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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 30th and 31st, 2022

Saturday, August 6th

5:30 pm Mass Offered for Gladys Laura Watkins (RIP)

Anniversary of Birthday (8/5) Requested by the Watkins Family

Offered for Kathy Webster (RIP) Requested by Bill Webster

Sunday, August 7th

9:00 am Mass Offered for Marian Kopacki in

Honor of Her Birthday (8/6)

Requested by Children, Grandchildren,

& Family

Monday, August 8th

No Mass

12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, August 9th

No Mass

12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Adult Faith Formation (Mercy Center) 4:30 pm

Wednesday, August 10th

No Mass

Thursday, August 11th

No Mass

Friday, August 12th

No Mass

6:30pm **Most Holy Rosary**

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

	<u>Attendance</u>			
July 30 th	Saturday 5:30 pm Mass	83		
July 31st	Sunday 9:00 am Mass	97		
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.

Introducing Out New Music Director, Nicole Fox

Please welcome our new music minister, Nicole Fox!

Nicole grew up as a military dependent enabling her to travel around the world uncovering various types of music.

She started learning how to play the piano at 3 years old, being taught by her grandmother. Her siblings played the violin, flute, and cello and would later form the Fox Quartet.

Continuing her music education, as her father served in the Army, she has played for weddings, ordinations, live TV performances, and even with Broadway Stars. She has been part of orchestras playing the piano, harp, and harpsichord.

At the age of 14, she was asked to play her first Mass which made her fall even more in love with the Mass. This opened up a new level of service for God. Since then, every parish she has been a part of, she has served her ministry by singing or playing.

After she moved back to Virginia in 2021, she has helped St. Joan of Arc and St. Olaf in their youth ministries with Praise and Worship and retreats. Her confirmation saint is St. Cecelia, the patroness of music whom she prays to everyday to help her continue to praise the Lord by giving back his gifts that he has graciously bestowed on her.

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!

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 <u>Big Thank You!</u> 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

May 1, (1938). This evening, Jesus said to me, "My daughter, do you need anything?" I answered, "O my Love, when I have You I have everything." And the Lord answered, "If souls would put themselves completely in My care, I Myself would undertake the task of sanctifying them, and I would lavish even greater graces on them. There are souls who thwart My efforts, but I have not given up on them; as often as they turn to Me, I hurry to their aid, shield them with My mercy, and I give them the first place in My compassionate Heart." (Diary, 1682).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, I desire to put myself completely in Your care. Please undertake the task of sanctifying me. Without Your grace, I can do nothing! But with Your grace, I can do anything, because then all things are possible: "In Him I have strength for everything through Him who empowers me." (Phil 4:13).

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 9th

St. Teresa Benedicta

Edith Stein was born October 12, 1891 (the Feast of Atonement) to a Jewish family in Breslau, Germany. Though she became agnostic in her teen years, through her passionate study of philosophy as an adult she searched after truth and found it in reading the autobiography of St. Teresa of Jesus. In 1922, she was baptized a Catholic, and in 1933 entered the Discalced Carmel of Cologne where she took the name of Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

During the Nazi occupation she was sent to the Carmel nuns in Echt, Netherlands. When the Nazis occupied the Netherlands all Jews and Jewish converts were arrested. Sr. Teresa Benedicta and her sister Rosa were arrested at this time. She said to Rosa, "Come. Let us go and die for our people."

Sister Teresa Benedicta was gassed and cremated at Auschwitz on August 9, 1942 and died a martyr for the Christian faith after having offered herself as a holocaust for the people of Israel.

A woman of singular intelligence and learning, she left behind a body of writing notable for its doctrinal richness and profound spirituality. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II at Cologne, Germany on May 1, 1987 and canonized on October 11, 1998.





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.

Our sincerest Condolences to Tiffany Smith and family at the loss of her beloved Aunt Vickey Gibson on her 67th birthday. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon her.



Poor Clares Monastery

The Poor Clares invite everyone 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 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 Flowers

This week's altar flowers are to honor Marian Kopacki on her birthday and in memory of Billy McGowan's birthday, donated by Janice McGowan and family.

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 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.

Collections for July 30th & 31st, 2022 Week's Amount

Parish Operations	\$ 2,122
Online Giving as of 7/12/2022	50
Votive Candles	29
Poor Box	5
Total	\$ 2 206

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 666
Facilities, Repairs, & Maintenance	\$ 250

^{***}Thank You for Supporting our Parish***

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.

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 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!

Thank you to Arlene Lasch for donating two new kneelers for our Adoration Chapel in the Mercy Center!

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.

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.

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) Franzyshen	August 26, 1972

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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AUGUST 2022 PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Emily AdamsJim GregoryLarry NewtzieSharon AdamsRon HebrankAndrea PaytonElizabeth AlleyPat HinkleKa'varus Penticolas

Brett Pickens Camb Ashley Kelly Hipple Candace Barefoot Laurie Hite Patricia Pilong Virginia Becker Ellen Horseman Pam Rigsby **Paulette Berberich** Mark A. Roane **Betty Johnson Tom Berberich Gail Justin** Vickie Roane **Leonard Romano Linda Blevins Bob Kav Ron Blevins Debbie Royals Bill Kessler** Linda Burch **Gloria Kojcsich** Jack Scaife William Bush **Bonnie Kopacki** Barbara Schafer

Kathryn Carson Joyce Kostrzewa Kay Shaw

Kevin CarsonGordon LangstonJames SimmonsLucy CarsonHelene LawrenceThe Solak Family

Tim Collier Richard Lawrence Levi Sturtz **Meredith Crowe** Patricia Lanuza Jim Tokarz Eric Crump **Ashley Larson** Mae Touray Vincent D'elia Melissa Leger **Taylor Trimbath Denise DePompeo Philip Liberato** Edna Trudeau **Gerald Turner** Dale Dippre **Denise Mason**

Dexter Dix Matt Matula Gloria Wajciechowski
Larry Dzula, Jr. Lanci McCloud Francis Watkins
Andy Eshelman Mary Leigh McDonald Emmett White
Michelle Eshelman Kenny McGinley James Wills

Amanda Fincher William Madigan III Bill Webster

Karen Fischer Ron Martz Andrea Berberich Wilson
Don Fitzgerald Jackie Mierle Mary Wilson
Cris Gay Clara Morrow Lois Wilson

Kelli Gaeta Randy Morrow Robert 'Bobby' Wilson

Margaret Geron Specialist Mullins Jody Zogran

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson Specialist Sydney Gay

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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