

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 18th & 19th, 2023

Saturday, March 18th

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 19th

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

Monday, March 20th

No Mass
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel
6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Social Mtg. Dinner
at Lucano's Restaurant in Eltham

Tuesday, March 21st

8:30 am Mass Offered for Joe Sr, Elsie & Johnnie
Drexler (RIP)
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, March 22nd

8:30 am Mass Offered for Roland Klisiewicz
Anniversary of Birthday
Requested by the Watkins Family
11:00 am Lenten Soup & Sermon with Ministerial
Association – OLBS provides soup, etc.
6:00-8:00 pm Adult Lenten Bible Retreat

Thursday, March 23rd

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

Friday, March 24th

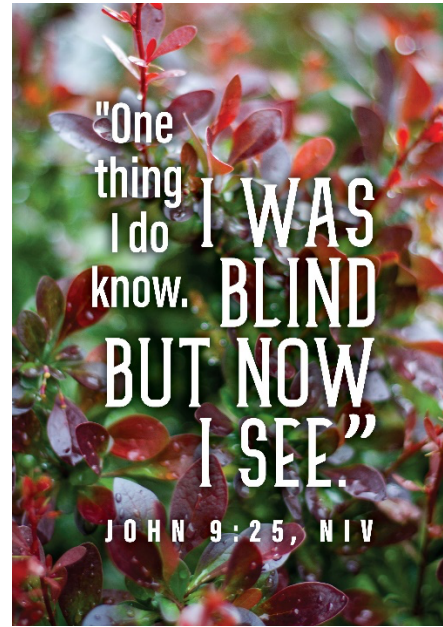
8:30 am Mass Offered for Joe Sr, Elsie and Johnnie
Drexler (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
6:30 pm Most Holy Rosary
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross by Finance Council

Saturday, March 25th

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

Sunday, March 26th

9:00 am Mass Offered for Billy McGowan
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
10:15 am Religious education classes for
Children & Adult faith formation
10:15 am Parish Council Meeting (MC)



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 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.

Our Church is working with the West Point Church of God for the Lenten Soup and Sermon this Wednesday, March 22, 2023 which will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church on Main Street

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 can show you how it works. You can even bring your own earphones to plug into the device.

FAITH FORMATION

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.



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).

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

Looking for help!

Vacation Bible School is set for the week of **July 23rd to the 28th**. 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 program

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 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. Please hold all donations for now. They will resume accepting donations again as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity.



Shawn & Erin Lazar

March 6, 2004

David & Donna Haviland

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 31st 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.

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 March 11th & 12th, 2023
Week’s Amount

Total Offertory	\$ 6,128
Supplemental Collection	\$ 2,570
Easter Flowers	\$ 380
Parish Heating	\$ 35
Total	\$ 9,113.

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 1,400
Haiti Fund.	\$ 150
Cemetery Fund	\$ 117
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 110

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

February 11 th	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	81
February 12 th	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	99
		No Spanish Mass	

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?



Saint of the Week-

Saint Joseph, Husband of Mary

Feast Day- March 19th

When the Bible speaks of God “justifying” someone, it means that God, the all-holy or “righteous” one, so transforms a person that the individual shares somehow in God’s own holiness, and hence it is really “right” for God to love him or her. In other words, God is not playing games, acting as if we were lovable when we are not.

By saying Joseph was “just,” the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God. The rest we can easily surmise. Think of the kind of love with which he wooed and won Mary, and the depth of the love they shared during their marriage.

It is no contradiction of Joseph’s manly holiness that he decided to divorce Mary when she was found to be with child. The important words of the Bible are that he planned to do this “quietly” because he was “a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame” (Matthew 1:19).

The just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage.

**Year of Grace and Divine Mercy
From the Diary of St. Faustina**

Meditation:

What are you afraid of? If you are with Me, who will dare touch you? Nevertheless, I am very pleased that you confide your fears to Me, my daughter. Speak to Me about everything in a completely simple and Human way; by this you will give Me great joy. I understand you because I am God-Man. This simple language of your heart is more pleasing to Me than the hymns composed in My honor. Know, My daughter, that the simpler your speech is, the more you attract Me to yourself. And now, be at peace close to My Heart. Lay your pen aside and get ready to leave (Diary, 797).

My Prayer Response:

What a great question, Lord! What am I afraid of? You are always with me. Help me be always with you.

Adult Bible Study-

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

The Little Black Book for Lent-

Don’t forget to grab your **Free** Lenten reflection books on the back table. In it you will find Six-minute meditation on the Passion according to Matthew



Congratulations!!! Shelby Donahue, Daniel Gibbs, Mason Kopacki, Abigail Lazar, Kathryn Simal, Mary Ashton Van Fossen and Jovany Velazquez on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, this past Tuesday at St. Bede. May the Holy Spirit ignite the fire of love in your hearts for Him, so that you become good disciples and servants of God.

Hispanic Youth Event-

On Saturday, April 22, 2023, the Office of Hispanic Ministry will be having the Youth Encuentro at the Westin Richmond (6631 West Broad Street Richmond, VA 23230). This event is for Hispanic/Latino youth ages 14-18. Please see the following link for the flyer, registration, and all the information needed for this event:

<https://conta.cc/3SLjQyU>



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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