

OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 6th & 7th, 2023

Saturday, May 6th **FIFTH 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 7th **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
9:00 am Mass Offered for a Special Intention
Requested by Donna Geron
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

Monday, May 8th
No Mass
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, May 9th
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)

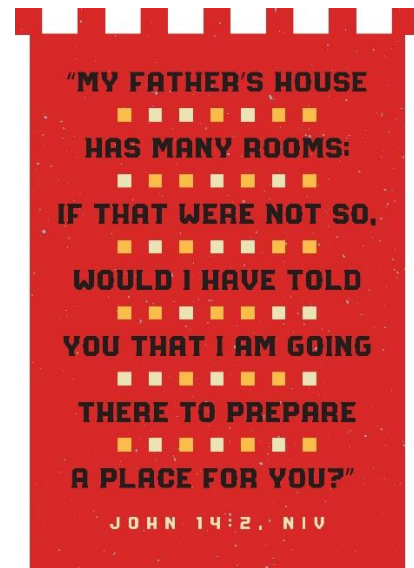
Wednesday, May 10th *St. John of Avila, Priest, Doctor of
The Church*
St. Damien de Veuster, Priest (USA)
9:30 am Mass Offered for All Babies Aborted by
their Mothers -May our Blessed Mother
Mary hold them all close to Her Heart
6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 11th
9:30 am Mass Offered for Joe, Sr., Elsie & Johnnie
Drexler (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Friday, May 12th *Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs*
Saint Pancras, Martyr
9:30 am Mass Offered In Loving Memory of our
Mothers & Grandmothers
Requested by the Watkins Family
6:30 pm Holy Rosary (Fr. Oscar)

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



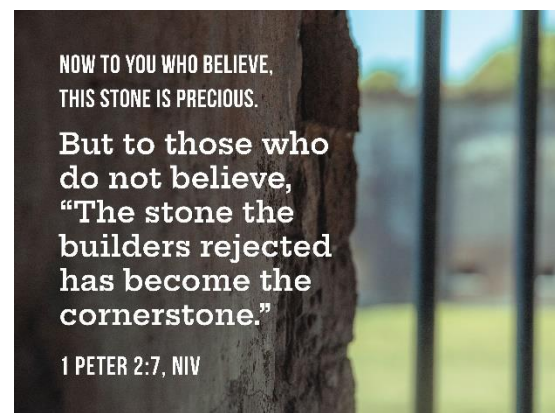
Notice: Good Neighbor Center

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.



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**.

(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!



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!



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.



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

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.

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 29th & 30th, 2023

Week's Amount

Total Offertory	\$ 2,931
Votive Candles	\$ 23
Total	\$ 2,954

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 791
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 100
Poor Box	\$ 126

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

April 29 th	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	72
April 30 th	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	120

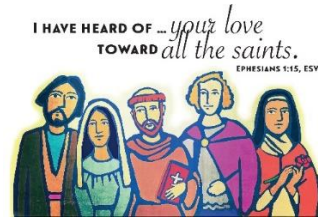


Hall Rental Coordinator

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.



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 6th & May 7th

- 3" Crown – Donated by Quan & Sandy Dinh in Loving Memory of Dinh Hong Nhi
- 6 ¼" Crown – Donated by Donna Geron in Loving Memory of Patsy Seckora
- 6 ¼" Crown – Donated by Richard & Margaret Mountcastle in Loving Memory of Eva Staskiel & Mary Mountcastle
- Flowers beside the Tabernacle and in front of the Altar – Ordered by Parish

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:

The Lord said to me, **“My daughter, do not tire of proclaiming My mercy. In this way you will refresh this Heart of Mine which burns with a flame of pity for sinners. Tell My priests that hardened sinners will repent on hearing their words when they speak about My unfathomable mercy, about the compassion I have for them in My Heart. To priests who proclaim and extol My mercy, I will give wondrous power; I will anoint their words and touch the hearts of those to whom they will speak.”** (Diary, 1521).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, I want to refresh Your Heart by unfaithfully proclaiming Your mercy. Thank you for empowering Your priests with anointed words of mercy that touch the hearts of the people. Remind me, Lord, to pray for priests that they would not stint in proclaiming Your mercy.

Saint of the Day

Saint Ignatius of Laconi
Feast day- May 11th

Ignatius is another sainted begging brother.

He was the second of seven children of peasant parents in Sardinia. His path to the Franciscans was unusual. During a serious illness, Ignatius vowed to become a Capuchin if he recovered. He regained his health but ignored the promise.

When he was 20, a riding accident prompted Ignatius to renew the pledge, which he acted on the second time. Ignatius’s reputation for self-denial and charity led to his appointment as the official beggar for the friars in Cagliari. He fulfilled that task for 40 years, despite being blind for the last two years.

While on his rounds, Ignatius would instruct the children, visit the sick, and urge sinners to repent. The people of Cagliari were inspired by his kindness and his faithfulness to his work. Ignatius was canonized in 1951.

Priests for Life

Politics and Religion Do Mix

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in its doctrinal note **“On some questions regarding the participation of Catholics in political life”** (2002) said about St. Thomas More: **“[He] gave witness by his martyrdom to the inalienable dignity of the human conscience. Though subjected to various forms of psychological pressure, Saint Thomas More refused to compromise, never forsaking the constant fidelity to legitimate authority and institutions which distinguished him; he taught by his life and his death that ‘man cannot be separated from God, nor politics from morality.’”**



IN OUR



Thoughts and Prayers

May 2023 Prayers for Healing & Good Health

Cornell (Butch) Adams-an
addition

Cheryl Antal
Jerry Armstead
Paulette Berberich
Linda Blevins
Todd Brown
Vuong Bui
Linda Burch
Robert Burch – an addition
Katherine Carson
Kevin Carson
Lucy Carson
Jose Castaneda

Meredith Crowe
Lydia Dehn
Vincent D'elia
Denise DePompeo
Dexter Dix
Joyce Drexler
Rich Egan- an addition
Laurie Hite
Tom Hollowack
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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