

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.

EASTER SUNDAY
April 16th & 17th, 2022

Saturday, April 16 **HOLY SATURDAY**
 11:00 am Blessing of the Easter Food
 Baskets
 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass
 Offered for Francis Seckora (RIP)
 Anniversary of Death
 by David Seckora

Sunday, April 17 **EASTER SUNDAY**
 9:00 am Easter Mass
 Offered for Ed Kopacki (RIP)
 10th Anniversary of Death
 by Virginia Kopacki & children
 Offered for David Seckora (RIP)
 by Parishioners of OLBS
 No Children's Faith Formation
 No Adult Faith Formation
 No Hispanic Mass

Monday, April 18 **Easter Monday**
 No Mass
 12 pm – 10 pm Adoration in Chapel
 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, April 19 **Easter Tuesday**
 No Mass
 12 pm – 10 pm Adoration in Chapel
 4:30 pm Adult Faith Formation (Hall)

Wednesday, April 20 **Easter Wednesday**
 No Mass

Thursday, April 21 **Easter Thursday**
 No Mass
 Offered for Richard & Anna
 Kozlowski (RIP)
 by Joe & Linda Drexler

Friday, April 22 **Easter Friday**
 No Mass
 6:30 pm Most Holy Rosary

Saturday, April 23
 5:30 pm Mass
 Offered for Joe, Sr., Elsie &
 Johnnie Drexler (RIP)
 by Joe & Linda Drexler
 Offered for "Charlie" Sturtz (RIP)
 7th Anniversary of Death
 by Jeanie Sturtz

Sunday, April 24
 9:00 am Offered for James Geron (RIP)
 Anniversary of birthday
 By Donna Geron
 10:15 am Children's Faith Formation
 10:15 am Parents Meet for First
 Communion (Hall)
 10:15 am Adult Faith Formation (MC)
 10:15 am Parish Council Meeting (MC)
 11:00 am Hispanic Mass
 6:30 pm Youth Group

Hearing Assistance

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.

Special Collection
Diocesan Collection for Ukraine & Eastern Europe

At the Masses on April 23rd & 24th, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish is asking for your donation to the Richmond Diocese special collection to support the Ukrainian people.

The Diocese collection will be for both the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and the Archdiocese of Kosice in Slovakia, whose efforts are to reach those suffering in Ukraine and assist the millions who have fled into adjoining countries.

Further, 80% of the funds will go to the networks the Church in Central and Eastern Europe have established with Ukraine. The Diocese of Kosice shares a border with Ukraine and has experienced an influx of refugees.

A Peek at Upcoming Events

April 25 Planning Meeting: We will hold a meeting on Monday, April 25th @ 5:30 pm. am. in the Mercy Center Conference Room, for our Mary Tea. All Hostesses and anyone that would like to help are encouraged and welcomed to join! Questions call: Erin (804)-366-4435

May 21st – Tea & Coffee with the Blessed Mother.

May 28th – Rise Against Hunger –

This is a Food Packaging Event that will take place in the Church Hall. Call Erin at 804-843-3125 to volunteer. You can also help raise money for this event by taking the Miles for Meals Family Challenge.

Church Cleaning Schedule

4/11 thru 4/17 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters

4/18 thru 4/24 – Gary & Jackie Silvia

4/25 thru 5/1 – Our Hispanic Community



4/23 – Joe Drexler & Shawn Lazar

4/24 – Daniel Duke & Philip Henley

4/30 – Kevin Kopacki & Kody Kopacki

5/1 – Tuan Nguyen & Craig Smith



4/23 – Jim Vadas & Pattie Vadas

4/24 – Scott Rae & Pat Barron

4/30 – Tom Fauber & Lorraine Ryalls

5/1 – Joe Pincus & Tiffany Smith



4/23 – Tom Fauber

4/24 – Sarah Rae

4/30 – Jim Vadas

5/1 – Paula Polcyn

Divine Mercy and Pro-life

Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday. Many of the faithful pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy regularly. There is a link between this devotion and the pro-life movement. Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, who was a principal translator of St. Faustina's diary, and the postulator of her cause of canonization, writes the following: *"On at least three occasions, from 8:00-11:00 in the evening, she felt like her insides were being torn apart. She suffered so much that she thought she was going to die. The doctors couldn't figure out what was ailing her, and no medication was able to alleviate her sufferings. Later, she was given to understand that she was undergoing those pains for mothers who were aborting their children (Diary, 1276).*

*"On another occasion, she had a vision of an angel coming with thunderbolts to destroy one of the most beautiful cities of her country. And she felt powerless to do anything about it (Diary, 474). What antidote did the Lord give her? The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. [She explained] that the city was to be chastised for its sins, **primarily the sin of abortion.**" ("Wombs of Mercy," Marian Helpers Bulletin, Summer 1995, p.13).*

FAITH FORMATION

Vacation Bible School

The date is set,
and it will be here before we know it.

We will hold VBS July 25th – July 29th.

Many volunteers are Needed!

Please consider giving of your time and talents to help promote the faith to our parish children and community.

Contact: Erin Hayden at 804-843-3125 or 804-366-4435.



Thanks to All Helping on Easter Food Baskets

Thanks to the remarkable generosity of our parish family, \$1,220.00 in donations was raised for the Easter Food Baskets for the needy.

Many thanks to Jennifer Brown, Maximus Brown, Justin Burch, Quan & Sandy Lam Dinh, Erin Hayden, Joshua Hayden, Samantha Hayden & Novella Robinson, Suzanne Hayden, Misael Hernandez, Deidra Kopacki, Jonathan Kopacki, Mason Kopacki, Mary Leigh McDonald, Tiffany Smith, Linda Via, and Scott Watkins for shopping for, putting together, and (in some instances) delivering 10 Easter Food Baskets to needy families in our community.

A special thanks to Bob Ryalls for providing the boxes for us and Lorraine Ryalls for donating goody bags for each of the children to brighten their Easter.

Also, a special thank you to Quan & Sandy Dinh for providing a wonderful lunch for everyone who worked on Saturday! Once again, this was a successful project due to the overwhelming generosity of our parish family with their time, talents, and funds. The Lord's presence could truly be felt by all!

Season of Lent

Easter is not only the greatest Christian feast; Easter Sunday symbolizes the fulfillment of our faith as Christians. Through His Death, Christ destroyed our bondage to sin; through His Resurrection, He brought us the promise of new life, both in Heaven and on earth. His own prayer, "Thy Kingdom come, on earth as it is in Heaven," begins to be fulfilled on Easter Sunday.

That is why new converts are traditionally brought into the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation, (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion) at the Easter Vigil service, on Holy Saturday evening. Their baptism parallels Christ's own Death and Resurrection, as they die to sin and rise to new life in the Kingdom of God. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! – God Be Praised!!

The Year of Grace, with Divine Mercy

Duty of honoring Divine Mercy

The faithful with deep spiritual affection are drawn to commemorate the mysteries of divine pardon and to celebrate them devoutly. They clearly understand the supreme benefit, indeed the duty, that the People of God have to praise Divine Mercy with special prayers and, at the same time, they realize that by gratefully performing the works required and satisfying the necessary conditions, they can obtain spiritual benefits that derive from the Treasury of the Church. "The paschal mystery is the culmination of this revealing and effecting of mercy, which is able to justify man, to restore justice in the sense of that salvific order which God willed from the beginning in man, and through man, in the world" (Encyclical Letter *Dives in misericordia*, n. 7).

It is God's Mercy that grants supernatural sorrow and resolution to amend

Indeed, Divine Mercy knows how to pardon even the most serious sins, and in doing so it moves the faithful to perceive a supernatural, not merely psychological, sorrow for their sins so that, ever with the help of divine grace, they may make a firm resolution not to sin any more. Such spiritual dispositions undeniably follow upon the forgiveness of mortal sin when the faithful fruitfully receive the sacrament of Penance or repent of their sin with an act of perfect charity and perfect contrition, with the resolution to receive the Sacrament of Penance as soon as they can. Indeed, Our Lord Jesus Christ teaches us in the parable of the Prodigal Son that the sinner must confess his misery to God saying: "Father I have sinned against heaven and against you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son" (Lk 15,18-19), realizing that this is a work of God, "for [he] was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found" (Lk 15,32).

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.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

God's mercy transforms our lives, and calls us to gratitude and generosity. Renewed in our gratefulness for the Lord's many gifts, please support our Annual Diocesan Appeal this Lenten season. Our parish's goal this year is \$12,370.00.

Check out our \$5 Book Table and Give yourself something worth reading!

There is a variety of books to choose from. Make Lent the time to feed your soul with good things!

Priests for Life

Priests for Life held the second in a four-part series of online seminars for Abortion Recovery Awareness Month.

Dr. Theresa Burke talked about how she was inspired to develop Rachel's Vineyard into an international outreach with more than 1,000 retreats each year. She also discussed how in her work she anticipated later developments in the field of trauma treatment.

If you missed it you can watch on my YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/eFZB1qaYKRY>. If you missed the first seminar, you can also see that episode [on my YouTube channel](#). *Please share these videos as well!*

The next two seminars and topics will be...

2 p.m. ET Tues, April 19 - How can you reach out to friends, family and co-workers who are hurting after abortion. Learn what helps and what doesn't.

11 a.m. ET Mon, April 25 - How abortion impacts celebrities, and the devastation it can bring to family members.

These seminars can be seen on [EndAbortion.TV](#) and the many platforms linked from there.

Collections for March 9th & 10th, 2022

	<u>Week's Amt</u>
Parish Operations	\$ 3,387*
Supplement Collection	100
Holy Thursday	50
Good Friday	50
Capital Improvements	867
Easter Flowers	<u>100</u>
Total	\$ 4,554

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

Restricted, Special Use, or Send Out of Parish:

Haitian Ministry \$ 691

Thank you for supporting our Parish!

Attendance

April 9 th	Saturday Mass:	90
April 10 th	Sunday 9:00 am	142
	Spanish Mass	No Mass

St. Theresa & St. John Kanti Cemeteries

Please be aware that *no permanent plantings* of any flowers, shrubbery, or trees are permitted in the cemeteries. Such items will be removed. If you have planted something and wish to keep it, please remove them as soon as possible.

Any questions should be addressed to members of the Cemetery Committee or see the posted rules on the bulletin board in the Church foyer.

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
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