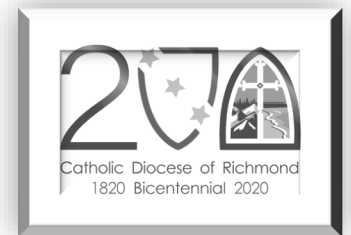


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A food basket and donation box are in the church entry. Your donations provide the means to give direct help to the needy. We collect food on the first weekend of the month.

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Parent preparation classes are required for each couple planning to have their baby baptized. To schedule a preparation session, please call the church office.

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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.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

October 31st & November 1st, 2020



Sat	10/31 – Vicente Luy & Sonny Boy Luy (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Tom & Rowena Fauber	
Sun	11/1 – Virginia Ryczak (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Mary Ann Ryczak Casterline	
Mon	11/2 – No Mass	
Tue	11/3 – Francis Xavier Dinh Hong NHI (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by The Watkins Family	
Wed	11/4 – Gilbert Silvia (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	
Thurs	11/5 – Mark Drexler, Jr. (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	
Fri	11/6 – Special Intention	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	
Sat	11/7 – Magdalena Francisco (RIP), Mary Clark (RIP) & Ed Clark (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Tom & Rowena Fauber	
Sun	11/8 – Karl Rudolph (RIP)	Fr. Oscar

Collections for October 24th & 25th, 2020

Parish Operations	\$3,065.00
Online Giving As of 10/20/2020	150.00
Supplemental Collection	170.00
Parish Heating	80.00
Total	\$3,465.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs and Maintenance Fund	\$200.00
World Missions	\$95.00

***Thank you to all the parishioners who have brought into the office, mailed, or given their weekly contributions at one of the Masses allowing us to continue critical operations. Our parish office remains open for you to be able to bring or mail your weekly donations. To mail your donations, send 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 give at one of the Masses or 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.

*****The Counting Team Ministry still needs members to assist with the weekly offertory collections. Please prayerfully consider becoming a member of this team. If interested, please contact Bob Ryalls, Business Manager by phone 757-207-0215 or by email businessmgr@olbs-catholic.org to join this important parish team.**

Masses Resume!!!

*****Due to COVID-19, Mass is being live streamed for use on various Diocesan digital media accounts of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, including, but not limited to, the websites of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond and the Catholic Virginian, and social media platforms of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond. Photography and/or screenshot images from the livestream may be used for the Catholic Virginian print edition. If you do not wish to be captured by live streaming, please refrain from attending that particular Mass time.**

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 temperature testing, 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 10 years and older attending Mass shall wear a Face Mask. Be sure the mask covers your nose and mouth. (Face mask should be removed only for Receiving Holy Communion.) *****Anyone who comes to any Mass (including daily Mass) without a face covering, 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 be no 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. No bulletins will be available at Masses. *We will continue to make the bulletins available online, through email, and mail bulletins to those without Internet access.

Mass Attendance – October 24th & 25th, 2020

Saturday Night Mass 5:30pm = 48

Sunday Morning Mass 9:00am = 79

No Spanish Mass at 4:00pm



Many thanks go out to all those who have worked so hard to usher the Masses, clean between Masses, and keep our parishioners safe! If you are able to help in any way, please let one of the ushers know. Without these parishioners stepping up to get this done, we would not be able to gather to participate in the Mass and receive the Blessed Eucharist! Please thank them for their service to us and the Lord!



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Emily Adams	Elizabeth Alley	Candace Barefoot
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James Wills	Andrea Berberich Wilson	Lois Wilson
Robert 'Bobby' Wilson		Jody Zogran

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)

Church Cleaning Schedule

- 11/2 thru 11/8 – Tom & Rowena Fauber
- 11/9 thru 11/15 – Gary & Jackie Silvia
- 11/16 thru 11/22 – Our Hispanic Community



- 10/31 – Bob Ryalls, David Seckora & Joe Drexler
- 11/1 – Jim Milby, David Haviland & Jim Pyne



- 10/31 – Lorraine Ryalls & Jackie Silvia
- 11/1 – Bill Madigan & Kim DiLandro



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).

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

We can also reflect on how similar our current situation is to that of Jesus' first followers. Like them, we also live in days of uncertainty, haunted by threats of violence, but the Beatitudes promise that what we experience today will lead to future joy. Like those women and men so many years ago, we also need to take Jesus' promises to heart and remember the blessings promised to the poor, to the meek, to mourners, and to those who suffer persecution for their faith in Christ. Reflecting on this, Sister Barbara Reid, OP, notes that the way of life outlined in the Beatitudes "is able to heal the hurtful memories of the past and to transform the present toward a hope-filled future...Jesus addresses this teaching to all His disciples and to a great crowd, inviting them to recognize their capacity for happiness in the present by espousing attitudes and actions that will influence the future".

Adults: When you heard the Beatitudes today, which one did you hear most clearly as a summons to your own life?
Children: When have you been a peacemaker among your family or friends?

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Mary was not popular with the other slaves of Roman senator Tertullus, at least in part because as the only Christian, she refused to participate in pagan rites. Tertullus found her to be an excellent servant, but feared for her (and perhaps himself) when the emperor Diocletian's persecution of Christians increased. Tertullus hid her for a time, but eventually turned her over to the authorities. Mary was threatened with being burned alive, and ultimately was so viciously tortured that the bystanders called for her release. She was turned over to a soldier, who helped her escape. She spent the rest of her life in quiet service to the Lord. St. Mary the Slave's feast day is November 1st.

DO YOU KNOW?

The Divine Mercy Chaplet was established in the 1930's after Saint Faustina received it from Jesus in one of her many visions. Although it is prayed on Rosary beads, the majority of Our Fathers, Hail Mary's, and Glory Be's are replaced by prayers that plead for God's mercy for the world on the merits of the love and mercy Jesus offered us through His suffering during His Sorrowful Passion. It is widely believed to bring mercy to all sinners who trust in God's mercy through Jesus. It is also believed to bring infinite mercy to the dying when said in their presence. Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet can enrich our souls in various ways. It helps us to humble ourselves by requiring us to admit that we are sinners living in a sinful world, and we desperately need God's mercy. It also reminds us of the eternal love, mercy and grace that Jesus gave us when He suffered and died on the cross.



This is National Vocation Awareness Week. Let us unite in prayer for those who are discerning a call to imitate the humility of Christ as religious brothers, sisters, priests or deacons. Do you feel 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.

Prayer Before Wearing a Facemask

Mother Mary, as I wear this facemask, protect me and All those I encounter from the threat of COVID-19. May I never bring harm upon anyone, knowingly and Unknowingly, by spreading this terrible disease. May The precious Blood of Jesus your Son and our Lord, be our defense and salvation. Amen.



To our couples with anniversaries in November:
Paul & Erin Borszich – 11/3/2007; Shane & Donna Donahue – 11/5/2001; Richard & Margaret Mountcastle – 11/6/1971; Jody & Bobbi Drexler – 11/15/2003; Stanley & Geraldine Thomas – 11/22/1959; Joe & Linda Drexler – 11/23/1968



Building a Culture of Life: Bishop Michael W. Warfel of the Diocese of Juneau, AK had this to say about cultivating a culture of life: "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. But how do we help others to understand this? By transforming our culture into one that respects and defends human life! In addition to encouraging laws that protect innocent human life, it is necessary to speak of the deeper truth behind such laws: that all human life is sacred; that God is its author; that we do not own life."

(Priests for Life)

Resource for Women in Crisis

HOPE Pregnancy Care Center: located at 1315 Jamestown Rd., Suite 202, Williamsburg, VA 23185
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IT HAS NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN NOW TO VOTE AS A CHRISTIAN!!!

To VOTE on Tuesday, November 3, 6:00am until 7:00pm (General Election)

- Request Absentee Ballot in Person by: 5:00pm Saturday, October 31, 2020
- Vote Early In Person from September 18th to October 31, 2020
- Vote on Tuesday, November 3, 6:00am until 7:00pm



Congratulations to McKenna and Bryan Kopacki who were presented their Scouting Religious Emblems on October 24th at the 5:30pm Mass! Bryan received the Light of Christ and McKenna received the Family of God. Earning these emblems allows the scouts to grow stronger in their faith life while providing an opportunity to learn more about Catholicism as they grow closer to Christ. Job well done, McKenna and Bryan! May St. George and St. Agnes watch over both of you!

Mass Readings: Solemnity of All Saints

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw another angel come up from the East, holding the seal of the living God. He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who were given power to damage the land and the sea, "Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." I heard the number of those who had been marked with the seal, one hundred and forty-four thousand marked from every tribe of the children of Israel. After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb." All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They prostrated themselves before the throne, worshiped God, and exclaimed: "Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen." Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me, "Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?" I said to him, "My lord, you are the one who knows." He said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb."

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it. For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD? or who may stand in his holy place? One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desires not what is vain.

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD, a reward from God his savior. Such is the race that seeks him, that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

A reading from the First Letter of Saint John

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

O Jesus, our Lord and our God, Creator and Ruler of the vast universe, we lovingly adore You hidden so humbly in the fragile little Host. We rejoice that the Blessed Sacrament is not merely a holy thing, but a Living Person – the same Christ who died for us on Calvary but Who loved us so much that He wanted to remain with us forever.

May the Most Blessed Sacrament be praised and adored forever!

We offer this prayer in reparation for all the irreverences, profanations, and sacrileges which You receive in the Most August Sacrament of the Altar.

To Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Virgin Immaculate, Mother of Jesus and our Mother. We invoke you under the title of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, because you are the Mother of the Savior who lives in the Eucharist. It was from you He took the flesh and blood which He feeds us in the Sacred Host.

We also invoke you under that title because the Grace of the Eucharist comes to us through you, since you are Mediatrix, the channel through which God's Graces reach us.

Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, pray for us!

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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A Different Kind of Political Engagement

September 2020

Election Day is November 3. In *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* (www.faithfulcitizenship.org), we and our brother U.S. bishops noted, “Unfortunately, politics in our country often can be a contest of powerful interests, partisan attacks, sound bites, and media hype. The Church calls for a different kind of political engagement: one shaped by the moral convictions of well-formed consciences and focused on the dignity of every human being, the pursuit of the common good, and the protection of the weak and the vulnerable. ... We are called to bring together our principles and our political choices, our values and our votes, to help build a civilization of truth and love” (no. 14).

To grow in holiness, a question each one of us must answer is: How will I respond to this call for a different kind of engagement? This question is key as we approach Election Day, as well as every day before and after it, as faithful citizens.

In a pre-election letter on voting decisions we issued last year, we offered three main points:

- **Many issues are important.**
- **Not all issues have equal moral weight.**
- **Protecting life is paramount.**

As bishops responsible for the pastoral care of the faithful in our two dioceses, we re-offer these points here for your continued prayerful consideration, as an essential framework not only for the critical voting decisions that must be made each year but also for the vital prayer and advocacy that must be done on a constant basis.

Whenever human dignity is at stake for any of our brothers and sisters in the human family, we must be attentive and engaged. “[R]espect for the dignity of every person ... is the core of Catholic moral and social teaching” (*Faithful Citizenship*, no. 10).

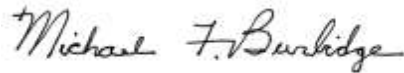
Our moral obligation to oppose intrinsically evil acts – which are “always incompatible with love of God and neighbor” (*Faithful Citizenship*, no. 22) – “has a special claim on our consciences and our actions” (no. 37). Of these, abortion is the “preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed” (*Faithful Citizenship*, Introductory Letter). Since the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision, there have been more than 61 million abortions in our country. Other issues of grave moral importance “undercut the dignity of the human person” (nos. 22, 23). Our priority must be to protect life to the fullest extent possible.

For more on the principles involved in voting with a well-formed conscience, we encourage you to read paragraphs 34-37 of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*

(www.faithfulcitizenship.org). For a side-by-side comparison of what the two major-party Presidential candidates have said or done on a wide range of issues of importance to Catholics, visit www.vacatholic.org. The side-by-side comparison was compiled jointly by a number of state Catholic conferences, including the Virginia Catholic Conference.

On November 3, please vote. Every day, please seek and live out the “different kind of political engagement” that will provide a clear example to others of the civility and consistent concern for the common good we are all called to embrace.

Faithfully Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael F. Burbidge".

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barry C. Knestout".

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
Bishop of Richmond