

# 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.*

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 2023



Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

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

Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> EPIPHANY

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

Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> BAPTISM OF THE LORD

No Mass  
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am Mass Offered for Roger Staskiel (RIP)  
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler  
4:30 pm Adult Faith Formation (Mercy Center)  
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am Mass Offered for Billy Hart (RIP)  
Requested by Jim Milby

Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am Mass Offered for Richard & Anna  
Kozlowski (RIP)  
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler

Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am Mass Offered for Joe Sr., Elsie & Johnny  
Drexler (RIP)  
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler  
6:30 pm Most Holy Rosary

Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Marguerite Sturtz for  
Healing  
Requested by Marian Kopacki & Family

Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Mass Offered for Billy Hart (RIP)  
Requested by Jim Milby  
Mass Offered for Esther Seckora (RIP)  
Anniversary of Death  
Paul & Valeria Seckora  
10:15 am Religious education classes for  
Children & Adult faith formation  
11:30 am Spanish Mass  
6:30 pm Youth Group at VDB Hall

### The Season of Christmas

*“And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh” (Matthew 2: 9-11).*

Three Wisemen with all the material things of this world...Yet, humble enough to recognize all the things of this world could not offer them fulfillment. They were even willing to leave behind their own comforts and brave a long unknown journey. The wisemen didn't just see the star and say, "This star looks special, let's follow it." They were looking and waiting for this sign before they set out on the journey. Not only did the wisemen recognize "His" star, but they knew the prophecy foretold of a ruler to come and shepherd the people of Israel. The wisemen had faith, trust and hope in what they were seeking, they were believers.

Can you imagine the joy they must have felt when they reached the end of the journey to find a fulfillment of truth? All of this revealed to them by God alone. I imagine their souls were deeply touched from that day forward. I wonder what their lives were like afterwards? Surely one could not experience this revealing and not be changed.

What is most important, is the journey of the wiseman didn't start the day they saw the star rising, it started before. They knew the prophecy told, they believed it and they sought daily for what was told to be manifested into the truth, the epiphany.

## FAITH FORMATION

### Religious Education

Welcome Back! All Classes resume this Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>!

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!

#### Youth Group

Youth Group will meet at the hall on January 15<sup>th</sup> @6:30 pm. Bring your favorite snack and enjoy some of our own New Year Fun and games!



#### 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!

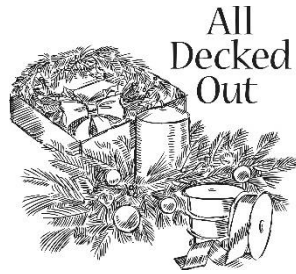
#### Altar Flowers

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.

**Need Help Taking Down  
Christmas Decorations**



Thank You to all who came together to decorate our church for the Advent and Christmas seasons and adds so much to the wonder and awe of Christmas.

Sadly, these decorations must come down, so plans are for volunteers to meet after this Sunday's 9:00 am Mass. Perhaps if you have children in Faith Formation, this would be a great way to pass the time.

**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.



Quan & Sandy Dinh	January 18, 2020
Bill & Edwina Madigan	January 28, 1967

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 2022 & January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

**Week's Amount**

Parish Operations	\$ 7,646
Christmas	\$ 75
Votive Candles	\$ 17
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 552
Initial Offering	<u>\$ 240</u>

**Total** **\$ 8,530**

**Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:**

Capital Campaign	\$ 2,155
Catholic Charities	\$ 25
Poor Box	\$ 5

**\*\*\*Thank You for Supporting our Parish\*\*\***

**Attendance**

December 31 <sup>st</sup>	Saturday 5:30 pm Mass	93
January 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday 9:00 am Mass	85
	Spanish Mass 11:30 am Mass	25

**The Year of Grace, with Divine Mercy**

From the Diary of St. Faustina

Oh, how much I am hurt by a soul's distrust! Such a soul professes that I am Holy and Just, but does not believe that I am Mercy and does not trust in My Goodness. Even the devils glorify My Justice but do not believe in My Goodness. My Heart rejoices in this title of Mercy (Diary, 300).

**My Prayer Response:**

O Jesus, may distrusting souls, by Your special grace, profess and proclaim that You are mercy and goodness itself! Hear my prayer that Your Heart may rejoice as these souls turn to You with trust.





## Knights of Columbus

### 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](http://RedCrossBlood.org).

### Knights' BBQ Lunch/Dinner January 28, 2023

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a fundraiser on Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup> with a BBQ lunch thru dinner from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. TAKE OUT ONLY !

Call for tickets: (804) 512-9701

### Knights' Friday Lenten Dinners

The Knights' have scheduled three Friday Lenten dinners:

Friday, February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Fish Dinner
Friday, March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Shrimp Dinner
Friday, March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Crab Cake Dinner

Please mark your calendars!

### 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](http://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.

### Requesting Old Palms

Please bring any old palms you might have and put in the basket at the back of the Church. Each year, these palms are burned to create our ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please bring them in by the weekend of February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Blessing of Candles

Father Oscar will be Blessing candles the weekend of January 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. Please bring any candles you would like to have Blessed with you to Mass that weekend.

### Feast of Saint Blaise

The Feast of St. Blaise is on February 3<sup>rd</sup> this year. Father Oscar will be Blessing throats after each of the Masses on the weekend of February 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Senior Luncheon on January 19<sup>th</sup>

The Senior Luncheon this month will be on 1/19/2023 following the 11:00am Mass. The Luncheon will be at Lucano's Pasta Italian Restaurant located at 18950 Motel Drive, West Point, VA 23181 across the river in New Kent.

Please call Jeanie Sturtz by noon on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 804-370-8521 to sign up for the Luncheon.

### Priests for Life

Life: An "Epiphany" of God

"Life is always a good. ... Why is life a good? This question is found everywhere in the Bible, and from the very first pages it receives a powerful and amazing answer.

The life which God gives man is quite different from the life of all other living creatures, inasmuch as man, although formed from the dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7, 3:19; Job 34:15; Ps 103:14; 104:29), is a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory (cf. Gen 1:26-27; Ps 8:6).

This is what Saint Irenaeus of Lyons wanted to emphasize in his celebrated definition: 'Man, living man, is the glory of God'. Man has been given a sublime dignity, based on the intimate bond which unites him to his Creator: in man there shines forth a reflection of God himself" (The Gospel of Life, n. 34).

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**Blood Drive**  
**Knights of Columbus**  
**West Point**

**Boogaard Center**  
**3510 King William Ave**  
**West Point, VA 23181**

**Tuesday, January 10, 2023**  
**1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: **knightswestpoint** to schedule an appointment.

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# **Knights of Columbus**

## **BBQ Lunch/Dinner**

**Includes BBQ, sandwich bun, slaw, baked beans, chips**

**OLBS Catholic Church Boogaard Hall**

**3150 King William Ave.**

**Saturday, January 28, 2023**

**11:00 am – 7:00 pm**

**Cost \$10.00**

**Take Out Only**

**For Tickets Call: (804) 512-9701**

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_



# 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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