

OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

HOLYDAYS: 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 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 18th & 19th, 2023

Saturday, February 18th

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Lillian Laverne Tucker
(RIP)

Requested by The Watkins Family

Sunday, February 19th

9:00 am Mass Offered for Pat Hinkle (RIP)
Requested by Frank & Mary Ann Fetterolf
10:15 am Religious education classes for
Children & Adult faith formation
11:30 am Spanish Mass
6:30 pm Youth Group at the VDB Hall

Monday, February 20th

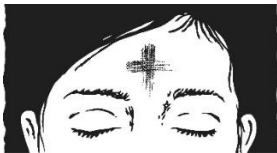
No Mass
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Dinner/Social Mtg.

Tuesday, February 21st

8:30 am Mass Offered for Anna Kozlowski (RIP)
Anniversary of Her Birthday
Requested by Donna Geron
4:30 pm Adult Faith Formation (Mercy Center)
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, February 22nd ASH WEDNESDAY

8:30 am Mass Offered for a Special Intention
by Donna Geron
7:00 pm Mass



Ash Wednesday

Thursday, February 23rd

8:30 am Mass – No Mass Intention

Friday, February 24th

8:30 am Mass – No Mass Intention
6:30 pm Most Holy Rosary

Saturday, February 25th

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass – No Mass Intention

Sunday, February 26th

9:00 am Mass Offered for Pat Hinkle (RIP)
Requested by Frank & Mary Ann Fetterolf
10:15 am Religious education classes for
Children & Adult faith formation
10:15 am Parish Council Meeting (MC)

Ash Wednesday Observance

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, February 22nd. Two Masses will be offered – one in the morning at 8:30am and one in the evening at 7:00pm. Prepare yourself for a meaningful Lenten journey with our Ash Wednesday Mass.

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 7th for our Lenten Reconciliation Service at 7:00pm. Father Oscar will have two other priests to help him hear our confessions. Please plan to attend and prepare yourself for the Resurrection of our Lord.

OLBS Friday Lenten Services

On each Friday during Lent in the Church, we will have the Holy Rosary at 6:30pm followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm. The following Groups are asked to host/lead the Stations of the Cross on their given date. Please let Father Oscar & Joe Drexler know if you are able to help on the date your group is scheduled.

February 24th – The Liturgy Committee

March 3rd – The Knights of Columbus

March 10th – Parish Council

March 17th – Hispanic Community

March 24th – Finance Council

March 31st – Cemetery Committee

April 7th – 3:00 pm Stations – Father Oscar

Ministerial Association Lenten Soup & Sermon

The West Point Ministerial Assoc. has announced the return of its annual Lenten Soup & Sermon Schedule which will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, on Main Street, each Wednesday of Lent at 11:00am with meal & fellowship to follow. OLBS will share the responsibility of providing soup/desserts on March 22nd. A volunteer to help coordinate our support for this session is needed. If you can assist in this effort, please contact the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education

Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

Start your year with a new good habit! Join us for Bible Study at 10:15 am at the hall on Sundays or Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 pm. in the Mercy Center conference room. Bible study group is a great way to learn and grow in your faith. It also builds a great bond with parish family.

Youth Group

Any middle school and high school student from 6th- 12th grade are invited to attend!
Our next Youth Group meeting will be Sunday February 19th at the Boogaard Hall at 6:30 pm.

Divine Mercy Retreat

What's the big deal about Divine Mercy Sunday? What does this mean for us? St. Faustina's mission was to share His message of Mercy and it is one to listen to.

Mark your calendar off for Saturday, March 11th, 9 am. to 12:00 noon. Please sign up on the table in the back or by calling the office. Our day of retreat will be a wonderful and spiritual learning experience for us all! Brunch will be served. This day will have you well prepared for receiving the gift of Divine Mercy and the power of praying the Divine Mercy for others.

"Before I come as the Just Judge, I am coming first as the King of Mercy." St. Faustina's (Diary, 83)

Lenten Bible Study Retreat

Join us every Wednesday, beginning March 1st to March 29th, 6:00 pm.- 8:00 pm. for a Lenten Bible study and reflection on the most Blessed Sacrament. The study is "Lectio: Eucharist," with Dr. Brant Pitre. We will learn, discuss and break bread together! (A small fasting meal).

Please Sign up, we want to make sure we have your spot prepared. Sign up is on the \$5 book table or you may call the office: 804-843-3125.



Save the Dates-

Every Wednesday of March:

March 1st to March 29th @ 6:00 pm.

A Lenten Bible Retreat on the Eucharist.
We will share a Lenten meal of bread and broth.

March 11th: Saturday Retreat on Divine Mercy (Know the gift and be ready to receive it on Divine Mercy Sunday).

May 27th: Tea with the Blessed Mother (Interested in Hosting? Call Erin @ the office)



FORMED Is Still Free to Parishioners

Focus your camera on the QR Code on one of the cards from the table from the back of the church and scan the Code to get to the sign-up page for FORMED, enter our parish zip code or name. You'll find a wealth of Catholic movies, programs, and even many of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's television programs which captured a national audience of Catholics and non-Catholics in his day!

From OLBS Preschool:

Hello Church family! The preschool is experiencing a wonderful year so far. Fall enrollment for next school year will be opening to the Church on February 14th. Please reach out to the preschool for a registration form. Our 3-year-old and 4-year-old programs are wonderful. The preschool number is 804-843-4177 or you can call the Church office for more information.

preschool registration



Hall Rental Coordinator

We are seeking someone who is willing to take on the responsibility of handling rentals for our parish hall (van den Boogaard Center).

This individual would meet with potential renters to schedule hall rentals and prepare the appropriate lease agreements and collect fees for these rentals. If interested in taking on this ministry role please contact Bob Ryalls, Business Manager at businessmgr@olbs-catholic.org or by calling the office at 804-843-3125 x 104. Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.



Our sincerest apologies! It was brought to our attention that on the Christmas Flower list of Donations, Henry Franzysen's Flower Donation in memory of his beloved Natalie Franzysen and in memory of Helen O'Conner and Stashia Franzysen were accidentally left off the list.

Notice: Good Neighbor Center

The Good Neighbor Center is unable to accept donations of Food at this time. Please hold all donations for now. They will resume accepting donations again as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity.

A Message to All the Fine Parishioners of OLBS:

As we approach the season of Lent followed by a joyous Easter celebration, I welcome singers and/or cantors, instrumentalists, and bell ringers of all ages; experience is not a requirement. Families and individuals are invited to "make a joyful noise to the Lord"!

Many thanks,

Lyn LaPaglia, Director of Music

music@olbs-catholic.org

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(James) & Donna Geron	February 7, 1970
(Robert) & Cheryl Servonsky	February 10, 1973
Sol & Annabelle Vidal	February 10, 2001
(Henry J, Jr.) & Marian Kopacki	February 13, 1949
(Charles) & Margaret Varboncoeur	February 23, 1957
(Ed) & Virginia Kopacki	February 24, 1952

Annual Diocesan Appeal Begins

The official start of this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal will be at the "Announcement Weekend" on February 18-19.

Your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal Strengthens Catholic Communities

Your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal Empowers the Next Generation

Your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal Provides for those in Need

The parish sharing formula for the 2023 Appeal is as follows:
Non-mission parishes, such as OLBS, receive 20% for anything collected up to each parish's target and 50% for anything collected over target.



NEIGHBORLY
LOVE



Knights of Columbus

Knights' Friday Lenten Dinners

The Knights' have scheduled three Friday Lenten dinners:

- Friday, February 24th Fish Dinner
- Friday, March 17th Shrimp Dinner
- Friday, March 31st Crab Cake Dinner

Please mark your calendars!
Call 804-512-9701 for tickets.

We are also asking any Knight free on Friday the 24th to join us and lend a hand in preparing, serving, clean up, etc. any time from 3:00 pm until clean up after 8:00 pm.

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.



<u>Collections for February 11th & 12th, 2023</u>	
<u>Week's Amount</u>	
Parish Operations	\$ 4,359
Supplemental Collection	\$ 20
Votive Candles	\$ 16
Parish Heating	\$ 20
Ash Wednesday	\$ 10
Total	\$ 4,425
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596
Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:	
Capital Campaign	\$ 761
Preschool Assistance	\$ 281
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$ 180
Maintenance Fund	\$ 20
Poor Box	\$ 15
Thank You for Supporting our Parish	

<u>Attendance</u>			
February 11 th	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	69
February 12 th	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	131
No Spanish Mass			

Priests for Life

Self-Sacrificing Love

Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical "God is Love" teaches that "agape, which [is]...the typical expression for the biblical notion of love...expresses the experience of a love which involves a real discovery of the other, moving beyond the selfish character that prevailed earlier.

Love now becomes concern and care for the other. No longer is it self-seeking, a sinking in the intoxication of happiness; instead, it seeks the good of the beloved: it becomes renunciation and it is ready, and even willing, for sacrifice" (n. 6).

This kind of love is seen in a particular way when we care for the weak and defenseless, both born and unborn. May the Pope's encyclical encourage us to build a culture of life!

Saint of the Week

St. Maria Bertilla Boscardin

Feast Day- February 26

If anyone knew rejection, ridicule and disappointment, it was today's saint. But such trials only brought Maria Bertilla Boscardin closer to God and more determined to serve him.

Born in Italy in 1888, the young girl lived in fear of her father, a violent man prone to jealousy and drunkenness. Her schooling was limited so that she could spend more time helping at home and working in the fields. She showed few talents and was often the butt of jokes.

In 1904, she joined the Sisters of Saint Dorothy and was assigned to work in the kitchen, bakery and laundry. After time, Maria received nurses' training and began working in a hospital with children suffering from diphtheria. There the young nun seemed to find her true vocation: nursing very ill and disturbed children.

Later, when the hospital was taken over by the military in World War I, Sister Maria Bertilla fearlessly cared for patients amidst the threat of constant air raids and bombings. Maria Bertilla died in 1922 after suffering for many years from a painful tumor. Some of the patients she had nursed many years before were present at her canonization in 1961.

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

Meditation:

I became absorbed in prayer and said my penance. Then I suddenly saw the Lord, who said to me, **My daughter, know that you give Me greater glory by a single act of obedience than by long prayers and mortifications.** Oh, how good it is to live under obedience, to live conscious of the fact that everything I do is pleasing to God! (Diary, 894).
I heard the following words in my soul: **You will receive a greater reward for your obedience and subjection to your confessor than you will for the practices which you will be carrying out. Know this, My daughter, and act accordingly: anything, no matter how small it be, that has the seal of obedience to My representative is pleasing to Me and great in My eyes** (Diary, 933)

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, thank You for teaching me about obedience to Your representative in the confessional. Help me with Your grace to submit to Your will expressed by Your representative. Teach me the importance of an obedient spirit to those you place in spiritual authority over me.

(Want to learn more about the Feast of Divine Mercy? Join the Retreat on March 11th from 9 am.- 12 pm. @ our VDB hall. More information to come)

Gender Identity Training

Over the past several years, the amount of question relating Gender identity has steadily increased. People often don't know where to turn for answers and don't know how to respond when faced with sensitive situation in their families or faith communities. Mary Rice Hasson is a leading Catholic speaker on the topic of Gender identity. She has served as a keynote speaker around the country and at the Vatican. Mary is also a co-founder of the Person and Identity Project, which aims to promote an authentic vision of the human person to counter gender ideology. The Office of Evangelization is excited to provide several opportunities for people to hear from Mary in March of 2023. Staff and parent sessions are offered separately.

Parent sessions-

Our parent session will be specifically for parents and guardians of teens and children. We ask that people refrain from bringing their teens and children to the session. We strongly recommend that you register for the parent session, however we will accept walk-ins. By registering in advance, you allow us to ensure we have the proper amount of handouts, chairs, and refreshments.

Parent Sessions will be at the following locations:

Sunday, March 5th (6:30-8:00 pm.) at Saint Michael Catholic Church, Glen Allen

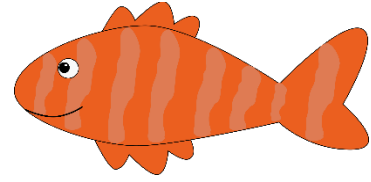
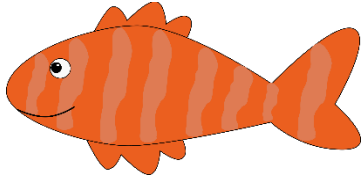
Tuesday, March 7th (7:00-8:30 pm.) at the Church of the Incarnation, Charlottesville

Wednesday, March 8th (7:00-8:30 pm.) at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Newport News

Register at: Office of Evangelization Catholic Diocese of Richmond

accept

others



**West Point Knights of Columbus
Fish Dinner**

Fried Flounder and 3 sides, dessert & drink

OLBS Catholic Church Boogaard Hall

3150 King William Ave.

Friday, February 24, 2023

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Tickets: Adults \$12.50

Children under 10 Years \$6.00

Eat in or Take Out

For Tickets Call: (804) 512-9701

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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