

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.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

October 17th & 18th, 2020



Sat	10/17 – Robert Sunell (RIP) Requested by Bill Webster	Fr. Oscar
Sun	10/18 – Virginia B. Ryczak (RIP) Requested by Maryann Ryczak Casterline	Fr. Oscar
Mon	10/19 – No Mass – Father Oscar on Retreat	
Tue	10/20 – No Mass – Father Oscar on Retreat	
Wed	10/21 – No Mass – Father Oscar on Retreat	
Thurs	10/22 – No Mass – Father Oscar on Retreat	
Fri	10/23 – No Mass – Father Oscar on Retreat	
Sat	10/24 – For the Speedy & Complete Recovery of Gaetano & Joe Buffa Requested by Kimmi K O'Connor	Fr. Oscar
Sun	10/25 – Parishioners of OLBS	Fr. Oscar

Collections for October 10th & 11th, 2020

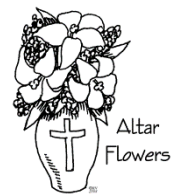
Parish Operations	\$2,974.00
Online Giving As of 10/6/2020	200.00
Supplemental Collection	2,520.00
Parish Heating	320.00
Total	\$6,014.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs and Maintenance Fund	\$130.00
Haiti Fund	\$150.00
Maintenance Savings Account	\$25.00
World Missions	\$50.00

***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.**

October 18th is World Mission Sunday

Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate the day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.



Flowers on the Altar this weekend were donated by Pattie & Jim Vadas in memory of John Bonatti.

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 10th & 11th, 2020

Saturday Night Mass 5:30pm = 56

Sunday Morning Mass 9:00am = 60

Spanish Mass at 4:00pm = 37



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Emily Adams	Elizabeth Alley	Candace Barefoot
Virginia Becker	Linda Blevins	Ron Blevins
Jon Boyette	Joan Buehler	Gaetano Buffa
Joe Buffa	Linda Burch	Kathryn Carson
Kevin Carson	Lucy Carson	Tim Collier
Meredith Crowe	Eric Crump	Vincent D'elia
Denise DePompeo	Dale Dippre	Dexter Dix
Larry Dzula, Jr.	Michelle Eshelman	Amanda Fincher
Natalee Franzyshe	Kelli Gaeta	Margaret Geron
Dawn Greggs	Jim Gregory	Pat Hinkle
Kelly Hipple	Tom Hollowak	Mary Ann Hooper
Gail Justin	Bob Kay	John Kellam
Bill Kessler	Gloria Kojcisch	Bonnie Kopacki
Joyce Kostrzewa	Gordon Langston	Patricia Lanuza
Henry Lasch	Tracy Lasch	Melissa Leger
Lanci McCloud	Kenny McGinley	Bill Madigan
Baby Vivian Mallis	Diane Agnes Martin	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	Joanna Ryalls
Jack Scaife	Barbara Schafer	James Simmons
Allen Smith	The Solak Family	Levi Sturtz
Jim Tokarz	Mae Touray	Chris Vincent, Sr.
Gloria Wajciechowski	Linda Webster	Art West
Emmett White	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

- 10/19 thru 10/25 – Dan Gibbs Family
- 10/26 thru 11/1 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters
- 11/2 thru 11/8 – Tom & Rowena Fauber



- 10/17 – Joe Drexler, Bob Ryalls & Dan Gibbs
- 10/18 – Craig Smith, David Haviland & Dawson Haviland
- 10/24 – David Seckora, Joe Drexler & Bob Ryalls
- 10/25 – Craig Smith, Tuan Nguyen & Jim Pyne



- 10/17 – David Seckora & Tom Fauber
- 10/18 – Kay Shaw & Scott Rae
- 10/24 – Jim Vadas & Pattie Vadas
- 10/25 – Danielle Smith & Pat Barron



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

In today's Gospel passages, Jesus gave us the freedom to act in the public arena. But, with that freedom comes a responsibility. God calls us to act for the good of all. In this way, our participation becomes an act of Christian charity (and a means of evangelization). Thus, those in need and society as a whole grows in hope from a citizenry fully engaged. Participation is a moral and ethical act that affirms the dignity of each and every human person. The focus must remain on the good of all. Adults: How can you exercise your personal responsibility to ensure that all of God's people are taken care of? Children: What can you do to help those in need?

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint John of Capistrano was born in Italy in 1385. He practiced law and was appointed governor of Perugia. He studied under the Franciscans and began preaching in 1420 throughout all Europe and Russia. He was appointed by the Pope to lead a large Christian army against Mohammad II. The invaders were defeated at the Battle of Belgrade. Worn out from the battle, he was taken by the bubonic plague. He died in 1486 at the Franciscan monastery in Villach, Austria. He is known as the "soldier saint" and is patron of judges, lawyers, and military chaplains. His feast day is October 23rd.

DO YOU KNOW?

The miracle of the "Swallows" of Capistrano takes place each year at Mission San Juan Capistrano on March 19th, Saint Joseph's Day. Swallows migrate 6,000 miles from Goya, Argentina to San Juan Capistrano, California in large groups. The town of San Juan Capistrano welcomes visitors from all parts of the world to witness the return of the swallows, a tradition that has been celebrated since the early 1930's.



"Give to God what is God's." You belong to Christ and Christ is God's! How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow Him? Are you being called to teach the Word of God as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Prayer Before Wearing a Facemask

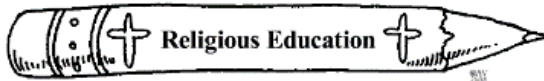
Mother Mary, as I wear this facemask, protect me and All those I encounter from the threat of COVID-19. May I never bring harm upon anyone, knowingly and Unknowingly, by spreading this terrible disease. May The precious Blood of Jesus your Son and our Lord, be our defense and salvation. Amen.



To our couples with anniversaries in October: Eric & Kimberly DiLandro – 10/1/1994; Brandon & Gigi Jordan – 10/3/2009; (David "Charlie") & Jeanie Sturtz – 10/11/1968; Frank & Mary Ann Fetterolf – 10/19/1963; Kevin & Deidra Kopacki – 10/20/2001; Mike & Nancy Pausic – 10/29/1960; and Scott & Pam Watkins – 10/29/1983

Dedication of St. John of Kanti Cemetery on Saturday, October 24th at 10:00am

Kody Kopacki and his helpers have been working diligently to improve our St. John of Kanti Cemetery on Polish Town Road. They are holding a dedication of the newly upgraded Cemetery on the 100 year anniversary of the dedication of the Church when it was first established. Please come out and help celebrate the fruits of all their hard labor.



Confirmation Preparation Orientation is scheduled for Sunday, October 25th at 6:30pm for both parents and teens in 10th grade. We will meet in the main hall of the Boogaard Center so we can socially distance. Please wear a mask.

The Good Neighbor Center

Many of you are so generous when it comes to giving to others in need. The Good Neighbor Center appreciates so much the donations of food given them to distribute to the needy, especially during these trying times. However, many have also left clothing for them, which they are no longer able to accept. Please do not leave clothes for the Good Neighbor Center at this time.



Our participation at Mass is meant to spur us on to create a better world, in which all life, including the unborn, is protected. In his encyclical letter on the Eucharist, Pope John Paul II wrote the following: *"Certainly the Christian vision leads to the expectation of "new heavens" and "a new earth" (Rev 21:1), but this increases, rather than lessens, our sense of responsibility for the world today. I wish to reaffirm this forcefully at the beginning of the new millennium, so that Christians will feel more obliged than ever not to neglect their duties as citizens in this world. Theirs is the task of contributing with the light of the Gospel to the building of a more human world, a world fully in harmony with God's plan" (n.20).* (Priests for Life)

Resource for Women in Crisis

HOPE Pregnancy Care Center: located at 1315 Jamestown Rd., Suite 202, Williamsburg, VA 23185
Phone: 757-229-6472 Open: Monday - Thursday 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. (Wednesdays - 10:30am - 3pm, and 6:30pm - 8:30pm)

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 by mail by: 5:00pm Tuesday, October 27, 2020
- 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



Dear Members of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church,

West Point Public Schools greatly appreciates your generosity and support during these challenging times. Thanks to your donations of school supplies, many of our students and teachers will be prepared for a successful year of learning. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Yours in Partnership,
Aimee Buzek
West Point Public Schools

Mass Readings: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him, and making kings run in his service, opening doors before him and leaving the gates unbarred: For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, there is no other.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

For great is the LORD and highly to be praised; awesome is he, beyond all gods. For all the gods of the nations are things of nought, but the LORD made the heavens.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name! Bring gifts, and enter his courts.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

Worship the LORD, in holy attire; tremble before him, all the earth; say among the nations: The LORD is king, he governs the peoples with equity.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

The Word of the Lord

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your

opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax. "Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." **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.

Here I Am, Send Me!

Today, on World Mission Sunday, we respond, **"Here I Am, Send Me,"** to our baptismal call to mission, and we offer, at the Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus. Today we are "sent" out to witness to mission in the world through our prayers and sacrifices for our brothers and sisters around the world. As little as...

➔ **\$25** helps support a catechist for a month in remote Latin America

➔ **\$75** provides for the work of religious Sisters caring for orphaned children in Africa

➔ **\$100** assists families in sending their children to schools in Asia

As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions. Your prayers and financial help, offered today, **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY,**

support mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love, and peace.

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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My Dearest Mommy,

I am writing you this letter to let you know that I love you. Whenever I call you Mommy, even though you cannot hear it, I feel so happy. For me to call you Mommy, I feel you love me.

I am writing you this letter for so many reasons. Please be patient with me.

The last 3 months in your womb have been very exciting to me, growing bigger and stronger by the day. And it seems your womb has become smaller every day. There is not much room for me to move around. I cannot wait for the day that I would be born in this world. It must be an experience very hard to describe.

But I noticed that since day one that my heart started beating in your womb in synchrony with the beating of your heart, you have become irritable, impatient, to the point of being angry. You started beating your stomach. I thought it might have been due to the stress and uncertainties brought about by your pregnancy. I really never thought much about it.

But these last few days have been a shock to me. I felt hot scalding/boiling water doused on me. Why? I heard you tell friends and relatives and your doctor that you wanted to abort me. My world fell apart. I was broken into so many thousand pieces.

I was so full of dreams on what I would do once I would be born. But now I could not even dream anymore.

Mommy, I would like to share with you my deepest thoughts and feelings before you abort me.

I dream of being born and feel your arms around me, caressing me, hugging me. I hear your voice whispering in my ears telling me "I love you," followed by a kiss. I am in cloud 9.

I enjoy the gentle breeze of the wind and the mild heat of the early morning sun. I jump with joy feeling the "raindrops falling on my head." I am so happy to play in the rain until you call me back inside lest I catch cold. Oh, the birds flying in our backyard. What a beauty. Oh, yes. The butterflies, too. I enjoy smelling the flowers in our gardens. What about our walks in the woods? I will never trade that for anything. Truly, God is good.

One day I wake up early in the morning and everything outside is white. The ground, the rooftops, the streets. The branches of the trees are covered white. The snow keeps coming. Together with my siblings and friends we play in the snow. We make snowballs and throw them at each other. Mommy, I see myself and you making a snowman. It is the best in town. People who pass by admire it and take pictures of our snowman. You and I feel so proud of our snowman, our masterpiece.

I also dream of going to school and meet new friends and classmates. High school is a breeze. Thank you for encouraging me to go to college and the universities. I finish a degree and become a doctor, a pediatrician. You ask me why a pediatrician? Because I love children. I will take care of them, especially when they are sick. On graduation day ceremony, when my name is called you

jump with joy and tell people around you: "She is my daughter." You wave at me and I wave back at you. You are so proud of me. And I am so proud of you. I also travel to other countries, experiencing their cultures and traditions and meeting people not of our own and learn from them. But all these is a now dream.

Mommy, I have so many things in mind I want to share with you. But you might become bored and stop reading my "love letter."

Before you decide to abort me, I want you to know that I already picked a name for myself. I named myself "Mary."

Mother Mary is my patron saint. She is my role model for a true and loving mother. I am hoping that when I would have my own children, I will be a "Mary" to them. She loved Jesus without measure, from conception to His death on the Cross. She stood by Him and never abandoned Him in high and low waters. She suffered with Him. She was there at the foot of the Cross crying out with her sorrowful and broken heart as she witnessed her Son slowly dying on the Cross. She never left Him. When Jesus was brought down from the Cross, she cradled Him in her arms and sang Him His favorite lullaby when He was an infant. What a mother.

But all these now is just but a dream without any hope of fulfillment. I feel very sad but I know that I will have a better future in heaven where love has no measure.

Whatever you decide for my future, whether to give birth to me or abort me, I want you to know that I love you and I will continue on loving you. My love for you is never ending.

I have some requests to ask you. When I am aborted please don't leave my fragile little body at the abortion clinic. I heard they sell body parts of aborted babies. Please give me a decent burial. In my tombstone kindly inscribe my name: MARY.

Before I close this letter, I do have 3 questions:

1. WHY? 2. WHY? 3. WHY?

When I reach heaven, Rest assured that I will ask the Lord Jesus to help me pray for your complete healing in body and in spirit.

Your Loving Daughter,

Mary

N.B: (Daughter Mary wrote this letter to her mother with the help of Fr Oscar Paraiso.

She is hoping against hope that when her mother reads this letter, she (her mother) might have a change of heart.)

Brothers and Sisters, Let us never stop praying for Daughter Mary and her dreams. Let us join her in her fight for her "Right to be born."