OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

3570 KING WILLIAM AVENUE, WEST POINT VA 23181



11:30 A.M. (SPANISH MASS)

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

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

PARISH OFFICES at the MERCY CENTER 207 W. Euclid Blvd., West Point, VA 23181 Phone: 843-3125 Fax: 843-9158

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SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Also by appointment

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Monday and Tuesday

Monday and Tuesday Mercy Center Chapel

First Friday Adoration in the church

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

RECITATION of the MOST HOLY ROSARY

6:30 p.m. Every Friday in the church

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.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 2nd & 3rd, 2021



Sat 10/2 – Elizabeth Sturtz Ward (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Jeanie Sturtz

Sun 10/3 – Henry J. Kopacki, Jr. (RIP) Fr. Oscar Anniversary of Birthday October 5th Requested by Marian Kopacki & Family

Mon 10/4 – No Mass

Tue 10/5 – Henry J. Kopacki, Jr. (RIP) Fr. Oscar Anniversary of Birthday October 5th Requested by Janice McGowan & Family

Wed 10/6 – James Geron (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler

Thurs 10/7 – Betty Ward (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler

Fri 10/8 – Rosemarie Klisiewecz Fr. Oscar In Honor of Birthday Requested by the Watkins Family

Sat 10/9 – Yolonda Arci Fr. Oscar In Honor of 100th Birthday Requested by the Watkins Family

Sun 10/10 – Diane Agnes Martin (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by David Seckora

Collections for September 25th & 26th, 2021

Parish Operations	\$2,800.00
Supplemental Collection	40.00
Online Giving as of 9/21/2021	50.00
Votive Candles	10.00
Poor Box	20.00
Total	\$2,920.00

Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is \$3,940

Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish

Maintenance Savings Account \$60.00
Capital Campaign \$1,120.00
Retired Religious \$435.00

Thank you for supporting our parish!

***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.

Attendance Sept. 25th & 26th, 2021
Saturday, Sept. 25th 5:30pm = 57
Sunday, Sept. 26th 9:00am = 111
No Spanish Mass, Sept. 26th 11:30am

Mass Updates

*** 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 the 9am Sunday Mass.

Per the Virginia Department of Health:

- 1. Unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated individuals should wear masks in public indoor settings.
- 2. Fully vaccinated individuals do not need to wear a mask; however, masks should be worn in indoor settings in areas of substantial and high transmission.
- 3. Any person not wearing a mask shall not be required to produce documentation that they are vaccinated or that they have an underlying medical condition.

<u>Schedule Week of October 4th – 10th</u> <u>Monday, October 4th – No Daily Mass</u> Adoration Mercy Center Chapel 12pm - 10pm *Knights of Columbus – 7:00pm in Knights Hall

Tuesday, October 5th - Mass 8:30am (Livestreamed)
Adoration Mercy Center Chapel 12pm - 10pm
*Liturgy Committee - Mercy Center - 6:00pm
*Adult Faith Formation - Mercy Center - 7:00pm

Wednesday, October 6th Mass 8:30am (Livestreamed)

Thursday, October 7th - Mass 8:30am (Livestreamed)
*Knights of Columbus Blood Drive 1-6pm in Hall
By Appointment: 1-800-REDCROSS

Friday, October 8th - Mass 8:30am (Livestreamed)

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

<u>Saturday, October 9th</u> – Mass – 5:30pm <u>Sunday, October 10th</u> – Mass at 9:00am (Livestreamed)

*Faith Formation for Children & Adults 10:15am in Hall

Spanish Mass at 11:30am *Confirmation Session – 6:30pm in the Hall



Adults, you are invited to the hall every Sunday from 10:15am to 11:15am to watch the series, "Explaining the Faith" with Fr. Chris Alar. We will have the coffee ready! Come on over and enjoy a cup, while learning and growing in the faith!



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Emily Adams Elizabeth Alley **Judy Anderson Camb Ashley Candace Barefoot** Virginia Becker Jane Bellanca Mike Bellanca **Paulette Berberich Linda Blevins Ron Blevins** Joan Buehler Linda Burch William Bush **Kathryn Carson Kevin Carson Tim Collier Lucy Carson** Vincent D'elia **Meredith Crowe Eric Crump Denise DePompeo Dale Dippre Dexter Dix** Larry Dzula, Jr. Michelle Eshelman **Amanda Fincher** Natalee Franzyshen **Maria Fredericks** Kelli Gaeta **Margaret Geron** Jim Gregory Pat Hinkle Tom Hollowak **Kelly Hipple Laurie Hite** Mary Ann Hooper **Ellen Horseman Gail Justin Bob Kay** John Kellam **Bill Kessler** Gloria Kojcsich **Bonnie Kopacki** Joyce Kostrzewa Patricia Lanuza **Ashley Larson Gordon Langston** Lanci McCloud Melissa Leger **Philip Liberato Kenny McGinley Beverly McGowan Patrick McGowan** William Madigan III Ron Martz Jackie Mierle Clara Morrow **Randy Morrow Specialist Mullins Larry Newtzie Desiree Page** Ka'varus Penticolas **Brett Pickens Patricia Pilong** Ray Rackley Pam Rigsby Mark A. Roane Vickie Roane **Leonard Romano Debbie Royals** Jack Scaife **Barbara Schafer James Simmons** 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

Church Cleaning Schedule

9/27 thru 10/3 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters 10/4 thru 10/10 – Gary & Jackie Silvia 10/11 thru 10/17 – Our Hispanic Community



10/2 – Dan Gibbs & Bob Ryalls 10/3 – Jim Milby & Craig Smith 10/9 – Bob Ryalls & David Seckora 10/10 – Jim Milby & Philip Henley



10/2 - David Seckora & Tom Fauber 10/3 - Colleen Rae & Scott Rae 10/9 - Jackie Silvia & Lorraine Ryalls 10/10 - Bill Madigan & Pat Barron



10/2 – Joe Drexler 10/9 – Gary Silvia 10/3 - Sarah Rae 10/10 - Jim Pyne

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph is pure of heart.

To be chaste is to be pure of heart. If a person's heart is not pure, they are incapable of seeing God. Saint Joseph's heart is exceptionally pure. Saint Joseph gazed on the countenance of God in the Person of his son for decades. Poets have often stated that the eyes are the window to the soul. If this is true, St. Joseph must have had the most chaste and pure eyes of any husband who ever lived. His eyes and heart were pure-intentioned, chaste, and afire with love for Jesus and Mary. Modern man has become blinded by impurity. The world encourages premarital relations, cohabitation, contraception, and many other immoral practices. Chastity is a forgotten virtue today. Even married couples live with the idea that they are free to do whatever they desire with the body of their spouse. However, this is not true. Chastity is required in marriage as well, in order for couples to truly love one another, to retain their dignity and respect for each other.

(Pray the Litany of St. Joseph)



To our couples with anniversaries in October: Brandon & Gigi Jordan – 10/3/2009; Albert & Gloria Wajciechowski – 10/10/1970; (David "Charlie") & Jeanie Sturtz – 10/11/1968; Frank & Mary Ann Fetterolf – 10/19/1963; Kevin & Deidra Kopacki – 10/20/2001; Mike & Nancy Pausic – 10/29/1960; Scott & Pam Watkins – 10/29/1983.



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 9:00am through 4:30pm. Any other times, please contact Pam Watkins at 919-820-1986 (cell phone).

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Maria Faustina Kowalska, recognized in the Roman Catholic Church as Saint Faustina (born Helena Kowalska, August 25, 1905 in Glogowiec - October 5, 1938 in Krakow, Poland, was a Polish nun. Throughout her life, Faustina reported having visions of Jesus and conversations with Him, which she wrote about in her diary, later published as the book The Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska: Divine Mercy in My Soul. At age 20 she joined a convent in Warsaw and was later transferred to Plock and then to Vilnius where she met her confessor, Father Michael Sopocko, who supported her devotion to the Divine Mercy. Faustina and Sopocko directed an artist to paint the first Divine Mercy image, based on Faustina's reported vision of Jesus, Sopocko used the image to celebrate the first Mass on the first Sunday after Easter - which later was established by Pope John Paul II as Divine Mercy Sunday. Faustina was canonized as a saint by the Roman Catholic Church on April 30, 2000, having been considered a mystic and visionary. She is known and venerated within the Church as the Apostle of Divine Mercy. Her feast day is October 5th.



Marriage and the Gift of Life "A certain sharing by man in God's lordship is also evident in the specific responsibility which he is given for human life as such. It is a responsibility which reaches its highest point in the giving of life through procreation by man and woman in marriage. As the Second Vatican Council teaches: "God himself who said, 'It is not good for man to be alone' (Gen 2:18) and 'who made man from the beginning male and female' (Mt 19:4), wished to share with man a certain special participation in his own creative work. Thus he blessed male and female saying: 'Increase and multiply' (Gen 1:28)" (Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, n. 43) (Priests for Life)

Greater Williamsburg LIFE CHAIN

St. Olaf in coordination with other Churches invites all to participate in the 33rd National Life Chain on Sunday, October 3rd from 2:00pm to 3:15pm. This will be a Greater Williamsburg area's 9th annual LIFE CHAIN. Location will be on the sidewalk facing Richmond Road starting at Centerville Road. The LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful, prayerful, and public witness of pro-life faithful standing in honor of 60+ million lives lost to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that we support the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. Pro-Life signs will be available and you may bring a chair if need be. All are welcome!

***Any Middle School and High School Youth interested in attending this event, please contact Erin Hayden at 804-843-3125 Ext. 103.

Youth Group activities will begin on Sunday, October 17th at 6:30pm in Boogaard Hall.

Our Hope, Our Home, Our Lady OLBS Capital Campaign Our Capital Campaign has been approved by Bishop Knestout for 5 years and any funds received designated for our "Capital Campaign" is not subject to the Diocesan Cathedraticum "tax"! That means all of those funds stay with our parish. Thank you for your generosity!!!

***If you have any questions about the Capital Campaign or the repairs needed on the parish grounds, please contact Bob Ryalls at businessmgr@olbs-catholic.org or call him at 757-207-0125. You can also contact Jim Pyne at facilitieschair@olbs-catholic.org.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive!!!

Knights of Columbus - West Point is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive on Thursday, October 7th from 1-6pm. If you are healthy and willing, please consider donating lifesaving blood to someone in need. Appointments are highly encouraged to donate. We will be accepting very limited walk-ins in order to properly follow social distancing rules. You can make an appointment by calling 1-800-REDCROSS or by going to their Website at

https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/driveresults?zipSponsor=knightswestpoint.

Mass Readings: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Gn 2:18-24

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

2nd Reading: Heb 2:9-11

Alleluia Acclamation: 1 Jn 4:12

Gospel Reading: Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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.

Adult Faith Formation Opportunity
We will begin our weeknight Adult
Faith Formation Series "Explaining
the Faith" Bible Study beginning on
Tuesday, October 5th at 7:00pm in the
Mercy Center. Come and join
parishioners interested in learning
more about our Faith and how to live
our Faith in this ever-changing world.

Cemetery News

With the holiday seasons fast approaching, we would like to remind all that if you plan on placing any decorations in either St. Theresa or St. John of Kanti cemeteries that they stay within the guidelines of the Catholic Church. If you are not sure, please feel free to ask any member of the **Cemetery Committee or see the posted** guidelines in the rear of the Church. Remember also that after the holiday has passed that any item you wish to have back should be picked up as soon as possible so as not to be lost. The Cemeteries have 2 major clean ups during the year, the last week in October and the week prior to Holy Week; however, this does not mean that at any time during the course of the year the cemeteries cannot be picked up and old or damaged items removed. As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

The Senior Luncheon is Back!!!

Senior Luncheons will resume beginning in the month of October and will stick to the same schedule as the Third Thursday of each month. Mass will be at 11:00am with the Luncheon immediately following the Mass. On Thursday, October 21st, the Luncheon will be at Nick's Restaurant. Please call the parish office at 804-843-3125 to have your name put on the list so we can make reservations. Parish Office hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00am until 4:30pm.

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				mmary Annual Report	
			F	iscal Year 2020 - 2021	
				Receipts	
		and Holy Day Collect			\$199,554
		Additional and Special Collections			34,649
		Facilities Repairs and Improvements			20,081
	Rental Income - Hall and Apartment				6,855
	Income from Preschool Operations				28,829
	Preschool Restricted Donations & Grants				40,853
	Faith Fo	rmation			2,623
	Capital (Campaign			79,345
	Grant - I	Non Diocesan			17,161
	Parish S	hare of Diocesan App	eal & Living	Our Mission	5,222
	Diocesa	n Grant			2,500
	Parish C	harities (Including Ha	iti)		15,535
		Income			2,734
	Stole Fe	es and Votive Stands			2,168
	Cemete	ry Receipts			4,600
	Miscella	ineous Income			1152
				Total Receipts	\$463,861
				Expenditures	. ,
	Personn	Personnel Costs - Clergy, Lay Ministers and Office			\$109,290
	Telephone (Including Internet), Utilities & Security				48,464
	Liturgy a	and Worship Expense	s	,	3,664
	Repairs and Maintenance (Including Maintenance & Service Contracts) Other Operating Expenses				14,973
					15,263
	Auto Ex				6,820
	Rectory				4,337
		Office and Administrative			
			ssessment Ba	ised on Receipts)	10,872 27,780
		Cathedracticum (Diocesan Assessment Based on Receipts) Diocesan Self Insurance Assessment			
	Catholic Virginian Assessment			10,128 4,457	
	Other Diocesan Assessments Capital Campaign Expenses				4,950
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	Charity and Outreach			8,489	
	Faith Formation, Evangelization and Parish Ministries				2,150
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God the Father has not given His Only-begotten to the world except by Mary. Whatever sighs the patriarchs may have sent forth, whatever prayers the prophets and the saints of the ancient law may have offered up to obtain that treasure for full four thousand years, -it was but Mary that merited it: it was but Mary who found grace before God by the force of her prayers and the eminence of her virtues. The world was unworthy, says St. Augustine, to receive the Son of God immediately from the Father's hands. He has given Him to Mary in order that the world might receive Him through her. The Son of God has made Himself Man: but it was in Mary and by Mary. God the Holy Ghost has formed Jesus Christ in Mary; but it was only after having asked her consent by one of the first ministers of His court. God the Father has communicated to Mary His fruitfulness, as far as a mere creature was capable of it, in order that He might give her the power to produce His Son, and all the members of His mystical Body. God the Son has descended into her virginal womb, as the new Adam into the terrestrial paradise, to take His pleasure there, and to work in secret the marvels of His Grace.



Save the Date!!!

Save the date for our Parish-wide Respect Life Shower in honor of our Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of us all!

Our Respect Life Shower will be in the Hall on Friday, October 29th immediately following the Holy Rosary at 6:30pm in the Church.

Beginning this weekend, throughout the month of October, we will be collecting items for babies, our elderly and infirmed. These items will be collected and made ready on October 29th for delivery to Mothers in crisis at the House of Mercy in Williamsburg, Virginia, to Three Rivers Health and Rehab here in West Point, and parishioners and shut-ins we are able to reach on our prayer list.

Please look at the back of the Church for the Pack 'n Play (for the Babies) and the Laundry Basket (for the Elderly and Infirmed) that will have tags attached with items that are needed. Please take some tags, shop over the course of the next couple of weeks and return the items, with the tags attached, to either the Pack 'n Play or the Laundry Basket.

For more information or to volunteer to help, please call the parish office at 804-843-3125 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays from 9:00am until 4:30pm.



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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