

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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 13th and 14th, 2022

Saturday, August 13th

**5:00 pm Mass Offered for Margaret Varboncoeur
In Honor of Her Birthday (8/11)**

Sunday, August 14th

**9:00 am Mass Offered for Matt Rogers (RIP)
Anniversary of Birthday (8/12)
Requested by Edna Trudeau**

Monday, August 15th

**No Mass
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel**

Tuesday, August 16th

**No Mass
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel
4:30 pm Adult Faith Formation (Mercy Center)**

Wednesday, August 17th

No Mass

Thursday, August 18th

No Mass

Friday, August 19th

**No Mass
6:30pm Most Holy Rosary**

Saturday, August 20th

**5:30 pm Mass Offered for Tommy Sturtz, Jr. (RIP)
Anniversary of Birthday
Requested by Marguerite Sturtz**

Sunday, August 21st

**9:00 am Mass Offered for Martha and Stanley Hollowak
Requested by Mary Hollowak**

Attendance

August 6th	Saturday 5:30 pm Mass	58
August 7th	Sunday 9:00 am Mass	96
	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.

Father Oscar will be celebrating the 41st Anniversary of his Ordination on August 16th in the Philippines with his family. However, as his Parish Family, we will be celebrating with him on Sunday, August 28th immediately following Mass. This will be a potluck event, so bring your family's favorite dish to share and come and have a good time gathering and spending time with Father Oscar and each other!

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.

Collections for August 6th & 7th, 2022

Week's Amount

Parish Operations	\$ 3,499
Religious Education	100
Votive Candles	7
Total	\$ 3,606

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 1,600
Facilities, Repairs, & Maintenance	\$ 165
Cemetery Fund	200
Haiti	100

*****Thank You for Supporting our Parish*****

FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation

The Adult Faith Formation group is continuing through the summer. Join us at the Mercy Center, 4:30 pm. on Tuesdays.

The current series is called "Explaining the Faith."

Great for anyone wanting to know more about the Catholic Faith.

Religious Education

Registration

Registration forms can be found on the back table of the church.

Our start date is September 25th.

If your child is receiving a sacrament, please fill out a registration form along with the sacrament form.

We need Substitute teachers for religious education classes, we hope and pray you will consider joining us!

If you would like to co-teach a specific grade, that would be great!

Contact: Erin 804-843-3125 ext. 103



Vacation Bible School

Many Thanks to our Volunteers for VBS!! This program was a success because of your help!

The kids had a great time learning about the Armor of God, playing games, doing art/crafts, singing praise and eating snacks!

I can't say enough good things about this...Praise God in it all!

Our volunteer work ranged from; set up/ decorating, teaching, music, snacks, games, art, photos, prepping, clean up... and all the extra things that come with the territory.

Volunteers

Richard, Daniel and Kelsey Duke

Kevin, Deidra & Mason Kopacki

Jennifer Brown

Hope, Mckenna & Bryan Kopacki

Justin Burch

Craig & Danielle Smith

Suzanne, Samantha, Shannon Hayden

Paul & Mary McDonald

Misael, Jackie, Luis & Jacinta Hernandez

Glenn & Kay Shaw

Cathrine & Gracie Hogan

Abby Lazar

Kaleigh Donahue

Tiffany Smith

Ryan Sprouse

Virginia Walthour

Zoe Lawson

A Big Thank You! To all the extra families who stayed and helped clean up the final night!

The Year of Grace, with Divine Mercy

From the Diary of St. Faustina

My conversation with the Lord Jesus before the retreat. Jesus told me that this retreat would be little different from others. **You shall strive to maintain a profound peace in respect to your communings with Me. I will remove all doubts in this regard. I know that you are at peace now as I speak to you, but the moment I stop talking you will start looking for doubts. But I want you to know that I will affirm your soul to such a degree that even if you wanted to be troubled, it will not be within your power** (Diary, 169).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, I love the way you described Your gift of peace to St. Faustina. I would love to receive that kind of peace! So I ask You: Fill me with Your peace that I may be at peace.

Priests for Life

A Letter from an Unborn Child

Dear Christians,

I was very much looking forward to my life in this world. I wanted to have dolls, ride a bike, go to the circus, and see the zoo. I looked forward to celebrating Christmas and receiving Jesus in Holy Communion.

I'm very sad I never got to do any of these things. My parents did not let me be born.

But I just don't understand one thing -- why didn't any of you help me? I wish you had. Nobody heard my crying voice.

From,
An unborn baby

Saint of the Week

Feast Day- August 20th

St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

St. Bernard was born of noble parentage in Burgundy, France, in the castle of Fontane's near Dijon. Under the care of his pious parents he was sent at an early age to a college at Chatillon, where he was conspicuous for his remarkable piety and spirit of recollection. At the same place he entered upon the studies of theology and Holy Scripture. After the death of his mother, fearing the snares and temptations of the world, he resolved to embrace the newly established and very austere institute of the Cistercian Order, of which he was destined to become the greatest ornament. He also persuaded his brothers and several of his friends to follow his example.

In 1113, St. Bernard, with thirty young noblemen, presented himself to the holy Abbot, St. Stephen, at Citeaux. After a novitiate spent in great fervor, he made his profession in the following year. His superior soon after, seeing the great progress he had made in the spiritual life, sent him with twelve monks to found a new monastery, which afterward became known as the celebrated **Abbey of Clairvaux**. St. Bernard was at once appointed **Abbot** and began that active life which has rendered him the most conspicuous figure in the history of the 12th century.

He founded numerous other monasteries, composed a number of works and undertook many journeys for the honor of God. Several Bishoprics were offered him, but he refused them all. The reputation of St. Bernard spread far and wide; even the Popes were governed by his advice. He was commissioned by Pope Eugene III to preach the second Crusade. In obedience to the Sovereign Pontiff he traveled through France and Germany, and aroused the greatest enthusiasm for the holy war among the masses of the population. The failure of the expedition raised a great storm against the saint, but he attributed it to the sins of the Crusaders.

St. Bernard was eminently endowed with the gift of miracles. He died on August 20, 1153.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

Betty Johnson, (daughter of Susan Thompson) is in need of prayers for healing.

Prayers are requested for Ron Hebrank, (son-in-law of Colleen Bonadonna).

Prayers for healing for Gerald Turner, Tiffany Smith's uncle.

Praying
FOR You

Poor Clares Monastery

The Poor Clares invite everyone to attend Mass at the Monastery daily which is usually at 8:00 am.

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

Altar Flowers

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

Parishioners should sign up for a weekend, order directly from the florist or ask Pam Watkins at the Parish office to order them.

Any delivery of flowers to the Church needs to be done between 4:30pm and 5:00pm on Saturdays. No one is there before 4:00pm on Saturdays.

OLBS Church Cleaning Schedule
August 2022

- Aug 1-Aug 6 Gary & Jackie Silvia
- Aug 7-Aug 13 Our Hispanic Community
- Aug 14-Aug 20 Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters
- Aug 21-Aug 27 Gary & Jackie Silvia
- Aug 28-Sept 3 Our Hispanic Community

Volunteers Needed - Church Cleaning Crew

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

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.

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

Peace in Christ & thank you!

Adoration in Mercy Center Chapel

Stop by the Mercy Center Chapel for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and enjoy the comfort of the new kneelers.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament usually takes place on Mondays and Tuesdays. However, the parish office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00am until 4:30pm and we are happy to let you in the Chapel for Adoration on Wednesdays and Thursdays as well.

August Wedding Anniversaries

Eric & Joanna Ellingson	August 1, 1992
Bob & Lorraine Ryalls	August 5, 1978
Larry & Janie Dzula	August 11, 1973
Jim & Anne Duke	August 12, 1967
Philip & Karen Liberato	August 16, 1986
Greg & Erin Hayden	August 21, 1993
Gene & Bonnie Kopacki	August 23, 1975
Henry & (Natalee) Franzysen	August 26, 1972

From the Diocese of Richmond:

As a community, we strive to support survivors of child sexual abuse on their journey toward healing and wholeness. For those who have suffered abuse by clergy residing in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, we invite you to join virtually, on August 10 and/or August 24 at 7pm.

Spouses and affected community members are also welcome. These gatherings, led by an independent facilitator, will offer a safe environment for participants to connect, share experiences, support, and heal. If you would like more information, or the virtual meeting link contact 887-9603 or emaildana@atreeplanted.org

Registering in OLBS Parish

Would you like to register in the Parish? Registration forms can be found in the Welcome Center of the Church located in the Narthex.

**The Feast of the Assumption
August 15**

The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven. While the rest of us hope to have our bodies raised to glory at the end of time, Mary experienced the resurrection and glorification of her body at the moment her earthly life ended.

Diocesan Trip to the Holy Land

Dear Friends,

For many centuries, pilgrims have been making their way to the holy sites of Galilee and Jerusalem. The living legacy of faith flowing in this land speaks to the heart of every Christian.

We are excited to announce our upcoming trip to the Holy Land - A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus, April 23 to May 4, 2023.

Each day we will trace events in the life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - from the cave of the Annunciation in Nazareth to Jesus' home base in Capernaum. We will stand in awe at Golgotha and in wonder at His empty tomb. In each place new scenes, images, experiences.

As always, the bottom line is, that a Holy land pilgrim NEVER again prays or hears the Scriptures in the same way; we return changed and transformed. There will be time for reflection and travel, good food and fervent prayer (and yes, shopping too!).

Our present faith will draw us there and the joys of a new made faith will carry us home.

We look forward to being with you in this Holy Land and creating a lifetime of memories as we share this experience together.

Yours in Christ,

Monsignor Walter Barrett & Deacon David Reaves

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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
804.843.3125

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