

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

HOLYDAYS: 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 EASTER

April 29th & 30th, 2023

- Saturday, April 29th **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
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)
- Monday, May 1st **Saint Joseph the Worker**
No Mass
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel
7 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
- Tuesday, May 2nd **Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of
The Church**
9:30 am Mass Offered for a Special Intention
Requested by Edna Trudeau
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel
4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)
- Wednesday, May 3rd **SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES**
9:30 am Mass Offered for Joe, Sr., Elsie & Johnnie
Drexler (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- Thursday, May 4th
9:30 am Mass Offered for Richard & Anna
Kozłowski (RIP)
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler
- Friday, May 5th
9:30 am Mass Offered for Gloria Kojcsich in Honor
of Her 100th Birthday (May 4)
Requested by Donna Geron
6:30 pm Holy Rosary (Fr. Oscar)
- Saturday, May 6th **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Mary Drexler (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
- Sunday, May 7th **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
9:00 am Mass – No Mass Intention
10:15 am Religious education classes for
Children & Adult faith formation
1:45 pm Youth Group @ Three Rivers Health and
Rehab for activities with the patients

The one who
enters by the
gate is the
shepherd of
the sheep.

JOHN 10:2



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.



“GOD has made this
JESUS,
whom you crucified,
both LORD
and CHRIST.”

ACTS 2:36, NIV

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

Our last day of religious ed. classes will be held on **May 7th**!

A parent meeting will be held for those receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be held immediately following, **11:20 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 **May 7th**. @ **1:45 pm** at **Three Rivers Health and Rehab** for activities with the patients.

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



Preschool Graduation

Our Preschool Butterflies will be graduating on Thursday, May 25th. We will have a celebration in the Church beginning about 9:20am, followed by light refreshments on the veranda. Come on out and support our Butterflies as they get ready to fly to kindergarten this coming Fall School Year! A special thank you to Vangy Lawson (Director of our Preschool and Before/After School Care Programs), Laurie Hite, Deidra Kopacki, Michelle Haden, Ashleigh Hudson Kohler for helping all of our preschool children prepare for kindergarten and grow closer to God in the process!



Because our Butterflies will be graduating on Thursday, May 25th about 9:20am, Father Oscar has moved the daily Mass to 11:00am just for May 25th. Daily Masses will remain at 9:30am other than the Senior Mass and Luncheon. Thank you for your understanding.

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)



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.

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.



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.

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.



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.

Annual Diocesan Appeal

The Diocese reports that \$3,832,547 has been raised to date from nearly 9,000 donors and the totals continue to climb every day!

- >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

Collections for April 22nd & 23rd, 2023

Week's Amount

Total Offertory	\$ 3,980
Supplemental Collection	\$ 10
Total	\$ 3,990
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596
Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:	
Capital Campaign	\$ 1,575
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 100
Cemetery Fund	\$ 25

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

April 22 nd	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	72
April 23 rd	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	132



May Crowns for Mother Mary Statues

We are currently taking orders for May Crowns for our Blessed Mother Mary statues and for 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.

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)

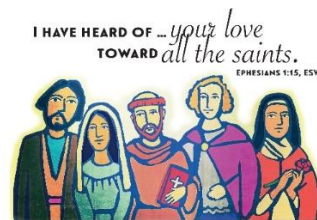
Meditation:

Today, the Lord came to me and said, **My daughter, help Me to save souls. You will go to a dying sinner, and you will continue to recite the chaplet, and in this way you will obtain for him trust in My mercy, for he is already in despair (Diary, 1797).**

Suddenly, I found myself in a strange cottage where an elderly man was dying amidst great torments. All about the bed was a multitude of demons and the family, who were crying. When I began to pray, the spirits of darkness fled with hissing and threats directed at me. The soul became calm and, filled with trust, rested in the Lord. At the same moment, I found myself again in my own room. How this happens...I do not know (Diary, 1798).

My Prayer Response:

Thank You, Jesus, for the gift of trust for the dying as we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. You dispel a multitude of demons and bring peace to the tormented soul.



Saint of the Day

Blessed Michael Giedroyc

Feast day- May 4th

A life of physical pain and mental torment didn't prevent Michael Giedroyc from achieving holiness.

Born near Vilnius, Lithuania, Michael suffered from physical and permanent handicaps from birth. He was a dwarf who had the use of only one foot. Because of his delicate physical condition, his formal education was frequently interrupted. But over time, Michael showed special skills at metalwork. Working with bronze and silver, he created sacred vessels, including chalices.

He traveled to Kraków, Poland, where he joined the Augustinians. He received permission to live the life of a hermit in a cell adjoining the monastery. There Michael spent his days in prayer, fasted and abstained from all meat and lived to an old age. Though he knew the meaning of suffering throughout his years, his rich spiritual life brought him consolation.

Michael's long life ended in 1485 in Kraków.

Five hundred years later, Pope John Paul II visited the city and spoke to the faculty of the Pontifical Academy of Theology. The 15th century in Kraków, the pope said, was "the century of saints." Among those he cited was Blessed Michael Giedroyc.

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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