

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.

NEW YEAR'S EVE & NEW YEAR'S DAY

December 31st 2022 & January 1st 2023

**Saturday, December 31st SOLEMNITY OF MARY
NEW YEAR'S EVE**

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

Sunday, January 1st NEW YEAR'S DAY

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

Monday, January 2nd

No Mass
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, January 3rd

8:30 am Mass Offered for James Geron (RIP)
Anniversary of Death
Requested by Donna Geron
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, January 4th

8:30 am Mass Offered for Anna Kozlowski (RIP)
Anniversary of Death
Requested by Donna Geron

Thursday, January 5th

8:30 am Mass Offered for Lancia McCloud (RIP)
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler

Friday, January 6th

8:30 am Mass Offered for Kathy Webster (RIP)
Requested by Bill Webster
6:30 pm Most Holy Rosary

Saturday, January 7th

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Roger Staskiel (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Sunday, January 8th

9:00 am Mass Offered for Kathy Webster (RIP)
Requested by Bill Webster
10:15 am Religious education classes for
Children & Adult faith formation



The Season of Christmas

With Christmas here and the New Year, there are new goals and possibilities! Let's be mindful of God's work in us. What is He doing in our souls? What is He calling us to? Let's make Him a priority in our day, spending time with Him, talking with Him.

No doubt it is hard, with the world pulling us in so many directions... Maybe this is why starting the year with new goals gives us a clean slate to start with; a way to tell others we have this goal and it is important to us! Perhaps others will be inspired by you and spending time with God will become a goal for them. After all, isn't this how God works? He starts with one and when we respond to Him, that light shines for another to see?

What a beautiful way to spread God's message of love.
It has to begin with us!



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!



Thanks to All Who Helped with the 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!

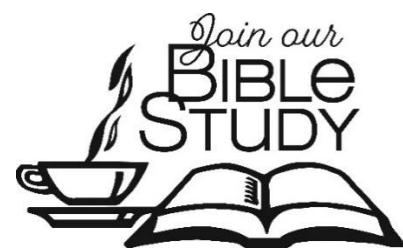


TO FULFILL WHAT THE LORD HAD SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET.

Matthew 1:22, ESV

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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!

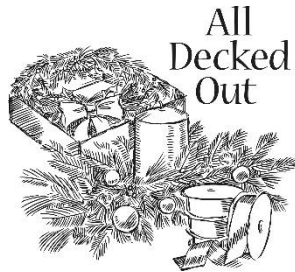
Altar Flowers

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 who decorated!!



A HUGE Thank You to all who came together to decorate our church for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Our church has never looked more beautiful! It is stunning and adds so much to the wonder and awe of Christmas.

Married Couples

The Parish wishes to honor married couples throughout the year in our bulletins. Please find a form in this bulletin for you to let us know when you were married! If you have been recognized last year, names will continue to be listed and there is no need to fill out the form again.

Prayer List Starts Over for the New Year

If you wish to add someone's name to the prayer list, please call the parish office. The new year's list begins in this week's bulletin with those who have already requested names for the list. Last year's list became so long and there was no way to know who should no longer be on that list.

2023 Parish Calendars

The Parish calendars are here! Please pick up a calendar at the back of the church.

Collections for December 24th & 25th, 2022

Week's Amount

Parish Operations	\$ 2,951
Supplementary Collection	\$ 20
Christmas	\$ 2,342
Votive Candles	\$ 39
Immaculate Conception	\$ 15
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 10
Initial Offering	\$ 20

Total \$ 5,397

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 9,396
Haiti Ministry	\$ 500
Catholic Charities	\$ 845
Poor Box	\$ 20

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

December 24 th	Saturday 5:30 pm Mass	142
	Christmas Eve 9:00 pm Mass	68
December 25 th	Sunday 9:00 am Mass	71
	Christmas Day	

No Spanish Mass



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Quan & Sandy Dinh
Bill & Edwina Madigan

January 18, 2020
January 28, 1967

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

The smallest act of virtue has unlimited value in My eyes because of your great love for Me. In a soul that lives on My love alone, I reign in as in heaven. I watch over it day and night. In it I find My happiness; My ear is attentive to each request of its heart; often I anticipate its requests. O child, especially beloved by Me, apple of My eye, rest a moment near My Heart and taste of the love in which you will delight for all eternity. (Diary, 1489).

My Prayer Response:

My Lord Jesus, may I do everything out of love for You, even the smallest act. May I know Your love throughout eternity. I rest near Your Heart, Lord.



Knights of Columbus

Coats for Kids

Thank you to all parishioners and businesses that donated to our local Coats for Kids fundraising campaign.

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: RedCrossBlood.org.

Becoming a Knight

Father Jakubowski Council 8116 always welcomes practicing Catholic men (18 and older) to join. You can either talk to one of the Knights or simply complete an online application. Go to www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html.

Knights of Columbus Insurance

Do you have life insurance, long-term care insurance, an annuity, or other retirement needs? Knights of Columbus had their origins in 1882 to help those in need, especially to for working class families if something happened to the family provider. Knights' members can get a free consultation with our local insurance agent, Todd Curtis, by contacting him at 866-868-1492.

2023 Parish Calendars Provided by the Knights

The Knights have once again generously donated the parish calendars. The Parish calendars are here! Please pick up a calendar at the back of the church.

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.

Priests for Life

Happy New Year!

The beginning of a new calendar year brings us a special joy and hope. It is a reminder that time is a gift of God, given to us from His eternity, for us to use to prepare for eternity.

The passing of each year and each day is meant to be an exchange with God: He gives us time, and we give our days and years back to Him in service and love, bringing as much good as possible into the world and into the lives of others.

The New Year is an opportunity to resolve, above all, to serve God faithfully: to believe more firmly, to hope more ardently, to love more generously. That is what makes a new year "happy," and that is what leads us to the happiness that never ends.



Attention Married Couples!

We would like to honor all married couples throughout the year in our bulletins. Please take a moment to fill out this form. Please return the finished form to the basket at the back of the Church or mail to the parish office at 207 West Euclid Blvd., West Point, VA 23181 by January 25, 2023.

Names: _____

Years Married: _____

Where were you Married? (City/State): _____

Date of Marriage: _____



To Honor a Beloved Spouse who has passed on to
eternal life:

Name of Surviving Spouse: _____

Name of Deceased Spouse: _____

Wedding Anniversary: _____



IN OUR



Thoughts and Prayers

January Prayers for Healing & Good Health

Jerry Armstead
Vuong Bui
Linda Burch
Katherine Carson
Meredith Crowe
Lydia Dehn

Vincent D'elia
Denise DePompeo
Laurie Hite
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Bonnie Kopacki
Philip Liberato

Lenny Ramlano
Gloria Wajciechowski
Frank & Beverly Watkins
Bill Webster
James Wills
Leda Zaginaylo

Prayers for Those in the Military

Please note that in January, the prayer list begins anew. If you wish to put someone on the list, for the year 2023, you will need to call the parish office (804) 843-3125 to have that person's name put on the prayer list.

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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