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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.

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY

December 24th & 25th , 2022

Saturday, December 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

- 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Thomas Sturtz, Sr. & Thomas Sturtz, Jr. (RIP)
Requested by Marguerite Sturtz
- 9:00 pm Mass Offered for Roland, Jr., JoAn & Roland III Klisiewicz (RIP)
Requested by the Watkins Family
Mass Offered for Charlie Sturtz (RIP)
Requested by Jeanie Sturtz
Mass Offered for John Bonatti (RIP)
Anniversary of Death (12/25)
Requested by Jim & Pattie Vadas

Sunday, December 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

- 9:00 am Mass Offered for Paul McDonald (RIP)
Requested by Mike & Nancy Pausic

Monday, December 26th

- No Mass
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, December 27th

- 8:30 am Mass Offered for Billy Hart (RIP)
Requested by Jim Milby
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, December 28th THE HOLY INNOCENTS

- 8:30 am Mass Offered for Paul McDonald (RIP)
Requested by Jim & Pattie Vadas

Thursday, December 29th

- 8:30 am Mass Offered for Paul McDonald (RIP)
Requested by the Liberato Family

Friday, December 30th HOLY FAMILY: JESUS, MARY, JOSEPH

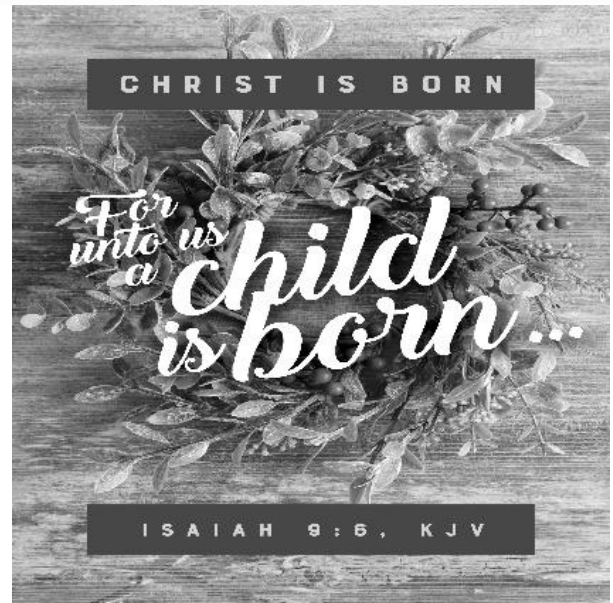
- 8:30 am Mass Offered for Billy Hart (RIP)
Requested by Jim Milby
6:30 pm Most Holy Rosary

Saturday, December 31st SOLEMNITY OF MARY

- 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Laura Gladys Watkins (RIP)
Requested by the Watkins Family

Sunday, January 1st

- 9:00 am Mass Offered for Paul McDonald (RIP)
Requested by the Knights of Columbus



The Righteous Reign of the Coming King

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of the oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian for all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. (Isaiah 9:1-7)

What a beautiful message of God's merciful love for us. Perhaps we don't know that we walk in darkness until the day of great light? Only He can reveal this to us. This Holy light pierces into the depths of our soul, giving us understanding to the "Truth" of our Savior and His life-giving word.

He will change us from the inside out and we will find our Joy, Peace, Hope and Love in doing His most Holy will. He will break the bonds that keep us from following Him, it will give us direction to follow the path He has placed before us. Have Faith, He gives us what we need for the salvation of our soul. Keep the light of Christ shining bright for all to see.

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education

No Religious Education from December 18th - January 1st.
Classes will resume on January 8th. Thank you to our teachers for sharing their time and talents to teach our parish kids. You are appreciated so much! May God Bless you all!



The Reason
for the
Season

Parish Christmas Play & Potluck dinner

Thank you to all our parish family for joining us. It was a beautiful night of fellowship, food and love. The message of the Christmas play, "What Can I Give Him," was taken to heart.

Thank you to all our kids for participating in the play and thank you to the parents for keeping your kids involved and active in the faith of our parish. They are the future of our church, carrying the light of Christ to the world.

A Very Big Thank You!

Thank you to the OLBS Women's Group for their generous donation of \$131.00. This money was given to be used to enhance any programs for the youth of our parish. This monetary blessing will be used to help our kids learn and grow in their faith in the most memorable way possible. Merry Christmas!



TO FULFILL WHAT THE LORD HAD SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET.

Matthew 1:22, ESV

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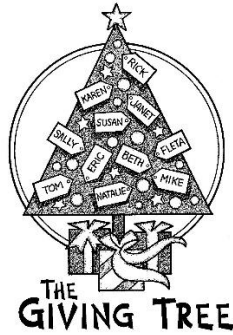
Altar Flowers

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.

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.

Thanks to all for your Generosity!



The love of Christ is alive and flowing through our parish community! The final count is in! A total of 50 children will have been helped through our parish Giving Tree.

Thanks so much to all those who contributed to the Giving Tree and made Christmas brighter for these children!

Rise Against Hunger

Our Meal Packaging Journey:

At this moment, healthy meals are on their way to a community in urgent need of nutrition. We're excited to share that destination with you.

The meals from your Rise Against Hunger Experience on 5/28/2022 have been shipped in a container totaling 285,120 meals from our Richmond warehouse.

The meals will be received by our in-country partner, Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)- SASFI in Madagascar.



DECEMBER



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

Collections for December 17th & 18th, 2022

Week's Amount

Parish Operations	\$ 3,325
Supplementary Collection	\$ 245
Christmas Flowers	\$ 350
Votive Candles	\$ 54
Church Cleaning Donations	\$ 360

Total \$ 4,334

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 695
Christmas Food Baskets	\$ 100
Poor Box	\$ 11

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

December 17 th	Saturday 5:30 pm Mass	70
December 18 th	Sunday 9:00 am Mass	120
	Spanish Mass 11:30 am Mass	30

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

My child, life on earth is a struggle indeed; a great struggle for my kingdom. But fear not, because you are not alone. I am always supporting you, so lean on Me as you struggle, fearing nothing. Take the vessel of trust and draw from the fountain of life- for yourself, but also for other souls, especially such as are distrustful of My goodness (Diary, 1488).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, I take the vessel of trust and draw from the fountain of life. Help me to trust You even more! Help all souls striving for perfection to increase their capacity to trust in You.



Knights of Columbus

Coats for Kids

The Father Jakubowski Council 8116 has started its annual campaign for Coats for Kids. 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. You can give a donation to any Knight or mail to K of C Council 8116, PO Box 707, West Point, 23181.

Knights' Blood Drive January 10, 2023

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring an upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive for January 10, 2023 at the Boogaard Hall. Please make an appointment by visiting the Red Cross web site.

2023 Parish Calendars

The Knights have once again generously donated the parish calendars. Although they were ordered on October 4th, the company has been experiencing some logistical delays in getting them to us. They are scheduled to ship between December 27th and 31st. As soon as they arrive, you will find them at the back of the church. Thank you for your patience.

Hearing Assistance

If you are having difficulty hearing the Mass in Church, speak with one of the ushers, as the parish has purchased hearing assistance devices for our parishioners.



Christmas Holiday Parish Office Closing

The office will close Thursday, December 22nd through Tuesday, December 27th in observance of the Christmas Holiday. The Staff wishes all our parish family a very warm, wonderful and Blessed Christmas filled with family and friends.

Blessed Oplatki – An Old Tradition

You can find the Oplatki at the back of the church. Father Oscar blessed the Oplatki last weekend, and there was an insert in that bulletin with more information on this beautiful family tradition. Be sure to take one to share with your family, carrying on an old tradition or starting a new one!

Priests for Life

"Merry Christmas"

Today, the greeting "Merry Christmas" is on our lips and in our hearts. What does this simple greeting mean? We know, of course, that for many people, things are not merry today, and that for all of us, there are certain things that cause us anxiety and sadness. There is evil in the world and in our lives. But "Merry Christmas" does not mean that we always feel happy, nor does it mean that everything is going our way. What it means instead is that even if everything else is falling apart, we always have access to God. Christ has come to lead us to the Father and bring us a new relationship with God and each other in the life that never ends. "Merry Christmas" means that even in the midst of sadness, we can never lose this gift. We simply need to take hold of it and be faithful. He is with us always, and that brings a peace and joy that the world can neither give nor take away. Merry Christmas!



Christmas Food Baskets

Although, the economy is much worse off this year and we had to spend 30% more money for less groceries, we still managed to shop for and put together 10 nice Christmas Food Baskets for families in need.

A Special "Thank You" to Sandy & Quan Dinh who, once again, provided lunch for all the participants and to Bob Ryalls for making sure we had the boxes in which we packed the Food "Baskets".

The crew worked very hard at shopping for and packing all the Christmas Food Baskets. A Very Big "Thank You" to Sandy Dinh, Erin Hayden, Joshua Hayden, Suzanne Hayden, Deidra Kopacki, Kody Kopacki, Vickie Roane, Tiffany Smith, Virginia Walthour, and Scott Watkins.

All of us would also like to thank the Aldi in Gloucester for being so accommodating and even donating all the bread and mandarins. We will definitely be back to shop with them at Easter!

An Accounting of the Food Basket Funds – A very generous parishioner donated a \$200 Food Lion Gift Certificate which was, with their permission, donated to a family in need. Our very generous parishioners donated a total of \$1,072.00 this season, we had a total of \$198.00 left over from Easter and a \$50 Gift Card to Aldi. Out of \$1320.00, we spent a total of \$1,302.79, leaving us just \$17.29 (\$.08 Donated by Manager of Store, along with \$55.66 for the Bread and the Mandarin Oranges that we believe she paid for out of her pocket.)

The \$17.29 has been deposited back into the bank, along with another donation of \$100.00 which will be reserved for the Easter Food Baskets next year. All receipts are kept on file in the parish office.

Thank you so much for your generosity!!!! You successfully spread the Love of Christ to others this Christmas Season!!!!

Update on Capital Campaign

The total raised to date - \$440,131.00, which includes pledges in the amount \$381,250.00 and one-time gifts of \$58,881.00. We have received \$196,071.89 in payments on pledges, leaving \$185,178.11 to receive.

In Luke 2:10, the angels share good news that continues to bring great joy today.

Directions: Circle all the complete small "joy" words — forward only. Count the total. Bonus: See if you can find "Jesus" amid all the joy!

TOTAL JOY= _____

Answer: 36 (10 in the J, 15 in the J, 11 in the O, 11 in the Y); Jesus is at the bottom of the large O

Christmas 2022

HO! HO! HO!

At this time of the year, a very blessed time, I would like to send you all wishes for A Blessed Christmas and Grace-filled New Year.

Every Christmas season, we celebrate Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. May all these four fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond. We should all be grateful to God. Every Christmas each year we celebrate "Immanuel" (God with us). It is only in Christ's presence among us that we find direction in life. It is through God's abiding presence in us, that we are healed, transformed, reconciled, and made whole. Indeed, I pray you all have a memorable Christmas.

At this time, I would like to pause and say, "Thank You," to all the parish staff and volunteers. I am so grateful for how you have served so sacrificially this past year. Whether it's working in the office, leading groups; shepherding children; serving coffee; setting up for worship; playing music or any one of the countless other (usually unseen) tasks that keep our community running, I am grateful. Thank you so much for all you do! Have a very merry Christmas.

There is always the danger that we might miss the real meaning of Christmas. We put up decorations, attend parties, buy, and exchange gifts. But we might forget that it is someone's birthday and that someone is Jesus Christ.

Matthew 1:21 says, "She shall bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins." Christmas without Jesus is not Christmas but a simple holiday. He is the best gift God gave to save us and forgive us and cleanse us of all our sins. HE is the reason for the season.

Hope, Peace, Joy, Love. These are not just words displayed in the banners of our Church walls starting Advent. But in our very secularized world, they are what we need but often can't find. Let us join together as we share how we can find them. Let us all open our hearts and mind that it is only through Jesus, the Immanuel, that we can find HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE.

Greet your family and friends a Blessed Christmas and celebrate the miracle, joy, and wonder of Christmas together.

I INVITE YOU TO EXPERIENCE ONCE AGAIN THE JOY OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS!

Fr Oscar Paraiso

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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