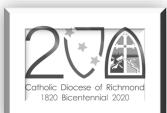
OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

PARISH OFFICES at the MERCY CENTER 207 W. Euclid Blvd., West Point, VA 23181 Phone: 843-3125 Fax: 843-9158

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 M
 10 am - 2 pm

 W
 12:30 pm - 2:30 p.m.

van den BOOGAARD HALL RENTALS Janice McGowan 843-2870 Email: <u>hallrentals@olbs-catholic.org</u> SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION Saturday 5:00 p.m. Also by appointment

EUCHARISTIC 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 OF LENT

March 28th & 29th, 2020

	Special Intentions		
Sat	3/28 – Norvell Thomson	Fr. Oscar	
	Audrey Millner (RIP)		
	On the Anniversary of her Death		
	Requested by David Seckora		
Sun	3/29 – Sergio Buffa (RIP)	Fr. Oscar	
	Requested by Cathy Fudella		
Mon	3/30 – No Mass		
Tue	3/31 – Joe, Sr; Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler		
Wed	4/1 – No Mass Intentions		
Thurs	4/2 – No Mass Intentions		
Fri	4/3 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar	
Sat	4/4 – Ed Kopacki (RIP) Anniversary of Death on 4/11 Boguested by Virginia Konacki	Fr. Oscar	
Sun	Requested by Virginia Kopacki 4/5 – Annie Geron (RIP) Requested by Donna Geron	Fr. Oscar	

***BY THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP: ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

All Mass Intentions will be celebrated by Father Oscar during his daily private Mass.

Collections as of March 25th, 2020

Parish Operations	\$2,255.00			
Supplemental Collection	105.00			
Holy Thursday	25.00			
Good Friday	25.00			
Easter Flowers	40.00			
Total	\$2,450.00			
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940			
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish				
Diocesan Collection – Catholic Relief Services	\$60.00			
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$125.00			
Haiti Ministry	\$25.00			
Cemetery Fund	\$100.00			

Church Access for Prayers

Anyone who would like to pray of have other devotional practices in the Church between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday, are asked to please contact the Mercy Center Office at 804-843-3125 first or you may contact Father Oscar's cell phone 757-778-5118 to arrange for access to the Church.

***Visit our Website at <u>www.olbs-catholic.org</u> for the latest information. Bishop Knestout's Mass will be livestreamed on Sunday at 10am at <u>www.RichmondDiocese.org/livestream</u>.



***Thank you to all the parishioners who have brought into the office or mailed their weekly contributions allowing us to continue critical operations. We realize it is not the ideal situation; however, our parish office remains open for you to be able to bring or mail your weekly donations. To mail your donations, please mail to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 207 West Euclid Blvd., West Point, VA 23181. You can also temporarily give online at <u>https://offertory.richmonddiocese.org/</u>. Choose our Parish through the Drop-Down - OLBS #623. This will ensure the proceeds go only to our parish. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

***During this difficult time, we all continue to look for ways to remain close to Jesus, His Blessed Mother, and His Church. In addition to its online edition, MAGNIFICAT is now offering complimentary access to its iOS and Android Apps throughout May. To register for FREE access in English, visit. www.magnificat.com/free. For FREE access in Spanish, visit and register at www.magnificat.com/gratis. We are also happy to make available complimentary access to MAGNIFIKID. Visit www.magnifikid.com/free to view and download each weekly booklet of their colorful Sunday missalette for children ages 6-12. While so man y children are missing formal religious instruction and are unable to attend Mass, MagnifiKid! Can be their special guide, accompanying them through each week as they prepare to attend Mass or watch it at home.

***By Diocese of Richmond directive, no more than 10 people may be in the church at the same time and must maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet.

Some Links for Masses

www.Catholictv.org/Masses https://DailytvMass.com https://wordonfire.org https://theSundayMass.org

Prayer & Worship: www.cdrworship.org/coronavirus

***If you would like to be added to the weekly phone chain or email to stay informed and connected to our parish, please call the parish office Tuesdays-Thursday 10am until 4:30pm at 804-843-3125.

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



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 Crow	Eric Crump		
Vincent D'elia	Denise DePompeo	Dale Dippre		
Dexter Dix	Donna Donahue	Larry Dzula, Jr.		
Michelle Eshelma	n Amanda Leigh Finchei	· Henry Franzyshen		
Kelli Gaeta	Margaret Geron	Jim Gregory		
Pat Hinkle	Kelly Hipple	Tom Hollowak		
Mary Ann Hoope	r Gail Justin	John Kellam		
Bill Kessler	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		
Debbie Royals	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		
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PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)

<u>Church Cleaning Schedule</u> 3/30 thru 4/5 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters 4/6 thru 4/12 – Tom & Rowena Fauber 4/13 thru 4/19 – Gary & Jackie Silvia



"Did I not assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe Christ may be calling you to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



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).

DO YOU KNOW?

For those unfamiliar, the sacred stigmata is a special mystical grace given by God wherein the sacred wounds of Jesus are physically imprinted upon an individual – normally upon the hands and feet representing the nail wounds of Jesus, and often also a wound on the side of the individual, close to the heart, representing Jesus' heart wound from the lance of the Roman soldier. In certain individuals, accompanying the "five wounds" there is also present the crown of thorns encircling the head, and also the shoulder wound representing where our Lord carried the cross. Additionally, there can be numerous wounds representing blows and the scourging that our Lord received. The Church has always taken due care to examine any claims of the stigmata, and a long list of criteria must be met before Church leaders approve it as a supernatural grace. Saints almost never have asked for such a sign , even though they may have been perfectly willing to bear pain in order

to be more like Christ. The stigmata is a unique way for a person to be united to Christ's suffering while on earth and so draw closer to spiritual perfection. Famous stigmatists include Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint John of God, and Saint Marie of the Incarnation. The most famous stigmatist of the twentieth century was Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968).

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Death is but a doorway into eternal life. We need not fear the other side. Jesus is waiting for us there. He proved to all of us that there is life after death, by bringing Lazarus back from the dead and by rising for His own grave on Easter morning. This is the Good News that all of mankind longs to hear. Death does not have the final say. Jesus Christ does. Adults: How does belief in the final resurrection from the dead affect your family's daily life? Children: What do you hope for after your life on earth is ended?

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Francis was born on March 27, 1416 in Paola, Italy. At a young age he founded the Order of the Hermits of Saint Francis (of Assisi) called the Minims. Minim meant they were "the least in the household of God". To the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, Francis added a fourth vow: a perpetual Lenten fast. Francis later felt God calling him to defend those who were poor and oppressed. The Minim order is

still active today. Though miracles he performed were numerous, he was canonized for

his humility and discernment in blending the contemplative life with the active one. He died on Good Friday, when he was ninety-one years old. He was canonized twelve years after his death. The French Calvinists opened his tomb in 1562. They found his body incorrupt, and destroyed and burned it. Saint Francis of Paola's feast day is April 2nd. He is the patron of boatmen, mariners, and naval officers.

EASTER FOOD BASKETS

Given the restrictions imposed on us, we will be unable to shop and distribute Food Baskets this Easter Season. However, in lieu of Food Baskets, we will be distributing Food Gift Certificates, which will allow families in need to purchase the food they need for their families. While this is not an ideal situation, this will still allow us to help those less fortunate in their time of need. If you have any questions or know of someone in need, please contact Pam Watkins at the Parish Office Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays from 10:00am until 4:30pm or contact Erin Hayden or Deidra Kopacki.



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

<u>2020 Annual Appeal Update:</u> As of 3/19/2020, we have raised 38.96% or \$3,927.17 of our goal of \$10,080.00 and have collected 35.03% or \$3,531.02 of our goal.



<u>Prayer for Life</u>: Join believers throughout the world in praying the Lenten Prayer for Life, found

at <u>www.PrayerCampaign.org/lent</u>. Sponsored by Priests for Life, this prayer campaign enables us to pray in the spirit of Lenten penance that the world may turn away from the Culture of Death and embrace a Culture of Life. Then, after Lent, this same campaign will provide a prayer for the Easter Season, focusing **On the** victory of life. Pray these daily prayers with your families! (Priests for Life)

From the Cemetery Committee: A Cemetery Clean-up will take place in a couple of weeks. Please remove all seasonal items if you want to keep them. Items that are left in the Cemetery for Clean up will be thrown away. We need to

get ready for Easter and mowing operations. Thank you.

Help Needed!!!

The West Point Meals on Wheels is in desperate need of local volunteer drivers for Wednesday delivery of Meals. Right now there are 8 deliveries with 2 stops that have 3 deliveries. It only takes about an hour out of your Wednesday. Please contact the West Point Meals on Wheels at 804-843-3884. For more information, you can call David Seckora at 804-843-2969 and leave a message. You will get a return call. King William is also in need of volunteers.

From the Knights of Columbus: Crab Meat will be sold for \$13 per pound and 2 pounds for \$25 while supplies last (Some restrictions apply). For those looking for refunds on Crab dinner tickets, you can get a cash refund or 1lb of frozen Crab Meat for each adult ticket while supplies last (some restrictions apply). Call Philip Liberato at 804-512-9701.



DIOCESE OF RICHMOND THE SIXTH BISHOP

FATHER Augustine van de Vyver

Father Augustine van de Vyver, born in Belgium, became the sixth bishop of Richmond in 1889. When van de Vyver came to America, he began his work in the western part of Virginia, later becoming vicar general and diocesan administrator.

During this time, St. Katherine Drexel and her half-sister used their inheritance to minister to the African American youth, opening St. Emma's Industrial and Agricultural College of Boys and St. Francis de Sales for girls. Katherine Drexler founded the religious order Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament which cared for African Americans and Indians. Katherine Drexler was the second native-born American to be canonized (2000).

Thomas Fortune Ryan, from Nelson County, was a convert to the Catholic faith. During a train ride to Baltimore, he had a lengthy discussion with the train conductor. Mr. Ryan decided to become a Catholic as a result of this conversation. Mr. Ryan financed the building of a new cathedral in Richmond as a monument to the Catholic presence in Virginia. The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart was dedicated by a papal representative, Archbishop Diomede Falconio, on Thanksgiving Day 1906.

There was steady growth within the diocese while van de Vyver was bishop with 30,000 Catholics, sixty priests, 35 parishes with a resident priest, 48 missions, and 40 schools. Van de Vyver remained Bishop of Richmond until his death in 1911.

Mass Readings: Fifth Sunday of Lent

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD. The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

$R. \ensuremath{\text{With}}$ the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication.

$R. \mbox{ With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.}$

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand? But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

I trust in the LORD; my soul trusts in his word. More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the LORD.

$R.\ensuremath{\text{With}}$ the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

For with the LORD is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption; And he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

$R. \mbox{ With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.}$

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you. **The Word of the Lord**

Verse Before the Gospel: I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John Now a man was ill. Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to

his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Marv to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not vet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eves of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me: but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him. The Gospel of the Lord

Spiritual Communion Prayer My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

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New members are asked to register at the Parish Office in the Mercy Center.

	invite all parishioners to join a ministry. airperson of the ministry or call the Parish 804.843.3125	o Office at
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