

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.

2:30 P.M. (SPANISH MASS)

WEEKDAYS: 8:30 A.M. Tuesday - Friday

HOLIDAYS: 8:30 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.

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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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
APRIL 24th & 25th, 2021**



Sat	4/24 – Joe Buffa (RIP) Requested by Knights of Columbus Fr. Jakubowski Council #8116	Fr. Oscar
Sun	4/25 – Gaetano Buffa (RIP) Requested by Knights of Columbus Fr. Jakubowski Council #8116	Fr. Oscar
Mon	4/26 – No Mass	
Tue	4/27 – Robin Seeterlin (RIP) Requested by John & Vickie Roane	Fr. Oscar
Wed	4/28 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Thurs	4/29 – JoAn Klisiewicz In Honor of 81 st Birthday Requested by The Watkins Family	Fr. Oscar
Fri	4/30 – Joe, Elsie & Johnnie Drexler (RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Sat	5/1 – Dorothy Harrison (RIP) Requested by Kathy & James Wills	Fr. Oscar
Sun	5/2 – Special Intention Requested by Edna Trudeau	Fr. Oscar

Collections for April 17th & 18th, 2021

Parish Operations	\$4,963.00
Supplemental Collection	335.87
Online Giving as of 4/6/2021	275.00
Holy Thursday	25.00
Good Friday	25.00
Total	\$5,623.87
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$260.00
Haiti Fund	\$200.00

***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.

Attendance – April 17th & April 18th, 2021

Saturday, April 17th – 5:30pm = 46
 Sunday, April 18th – 9:00am = 83
 Spanish Mass, April 18th – 2:30pm = No Record

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:

- For those who have not received a vaccine and continue to feel uncomfortable returning to Mass, Bishop Knestout has dispensed all Catholics in the Diocese from their Sunday Mass obligation.
- 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 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.
- 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 discouraged.
- Sanitize hands when entering & leaving Church.

10. Bulletins will be available at Masses.

***We will continue to make the bulletins available online and mail bulletins to those without Internet access. Please let us know if we can discontinue mailing bulletins to you.**

Schedule - Week of April 26th – May 2nd

Monday, April 26th – No Daily Mass – Adoration
 Mercy Center Chapel 12noon until 10pm
Tuesday, April 27th – Mass 8:30am – Adoration in
 Mercy Center Chapel 12noon until 10pm
Finance Council Meeting – 6:30pm - Hall
Wednesday, April 28th – Mass 8:30am
Thursday, April 29th – Mass 8:30am
Friday, April 30th – Mass 8:30am
**Most Holy Rosary – 6:30pm in Church
 (Livestreamed)**
Saturday, May 1st – Mass – 5:30pm
Sunday, May 2nd – Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Mass – 9:00am (Livestreamed)
 Last Faith Formation Class for School
 Year– 10:15am – Hall
 Spanish Mass – 2:30pm



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Emily Adams	Elizabeth Alley	Camb Ashley
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Linda Blevins	Ron Blevins	Joan Buehler
Linda Burch	Kathryn Carson	Kevin Carson
Lucy Carson	Tim Collier	Meredith Crowe
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Gloria Kojcsich	Bonnie Kopacki	Joyce Kostrzewa
Gordon Langston	Patricia Lanuza	Ashley Larson
Henry Lasch	Melissa Leger	Lanci McCloud
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Mae Touray	Gloria Wajciechowski	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)

Church Cleaning Schedule

- 4/18 thru 4/25 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters
- 4/26 thru 5/2 – Tom & Rowena Fauber
- 5/3 thru 5/9 – Gary & Jackie Silvia



- 4/24 – Dan Gibbs, David Seckora & Joe Drexler
- 4/25 – Jim Pyne, Craig Smith & Tuan Nguyen



- 4/24 – Lorraine Ryalls & Joe Drexler
- 4/25 – Susan Thompson & Kim DiLandro



4/25 – Jim Pyne



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).

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Today's Gospel Story not only points to Jesus the Good Shepherd, but arouses in us the perpetual questions, choices and ultimate decisions that we must make throughout our lives. It is not simply a one-time choice to follow the Good Shepherd, but an ongoing struggle each day to choose to follow or not. None of us is perfect, so our choices are often inconsistent and waiver from time to time. Sometimes, we choose love, compassion and forgiveness. Sometimes we choose hate, apathy and selfishness.

Adults: What in your life makes you stray from the voice of the Good Shepherd?

Children: What keeps you from sometimes following Jesus' voice?

DO YOU KNOW?

We sign our forehead, lips and hearts with a cross before the Gospel as we say, "May the Lord be in my mind, on my lips and in my heart." It is said prior to the reading of the Gospel as a way of prayerfully inviting Christ to come to us in these ways as His sacred Word is proclaimed. The hearing of the Gospel must change our minds, it must be proclaimed by our lips, and it must affect our heart. By heart we especially mean our will, affections, emotions and passions. So next time you sign yourself with the Cross before the Gospel make sure that it's more than just an external gesture, make sure it is also a prayer and an invitation to Christ.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Central America claimed its first saint with the canonization of Pedro de San Jose Betancur. Known as the "Saint Francis of the Americas", he was a shepherd until age 24 and then left his home for Guatemala. Pedro enrolled in the local Jesuit college in hopes of studying for the priesthood. No matter how hard he tried, however, he could not master the material; he withdrew from school. In 1655, he joined the Secular Franciscan Order. Three years later, he opened a hospital for the convalescent poor; a shelter for the homeless, and a school for the poor soon followed. Not wanting to neglect the rich Guatemala City, Pedro began walking through their part of town ringing a bell and inviting them to repent. He died in 1667, and was canonized by Pope John Paul II in Guatemala City on July 30, 2002. The liturgical feast of Saint Pedro de San Jose Betancur is celebrated on April 25th.

OLBS Scholarship

***It is time to Apply for the OLBS Scholarship! You must be a graduating high school senior and an active member of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church parish. Please call the parish office at 804-843-3125 or email to olbs@olbs-catholic.org for more information or to have an application sent to you. This is a faith-based scholarship which reflects the service and leadership of the applicant within our faith community. There is a single \$1,000 scholarship. *This year's scholarship applications must be returned to the Mercy Center Offices no later than May 31, 2021 and addressed to the Scholarship Review Committee.* Additional copies of the application are available at the Mercy Center Office. Please call the parish office at 804-843-3125 with any questions.



Laying down our lives: The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. This theme is found also in the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) On the road from Jerusalem to Jericho, a man fell in with robbers. A priest and a Levite came by, but did not stop to help. Despite their knowledge of the Law and Prophets, they walked right by. Why? One of the reasons may be that they were afraid. The road from Jerusalem to Jericho is a dangerous road. Because of its numerous steep curves, it lends itself to attacks by robbers who can easily hide not too far from their victims. Perhaps the priests and Levites who passed by that man asked themselves, "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me? Maybe the robbers who attacked him are still here. Maybe they're hiding just around the bend. This is a dangerous road. I better keep going." Sometimes we ask the same question. If, for example, I speak up too loudly about the victims of abortion, what will happen to me? Will I face persecution, will I encounter opposition, will I lose popularity if I get involved in a cause like this? And then the Good Samaritan came along, and he reversed the question. He didn't ask, "If I help this man, what will happen to me?" The Good Samaritan asked, "If I do not help this man, what will happen to him?" And that's the question for us. If I do not address this evil, what will happen to the unborn? If I do not get involved, what will happen to those who are vulnerable, to those who are marginalized in our society, those who are oppressed, those who have no one to speak for them? (Priests for Life)

***If you are having difficulty hearing the Mass in Church, please arrive a few minutes early and speak with one of the ushers, as the parish has purchased hearing assistance devices for our parishioners.



To our couples with anniversaries in April: Paul & Valeria Seckora – 4/5/1997; Thomas & Paulette Berberich – 4/11/1964; (Thomas, Sr.) & Marguerite Sturtz – 4/15/1945; Billy & Katie Fudella – 4/25/2015

*****Diocesan Bicentennial Books are still available and can be purchased for a donation amount of your choice. Please call the Parish Office at 804-843-3125 to reserve one, today!**

Mass Readings: Good Shepherd Sunday

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is *the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone*. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. or: R. Alleluia.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. or: R. Alleluia.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. or: R. Alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD. I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his kindness endures forever.

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. or: R. Alleluia.

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.

The Word of the Lord

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel According to John

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired

man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

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.

*****If a kid asks her parents for a dog, she might hear this response: "If you take care of it." The logic is simple: human beings respond to responsibility. We tend to treat things better when they belong to us. Jesus knows this, and shows us in today's Gospel that His love is not the love of a hireling, who runs away when faced with trouble. Instead, He loves like the Good Shepherd, who lays down His life for His sheep, precisely because they are *His* sheep. When we have a stake in something, we tend to invest in it. God has entrusted each of us with this parish community. We are all truly members of it, and we all have a stake in it. The Annual Diocesan Appeal and our Parish Capital Campaign are great ways to imitate the Good Shepherd by caring for what belongs to us, as opposed merely using it like a hireling. Do we really believe that our parish is ours, that it's been entrusted to us as a gift from God? If so, what should our commitment through the Annual Diocesan Appeal and our parish Capital Campaign look like? And, if not, why not? God wants us to be a part of the fold, because He knows that responsibility and relationship are the only ways to grow in love. Please consider making a gift as a response to Christ's call to be a good steward.**

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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Parish Capital Fundraising Campaign

I am pleased to share with you that we are launching a capital fundraising campaign to address some of the key maintenance issues and upgrades to our parish.

We are calling the campaign *Our Hope, Our Home, Our Lady*.

With an overall goal of \$300,000, the *Our Hope, Our Home, Our Lady* capital campaign will ensure the following goals are achieved:

New Roof and Improvements to the Church

The most urgent priority and the centerpiece of our campaign is to address all repairs to the church.

We will replace the roof, address some preventative maintenance needs to the masonry exterior, and finally fix the cracks in the sidewalk, ramp, and steps.

New Roof and Foundation Repairs to the Van den Boogaard Center

The Van den Boogaard Center was built in the 1920's and we have made many improvements and expansions over the years, but it is still an older building that needs urgent repairs.

We will replace three of the four membrane roof sections that are leaking, and then create a "conditioned" crawl space to address the moisture issues to include treating the joists, subfloor, and carrier beams.

2021 Annual Appeal

The 2021 Annual Appeal is an important opportunity for us to engage the next generation and provide support for those in need.

This year, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament will participate in the Annual Diocesan Appeal through the *Our Hope, Our Home, Our Lady* campaign.

Over the coming weeks, you will learn more about the campaign

and we will keep you updated on the progress towards our campaign fundraising goal of \$300,000 (which we are targeting to have raised by the end of May).

I look forward to talking with each of you about how you can help support this effort.

Thank you!

f. Dean P. P...