

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

April 8th & 9th, 2023

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 – Kopacki and McGowan Families
Requested by Marian Kopacki and Janice
McGowan families

Monday, April 10th

- No Mass
- 12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, April 11th

- 8:30 am Mass Offered for Special Intention
Requested by Edna Trudeau
- 12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, April 12th

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

Thursday, April 13th

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

Friday, April 14th

- 8:30 am Mass Offered for Henry Kopacki (RIP)
Requested by Marian & Jonathan
Kopacki

Saturday, April 15th

- 9:00-1:00 Parish Work Day ending with Lunch
- 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:30 pm Mass Offered for Ed Kopacki (RIP) 11th
Anniversary of Death (4/15)
Requested by Virginia Kopacki
Charlie Sturtz (RIP) 8th Anniversary of
Passing (4/12)
Requested by Jeanie Sturtz

Sunday, April 16th

- 9:00 am Mass Offered for Frank Seckora (RIP)
Anniversary of Death
Requested by Paul & Valeria Seckora
- 10:15 am Religious education classes for
Children & Adult faith formation
- 6:30 pm Youth Group (VDB Hall)



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).

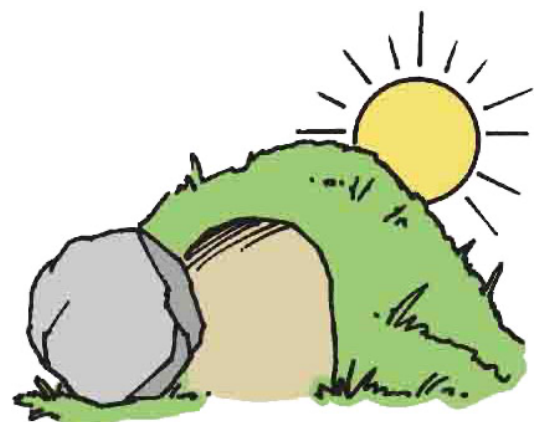
Father Oscar will continue as Pastor of this Parish, but has also been assigned to the Poor Clares Monastery for the foreseeable future. He will say daily Mass at the Monastery at 8:00 am, including Saturdays and Sundays. **OLBS Sunday Mass will continue at 9:00 am as it has been.**

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.

Happy Easter!! **No Classes Easter (April 9th)**. We will resume on April 16th.



Youth Group

Our next Youth Group will meet on April 18th @ 6:30 pm. at the VDB hall.

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!



Save the Date! – Tea with the Blessed Mother will be held on May 27th, 11:30 am. – 2:00 pm. If you are interested in hosting a table or would like more details, please call: Erin (804-366-4435)

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.

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

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.

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 April 1st & 2nd, 2023

Week's Amount

Total Offertory	\$ 6,665
Supplemental Collection	\$ 25
Votive Candles	\$ 55
Holy Thursday	\$ 40
Good Friday	\$ 15
Total	\$ 6,800

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 751
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 10
Haiti Ministry	\$ 100
Cemetery Fund	\$ 10

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

April 1st Saturday 5:30 pm Mass 75

April Sunday 9:00 am Mass 171

No Spanish Mass

MANY APOLOGIES!!! – The Senior Mass and Luncheons are now on Wednesdays! There was a huge typo on the Calendar! The Senior Mass and Luncheon will be on Wednesday, April 19th, 2023 (Not April 20th). The Luncheon will be at El Ranchero Mexican Restaurant at 3182 King William Avenue, West Point. Please call Jeanie Sturtz to make you reservation for the Luncheon no later than noon on Monday, April 17th at 804-370-5821. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Priest for Life

Our Easter Mission

"Have no fear. The outcome of the battle for life is already decided, even though the struggle goes on against great odds and with much suffering... "Christ is now raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep ... so in Christ all will come to life again" (1 Cor. 15:20-22). The paradox of the Christian message is this: Christ - the head - has already conquered sin and death. Christ in his body - the pilgrim people of God - continually suffers the onslaught of the Evil One and all the evil which sinful humanity is capable of.

"The liberating message of the Gospel of life has been put into your hands. And the mission of proclaiming it to the ends of the earth is now passing to your generation. Like the great apostle Paul, you too must feel the full urgency of the task: "Woe to me if I do not evangelize" (1 Cor. 9:16). Woe to you if you do not succeed in defending life. The church needs your energies, your enthusiasm, your youthful ideals, in order to make the Gospel of life penetrate the fabric of society, transforming people's hearts and the structures of society in order to create a civilization of true justice and love." – St. John Paul II to Youth, August 15, 1993, Denver, Colorado.



Paul & Valeria Seckora	April 5, 1997
Thomas & Paulette Berberich	April 11, 1964
(Thomas, Sr.) & Marguerite Sturtz	April 15, 1945
Billy & Katie Fudella	April 25, 2015

Hispanic Youth Event-

On Saturday, April 22, 2023, the Office of Hispanic Ministry will be having the Youth Encuentro at the Westin Richmond (6631 West Broad Street Richmond, VA 23230). This event is for Hispanic/Latino youth ages 14-18. Please see the following link for the flyer, registration, and all the information needed for this event: <https://conta.cc/3SLjQyU>

Promises for Divine Mercy Sunday-

Year of Grace and Divine Mercy

(The Diary of St. Faustina)

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!

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. Look for pricing in next week’s bulletin. 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.

Meditation:

For the sake of your ardent desires, I am hastening the Feast of Mercy. My spirit burst into such a powerful flam of love that it seemed to me that I was totally dissolved in God (Diary, 1082).

My Prayer Response:

Praised be the Lord Jesus Christ! The promise of Jesus in hastening the Feast of Mercy was fulfilled by Pope John Paul II on the day of the canonization of St. Faustina, which was on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 30, 2000. Lord Jesus, bless Pope John Paul II, who that day declared the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday!

Bulletin Quarterly Report

January 1, 2023 - March 31, 2023

	Current Period Actual	Current Period Budget	Current Period Budget vs. Actual
Income			
GENERAL PARISH OPERATIONS Totals:	58,914.23	60,495.46	(1,581.23)
LITURGY AND WORSHIP Totals:	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
FAITH FORMATION AND EVANGELIZATION Totals:	205.00	737.53	(532.53)
CHARITY AND OUTREACH Totals:	1,616.98	1,474.97	142.01
FACILITIES Totals:	4,420.00	4,300.03	119.97
Income Totals:	75,156.21	67,007.99	8,148.22
Expense			
GENERAL PARISH OPERATIONS Totals:	29,753.91	32,315.91	2,562.00
LITURGY AND WORSHIP Totals:	8,231.82	7,179.18	(1,052.64)
FAITH FORMATION AND EVANGELIZATION Totals:	6,980.56	8,491.26	1,510.70
CHARITY AND OUTREACH Totals:	1,328.34	1,175.06	(153.28)
FACILITIES Totals:	65,926.33	24,321.37	(41,604.96)
Expense Totals:	112,220.96	73,482.78	(38,738.18)
Income - Expense:	(37,064.75)	(6,474.79)	(30,589.96)

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Statement of Activities - With Date Range