

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- FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 17th and 18th, 2022

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**
10:15 am Catechist Teacher Training
11:30 am Spanish Mass

Monday, September 19th

No Mass
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus officers meeting

Tuesday, September 20th

**8:30 am Mass Offered for Robert J. Wunder (RIP)
Requested by Hilda Smith**
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel
4:30 pm Adult Faith Formation (Mercy Center)

Wednesday, September 21st

**8:30 am Mass Offered for Trudy Wunder (RIP)
Requested by Hilda Smith**

Thursday, September 22nd

**8:30 am Mass Offered for Joyce Houston
Requested by Hilda Smith**

Friday, September 23rd

**8:30 am Mass Offered for Korby Taylor (RIP)
Requested by Hilda Smith**
6:30pm Most Holy Rosary

Saturday, September 24th

5:00 pm Reconciliation
**5:30 pm Mass Offered for Patricia Gurganus (RIP)
Requested by Bill Webster**

Sunday, September 25th

**9:00 am Mass Offered for David Seckora (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler**
10:00 am Religious education classes begin



PARISH PICNIC

Thanks to all who helped make the Parish picnic a success – even though we dodged rain showers on and off last Sunday afternoon.

Thanks to Erin Hayden for the entertaining games for the kids, Sal Inga for getting the two bounce houses, to the Knights for the hot dogs and hamburgers ... and cooking them, and those of you who brought such delicious side dishes.

Collections for September 10th & 11th, 2022

Week's Amount

Parish Operations	\$ 3,208
Votive Candles	\$ 32
Poor Box	\$ 1
Total	\$ 3,241

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 11,655
Cemetery Fund	\$ 50

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

Attendance

September 10th Saturday 5:30 pm Mass. 91

September 11th Sunday 9:00 am Mass 106

No Spanish 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.

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education

Registration

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

Our start date is September 25th.

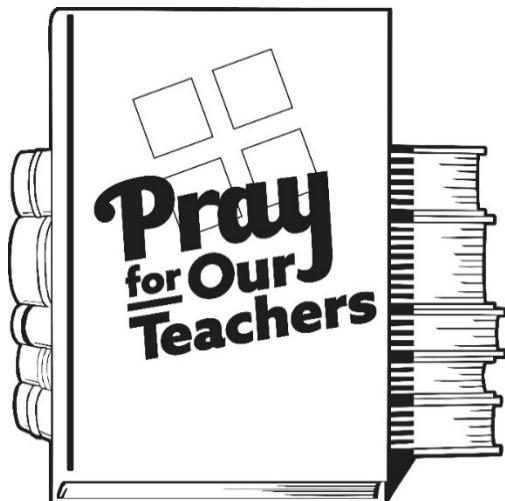
If your child is receiving a sacrament, please fill out a registration form along with the sacrament form.

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

As I was meditating on the sin of the Angels and their immediate punishment, I asked Jesus why the Angels had been punished as soon as they had sinned. I heard a voice: Because of the profound knowledge of God.

No person on earth, even though a great saint, has such knowledge of God as an Angel has. Nevertheless, to me who am so miserable, You have shown Your mercy, O God, and this, time and time again. You carry me in the bosom of Your mercy and forgive me every time that I as Your forgiveness with a contrite heart (Diary, 1332).

My Prayer Response: Lord Jesus, please help me to know You and Your greatest attribute, Your mercy. Help me to tell Your people of Your compassion and love. As I do, also give me courage to ask Your forgiveness whenever I sin.

Priests for Life

Bishop Vasa on Abortion

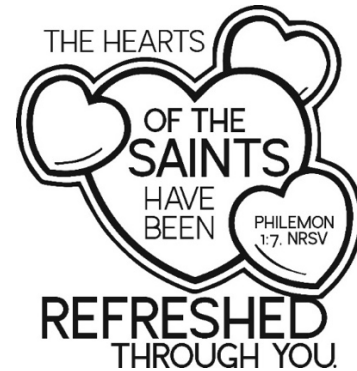
“There are just choices and there are unjust choices. Choices would be the preference for chocolate ice cream over vanilla ice cream or sherbet instead of ice cream. That is just a choice.

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



Saint of the Week

St. Thomas of Villanova
Feast Day- September 22nd

Augustinian bishop. Born at Fuenllana, Castile, Spain, he was the son of a miller. He studied at the University of Alcala, earned a licentiate in theology, and became a professor there at the age of twenty-six. He declined the chair of philosophy at the university of Salamanca and instead entered the Order of St Augustine at Salamanca in 1516. Ordained in 1520, he served as prior of several houses in Salamanca, Burgos, and Valladolid, as provincial of Andalusia and Castile, and then court chaplain to Holy Roman Emperor Charles V (r. 1519-1556).

During his time as provincial of Castile, he dispatched the first Augustinian missionaries to the New World. They subsequently helped evangelize the area of modern Mexico. He was offered but declined the see of Granada, but accepted appointment as archbishop of Valencia in 1544. As the see had been vacant for nearly a century, Thomas devoted much effort to restoring the spiritual and material life of the archdiocese. He was also deeply committed to the needs of the poor. He held the post of grand almoner of the poor, founded colleges for the children of new converts and the poor, organized priests for service among the Moors, and was renowned for his personal saintliness and austerities. While he did not attend the sessions of the Council of Trent, he was an ardent promoter of the Tridentine reforms throughout Spain.

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.

Our thoughts, prayers and sincerest condolences to Cathy Fudella and family at the loss of her beloved sister Lanci McCloud. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon her.



Altar Flowers

If you are interested in ordering flowers for the altar, please call the parish office to let Pam know what weekend and whether or not you will be bringing the flowers in or need her to order for you. Those who have already signed up for a weekend have been noted and can either bring your own flowers to the Church or let Pam know the week before so she can order them for you. Vases beside the Tabernacle are \$75.00 each and the basket or vase in front of the Altar is \$100.00. With delivery fee of \$15.00, the total cost would be \$265.00. You can do both or do either the flowers beside the Tabernacle or the ones in front of the Altar. The office is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am until 4:30pm.

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

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.

For Vocations-

"No servant can serve two masters." 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.

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>

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.



GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.

e o r j i
 7 2 4 1 6 3 5

w y l a s a
 3 5 2 4 6 1

continually,

p y r a
 1 4 2 3

e g v i
 4 1 3 2

in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

n n t a s k
 2 4 1 3 6 5

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV

Answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks

The Holy Rosary

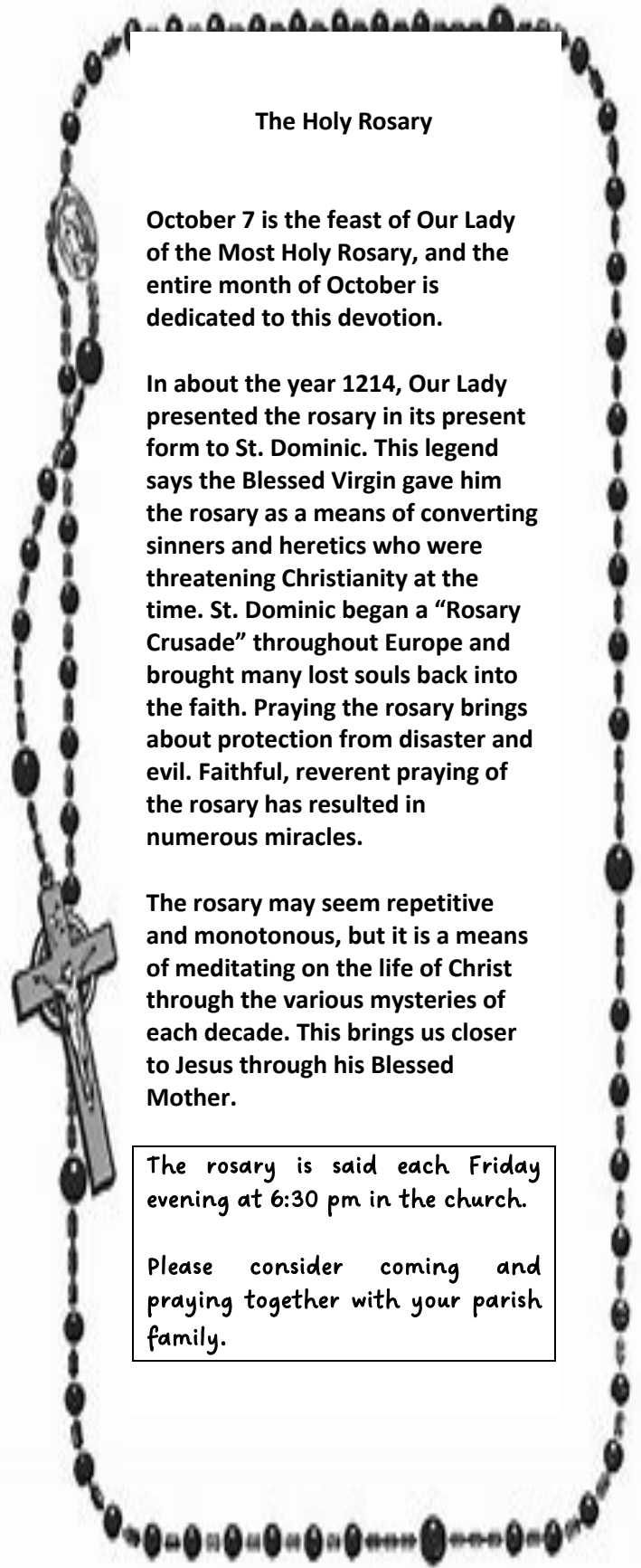
October 7 is the feast of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, and the entire month of October is dedicated to this devotion.

In about the year 1214, Our Lady presented the rosary in its present form to St. Dominic. This legend says the Blessed Virgin gave him the rosary as a means of converting sinners and heretics who were threatening Christianity at the time. St. Dominic began a "Rosary Crusade" throughout Europe and brought many lost souls back into the faith. Praying the rosary brings about protection from disaster and evil. Faithful, reverent praying of the rosary has resulted in numerous miracles.

The rosary may seem repetitive and monotonous, but it is a means of meditating on the life of Christ through the various mysteries of each decade. This brings us closer to Jesus through his Blessed Mother.

The rosary is said each Friday evening at 6:30 pm in the church.

Please consider coming and praying together with your parish family.



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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