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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.*

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 8th & 9th, 2020



Sat	2/8 – Tommy Sturtz, Jr. (RIP) Requested by Marguerite Sturtz & Family	Fr. Oscar
Sun	2/9 – Hung (Savio) Duong (RIP) Requested by the Bui Family	Fr. Oscar
Mon	2/10 – No Mass	
Tue	2/11 – Wanda Niemier Szefer (RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Wed	2/12 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Thurs	2/13 – Joe Seckora (RIP) Requested by David Seckora	Fr. Oscar
Fri	2/14 – Richard Edwards (RIP) Requested by David Seckora	Fr. Oscar
Sat	2/15 – Phyllis Wyatt (RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Sun	2/16 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	Fr. Oscar

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

Collections for February 1st & 2nd, 2020

Parish Operations	\$5,483.00
Supplementary Collection	40.00
Votive Stand	10.00
Poor Box	22.90
Total	\$5,555.90
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$869.43
Haiti Ministry	\$242.43
Diocesan Collection: Respect Life	\$32.43



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.

Total Hours of Mercy Center Chapel Adoration:

Total Hours of Adoration for 2018 = 558 Hours
Total Hours of Adoration for 2019 = 591 Hours
Adoration takes place Mondays & Tuesdays from Noon until 10:00pm

Calendar for Week of February 10th, 2020

Monday – 2/10 – No Mass Adoration in MC Chapel
Tuesday – 2/11 – Mass 8:30am Adoration in MC Chapel
Wednesday – 2/12 – Mass 8:30am
Thursday – 2/13 – Mass 8:30am
Friday – 2/14 – Mass 8:30am Happy Saint Valentine's Day!
Saturday – 2/15 – Rosary 5:00pm Mass 5:30pm
Sunday – 2/16 – Mass 9:00 am Spanish Mass 11:30am
NO CLASSES TODAY IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT'S DAY!



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

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

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday, February 1st, 2020 – 86
Sunday, February 2nd, 2020 – 137
Spanish Mass, February 2nd, 2020 - 49

The Senior Luncheon will be on 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! Come and enjoy Mass and then some good food and great company!



- 2/8 – Peter Nguyen & Oliver Owens
- 2/9 – Tazewell Rae & Adrian Vidal
- 2/15 – Jackson Gibbs & Addy Gibbs
- 2/16 – McKenna Kopacki & Adrian Vidal



- 2/8 – Jackie Silvia, Cathy Fudella, & Gary Silvia
- 2/9 – Chris Polcyn, Edwina Madigan, Mary Leigh McDonald, Paula Polcyn, & Sarah Rae
- 2/15 – Lorraine Ryalls, Jim Vadas & Pattie Vadas
- 2/16 – Jim Pyne, B.J. Bui, Vickie Roane, Kay Shaw, & Kathy Wills



- 2/8 – Alfred Jones & Scott Watkins
- 2/9 – Tuan Nguyen & Jim Pyne
- 2/15 – Andrew Seckora & Paul Seckora
- 2/16 – Jim Milby & Craig Smith

Church Cleaning Schedule

- 2/10 thru 2/16 – The Hispanic Community
- 2/17 thru 2/23 – Dan Gibbs Family
- 2/24 thru 3/1 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters

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.

Valentine's Day is the perfect time to romance your spouse. Worldwide Marriage Encounter puts the spark back in your marriage. Learn a tool that will help you communicate about the important things. That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Attend one of the upcoming weekends 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/>



"Let your light shine before others" perhaps as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

DO YOU KNOW?

The death penalty carries the inherent risk of executing an innocent person. Since 1973, more than 165 people who had been wrongly convicted and sentenced to death in the U.S. have been exonerated.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Salt brings taste, zest, and joy to life. We are asked to liven things up by allowing the joy of our faith to spill over into the lives of others. Once we are able to develop a sincere and deep relationship with God, it will define us and flow out of us. Because of that relationship, humanity can be freshened and set on proper course. This is especially true if these relationships are cultivated, shared, and enriched in communities that share the same beliefs. To be light means that our faith must translate into action so that we can be Christ for others and extend the same arm of mercy and compassion that Christ did. To be light means through perseverance, learning, determination, and discernment, the darkness of the cause of injustice can be illumined, challenged, and remedied. None of this is easy work.

Adults: In what way might you be hiding the light of Christ from others? What could you do to improve this?

Children: How can you let the light of Christ in you shine for others this week?

SAINT OF THE WEEK

While most of the Christians were fleeing persecution in the 3rd century, abandoning all their worldly possessions, an old deaconess, Apollonia, was seized. The crowds beat her, knocking out all of her teeth. They then lit a large fire and threatened to throw her in it if she did not curse her God. She begged them to wait a moment, acting as if she was considering their requests. Instead, she jumped willingly into the flames and so suffered martyrdom. Saint Apollonia's feast day is February 9th and she is the patron saint of dentistry.



Catholic Charities is in Need of Volunteers for Seniors:

Catholic Charities is in desperate need of volunteers to provide transportation, yard work, and/or help with small errands for seniors on the Southside Peninsula.

Many seniors who reach out to us have no means of transportation and cannot afford to hire a lawn service and many face city fines. Volunteers must have their own equipment and transportation. Please call our CARES Volunteer Coordinator Tressa Edwards at 757-456-2366.

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.

Catholic Charities seeks Adoption Specialist Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia is searching for a qualified, full-time Adoption Specialist. The Adoption Specialist will provide counseling to birth parents and their family members, provide home studies for applicants seeking adoption, provide search and reunion services for adult adoptees and birth families, and assist with post adoption classes and camps. This position requires a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in social work, human services, counseling, or a related field. Candidates must have a minimum of two (2) years of adoption and/or pregnancy counseling experience. For the full job description or to apply, visit

<https://www.cceva.org/want-to-help/career-opportunities/>.



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.

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.



ABORTION SURVIVORS: Child psychiatrist Philip Ney relates, "A woman reported telling her nine year old son about her abortion, which had taken place years before he was born. He said, 'I knew, Mom, that there was something wrong. I always have nightmares about knives and my mother killing me. I have an imaginary brother who wants to kill me. If you had not aborted the other, would you have aborted me?'" (Abortion Survivors, p.36). This is a story repeated more times than most people realize, and representing a societal and pastoral problem whose proportions are greater today than at any previous time in history: the phenomenon of tens of millions of abortion survivors. It is clear that abortion's primary victim is the child who is killed. It has also become increasingly clear that to kill the child is to harm the mother and father as well. What is not always so well known, however, is that abortion makes its impact felt on those who have had a sibling aborted, and that this impact is felt in surprising and astonishing ways, which also have wider implications for the whole of society. (Priests for Life)

The Virginia March for Life will be held in Richmond on Thursday, February 13, 2020. It will start with a 9:15am Mass at the Richmond Convention Center, celebrated by Bishop Knestout and Bishop Burbidge. Then gather at 11:45am for a Rally at the State Capital and it all ends with a 12:45pm March for Life. Please visit the diocesan Website at <https://richmonddiocese.org>.

Mental Illness affects many persons within the faith community and the community at large. An important part of the journey to recovery is understanding and support. We want to make your congregants aware of an opportunity for family and friends. The Mid-Tidewater Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness will be presenting a Family-to-Family class this spring. NAMI Family-to-Family is a free, 10 session educational program for persons who care for or are related to persons affected with serious mental illness. It is a designated evidenced-based program. Research shows that the program significantly improves the coping and problem-solving abilities of the people closest to an individual living with a mental health condition. NAMI Family-to-Family is taught by NAMI-trained family members and includes presentations, discussion and interactive exercises. For more information on Family-to-Family: <http://www.nami.org/Find-Support/NAMI-Programs/NAMI-Family-to-Family>. The class will be meeting on Monday and Wednesday for 5 weeks beginning February 24 from 6-8 p.m. at the Gloucester Peer Resource Center, 7603 Hospital Dr., Gloucester VA 23061.

Catholic Charities Accepting Companion Care Clients Catholic Charities' Companion Care Program provides a little extra help in your home. Our workers provide companionship, safety monitoring, medication reminders, transportation to appointments, errands and outings, meal preparation, light housekeeping, laundry, activities to bring joy to your day, and overnight assistance if needed. The fee is \$16/hour with a minimum of one 4-hour shift per week. Call Mary Ann Gower at 757-456-2366 ext. 1054 for more information or to sign up for the program.



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: The 2020 Appeal will provide critical funding to three key areas of our Diocesan Church: Advancing Social Ministries, Cultivating Catholic Leadership and Empowering Parish Communities.

In addition, our parish receives back a portion of the funds collected. This year, the funds returned will be used for much needed Repairs and Maintenance of our buildings.

In complement to the funds returned to our parish through the parish sharing formula, the Appeal has also benefited us through the Home Missions Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00, allowing us to match the funds to paint the Church for our 100 Year Anniversary.

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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