

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 25th & 26th, 2023

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 (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
10:15 am Religious education classes for
Children & Adult faith formation
10:15 am Parish Council Meeting (MC)

Monday, March 27th

- No Mass
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, March 28th

- 8:30 am Mass Offered for James Geron (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel
6:30 pm Finance Council Meeting (MC)

Wednesday, March 29th

- 8:30 am Mass Offered for Roland Klisiewicz III (RIP)
Anniversary of Death
Requested by the Watkins Family
6:00-8:00 pm Adult Lenten Bible Retreat & Fasting Meal

Thursday, March 30th

- 8:30 am Mass Offered for Joe, Sr., Elsie & Johnny
Drexler (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Friday, March 31st

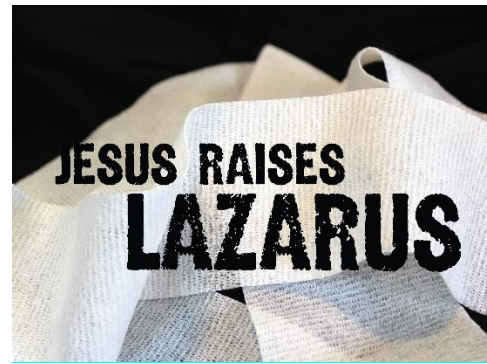
- 8:30 am Mass Offered for Anthony Gintout (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
6:30 pm Most Holy Rosary
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross by Cemetery
Committee
4:00-8:00 pm Knights of Columbus Crab Cake dinner

Saturday, April 1st

- 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Thomas Sturtz, Jr. (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Sunday, April 2nd

- 9:00 am Mass – No Mass Intention
10:15 am Religious education classes for
Children & Adult faith formation
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 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.

Parish Workday

A Parish workday is being planned for the Saturday after Easter weekend, weather permitting. Plans are to work in the wooded area behind the church and Boogaard hall as well as plant new shrubbery in front of the Boogaard Hall. We will plan on finishing with a lunch of hot dogs and hamburgers. This is a family event, so plan on coming out for fellowship and fun, along with your work gloves! In the event of bad weather, we will plan on the following Saturday.

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

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

Parish families are welcome to Join us during religious ed. at the Hall, 10:15 am. On April 2nd (Palm Sunday), we will leave from there and do an Easter Egg hunt and then return to the Hall for a special Lenten activity. All are welcome to join us!



Confirmation

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



Youth Group

Our next Youth Group will meet on April 2nd @ 6:30 pm. at the hall. Any youth from 6th grade through high school is welcome to join!

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 😊



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 will be served).

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

FORMED Is Still Free to Parishioners

Look for one of the "FORMED" cards on the table in 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.

Divine Mercy Retreat a Success!

The Divine Mercy Retreat was held on Saturday morning, March 11th. St. Faustina's mission to share His message of Mercy was the theme of the Retreat. It was a wonderful and spiritual learning experience for us all! Brunch was served.

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



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.

April Calendar Additions

If any parishioner or group would like to have something put on the Church Calendar, please contact Pam at the Parish Office by noon on Wednesday, March 29th.

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.

Good Neighbor Center

The Good Neighbor Center is once again able to receive donations of food. Thank you for your patience and generosity.



Annual Diocesan Appeal

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 Dinner

The Knights' have scheduled one remaining Friday Lenten dinner:

Friday, March 31st Crab Cake Dinner

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

Collections for March 18th & 19th, 2023
Week's Amount

Total Offertory	\$ 3,252
Supplemental Collection	\$ 189
Easter Flowers	\$ 450
Total	\$ 3,891
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596
Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:	
Capital Campaign	\$ 845
Haiti Fund	\$ 500
Cemetery Fund	\$ 125
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 215
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 100

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

February 18 th	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	73
February 19 th	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	128
		Spanish Mass 11:30 am	32

Saint of the Week-

Saint Ludovico of Casoria's Story
Feast Day- March 30

Born in Casoria, near Naples, Arcangelo Palmentieri was a cabinet-maker before entering the Friars Minor in 1832, taking the name Ludovico. After his ordination five years later, he taught chemistry, physics, and mathematics to younger members of his province for several years.

In 1847, he had a mystical experience which he later described as a cleansing. After that, he dedicated his life to the poor and the infirm, establishing a dispensary for the poor, two schools for African children, an institute for the children of nobility, as well as an institution for orphans, the deaf, and the speechless, and other institutes for the blind, elderly, and for travelers. In addition to an infirmary for friars of his province, he began charitable institutes in Naples, Florence, and Assisi. He once said, "Christ's love has wounded my heart." This love prompted him to great acts of charity.

To help continue these works of mercy, in 1859 he established the Gray Brothers, a religious community composed of men who formerly belonged to the Secular Franciscan Order. Three years later, he founded the Gray Sisters of St. Elizabeth for the same purpose.

Toward the beginning of his final, nine-year illness, Ludovico wrote a spiritual testament which described faith as "light in the darkness, help in sickness, blessing in tribulations, paradise in the crucifixion, and life amid death." The local work for his beatification began within five months of Ludovico's death. He was beatified in 1993 and canonized in 2014.

Year of Grace and Divine Mercy

Meditation:

Do not fear, My little child, you are not alone. Fight bravely, because My arm is supporting you; fight for the salvation of souls, exhorting them to trust in My mercy, as that is your task in this life and in the life to come. After these words, I received a deeper understanding of divine mercy. Only that souls who wants it will be damned, for God condemns no one (Diary, 1452) Today I said to the Lord Jesus, "Do You see how many difficulties there are (to be overcome) before they will believe that You Yourself are the author of this work? And even now, not everyone believes in it." Be at peace, My child; nothing can oppose My will. In spite of the murmuring and hostility of the sisters, My will shall be done in you in all its fullness, down to the last detail of My wishes and My designs (Diary, 1531)

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, thank You for supporting us in our battle for souls. Despite opposition to Your work, may Your will be done in all its fullness.



West Point Knights of Columbus
Crab Cake Dinner

Crab Cakes, 3 sides, dessert & drink

OLBS Catholic Church Boogaard Hall
3510 King William Ave.

Friday, March 31, 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



IN OUR



Thoughts and Prayers

March 2023 Prayers for Healing & Good Health

**Cheryl Antal
Jerry Armstead
Paulette Berberich
Linda Blevins
Todd Brown
Vuong Bui
Linda Burch
Katherine Carson
Kevin Carson
Lucy Carson
Jose Castaneda
Meredith Crowe
Lydia Dehn**

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Dexter Dix
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Melissa Leger
Philip Liberato
Lenny Ramlano
Linda Ridenhour**

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Margaret Silvia
Gloria Wajciechowski
Frank & Beverly Watkins
Bill Webster
Steve Weems
James Wills
Andrea Berberich Wilson
Leda Zaginaylo
Abby Zwerner**

If you wish to put someone on the list, for the year 2023, please 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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