

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 16th & May 17th, 2020



Sat	5/16 – In Loving Memory of Patricia Webster Gurganus Requested by Bill Webster	Fr. Oscar
Sun	5/17 – For the Parishioners of OLBS	Fr. Oscar
Mon	5/18 – No Mass	
Tue	5/19 – Joe Sr, Elsie & Johnnie Drexler (RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Wed	5/20 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Thurs	5/21 – Joe Sr, Elsie & Johnnie Drexler (RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Fri	5/22 – Virginia Ryczak (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Sat	5/23 – Buddy Walton (RIP) Anniversary of his Death Requested by Valeria & Paul Seckora	Fr. Oscar
Sun	5/24 – For the Parishioners of OLBS	Fr. Oscar

***All Special Mass Intentions on Sunday will be for the Parishioners of OLBS until Further Notice.

Collections as of May 12th, 2020

Parish Operations	\$4,085.00
Supplemental Collections	135.00
Online Giving for the week of May 5 th , 2020	100.00
Total	\$4,320.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs and Maintenance Fund	\$435.00
Maintenance Savings Account	\$35.00
OLBS Scholarship Fund	\$185.00
Cemetery Fund	\$25.00
Diocesan Home Missions	\$25.00

***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: 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/>.

Masses to Resume May 23rd, 2020!

It is official from the Bishop's Office!!! Masses will resume with no more than 50% capacity on Saturday, May 23rd. There will be some mandated changes to how we practice our Mass. Effective immediately:

1. You are asked to stay home if you are ill, elderly, anxious, or immunocompromised. Bishop Knestout has dispensed all Catholics in the Diocese from their Sunday Mass obligation.
2. If you have a fever or symptoms of Covid-19, you will not be permitted to enter the building.
3. You should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the start time for Mass to allow time for vetting and being seated by the ushers. The ushers will let each pew know the staggered process for exiting the Church once Mass is over.
4. Everyone shall maintain six feet of social distance from others who are not from the same household at all times while in Church or on Church property.
5. Everyone 3 years and older attending Mass shall wear a Face Mask. Be sure the mask covers your nose and mouth. (Face mask should be removed for Receiving Holy Communion.) Anyone who comes to Mass without a face mask, will not be admitted to Mass.
6. Look for direction from the ushers when going up to receive Holy Communion. Holy Communion should be received in the hand until further notice. There will not distribution of the Blood of Christ until further notice.
7. Refrain from physical contact, such as holding hands during the Our Father and shaking hands during the Sign of Peace.
8. Singing by the congregation is strongly discouraged.
9. Sanitize hands when entering and leaving Church. Bring personal supply of hand sanitizer to use before receiving Holy Communion, if possible.
10. Parishes are to suppress the distribution of bulletins at Mass at this time. *We will continue to make the bulletins available online, through email, and mail bulletins to those without Internet access.
11. The Church will be available Monday-Friday from 9am 'til 4pm for prayer. Call Parish Office at 804-843-3125 first, if no answer, try Father on his cell at 757-778-5118.
12. Father Oscar will continue to livestream on our Facebook page, the Sunday morning Mass at 9:00am until further notice. The Daily Masses will no longer be livestreamed as parishioners will be able to attend weekly Mass

13. Mass Schedule beginning May 23rd:

Daily Mass: Tuesday-Friday 8:30am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30pm

Sunday Mass: 9:00am

Spanish Mass: 4:00pm



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 Franzyshen
Kelli Gaeta	Margaret Geron	Jim Gregory
Pat Hinkle	Kelly Hipple	Tom Hollowak
Mary Ann Hooper	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
Ka'varus Penticolas	Brett Pickens	Pam Rigbsy
Mark A. Roane	Debbie Royals	Bill Scaife
Jack 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)

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Some Links for Masses

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

Prayer & Worship: www.cdrworship.org/coronavirus

Church Cleaning Schedule

- 5/18 thru 5/24 – Gary & Jackie Silvia
- 5/25 thru 5/31 – The Hispanic Community
- 6/1 thru 6/7 – Dan Gibbs Family



“Whoever loves me will keep My Word.” Are you called to bring the Word of Christ to His flock?. 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).

***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

In today's Gospel we learn the condition that is required in order to share in the life of God.

To partake in the life of God, we must also share in the love and obedience of Jesus that was manifested towards His Father during His earthly life. We must share in the love that Jesus manifested towards other human beings, too. The good disciple is much more than someone who, out of a dogged sense of duty, just avoids personal sin and tries to stay in the "state of grace". When we truly become loving persons to both friend and enemy, to family and strangers, we know that the Spirit of Jesus is living within and transforming us. Then, in the words of Jesus, we can see and, because we can see, we are fully alive. Adults: Does your love of Christ propel you into loving the unlovable?

Children: Does your love of Jesus help you to love others more?

DO YOU KNOW?

The reality is that missing Mass is a sin that destroys our relationship with God. There is not enough space here to answer the reasons why that is the case, but we want to gently encourage our loved ones first and foremost to make weekly Mass attendance a priority in their lives. There is no need to be antagonistic. Broach the subject lovingly, perhaps in a way that springs forth from your own joy that comes from attending liturgy and receiving the Eucharist. Let them know what a difference frequent reception of the sacraments has made in your life. Personal witness and personal joy are attractive.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Rita of Cascia was forced into an arranged marriage to an abusive man. However, her Christian life led him to become a better person. He died 12 years later and the death of their two sons followed soon thereafter. Rita joined a convent and practiced a life of charity. Rita had a great devotion to the Passion of Christ, and one day, when she was sixty-years old, she asked, "Please let me suffer like you, Divine Saviour." After her request, a wound appeared on her forehead, as if a thorn from Christ's crown had pierced her. It left a deep wound, which did not heal, and it caused her to suffer until the day she died. Rita passed away four months later, in the year 1457. Following her death, she was buried at the Basilica of Cascia, and was later discovered to be incorrupt (miraculously her body was preserved). Her body can be found today in Saint Rita Shrine at Cascia. She is the patron of impossible causes and her feast day is celebrated on May 22nd.



To our couples with anniversaries in May: Pat & Wini Barron – 5/14/1966; Chris & Barbara Hite – 5/15/1982; Brian & Hope Kopacki – 5/17/2008; Jim & Pattie Vadas – 5/27/1972.

"And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." Invite Jesus into your marriage on an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend 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/>.

Help Needed!!!

***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 2318. 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.



We have lost a lifelong parishioner! Virginia Mary Bernoskie Ryczak, age 93, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Thursday, April 30th. Virginia was a very active and devoted member of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and had a special devotion to Blessed Mother Mary. She served many years as the parish organist, member of the choir and Our Lady Sodality. She was a sacristan and Chair Lady of the Women's Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus. Her bright smile lit up the room and her sweet nature made everyone feel welcome. She truly spread God's love to everyone she met. She truly and deeply loved her family, her Church community and her hometown of West Point. She will be missed! May she rest in peace and may the perpetual Light shine upon her. Donations may be sent in her memory to West Point Volunteer Fire & Rescue, P.O. Box X, West Point, VA 23181 or Little Sisters of the Poor, 1503 Michaels Road, Henrico, VA 23229.



Pro-Life Feminism: Susan B. Anthony (1889), abolitionist and early leader of the women's suffrage movement, opposed abortion, saying: "Sweeter even than to have had the joy of caring for children of my own has it been to me to help bring about a better state of things for mothers generally, so their unborn little ones could not be killed away from them." (Priests for Life)

The OLBS Faith-Based Scholarship

This scholarship, established in 2002, allows our Parish to recognize and reward a deserving high school senior parishioner. This scholarship reflects the service and leadership of the applicant within their faith community. The recipient will receive a \$1000 scholarship to help them pursue post high school educational opportunities. An application packet has been mailed to all known and registered high school seniors in our parish. Additional copies are available at the Parish Office. The applications must be returned to the Parish Office by May 31, 2020 addressed to the Scholarship Review Committee. Erin Hayden is the Chair of this committee. Jose Velazquez and Amanda Jones are serving on the Review Committee, as well. If you have any questions, you can call the Parish Office at 804-843-3125 or email OLBS@olbs-catholic.org.



A group of young people from our parish got together to make and send cards to those of our parishioners who may live alone or are shut in because of the virus. I was asked to put a “thank you” in the bulletin on behalf of those who received their lovely cards. They were very much appreciated and it was nice to know someone is thinking about them and praying for them!!! Thank you to those who took the time for such a wonderful act of kindness!

From the Good Neighbor Center

Thank you so much to those who were able to make donations to the Good Neighbor Center. The volume of people in need has increased due to the current situation. The donations have really come in handy in helping those who are struggling right now. Thank you, Frances Thornton.

Mass Readings: Sixth Sunday of Easter

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city. Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.** or: R. **Alleluia.** Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise. Say to God, “How tremendous are your deeds!”

R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.** or: R. **Alleluia.** “Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!” Come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.** or: R. **Alleluia.** He has changed the sea into dry land; through the river they passed on foot; therefore let us rejoice in him. He rules by his might forever.

R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.** or: R. **Alleluia.** Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare what he has done for me. Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or his kindness!

R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.** or: R. **Alleluia.**

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter

Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.** Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him. R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to 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.

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8:30am**

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30pm

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Spanish Mass: 4:00pm

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
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