# 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- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 1st & 2nd, 2022

Saturday, October 1st

5:00 pm Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass Offered for Mary Ann Hooper (RIP)

Requested by Pat & Wini Barron

Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 am Mass Offered for Henry Kopacki Jr. (RIP)

Anniversary of Birthday (10/5) Requested by Marian Kopacki & Family

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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 3rd

No Mass

Tuesday, October 4th

8:30 am Mass Offered for Kathy Webster

Requested by Bill Webster

12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

4:30 pm Adult Faith Formation (Mercy Center) 6:00 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting (MC)

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Wednesday, October 5th

8:30 am Mass Offered for Henry J. Kopacki, Jr. (RIP)

**Anniversary of Birthday** 

Requested by Janice McGowan & Family

Thursday, October 6th

8:30 am Mass Offered for David Seckora (RIP)

Requested by Edna Trudeau

1-6 pm K of C Blood Drive – make an appointment!

Friday, October 7th

8:30 am Mass Offered for Dr. & Mrs. Eugene Trudeau (RIP)

Requested by Edna Trudeau

6:30pm Most Holy Rosary

7-9 pm Adoration in the Church

Saturday, October 8th

5:00 pm Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass Offered for Rosemarie Klisiewecz (RIP)

**Anniversary of Birthday** 

Requested by the Watkins Family

Sunday, October 9th

9:00 am Mass Offered for Yolanda Arci (RIP)

**Anniversary of Birthday** 

Requested by the Watkins Family

10:15 am Religious education classes for

Children & Adult faith formation

#### **Hearing Assistance**

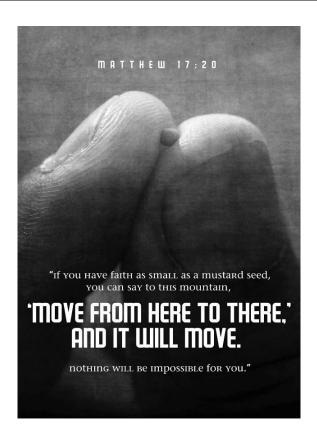
If you are having difficulty hearing the Mass in Church, please arrive a few minutes early and speak with one of the ushers, as the parish has purchased hearing assistance devices for our parishioners. Just ask one of our ushers how it works. You can even use your own earphones to plug into the device.



# 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.



#### **FAITH FORMATION**

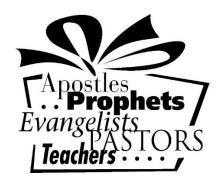
#### **Religious Education**

Religious Education Has Begun!! Please pray for our students to have ears that hear, eyes that see and a heart to live the message of Christ.

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The Diocese has developed an age appropriate VIRTUS program for children. This program is to help your child/ren to learn how to protect themselves by building safe boundaries; what is an appropriate contact and not, how to respond to adults, keeping safe with technology and who to go to for help. A letter went home with this information and dates. If you need more information, please contact: Erin Hayden 804-843-3125 ext. 103

The first date is October 9<sup>th</sup>, for Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades. It will follow Religious Education classes and last for 1 hour. Snacks will be provided.



#### 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 9<sup>th</sup>. All items will need to be returned by October 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

#### **All Souls and All Saints Day**

Save the date- October 30th,

for a special activity with our parish kids at the hall!

#### **Bible Study:**

Join the Great Adventure Bible Study Timeline!

Sessions began on September 25<sup>th</sup>, following the 9 am Mass although anyone can attend at any time.

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 27<sup>th</sup> @ the Hall. This 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."

To access FORMED, go to <a href="https://signup.formed.org/">https://signup.formed.org/</a> and sign up as a parishioner by entering our parish's zip code (23181) and your name and email address.

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



#### \*\*\*Movie Worth Seeing!!\*\*\*

Note that an excellent movie is showing at the theaters in Williamsburg for a limited time.

On October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> is the showing of the movie "Mother Teresa – No Greater Love." On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, it will be shown at 7:00 pm at both the Movie Tavern and Regal New Town. On October 4<sup>th</sup>, it will only be shown at 7:00 pm at Regal New Town.

If anyone is interested in going as a group, please call the parish office and let us know so that we can try to secure group seating.

The Mother Teresa movie was actually produced by the Knights of Columbus. Trailers for these movies can be viewed on the Website for Marian Helpers at Marian Helpers.org.

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

Pray as much as you can for the dying. By your entreaties, obtain for them trust in My mercy, because they have most need of trust, and have it the least. Be assured that the grace of eternal salvation for certain souls in their final moment depends on your prayer. (Diary, 1777). You know the whole abyss of My mercy, so draw upon it for yourself and especially for poor sinners. Sooner would heaven and earth turn into nothingness that would My mercy not embrace a trusting soul. (Diary, 1777).

#### **Prayer Response**

Lord Jesus, teach me how to pray for the dying. May I obtain for them the grace of trust in Your mercy in their final moments: "Jesus, I trust in You!" Lord Jesus, may I teach poor sinners to trust in You. And may all of us "Trust in Jesus even more!"

#### **Priests for Life**

More children, more love...

"When number nineteen came, the family gives him love. He got so much love from the family. When you have a large family, the children are getting all kinds of love from all their brothers and sisters. There's nothing more joyful than a baby. For every little mouth that God sends, He sends the little bit that is needed. I had faith in God that if He sent me a child, He was going to feed that child. I lived better than some families with two or three kids. My kids started doing things! It's not how many kids you have; it's your faith in God." – Mrs. Lucille Dippolito, mother of 20.

#### Saint of the Week

Feast Day- October 5th St. Faustina Kowalska

Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s.

She came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden.

However, she received extraordinary revelations — or messages — from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy. Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina's Diary sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Saint John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Pope John Paul II called her, "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time.

#### **Request for Short-term Assistance**

We have had a request from someone who has injured their back and is having 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 or need her to order 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. You can do both <u>or</u> do either the flowers beside the Tabernacle or those in front of the Altar.

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

#### **Update - OLBS Church Weekly Cleaning**

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' October 6<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive**

Please note the insert in this weekend's bulletin is for the Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and being held at the Boogaard Hall on Thursday, October 6 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Please call the Red Cross or visit their website to schedule an appointment.

#### **For Vocations**

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Will you let the Holy Spirit guide you beyond your hesitation and follow Christ as a priest?

Call the Vocations Office (804)359-5661, to speak with Fr.Brian Capuano;

or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



#### **October Wedding Anniversaries**

| October 3, 2009  |
|------------------|
| October 10, 1970 |
| October 11, 1968 |
| October 19, 1963 |
| October 20, 2001 |
| October 29, 1960 |
| October 29, 1983 |
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#### **Our New Music Director, Nicole Fox**

If you haven't introduced yourself, please say hello to our 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.

| Collections for September 24th & 25th, 2022     |               |  |
|---|---------------|--|
| Week's Amount                                   |               |  |
|   | A             |  |
| Parish Operations                               | \$ 2,651      |  |
| Votive Candles                                  | \$ 9          |  |
| Poor Box  | \$ 5          |  |
| On-line Giving                                  | \$ 50         |  |
| Supplemental Collection                         | \$ 2,500      |  |
| Church Cleaning Donations                       | <u>\$ 0</u>   |  |
| Total   | \$ 5,215      |  |
| Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish: |               |  |
| Capital Campaign                                | \$ 655        |  |
| Maintenance Fund                                | \$ <b>110</b> |  |
| Retired Religious Fund                          | \$ 293        |  |
| Haiti Ministry                                  | \$ 150        |  |
| ***Thank You for Supporting our Parish***       |               |  |

#### **OCTOBER**

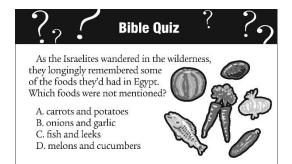
# THE MONTH of the MOST HOLY ROSARY

Ever wonder how the rosary came to look as it does?

Some form of the rosary has been around for over 1200 years. During the ninth century, the monks recited the 150 psalms of the bible's Old Testament. People had a difficult time with this form of prayer as the psalms were difficult to memorize and few people could read or afford books so they would say 150 "Our Father" prayers in place of the psalms. At first 150 small rocks were used to keep count but carrying the rocks in a pouch was cumbersome. A thin rope with 50 knots was then used instead. It was used 3 times to make up a total of 150 prayers. After some time, a piece of string with small pieces of wood were used. In later years, the people began to recite the "Angelic Salutation" (the first part of our Hail Mary) on the pieces of wood. Eventually, the grouping of prayers was divided into 5 decades; each decade was made up of 10 Hail Mary prayers with one Our Father said before each decade. As time went on, the look of the

As time went on, the look of the rosary became more and more refined until we have today's 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.



Answer: A (See Numbers 11:4-6.)

# Condolences to Margaret and Richard Mountcastle at the death of their nephew, Eric Crump.



#### **Diocesan Priests' Convocation**

Please note that Father Oscar will be attending the Diocesan Convocation and will be away from October 10<sup>th</sup> through October 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be no daily Masses that week. Please pray for all the priests who will be attending.

#### **Attendance**

September 24th Saturday 5:30 pm Mass 77

September 25th Sunday 9:00 am Mass 116

**No Spanish Mass** 

#### 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.



#### OCTOBER 2022 PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Emily Adams Margaret Geron Larry Newtzie
Sharon Adams Jim Gregory Andrea Payton
Elizabeth Alley Ron Hebrank Ka'varus Penticolas

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

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Kevin Carson Joyce Kostrzewa James Simmons

Lucy Carson Gordon Langston The Solak Family

Jose CastanedaAshley LarsonLevi SturtzTim CollierHelene LawrenceJim TokarzMeredith CroweRichard LawrenceMae TourayVincent D'eliaMelissa LegerTaylor TrimbathDenise DePompeoPhilip LiberatoEdna Trudeau

Dale Dippre Denise Mason Gloria Wajciechowski

Dexter Dix Matt Matula Francis Watkins
Larry Dzula, Jr. Mary Leigh McDonald James Wills
Andy Eshelman Kenny McGinley Bill Webster

Michelle Eshelman William Madigan III Andrea Berberich Wilson

Amanda Fincher Ron Martz Mary Wilson Karen Fischer Jackie Mierle Lois Wilson

Don Fitzgerald Clara Morrow Robert 'Bobby' Wilson

Cris Gay Randy Morrow Leda Zaginaylo Kelli Gaeta 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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