

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.

The Year of Grace, with Divine Mercy

The Hour of Great Mercy. In October 1937 in Cracow, under circumstance that are not fully described by Sr. Faustina, the Lord Jesus recommended that she honor the hour of His death: **...as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment mercy was opened wide for every soul** (Diary, 1572).

The Lord Jesus promised: **In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world – mercy triumphed over justice. Spreading honor to God’s Mercy.**

In discussing the essential elements of the Divine Mercy message and devotion, Fr. Rozycki also mentions spreading honor to God’s mercy.

A certain promise of Christ is attached to this as well: **Souls who spread the honor of My mercy I shield through their entire life as a tender mother her infant, and at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Savior** (Diary, 1075).

Rise Against Hunger

It’s amazing what we can do together as the Body of Christ!

We had about 70 volunteers, ages 3 and up, at the Van Den Boogaard Hall last Saturday morning, to package 10,152 meals!!

And we did it in under an hour and a half!

We should receive an update when our meals are shipped and where they will be delivered in the world. Updates will be posted.

Thank you to our volunteers and families for sharing the light of Christ to those less fortunate around the world.

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education

Summer has arrived!

Thank you so much to our teachers: Margaret Keane, Shannon Hayden, Karena Funkhouser, Chris Polcyn and our substitutes for dedicating their time and talents to share the faith with our children.

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, we are looking to fill: First Grade, 2nd Grade, 4th Grade, 6th Grade and 7th Grade.

Contact: Erin 804-843-3125 ext. 103

Upcoming dates:

Vacation Bible School: July 25-29

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**

Prayer List

Please find the Prayer List in this bulletin and every first weekend of each month. Please call the Parish office if someone can be removed from the list or if you wish to add someone to the list. 804-843-3125.

Collections for May 28th & 29th, 2022

Week's Amount

Parish Operations	\$ 3,169
Votive Stand	21
Poor Box	<u>20</u>

Total \$ 3,210

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Diocesan Home Missions	\$ 10
Capital Campaign	\$ 1,304
Parish Maintenance Fund	\$ 60

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

Attendance

May 28 th	Saturday 5:30 pm Mass	65
May 29 th	Sunday 9:00 am Mass	128
	No Spanish Mass	

June Wedding Anniversaries

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

Saint of the Week

**St. Ephrem (Deacon and Doctor of the Church)
Feast Day- June 9th**

Poet, teacher, orator, and defender of the faith, Ephrem is the only Syriac Christian recognized as a doctor of the Church.

He took upon himself the special task of opposing the many false doctrines rampant at his time, always remaining a true and forceful defender of the Catholic Church.

Born in Nisibis, Mesopotamia, he was baptized as a young man and became famous as a teacher in his native city. When the Christian emperor had to cede Nisibis to the Persians, Ephrem fled as a refugee to

Edessa, along with many other Christians. He was ordained a deacon but declined becoming a priest. Ephrem was said to have avoided presbyterial consecration by feigning madness!

He had a prolific pen, and his writings best illumine his holiness. Although he was not a man of great scholarship, his works reflect deep insight and knowledge of the Scriptures. In writing about the mysteries of humanity's redemption, Ephrem reveals a realistic and humanly sympathetic spirit and a great devotion to the humanity of Jesus. It is said that his poetic account of the Last Judgment inspired Dante.

It is surprising to read that he wrote hymns against the heretics of his day. He would take the popular songs of the heretical groups and using their melodies, compose beautiful hymns embodying orthodox doctrine.

Ephrem became one of the first to introduce song into the Church's public worship as a means of instruction for the faithful. His many hymns have earned him the title "Harp of the Holy Spirit." Ephrem died around 373 AD.

Priests for Life

Pentecost Voice

The Holy Spirit, who came on Pentecost, gave voice to the apostles to proclaim the truth of the Gospel. The Spirit, the Soul of the Church, continues to enable the Church to speak, and enables us to speak in our individual capacity.

As the late Cardinal Elio Sgreccia, former President of the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life once said, "The Church must speak out in today's context on fundamental rights, the right to justice, the right to peace, but above all and in the first place, the right to life. If the Church did not speak, did not proclaim the truth, it would be abandoning its duty; it would be unfaithful to society, to the good of society. Therefore, its precise duty is the very liberty to intervene with word, and also with example -- the example of promoting human life, of intervening for the salvation of mankind."



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Emily Adams
Sharon Adams
Elizabeth Alley
Camb Ashley
Candace Barefoot
Virginia Becker
Paulette Berberich
Tom 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.
Andy Eshelman
Michelle Eshelman
Amanda Fincher
Don Fitzgerald
Cris Gay
Kelli Gaeta
Margaret Geron

Jim Gregory
Pat Hinkle
Kelly Hipple
Laurie Hite
Ellen Horseman
Gail Justin
Bob Kay
Bill Kessler
Gloria Kojcsich
Bonnie Kopacki
Joyce Kostrzewa
Gordon Langston
Helene Lawrence
Richard Lawrence
Patricia Lanuza
Ashley Larson
Melissa Leger
Philip Liberato
Denise Mason
Matt Matula
Lanci McCloud
Mary Leigh McDonald
Kenny McGinley
William Madigan III
Ron Martz
Jackie Mierle
Clara Morrow
Randy Morrow
Specialist Mullins
Larry Newtzie

Andrea Payton
Ka'varus Penticolas
Brett Pickens
Patricia Pilong
Pam Riggsby
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
Edna Trudeau
Gloria Wajciechowski
Francis Watkins
Emmett White
James Wills
Bill Webster
Andrea Berberich Wilson
Mary Wilson
Lois Wilson
Robert 'Bobby' Wilson
Jody Zogran

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson
Specialist Sydney Gay

NOTE: Please inform the Parish office if you need to remove someone's name from the list or if you need to add someone to the prayer list. 804-843-3125

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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