

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.

11:30 A.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 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.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 13th & 14th, 2021



Sat	11/13 – Joe Sr, Elsie & Johnnie Drexler (RIP)	
	Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Sun	11/14 – Yen Nguyen (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by The Bui Family	
Mon	11/15 – No Mass	
Tue	11/16 – Karl Rudolph (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
Wed	11/17 – Cecille Paraiso (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by David Seckora	
Thurs	11/18 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP)	
	Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Fri	11/19 – Joe Sr, Elsie & Johnnie Drexler (RIP)	
	Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Sat	11/20 – Chieko Tanimoto (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by David Seckora	
Sun	11/21 – Audrey Milby (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by John & Vickie Roane	

Collections for November 6th & 7th, 2021

Parish Operations	\$4,173.00
Christmas Flowers	75.00
Online Giving as of 11/2/2021	100.00
Votive Candles	39.50
All Saints Day	61.00
All Souls Day	49.00
Total	\$4,497.50

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

Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Capital Campaign	\$1,233.00
Haiti Ministry	\$160.00
Cemetery Fund	\$185.00
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$484.00
Maintenance Savings Fund	\$60.00
Archdiocese of the Military	\$100.00

Thank you for supporting our parish!

***Did you know that if you are 72 or older, you can make your Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA straight to our parish and most times it is excluded from your gross taxable income. To find out more, contact your financial advisor or Maggie Keenan at the Catholic Community Foundation - 804-622-5221 or mkeen@richmonddiocese.org.

***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.

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.

Schedule Week of November 15th-21st

Monday, November 15th – 11:00am Funeral
Mass for Natalee Franzyszen – Private Burial
to Follow

Adoration Mercy Center Chapel 12pm - 10pm

*Knights of Columbus – Knights Hall – 7pm

Tuesday, Nov. 16th - 8:30am Mass (Livestreamed)

Adoration Mercy Center Chapel 12pm - 10pm

*Adult Faith Formation – Mercy Center – 4:30pm

Wednesday, Nov. 17th - 8:30am Mass (Livestreamed)

Thursday, Nov. 18th – 11:00am Mass (Livestreamed)

*Senior Luncheon to Follow Mass at The Blue
Crab on Main Street in West Point

Friday, Nov. 19th – 8:30am Mass (Livestreamed)

Most Holy Rosary 6:30pm Church (Livestreamed)

Saturday, November 20th – Mass – 5:30pm

Sunday, November 21st – Mass at 9:00am

(Livestreamed)

*Faith Formation for Children & Adults

10:15am – Hall

Spanish Mass at 11:30am

*Youth Group – 6:30pm

Attendance November 6th & 7th, 2021

Saturday, November 6th 5:30pm = 79

Sunday, November 7th 9:00am = 115

Spanish Mass, Nov. 7th 11:30am = 54

***The Parish Offices will Close at Noon on Wednesday, November 24th and will not reopen until Tuesday, November 30th.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

There will be the usual 8:30am Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25th.



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Emily Adams	Elizabeth Alley	Judy Anderson
Camb Ashley	Candace Barefoot	Virginia Becker
Paulette Berberich	Linda Blevins	Ron Blevins
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
Maria Fredericks	Cris Gay	Kelli Gaeta
Margaret Geron	Jim Gregory	Pat Hinkle
Kelly Hipple	Laurie Hite	Tom Hollowak
Mary Ann Hooper	Ellen Horseman	John Jones
Gail Justin	Bob Kay	John Kellam
Bill Kessler	Gloria Kojcsich	Bonnie Kopacki
Joyce Kostrzewa	Gordon Langston	Patricia Lanuza
Ashley Larson	Melissa Leger	Philip Liberato
Denise Mason	Matt Matula	Lanci McCloud
Kenny McGinley	Beverly McGowan	Patrick McGowan
William Madigan III	Ron Martz	Jackie Mierle
Clara Morrow	Randy Morrow	Specialist Mullins
Larry Newtzie	Desiree Page	Andrea Payton
Ka'varus Penticolas	Brett Pickens	Patricia Pilog
Ray Rackley	Pam Rigsby	Mark A. Roane
Vickie Roane	Leonard Romano	Debbie Royals
Jack Scaife	Barbara Schafer	Kay Shaw
James Simmons	The Solak Family	Levi Sturtz
Jim Tokarz	Mae Touray	Taylor Trimbath
Gloria Wajciechowski	Francis Watkins	Emmett White
James Wills	Andrea Berberich Wilson	Lois Wilson
Robert 'Bobby' Wilson		Jody Zogran

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson
Staff Sargent Steven Bullis Wood

Church Cleaning Schedule

11/8 thru 11/14 – Our Hispanic Community
11/15 thru 11/21 – Dan Gibbs Family
11/22 thru 11/28 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters



11/13 – Joe Drexler & Dan Gibbs
11/14 – Craig Smith & Philip Henley
11/20 – Kevin Kopacki & Kody Kopacki
11/21 – Tuan Nguyen & Jim Pyne



11/13 – David Seckora & Jackie Silvia
11/14 – Pat Barron & Danielle Smith
11/20 – Pattie Vadas & Jim Vadas
11/21 – Scott Rae & Colleen Rae



11/13 – Gary Silvia
11/20 – Tom Fauber
11/14 – Bill Madigan
11/21 – Sarah Rae

MEDITATION ON THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

The souls in purgatory cannot pray for themselves, they cannot do anything to hasten their entrance into heaven. But we can pray for them. Our prayers for the suffering souls in purgatory is an act of charity that eases their suffering and helps them complete their purification sooner. This is our role in the communion of saints.

Just as the saints in heaven (the Church Triumphant) pray for us on earth making our way to heaven (the Church Militant), so we who are alive on earth can pray for the holy souls in purgatory (the Church Suffering). And, if we pray for them, they will pray for us in return in gratitude for helping them get to heaven more quickly.

(A Plenary indulgence can be gained for a soul in purgatory. This is extended for the month of November!) A Catholic who wishes to obtain a plenary indulgence must also fulfill the ordinary conditions of an indulgence, which are sacramental Confession, reception of the Eucharist, and prayer for the pope's intentions.

Eternal Rest grant unto them, oh Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Gertrude, Virgin - Feast Day November 16th
Born about 1256; St. Gertrude died at Helfta (Germany) about 1302. She was entrusted from five years of age to Benedictine or possibly Cistercian nuns, among whom she experienced a deep conversion at the age of twenty-five and lived a life of mystical contemplation. She found Christ in the liturgy and Scripture, and on this foundation developed her devotion to the humanity of Jesus and, together with it, a love of the heart of Jesus.

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph Most Prudent

Prudence is the Virtue of Kings and Rulers. Without prudence, no leader can exercise temperance, justice, and fortitude. Saint Joseph, Kin of the Holy Family and your spiritual father, is (after Jesus) the most prudent of all men. In every situation in life, he is a model of prudence. He prayed and waited on the Lord to reveal the mysteries of his wife's pregnancy to him. He educated the God-Man and, in every situation, allowed prudence to govern his actions. The prudence of St. Joseph was a supernatural prudence. -

Blessed William Joseph Chaminade.

Supernatural prudence is different from human prudence. Human prudence guides a person to avoid difficulty, suffering, and hardship. Supernatural prudence, on the other hand, does not seek to avoid suffering. Supernatural prudence embraces the cross out of love and always strives for the greater good.

(Pray the Litany of St. Joseph)



To our couples with anniversaries in November: Paul & Erin Borszich – 11/3/2007; Richard & Margaret Mountcastle – 11/6/1971; Shane & Donna Donahue – 11/10/2001; Jody & Bobbi Drexler – 11/15/2003; Stanley & Geraldine Thomas – 11/22/1959; Joe & Linda Drexler – 11/23/1968



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, 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).

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" - all of those funds stay with our parish. 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.



Mercy Triumphs: The Church opposes abortion, but embraces with mercy those who have made this mistake. Let's all take encouragement from these words of Pope John Paul II: "I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and to his mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child." (The Gospel of Life, #99). (Priests for Life)

Prayer of the Unborn

Let us pray for the unborn child in the womb who cannot speak or write or vote or protest and especially even pray. Let us say the Prayer of the Unborn every day. Prayer is a powerful force for good when we pray in unison for a good cause. Who knows how many lives we can save by saying the Prayer of the Unborn. Only God knows.

Heavenly Father, I thank You for the gift of life. Grant that the dear mother who gives me birth may welcome me with love. But if she cannot love me, Lord, grant that she may at least feel compassion, that the life You have given me may not be taken away from me even before I am born. I beg this in Jesus' name. Amen.



Our hearts are deeply saddened along with Henry Franzysen and family at the loss of his beloved Natalee. Eternal rest grant unto her and may Your Perpetual Light shine upon her.

Mass Readings: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Dn 12:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

2nd Reading: Heb 10:11-14, 18

Alleluia Acclamation: Lk 21:36

Gospel Reading: Mk 13:24-32

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.

***November's Senior Luncheon on Thursday, November 18th will be at The Blue Crab on Main Street in West Point. We will meet immediately following the 11:00am Mass. Please call the Parish Office to Sign Up.

Opportunities to Give This Season of Love!

Our Giving Tree is up in the back of the Church. Please take a tag or two but don't forget to sign your name next to your tag numbers and please provide your phone number, as well. Again, we are asking that all gifts be returned to the tree in a black trash bag (Wrapped or unwrapped) with a list of the items inside attached. We are beginning early because we realize there may be issues with supplies this year. However, we do have to have all gifts back by Sunday, December 4th. If you have any questions or need help in any way, please don't hesitate to call the Church office at 804-843-3125 or look for Deidra Kopacki, Sandy Lam-Dinh, Tiffany Smith, or Pam Watkins after one of the Masses to help.

We will also be taking donations for the Christmas Food Baskets. Please place in an envelope and drop into the offertory - clearly marked - Food Baskets - or see Deidra Kopacki, Sandy Lam-Dinh, Tiffany Smith or Pam Watkins after one of the Masses. Thank you so much for all you do for others less fortunate!

The Oplatki

The Oplatki (or Oplatek) wafer is a popular, family-centered Christmas tradition enjoyed by families from Eastern Europe. The Oplatki tradition originated in Poland and is traced to the early centuries of Christianity. This Christmas custom began with a simple white wafer baked from flour and water. Today, Oplatki wafers are very thin with a look and feel not unlike a communion host. Each wafer is rectangular in shape with a Christmas image pressed into them, such as the Nativity, the Star of Bethlehem, or the Holy Family. The name Oplatki or Oplatek may vary depending on whether the tradition is being observed by families with a Polish, Slovak, or Lithuanian background. In English this word means "Angel Bread". In America the tradition is sometimes simply called "Christmas Wafers". Whatever the country, many nationalities have come to love this warm and wonderful Christian tradition. Just before the Christmas Eve meal the entire family will gather around the table with the Oplatki. Generally the eldest member of the family, usually the father or mother, will begin the ritual by breaking off a piece of the wafer and passing it to another family member while giving a blessing. This blessing can simply consist of what you desire for your loved one in the upcoming year - whether it be good health, growth in God's grace, or happiness. It can also be a request for forgiveness and a desire for reconciliation. The Oplatki is then passed from person to person around the table until all have had a piece and all have been given blessings. Each person then consumes their piece of the Oplatki in a special display of love and solidarity among the whole family. Friends of the family or other guests can also be invited to join in this Christmas tradition. The purpose of this act is primarily to express one's unconditional love and forgiveness for one another. The Oplatki is an excellent way to reach out to friends and family who live far away. It is sturdy enough to be carefully mailed in a Christmas card without breaking, allowing those far away to know they are loved and missed. However you incorporate the Oplatki tradition into your circle of family and friends, it is sure to be a wonderful way to celebrate the Christmas spirit: peace, love, joy, and goodwill! Father Oscar will be blessing the Oplatki soon. Be sure to take one for your family to keep an old tradition going or to start a new tradition for your family and friends!

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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