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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 23rd and 24th, 2022

Saturday, July 23rd

5:30 pm Mass Offered for Bobby Walsh (RIP)

Requested by Knights of Columbus

Sunday, July 24th

9:00 am Mass Offered for Thomas Trudeau (RIP)

Anniversary of Birthday (7/19)
Requested by Edna Trudeau

Monday, July 25th

No Mass

12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, July 26th

No Mass

12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, July 27th

No Mass

Thursday, July 28th

No Mass

Friday, July 29th

No Mass

6:30pm Most Holy Rosary

Saturday, July 30th

5:00 pm Mass Offered for Francis Seckora (RIP)

Anniversary of Death (7/26)
Requested by David Seckora

Sunday, July 31st

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

Anniversary of Birthday

Requested by Janice McGowan & Family

Attendance

July 16th Saturday 5:30 pm Mass 84

July 17th Sunday 9:00 am Mass 120

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

Donations and payments on pledges to our Capital Campaign should be put in the offertory clearly marked "Capital Campaign"; dropped off at the parish office during office hours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00am until 4:30pm; or put in the white box on the back porch at the Mercy Center clearly marked "Capital Campaign" so they can be recorded in a timely manner and deposited into our Capital Campaign account.

Help Needed for Ride to Mass

A parishioner who lives in New Kent near the New Kent Winery needs a ride at least once a month to attend Mass. Please call the parish office if you can help this person attend Mass.

We have had very poor response to this need!

Collections for July 16th & 17th, 2022

Week's Amount

Parish Operations	\$ 2,085
Supplemental Collection	205
Poor Box	40
Votive Candles	24

Total \$ 2,354

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 1,020
Haiti Ministry	\$ 20
Peter's Pence	\$ 14
Cemetery Fund	\$ 50

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: 6^{th} , 7^{th} , 8^{th} , and 9^{th} Grades. Note that this is a change – we now have additional students needing teachers in Grades 8 and 9.

Contact: Erin 804-843-3125 ext. 103



Vacation Bible School !!!

This Monday!! Grades Pre-K (4 yrs.) through 5th Grade, July 25th-July 29th, from 6-8 pm.

Registrations are in the back of church or register at the door.

The kids are going to have an awesome week learning the "Armor of God!"

Thank you to all our volunteers for making this event possible!!

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

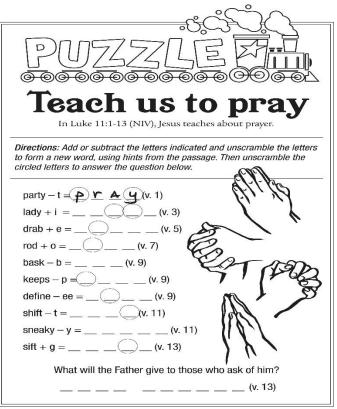
Preschool News

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.



Answer: pray, daily, bread, door, ask, seek, find, fish, snake, gifts; Holy Spirit

The Year of Grace, with Divine Mercy

From the Diary of St. Faustina

Today, I was talking with the Lord, and He said to me, "There are souls with whom I can do nothing. They are souls that are continuously observing others, but know nothing of what is going on within their own selves. They talk about others continually, even during times of grand silence, which is reserved for speaking only with Me. Poor souls, they do not hear My words; their interior remains empty. They do not look for Me within Their own hearts, but in idle talk, where I am never to be found." (Diary, 1717)

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, help us to look for You within our hearts. Teach us how to be silent and listen for Your voice. May we find You, and live in Your presence with awesome awareness and loving attentiveness.

Priests for Life

From a Former Abortion Provider:

"On October 23rd, I went and did my last abortions on just a few patients. And I knew it would be the last day. And that evening, I said No to money and Yes to God. The next day I went down to church and confessed with my mouth that Jesus was Lord. Then, on the way out of church, I saw this blue brochure for a crisis pregnancy center. I just looked at it and kind of felt that this was what I should be involved with. The next day I called up the center and told them I was a doctor in Atlanta and had done many, many thousands of abortions, and that I came to Christ the day before and now wanted to do everything to save babies instead of take their lives." – Dr. Joseph Randall.

Saint of the Week

Feast Day- July 28th St. Samson

Saint Samson was born in Wales around the year 485 and is considered one of the greatest missionaries to come from the British Isles.

At the age of seven, his parents dedicated him to the service of God in gratitude for his birth after a long period of childlessness. He was enrolled under St. Illtud at his monastery at Llanwit, Glamorgan; He was ordained deacon and priest by St. Illtud himself. This caused considerable envy among a number of the monks, and two nephews of St. Illtud attempted to murder Samson, who therefore left the community to live as a hermit on the island of Caldey off the coast of Pembrokeshire.

Samson's father Amon and his uncle Umbrafel joined him on the island after Amon had recovered from a serious illness, having received the last rites from his son. When the Abbot Piro died, Samson succeeded him, but resigned after a trip to Ireland and resumed his eremitical life in Wales with his father and two others.

After a time, Samson went to Cornwall where he was consecrated bishop as well as abbot of St. Dubricius Monastery. He then traveled throughout Cornwall, working as a missionary, founding monasteries and churches, and gathering many followers for Christ. He crossed the Channel to continue his missionary activities in Brittany. There he was given some land on which to build a monastery; this site in time became the town of Dol, which became the spiritual center of Brittany.

Sensing that the end of his earthly life was near, Samson undertook a journey throughout the whole region of Neustria, moving slowly from parish to parish, often stopping to preach or to celebrate the Divine Office. His missionary activities throughout Britain and Brittany ended only with his death around the year 565.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

Betty Johnson, (daughter of Susan Thompson) is in need of prayers for healing from her recently diagnosed health issues.

Please pray for the healing of Vickey Turner Gibson (aunt of Tiffany Smith).

Prayers are requested for Ron Hebrank, (son-in-law of Colleen Bonadonna) that his aggressive treatments will be successful and that God will bless his wife with strength.



Poor Clares Monastery

The Poor Clares invite anyone to their annual novena to their patroness saint, Mother St. Clare, foundress of all Poor Clares. The novena takes place after the daily 8:00 am Mass in their chapel from August 2nd through August 10th.

The solemnity of the Order's Holy Mother St. Clare will be observed on August 11, 2022 with Mass at 8:00 am at their chapel. St. Clare's solemnity is observing the date of the saint's death on August 11, 1253 in Assisi, Italy.

The monastery address is 5500 Holly Fork Road, Barhamsville 23011 in New Kent.

Altar Flower Donations

If you wish to donate flowers for the altar to honor someone or in memory of someone, there is now a signup sheet in the back of the church.

Parishioners should sign up for a weekend, order directly from the florist, and have the flowers delivered no later than 4:00 pm on Saturday.

Volunteers Desperately Needed !!!

The Cleaning Committee for the Parish is in need of volunteers for weekly cleaning of the church.

Currently, we have 3 groups doing the cleaning every 3 weeks: our Hispanic community, Teresa Nguyen & sisters, and Gary & Jackie Silvia.

By volunteering to clean the church, we are saving approximately \$200.00-\$300.00 per week.

It only takes approximately 1-2 hours to wipe down the bathrooms, empty the trash, and vacuum. The more people in a group, the less time it takes.

If we don't get more volunteers, we will have to look into hiring a service to clean which will be an added expense to the Parish.

Please consider donating some time and contact Jackie Silvia with any questions, 757-561-8749.

Peace in Christ & thank you!

July Wedding Anniversaries

Dan & Amber Gibbs July 1, 2006
Bill & (Kathy) Webster July 12, 1956
Vincent & (Marina) D'elia July 21, 1963
Tripp & Roberta Racioppi July 28, 1973

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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