

# 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.*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00-Noon Divine Mercy Retreat (VDB Hall)  
5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Those Who Attended  
the Divine Mercy Retreat Today

### Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 am Mass Offered for James Geron (RIP)  
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler  
10:15 am Religious education classes for  
Children & Adult faith formation

### Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

- No Mass  
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

### Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30 am Mass Offered for Richard & Anna  
Kozlowski (RIP)  
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler  
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel  
7:00 pm \*\*\* Confirmation at St. Bede's \*\*\*

### Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

- 11:00 am Mass Offered for Anthony Gintout (RIP)  
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler  
12:00 noon Senior Luncheon at Tony & George's  
Restaurant in West Point  
6:00-8:00 pm Adult Lenten Bible Retreat

### Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30 am Mass Offered for Thomas Sturtz, Jr. (RIP)  
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler  
1:00-6:00 pm K of C Red Cross Blood Drive

### Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

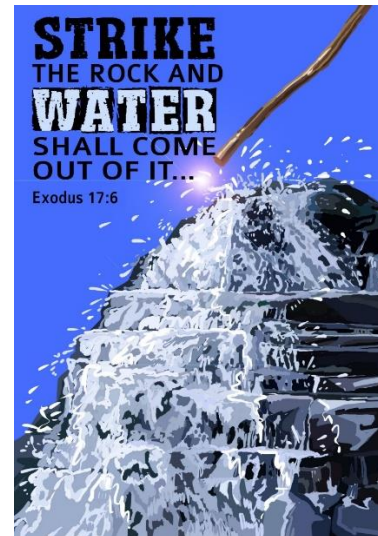
- 8:30 am Mass Offered for Mark Drexler, Jr. (RIP)  
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler  
6:30 pm Most Holy Rosary  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
4:00-8:00 pm Knights of Columbus Lenten Shrimp Dinner

### Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

- 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Joe Sr., Elsie & Johnnie  
Drexler (RIP)  
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

### Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 am Mass Offered for Esther Seckora (RIP)  
Anniversary of Birthday  
Requested by 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 the VDB Hall



### 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.

March 17<sup>th</sup> – Hispanic Community

March 24<sup>th</sup> – Finance Council

March 31<sup>st</sup> – Cemetery Committee

April 7<sup>th</sup> – 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.

### 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.

## FAITH FORMATION

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### Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

Start your year with a new good habit! Join us for Bible Study @ 10:15 am at the hall on Sundays.

### Confirmation

Please pray for Shelby Donahue, Daniel Gibbs, Mason Kopacki, Abigail Lazar, Kathryn Simal, Mary Ashton VanFossen and Jovany Velazquez. They will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm. @ St. Bede in Williamsburg. May the Holy Spirit guide your hearts as the future leaders in our church.

### Lenten Bible Study Retreat

Join us every Wednesday, beginning March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.**



Every Wednesday of March:

March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm.

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

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

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### Looking for help!

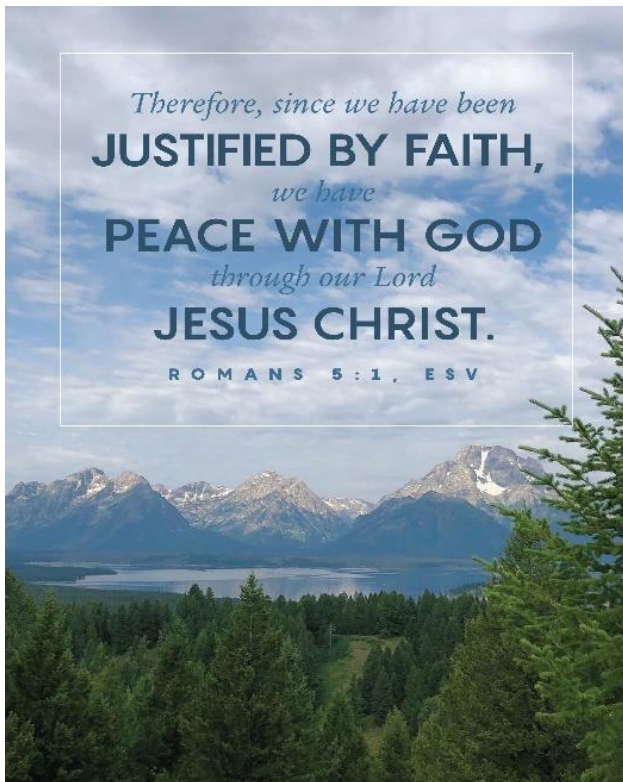
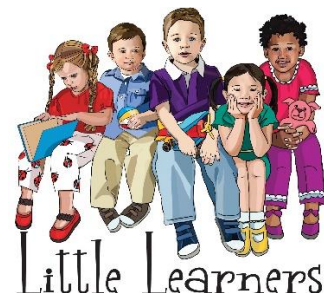
Vacation Bible School is set for the week of **July 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>**. We need many volunteers for: Decorating, setting up, teaching, art, crafts, bible stories, music, games and snacks. Please consider sharing your time and talents. If everyone could commit to 1 day, we will be covered. There is still time, but it comes up so quickly, the date needs to be saved 😊

### FORMED Is Still Free to Parishioners

Look for 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, and programs.

### 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 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.



**A Note from the Cemetery Committee  
To Clean Out Old Flowers**

With Easter fast approaching, we are asking those with flowers on graves in St. Therese Cemetery to remove them in the next couple weeks ahead of Easter.

**Openings on Parish Council**

Several parishioners will be going off Parish Council in June after serving several years. Elections will be held in a few months. If you have an interest in guiding and advising on the direction of the Parish and its activities, please consider a seat on the Council. Let Father Oscar or any Parish Council member know of your interest.

**Parish Scholarship Available**

It is the time of year for students to apply for the Parish Scholarship. The Scholarship is based on activity in the Parish as well as school academics and participation. Contact Tiffany Smith for an application at 804-840-7984.

**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](mailto:businessmgr@olbs-catholic.org) or by calling the office at 804-843-3125 x 104. Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

**Notice: Good Neighbor Center**

The Good Neighbor Center is unable to accept donations of food at this time due to a structural problem in the storage area. Please hold all donations for now.

**Change in Senior Mass & Luncheon Schedule**

Due to Father's busy schedule on Thursdays (afternoon Masses at the Poor Clares Monastery), the Senior Mass at 11:00am and Luncheon will now be held on the third Wednesday of each month. This new schedule will begin on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at Tony & George's Restaurant in West Point. It will be the third Wednesday of each month moving forward until further notice. Please be sure to let Jeanie Sturtz know you will be attending the luncheon so you can be included in the count for lunch. Jeanie's phone number is 804-370-5821.



Shawn & Erin Lazar  
David & Donna Haviland

March 6, 2004  
March 7, 1998

**Annual Diocesan Appeal Begins**

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.



**Knights of Columbus**

**Knights' Friday Lenten Dinners**

The Knights' have scheduled two remaining Friday Lenten dinners:

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

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

**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.



**Collections for February 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Week's Amount**

Total Offertory	\$ 2,875
Votive Candles	\$ 8
Easter Flowers	\$ 165
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,049</b>
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596
Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:	
Capital Campaign	\$ 2,069
Maintenance Fund	\$ 100
Cemetery Fund	\$ 411

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

**Saint of the Week**

Blessed Angela Salawa  
Feast Day- March 12<sup>th</sup>

Angela served Christ and Christ's little ones with all her strength.

Born in Siepraw, near Kraków, Poland, she was the 11th child of Bartłomiej and Ewa Salawa. In 1897, she moved to Kraków where her older sister Therese lived. Angela immediately began to gather together and instruct young women domestic workers. During World War I, she helped prisoners of war without regard for their nationality or religion. The writings of Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross were a great comfort to her.

Angela gave great service in caring for soldiers wounded in World War I. After 1918, her health did not permit her to exercise her customary apostolate. Addressing herself to Christ, she wrote in her diary, "I want you to be adored as much as you were destroyed." In another place, she wrote, "Lord, I live by your will. I shall die when you desire; save me because you can."

At her 1991 beatification in Kraków, Pope John Paul II said: "It is in this city that she worked, that she suffered and that her holiness came to maturity. While connected to the spirituality of Saint Francis, she showed an extraordinary responsiveness to the action of the Holy Spirit."

**Update to our Capital Campaign as of 3/7/2023**

Total Raised is \$445,650.11 which includes \$381,250.00 in Pledges and \$64,400.11 in One-Time Gifts. We have received \$222,253.89 in Payments on Pledges leaving \$158,996.11 to receive.

**Attendance**

February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	69
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	114
	Spanish Mass	11:30 am Mass	42

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

From the Diary of St. Faustina

**Meditation:**

Write, my daughter, that I am mercy itself for the contrite soul. A soul's greatest wretchedness does not enkindle Me with wrath; but rather, My Heart is moved towards it with great mercy (Diary, 1739).

For you, I am mercy itself; therefore, I ask you to offer Me your misery and this very helplessness of yours and, in this way, you will delight My Heart (Diary, 1775).

**My Prayer Response:**

Jesus, You are mercy itself. I offer You my misery and that of the whole world. May Your Heart of Mercy delight at this offering of our misery to You. Jesus, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

**Food for Lenten Thought:**

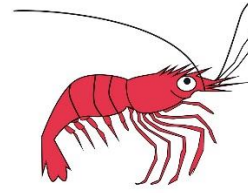
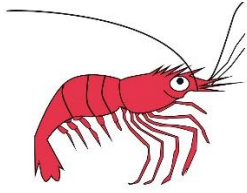
In Revelations, Churches were scolded because they had tolerated leaders whose teaching contradicted the true Gospel message and because their faith had become "lukewarm", lacking the devotion they had when they first became Christians. If the author of Revelation wrote such a prophecy to your local Church, what would he praise and what would he criticize? Is your community on fire in living the Gospel or is it "lukewarm" in its commitment?

Jesus Talks With a Samaritan Woman



**Trip to Greece**

Come join Father Gregory Kandt, pastor of the Church of Saint Therese in Gloucester, on a fabulous pilgrimage to Greece on **October 16-27!** Check out the special website for his pilgrimage where you can get all pertinent information, especially itinerary and cost, at [www.travelillume.com/trc/kna](http://www.travelillume.com/trc/kna). Deposit to go on the pilgrimage is due March 25, so check it out today!



# **West Point Knights of Columbus**

## **Shrimp Dinner**

**Fried Shrimp, 3 sides, dessert & drink**

**OLBS Catholic Church Boogaard Hall**

**3510 King William Ave.**

**Friday, March 17, 2023**

**4:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**Tickets:      Adults              \$15.00**

**Children under 10 Years      \$7.00**

**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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