

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 4th & 5th, 2023

Saturday, March 4th

- 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass Offered for David Seckora (RIP)
Anniversary of Death
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Sunday, March 5th

- 9:00 am Mass Offered for Isa Ve Hoang Thi Tin (RIP)
Requested by Quan & Sandy Dinh
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 6th

- No Mass
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus meeting

Tuesday, March 7th

- 8:30 am Mass Offered for David Seckora (RIP)
Anniversary of Death
Requested by Paul & Valeria Seckora
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel
7:00 pm OLBS Lenten Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, March 8th

- 8:30 am Mass Offered for a Special Intention
Requested by Donna Geron
6:00-8:00 pm Adult Lenten Bible Retreat

Thursday, March 9th

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

Friday, March 10th

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

Saturday, March 11th

- 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 12th

- 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

Little Black Books for Lent

Please pick up a "Little Black Book" at the back of the church and use it for your daily Lenten reflections.

Apostles Creed In Use During Lenten Services

The Catholic Church particularly recommends the use of the APOSTLES' CREED use during Lent and Easter Time. Why? Because the words of this ancient Creed have been used for centuries as the basis of our baptismal promises, and the seasons of Lent and Easter put a strong focus on baptism.

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.

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 & Adult Bible Study

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



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 March 5th 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 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.



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)

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

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, and programs.

Little Black Books for Lent

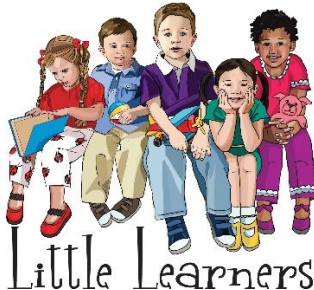
Don't forget to grab your Free Lenten reflection books on the back table. In it you will find Six-minute meditation on the Passion according to Matthew.

Lent in a Bag-

Please get your "Lent in a Bag," provided by the Youth Group. The instructions are included and it provides one symbol a week and a reflection for all family members to discuss.

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.



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

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 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 15th 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 by noon on Monday, March 6th so you can be included in the count for lunch. Jeanie's phone number is 804-370-5821.

A Message to All Parishioners of OLBS:

During 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

(804) 690-9942



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

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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 17th Shrimp or Fish Dinner

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. 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 25th & 26th, 2023</u>	
<u>Week's Amount</u>	
Total Offertory	\$ 4,304
Supplemental Collection	\$ 85
Votive Candles	\$ 10
Parish Heating	\$ 450
Ash Wednesday	\$ 315
Total	\$ 5,164
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596
Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:	
Capital Campaign	\$ 640
Maintenance Fund	\$ 35
Cemetery Fund	\$ 10
Thank You for Supporting our Parish	

<u>Attendance</u>			
February 25 th	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	65
February 26 th	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	124
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?

Priests for Life

The following is a letter written by a man who lost his son to abortion:

Dear John Peter,

In the fall, John, when the leaves fall from the trees I shall think of you, for you too fell from life. In the cold of winter, John, the snow shall remind me of you: for like the snow you were and are white and pure. In the spring, John, I shall think of you: for the birth of spring shall remind me that you, too should have been born into this world. John, I shall think of you in the summer: I shall imagine your laughter. I shall see you as you might have been, a little boy running and playing, scraping your knees from a fall.

I shall miss, John, all that I might have gained from your life.

May you rest in the arms of God,
Dad

Men struggling with the temptation and wounds of abortion can find help through Priests for Life at www.FatherhoodForever.org.

Saint of the Week

St. Dominic Savio

Feast Day- March 9th

Born into a peasant family at Riva, Italy, young Dominic joined Saint John Bosco as a student at the Oratory in Turin at the age of 12. He impressed Don Bosco with his desire to be a priest and to help him in his work with neglected boys.

A peacemaker and an organizer, young Dominic founded a group he called the Company of the Immaculate Conception which, besides being devotional, aided John Bosco with the boys and with manual work. Dominic, would, in 1859, join Don Bosco in the beginnings of his Salesian congregation. By that time, Dominic had been called home to heaven.

As a youth, Dominic spent hours rapt in prayer. His raptures he called "my distractions." Even in play, he said that at times, "It seems heaven is opening just above me. I am afraid I may say or do something that will make the other boys laugh." Dominic would say, "I can't do big things. But I want all I do, even the smallest thing, to be for the greater glory of God."

Dominic's health, always frail, led to lung problems and he was sent home to recuperate. As was the custom of the day, he was bled in the thought that this would help, but it only worsened his condition. He died on March 9, 1857, after receiving the Last Sacraments. Saint John Bosco himself wrote the account of his life.

Some thought that Dominic was too young to be considered a saint. Saint Pius X declared that just the opposite was true, and went ahead with his cause. Dominic was canonized in 1954. His liturgical feast is celebrated on March 9.

The Year of Grace, with Divine Mercy

From the Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

Today, I heard these words: **The graces I grant you are not for you alone, but for a great number of other souls as well. ...and your heart is in My constant dwelling place, despite the misery that you are. I unite Myself with you take away your misery, and give you My mercy. I perform works of mercy in every soul. The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy. My mercy is confirmed in every work of My hands. He who trusts in My mercy will not perish, for all his affairs are Mine, and his enemies will be shattered at the base of my footstool (Diary, 723).**

My Prayer Response: Lord Jesus, work miracles of mercy in the souls of the miserable, especially those trapped in sin, because they so need Your mercy. Help us all to trust in Your mercy

(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.

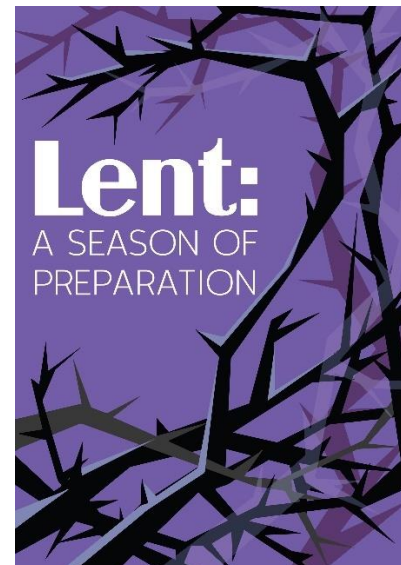
Parent Sessions will be at the following locations:

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





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Thoughts and Prayers

2023 March Prayers for Healing & Good Health

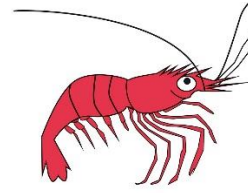
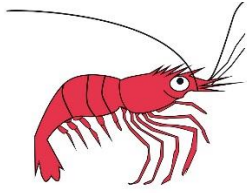
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Steve Weems
James Wills
Andrea Berberich Wilson
Leda Zaginaylo
Abby Zwerner

Prayers for Those in the Military

Please note that in January, the prayer list began anew. If you wish to put someone on the list, for the year 2023, you will need to call the parish office (804) 843-3125 to have that person's name put on the prayer list.



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
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