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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 Hours:
 M
 10 am - 2 pm

 W
 12:30 pm - 2:30 p.m.

van den BOOGAARD HALL RENTALS Janice McGowan 843-2870 Email: <u>hallrentals@olbs-catholic.org</u> 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.

CONCLUSION OF THE BICENTENNIAL **CELEBRATION OF THE DIOCESE OF**

RICHMOND

JANUARY 16th & 17th, 2021 William -What the the

	Special Intentions			
Sat	1/16 – Gaetano Buffa (RIP) Requested by Catherine Fudella	Fr. Oscar		
Sun	1/17 – Gaetano & Joe Buffa (RIP) Requested by The Watkins Family	Fr. Oscar		
Mon	1/18 – No Mass			
Tue	1/19 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar		
Wed	1/20 – Joe Sr, Elsie & Johnnie Drexler (RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	Fr. Oscar		
Thurs	1/21 – Scott Watkins In Honor of Birthday Requested by Pam Watkins	Fr. Oscar		
Fri	1/22 – Father Oscar Paraiso In Honor of Birthday Requested by The Parishioners of	Fr. Oscar OLBS		
Sat	1/23 – Gaetano Buffa (RIP) Requested by David Seckora	Fr. Oscar		
Sun	1/24 – Frank Watkins In Honor of Birthday Requested by The Watkins Family	Fr. Oscar		
	Collections for January 9th & 10th, 2021	<u>.</u>		
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Online Giving as of 12/30/2020	650.00
Initial Offering	35.00
Solemnity of Mary	39.00
Total	\$2,785.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs and Maintenance Fund	\$120.00
Haiti Fund	\$25.00

***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.

Update for 2020 Annual Appeal

As of 1/7/2021, we have raised 102.25% of our \$10,080.00 goal or \$10,306.80 and have collected 100.05% of our goal or \$10,085.04. Thank you to all who were able to give to the Annual Appeal!

Masses Continue to be Offered!

***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 early 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 5 years and older attending Mass shall wear a Cloth Face Mask. Those who cannot wear a cloth mask may wear a face shield. 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.
- Sanitize hands when entering and leaving Church. 9 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.



Best Wishes to Father Oscar on his birthday on Friday, January 22nd, 2021. We would usually have a gathering in his honor but due to Covid-19, we are still unable to gather as a parish family for his birthday celebration. Please take a moment to wish

Father Oscar a very Happy Birthday!!!



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

PRATERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH					
Emily Adams	Elizabeth Alley	Camb Ashley			
Candace Barefoot	Virginia Becker	Linda Blevins			
Ron Blevins	Jon Boyette	Joan Buehler			
Linda Burch	Nancy Caramucci	Sal Caramucci			
Kathryn Carson	Kevin Carson	Lucy Carson			
Tim Collier	Meredith Crowe	Eric Crump			
The D'Alema Fami	ly Vincent D'elia	Denise DePompeo			
Dale Dippre	Dexter Dix	Larry Dzula, Jr.			
Michelle Eshelmar	n Amanda Fincher	Natalee Franzyshen			
Kelli Gaeta	Margaret Geron	Jim Gregory			
Pat Hinkle	Kelly Hipple	Tom Hollowak			
Mary Ann Hooper	Gail Justin	Bob Kay			
John Kellam	Bill Kessler	Gloria Kojcsich			
Bonnie Kopacki	Joyce Kostrzewa	Gordon Langston			
Patricia Lanuza	Henry Lasch	Tracy Lasch			
Melissa Leger	Lanci McCloud	Kenny McGinley			
Beverly McGowan	Patrick McGowan	William Madigan III			
Baby Vivian Mallis	Diane Agnes Martin	Charlotte Martz			
Ron Martz	Clara Morrow	Randy Morrow			
Specialist Mullins	Marilyn Naggy	Larry Newtzie			
Desiree Page	Ka'varus Penticolas	Brett Pickens			
Pam Rigsby	Mark A. Roane	Vickie Roane			
Leonard Romano	Debbie Royals	Joanna Ryalls			
Jack Scaife	Barbara Schafer	James Simmons			
Allen Smith	The Solak Family	Levi Sturtz			
Alan Tate	Jim Tokarz	Mae Touray			
Chris Vincent, Sr.	Gloria Wajciechowsk	i Linda Webster			
Emmett White James Wills Andrea Berberich Wilson					
Lois Wilson	Robert 'Bobby' Wilson	Jody Zogran			
PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY					

Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)

<u>Church Cleaning Schedule</u> 1/11 thru 1/17 – Tom & Rowena Fauber 1/18 thru 1/24 – Gary & Jackie Silvia 1/25 thru 1/31 – Our Hispanic Community



1/16 – Abby Lazar, Shawn Lazar & Bob Ryalls 1/17 – Jim Milby, Jim Pyne & Craig Smith 1/23 – Joe Drexler, Dan Gibbs & David Seckora 1/24 – Jim Milby, Tuan Nguyen & Jim Vadas



1/16 – Lorraine Ryalls & Joe Drexler 1/17 – Kay Shaw & Bill Madigan 1/23 – Jackie Silvia & Tom Fauber 1/24 – Kim DiLandro & Joe Pincus



1/31 – Sarah Rae

1/17 – Jim Vadas

1/24 – Bill Madigan

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

As followers of Jesus, we have a need to recognize Him, hear His call in our hearts, and be instruments of God's call for others. We all know of instances in our families, in our jobs, in our ministries where we encounter God. Perhaps as we meet each other today and in the future, we could share our "Had it not been for..." moments when we have heard God's call.

These are stories of trust in our ever faithful God who continues to call us. We need to listen and be attentive to the

promptings of our hearts. Adults: What qualities do you have that would cause others to recognize you as a disciple of Jesus? Children: What does it take to be a

follower of Jesus?

SAINT OF THE WEEK

We don't know a lot about Saint Agnes except that she was very young – 12 or 13 – when she was martyred in the last half of the third century. Various modes

of death have been suggested – beheading, burning, strangling. Legend has it that Agnes was a beautiful girl whom many young men wanted to marry. Among those she refused, one reported

her to the authorities for being a Christian. She was arrested and confined to a house of prostitution. The legend continues that a man who looked upon her lustfully lost his sight and had it restored

by her prayer. Agnes was condemned, executed, and buried near Rome in a catacomb that eventually was named after her. The daughter of Constantine built a basilica in her honor. Her feast day is September 21st and she is the patron of young girls and Girl Scouts.

DO YOU KNOW?

Laicization is the process by which a priest is returned to the lay state. It is sometimes used as a penalty for a serious crime or scandal, but more often it comes at the request of the priest. A laicized priest is barred from all priestly ministry

with one exception: He may give absolution to someone in immediate danger

of death. The pope must approve all requests for laicization. When a priest is laicized without his consent, for a crime such as living in concubinage, committing

child sexual abuse or using the confessional to solicit sex, it is sometimes called *defrocking* or *unfrocking*. Those terms, which are not used in Church law,

should be restricted to forcible laicizations, since they connote a penalty.



To our couples with anniversaries in January: Quan Dinh & Sandy Lam – 1/18/2020; Bill & Edwina Madigan – 1/28/1967

***Thanks to the generosity of our Local Knights of Columbus, we have Church Calendars at the back of the Church. Please take one for your family. If you are unable to attend Mass and would like for us to mail a Calendar for 2021, please contact the Parish Office at 804-843-3125 Tuesday – Thursday. Or send an email to <u>adminassistant@olbscatholic.org</u>.

Mass Attendance – January 9th & 10th, 2021 Saturday, January 9th - 5:30pm = 53 Sunday, January 10th - 9:00am = 78 Spanish Mass, January 10th - 4:00pm = 35

Candlemas Day is February 2nd, 2021

Please look for details in next week's bulletin on when to bring your candles to be blessed by Father Oscar.



<u>Pro-life Words from Hollywood:</u> "Indeed the tragedy of abortion haunts women from all walks of life. Abortion advocates are spending millions to package their tired rhetoric and half-truths in cutting-edge advertising campaigns targeted to young women... The early feminists were pro-life. And really, abortion is a huge disservice to women, and it hasn't been presented that way." -- Emmy winning actress, Patricia Heaton, from Everybody Loves Raymond (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)

<u>On Thursday, January 28th, 2021 Bishop</u> <u>Knestout invites everyone</u> to join him for a livestreamed Mass from the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 7:00pm. This Mass will be offered for the specific intention of a greater respect for all life and for an end to abortion.



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).

Feast of Saint Blaise

The Feast of St. Blaise will be February 3rd, 2021. However, due to Covid-19 Restrictions, Father Oscar will be unable to bless throats this year. May we all pray vigilantly for the quick end to this pandemic and all its many restrictions.

Mass Readings: The Conclusion of the Bicentennial Celebration of the Diocese of Richmond

A reading from the Book of Genesis

After Adam had eaten of the tree, the LORD God called to him and asked him, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself." Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked? You have eaten, then, from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat!" The man replied, "The woman whom you put here with me- she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it." The LORD God then asked the woman, "Why did you do such a thing?" The woman answered, "The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you shall be banned from all the animals and from all the wild creatures; On your belly shall you crawl, and dirt shall you eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel." The man called his wife Eve, because she became the mother of all the living.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. Glorious things are told of you, O city of God.
His foundation upon the holy mountains the LORD loves:
The gates of Zion, more than any dwelling of Jacob.
R. Glorious things are told of you, O city of God.
Glorious things are said of you, O city of God! And of
Zion they shall say: "One and all were born in her; And he who has established her is the Most High LORD."
R. Glorious things are told of you, O city of God.
They shall note, when the peoples are enrolled: "This man was born there." And all shall sing, in their festive dance: "My home is within you."

R. Glorious things are told of you, O city of God.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

After Jesus had been taken up to heaven, the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they entered the city they went to the upper room where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. **The Word of the Lord**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

O happy Virgin, you gave birth to the Lord; O blessed mother of the Church, you warm our hearts with the Spirit of your Son Jesus Christ. **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold,

your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst." There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit. Now since it was preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and they be taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately Blood and water flowed out.

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 the Mediatrix, the channel through which God's Graces reach us. Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, pray for us.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

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New members are asked to register at the Parish Office in the Mercy Center.

	invite all parishioners to join a ministry. airperson of the ministry or call the Parish 804.843.3125	o Office at
ALTAR SERVERS Joe Drexler 843-2541 <u>liturgychair@olbs-catholic.org</u>	FACILITIES COMMITTEE Jim Pyne <u>facilitieschair@olbs-catholic.org</u>	LIBRARY Linda Drexler 843-2541 <u>vintagenotes@verizon.net</u>
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