & 23rd, 2020



Sat	2/22 – In Thanksgiving to God Requested by Eston & Teresa Nguyen	Fr. Oscar
Sun	2/23 – Xuan Mai Huynh Requested by the Bui Family	Fr. Oscar
Mon	2/24 – No Mass	
Tue	2/25 – No Mass Intention	
Wed	2/26 – Anna & Richard Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Thurs	2/27 – Phyllis Wyatt (RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Fri	2/28 – Dorothy Ware (RIP) Requested by the Bui Family	Fr. Oscar
Sat	2/29 – Joe, Sr., Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Sun	3/1 – Louis & Mary Tavares (RIP) Requested by Edwina & Bill Madigan	Fr. Oscar

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

Collections for February 15th & 16th, 2020

Parish Operations	\$2,986.78
Supplemental Collection	435.36
Parish Heat	25.00
Ash Wednesday	25.00
Poor Box	100.00
Total	\$3,572.14
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Preschool Assistance	\$25.00
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$430.00
Haiti Ministry	\$50.00
Maintenance Fund Savings	\$291.00



Thank you for your support of your Parish!

***If you would like to put something in the bulletin, please email to olbs@olbs-catholic.org 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 adminassistant@olbs-catholic.org no later than February 23rd, 2020.

The Little Black Books for Lenten Reflections will be in the back of the Church this weekend. It only takes 6 minutes a day to put yourself in God's presence and reflect on how this Lent can be a time of renewal for you. Please take one home.

Calendar for Week of February 24th, 2020

Monday – 2/24 – No Mass Adoration in MC Chapel
 Tuesday – 2/25 – Mass 8:30am Adoration in MC Chapel
 Finance Council Meeting – 6:30pm – MC Conference Room
 Wednesday – 2/26 – ASH WEDNESDAY Mass 8:30am & 7pm
DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE
 Thursday – 2/27 – Mass 8:30am
 Women's Group Meeting – 7pm in MC Conference Room
 Friday – 2/28 – Mass 8:30am **DAY OF ABSTINENCE**
 Rosary 6:30pm Stations of the Cross 7pm
 Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
 Saturday – 2/29 – Rosary 5:00pm Mass 5:30pm
 Sunday – 3/1 – 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	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 Franzyszen	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 15th, 2020 – 74
 Sunday, February 16th, 2020 – 109
 Spanish Mass, February 16th, 2020 - 76

Adult Faith Formation Opportunity: Confession? Reconciliation? Penance? The name may have changed through the years but the Sacrament itself remains one of God's gifts of grace. On Sunday, March 1st at 10:15am in the Boogaard Hall there will be an opportunity to learn more about this Sacrament. The session will center on the institution and four elements of the Sacrament as well as "how to" go to Confession for those who might be in need of a refresher.



2/22 – Peter Nguyen & Philip Owens
 2/23 – Elizabeth DiLandro & Tazewell Rae
 2/29 – Kody Kopacki & Mason Kopacki
 3/1 – McKenna Kopacki & Adrian Vidal



2/22 – Gary Silvia
 2/29 – Joe Drexler

2/23 – Kim DiLandro
 3/1 – Paula Polcyn



2/22 – Abby Lazar & Shawn Lazar
 2/23 – Tuan Nguyen & Craig Smith
 2/29 – Alfred Jones & Scott Watkins
 3/1 – Jim Milby & Tripp Racioppi

Church Cleaning Schedule

2/24 thru 3/1 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters
 3/2 thru 3/8 – Tom & Rowena Fauber
 3/9 thru 3/15 – Gary & Jackie Silvia



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.

"So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Encourage the Holy Spirit to perfect your marriage by taking part in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Mar 20-22, 2020 in FAIRFAX,, VA and May 1-3, 2020 in Hickory, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at:

<https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/>



"Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy." Is your vocation to holiness to be lived out as a priest or in consecrated life?

Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email:

vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

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

Saint Francisco de Jesus Marto, his sister Saint Jacinta de Jesus Marto, and their cousin Lucia dos Santos were children from a small hamlet near Fatima, Portugal, who witnessed several apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Cova da Iria in 1917. The Marto children were solemnly canonized by Pope Francis at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima, in Portugal on the 13th of May, 2017, the first centennial of the first Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. They are among the youngest Catholic saints, with Jacinta being the youngest saint who did not die a martyr. Their feast day is February 20th.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Jesus' apparently passive responses in today's Gospel have a message for both ancient and modern readers. By telling His followers to turn the other cheek, Jesus calls on us to resist tendencies toward punishment.

Implicitly, Jesus introduces the idea of reconciliation rather than retaliation. Jesus does not want His followers to be abused and taken advantage of, as the passage might suggest. When Jesus says, "Offer no resistance to one who is evil" (Mt 5:39), He does not mean do nothing in the face of injustice. Instead, Jesus insists that His community reject and work against retaliation by focusing on love. Adults: What is the point of "turning the other cheek" in an argument, and why is it so hard to do so? Children: When have you or someone you know insisted on "having the last word" in an argument? What happened afterwards?

DO YOU KNOW?

Physician-assisted death - euthanasia - is lawful in three European countries, as well as Colombia and Canada. It is illegal, still, in the United States, though physicians in 10 states may supply lethal doses to terminally ill patients for self-administration. And the U.S. ban may not last forever: 72 percent of Americans support euthanasia, according to a May 2018 Gallop poll.



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-catholic.org.

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 is \$35.00. 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.

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.

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.

Books in Bloom! The Catholic Women's Club of Richmond invites you to celebrate five Richmond authors March 14, 2020 at 11:30am at the Hermitage Country Club. Meeting the authors, book signings, and a luncheon are included in the ticket. For reservations: Send Check for \$35 to Joan Walton at 300 Burnwick Road, Richmond, VA 23227 or pay on-line. For more information about event authors, payment and directions go to www.CWCRVA.org.

Catholic Men's Conference: On Saturday, March 21, 2020 men from across the diocese will gather at Saint Bede Catholic Church in Williamsburg for the 7th annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference. This year's theme is "Known" and will feature a dual-track conference with keynote speakers in English and Spanish, breakout opportunities, Reconciliation, Adoration, and Mass. All those interested may contact the Center for Marriage, Family, and Life at cmfl@richmonddiocese.org or call 804-622-5109 for more information. Visit www.cdrcmf.org for full conference details.

2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Building our Family of Faith: Many of you received a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2020 Annual Appeal. For those who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our In-Pew pledge process very soon at all of the Masses. In the spirit of the bicentennial, we are hopeful that all our parishioners will make a gift to the 2020 Appeal. Thank you in advance for your support!

EASTER FOOD BASKETS

During this Lenten Season, we will be collecting money to be used for Easter Food Baskets for the needy in our communities. This is a way to put to good use the money that will be saved by Fasting and Abstaining from meat this Lent. Please put the money in an envelope clearly marked for Food Baskets and drop in the offertory or see Erin Hayden, Deidra Kopacki, or Pam Watkins after one of the Masses. We will be shopping for and putting together the Food Baskets on Saturday, April 4th. All are welcome to help; although, we do ask that children younger than middle school have a parent accompany them.



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).



Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical "[God is Love](#)" teaches that "agape, which [is]...the typical expression for the biblical notion of love....expresses the experience of a love which involves a real discovery of the other, moving beyond the selfish character that prevailed earlier. Love now becomes concern and care for the other. No longer is it self-seeking, a sinking in the intoxication of happiness; instead it seeks the good of the beloved: it becomes renunciation and it is ready, and even willing, for sacrifice" (n. 6). This kind of love is seen in a particular way when we care for the weak and defenseless, both born and unborn. May the Pope's encyclical encourage us to build a culture of life! (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.



**DIOCESE OF RICHMOND
THE SECOND BISHOP**

FATHER RICHARD V. WHELAN

Father Whelan became the Richmond Diocese's second bishop in 1841. The first diocesan ordination occurred during the tenure of Bishop Whelan. During this time, the Diocese experienced moderate growth, particularly in the central Virginia area. The priests in this area were itinerant priests who were responsible for several parishes. In 1846, Bishop Whelan left Richmond and moved to Wheeling. He considered the Richmond Diocese too large and should be divided. In 1850, Bishop Whelan became the first bishop of Wheeling which was a new diocese made up of the area of what is now Southwest Virginia and most of West Virginia.



To our couples with anniversaries in February: Donna & (James) Geron – 2/7/1970; Cheryl & (Robert) Servonsky – 2/10/1973; Mildred & (Donald) Hite – 2/11/1956; Margaret & (Charles) Varboncoeur 2/23/1957; Virginia & (Ed) Kopacki – 2/24. Even though in different places, love lives on!



...has a new way of communicating! We have new emails at the parish office and for the different ministries. Father Oscar's new email address is:

oparaiso@richmonddiocese.org.

General Mailbox: olbs@olbs-catholic.org

Pam Watkins: adminassistant@olbs-catholic.org

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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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