

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

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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 7th & 8th, 2020



Sat	3/7 – Barbara Geron (RIP)	Fr. Brownell
	Requested by Donna Geron	
Sun	3/8 – William & Mary Madigan, Sr. (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Bill & Edwina Madigan	
Mon	3/9 – No Mass	
Tue	3/10 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	
Wed	3/11 – Al Modr	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Stan & Marilyn Zuraw	
Thurs	3/12 – In Loving Memory of Kathy Webster	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Bill Webster	
Fri	3/13 – In Loving Memory of Patricia Gurganus	Fr. O.
	Requested by Bill Webster	
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	

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

Collections for Feb. 26th & 29th & March 1st, 2020

Parish Operations	\$4,261.00
Supplemental Collection	100.00
Parish Heat	25.00
Votive Candles	12.00
Poor Box	2.00
Easter Flowers	75.00
Ash Wednesday 8:30am & 7:00pm Masses	1153.00
Total	\$5,628.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$1,465.00
Haitian Ministry	\$160.00
Cemetery Fund	\$425.00



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.

Next Youth Group meeting is scheduled for March 15th at 10:15am. Wear green as we will be celebrating Saint Patrick!

Calendar for Week of March 9th, 2020

Monday – 3/9 – No Mass Adoration in MC Chapel
 Tuesday – 3/10 – Mass 8:30am Adoration in MC Chapel
OLBS Communal Penance Service 7:00pm in Church
 Wednesday – 3/11 – Mass 8:30am
 12 noon – Soup & Sermon St. John's Episcopal, West Point
 Thursday – 3/12 – Mass 8:30am
Movie Night! 6:00pm "Silence" Concessions Benefit Youth
 Friday – 3/13 – Mass 8:30am **DAY OF ABSTINENCE**
 Rosary 6:30pm Stations of the Cross 7pm
 Sponsored by our Hispanic Community
 Saturday – 3/14 – Rosary 5:00pm Mass 5:30pm
 Sunday – 3/15 – 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	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 Franzyshe
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

Ash Wednesday, February 26th 8:30am Mass – 75
 Ash Wednesday, February 26th – 7:00pm Mass – 160
 Saturday, February 29th, 2020 – 44
 Sunday, March 1st, 2020 – 160
 Spanish Mass, March 1st, 2020 – 63

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. Also available in Spanish. Please take one home.



- 3/7 – Oliver Owens & Mason Kopacki
- 3/8 – Tazewell Rae & Adrian Vidal
- 3/14 – Peter Nguyen & Philip Owens
- 3/15 – Elizabeth DiLandro & Adrian Vidal



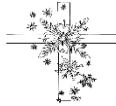
- 3/7 – Tom Fauber
- 3/8 – Sarah Rae
- 3/14 – Jim Vadas
- 3/15 – Bill Madigan



- 3/7 – Andrew Seckora & Paul Seckora
- 3/8 – Tuan Nguyen & Jim Pyne
- 3/14 – Bob Ryalls & Scott Watkins
- 3/15 – Jim Milby & Tripp Racioppi

Church Cleaning Schedule

- 3/9 thru 3/15 – Gary & Jackie Silvia
- 3/16 thru 3/22 – The Hispanic Community
- 3/23 thru 3/29 – Dan Gibbs Family



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.

"Rise, and do not be afraid." Let us not be afraid to live out our Sacrament of Marriage to the fullest. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage by attending 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/>.



"God has called us with a holy calling...according to His own purpose and grace." Do you think God is offering you the grace of 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!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The Transfiguration teaches us that we are meant to see the Vision of God. Unlike the apostles, we do not know Jesus face to face. How, then, do we get a glimpse of Him in all His glory? The central and most important way is in the Mass. At every Eucharist, the Risen Lord is truly present in our midst.

When the readings are proclaimed, it is Jesus' voice we hear. When we receive the Eucharist, we touch the body of the Risen Lord just as the apostles did, and we are transformed by Him. For that reason, the Sunday Mass is an indispensable part of our Christian life and spirituality. While it is very good to read the bible, pray the rosary and contemplate the beauty of nature, none of these activities can compare with the Gift offered in the Eucharist. While those activities can give us some insight into Jesus and His love, they cannot actually give us Jesus Himself as the Eucharist does. There is no substitute for the real, life-changing encounter we have with the Risen Lord in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood which we receive every Sunday. Adults: What obstacles may be keeping you from truly being transformed by receiving Christ in the Eucharist? Children: How are you trying to be holier after receiving Jesus in the Eucharist?

DO YOU KNOW?

The incorruptibles are saints whose bodies are miraculously preserved after death, defying the normal process of decomposition. They are not like mummies, for the skin is soft and their limbs pliable, nothing at all like the dry skeletal remains of mummies. In usual circumstances, nothing at all has been done to preserve the bodies of these saints. In fact, some have been covered in quicklime which should have destroyed any human remains but yet it had no effect on these saints. Many of them give off a sweet, unearthly odor and others produce blood or oils that defy any scientific explanation.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Catherine of Bologna was born into an aristocratic family. She became the lady in waiting to the daughter of the Marquis. Both children received an excellent education in music, literature, painting, and dancing. At age 14 Catherine entered the order of the Poor Clares. Her roles there included laundress, baker, and animal caretaker. She suffered a spiritual crisis but she had a vision of the Real Presence in the Eucharist that brought her consolation. Spiritual visions continued to console and disturb her at various times in her life which we know from her work The Seven Spiritual Weapons. She founded a new convent in Bologna and it was there, in 1463, she became gravely ill and died at age 49. Her incorrupt body rests in Bologna. She is the patron saint of artists and her feast day is March 10th.



URGENT NEED: 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.

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. 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.



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).



Men suffer too: The following is a letter written by a man who lost his son to abortion:

Dear John Peter, In the fall, John, when the leaves fall from the trees I shall think of you, for you too fell from life. In the cold of winter, John, the snow shall remind me of you: for like the snow you were and are white and pure. In the spring, John, I shall think of you: for the birth of spring shall remind me that you, too should have been born into this world. John, I shall think of you in the summer: I shall imagine your laughter. I shall see you as you might have been, a little boy running and playing, scraping your knees from a fall. I shall miss, John, all that I might have gained from your life. May you rest in the arms of God, Dad

Men struggling with the temptation and wounds of abortion can find help through Priests for Life at www.FatherhoodForever.org. (Priests for Life)

Operation Rice Bowl Country of the Week Trinh's family are farmers in Vietnam who have been affected by climate change. What would you do if your source of nutrition was threatened? How can we support those whose livelihoods are vulnerable to weather? Visit csrricebowl.org for more.

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.

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.

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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