

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 18th & 19th, 2021



- Sat 12/18 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP)
 Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler Fr. Oscar
- Sun 12/19 – Natalee Franzysen (RIP) Fr. Oscar
 Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler
- Mon 12/20 – No Mass
- Tue 12/21 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP)
 Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler Fr. Oscar
- Wed 12/22 – Natalee Franzysen (RIP) Fr. Oscar
 Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler
- Thurs 12/23 – Thomas A. Trudeau (RIP) Fr. Oscar
 Anniversary of Death
 Requested by Edna Trudeau
- Fri 12/24 – 5:30pm Mass - Thomas Sturtz, Sr. (RIP)
 & Thomas Sturtz, Jr. (RIP) Fr. Oscar
 Requested by Marguerite Sturtz & Family
- Fri 12/24 – 9:00pm Mass Fr. Oscar
 Roland & Mary Klisiewicz (RIP)
 Requested by The Watkins Family
- Sat 12/25 – 9:00am – The Parish Family of Our
 Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Fr. Oscar
- Sat 12/25 – 5:30pm Mass – Special Intention
 Requested by The Watkins Family Fr. Oscar
- Sun 12/26 – Art West (RIP) Fr. Oscar
 Requested by The Knights of Columbus
 Father Jakubowski Council #8116

Collections for December 11th & 12th, 2021

Parish Operations	\$2,485.00
Supplemental Collection	15.00
Christmas Flowers	30.00
Religious Education	25.00
All Souls Day	15.00
Thanksgiving	25.00
The Solemnity of Mary	27.00
Online Giving as of 12/7/2021	50.00
Total	\$2,672.00

Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is \$3,940
 Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish
 Capital Campaign \$1,596.00

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.

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.

Week of December 20th – 26th

Monday, December 20th – No Daily Mass

Adoration Mercy Center Chapel 12pm - 10pm

*Knights of Columbus – Knights Hall – 7pm

Tuesday, December 21st

Adoration Mercy Center Chapel 12pm - 10pm

11:00am Mass (Livestreamed)

*Senior Tea Following Mass in Hall Sponsored by Youth

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

Wednesday, Dec. 22nd – 8:30am Mass (Livestreamed)

Thursday, December 23rd 8:30am Mass (Livestreamed)

Friday, December 24th Christmas Eve

Christmas Caroling Begins Half Hour Prior to Masses

5:30pm Christmas Eve Mass

9:00pm Christmas Eve Mass (Livestreamed)

Saturday, December 25th Christmas Day

9:00am Christmas Day Mass (Livestreamed)

5:30pm – Vigil Mass for Holy Family

Sunday, December 26th - Mass at 9:00am

Feast of the Holy Family (Livestreamed)

No Spanish Mass

Attendance December 11th & 12th, 2021

Saturday, December 11th 5:30pm = 67

Sunday, December 12th 9:00am = 102

Spanish Mass, Dec. 12th 11:30am = 56



To our couples with anniversaries in December: Glenn & Kay Shaw – 12/1/1972; Craig & Danielle Smith – 12/1/2007; (Francis & Cathy Fudella – 12/13/1971; Michael & Jan Bellanca – 12/29/1963; Chris & Paula Polcyn – 12/30/1988

***There will be no Faith Formation Classes December 26th or January 2nd.



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Emily Adams | Elizabeth Alley | 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 | 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 | Mary Leigh McDonald | Kenny McGinley |
| Beverly McGowan | Patrick McGowan | William Madigan III |
| Ron Martz | Jackie Mierle | Clara Moraw |
| Randy Morrow | Specialist Mullins | Larry Newtzie |
| Andrea Payton | Ka'varus Penticolas | Brett Pickens |
| Patricia Pilong | 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

- 12/13 thru 12/19 – Dan Gibbs Family
- 12/20 thru 12/26 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters
- 12/27 thru 1/2/2022 – Gary & Jackie Silvia



- 12/18 – Shawn Lazar & Joe Drexler
- 12/19 – Philip Henley & Jim Milby
- 12/24 – 5:30pm Mass – Kevin & Kody Kopacki
- 12/24 – 9:00pm Mass – Jim Milby & Craig Smith
- 12/25 – 9:00am Mass – Tuan Nguyen & Jim Pyne
- 12/25 – 5:30pm Mass – Dan Gibbs & Bob Ryalls
- 12/26 – 9:00am Mass - Daniel Duke & Tuan Nguyen



- 12/18 – Lorraine Ryalls & David Seckora
- 12/19 – Scott Rae & Colleen Rae
- 12/24 – 5:30pm Mass – Jackie Silvia & Cydney Henley
- 12/24 – 9:00pm Mass – Joe Pincus & Danielle Smith
- 12/25 – 9:00am Mass – Bill Madigan & Kay Shaw
- 12/25 – 5:30pm Mass – Jackie Silvia & Lorraine Ryalls
- 12/26 – 9:00am Mass – Scott Rae & Colleen Rae



- 12/18 – Erin Lazar
- 12/19 – Sarah Rae
- 12/24 – 5:30pm – Erin Lazar
- 12/24 – 9:00pm – Jim Vadas
- 12/25 – 9:00am – Joe Drexler
- 12/25 – 5:30pm – Gary Silvia
- 12/26 – 9:00am – Susan Thompson

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

There is no Christmas without spiritual preparation, reconciliation and peace.

The most fundamental spiritual reality of Advent is that there is no Christmas without spiritual preparation of our hearts and reconciliation or peace with God or our brothers and sisters. Hence, Advent is a season of grace that God gives us through His Church to prepare us spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ. This birth is not in the celebrations, traditions, decorations or symbols of Christmas but our hearts. The befitting dwelling place of God in our lives. Reconciliation, it is what leads us to a lasting peace with God, others and ourselves. However, reconciliation is both consolation and a challenge to our Christian life and practice. That is why we should strive to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord. Advent has the theme of peace through conversion, repentance, and renewal. We are encouraged to seek peace and reconciliation with God and our brothers and sisters at Christmas and beyond.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Feast Day - December 21st - St. Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church
 Peter was born at Nijmegen (Netherlands) in 1521 and died in Fribourg (Switzerland) on December 21, 1597. He was a Jesuit priest who spent his time writing and teaching in universities and colleges. Together with his easily understood preaching and the writing of his famous catechism, his academic life enabled him to restore and strengthen Catholic belief in response to the Reformation. He was noted for his courtesy in debate and for his use of the press in promoting the Catholic revival after the Council of Trent.

THE YEAR OF GRACE WITH ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph Lover of Poverty

The Holy Family lived on Divine Providence.

Had Baby Jesus not been given gold, frankincense and myrrh by the Wise Men in Bethlehem (see Mt. 2:11), it is likely that

St. Joseph would not have had money to purchase food and other necessities for his family when they traveled to Egypt. The gifts of the Wise Men were God's providential way of taking care of the Holy Family. Years

later, after returning to Nazareth from Egypt, the Holy Family lived for almost 30 years in a house in Nazareth. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven"? Those who allow their relationship to God to depend on whether they have worldly things are destined for unhappiness.

The person who is poor in spirit, on the other hand, is able to proclaim, "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21). With detachment from the world, poverty becomes a virtue. Let Saint Joseph teach us how to be detached from material things and abandoned to Divine Providence for all our needs.

(Pray the Litany of St. Joseph)



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).

Adult Bible Study

Looking for Faith Formation? Join us every Sunday after the 9:00am Mass at the Mercy Center Office, in the front room. We are learning about the book of ACTS (The Spread of the Kingdom) with Jeff Cavins.

Does a week day formation work better for you? You can join us on Tuesdays in the Mercy Center front room at 4:30pm.



The Incarnation: "By his incarnation the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every human being" (Vatican II, GS 22). This saving event reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn 3:16), but also the *incomparable value of every human person*. The Church, faithfully contemplating the mystery of the Redemption, acknowledges this value with ever new wonder. She feels called to proclaim to the people of all times this "Gospel", the source of invincible hope and true joy for every period of history. *The Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel*" (Pope John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life*, n.2). (Priests for Life)

***Help is available: Call 1-800-712-HELP.**

Prayer of the Unborn

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.

The Oplatki

The Blessed Oplatki is available at the back of the Church, along with an explanation of it. Be sure to take one to share with your family, carrying on an old tradition or starting a new one!

Capital Campaign News

Facilities Chairman, Jim Pyne, has received 3 bids for the roof replacement projects for the Church and Parish Hall. He is currently in the process of reviewing these bids to insure compliance with our summary of work required. Hopefully, we will be able to award a contract shortly after the Christmas holidays and construction can begin prior to spring.

We have received word from the Diocese on the Bridge Loan for the roof replacement projects that we are approved for a \$200,00 bridge loan. The bank is in the process of completing the loan documents for the Bishop to sign, as well as Father Oscar.

On Another Note: Based on a request from one of our long time parishioners, we have moved one of the benches from the portico to the yard next to the ramp at the Church entrance next to the main parking lot. This will allow for an opportunity to relax and visit with fellow parishioners after services.

Mass Readings: Fourth Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Mi 5:1-4a

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

2nd Reading: Heb 10:5-10

Alleluia Acclamation: Lk 1:38

Gospel Reading: Lk 1:39-45

Spiritual Communion Prayer

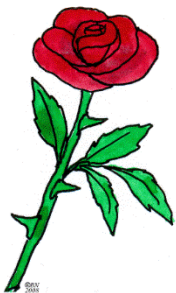
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



God chose to become man to lead us in a path of righteousness, is God calling you to grow in holiness? He may be inviting you to the priesthood. Call the Vocations Office at 804-359-5661 to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano, or write to vocations@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. Just ask one of our ushers how it works. You can even use your own earphones to plug into the device.

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.



*Either He will keep you
from evil or He will
give you invincible
courage to endure it.
Remain in peace.*

Saint Francis de Sales

***If you have any old palms at home, please bring them to the Church and place in the basket at the back of the Church so they can be properly disposed of by being burned for the ashes we will use on Ash Wednesday.

We are so Blessed to be a part of this parish family!!! In my unexpected absence, both Sandy Lam-Dinh and Erin Hayden stepped up and managed the Giving Tree and the Food Baskets! Neither of these is a small task, but Sandy and Erin handled them so well!!! I cannot thank them enough!!!

Through our Giving Tree, our generous parish was able to help 56 children have gifts to open on Christmas morning, keeping the magic of our Christ Child moving through the community! Thank you to everyone who participated in this call from God to take care of each other and spread His love!!!

Our generous parish family gave \$1,072.00 for the Food Baskets, allowing Erin and her crew to shop for and put together 10 Food Baskets with a substantial amount of food in each. Depending on the size of the family, these Food Baskets can last 2-3 weeks, with some staples even lasting longer. Sincere thanks goes out to Tiffany Smith, Quan and Sandy Dinh, Lorraine & Bob Ryalls, Daniel Gibbs, Jackson Gibbs, Addy Gibbs, Deidra & Kevin Kopacki, Kody Kopacki, Mason Kopacki, Justin Burch, Jennifer & Maximus Brown, Misael Hernandez, Ryan Sprouse, Allison Smith and Samantha Madren!!! Thank you so much for spreading God's love!!!



Our sincerest condolences go out to Gerrie Thomas at the loss of her beloved husband, Stanley. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him.

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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