

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 EASTER

April 22nd & 23rd, 2023

Saturday, April 22nd

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

Sunday, April 23rd **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- 9:00 am Mass Offered for Rose Seckora (RIP)
Anniversary of Death
Requested by Paul & Valeria Seckora
10:15 am Religious education classes for
Children & Adult faith formation

Monday, April 24th *St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr*

- No Mass
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, April 25th **SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST**

- 9:30 am Mass Offered for Richard & Anna
Kozlowski (RIP)
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel
4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)
6:30 pm Parish Finance Council (MC)

Wednesday, April 26th

- 9:30 am Mass Offered for Ed Kopacki (RIP)
Anniversary of Death
Requested by Janice McGowan & Family
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, April 27th

- 9:30 am Mass Offered for Katherine Crump (RIP)
Requested by Donna Geron

Friday, April 28th *St. Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr*
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

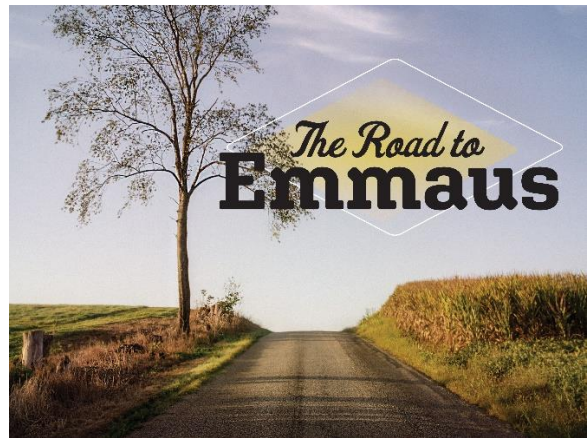
- 9:30 am Mass Offered for Joe, Sr., Elsie, & Johnnie
Drexler (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
6:30 pm Holy Rosary (Fr. Oscar)

Saturday, April 29th *St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of
of the Church*

- 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Mary JoAn Klisiewicz
(RIP)
Anniversary of Birthday
Requested by the Watkins Family

Sunday, April 30th **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- 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)

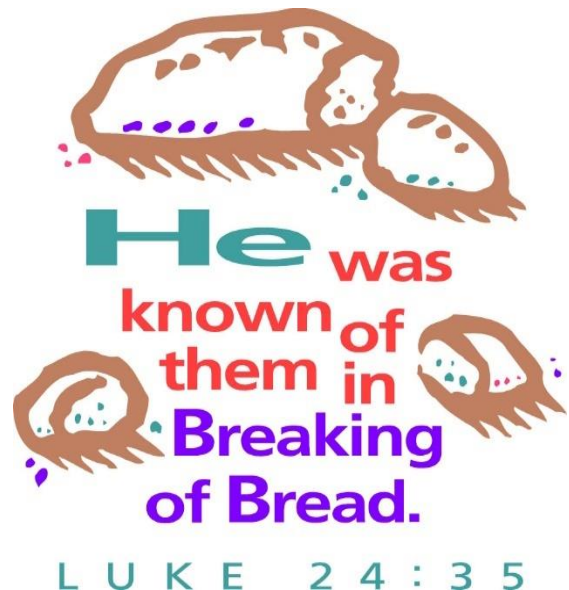


Change in Masses Starting in April

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

Weekday Masses at OLBS are now at 9:30 am. There will be no Spanish Masses beginning in April for at least the next several months (until further notice) because Father will be celebrating two masses on Saturdays (one at the Monastery) and two on Sundays (one at the Monastery).

He will say daily Mass at the Monastery at 8:00 am, including Saturdays and Sundays. Anyone may attend the daily and weekend Masses at the Monastery. OLBS Sunday Mass will continue at 9:00 am as it has been.



Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

Children and adults are welcome to Join us for Religious Education at the Hall Sundays at 10:15 am.

Our Tuesday Afternoon Bible study is at 4:30 pm. @ the Mercy Center Conference room. Our study is on Revelation. All are welcome!



Youth Group

Our next Youth Group will meet on Sunday May 7th @ 6:30 pm. at the VDB hall. Any youth from 6th grade through high school is welcome to join!

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.



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**

If you are interested in hosting a table or would like more details, please call: Erin (804-366-4435)

June 17th: **Reconciliation**

June 18th : **First Holy Communion**

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.

Priests for Life

“The toleration and promotion of abortion, socially and legally, has clouded individual consciences and made it difficult for many to distinguish between good and evil, even when what is at stake is the fundamental right to life. If we reject the value and dignity of human life, our culture becomes more and more based on a lie and its structures cannot long endure.” (Bishop Michael W. Warfel)

Easter Decorations

A Special Thank you to Janie and Larry Dzula for helping to make our Church look so beautiful and elegant for Easter. They also made and donated the wreaths hanging on the outside doors! Janie and Larry were inadvertently left off the list mentioned in last week’s bulletin. Your hard work to enhance everyone’s Easter experience was much appreciated!

Thank you to Richard Fredricks for donating the delicious cakes for Easter weekend. It was a nice way to celebrate Christ’s rising.

Sincerest Apologies to Karen & Phil Liberato. They had given a donation for Easter flowers in Honor of Karen’s mother, Theresa Sferra, who was accidentally left off the list published in the bulletin. Sincerest apologies.



One of our parishioners, Gloria Kojcsich, has fallen and broken her hip. She is currently at a rehab facility. From the rehab facility, Gloria will be going to an extended care facility. Please send any well wishes, cards, etc. in c/o Tom Kojcsich, 2218 East Marshall Street, Richmond, VA 23223. If you would like to wish Miss Gloria a Happy Birthday, she will be turning 100 on May 4th.



Knights of Columbus

The Knights have unsold frozen crab cakes available for sale from the recent Lenten dinner. They are \$30 per half dozen and \$60 per dozen. Please call Phil at 804-512-9701 if you are interested in purchasing any.

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.

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

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.

Collections for April 15th & 16th, 2023

Week's Amount

Total Offertory	\$ 3,180
Supplemental Collection	\$ 253
Good Friday	<u>\$ 50</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,483</u>

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 862
Poor Box	\$ 80
Haiti Ministry	\$ 75
Cemetery Fund	\$ 5

Thank You for Supporting our Parish



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), which involves meeting potential renters, showing the hall, and help renters fill out the rental paper work Please contact the parish office if interested in this ministry. Rentals are an important financial benefit to the Parish.

Attendance

April 15 th	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	69
April 16 th	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	147

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.



May Crowns for Mother Mary Statues

Beginning the week after Easter, we will be taking orders for anyone who would like to sponsor May Crowns for our Blessed Mother Mary statues and flowers for beside the Tabernacle and in front of the Altar.

We will order 3 May Crowns each weekend in May. You can sponsor 1 or more in loving memory of someone or in honor of someone. We will order 1 – 3” Crown that will cost \$15.00 and 2 – 6 ¼” Crowns that will be \$25.00 each.

The crowns for Mother’s Day Weekend will be a little more special and will be \$20.00 and \$30.00 each respectively.

We will also have flowers beside the Tabernacle and in front of the Altar each weekend in May. The vases beside the Tabernacle are \$75.00 each plus \$15.00 delivery and the arrangement in front of the Altar is \$100.00 plus a \$15.00 delivery fee. You can sponsor the vases beside the Tabernacle or the Arrangement in front of the Altar or everything in memory of a loved one or in honor of a loved one.

If interested, please call the parish office at 804-843-3125, Tuesdays-Thursdays from 9:00am until 4:30pm. Or email Pam at adminassistant@olbs-catholic.org.

Year of Grace and Divine Mercy

(From The Diary of St. Faustina)

Meditation:

My daughter, encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given to you. It please Me to grant everything they ask of Me by saying the chaplet. When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one. Write that when they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the merciful Savior (Diary, 1541).

My Prayer Response: Lord Jesus, help me not only to please You by praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy but also help me to encourage others to pray it. May many more souls avail themselves of this powerful intercessory prayer, especially in praying for the dying.

I HAVE HEARD OF ... *your love*
TOWARD *all the saints.*
EPHESIANS 1:15, ESV



Saint of the Day

St. Louis Mary Grignion de Montfort’s
Feast Day- April 28th

Louis’s life is inseparable from his efforts to promote genuine devotion to Mary, the mother of Jesus and mother of the Church. *Totus tuus* (“completely yours”) was Louis’s personal motto; Pope John Paul II chose it as his episcopal motto.

Born in the Breton village of Montfort, close to Rennes, France, as an adult Louis identified himself by the place of his baptism instead of his family name, Grignion. After being educated by the Jesuits and the Sulpicians, he was ordained a diocesan priest in 1700.

Soon he began preaching parish missions throughout western France. His years of ministering to the poor prompted him to travel and live very simply, sometimes getting him into trouble with Church authorities. In his preaching, which attracted thousands of people back to the faith, Father Louis recommended frequent, even daily, Holy Communion—not the custom then! and imitation of the Virgin Mary’s ongoing acceptance of God’s will for her life.

Louis founded the Missionaries of the Company of Mary, for priests and brothers, and the Daughters of Wisdom, sisters who cared especially for the sick.

His book *True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin* has become a classic explanation of Marian devotion. Louis died in Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre, where a basilica has been erected in his honor. He was canonized in 1947, and his liturgical feast is celebrated on April 28.

Bible Quiz

We know the name of only one of the two disciples to whom the risen Jesus appeared on the road to Emmaus. Who was he?

- A. John
- B. Paul of Tarsus
- C. Joseph of Arimathea
- D. Cleopas

Answer: D (See Luke 24:18.)



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

April 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

Vincent D'elia
Denise DePompeo
Dexter Dix
Joyce Drexler-an addition
Laurie Hite
Tom Hollowack
Carol Houser
Kendra Hunter
Gloria Kojcsich
Bonnie Kopacki
Melissa Leger
Philip Liberato
Lenny Ramlano

Linda Ridenhour
John Ross
Barbara Schaffer
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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