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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 27th & 28th. 2021



Sat	2/27 – Cliff Anderson (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Judy Anderson	
Sun	2/28- Joseph Gawlik & Michael Mara (RI	P) Fr. Oscar

Requested by Arlene Lasch

Mon 3/1 – No Mass

Tue 3/2 – Robin Seeterlin (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Marguerite Sturtz

Wed 3/3 – Joe, Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Theresa Drexler Moody

Thurs 3/4 – Von & Melvin Moody (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Theresa Drexler Moody

Fri 3/5 – Dick Kolar (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Mike & Nancy Pausic

Sat 3/6 – Gaetano Buffa (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by The Knights of Columbus

Father Jakubowski Council #8116

Sun 3/7– Gaetano Buffa (RIP) Fr. Oscar
Requested by The Knights of Columbus
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Collections for February 20th & 21st, 2021

Parish Operations	\$3,158.00
Supplemental Collection	259.00
Online Giving as of 2/11/2020	100.00
Ash Wednesday	592.00
Easter Flowers	45.00
Parish Heating	45.00
Total	\$4,199.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$234.00
Parish Maintenance Savings Account	\$348.00
OLBS Preschool Assistance	\$230.00

***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.

Mass Attendance – February 13th & 14th, 2021 (Both Masses) Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17th = 115 Saturday, February 20th - 5:30pm = 30 Sunday, February 21st - 9:00am = 69 Spanish Mass on February 21st - 2:30pm = 43

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:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Refrain from physical contact, such as holding hands during the Our Father and shaking hands during the Sign of Peace.
- Singing by the congregation is strongly discouraged.
- Sanitize hands when entering and leaving Church. Bring personal supply of hand sanitizer to use before receiving Holy Communion, if possible.
- 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.



The Rosary

The Rosary will be said in the church at 6:30pm every Friday with Stations of the Cross to follow during Lent. The Rosary & Stations of the Cross will be led by members of the Parish Council on Friday, March 5th.



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

FRATERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH								
Emily Adams	Elizabeth Alley	Camb Ashley						
Candace Barefoot	Virginia Becker	Linda Blevins						
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Chris Vincent, Sr.	Gloria Wajciechowski	i Linda Webster						
Emmett White	James Wills Andr	ea Berberich Wilson						
Lois Wilson R	Robert 'Bobby' Wilson	Jody Zogran						

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)

Church Cleaning Schedule

2/22 thru 2/28 – Gary & Jackie Silvia 3/1 thru 3/7 – Our Hispanic Community 3/8 thru 3/14 – Dan Gibbs Family



2/27 – Joe Drexler, Bob Ryalls & David Seckora 2/28 – David Haviland, Dawson Haviland & Jim Pyne



2/27 – Lorraine Ryalls & Joe Drexler 2/28 – Kay Shaw & Joe Pincus



2/28 - Jim Vadas

THANK YOU to all who serve our parish in many different ways! Many serve this parish so that everything runs so smoothly we do not even know there was something that needed doing! Thanks so much to these unsung heroes!!!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

During our Lenten journey, we, too, are shown the glory of God and given an outpouring of grace. Peter, John, and James would eventually fulfill the plans God had for them in not only witnessing but showing and evangelizing the world.

We, too, have a role to play in evangelization. No matter how beautiful our faith is, it is not given merely for us; once the Lord transforms our hearts, we must go forward and share the Good News with others. Once we have witnessed God in our own lives, when we have seen what He can do and have grown to believe - we now must show others. Just as the three Apostles shared the same Good News in their unique way, we too must discern how to be a wi8tness in our life and times.

Adults: How is God calling you to witness your faith to others?

Children: How can you tell your friends about the love of Jesus?

DO YOU KNOW?

Catholics observing Lent choose to eat fish, not meat, on Fridays during Lent, but there are a few interesting exceptions to the rule. In the 1600's, a group of monks in France allowed puffins to be considered fish, since their "natural habitat was as much terrestrial as aquatic," and the bird was allowed to be eaten on Fridays. Two years ago, the National Bishops' Conference approved the consumption of alligator on Friday as the beast "is considered in the fish family." In 2006, several American bishops had a special dispensation to eat meat on Friday during Lent because St. Patrick's Day fell on a Friday and it is traditional to eat corned beef brisket for his feast day.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

At the outbreak of World War I. Blessed Daniel Brottier became a volunteer chaplain and spent four years at the front. He did not shrink from his duties. Indeed, he risked his life time and again in ministering to the suffering and dying. It was miraculous that he did not suffer a single wound during his 52 months in the heart of battle. After the war he was invited to help establish a project for orphaned and abandoned children in a Paris suburb. He spent the final 13 years of his life there. He died in 1936 and was beatified by Pope john Paul II in Paris only 48 years later. Brother Daniel is celebrated on February 28th.



To our couples with anniversaries in February: (James) & Donna Geron– 2/7/1970; Sol & Annabelle Vidal – 2/10/2001; (Robert) & Cheryl Servonsky – 2/10/1973; (Donald) & Mildred Hite – 2/11/1956; (Henry) & Marian Kopacki – 2/13/1949; (Charles) & Margaret Varboncoeur – 2/23/1957; (Ed) & Virginia Kopacki – 2/24/1952.

COVID Guidelines for use of Hall

There are cleaning supplies on the cart by the side door to the Hall. Please use these to sanitize the chairs and tables that are used during any meetings held in the Hall as the children will use these same tables and chairs during CCD Classes on Sundays and sanitizing them afterwards, as well. Thank you for helping us maintain the area for our children and catechists.



Confirmation is scheduled for March 4th at 7pm at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament. Bishop Knestout will be the celebrant. Please consider attending the celebration of this Sacrament in support of our candidates. Please keep in your prayers Daniel Duke, Nam Duong, Phong Nguyen and Adrian Vidal as they complete their preparation at an afternoon retreat this Sunday, February 28th.



A Pro-Life Lent: The traditional practice of "giving something up for Lent" is a practice of self-denial; our Lord said that to follow him, we must deny our very selves. It means we say No to ourselves and Yes to God and others. This reverses the pattern of sin, which says Yes to ourselves and No to God and others. In our culture, the most violent No to God and others is abortion. Over three thousand times every day in our nation, people say No to a little child so that they may say Yes to their fears or their plans. This Lent, as we practice self-denial, let's think of these children. Let's offer our sacrifices for them. May all say Yes to God and Yes to the unborn. For more ideas about how to foster respect for the unborn this Lent, visit www.priestsforlife.org. (Priests for Life)

***If we don't stand up and speak out for God's children in the womb, who will? Now, more than ever, it is extremely important to pray for and speak out for an end to abortion in our country and the world. Over sixty-two million children just from America cry out from beyond the grave for our help in giving them a voice. Visit www.TenStepsToEndAbortion.com to learn what you can do.



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 10:15am through 4:30pm. Any other times, please contact Pam Watkins at 919-820-1986 (cell phone).

2021 Annual Appeal

Today's readings are ALL about sacrifice and love. Abraham wanted a son so badly and God gave him one through a wife that was supposed to be unable to conceive. God tested Abraham's love for Him. Dis he love his new son more or did he love God more? Abraham loved God and trusted in Him, and Isaac was saved. Abraham sacrifices a ram in thanksgiving to God. In the Gospel, God transfigures Jesus into dazzling white and says to all, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." God loves US so much He sacrifices His own Son (the Lamb) for our sins. How mush do we listen to Jesus, as God asked us to? What sacrifices do we make, especially during Lent, in thanksgiving to God for all He gives to us? How much do we trust in God? Enough to give Him control over our finances? Make the Annual Diocesan Appeal part of your Lenten almsgiving.

Mass Readings: Second Sunday of Lent

A reading from the Book of Genesis

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing— all this because you obeyed my command."

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted." Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds. To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people, In the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised — who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

The Word of the Lord

Verse before the Gospel

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

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.

It is that time of year, again! We will be collecting funds for Easter Food Baskets for those in need this Easter. We are starting off with some leftover funds from Christmas, but would like to be able to give enough groceries to help families get through more than just one week. To give, you can put your donation in an envelope clearly marked, "Food Baskets" and drop in the collection box; drop off at the office; or see Erin Hayden, Deidra Kopacki, Sandy Lam or Pam Watkins after one of the Masses to give them your donation. Please include your envelope number so your donation can be recorded to your offertory history. Anyone interested in helping with the shopping and

packaging of the food baskets can contact Pam

Watkins at the Parish Office or at 919-820-1986.

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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March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	No Mass	Mass 8:30am Adoration in Mercy Center Chapel 12noon to 10:00pm Liturgy Meeting 6:00pm in Hall	Mass 8:30am Adoration in Mercy Center Chapel 12noon to 10:00pm	Mass 8:30am Confirmation Mass with Bishop 7:00pm (Livestreamed)	Mass 8:30am Most Holy Rosary 6:30pm & Stations of the Cross-Church Led by Parish Council (Livestreamed) *First Friday Adoration in MC Chapel 6-9pm	Mass 5:30pm
Third Sunday of Lent Mass 9:00am (Livestreamed) Faith Formation 10:15am Spanish Mass 2:30pm	No Mass	Mass 8:30am Adoration in Mercy Center Chapel 12noon to 10:00pm	Mass 8:30am Adoration in Mercy Center Chapel 12noon to 10:00pm Penance Service 7:00pm in Church	Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am Most Holy Rosary 6:30pm & Stations of the Cross in Church Led by Spanish Ministry (Livestreamed)	Mass 5:30pm
Fourth Sunday of Lent Mass 9:00am (Livestreamed) Faith Formation 10:15am Spanish Mass 2:30pm	No Mass	Mass 8:30am Adoration in Mercy Center Chapel 12noon to 10:00pm	Mass 8:30am Adoration in Mercy Center Chapel 12noon to 10:00pm	Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am Most Holy Rosary 6:30pm & Stations of the Cross in Church Led by Finance Council (Livestreamed)	Mass 5:30pm
Fifth Sunday of Lent Mass 9:00am (Livestreamed) Faith Formation 10:15am Spanish Mass 2:30pm	No Mass	Mass 8:30am Adoration in Mercy Center Chapel 12noon to 10:00pm Finance Council 6:30pm in Hall	Mass 8:30am Adoration in Mercy Center Chapel 12noon to 10:00pm	Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am Most Holy Rosary 6:30pm & Stations of the Cross in Church Led by Cemetery Committee (Livestreamed)	Mass 5:30pm Easter Food Baskets in Hall
Palm Sunday Mass 9:00am (Livestreamed) Faith Formation 10:15am Spanish Mass 2:30pm	No Mass	Mass 8:30am Adoration in Mercy Center Chapel 12noon to 10:00pm	Mass 8:30am Adoration in Mercy Center Chapel 12noon to 10:00pm Tenebrae - 7pm (Livestreamed)			