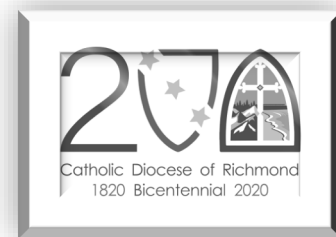


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MASS SCHEDULE

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 14th & 15th, 2020



Sat	3/14 – Joe, Sr., Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	
Sun	3/15 – Agnes Van Patten (RIP) Fr. Oscar Mother of Darla Revere Requested by Mike & Nancy Pausic	
Mon	3/16 – No Mass	
Tue	3/17 – Joe, Sr., Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	
Wed	3/18 – Dorothy Ware (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by David Seckora	
Thurs	3/19 – Esther Seckora Fr. Oscar Anniversary of her Birthday Requested by Paul & Valeria Seckora	
Fri	3/20 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	
Sat	3/21 – Roger Staskiel (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	
Sun	3/22 – No Mass Intention	

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

Collections for March 7th & 8th, 2020

Parish Operations	\$3,436.00
Parish Heating	25.00
Votive Candles	14.00
Easter Flowers	300.00
Total	\$3,775.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$180.00
Haitian Ministry	\$50.00
Cemetery Fund	\$130.00



***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.

Kody Kopacki, Kaitlyn Lyon, and Hughie Owens will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on this Wednesday, March 18th at 7:00pm at St. Bede in Williamsburg. If you are unable to attend, please remember them in prayer.

Calendar for Week of March 16th, 2020

Monday – 3/16 – No Mass	Adoration in MC Chapel
	Knights of Columbus Meeting – 7:30pm – Knights Hall
Tuesday – 3/17 – Mass 8:30am	Adoration in MC Chapel
	Adult Faith Explorations – 7:00pm MC
	Dead Man Walking
Wednesday – 3/18 – Mass 8:30am	
	12 noon – Soup & Sermon St. John's Episcopal, West Point
	Confirmation – St. Bede – 7:00pm
Thursday – 3/19 – Mass 11:00am	Senior Luncheon to
	Follow at Nick's Restaurant
	Knit, Purl & Pray – 7:00pm – Mercy Center
Friday – 3/20 – Mass 8:30am	DAY OF ABSTINENCE
	Rosary 6:30pm Stations of the Cross 7pm
	Sponsored by our Parish Council
	Knights of Columbus Crab Cake Dinner 5-8pm
Saturday – 3/21 – Rosary 5:00pm	Mass 5:30pm
Sunday – 3/22 – 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	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 Kaczmarek	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, March 7th, 2020 – 112

Sunday, March 8th, 2020 – 111

Spanish Mass, March 8th, 2020 – 78

Youth Group meets this Sunday, March 15th at 6:30pm in the Boogaard Hall. We will be celebrating St. Patrick so wear green!



3/14 – Peter Nguyen & Philip Owens
 3/15 – Elizabeth DiLandro & Adrian Vidal
 3/21 – Daniel Gibbs & Addy Gibbs
 3/22 – Elizabeth DiLandro & Daniel Duke



3/14 – Jim Vadas
 3/21 – Lorraine Ryalls
 3/15 – Bill Madigan
 3/22 – Kay Shaw



3/14 – Bob Ryalls & Scott Watkins
 3/15 – Jim Milby & Tripp Racioppi
 3/21 – Dan Gibbs & Alfred Jones
 3/22 – Jim Pyne & Tuan Nguyen

Church Cleaning Schedule

3/16 thru 3/22 – The Hispanic Community
 3/23 thru 3/29 – Dan Gibbs Family
 3/30 thru 4/5 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters



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.



"But whoever drinks the water I give will never be thirsty." Are you thirsting for an understanding of your vocation? Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

DO YOU KNOW?

In its first 40 years, more than \$250 million has been given through Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl to support programs that prevent hunger and poverty around the world. Of that, \$62.5 million went to programs in the U.S. through local dioceses and \$187.5 million went to CRS programs overseas.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Lent is a time for us to quench our thirst, to rediscover the meaning of our life in Christ. This is a special time to encounter Jesus like the Samaritan woman at the well, and to be transformed by our encounter with Jesus, like she was. The Lord wants to give us living water. This is why He came to earth, that we might have life and have it abundantly. Sin is an obstacle to that full life in Christ, so we have this time of Lent for our deeper conversion to the Lord.

Adults: Where have you found a source of "living water" for your own journey of faith?

Children: When has your belief in Jesus helped make you stronger?

SAINT OF THE WEEK

According to legend, St. Patrick drove all the snakes, or in some translations, "Toads", out of Ireland. In reality, this probably did not occur, as there is no evidence that snakes have ever existed in Ireland, the climate being too cool for them to thrive. Despite that, scholars suggest that the term "snakes" may be figurative and refer to pagan religious beliefs and practices rather than reptiles or amphibians. The color green has become a key part of celebrating Saint Patrick's Day. The city of Chicago dyes an entire river green to honor the day, while in Dublin, green lights illuminate historic buildings. However, it's been pointed out that the color originally associated with Saint Patrick was blue – there's even a shade officially known as Saint Patrick's Blue. Green became more strongly associated with Ireland during the country's struggle for independence.



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. We are not there, yet. 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. Please sign up for this life-giving cause. It doesn't take long to give blood but can go a long way in saving someone's life!

Celebrate Spring in D.C. The Catholic Women's Club of Richmond invites everyone April 7, 2020 to a fun and faith-filled day trip to Washington DC. See the cherry blossoms, Roosevelt Memorial, luncheon cruise on the Odyssey and tour the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America. Roundtrip transportation, lunch, cruise and all gratuities are included. Leave the Columbian Center at 8:00am; return at 7:30pm. Contact Theresa Carroll 804-346-9858 with questions. Make check to CWC, cost is \$145. Mail check to Joan Walton, 300 Burnwick, Richmond, VA 23227. Cwcrva.org.

Gather with the Cursillo Community for an Evening of Faith and Fun! Saturday, March 28, 2020 at Christ the King Catholic Church, 1803 Columbia Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia 23509
All Cursillistas and Friends are Welcome!

Holy Mass begins at 5:30pm

Potluck Dinner to Follow

(Bring your favorite dish) Questions? Contact: Stephanie Brown mstephaniebrown@icloud.com.

Knit, Purl, & Pray! The group will meet this 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. If you cannot knit or crochet but are interested in finding out more about this ministry, please come on Thursday, March 19th or talk with Linda Drexler or Donna Geron – there are many ways you can serve in this ministry. Please don't let this opportunity to "serve one another" pass you by without finding out more about this important and very much appreciated ministry.

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. We will meet at 10:00am at Boogaard Hall, leave from there to shop and return to sort and put together the food baskets for the recipients. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Pam Watkins at the Parish Office Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays from 10:00am until 4:30pm. If you know of someone in need this Easter Season, please contact Erin Hayden, Deidra Kopacki, or Pam Watkins after one of the Masses or call the Parish Office during office hours.



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

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst." Let Jesus fill your thirst for a blessed marriage. Participate in 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/>



In the Dark: The following words were written by a young lady who had an abortion and illustrate a common theme the Church encounters in those who have had abortions. Cases like this show the need for the efforts the pro-life movement makes to counsel those who feel pressured to abort, and to give them alternatives: "The counseling was only pro-abortion. No information was given to me about pro-life choices or agencies at the abortion clinic. They also told me it wouldn't hurt. It was extremely painful. I was not told anything about how this would affect me for the rest of my life." Read more testimonies of those who have had abortions at AbortionTestimonies.com. (Priests for Life)

***Since Christ gives life, to stand with Christ means to stand with life, and therefore to stand against whatever destroys it. One simply cannot be a "pro-choice Christian." Finally, accepting Christ necessarily means repentance, which is concrete and "historical" in our lives. It includes a specific rejection of abortion. Any form of participation in abortion or of support for abortion is incompatible with the acceptance of Christ and the life of the baptized. (Priests for Life)

Catholic Charities Accepting Companion Care & Respite Care Clients Catholic Charities' is currently accepting clients for its Companion Care and Respite Care Programs. Respite Care provides caregivers with a short-term, affordable break from the rigors of 24/7 caregiving. Companion Care provides companionship, safety monitoring, medication reminders, and more while allowing seniors to live independently at home. (Overnight assistance available if needed.) For more information on either program, call 757-456-2366 or email vdunlap@cceva.org.

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.

SAVE THE DATE!!! May 30th, 2020 will be our Tea with the Blessed Mother, Mary!
More details to come!



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 Appeal Update: As of 3/4/2020, we have raised 37.02% or \$3,732.00 of our goal of \$10,080.00 and have collected 33.10% or \$3,336.00 of our goal.



DIocese of RICHMOND THE Fourth BISHOP

FATHER JAMES GIBBONS

Father James Gibbons became the fourth Bishop of Richmond in 1872.

Father Gibbons was ordained a priest in Baltimore and named the first vicar apostolate (missionary bishop) of North Carolina. Bishop Gibbons was 33 years old at the time. Due to his young age, he earned the nickname of "The Boy Bishop." During his tenure as Bishop of Richmond, Bishop Gibbons kept the responsibility for North Carolina.

Bishop Gibbons came to Richmond during the age of Reconstruction. The Catholic Church in the south began to evangelize the freed slaves. Some slave owners in Virginia even had their slaves baptized. A meeting of American bishops encouraged these actions. The continuing meetings of bishops were the predecessors of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Until the early 1900s, the United States was considered to be a missionary territory, according to the Vatican.

Parish missions became popular during this time and helped many people to return to the sacraments.

After five years of being Bishop of Richmond, Bishop Gibbons left Richmond and became the archbishop of Baltimore. He later became America's second cardinal in 1886.

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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