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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 22nd & 23rd , 2022

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 Altar Server Training for New & Current

10:15 am Religious education classes for

Children & Adult faith formation

11:30 am Spanish Mass

Monday, October 24th

No Mass

12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, October 25th

8:30 am Mass Offered for Abby Metzger (RIP)

Requested by the Lazar Family

12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

4:30 pm Adult Faith Formation (Mercy Center)

6:30 pm Finance Council meeting

Wednesday, October 26th

8:30 am Mass Offered for Estelle Romers (RIP)

Requested by the Lazar Family

Thursday, October 27th

8:30 am Mass Offered for Paul McDonald (RIP)

Requested by Mary Leigh & Jennifer

McDonald

Friday, October 28th

8:30 am Mass Offered for Paul McDonald (RIP)

Requested by Erin Hayden

6:30 pm Most Holy Rosary

Saturday, October 29th

5:00 pm Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass Offered for John Jones (RIP)

Requested by Virginia Kopacki

Confirmation Class ONLY – NET Retreat in Richmond

Sunday, October 30th

9:00 am Mass Offered in Honor of Mike & Nancy Pausic

on their 62nd Wedding Anniversary

Requested by the Pausic Family

10:15 am Religious education classes for

Children & Adult faith formation
Youth Special Activities – All Souls & All

Saints Day

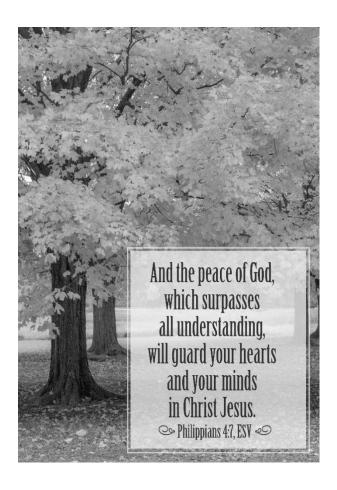
10:15 am Parish Council (MC)



Altar Server Training for Those Interested in Serving

This Sunday, October 23, after the 9 am Mass, will be the 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

All Souls and All Saints Day

Save the date- October 30th. 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



VIRTUS for 6th, 7th, and 8th Grades

The Diocese has developed an age appropriate VIRTUS program for children. This program is to help your children 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.

This is not required, but offered.

If you need more information, please contact: Erin Hayden 804-843-3125 ext. 103. This week, October 23rd, the session will be offered to 6th 7th & 8th grades. It will follow Religious ed. and last for 1 hour. Snacks will be provided.

Respect Life Shower

Make sure all items are returned by October 23rd.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our Respect Life shower. These items will be given with love to women at the House of Mercy and our local 3 Rivers Rehab & Health for the elderly. May God Bless you!

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:

Bible Study is held at the church hall on Sunday's, following the 9 am. Mass. All are invited to join! It's a great opportunity for parents, while kids are in Sunday school class.

There is also a Bible Study on Tuesday's, held at the Mercy Center conference room @ 4:30 pm.

Come 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

Holy Saturday (April 16, 1938). During adoration, the Lord said to me, Be at peace, My daughter. This work of Mercy is Mine; there is nothing of you in it. It pleases Me that you are carrying out faithfully what I have commanded you to do, not adding or taking away a single word. And He gave me an interior light by which I learned that not a single word was mine; despite difficulties and adversities, I have always, always, fulfilled His will, as He has made it know to me (Diary, 1667).

My Prayer Response: Lord Jesus, thank You for St. Faustina's faithfulness to writing about Your mercy, so that each word written is available to us as Your word. May we take advantage of Your gift by regularly reading her Diary to aid us in our spiritual life.

Priests for Life

Women speak out:

"[The abortion] gave me grief and sorrow beyond expression. I have committed the most heinous of all crimes -- I killed my own child. Yet, the Lord forgave me, just as he forgave Paul. Yet I will always regret what I did and will probably always feel grief. But I pray that my experience can somehow prevent other women from making the same fatal mistake. I'm a nurse now, so I wear my uniform to all the pro-life things I do!" For information on healing after abortion, and to read more testimonies, visit www.SilentNoMore.com.

Saint of the Week

St. Anthony, Mary Claret Feast Day- October 24th

Claretian archbishop and founder. Anthony was born in Salient in Catalonia, Spain, in 1807, the son of a weaver. He took up weaving but then studied for the priesthood, desiring to be a Jesuit. Ill health prevented his entering the Order, and he served as a secular priest. In 1849, he founded the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, known today as the Claretians, and the Apostolic Training Institute of the Immaculate Conception, Claretian nuns. From 1850 to 1857, Anthony served as the archbishop of Santiago de Cuba, Cuba. He returned to the court of Queen Isabella II as confessor, and went into exile with her in 1868. In 1869 and 1870, Anthony participated in the First Vatican Council. He died in the Cistercian monastery of Fontfroide in southern France on October 24, 1870.

Anthony Mary Claret had the gift of prophecy and performed many miracles. He was opposed by the liberal forces of Spain and Cuba and endured many trials.

Claret is the patron saint of weavers.



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.

Knights of Columbus

Crab Cake Booth

at October 29 Crab Carnival Rescheduling

Just a reminder that Saturday October 29th will be the Crab Carnival rescheduled from several weeks ago due to Hurricane lan's wet weather. Please come out and support the Knights' fundraising effort.

Altar Flowers

Flowers this week were donated by Bill and Edwina Madigan in memory of their parents. Thank you!

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.

A Thank You!

Vincent D'Elia would like to offer many thanks for all the beautiful cards and messages he has received in the mail. It has really brightened his day hearing from so many parishioners. Thank you!

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 15th Saturday 5:30 pm Mass 71

October 16th Sunday 9:00 am Mass 124

Spanish Mass Not Known



Brandon & Gigi Jordan	October 3, 2009
Albert & Gloria Wajciechowski	October 10, 1970
(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

Collections for September 15 th & 16 th , 2022		
Week's Amount		
Parish Operations	\$ 4,145	
Supplemental Collection	\$ 370	
Parish Heating	\$ 210	
Votive Candles	\$ 3	
Poor Box	<u>\$ 11</u>	
Total	\$ 4,739	
Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:		
Capital Campaign	\$ 1,266	
Retired Religious Fund	\$ 50	
Haiti Ministry	\$ 50	
Maintenance Fund	\$ 25	
Cemetery Fund	\$ 10	
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Thank You for Supporting our Parish		

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



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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