

# 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.*

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> **ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 4:30 pm First Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:30 pm Mass Offered for Fathers & Grandfathers  
Requested by the Watkins Family

Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> **ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 9:00 am First Holy Communion  
Mass Offered for All of our First Holy Communicants – That the Real Presence of Christ will call Them All to a Full and Active Faith
- 10:15 am Bible Study (Mercy Center)

Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> **St. Romuald, Abbot**

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

Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>

- 9:30 am Mass Offered for Joe, Sr., Elsie, and Johnnie Drexler (RIP)  
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
- 12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel
- 4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)

Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> **St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious**

- 11:00 am Mass Offered for Anna & Richard Kozlowski (RIP)  
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler
- 12:00 noon Senior Luncheon at Lucano's Pasta at Motel Drive on Rt. 33 in Eltham
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> **Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop  
Saint John Fisher, Bishop and  
Saint Thomas More, Martyrs**

- 9:30 am Mass Offered for Melvina Gooch (RIP) Anniversary of Death  
Requested by Edna G. Trudeau

Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> **TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:30 pm Mass Offered for a Special Intention  
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler

Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> **TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 9:00 am Mass Offered for Rosa Gooch (RIP) Anniversary of Birth  
Requested by Edna G. Trudeau
- 10:15 am Bible Study (Mercy Center)
- 10:15 am Parish Council Meeting (Mercy Center)

### Return to Holy Eucharist Under Both Species

We are in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers. A training session will be planned to show new volunteers the procedures and refresh previous Ministers. Please let Fr. Oscar, Pam, Pattie Vadas, or Joe Drexler know of your interest in serving and for a training session.

### Mass & Senior Luncheon

Mass and the Senior Luncheon will be on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Please mark your calendars and call Jeanie Sturtz at 804-370-5821 by Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> by noon to sign up for the Luncheon at Lucano's Pasta Restaurant, Rt. 33 in Eltham.

### Catholic Cemetery Information & Survey

In this week's bulletin you will see a reprint of the survey about interest in a "columbarium" for St. Theresa's Cemetery where ashes (cremains) may be interred above ground. Several examples of columbariums are also pictured. St. Theresa's Cemetery has a space that the Cemetery Committee is reserving for future columbariums.

**Please return the survey in the collection basket, drop off at the parish office, or by mail by the end of June.**



## FAITH FORMATION

### Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

Bible Study is in the Mercy Center, front Parlor room after the Sunday, 9 am. Mass. If our group grows, we may move to the Conference room. The Bible study is on the **Book of Revelation**. We hope you can join us in learning the faith!

Tuesday night Bible study is at 4:30 pm. in the Mercy Center Conference room. We are in the Book of Revelation.



June 17<sup>th</sup>: \*\*\*Reconciliation  
June 18<sup>th</sup> : \*\*\*First Holy Communion



### Weekend of First Reconciliation & Holy Communion –

Families will meet at the church on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. for Reconciliation and practice. On Sunday, June 18th, families will need to be at the church no later than 8:30 am. This will give us a few minutes for pictures, seating and run through.

Please call if there are any questions: 804-366-4435.

### Congratulations to the following:

Logan Chestnutt, William Henley, Juliana Inga,  
Jacqueline Jordan, Alex Lorenzo-Sprouse,  
Maddox McDonald, Bear McLane, Dat Nguyen,  
Alejandro Quezada, Cesar Quezada, Justin Woodcock

**On Your First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion! May you grow in your love for the Sacraments that unite us most closely with Jesus!**

## Vacation BIBLE SCHOOL

### Looking for help!

Vacation Bible School is set for the week of **July 24th to the 28th** from **6:00 pm. to 8:00 pm.** We are still in need of many volunteers for: Teaching, decorating, setting up, art, crafts, bible stories, music, games and snacks. Please consider sharing your time and talents.

Volunteer sign up is on the back table, or call the office. Even if you can only commit one day, it will be appreciated!

**We are looking for donated items:** Beads of any color, old towels (No holes please), baskets of different sizes, paper towel rolls, and Large pieces of cardboard.



### Annual OLBS Scholarship Awarded

**Congratulations to Adrian Vidal, the recipient of the annual Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament scholarship! Adrian plans to pursue a degree in Computer Science at Rappahannock Community College. Tiffany Smith is shown presenting the award to Adrian.**



The Family of Marian Kopacki would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, kind wishes during Marian's difficulties over the past couple months. She is doing much better now!



#### Work on Parish Grounds

Thanks to Jose Velazquez and his crew the past couple of weeks for replacing the culvert pipe on Father Jim's Road, leveling out the ditch behind the rectory, and doing more cleaning of the woods. They worked with Mason Kopacki on roughing out his Eagle Scout Project trail, as well!

#### Summer Food Baskets

Thanks to everyone who donated for the Summer Food Baskets. We were able to collect \$1,920.00 and spent \$1,866.63 in order to put together 10 Food Baskets geared to children's needs and convenience. With rising prices, we used almost every bit of what was taken in with the much higher prices than we even anticipated. Thanks you so much for your continued generosity!



#### Permanent Diaconate: Might You Be A Candidate?

A new cohort for the Permanent Diaconate will be announced in the July 10, 2023 issue of the Catholic Virginian. Men who have an interest are directed to discuss this possible vocation with their Pastor. Information sessions will begin in mid-October.

Interested persons should be active in parish ministries, in good standing with the Church, currently between the ages of 30 and 59 years old, is interested in serving the Church with the support of his wife (if married).

#### Altar Flower Donations

Flowers on the Altar this Week are in Honor of our First Communicants.

Even though May is over, you can still donate flowers for beside the Tabernacle and in front of the Altar in honor of a loved one. 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](mailto:adminassistant@olbs-catholic.org)

#### Your Parish Needs Your Help

There are several openings on Parish Council that needs filled. Also, there remains a need for someone to work on Boogaard Hall rentals. Neither of them take a lot of time but are important roles in the functioning of our Parish!

#### Notice: Good Neighbor Center

The Good Neighbor Center no longer will be using the facility at Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. For assistance, contact Mrs. Thornton at 757-585-8227 and she will give instructions on getting the help you need.

#### 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 June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Week's Amount**

Total Offertory	\$ 3,049
Total	\$ 3,049
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596
Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:	
Capital Campaign	\$ 1,365
Cemetery Fund	\$ 250
OLBS Scholarship Fund	\$ 571
Peter's Pence	\$ 300
Maintenance Fund	\$ 3

\*\*\*Thank You for Supporting our Parish\*\*\*

**Attendance**

June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	87
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	109



**June Wedding Anniversaries**

Jeffrey & Melissa Pitts	June 1, 1985
Mark & Carolyn Drexler	June 8, 1974
Terry & Brenda Frederick	June 16, 1973
John & Victoria Kurdziel Roane	June 26, 1960
(Paul) & Mary Leigh McDonald	June 30, 1973

**Year of Grace and Divine Mercy**  
(From The Diary of St. Faustina)

**Meditation:**

To comfort you, let Me tell you that there are souls living in the world who love Me dearly. I dwell in their hearts with delight. But they are few. In convents too, there are souls that fill My Heart with joy. They bear My features; therefore, the Heavenly Father looks upon them with special pleasure. (Diary, 367)

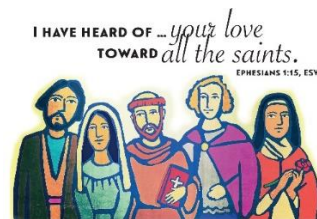
**My Prayer Response:**

Lord Jesus, thank You for telling me that there are souls who live in the world and love You. In your great mercy, raise up many more souls to love You and give joy to Your Heart. May I be one of them!

**Priests for Life**

**"A Father Looks Back"**

Longtime country music singer Kenny Rogers has a song called "Water and Bridges," which highlights a father's pain after losing a child to abortion. Rogers told CNN that the song is not about him, but is "really about choices you make when you're young that you pay for when you're old." He goes on to explain, "It starts off with a young couple who have an abortion, and the guy says, 'If a father could hold his son, I could undo what's been done, but I guess everyone is living with water and bridges.'" Counseling and healing is available for any man or woman who has lost a child to abortion. See [www.RachelsVineyard.org](http://www.RachelsVineyard.org) for details.



**The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

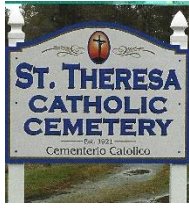
Feast day- June 16th

June has become known as the Month of the Sacred Heart, due to the fact that the feast of the Sacred Heart is celebrated each year during it. It all started when St. Margaret Mary Alacoque received private revelations from Jesus Christ. Jesus spoke to her on June 16, 1675, and asked her specifically to promote a feast that honored his Sacred Heart:

"I ask of you that the Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi be set apart for a special Feast to honor My Heart, by communicating on that day, and making reparation to It by a solemn act, in order to make amends for the indignities which It has received during the time It has been exposed on the altars. I promise you that My Heart shall expand Itself to shed in abundance the influence of Its Divine Love upon those who shall thus honor It, and cause It to be honored."

The feast of Corpus Christi has been celebrated after Trinity Sunday for many centuries and always falls during the month of June. The precise date fluctuates each year, as it is determined by the celebration of Easter.

It took until 1856 for the feast of the Sacred Heart to be officially celebrated by the universal Church, and ever since then the month of June has been focused on devotion to the Heart of Jesus and his divine love for humanity.



# Catholic Cemeteries

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

207 West Euclid Blvd., West Point, Virginia 23181



June 1, 2023

To: Families with beloved relatives and friends who are buried in St. Theresa Catholic Cemetery, West Point and St. John Kanti Catholic Cemetery, New Kent County

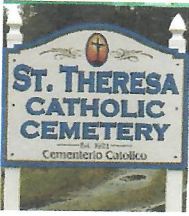
It is once again that time where your OLBS Cemetery Committee requests your annual charitable contribution to help us continue with the expenses associated with the ongoing upkeep and maintenance of our Parish Cemeteries. After over 20 years, we have determined the need to raise this maintenance fee from \$25.00 *to a new annual fee of \$50.00.*

We have budgeted at least \$9,000 this year for mowing the grass, weed eating around each tombstone, road repairs, tree trimming, debris removals and occasional removal of tree stumps. These expenses have increased due to the increased need to have the grass cut more frequently each month.

With the constant rising costs of gasoline and labor, we are truly blessed by your continued financial support, which has enabled your cemetery committee, to maintain our cemeteries in such an attractive and respectable manner which provides our entire community a quiet, reverent and reflective place to visit.

Please make your check payable to the ***OLBS Cemetery Fund.*** You have the option of mailing your check to the above address, place in the collection plate during services, or drop it off at the Mercy Center Parish Offices. May God bless each and every one for your perpetual generosity and dedicated support of your OLBS Cemeteries.

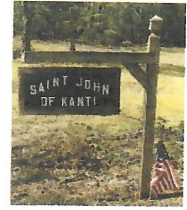
Rev. Oscar Paraiso, Pastor



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June 1, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

At the request of Fr. Oscar, the OLBS Cemetery Committee, is conducting a short survey for our Parish. This survey will allow us to assess the interest level in placing a columbarium within St. Theresa Cemetery. For those not familiar with a columbarium, it is a structure for above-ground burials of ashes. The structure can be a wall or circular in design with as many as 100 or more "niches" (usually 10"x15"x20" deep) Each niche can hold one or two "urns" (such as with a married couple) and are inscribed with the personal information on the niche door. The wall or circular columbarium has walkways and landscaping and benches to create a reverent, prayerful atmosphere. This survey is in reflection of the increasing number of Catholics who are choosing cremation. Your help and participation is deeply appreciated. Please complete the survey at your earliest convenience, and return in the collection basket or by envelope to the Parish office. **Thank you for your participation.**

1. **Have you previously arranged any of your services?** *(Check all that apply)*

- Parish     Funeral     Cremation     Cemetery

2. **Do you feel you have enough information around the Church's teaching on cremation?**

- Yes     No

3. **Which of these end-of-life options have you considered?** *(Check all that apply)*

- Ground burial (casket)     Entombment in a Mausoleum (casket)  
 Cremation with in-ground burial     Cremation with above-ground burial (columbarium)

4. **Would you be interested in having your ashes entombed within a columbarium if one was available in our cemetery?**

- Yes     No     Not sure, need more information

5. **How would you or your family like to receive additional information about use of a columbarium?**

*(Check all that apply)*

- A presentation at my parish     Appointment with a representative from OLBS cemetery  
 Tour of the cemetery     Other:

6. **Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Category:  < 50     50 – 59     60 – 69     70 – 79     80 +     Prefer not to state

*(Additional information on the Catholic Church's guidelines about cremation is included on the back of this page.)*

# Catholic Guidelines on Cremation

By Father Oscar Paraiso

If a body is to be cremated, the family must still hold a funeral Mass/Service with traditional funeral rites. The Church strongly urges that the full body of the deceased be present during the final rites, but ashes are also allowed to be present at the Mass.

If a Catholic family chooses cremation, the Church requires reverent disposition of the ashes. The Vatican says the ashes must be treated in the same way a body would be. The ashes are to be kept in a sacred place, the Church says, not in one's home, scattered, or divided among family members.

Burial in a Catholic cemetery or other sacred place is “above all the most fitting way to express faith and hope in the resurrection of the body,” the 2016 statement from the Vatican reads. In addition to ground burial in a cemetery plot as the final resting place, ashes can also be interred in a columbarium, which is a shared mausoleum, or buried in an urn garden.

The Church maintains that it does not oppose cremation, and anyone who has been cremated can still receive Catholic funeral rites, including a funeral liturgy. This guidance is true for both traditional cremation and direct cremation.

Traditional cremation: Cremation is performed after the funeral Mass/Service.

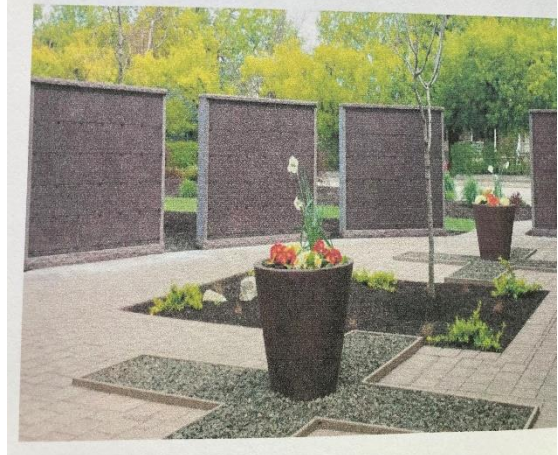
Direct cremation: is performed before the funeral Mass/Service.



**Pictures of Various Types & Designs of Columbariums**



Garden can provide a peaceful final resting place for those that want to be c that provided them a sense of pride during their life.



# 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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