

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.

PARISH OFFICES at the MERCY CENTER

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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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 22nd & 23rd, 2021



Sat	5/22 – Gaetano Buffa (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by The Knights of Columbus Father Jakubowski Council #8116	
Sun	5/23 – Joe Buffa (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Knights of Columbus Father Jakubowski Council #8116	
Mon	5/24 – No Mass	
Tue	5/25 – Roger Staskiel (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	
Wed	5/26 – Alan Tate (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by the Watkins Family	
Thurs	5/27 – No Mass Intentions	
Fri	5/28 – No Mass Intentions	
Sat	5/29 – Joe Sr, Elsie & Johnnie Drexler (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested Joe & Linda Drexler	
Sun	5/30 – Tracy Lasch (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Patty Knight, Linda Assessor & Joy Tanner	

Collections for May 15th & 16th, 2021

Parish Operations	\$2,356.00
Supplemental Collection	303.02
Online Giving as of 5/4/2021	250.00
Poor Box	87.73
Votive Candles	22.50
Total	\$3,019.25
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
OLBS Scholarship Fund	\$30.00
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$165.00
Maintenance Savings Account	\$110.00
Diocesan Home Missions	\$340.00

***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.

***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:

1. 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.
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 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 discouraged.
9. 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 24th – May 30th

Monday, May 24th – No Daily Mass – Adoration
Mercy Center Chapel 12noon until 10pm

Tuesday, May 25th – Mass 8:30am – Adoration
in Mercy Center Chapel 12noon until 10pm

Finance Council – 6:30pm - Hall

Wednesday, May 26th – Mass 8:30am

Thursday, May 27th – Mass 8:30am

Friday, May 28th – Mass 8:30am

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

Saturday, May 29th – Mass – 5:30pm

Sunday, May 30th – Solemnity of the Most Holy
Trinity

Mass – 9:00am (Livestreamed)

Parish Council – 10:15am – Hall



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	William Bush	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
Earl Gravatt	Jim Gregory	Pat Hinkle
Kelly Hippie	Laurie Hite	Tom Hollowak
Mary Ann Hooper	Ellen Horseman	Gail Justin
Bob Kay	John Kellam	Bill Kessler
Gloria Kojcsich	Bonnie Kopacki	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 Royalls	Joanna Ryalls
Jack Scaife	Barbara Schafer	James Simmons
Allen Smith	The Solak Family	Levi Sturtz
Jim Tokarz	Mae Touray	Taylor Trimbath
Gloria Wajciechowski	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

- 5/17 thru 5/23 – Dan Gibbs Family
- 5/24 thru 5/30 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters
- 5/31 thru 6/6 – Tom & Rowena Fauber



- 5/22 – David Seckora, Jim Vadas & Bob Ryalls
- 5/23 – Jim Milby, Dave Haviland & Dawson Haviland
- 5/29 – David Seckora, Bob Ryalls & Dan Gibbs
- 5/30 – Jim Milby, Tuan Nguyen & Jim Pyne



- 5/22 – Jackie Silvia & Pattie Vadas
- 5/23 – Pat Barron & Susan Thompson
- 5/29 – Lorraine Ryalls & Tom Fauber
- 5/30 – Scott Rae & Colleen Rae



- 5/23 – Jim Pyne
- 5/30 – Sarah Rae

Special Blessings

Beginning in June, Father's special blessings will resume. He will bless all birthdays on the first weekend of each month and bless all anniversaries on the second weekend of each month.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Pentecost is an invitation to choose to share our love, to choose to move into action, and to choose to be the Risen Presence to others. This weekend's "Good News" is that the same Spirit of the Lord, which came to the first disciples at Pentecost, is still at work in the Church today. Jesus Christ promised to the apostles the Holy Spirit, a paraclete and He fulfilled His promise. He filled them with the Holy Spirit so they could go forth to proclaim the Good News of Jesus. As good stewards we are also called to inspire others by sharing our talents, gifts, and treasures. We thank God for His gift of the Holy Spirit, Who gives us grace and the way to salvation. Adults: How can you use your gifts and talents to inspire others to live the Good News? Children: How can you help others to learn more about Jesus?

DO YOU KNOW?

The Vatican hasn't always been home to the Pope. Prior to 1300, popes lived at the Lateran Palace on the opposite side of Rome. In 1309, the papal court moved to Avignon in France and seven popes ruled from there. On their return to Rome in 1377, and because the Lateran Palace had been destroyed by a fire, the papacy moved to the Vatican.



Youth Group for those in 6th grade through High School will begin meeting again! We will meet on May 23rd, June 6th, and June 13th at 6:30pm in Boogaard Hall. Hope to see you there!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

At 18-years-old, Philip Neri went off to live with a wealthy family member in San Germano to assist in - and possibly inherit - the family business. However, soon after his arrival, Philip experienced a mystical vision, which he eventually spoke of as his Christian conversion. This event was an encounter with the Lord and it dramatically changed his life. He soon lost interest in owning property or participating in business. He felt a call from the Holy Spirit to radically live for and serve the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. Philip went to Rome, where he lived in poverty. After several years of solitude and study he sold his books and hit the streets to do the grassroots work of leading people to Christ. For forty-five years St. Philip Neri evangelized thousands of people at Rome, from the poor to the popes. Philip won their hearts with his consistent kindness and jovial sense of humor. He became known as the "Second Apostle of Rome" because his ministry promoted a general return to the Christian living. We celebrate his feast day on May 26th. He is the patron of joy, Rome, and U.S. Special Forces.



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).



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



Pentecost Voice: The Holy Spirit, who came on Pentecost, gave voice to the apostles to proclaim the truth of the Gospel. The Spirit, the Soul of the Church, continues to enable the Church to speak, and enables us to speak in our individual capacity. As Cardinal Elio Sgreccia, former President of the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life has said, "The Church must speak out in today's context on fundamental rights, the right to justice, the right to peace, but above all and in the first place, the right to life. If the Church did not speak, did not proclaim the truth, it would be abandoning its duty; it would be unfaithful to society, to the good of society. Therefore, its precise duty is the very liberty to intervene with word, and also with example -- the example of promoting human life, of intervening for the salvation of mankind." (Priests for Life)

Attendance - May 15th & 16th, 2021

Saturday, May 15th - 5:30pm = 69

Sunday, May 16th - 9:00am = 95

Spanish Mass, May 16th - 2:30pm = 40

*****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!

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.

Time to honor our Deceased Veterans!

Memorial Day weekend is a special time to honor our deceased veterans who fought so hard for our country and our freedoms. Please call the parish office at 804-843-3125 or send an email to adminassistant@olbs-catholic.org by Wednesday, May 26th at noon if you would like to have your deceased veteran remembered this Memorial Day weekend.

Mass Readings: Pentecost Sunday

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. or: R. Alleluia.

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD, my God, you are great indeed! How manifold are your works, O LORD! the earth is full of your creatures.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. or: R. Alleluia.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD be glad in his works! Pleasing to him be my theme; I will be glad in the LORD.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. or: R. Alleluia.

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. or: R. Alleluia.

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

Sequence

Come, Holy Spirit, come! And from your celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine! Come, Father of the poor!
Come, source of all our store! Come, within our bosoms
shine. You, of comforters the best; You, the soul's most
welcome guest; Sweet refreshment here below; In our
labor, rest most sweet; Grateful coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe. O most blessed Light divine,
Shine within these hearts of yours, And our inmost being
fill! Where you are not, we have naught, Nothing good in
deed or thought, Nothing free from taint of ill. Heal our
wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour your
dew; Wash the stains of guilt away: Bend the stubborn
heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the
steps that go astray. On the faithful, who adore And
confess you, evermore In your sevenfold gift descend;
Give them virtue's sure reward; Give them your
salvation, Lord; Give them joys that never end. Amen.
Alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and
kindle in them the fire of your love.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel According to John

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the
doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear
of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and
said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said
this, he showed them his hands and his side. The
disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said
to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has
sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this,
he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the
Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,
and whose sins you retain are retained."

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.**

Help Needed!

**With things opening up a little more at Church, we need
more volunteers. Please see below and call the parish
office at 804-843-3125 if you are interested:**

**Ushers – Father would like to use 4 ushers for the
Collection.**

**Altar Servers – Father has brought back altar
servers in a limited capacity. You must have
received your First Holy Communion to be
eligible to serve.**

**Lectors – You must have been Confirmed in the
Catholic Faith to be able to Lector.**

**Eucharistic Ministers – You must have been
Confirmed in the Catholic Faith to be a
Eucharistic Minister.**

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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