

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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 1st & 2nd, 2023



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

PALM SUNDAY

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

Monday, April 3rd

No Mass
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, April 4th

8:30 am Mass Offered for Richard & Anna
Kozlowski (RIP)
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, April 5th

8:30 am Mass – No Mass Intention
7:00 pm TENEBRAE SERVICE

Thursday, April 6th

7:00 pm HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Mass Offered for Joe, Sr., Elsie & Johnnie
Drexler (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Friday, April 7th

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross – Fr. Oscar
7:00 pm GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF
THE LORD

Saturday, April 8th EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY LIGHT

11:30 am Blessing of Food by Fr. Oscar
7:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
8:00 pm Mass Offered for David Seckora (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Sunday, April 9th EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD

9:00 am Mass – No Mass Intention

OLBS Friday Lenten Services

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

Change in Masses Starting in April

Father Oscar has been named temporary Chaplain of the Poor Clares Monastery. Because of celebrating Mass there daily and weekends, there will be changes in the Parish Mass schedule.

Weekday Masses will be at 9:30 am beginning Tuesday, April 18th and there will be no Spanish Masses beginning in April for at least the next several months (until further notice).

Father Oscar will continue as Pastor of this Parish, but has also been assigned to the Poor Clares Monastery for the foreseeable future. He will say daily Mass at the Monastery at 8:00 am, including Saturdays and Sundays. OLBS Sunday Mass will continue at 9:00 am as it has been.

Notice: Good Neighbor Center

The Good Neighbor Center is unable to accept donations of any kind, food or other items, due to a structural problem with the storage area floor.

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!

No Classes on Easter (April 9th).

Youth Group

There will be **no Youth Group on April 2nd.**
Note this is a change.

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 😊



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.

Parish Council Minutes

In this week's bulletin, you will find a copy of the February meeting minutes of the Parish Council. Hopefully, this will make parishioners aware of the issues being discussed to improve the Parish and allow anyone to voice their opinion or concerns to any member of the Council.

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.



Annual Diocesan Appeal

Your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal Strengthens Catholic Communities

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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.

Parish Workday

A Parish workday is being planned for 9:00 am to noon on the Saturday after Easter (April 15th), weather permitting. Plans are to work in the wooded area behind the church clearing trash and brush and working on memorial/prayer gardens of the different communities within the Parish. We also plan to work on preparing the front of the Boogaard Hall for new plantings of shrubbery.

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.

Collections for March 25th & 26th, 2023
Week's Amount

Total Offertory	\$ 2,937
Supplemental Collection	\$ 20
Easter Flowers	\$ 130
Total	\$ 3,087

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 1,525
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 20

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

March 25 th	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	68
March 26 th	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	129
		No Spanish Mass	

Year of Grace and Divine Mercy

Promises for Divine Mercy Sunday

The first Sunday after Easter (April 16th) is Divine Mercy Sunday, a day on which Our Lord promised that the floodgates of His mercy would be opened to sinners. This day is a wonderful opportunity for the faithful to open themselves to God's abundant mercy. **This also applies to Saturday Vigil Mass!**

"The Octave of Easter is a special eight days between Easter Sunday and the following Sunday, which is Divine Mercy Sunday. And those are the most sacred eight days of the entire liturgical year," says Fr. Chris Alar, Director of the Association of Marian Helpers.

The message of Divine Mercy that God gave to mankind is as easy to remember as A-B-C. "Ask for God's mercy, Be merciful to each other, and Completely trust in God's mercy," says Fr. Alar. God shared this message with us throughout human history, but we were not listening. In the 1930s, Our Lord appeared to a nun in Poland, "and he basically said, that's it. You, Saint Faustina, will prepare the world for my final coming."

"He first appears to her and says, I want you to paint an image ... it's the image with Jesus in the robe raising His right hand with the rays coming from the heart of the blood and the water. Then He told her, I want a feast ... on the Sunday after Easter," says Fr. Alar. "And [God] said, 'this feast is to be about my mercy. The world has forgotten it. And He gave her five new channels of grace that we now call the Devotion of Divine Mercy.'" The Devotion consists of the following five parts: Feast of Divine Mercy, Image of Divine Mercy, Novena of Divine Mercy, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Hour of Divine Mercy.

"People forget that we are forgiven of our sins in the confessional, but most likely, the punishment remains, and that punishment could be really rough," says Fr. Alar. The Lord promises that on the Feast of Divine Mercy, if you go to confession and receive Holy Communion, you will be forgiven of your sins *and* all punishment for those sins is wiped away. "Never will your soul be cleaner than it is on that day, other than your original baptism."

Jesus, I trust in you!

(The Diary of St. Faustina)

Meditation:

On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity (Diary, 699).

My Prayer Response:

Lord, what a promise! All the divine floodgates are open to pour out Your graces upon us. Help us to desire to ask for, and to receive with thanksgiving Your mercy that You pour out upon us. May we share the good news of these graces with our brothers and sisters.

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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