

# 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.*

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**5:30 pm Mass Offered for Roland Klisiewicz III (RIP)**  
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

**Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am Mass Offered for Roland Klisiewicz III (RIP)**  
Requested by Janice McGowan  
**10:15 am Parish Council Meeting (Mercy Center)**  
**11:30 am Spanish Mass**

**Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> LABOR DAY**

No Mass

**Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am Mass Offered for Billy Webster (RIP)**  
Requested by Bill Webster

**12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel**  
**4:30 pm Adult Faith Formation (Mercy Center)**  
**6:00 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting (MC)**  
**7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Business Meeting**

**Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am Mass Offered for Melvin Gooch (RIP)**  
Requested by Edna Trudeau

**Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am Mass Offered for Mildred Hite (RIP)**  
Requested by Hilda Smith

**Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am Mass Offered for Richard Sturtz, Jr. (RIP)**  
Requested by Hilda Smith  
**6:30pm Most Holy Rosary**

**Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

**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**

**Attendance**

<b>August 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saturday 5:30 pm Mass</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>August 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday 9:00 am Mass</b>	<b>145</b>
	<b>No Spanish Mass</b>	

**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.

**PARISH PICNIC**

Save the date of Sunday afternoon on September 11<sup>th</sup> for the Parish picnic! The picnic will start at 1:00 pm.

Please call Tiffany Smith to coordinate what sides or dessert you are bringing. Her number is 804-840-7984. Also looking for help with set up and clean up! Thanks.

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

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 August 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Week's Amount**

Parish Operations	\$ 3,871
Supplemental Collection	10
Religious Education	20
Assumption of Mary	35
Votive Candles	37
Poor Box	<u>100</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,073</b>

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 3,327
Facilities, Repairs, & Maintenance	\$ 100
Haitian Ministry	\$ 360

\*\*\*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 25<sup>th</sup>.

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



### **The Year of Grace, with Divine Mercy**

From the Diary of St. Faustina

Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrents of grace inundate humble souls. The proud remain always in poverty and misery, because My grace turns away from them to humble souls. (Diary, 1602).

My Prayer Response:

Thank You, Lord, for Confession, where my misery meets Your mercy. Help me to draw mercy from this fount of mercy with the greatest trust: "Jesus, I trust in You!"

### **Priests for Life**

St. Teresa of Calcutta died on September 5th, 1997. Three years earlier, she spoke at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC, and said the following words:

*I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion? As always, we must persuade her with love and we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts. Jesus gave even His life to love us. So, the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love, that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child. The father of that child, whoever he is, must also give until it hurts.*

*By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems. And, by abortion, the father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world. That father is likely to put other women into the same trouble. So abortion just leads to more abortion. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.*

See more at [www.PriestsforLife.org/MotherTeresa](http://www.PriestsforLife.org/MotherTeresa)

### Poor Clares Monastery

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

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

If you wish to leave a message or a prayer intention for the sisters to pray for:

Call the monastery phone number (757)566-1684.

### Saint of the Week

Feast Day- September 9th

St. Peter Claver

St. Peter Claver was born at Verdu, Catalonia, Spain, in 1580, of impoverished parents descended from ancient and distinguished families. He studied at the Jesuit college of Barcelona, entered the Jesuit novitiate at Tarragona in 1602, and took his final vows on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 1604. While studying philosophy at Majorca, the young religious was influenced by St. Alphonsus Rodriguez to go to the Indies and save "millions of perishing souls."

In 1610, he landed at Cartagena (modern Colombia), the principle slave market of the New World, where a thousand slaves were landed every month. After his ordination in 1616, he dedicated himself by special vow to the service of the Negro slaves - a work that was to last for thirty-three years. He labored unceasingly for the salvation of the African slaves and the abolition of the Negro slave trade, and the love he lavished on them was something that transcended the natural order.

Boarding the slave ships as they entered the harbor, he would hurry to the revolting inferno in the hold and offer whatever poor refreshments he could afford; he would care for the sick and dying, and instruct the slaves through Negro catechists before administering the Sacraments. Through his efforts three hundred thousand souls entered the Church. Furthermore, he did not lose sight of his converts when they left the ships, but followed them to the plantations to which they were sent, encouraged them to live as Christians, and prevailed on their masters to treat them humanely. He died in 1654.



Our deepest sympathy and prayers to Mary Leigh and Paul McDonald and family as they mourn the death of her brother, Emmett White. May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him.

#### 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

Praying  
FOR You

#### 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.

#### 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!

#### 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, ranch 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.

The Knights are regular contributors in time, talent and donations to the Parish as well as other charitable causes.

#### 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

#### A Special Thank You

Thanks to those who helped make Father Oscar's 41<sup>st</sup> Ordination Anniversary celebration a success, including Lorraine & Bob Ryalls, Larry & Janie Dzula, and Deidra Kopacki.

#### Capital Campaign

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-

“Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” Are you being called to discipleship as a priest? Call the Vocations Office (804)359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto: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](http://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!

### 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  
Email: [RV4hope@gmail.com](mailto:RV4hope@gmail.com) | Website: [rv4hope.org](http://rv4hope.org)

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.



**SEPTEMBER 2022 PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH**

Emily Adams  
Sharon Adams  
Elizabeth Alley  
Camb Ashley  
Candace Barefoot  
Virginia Becker  
Paulette Berberich  
Tom Berberich  
Linda Blevins  
Ron Blevins  
Linda Burch  
William Bush  
Kathryn Carson  
Kevin Carson  
Lucy Carson  
Tim Collier  
Meredith Crowe  
Eric Crump  
Vincent D'elia  
Denise DePompeo  
Dale Dippre  
Dexter Dix  
Larry Dzula, Jr.  
Andy Eshelman  
Michelle Eshelman  
Amanda Fincher  
Karen Fischer  
Don Fitzgerald  
Cris Gay  
Kelli Gaeta  
Margaret Geron

Jim Gregory  
Ron Hebrank  
Pat Hinkle  
Kelly Hipple  
Laurie Hite  
Ellen Horseman  
Betty Johnson  
Gail Justin  
Bob Kay  
Bill Kessler  
Gloria Kojcsich  
Bonnie Kopacki  
Joyce Kostrzewa  
Gordon Langston  
Helene Lawrence  
Richard Lawrence  
Patricia Lanuza  
Ashley Larson  
Melissa Leger  
Philip Liberato  
Denise Mason  
Matt Matula  
Lanci McCloud  
Mary Leigh McDonald  
Kenny McGinley  
William Madigan III  
Ron Martz  
Jackie Mierle  
Clara Morrow  
Randy Morrow  
Specialist Mullins

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Ka'varus Penticolas  
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Patricia Pilog  
Pam Rigsby  
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Vickie Roane  
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Kay Shaw  
James Simmons  
The Solak Family  
Levi Sturtz  
Jim Tokarz  
Mae Touray  
Taylor Trimbath  
Edna Trudeau  
Gloria Wajciechowski  
Francis Watkins  
James Wills  
Bill Webster  
Andrea Berberich Wilson  
Mary Wilson  
Lois Wilson  
Robert 'Bobby' Wilson  
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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