

OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 10th and 11th, 2022

Saturday, September 10th

5:00 pm Reconciliation
 5:30 pm Mass Offered for David Seckora (RIP)
 Requested by Hilda Smith

Sunday, September 11th

9:00 am Mass Offered for John Jones (RIP)
 Requested by Marian & Jonathan
 Kopacki
 11:30 am Spanish Mass
 1:00 pm Parish Picnic behind Mercy Center

Monday, September 12th

No Mass

Tuesday, September 13th

8:30 am Mass Offered for Jake Bernoski
 Requested by Hilda Smith
 12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel
 4:30 pm Adult Faith Formation (Mercy Center)

Wednesday, September 14th

8:30 am Mass Offered for Special Intention
 Requested by Janice McGowan

Thursday, September 15th

8:30 am Mass Offered for David Seckora
 Requested by Marian & Jonathan
 Kopacki

Friday, September 16th

8:30 am Mass Offered for Brock Tomlinson
 Requested by Hilda Smith
 6:30pm Most Holy Rosary

Saturday, September 17th

5:30 pm Mass Offered for Melvina Gooch (RIP)
 on Anniversary of Birthday (7/20)
 Requested by Edna Trudeau

Sunday, September 18th

9:00 am Mass Offered for Allen (A.J.) Smith (RIP)
 Requested by Hilda Smith



PARISH PICNIC

This coming Sunday afternoon (September 11th) will be Parish picnic – the first in maybe four years! The picnic will start at 1:00 pm.

Plans are to start cooking ahead of time and be ready to dive right in when you arrive with your sides!

Hot dogs and burgers will be donated by the Knights of Columbus.

There will be activities and games for all ages. Erin Hayden is coordinating games and activities and if you want to have or bring certain games, please call her at 804-366-4435 or at her Mercy Center office 804-843-3125 Ext 103.

Collections for September 3rd & 4th, 2022

Week's Amount

Parish Operations	\$ 2,537
Supplemental Collection	<u>5</u>
Total	\$ 2,542

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 1,467
Retired Religious	\$ 100
Haitian Ministry	\$ 50

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

Attendance

September 3 rd	Saturday 5:30 pm Mass	69
September 4 th	Sunday 9:00 am Mass	102
	Spanish Mass	31

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education

Registration

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

Our start date is September 25th.

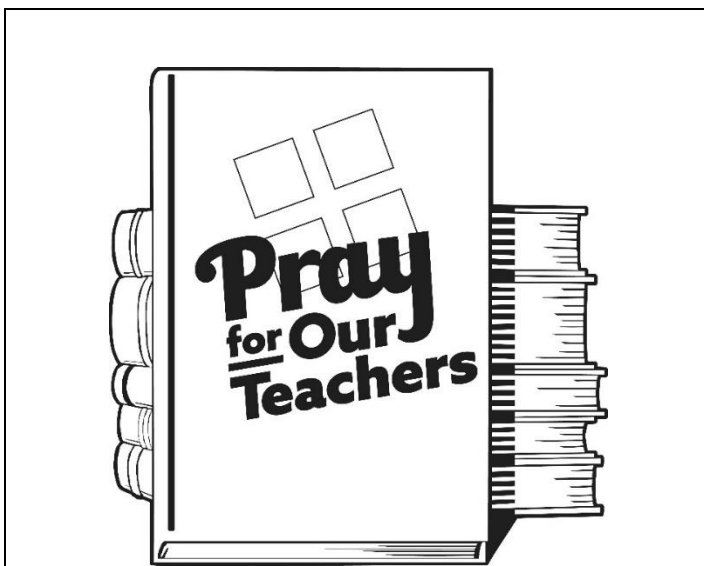
If your child is receiving a sacrament, please fill out a registration form along with the sacrament form.

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

******Catechist Meeting Reminder******

There is a catechist meeting / training after the 9 am. Mass on September 18th. Looking forward to an exciting year!



Bible Study:

Join the Great Adventure Bible Study Timeline!

Starting on September 25th, following the 9 am Mass. This group will meet in the front foyer at the VDB hall. You can enter through the front double doors. Parents, this is a great opportunity for you while kids are in class. Coffee will be ready!

There is also a Bible Study during the week, on Tuesday's @ 4:30 pm. The Fall Bible session will begin on September 27th @ the Hall. This session is Lectio: Mary. If you want to know why the Blessed Mother plays such an important role, join us!

Introducing "FORMED"

FORMED is a Catholic digital platform. It has over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children.

FORMED has content from over 60 apostolates, including Augustine institute, Ignatius Press, and the Knights of Columbus, with material that is professionally produced, engaging, and solid in its catechism. Best of all, this material is free to you! It has been gifted to our parish from the Augustine Institute. Thank the Lord! The Augustine Institute also gifted the digital platform for our new curriculum "Word of Life."

We hope everyone takes advantage of these resources while they are available to us. We would love to have your feedback to share with the Augustine institute. Thank you.

Email your feedback to: dre@olbs-Catholic.org

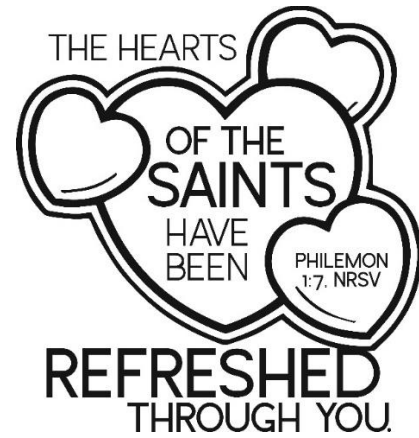
Adult Faith Formation

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.

The Year of Grace, with Divine Mercy
From the Diary of St. Faustina

And I will tell you one more thing- take these graces not only for yourself but also for others; that is encourage the souls with whom you come in contact to trust in My infinite mercy. Oh, how I love those souls who have complete confidence in Me- I will do everything for them (Diary, 294).

My Prayer Response: Yes, Lord, I take Your graces not only for myself but for souls I meet that they may trust in you even more. May they grow to have complete confidence in You!



Saint of the Week

Feast Day- September 13th

St. John Chrysostom

St. John, named Chrysostom (golden-mouthed) on account of his eloquence, came into the world of Christian parents, about the year 344, in the city of Antioch. His mother, at the age of 20, was a model of virtue.

He studied rhetoric under Libanius, a pagan, the most famous orator of the age. In 374, he began to lead the life of an anchorite in the mountains near Antioch, but in 386 the poor state of his health forced him to return to Antioch, where he was ordained a priest.

In 398, he was elevated to the See of Constantinople and became one of the greatest lights of the Church. But he had enemies in high places and some were ecclesiastics, not the least being Theophilus, Patriarch of Alexandria, who repented of this before he died. His most powerful enemy, however, was the empress Eudoxia, who was offended by the apostolic freedom of his discourses. Several accusations were brought against him in a pseudo-council, and he was sent into exile.

In the midst of his sufferings, like the apostle, St. Paul, whom he so greatly admired, he found the greatest peace and happiness. He had the consolation of knowing that the Pope remained his friend, and did for him what lay in his power.

His enemies were not satisfied with the sufferings he had already endured, and they banished him still further, to Pythius, at the very extremity of the Empire. He died on his way there on September 14, 407.

Priests for Life

Bishop Vasa on Abortion

“There are just choices and there are unjust choices. Choices would be the preference for chocolate ice cream over vanilla ice cream or sherbet instead of ice cream. That is just a choice.

A just choice would be to choose to pay a fair and living wage to employees as opposed to simply meeting the mandatory standard of minimum wage laws.

An unjust choice would be to choose to terminate the life of another human being. This is not just a choice and it is not a just choice; it is an unjust choice.

Furthermore, it is an unjust choice which is diametrically opposed to the clear and consistent teaching of the Catholic Church as well as to the clear and consistent teaching of God Himself in the Ten Commandments.

The direct, intentional taking of the life of an innocent human being is inhumane and unjust. It is not just a choice!”

Bishop Robert Vasa, March 1, 2007

Send a Care Card:

One of our parishioners, Vincent D'Elia, has been staying at The Gardens at Warwick Forest in Newport News. There is no estimated time of return to his home or parish. Vincent is unable to walk, so he is stuck in bed most days. If anyone would like to send him a card or note, or have your child make a card to send, I'm sure it will brighten his day!

Send to:

Vincent D'Elia
C/O The Gardens at Warwick Forest
1004 Old Denbigh Blvd. Room #527
Newport News, VA 23602

Prayers Requested

Please pray for healing for Leda Zaginaylo.



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.

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.

Update - OLBS Church Weekly Cleaning

The Hispanic community will be cleaning the church the last week of each month. However, because of a lack of volunteers, a cleaning service will now clean the other weeks.

There are envelopes at the back of the church for donations to help offset the cost as it is not part of current budget. Any donations will help!



New Church Sign

If you have not noticed on your way back into West Point on Route 33 in Eltham, a new OLBS church sign has replaced the old, faded one from many years ago. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for buying the sign and installing it!

Knights of Columbus
Crab Carnival Crab Cake Booth

After a two-year pandemic hiatus, the Crab Carnival is now planned for Friday, September 30 and Saturday, October 1! The Knights' crab cake booth will again offer their famous crab cakes along with shrimp, french fries, hot dogs, and water and soft drinks.

Just a shout out to all Knights, spouses, or Knight's children over the age of 18, can help. If you can lend a hand on Friday evening or anytime on Saturday, please let Phil Liberato, Jim Vadas, Jonathan Kopacki or Dan Gibbs know.

September Wedding Anniversaries

(Paul) & Gaye Tamulynas	September 13, 1986
(Billy) & Janice McGowan	September 14, 1974
Gary & Jackie Silvia	September 17, 1988
Philip & Cydney Henley	September 21, 2013

Parish Council Update

Officers for the new year (starting July 1st) are Chair Tiffany Smith and Vice-Chair Joe Pincus. Thanks to Joe Drexler who served as Vice-Chair last year. Jim Vadas will continue as Secretary.

Capital Campaign Update

To date the Parish has raised \$420,033 which includes \$376,250 in pledges and one-time gifts in the amount of \$43,783. We have received \$174,512 in payments on pledges leaving us with \$201,738 to collect.

Donations and payments on pledges to our Capital Campaign should be put in the offertory clearly marked "Capital Campaign" or dropped off at the parish office during office hours.

Another option is to put in the white box on the back porch of the Mercy Center.

Clearly mark the envelope "Capital Campaign" so it can be recorded in a timely manner and deposited into our Capital Campaign account.

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.

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.

For Vocations-

"He was lost and has been found." Do you want to bring others to life in Christ as a priest? Call the Vocations Office (804)359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Conference for Single Catholics

Single and Catholic? September 16th-18th, 2022 - join hundreds of single Catholics coming from all parts of the US (and beyond!) at the 21st National Conference for Single Catholics at the Westfields Marriott in Chantilly, VA. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass, adoration, opportunities for confession, fellowship, food and more. Register with this promo code (PARISH22) to get \$50 off! *Discount for the first 50 sign ups nationwide to use this code.* Visit NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register. (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 512-766-5798.)

We are confident that the singles in your parish will be eager to know about it. It is the first time that it's being held on the East Coast since 2013 and it has been warmly welcomed by the diocese of Arlington! We would be so grateful if you could help us share it!

The Knights of Columbus presents

Long-Term Care Planning Seminar

Preparing for a long and healthy future begins with understanding risks that you and your family may face later in life.

While we all hope to remain healthy in our later years, the reality is that most of us will need long-term care at some point in our lives.

In this seminar, we will discuss some of the challenges that you may face and the solutions that you and your family should consider. We'll go through what long-term care is and how the Knights of Columbus can help you prepare.

Register today to save your spot.

Date: September 21, 2022 Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom Webinar

RSVP: <https://sept21.abbatekofc.com>

Rachel's Vineyard™

**Weekend Retreat for Healing after Abortion
September 9-11, 2022**

“Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.” — Hebrews 4:16

Come to a retreat for healing...if you have had one or more abortions...if you are responsible for the abortions of others...or if you've suffered from an abortion choice of another person. If you've felt regret, grief, guilt, or anger; unforgivable, afraid, ashamed, defensive, unworthy, numb, or isolated...there is hope for healing, to accept God's mercy, and to find peace.

Inquiries, registration, and participation are strictly confidential.

**For information & registration, contact:
Marty Montgomery-Jennings: 804-334-7956 | Maggie Carlson: 804-432-2589
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**Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
Post-Abortion Healing Ministry
8200 Woodman Road, Henrico, Virginia 23228
Confidential voicemail: 804-262-7315, ext. 402**

Women and men who participate in Rachel's Vineyard Retreats are gently led through the critical steps of healing after abortion – spiritual exercises of God's compassion and mercy, the process of grief, memorializing their children, accepting God's forgiveness, and forgiving themselves and others who were involved. The retreat setting is a comfortable and safe place to explore their experiences of abortion by talking through unresolved feelings and conflicts. During this healing process, people uncover deep wounds buried in secrecy and shame, and allow Jesus, the Divine Physician, to restore spiritual health that is life giving.

From St. Olaf Catholic Church in Norge:

We are excited to have Deacon Ralph Poyo bless us with his teachings that will renew our faith in God. From Thursday, September 22 to Sunday, September 25, he will be presenting four sessions that will cover different topics.

Scan the QR code or click the sign-up button for more information and to register for the events by September 18.



Greater Williamsburg LIFE CHAIN

Once again rain or shine St. Olaf Catholic Church in coordination with other Churches invites all to participate in the 34th National Life Chain on Sunday, October 2nd from 2:00 to 3:15 PM. This will be the Greater Williamsburg area's 10th annual Life Chain. Location will be on the sidewalk facing Richmond Road starting at Centerville Road.

The Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful, and public witness of pro-life faithful standing in honor of 60+ million lives lost to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that we support the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. Pro-Life signs will be available and you may bring a chair if need be and extend this invitation to your friends as well.

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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