

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 26th & 27th , 2022



Saturday, November 26th

- 5:00 pm** Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:30 pm** Mass Offered for Thomas Sturtz, Sr. (RIP)
Requested by Marguerite Sturtz

Sunday, November 27th

- 9:00 am** Mass Offered for Paul McDonald (RIP)
Requested by Mike & Nancy Pausic
- 10:15 am** Parish Council Meeting

Monday, November 28th

- No Mass**
- 12pm-10pm** Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, November 29th

- 8:30 am** Mass Offered for Paul McDonald
Requested by Cathy Fudella
- 12pm-10pm** Adoration in Chapel
- 4:30 pm** Adult Faith Formation (Mercy Center)

Wednesday, November 30th

- 8:30 am** Mass Offered for Paul McDonald
Requested by the Knights of Columbus

Thursday, December 1st

- 8:30 am** Mass Offered for Vuong Bui
for Good Health
Requested by Arlene Lasch & Richard Perry

Friday, December 2nd

- 8:30 am** Mass Offered for Paul McDonald
Requested by Donna Geron
- 6:30 pm** Most Holy Rosary

Saturday, December 3rd

- 5:00 pm** Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:30 pm** Mass Offered for Billy Webster (RIP)
Requested by Bill Webster

Sunday, December 4th

- 9:00 am** Mass Offered for Henry J. Kopacki (RIP)
Anniversary of Death (12/5)
Requested by Marian Kopacki & Family
- 10:15 am** Religious education classes for
Children & Adult faith formation
- 11:15 am** Christmas Play practice
- 11:30 am** Spanish Mass
- 6:30 pm** Youth Group at VDB Hall

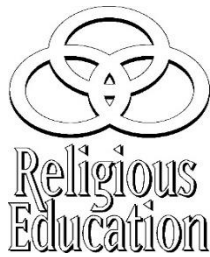
Advent Reconciliation Service

Our Advent Penance Service will be on Tuesday, November 29th at 7:00 pm. Two visiting priests will assist Father Oscar in the community reconciliation service.

This is a perfect time to prepare your heart for the Christ Child!



FAITH FORMATION



There will be no Religious Education this Sunday,
November 27th because of the Thanksgiving weekend.

Christmas Play Practice

Christmas play practice will resume **December 4th** after religious ed. @ 11:15 am. till 1:00 pm. We will have a Potluck dinner and show our Christmas Play "What Can I Give Him?" on **December 18th**, at 5:00 pm. **Make sure to mark your calendar now! All Parish family is invited!**

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*First Sunday
of Advent*



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!



Movie Night "Note the Date Correction"-

Get your family together and bring your favorite cookie dish to share!

We will be showing the movie, "It's A Wonderful Life!" on Wednesday, December 7th @ 6:00 pm - Soup, hot dogs and snack items will be available by donation to support the Youth Group.

It's a Wonderful Life!

is a 1946 American Christmas fantasy drama film produced and directed by Frank Capra, based on the short story and booklet *The Greatest Gift*, which Philip Van Doren Stern self-published in 1943 and is, in turn, loosely based on the 1843 Charles Dickens novella, *A Christmas Carol*. The film stars James Stewart as George Bailey, a man who has given up his personal dreams, in order to help others in his community, and whose thoughts of suicide on Christmas Eve brings about the intervention of his guardian angel, Clarence Odbody (Henry Travers). It's a must see!!

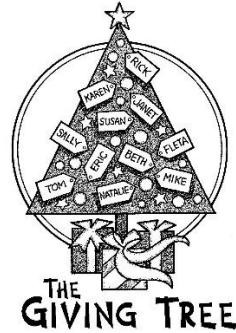
Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar this weekend were donated by William Webster in loving memory of Kathy Webster.

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.

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.



Visit the 'Giving Tree' in
Back of the Church

Make Someone's Christmas
Special

We have only one week left to get the gifts for the Giving Tree back to the church. You can still sign out a tag from the tree. The sign-up sheet can be found on the side altar at the back.

But remember the deadline to have the items back is Sunday, December 4th. Please return the gifts in a black trash bag, either wrapped or unwrapped.

If you have any questions, please call Sandy Lam at 1-562-607-1422 or call the Parish Office at 804-843-3125 on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday between 9:00am and 4:30pm.

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.

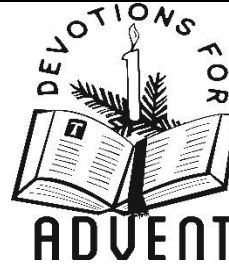
Christmas Food Baskets



The Parish is collecting Funds for Christmas Food Baskets again this year! If you wish to contribute, please place your donation in an envelope clearly marked "Food Baskets", along with your envelope number so you can get credit for your donation.

You can either place your donation in the offertory basket or see Sandy Lam, Deidra Kopacki, Erin Hayden, Tiffany Smith, or Pam Watkins after one of the Masses.

If you have any questions, you can call the Parish Office at 804-843-3125 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays between 9:00am and 4:30pm.



**Little Blue Books
Available for Free in
Back of the Church.**

The Little Blue Books for Advent have daily readings to help reflect on the season of Advent. These are great books to help keep you focused during Advent to prepare for the coming of Baby Jesus. These have been generously donated by one of our parishioners and are located at the back of the Church.

OLBS Church 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!

DECEMBER



Glenn & Kay Shaw	December 1, 1972
Craig & Danielle Smith	December 1, 2007
Wayne & Carol Beasely	December 12, 1980
(Francis) & Cathy Fudella	December 13, 1971
Michael & Jan Bellanca	December 29, 1963
Chris & Paula Polcyn	December 30, 1988

The Year of Grace, with Divine Mercy

From the Diary of St. Faustina

Write this: before I come as the Just Judge, I am coming first as the King of Mercy. Before the day of justice arrives, there will be given to people a sign in the heavens of this sort: All the light in the heavens will be extinguished, and there will be great darkness over the whole earth. Then the sign of the cross will be seen in the sky, and from the opening where the hands and the feet of the Savior were nailed will come forth great lights which will light up the earth for a period of time. This will take place shortly before the last day (Diary, 83).

My Prayer Response: Lord Jesus, come now as the King of Mercy. We so need Your mercy, Lord. May the sign of Your Cross draw all of mankind to Your merciful Love. May we desire Your mercy, ask for it, and receive it with thanksgiving.



Knights of Columbus

Collections for November 19th & 20th, 2022

Week's Amount

Parish Operations	\$ 4,824
Christmas Flowers	\$ 525
Religious Education	\$ 20
Supplemental Collection	\$ 242
All Saints Day	\$ 10
All Souls Day	\$ 60
Thanksgiving	\$ 115

Total \$ 5,796

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 825
Food Baskets	\$ 550
Archdiocese of the Military	\$ 30
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 10
Cemetery Fund	\$ 166
Haitian Ministry	\$ 50

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Coats for Kids

The Father Jakubowski Council 8116 has started its annual campaign for Coats for Kids. Please note the flyer in this week's bulletin. This is a nationwide effort sponsored by the Knights. Last year, the local council provided coats to children at West Point elementary, King William's Cool Springs & Acquinton elementary, and Lower King and Queen elementary.

Great Turnout of Knights at Crab Carnival Booth

A big thank you to so many Knights who turned out to spend some time working at the Crab Cake booth on Saturday October 29th. This is our Council's biggest fundraiser and will allow the Knights to continue making its charitable contributions to our Parish and other worthy causes.

K of C Christmas Card Sales

The Knights are once again selling religiously-based Christmas cards as part of its "Keep Christ in Christmas" program. Please visit the display in the church foyer.

All card prices have been reduced and are as marked. We are on the honor system this year, so please pay for the cards in the cash box on the table.

Attendance

November 19 th	Saturday 5:30 pm Mass	85
November 20 th	Sunday 9:00 am Mass	128
	Spanish 11:30 am Mass	43

REGIONAL CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

"ENCOUNTERING CHRIST"

St Clare of Assisi Retreat Center
620 Buckroe Ave, Hampton, VA 23664
December 16, 7-9pm, Social and Adoration
December 17, 8:30am-3pm – Retreat Day

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/y5znsk4w>

Cost: \$20 (includes meals on 12/17)

Optional overnight lodging for an additional \$20

Questions? sherry.rotter@icloud.com

A Sad Commentary on an Abortion Procedure

National Public Radio (NPR) recently recorded an abortion procedure and released the audio, narrated by host Kate Wells. She had gone to an abortion mill in Sterling Heights, MI (outside of Detroit). The abortion procedure was a first-trimester suction abortion at 11 weeks into the pregnancy. The clinic worker who was with her was named Brandee; the abortionist was Audrey Lance.

But we didn't simply hear *a procedure*. We heard the deliberate killing of a human baby.

And lest we extinguish the humanity and compassion in our own hearts, we have to respond to that. We have to honor the baby that this abortion – and this broadcast – dishonored. We have to bring to the light of day what this broadcast deliberately hid in the shadows. We have to remember what this broadcast tried to make us forget. We have to re-humanize what this abortion and this broadcast de-humanized. And we have to make a big deal of what this broadcast trivialized.

Therefore, we have named this baby "Amanda Marie." The word "Amanda" means "One who should be loved."

And we are inviting the pro-life community to honor and mourn this child, through appropriate prayers and observances, on Saturday, December 3rd.

November Is Dedicated to the Holy Souls In Purgatory

Lessons to be Learned from the Souls in Purgatory:

To abhor sin: Especially willful, deliberate venial sin.

To shun the waste of time: Time is precious. It is given to us so that we may practice virtue and expiate sin. It should not be wasted in vain conversation, in fruitless reading, in aimless occupations.

To make satisfaction for sins: There is a temporary punishment attached to sin. Sin, even though forgiven, must be expiated. God's justice must be satisfied. How much easier it is to satisfy God's justice now by voluntary penance, than, later in the Purgatorial fires.

To be resigned to God's Will: To murmur, to find fault, to complain, is a sign of self-love. Love of self must be supplanted by the love of God. To bear up cheerfully, resignedly, under the cross, is a true act of love of God and will serve as an efficacious Purgatory on earth.

To avoid sensuality in little things: To abhor little faults of vanity, of dress, of conversation, of little self-indulgences, little gratifications in eating and drinking, little manifestations of pride. The soul that constantly seeks its own ease, its own comfort, the soul that is lazy, indifferent, slothful, that shirks all painful duties and lives only for self, must be purified before it is fit to be received into the presence of God.

To abhor unkindness in thought, word or deed: The soul that speaks evil of others, that judges them harshly, that wounds the unnecessarily, that refuses to assist them, forgets the charity of Christ and prolongs the time of this separation from God.

The pious Catholic will permit the souls in Purgatory to teach him these truths and he will receive these teachings deep into the recess of his soul. (*From Jesus Keep Me*, a 1932 prayer book.)



"I have set before you
LIFE and DEATH
CHOOSE LIFE so that
you and your descendants may live."

Deuteronomy 30:19, NRSV

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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