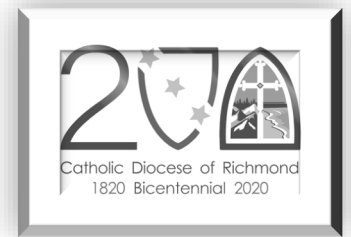


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MASS SCHEDULE

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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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.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 29th & March 1st, 2020**



Sat	2/29 – Joe, Sr., Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
Sun	3/1 – Louis & Mary Tavares (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Edwina & Bill Madigan
Mon	3/2 – No Mass
Tue	3/3 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler
Wed	3/4 – Stanley & Elsie Zuraw (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Stan & Marilyn Zuraw
Thurs	3/5 – No Mass Intention
Fri	3/6 – Joe, Sr., Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
Sat	3/7 – Barbara Geron (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Donna Geron
Sun	3/8 – William & Mary Madigan, Sr. (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Bill & Edwina Madigan

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

Collections for February 22nd & 23rd, 2020

Parish Operations	\$3,045.00
Supplemental Collection	20.00
Parish Heat	399.00
Votive Candles	28.66
Total	\$3,492.66
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$125.00
Maintenance Fund Savings	\$80.00
Cemetery Fund	\$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-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 April's Monthly Calendar to adminassistant@olbs-catholic.org no later than March 22, 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.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday, February 22nd, 2020 – 65
Sunday, February 23rd, 2020 – 155
No Spanish Mass, February 23rd, 2020

Calendar for Week of March 2nd, 2020

Monday – 3/2 – No Mass Adoration in MC Chapel
Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30pm – Knights Hall
Tuesday – 3/3 – Mass 8:30am Adoration in MC Chapel
Liturgy Committee Meeting – 6pm – MC Conference Room
Wednesday – 3/4 – Mass 8:30am
12 noon – Soup & Sermon St. John's Episcopal, West Point
Thursday – 3/5 – Mass 8:30am
Friday – 3/6 – Mass 8:30am **DAY OF ABSTINENCE**
Rosary 6:30pm Stations of the Cross 7pm
Sponsored by the Liturgy Committee
First Friday Adoration Following Stations in Church
Knights of Columbus Fish Dinner 5-8pm
Saturday – 3/7 – Rosary & First Saturday Adoration 5:00pm
Mass 5:30pm
Sunday – 3/8 – Mass 9:00 am
Faith Formation – 10:15am Hall
Spanish Mass – 11:30am



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
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Brett Pickens	Pam Rigsby	Mark A. Roane
Virginia Ryczak	Bill Scaife	Barbara Schafer
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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)

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.

Youth Group meets this weekend, March 1st at 6:30pm in the Boogaard Hall.



2/29 – Kody Kopacki & Mason Kopacki
 3/1 – McKenna Kopacki & Adrian Vidal



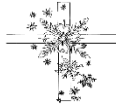
2/29 – Joe Drexler 3/1 – Paula Polcyn



2/29 – Alfred Jones & Scott Watkins
 3/1 – Jim Milby & Tripp Racioppi

Church Cleaning Schedule

3/2 thru 3/8 – Tom & Rowena Fauber
 3/9 thru 3/15 – Gary & Jackie Silvia
 3/16 thru 3/22 – The Hispanic Community



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.

"At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil." If the devil tempted Jesus, who was God, how much more will he tempt us into sin. Bring the Father, Son and Holy Spirit into your marriage to help you resist temptations. Attend the next 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/>



Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or 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

Katherine Drexel was born into a wealthy family that practiced the faith by prayer and good works. After taking a trip to the western part of the United States, she saw the poor conditions Native Americans were living in and vowed to do something to make a difference. She went on to found and staff schools for both Native Americans and Afro-Americans throughout the country. During her lifetime, she opened, staffed and directly supported nearly 60 schools and missions, especially in the West and Southwest United States. Her crowning educational focus was the establishment in 1925 of Xavier University of Louisiana, the only predominantly Afro-American Catholic institution of higher learning in the United States. Her congregation of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament continue her work today. St. Katherine Drexel is the second American-born saint to be canonized by the Catholic Church. Her feast day is March 3rd and she is the patron saint of racial justices and philanthropists.

DO YOU KNOW?

Why is Lent 40 days? The number 40 is a significant number for Christians. Jesus spent 40 days in a desert. Noah had to wait 40 days for his ark to float. And, Moses, along with his followers, traveled through the wilderness for 40 years before reaching the Promised Land. Ezekiel laid on his right side for 40 days to "bear the iniquity" of Judea's sins. Saul, David, and Solomon reigned for 40 years each. Jonah warned Nineveh they had 40 days to repent. However, if you count the days between Ash Wednesday and Holy Saturday, you will find more than 40. That is due to the fact the Church doesn't consider Sundays as a time of penitence as Sundays are always a celebration of the Lord's Resurrection.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Like Jesus did in today's Gospel, we need to confront and conquer temptations, using the means He employed: Like Jesus, every one of us is tempted to seek sinful pleasures, easy wealth and positions of authority, and is drawn to the use of unjust or sinful means to attain good ends. Jesus sets a model for conquering temptations through prayer, penance, and the effective use of the "Word of God". Temptations make us true warriors of God by strengthening our minds and hearts. We are never tempted beyond the strength God gives us. Lent is our own 40 days in the desert to strengthen our spiritual selves with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that we can better resist the temptation the evil one is sure to thrust upon us.

Adults: What is your plan for spiritual strengthening this Lent?

Children: What helps you do the right thing when you want to do something wrong?



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.

Our Knights of Columbus will hold their Lenten Fish Dinner on Friday, March 6th from 5:00pm until 8:00pm. Tickets are \$12.00 per Adult and \$6.00 per child age 10 and under. Please come out and support our Knights of Columbus who do so much for our parish!!!

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.

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.



To our couples with anniversaries in March: Shawn & Erin Lazar – 3/6/2004 and David & Donna Haviland – 3/7/1998.

Knit, Purl, & Pray! The group will meet on Thursday, March 19th at 7:00pm in the Mercy Center parlor. Anyone interested in this ministry is invited to attend. For more information, contact Linda Drexler at 804-843-2541 or email to: historian@olbs-catholic.org.

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).



YOU SHALL BE LIKE GODS This original temptation, outlined in the first reading, was a promise that what was right and what was wrong would be up to us; that we could write our own moral law. That's what the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil" meant, and why Adam and Eve couldn't eat from it. We are all called to know good from evil, but not to decide it. To think we decide it is the error of the "pro-choice" mindset. "It's all up to me and my choice, even if it means killing a baby." In the culture of life, on the other hand, we live in the freedom of the children of God and pattern our lives on the obedience of Jesus that leads to life eternal. (Priests for Life)

The Next Movie Night is Thursday, March 12th at 6:00pm in the Boogaard Hall. The name of the movie is "Silence" and is rated R. The film stars Andrew Garfield, Adam Driver, Liam Neeson, Tadanobu Asano, and Ciaran Hinds. The plot follows two 17th Century Jesuit priests who travel from Portugal to Edo-era Japan via Macau to locate their missing mentor and spread Catholic Christianity. The story is set in a time when it was common for the faith's Japanese adherents to hide from persecution that resulted from the suppression of Christianity in Japan during the Shimabara Rebellion (1637-1638) against Tokugawa shogunate. Food, popcorn, and drinks available at concession. Proceeds to benefit the youth.



DIocese of Richmond THE THIRD BISHOP

FATHER JOHN MCGILL

Father John McGill was appointed the Richmond Diocese's third bishop in 1850. Before coming to Richmond, Bishop McGill was a priest in the Louisville, Kentucky Diocese. As bishop of Richmond, Bishop McGill was responsible for 7,000 Catholics, ten churches and eight priests. During his tenure, Bishop McGill and the Diocese faced many difficulties: the anti-Catholic "Know Nothing" movement, Tidewater's yellow fever epidemic, and the Civil War.

The "Know Nothing" movement was an anti-Catholic, anti-immigrant society. When its members were questioned about the secret society, they were instructed to reply, "I know nothing," hence, the name of the party.

In the summer of 1855, yellow fever swept through Portsmouth and Norfolk and claimed 3,000 lives. Ann Behan Plume Herron used her home to nurse slaves. She later donated her house to the Daughters of Charity, and this became the first Catholic hospital in the Richmond Diocese. It later became the Hospital of St. Vincent DePaul. During the Civil War, Bishop McGill was a supporter of the southern cause. He did not think that slavery was a grave sin. As early as the 15th century, popes had condemned slavery; but their declarations fell on deaf ears.

After the Civil War, the borders of the Richmond Diocese changed. The Vatican I Council was convened. Bishop McGill was in attendance; but due to ill health, he left before the Council was ended. Bishop McGill died in 1872.



...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.

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Contact the Chairperson of the ministry or call the Parish Office at
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