

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1st & 2nd, 2021



Sat	5/1 - – Dorothy Harrison (RIP) Requested by Kathy & James Wills	Fr. Oscar
Sun	5/2 – Special Intention Requested by Edna Trudeau	Fr. Oscar
Mon	5/3 – No Mass	
Tue	5/4 – Roger Staskiel (RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Wed	5/5 – Al Modr (RIP) Requested by Stan & Marilyn Zuraw	Fr. Oscar
Thurs	5/6 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Fri	5/7 – Tracy Lasch (RIP) Requested by Lil & Mike McElhinney	Fr. Oscar
Sat	5/8 - – Savario “Sam” Patullo (RIP) Requested by The Liberato Family	Fr. Oscar
Sun	5/9 – Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Anna’s Daughters	Fr. Oscar

Collections for April 24th & 25th, 2021

Parish Operations	\$3,233.00
Supplemental Collection	15.00
Online Giving as of 4/13/2021	150.00
Online Giving as of 4/20/2021	150.00
Holy Thursday	5.00
Good Friday	5.00
Total	\$3,558.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$20.00
Haiti Fund	\$10.00
Cemetery 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.

Attendance – April 24th & April 25th, 2021

Saturday, April 24th – 5:30pm = 42

Sunday, April 25th – 9:00am = 118

No Spanish Mass, April 25th – 2:30pm

***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.

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 May 3rd – May 9th

Monday, May 3rd – No Daily Mass – Adoration Mercy Center Chapel 12noon until 10pm

Tuesday, May 4th – Mass 8:30am – Adoration in Mercy Center Chapel 12noon until 10pm

Liturgy Meeting – 6:00pm - Hall

Wednesday, May 5th – Mass 8:30am

Thursday, May 6th – Mass 8:30am

Friday, May 7th – Mass 8:30am

Most Holy Rosary – 6:30pm in Church (Livestreamed)

Saturday, May 8th – Mass – 5:30pm

Sunday, May 9th – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass – 9:00am (Livestreamed)

Spanish Mass – 2:30pm

Happy Mother’s Day!



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Emily Adams	Elizabeth Alley	Camb Ashley
Candace Barefoot	Virginia Becker	Paulette Berberich
Linda Blevins	Ron Blevins	Joan Buehler
Linda Burch	Kathryn Carson	Kevin Carson
Lucy Carson	Tim Collier	Meredith Crowe
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Dale Dippre	Dexter Dix	Larry Dzula, Jr.
Michelle Eshelman	Amanda Fincher	Natalee Franzysen
Kelli Gaeta	Margaret Geron	Earl Gravatt
Jim Gregory	Pat Hinkle	Kelly Hipple
Tom Hollowak	Mary Ann Hooper	Ellen Horseman
Gail Justin	Bob Kay	John Kellam
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Joyce Kostrzewa	Gordon Langston	Patricia Lanuza
Ashley Larson	Melissa Leger	Lanci McCloud
Kenny McGinley	Beverly McGowan	Patrick McGowan
William Madigan III	Diane Agnes Martin	Ron Martz
Clara Morrow	Randy Morrow	Specialist Mullins
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	Jim Tokarz	Mae Touray
Gloria Wajciechowski	Emmett White	James Willis
Andrea Berberich Wilson	Lois Wilson	Robert 'Bobby' Wilson
	Jody Zogran	

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)

Church Cleaning Schedule

- 4/26 thru 5/2 – Tom & Rowena Fauber
- 5/3 thru 5/9 – Gary & Jackie Silvia
- 5/10 thru 5/16 – Our Hispanic Community



- 5/1 – Joe Drexler, Dan Gibbs & David Seckora
- 5/2 – Dave Haviland, Dawson Haviland & Craig Smith
- 5/8 – Joe Drexler, David Seckora & Bob Ryalls
- 5/9 – Tuan Nguyen, Jim Pyne & Craig Smith



- 5/1 – Tom Fauber & Jackie Silvia
- 5/2 – Danielle Smith & Bill Madigan
- 5/8 – Pattie Vadas & Jim Vadas
- 5/9 – Kay Shaw & Pat Barron



- 5/2 – Sarah Rae
- 5/9 – Bill Madigan

*****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!**

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

This week's Gospel text invites us to live a more authentic Christian spirituality. It tells us that we need to be disciples who have a deep and intimate relationship with Jesus – just as he has with the Father. It challenges us to see how abiding in Jesus means that we abide in community – being in and with, others in a Christian community; and that living the life of a disciple means allowing the Lord to prune us – even if it's painful – of attitudes, dispositions, actions that can be replaced with ones that are better – ones that enable us to bear much fruit. Adults: What in your life needs pruning so that you can bear much good fruit? Children: What habits do you have that need changing?

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Blessed Michael Giedroyc lived a life of physical pain and mental torment but it didn't prevent him from achieving holiness. Born in Lithuania, Michael suffered from physical and permanent handicaps from birth. He was a dwarf who had the use of only one foot. Because of his delicate physical condition, his formal education was frequently interrupted. But over time, Michael showed special skills at metalwork. Working with bronze and silver, he created sacred vessels, including chalices. He traveled to Krakow, Poland, where he joined the Augustinians. He lived the life of a hermit in a cell adjoining the monastery. He spent his days in prayer, fasted and abstained from all meat and lived to an old age. Though he knew the meaning of suffering throughout his years, his rich spiritual life brought him consolation. Michael's long life ended in 1485 in Krakow. His feast day is May 4th.

DO YOU KNOW?

A recent Mass of Thanksgiving at the Little Sisters of the Poor St. Joseph's Home in Richmond marked the farewell of the Little Sisters. Due to a decline in vocations, they have sold the facility to Accordius Health and are leaving after more than 147 years of service to the elderly poor in the diocese.



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).

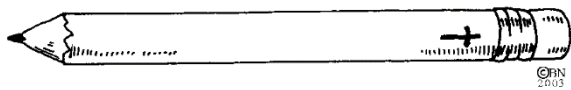
OLBS Scholarship

*****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.

School Registration



New Catholic Virtual Academy - Saint Vincent de Paul Academy (SVVA) is opening this fall for students in grades 8-12 throughout the Diocese of Richmond. It will be administered by the faculty and staff at Peninsula Catholic High School who have experience delivering their curriculum virtually since 2016. Applications are being accepted for high school students seeking a dynamic virtual learning experience built on Catholic values. Join us for our Virtual Open House on Monday, May 10th at 6pm via Zoom. Contact Alyson LeMaster, Director of Enrollment, at 757-596-7247 ext. 106 to register or visit our Website: [Saint Vincent de Paul Virtual Academy \(peninsulacatholic.org\)](http://SaintVincentdePaulVirtualAcademy.peninsulacatholic.org) to learn more about SVVA.



God makes no Distinctions: On February 27, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI said the following in a talk to the Pontifical Academy for Life: "The sacred books, in fact, set out to show God's love for every human being even before he has been formed in his mother's womb. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (Jer 1: 5), God said to the Prophet Jeremiah. And the Psalmist recognizes with gratitude: "You did form my inward parts, you did knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for you are fearful and wonderful. Wonderful are your works! You know me right well" (Ps139[138]: 13-14). These words acquire their full, rich meaning when one thinks that God intervenes directly in the creation of the soul of every new human being. God's love does not differentiate between the newly conceived infant still in his or her mother's womb and the child or young person, or the adult and the elderly person. God does not distinguish between them because he sees an impression of his own image and likeness (Gn 1: 26) in each one. He makes no distinctions because he perceives in all of them a reflection of the face of his Only-begotten Son, whom "he chose... before the foundation of the world.... He destined us in love to be his sons... according to the purpose of his will" (Eph 1: 4-6)." (Priests for Life)



To our couples with anniversaries in May: Pat & Wini Barron – 5/4/1966; Jim & Pattie Vadas – 5/27/1972; Greg & Denise DePompeo – 5/2/1981; Chris & Barbara Hite – 5/15/1982; Brian & Hope Kopacki – 5/17/2008



Our sincerest condolences to Arlene Lasch and her family at the loss of Henry Lasch. May he rest in peace and may the Perpetual Light shine upon him.

Mass Readings: Fifth Sunday of Easter

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. or: R. Alleluia.

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD. The lowly shall eat their fill; they who seek the LORD shall praise him: "May your hearts live forever!"

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. or: R. Alleluia.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of the nations shall bow down before him.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. or: R. Alleluia.

To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth; before him shall bend all who go down into the dust.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. or: R. Alleluia.

And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him. Let the coming generation be told of the LORD that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. or: R. Alleluia.

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint John

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

The Word of the Lord

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

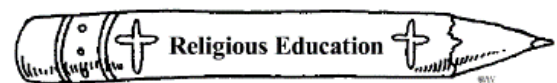
The Holy Gospel According to John

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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.



This weekend marks the end of our 2020-2021 Christian Formation classes. We appreciate the children for their cooperation in having their temperatures taken each week, wearing masks as required and sitting 6 feet apart from their friends and all without complaint! A huge thank you to our catechists: Peggy Keane, Linda Drexler and Erin Hayden, Karena Funkhouser and Chris Polcyn for teaching multiple class levels and in non-traditional classrooms. Their flexibility allowed us to offer in-person formation for the majority of our children. May God bless each of them for sharing their time, talent and treasure during this pandemic so that the children could continue learning about the faith and growing their relationship with Christ!

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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