

# OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 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

HOLYDAYS: 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.*

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21<sup>st</sup> & May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022

### Saturday, May 21

11 am – 2 pm Tea with Our Blessed Mother  
5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass Offered for David Seckora (RIP)  
By Cathy Fudella

### Sunday, May 22

9:00 am Mass Offered for David Seckora (RIP)  
by Mike & Nancy Pausic  
10:15 am Children's Faith Form – Last Day!  
10:15 am Adult Faith Formation (MC)  
11:30 am Mass Spanish Mass  
6:30 pm Youth Group

### Monday, May 23

No Mass  
12 pm – 10 pm Adoration in Chapel

### Tuesday, May 24

8:30 am Mass Offered for Von & Melvin Moody  
(RIP)  
by Theresa Moody  
12 pm – 10 pm Adoration in Chapel  
4:30 pm Adult Faith Formation (Hall)  
6:30 pm Finance Committee (MC)

### Wednesday, May 25

8:30 am Mass Offered for Johnny, Joe Sr., & Elsie  
Drexler (RIP)  
by Theresa Moody

### Thursday, May 26

8:30 am Mass Offered for Bobby Walsh (RIP)  
by Meredith Crowe  
9:15 am Preschool Graduation Ceremony  
(at the Church)

### Friday, May 27

8:30 am Mass Offered for a Special Intention  
by Theresa Moody  
6:30 pm Most Holy Rosary

### Saturday, May 28

10:00 am Rise Against Hunger (Hall)  
5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Buddy Walton (RIP)  
Anniversary of Death (May 6)  
by Paul & Valerie Seckora &  
Family

### Sunday, May 29

9:00 am Mass Offered for Kay Getman (RIP)  
by John & Michele Rouse  
No Children's Faith Formation  
for the summer !  
10:15 am Adult Faith Formation (MC)  
10:15 am Parish Council Meeting (MC)

### 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.

### Assistance Needed

We have a member of our parish family who lives in New Kent near the New Kent Winery who is in need of transportation at least once a month to attend Mass. Please call the parish office if you are able to help transport this person to Mass. The parish office is open from 9 am until 4:30 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Phone number is 804-843-3125 or call Pam Watkins at 919-820-1986.

### Annual Parish Scholarship

Every year the Parish offers a scholarship to a qualified high school senior who is a member of OLBS Parish. If you are interested, please call Tiffany Smith for an application at 804-840-7984.

### A Peek at Upcoming Events

May 21<sup>st</sup> – *Tea & Coffee with the Blessed Mother.*

May 28<sup>th</sup> – *Rise Against Hunger*

### Rise Against Hunger

We will have a meal packaging event at the hall on May 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. until?? We will need many volunteers as we package 10,000 meals to be shipped to the poorest countries or those in most need. Sign up is by the meter bank in the back or you can register online. Invite a friend to help! It's a fun way to work together for good.

Please register:

<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/OurLady2022>

## The Year of Grace, with Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy Sunday...The greatness of this feast is measured by extraordinary promises that the Lord attached to it. Jesus said: ...whoever approaches the Fount of Life of this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment (Diary, 300), and also: On this day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy...Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet (Diary, 699). To receive this great gift of complete remission of sins and punishment, we can receive the Lord Jesus present in Holy Communion. In this way, we fulfill the Lord's request: The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (Diary, 699). Receiving the Lord worthily is essential for obtaining the promised grace, but our faith must show itself in our trust and in our acts of love: No soul will be justified until it turns with confidence to My mercy (Diary, 570). We must put faith in God's goodness and love toward us, His wayward children. We must place our trust in His tender mercy no matter how greatly we have offended Him. We must draw near to Him who redeemed us by His suffering and death borne for us, and, out of our love for Him, draw near to our poor and suffering brothers and sisters and bring them relief through spiritual and corporal works of love and mercy. Jesus expects this from us: I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere (Diary, 742).

### In This Week's Bulletin

#### Synod Responses Specific to our Parish

Please check out the insert in this bulletin which lists parishioners' responses in the recent Synod questionnaire that pertain solely to our parish. All comments to each of the questions are listed.

Most of these responses were not included in the summary sent to the Diocese that you received in the Third Sunday of Easter bulletin.

Parish Council is hoping that some of the suggestions and comments can give the Parish some direction for future projects, activities, food events (Yes!!), and opportunities for improving worship or parish facilities.

### Preschool News

#### End of the Year Preschool Graduation Program

Graduation will be held on Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. in the church and will be a short program ending before 10:00 a.m. Refreshments will be on the veranda.

We are so thankful for such a great year! We appreciate the support of all parishioners in their prayers, love, and financial support.

We will continue to be able to bless the families of this community with a faith-filled early education start!

Thank you,  
From the Preschool Staff

The After School program will continue through June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pre-School will begin again in September!

### FAITH FORMATION

#### Upcoming dates for May Calendar:

Last Sunday School Class for this year is May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging - May 28th.

#### Vacation Bible School

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

We will hold VBS July 25<sup>th</sup> – July 29<sup>th</sup>.

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.

Saint of the Week

St. Philip Neri

Feast Day- May 26<sup>th</sup>

St. Philip Neri was a 16th-century man (1515–1595) who became a mystic and missionary, a priest and a prophet, a founder of the Oratory and a healer of souls. He became well-known in and around Rome, where he lived, which at the time was deeply in need of reform and spiritual renewal. He started to study for the priesthood but after three years he gave it up. At the time the inhabitants of Rome were no longer leading a Christian life. Philip set out to bring others to God, and in so doing became known as 'The Apostle of Rome.' He looked out for the destitute in the gutters and alleys of Rome, for the sick in hospitals bringing them food and gifts. He was always joyful and humorous, sharing a joke and laughter, building up their morale. Young people followed him attracted by his natural warmth, his cordiality and his love of God. From enjoyable discussions, fun, music and song, he would lead them to prayer and to Jesus Christ! He soon became a popular personality as he continued to evangelize wherever people gathered, with his holiness shining through his jovial attitudes. Away from the public eye he spent nights in prayer, even eating frugally. Eventually Philip continued with his studies for the priesthood and he was ordained priest when he continued with his mission mainly through the confessional. Philip used the virtue of affability and a spirit of joyfulness to guide people to a holier life.

Check out our \$5 Book Table and give yourself some worthwhile reading!

There is a variety of books to choose from. Feed your soul with good things!

Donations Requested

Katie Fudella, wife of Billy Fudella, is part of a non-profit organization, WPA (Warrior Protection Association). She is hoping you can take the time and look at its website and see if parishioners of OLBS or the parish would like to make a donation and or would like to do an event. On behalf of the WPA organization, she would appreciate any donation you or the parish would like to offer.

[www.warriorprotectionassociation.org](http://www.warriorprotectionassociation.org)

Collections for May 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Week's Amount

Parish Operations	\$ 3,454
Votive Stand	8
Supplemental Collection	<u>278</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,740</b>

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Diocesan Home Missions	\$ 225
Capital Campaign	2,815
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	115
OLBS Scholarship Fund	50
Parish Maintenance Fund	10
Cemetery Fund	5

\*\*\*Thank you for supporting our Parish!\*\*\*

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. Our parish's goal this year is \$12,370.00.

Attendance

May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday 5:30 pm Mass	86
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 9:00 am Mass	Unknown
	Spanish Mass	63

### 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.



### May Wedding Anniversaries

Greg & Denise DePompeo	May 2, 1981
Pat & Wini Barron	May 14, 1966
Chris & Barbara Hite	May 15, 1982
Joe & Mary Pincus	May 15, 1993
Brian & Hope Kopacki	May 17, 2008
Dexter & Pam Dix	May 24, 1992
Jim & Pattie Vadas	May 27, 1972

### Priests for Life

#### The Creator's Eternal Dream

Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of Love," writes, "The Psalmist says: "You knit me together in my mother's womb" (Ps 139:13). Every child growing within the mother's womb is part of the eternal loving plan of God the Father: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (Jer 1:5). Each child has a place in God's heart from all eternity; once he or she is conceived, the Creator's eternal dream comes true. Let us pause to think of the great value of that embryo from the moment of conception. We need to see it with the eyes of God, who always looks beyond mere appearances." (AL, 168)

### Lay Ministers Needed

We are in need of more lay ministers for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers/Greeters. It seems our numbers have dwindled over the past two years when changes were made due to the pandemic.

Our most urgent need is for the Saturday evening masses. When I took over the scheduling several years ago, my goal was to have each person only scheduled one time per month. That goal has not been possible on Saturdays (and some Sundays). If you regularly attend the Saturday mass, please give serious consideration to joining one of these ministries. Of course, I can use Sunday ministers as well.

Thank you for praying on this request and let me know if you have an interest. I will put you in touch with the proper person for training before scheduling.

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# 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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