OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

EUCHARISTIC 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.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 26th & 27th 2022

Saturday, June 25

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass Offered for David Seckora (RIP)

by the Knights of Columbus

Sunday, June 26

9:00 am Mass Offered for Matt Rogers (RIP)

Anniversary of Death by Edna Trudeau

10:30 am POT LUCK LUNCHEON (VDB hall)

Monday, June 27

No Mass

12 pm - 10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, June 28

8:30 am Mass Offered for Billy Webster

by Bill Webster

12 pm - 10 pm Adoration in Chapel

4:30 pm Adult Faith Formation (Hall) 6:30 pm Finance Council (Mercy Center)

Wednesday, June 29

8:30 am Mass Offered for David Seckora (RIP)

by Joe & Linda Drexler

Thursday, June 30

11:00 am Mass Offered for John Jones (RIP)

by the Knights of Columbus

Friday, July 1

8:30 am Mass Offered for David Seckora (RIP)

by the Knights of Columbus

6:30 pm Most Holy Rosary

Saturday, July 2

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Bobby Walsh (RIP)

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Sunday, July 3

9:00 am Mass Offered for Billy McGowan (RIP)

Anniversary of Death

by Janice McGowan & Family

10:15 am Parish Council Meeting

11:30 am Spanish Mass

Attendance

June 18th Saturday 5:30 pm Mass 66 June 19th Sunday 9:00 am Mass 132 No Spanish Mass

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.

Capital Campaign

In order to ensure proper recording, please drop your donations/payments for our Capital Campaign in the offertory clearly marked "Capital Campaign." Or you may drop your donations/payments by the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays during office hours of 9:00am until 4:30pm; or you can place it in the white box outside the back door of the Mercy Center at any time. These donations/payments on pledges go directly to one person and are accounted for every Tuesday.

OLBS Women's Group Luncheon

We are getting back together...FINALLY! If you have been part of our group in the past, join us, again! If you have not partipated in our gatherings before, join us!

We will meet for a "Fourth of July" lunch at Nick's in Shacklefords, on Thursday, June 30 at noon.

RSVP to Mary Leigh McDonald (804-769-2483) or Karen Liberato (804-843-4420) by Tuesday, June 28; Mary Leigh needs to confirm the number of lunch guests with the restaurant.

We will individually be responsible for our own bill/tip. If you are meeting us during you work lunch break, you can order ahead so that you can visit without waiting too long for your meal. We realize that this may not work with all schedules. In the future, there may be events planned at other times of the day and days of the week.

We hope to hear from you and to enjoy fellowship together on June 30th! Let's have a FIRECRACKER of a good time and enjoy the blessing of being able to gather!

Ride Sharing Assistance Needed

We have a member of our parish family who lives in New Kent who is in need of transportation once a month to attend Mass. Please call the parish office if you are able to help transport this person to Mass.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Knights of Columbus will be hosting a blood drive on July 5th from 1-6pm at the Boogaard Center.

The Red Cross is the sole provider of blood to Richmond hospitals and the recent decline in donations is concerning for the patients in need.

Summer is the busiest time of year for most families and we always see that affect our donation numbers.

If you are healthy and available, please consider donating or helping us to spread the word about this life saving need.

Your donation could help a patient get back on their feet and one step closer to enjoying their Summer too! Appointments are highly encouraged.

Collections for June 18th and 19th, 2022

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Parish Operations \$ 2,323 Supplemental Collection <u>2,773</u>

Total \$ 5,096

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign \$ 805
Parish Scholarship Fund \$ 50
Haitian Ministry \$ 150
Cemetery Fund \$ 100
Peter's Pence \$ 195

Thank you for supporting our Parish!

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education

We need teachers for religious education classes in the Fall. We are hoping and praying that you will consider in joining us! If you have someone you work well with, consider co-teaching.

As of now, after we had a couple spots filled, we are still looking to fill: 1st, 5th, 6th, and 7th Grades.

Contact: Erin 804-843-3125 ext. 103

You are Invited!

Our Youth Group is hosting a morning <u>Pajama</u>, <u>Pancakes</u>, and <u>Movie</u>, "Prince of Egypt," on Saturday, July 2nd, 9:30 am.@ the Van Den Boogaard Hall.

All are invited to come! Please share, it is open to invite friends and neighbors too.

The Youth Group will be accepting donations to cover the costs of their Youth Conference and yearly activities.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held July 25-29th, every evening from 6-8 pm. @ the Hall. Our theme this year is:

"Armor of God"

Registration forms can be found in the back of the church, starting next week. We need lots of help for VBS. Please consider giving of your time and talents, to helping make this an exciting event for our parish and community kids. Call the office: 804-843-3125 ext. 103

Contact: Erin Hayden at 804-843-3125

or 804-366-4435

Altar Flower Sign-Up Sheet

If you wish to donate flowers for the altar, there is now a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. It runs through the last Sunday before Advent.

July Senior Luncheon

The Senior Luncheon will be on July 21st, 2022. There will be no Mass since Fr. Oscar will be away on vacation.

The Luncheon will be at Olivia's in the Village located at 6597 Main Street, Gloucester, VA.

Please RSVP to Jeanie Sturtz by Tuesday, July 19th to reserve your spot. After Tuesday, July 19th, please contact the Restaurant directly to reserve your spot. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Vocation Opportunity for High School Men

Young men (rising 10th through 12th grade) are encouraged to consider investigating a calling to the priesthood.

For more information, the men may contact the Office of Vocations.

The Year of Grace, with Divine Mercy

Jesus's words to St. Faustina- From all My wounds, like from streams, mercy flows for souls, but the wound in My Heart is the fountain of unfathomable mercy. From this fountain spring all graces for souls. The flames of compassion burn Me. I desire greatly to pour them out upon souls. Speak to the whole world about My mercy. (Diary, 1190).

<u>Prayer Response</u>: Lord, I turn to the wound in Your Heart for all the graces that people need in their miseries. Pour out Your mercy on the whole world. And give me the courage and strength to speak to others about your mercy.

Saint of the Week

St. Irenaeus

St. Irenaeus was born about the year 125, in the provinces of Asia Minor, where the memory of the apostles was still cherished and where Christians were numerous.

He was most influenced by St. Polycarp. Many Asian priests and missionaries brought the gospel to the pagan Gauls and founded a local church. To this church of Lyon, Irenaeus came to serve as a priest under its first bishop, St. Pothinus, an oriental like himself. In the year 177, Irenaeus was sent to Rome. This mission explains how it was that he was not called upon to share in the martyrdom of St Pothinus during the terrible persecution in Lyons. When he returned to Lyons it was to occupy the vacant bishopric. By this time, the persecution was over.

It was the spread of Gnosticism in Gaul, and the ravages it was making among the Christians of his diocese, that inspired him to undertake the task of exposing its errors. He produced a treatise in five books in which he sets forth fully the inner doctrines of the various sects, and afterwards contrasts them with the teaching of the Apostles and the text of the Holy Scripture. His work, written in Greek but quickly translated to Latin, was widely circulated and succeeded in dealing a death-blow to Gnosticism.

The date of death of St. Irenaeus is not known, but it is believed to be in the year 202. The bodily remains of St. Irenaeus were buried in a crypt under the altar of what was then called the church of St. John, but was later known by the name of St. Irenaeus himself. This tomb or shrine was destroyed by the Calvinists in 1562, and all trace of his relics seems to have perished.

June Wedding Anniversaries

Jeffrey & Melissa Pitts
Terry & Brenda Frederick
June 1, 1985
June 16, 1973
John & Victoria Roane
June 26, 1960
Paul & Mary Leigh McDonald
June 30, 1973

Priests for Life

Preeminent Threats

The United States Catholic Bishops wrote to us as follows in their document on Faithful Citizenship (2015) about the preeminent moral issues we face in society today.

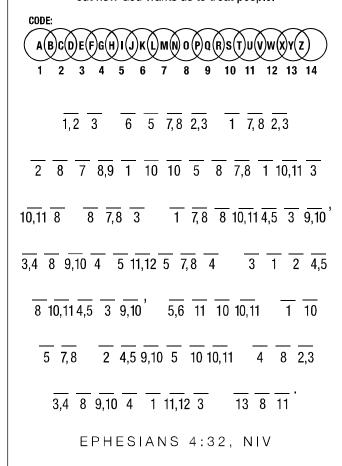
They explain, "In our nation, 'abortion and euthanasia have become preeminent threats to human dignity because they directly attack life itself, the most fundamental human good and the condition for all others' (*Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 5). It is a mistake with grave moral consequences to treat the destruction of innocent human life merely as a matter of individual choice. A legal system that violates the basic right to life on the grounds of choice is fundamentally flawed" (n.22)

Preschool News

We will be hiring a position for a Lead instructor for the Before/after School program for the Fall. The hours are approximately 12 to 14 hours per week and will fluctuate from between 7 and 8 in the morning and from 2:45 to 5:45 pm. If you are interested in a position in this program, please leave a message on the preschool phone at 804-843-4177 for our Director Vangy Lawson. Qualifications include but not limited to: a love for children, scripture-based morals, flexibility, ability to direct and respectively discipline children ages 5-11 as well as problem solve. This is an hourly pay with part-time hours. Richmond Diocese, as well VDOE, training will be required.

Puzz]e!

Use the code to complete the blanks — and find out how God wants us to treat people.



Answer: Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, MIV

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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