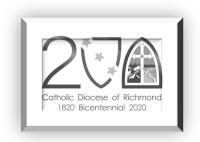
OUR LADY OF THE **BLESSED SACRAMENT** CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 25th & 26th, 2020



Sat 4/25 - No Mass Intention 4/26 - No Mass Intention Sun

Mon 4/27 - No Mass

4/28 - In Honor of Alan DeNardo Fr. Oscar Tue Requested by Elaine DeNardo

Fr. Oscar Wed 4/29 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP)

Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler

4/30 - In Honor of Alan DeNardo **Thurs** Fr. Oscar Requested by Elaine DeNardo

5/1 - Joe, Sr., Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP) Fr. Oscar Fri

Requested by joe & Linda Drexler

Sat 5/2 - No Mass Intention 5/3 – No Mass Intention Sun

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

***Until Further notice, all Special Mass Intentions will be celebrated by Father Oscar during his daily private Masses on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. There will not be any Special Mass Intentions on Saturdays or Sundays until further notice.

Collections as of April 14th, 2020

Parish Operations	\$2,397.00
Supplemental Collections	210.00
Holy Thursday	25.00
Good Friday	25.00
Poor Box	20.00
Total	\$2,677.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$160.00
Haiti Ministry	\$100.00
Maintenance Fund	\$25.00
OLBS Scholarship Fund	\$25.00
Diocesan Home Missions	\$25.00

Livestreamed Masses

Father Oscar will be livestreaming on our Church's Facebook Page his Sunday Masses at 9:00am each Sunday until further notice. If you would like to attend one of the Sunday Masses, please call the parish office or email to let us know the Sunday in which you are interested. Please keep in mind we are still limited to 10 people. He will also livestream his Daily Private Masses on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 9:00am, as well.

***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. Or, you can drop your offertory in the white box marked 'Boogaard Hall' located on the back porch of the Mercy Center. You can also temporarily give online at https://offertory.richmonddiocese.org/. 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. *For the latest information, visit our Website at www.olbs-catholic.org or our Facebook Page at

https://www.facebook.com/groups/237765969363/.

Church Access for Prayers

Anyone who would like to pray or 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.

***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

***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.

prepare to attend Mass or watch it at home.

Some Links for Masses

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

Prayer & Worship: www.cdrworship.org/coronavirus

2020 Annual Appeal Update: As of 4/19/2020: We have raised 71.15% of our \$10.080.00 goal or about \$7.172.00 and have collected 61.27% or about \$6,176.00. Thank you for your support!



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Emily Adams Elizabeth Alley **Candace Barefoot** Virginia Becker **Paulette Berberich Ron Blevins** Jon Boyette **Robin Bristow** Joan Buehler **Kevin Carson** Linda Burch **Lucy Carson Tim Collier Meredith Crow Eric Crump** Vincent D'elia **Denise DePompeo Dale Dippre Dexter Dix Donna Donahue** Larry Dzula, Jr. Michelle Eshelman Amanda Leigh Fincher Henry Franzyshen Kelli Gaeta **Margaret Geron** Jim Gregory Tom Hollowak Pat Hinkle **Kelly Hipple** John Kellam Mary Ann Hooper Gail Justin Gloria Kojcisch Bonnie Kopacki **Bill Kessler 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 Ka'varus Penticolas Brett Pickens** Pam Rigsby Mark A. Roane **Debbie Royals** Virginia Ryczak **Jack Scaife Barbara Schafer** Bill Scaife **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 Cleaning Schedule

4/27 thru 5/3 – Dan Gibbs Family 5/4 thru 5/10 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters 5/11 thru 5/17 – Tom & Rowena Fauber



Our sincerest condolences to Karen Liberato and her family at the recent loss of her Uncle George Liptak, her mother's twin brother. May God reach down and comfort them as they go through this most difficult time. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him.



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).

***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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Jesus was there with Cleopas and his companion, walking with them through their grief, helping them recognize how God had been - and continued to be - at work in the violence of Good Friday and the silence of Holy Saturday. As Father James Martin, SJ, reflected: "The Risen Christ tells the two disciples that hope is never dead, and nothing is impossible with God. Then He shows them this by revealing Himself fully. Seeing this, they are filled with joy. Hope has been rekindled and so their hearts burn. Their first impulse, as always in the Gospels and with us, is to announce the Good News." The hope and promise of the Resurrection on that Easter Day was able to dispel the darkness of grief and despair for Cleopas and his friend. This is what we celebrate as we continue to celebrate in this Easter Season: The Resurrection shows us that there is always hope and that Christ remains with us, journeying with us as we walk our pilgrim path.

Adults: In these days of quarantine, are you allowing yourself to experience the hope of the Resurrected Christ?

Children: How can you grow closer to the Resurrected Jesus while being quarantined?

DO YOU KNOW?

The purpose of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus. Too many people have a false understanding of the purpose of the Catholic Church. After Jesus made the Church, He gave a clear mission statement to His apostles: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19-20. Everything else the Church does, feed the hungry, perpetuate the Sacraments, etc. is in service to this mission. Evangelization isn't optional.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Zita was born into a poor but holy Christian family. At the age of twelve Zita became a housekeeper in the house of a rich weaver in Lucca, Italy, eight miles from her home. She stayed with that family for the last forty-eight years of her life. She found time every day to attend Mass and recite many prayers, as well as to carry out her household duties so perfectly that the other servants were jealous of her. She

used to say: "a servant is not holy if she is not busy; lazy people of our position is fake holiness."

At first, her employers were upset by her generous gifts of food to the poor, but were completely won over by her patience and goodness and she became a very close friend. St. Zita was given a free reign over her working schedule and busied herself with visits to the sick and those in prison. Word spread rapidly in Lucca of her good deeds and the heavenly visions that appeared to her. At her death in 1278 the people acclaimed her as a saint. She is the patroness of domestic workers. Her feast day is April 27th.



To our couples with anniversaries in April: Paul & Valeria Seckora – 4/5/1997; Thomas & Paulette Berberich – 4/11/1964; Billy & Katie Fudella – 4/25/2015.

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" Let your hearts burn for Jesus and your spouse. Learn how on the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends on Sep 11-13, 2020 in Hickory, NC and Sep 18-20, 2020 in FAIRFAX,, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/



Do you recognize Christ in your life and hope to make Him known to others? Perhaps you are being called to the priesthood or consecrated life. Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Help Needed!!!

After several years of serving on the OLBS Counting Team Ministry, several members are looking to turn in their calculators and take a well-deserved break. Therefore, we need volunteers to replace them. This ministry takes approximately 3-4 hours each week (usually Tuesday mornings) to sort, count, and prepare our weekly offertory collection deposits. WE currently have two teams on an every-other-week rotation with each team having a lead counter. There are 4-5 additional volunteers who serve as substitutes when needed. It is our hope that several of our parishioners will prayerfully consider becoming a member of our counting teams. Since two of our lead counters are among those wishing to take a break from this ministry, we also have the need to fill those positions, after proper orientation to the process already established, as well. If you feel that you would be willing to serve in our Counting Team Ministry, either as a counter of lead counter, please contact Father Oscar by email at oparaiso@richmonddiocese.org or phone at 757-778-5118 or Bob Ryalls by email: businessmgr@olbscatholic.org or phone 757-207-0215.

***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.



As we continue to experience the difficulties of the COVID-19 pandemic within our community, we ask that you prayerfully consider providing some additional support for our local Good Neighbor Center, sponsored by the West Point Ministerial Association, housed in our Mercy Center facility at 207 West Euclid Blvd, West Point, VA 23181. In speaking with the GNC coordinator, Mrs. Frances Thornton, she advised that her cupboards are quickly being depleted of basic staples and canned goods. If you are financially able, we ask that you consider providing food donations of basic staples and canned goods to help the GNC continue to provide support to our local community during this health crisis. Please contact Mrs. Thornton at the GNC Office: 804-843-4339 during the following hours: Mondays 10am until 2pm or Wednesdays 12:30pm until 2:30pm. Or, you can contact the parish office at 804-843-3125. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10:00am until 4:30pm.



"The toleration and promotion of abortion, socially and legally, has clouded individual consciences and made it difficult for many to distinguish between good and evil, even when what is at stake is the fundamental right to life. If we reject the value and dignity of human life, our culture becomes more and more based on a lie and its structures cannot long endure." (Bishop Michael W. Warfel) (Priests for Life)

***As you know, our Confirmation celebration that was scheduled for March 18th has been postponed due to the Corona Virus. Please keep Kody Kopacki, Kaitlyn Lyon, and Hughie Owens in your prayers so that their disappointment won't hamper their enthusiasm to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit. We all eagerly await the announcement of our rescheduled celebration!



Thank you to Tom & Rowena Fauber!!! In this most difficult time, they managed to make our beautiful church even more beautiful for this Easter season by working their magic and decorating so wonderfully. This is just one of the many things we take for granted sometimes. It just quietly gets done and we so appreciate it!

Mass Readings: Third Sunday of Easter

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. You who are Israelites, hear these words. Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it. For David says of him: I saw the Lord ever before me, with him at mu right hand I shall not be disturbed. Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted; my flesh, too, will dwell in hope, because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence. "My brothers, one can confidently say to you about the patriarch David that he died and was buried, and his tomb is in our midst to this day. But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne, he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld nor did his flesh see corruption. God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him forth, as you see and hear."

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life. or: R. Alleluia. Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge; I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you." O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life. or: R. Alleluia. I bless the LORD who counsels me; even in the night my heart exhorts me. I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life. or: R. Alleluia. Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence; because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life. or: R. Alleluia. You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life. or: R. Alleluia.

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter

Beloved: If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially according to each one's works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb. He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. **The Word of the Lord**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

R. Alleluia, alleluia,

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them,

"What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

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

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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