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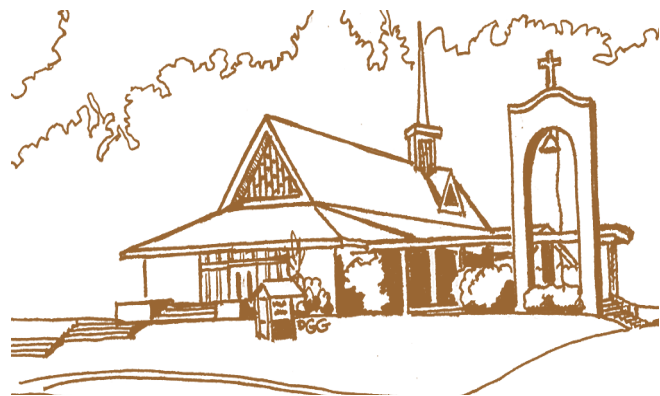
WEEKENDS: SATURDAY 5:30 P.M.

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 13th & 14th, 2023

Saturday, May 13th **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Mark Drexler, Jr. (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Sunday, May 14th **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9:00 am Mass Offered for In Loving Memory of Lois
& Matilda

Monday, May 15th *St. Isidore (USA)*

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

Tuesday, May 16th

9:30 am Mass Offered for Deceased Members of
the Kozlowski Family
Requested by Donna Geron
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel
4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)

Wednesday, May 17th

11:00 am Mass Offered for Deceased Members of
the Piersa Family
Requested by Donna Geron
12:00 Noon Senior Luncheon at Anna's Pizza &
Italian Restaurant, West Point
6:30 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm Cemetery Committee Meeting (MC)

Thursday, May 18th *Saint John I, Pope, Martyr*

9:30 am Mass – No Mass Intention

Friday, May 19th

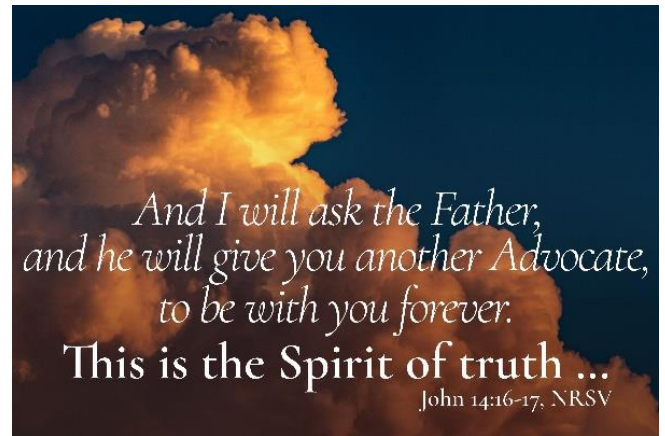
9:30 am Mass Offered Rosemarie Klisiewicz (RIP)
Anniversary of Death
Requested by the Watkins Family
6:30 pm Holy Rosary (Fr. Oscar)

Saturday, May 20th **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Isa Ve Hoang Thi Tin (RIP)
100th Day Anniversary of Death
Requested by Quan & Sandy Dinh

Sunday, May 21st **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

9:00 am Mass Offered In Loving Memory of Natalee
Franzyshen (RIP)
Anniversary of Birthday
Requested by Henry Franzyshen
10:15 am Bible Study (Mercy Center)
10:15 am Parish Council Meeting
6:30 pm Youth Group (VDB Hall)



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.

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.

Mass this Wednesday will be at 11:00 am with the Senior Luncheon to follow at Anna's Pizza & Italian Restaurant in West Point. Please call or text Jeanie Sturtz at 804-370-5821 by noon on Monday if you plan to attend the luncheon.



FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

Bible Study will move to the Mercy Center Conference Room after the Sunday, 9 am. Mass, starting on May 21. The Study will be on the **Book of Revelation**. We hope you can join us in learning the faith!

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

(Save the dates)-June 17th Reconciliation & June 18th First Holy Communion.

Thank you so much to all our catechists for a great year in religious education! Your gift of time and sharing the faith is one of the most important things we can do for our parish kids and the future of our church. May God Bless You!



Youth Group

Our next Youth Group will meet on
May 21st 6:30 pm. @ the Hall.



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



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 😊

Healing Service

On **Thursday, June 1st, 7:00 pm. to 9:00 pm.** at Saint Bede's Catholic Church on Ironbound Road in Williamsburg there will be a Healing Service.

Anyone can come.

We are boldly believing in miracles, signs and wonders! Expect the Holy Spirit to show up in power!

Summer Food Baskets for Young Students

School is out at the end of May! This means children will be out for the summer.

The current state of our economy will leave even more children without enough food and nourishment for the summer. We would like to offset that as much as possible for struggling families.

We will be shopping for and putting together Food Baskets on Saturday, June 3rd. We will be accepting donations for Food Baskets beginning this weekend. You can place your donation in an envelope with "Food Baskets" written on it and your envelope number so you can get credit for your donation. You can place it in the offertory or give it to Sandy Lam, Deidra Kopacki, Erin Hayden, or Pam Watkins.

We always shop at Aldi so that we can get the most for the money we collect and stretch those dollars as far as possible. Anyone is welcome to come along and help! Please just let us know by May 30th so that we can plan accordingly for lunch. Thank you so much for your support over the years. As a parish we have fed many struggling families over the years and have spread God's love to some of those who need it most!



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.



Our sincerest condolences to the family of Cornell Adams. His smile will definitely be missed! Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him.



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



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.

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

Collections for May 6th & 7th, 2023 Week's Amount

Total Offertory	<u>\$ 3,136</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,136</u>
 Budgeted weekly average parish need	 \$ 4,596
 Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:	
Capital Campaign	\$ 1,372
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 257
OLBS Scholarship Fund	\$ 50
Haiti Ministry	\$ 100

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

May 6 th Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	80
May 7 th Sunday	9:00 am Mass	158



Greg & Denise DePompeo	May 2, 1981
Pat & Wini Barron	May 14, 1966
Chris & Barbara Hite	May 15, 1982
Joe & Mary Pincus	May 15, 1993
Brian (BJ) & Hope Kopacki	May 17, 2008
Dexter & Pam Dix	May 24, 1992
Jim & Pattie Vadas	May 27, 1972



May Crowns for Mother Mary Statues

- **May Crowns and Flower Donations for this Weekend of May 13th & May 14th**
 - The three May Crowns this Weekend have been donated by Linda & Joe Drexler in Loving Memory of their Mothers, Anna P. Kozlowski & Elsie S. Drexler
 - Flowers beside the Tabernacle are in Loving Memory of Lois & Matilda & in Honor of All Mothers
 - Flowers In Front of the Altar were donated by Wini & Pat Barron in Celebration of their 57th Wedding Anniversary

You can still sponsor a May Crown for our Blessed Mother Mary statues or flowers for beside the Tabernacle and in front of the Altar, 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:

I received permission for one hour of meditation on the Passion of the Lord Jesus and for a certain humiliation. But I was a little dissatisfied at not receiving permission for everything I had asked. When we returned home, I dropped into the chapel for a moment, and then I hear this voice in my soul: **There is more merit to one hour of meditation on My sorrowful Passion than there is to a whole year of flagellation that draws blood; the contemplation of My painful wounds is of great profit to you, and it brings Me great joy** (Diary, 369).

(Then Jesus went on to admonish St. Faustina very kindly:)

I am surprised that you still have not completely renounced your self- will, but I rejoice exceedingly that this change will be accomplished during the retreat (Diary, 369; see also Diary, 371-72).

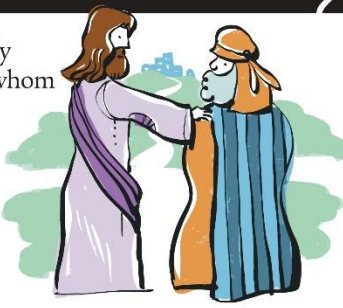
My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, may I grow in humility and surrender to Your divine will by meditating on Your Passion. Your will be done and not mine!

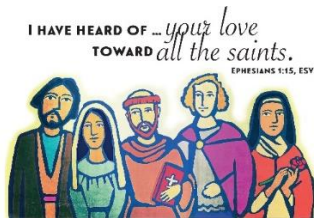
Bible Quiz

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.)



Saint of the Day

Saint Margaret of Cortona
 Feast day- May 16th

Margaret was born of farming parents in Laviano, Tuscany. Her mother died when Margaret was seven; life with her stepmother was so difficult that Margaret moved out. For nine years she lived with Arsenio, though they were not married, and she bore him a son. In those years, she had doubts about her situation. Somewhat like Saint Augustine, she prayed for purity—but not just yet.

One day she was waiting for Arsenio and was instead met by his dog. The animal led Margaret into the forest where she found Arsenio murdered. This crime shocked Margaret into a life of penance. She and her son returned to Laviano, where she was not well received by her stepmother. They then went to Cortona, where her son eventually became a friar.

In 1277, three years after her conversion, Margaret became a Franciscan tertiary (i.e., a lay associate). Under the direction of her confessor, who sometimes had to order her to moderate her self-denial, she pursued a life of prayer and penance at Cortona. There she established a hospital and founded a congregation of tertiary sisters. The poor and humble Margaret was, like Francis, devoted to the Eucharist and to the passion of Jesus. These devotions fueled her great charity and drew sinners to her for advice and inspiration. She was canonized in 1728. St. Margaret of Cortona’s liturgical feast is celebrated on February 22.

Harm happened
in isolation.

Healing can
happen together.

As a community, we strive to support survivors of child sexual abuse on their journey toward healing and wholeness. For those who have suffered abuse by clergy residing in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, we invite you to join virtually on May 17th at 7:00pm. Spouses and affected community members are also welcome. These gatherings, led by an independent facilitator, will offer a safe environment for participants to connect, share experiences, support, and heal. If you would like more information, or the virtual meeting link, please call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (877) 887-9603 or email dana@atreeplanted.org

PUZZLE

A lasting promise

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus speaks a final promise to the disciples.

Directions: Use the picture clues to find the letters. Then write that word below to complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

Find a letter that's in but not in _____

Find a letter that's in but not in _____

Find a letter that's in but not in _____

Find a letter that's in but not in _____

Find a letter that's in but not in _____

“But you will receive _____ when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

ACTS 1:8, NIV

Priests for Life

Pro-life Feminism

Susan B. Anthony (1889), abolitionist and early leader of the women's suffrage movement, opposed abortion, saying: "Sweeter even than to have had the joy of caring for children of my own has it been to me to help bring about a better state of things for mothers generally, so their unborn little ones could not be killed away from them."

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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