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.

TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 15th & 16th , 2022

Saturday, October 15th

5:00 pm Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass Offered for Billy McGowan (RIP)

Requested by Virginia Kopacki

Sunday, October 16th

9:00 am Mass Offered for Joseph Fostek III (RIP)

First Anniversary of Death

Requested by Frank & Mary Ann Fetterolf

10:15 am Religious education classes for

Children & Adult faith formation

11:30 am Spanish Mass

6:30 pm Youth Group in Hall

Monday, October 17th

No Mass

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting

Tuesday, October 18th

8:30 am Mass Offered for Charlie Sturtz (RIP)

54th Anniversary of Wedding Anniversary

(10/11/1968)

Requested by. Jeanie Sturtz

9:00-Noon Sign up for Senior Luncheon w/Jeanie

12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

4:30 pm Adult Faith Formation (Mercy Center)

Wednesday, October 19th

8:30 am Mass

Thursday, October 20th

11:00 am Mass

Followed by Senior Luncheon at Jimmy's

Oven & Grill, 7201 Richmond Road,

Williamsburg, VA

Friday, October 21st

8:30 am Mass

6:30 pm Most Holy Rosary

Saturday, October 22nd

5:00 pm Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass Offered for Bobby Walsh (RIP)

Requested by Virginia Kopacki

Sunday, October 23rd

9:00 am Mass Offered for Peggy & Joseph Fostek, Jr. (RIP)

Requested by Frank and Mary Ann

Fetterolf

10:15 am Religious education classes for

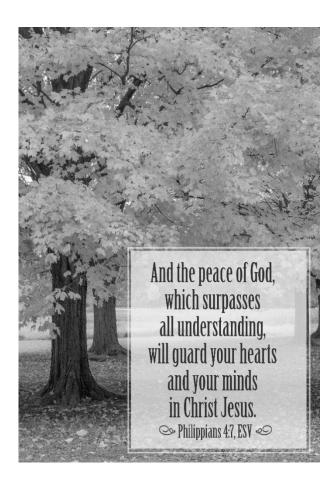
Children & Adult faith formation



Altar Server Training for Those Interested in Serving

"Save the Date": October 23, after 9 am Mass, Altar Server Training for current and new altar servers.

We are in need of young people willing to serve at Saturday or Sunday masses. Please consider this valuable service to our Faith.



Religious Education

All Souls and All Saints Day

Save the date- October 30^{th.} Our parish children are being asked to research a Saint, write down something to share about that Saint, and dress up as that Saint. This is not required, it's for fun! We are asking parishioners who would like to pass out treats and help with our activities, to join us at 10:30 am. @ the hall. Please let us know if you are interested in joining us, by calling the church office: 804-843-3125 ext. If you have questions, contact: Erin Hayden



Respect Life Shower

We are asking for your help! We are gathering items for Respect Life month to be given to the House of Mercy and to our local 3 Rivers Health & Rehab to honor all life.

We will be collecting these items starting the weekend of October 9th. All items will need to be returned by October 23rd. If you don't have time to shop, but would like to donate, we are happy to help. Please contact the church office for questions: 804-843-3125.

Movie Night!

Save the date!! Thursday, October 27th @ 6:00 pm. We are showing the 2021 movie, "Purgatory". The movie, Purgatory examines the fate of the soul once it leaves the body after death. Drawing from the accounts of approved mystics such a Fulla Horak, St. Faustina Kowalska and St. Padre Pio. Purgatory tells the story of immortal souls living both in human bodies and those that have already left this world.

This movie is worth watching...We hope you can join us! A food concession will be available and proceeds to benefit our Youth Group.

Bible Study:

Join the Great Adventure Bible Study Timeline! Following the 9 am. Mass. This group will meet in the front foyer @ the 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 hall. The session is Lectio: Mary. If you want to know why the Blessed Mother plays such an important role, join us!

FORMED - This is FREE!!

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. Sign up as a parishioner, under our church @ www.FORMED.org. Email your feedback to: dre@olbs-Catholic.org



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

Today, in the course of a long conversation, the Lord said to me, How very much I desire the salvation of souls! My dearest secretary, write that I want to pour out My divine life into human souls and sanctify them, if only they were willing to accept My grace. The greatest sinners would achieve great sanctity, if only they would trust in My mercy (Diary, 1784).

My Prayer Response: O Lord Jesus, what power is in the two words: "if only." You want to sanctify me and all souls *if only* we were will to accept your grace – *if only* we would trust in Your mercy!

Priests for Life

"Miscalculation"

"The terrible miscalculation of young women is that abortion can make them 'un-pregnant,' that it will restore them to who they were before their crisis. But a woman is never the same once she is pregnant, whether the child is kept, adopted, or killed. Abortion may be a kind of resolution, but it is not the one the woman most deeply longs for, nor will it even preserve her sense of self" (Paul Swope, "Abortion: A Failure to Communicate").

Saint of the Week

St. John de Brebeuf Feast Day- October 19th

Jesuit martyrs of North America. John was born in Normandy, France, on March 25, 1593. Joining the Society of Jesus, he was ordained in 1622. Three years later he volunteered for the missions in Quebec. Canada. For the next quarter of a century, with a brief interruption, he labored among the Huron Indians. His labors were placed in jeopardy because of Huguenot renegades and a smallpox epidemic that decimated entire Indian villages. John left for a brief time when the English captured Quebec, but returned to the Hurons again. In 1649 he was captured by the Iroquois, who were enemies of the Huron. John and his companions were cruelly slain on March 16 at Sault Ste. Marie near Georgian Bay. His companion were: Isaac Jogues. Anthony Daniel. Gabriel Lalement, Charles Gamier, Noel Chabanel, John Lalande, and Rene Goupil -- all Jesuits. John de Brebeuf converted seven thousand Indians and composed a dictionary and catechism in the Huron language. He was canonized in 1930



OCTOBER – THE MONTH of the MOST HOLY ROSARY

The rosary is said
each Friday evening
at 6:30 pm in the church.
Please consider coming and praying
together with your parish family.

Request for Short-term Assistance

We have had a request from someone who has injured their back and is ha

ving trouble getting around. Is anyone available who is interested in working to help them once a week for about three hours doing regular housekeeping for them? If anyone is interested, please contact the parish office at 804-843-3125 from 9am until 4:30pm.

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 <u>or</u> need her to order for you.

You can do either the flowers on both sides of the Tabernacle or those in front of the Altar or both.

The Parish office is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am until 4:30pm.

With great sadness, we announce the unexpected death of one of our parishioners, Paul McDonald.

The Parish offers our deepest condolences to Mary Leigh and Jennifer. Please continue to pray for Paul's family in the days to come.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him.



Special Note

Mass Intention Requests are "up" here at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament. That says a lot about our wonderful parishioners and their care for one another and their care for each other's spiritual well-being.

Our most gracious office volunteers do their best to honor everyone's request for specific days; however, given the volume, there may be Masses for which there will be more than one intention. Having more than one intention at a Mass in no way takes away any validity of any of the intentions. God invented multi-tasking and will always give as much attention as is needed by each of his children.

Update - OLBS Church Weekly Cleaning

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

Attendance

October 8th Saturday 5:30 pm Mass 72

October 9th Sunday 9:00 am Mass 123

No Spanish Mass



Brandon & Gigi Jordan October 3, 2009
Albert & Gloria Wajciechowski (David "Charlie") & Jeanie Sturtz October 11, 1968
Frank & Mary Ann Fetterolf October 19, 1963
Kevin & Deidra Kopacki October 20, 2001
Mike & Nancy Pausic October 29, 1960
Scott & Pam Watkins October 29, 1983

A Culture of Life and the Penalty of Death

Each of us is called to respect the life and dignity of every human being. Even when people deny the dignity of others, we must still recognize that their dignity is a gift from God and is not something that is earned or lost through their behavior. Respect for life applies to all, even the perpetrators of terrible acts. Punishment should be consistent with the demands of justice and with respect for human life and dignity.

-United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice

for those entrusted to you.

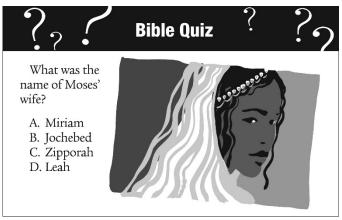
May your example inspire us also

to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things.

Amen

Collections for September 8 th & 9 th , 2022	
Week's Amount	
Parish Operations	\$ 2904.00
Votive Candles	\$ 8.00
Poor Box	<u>\$ 51.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,963.00
Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:	
Capital Campaign	\$ 741.00
Retired Religious Fund	\$ 35.00
Parish Heating	\$ 290.00
Thank You for Supporting our Parish	



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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