

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.

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 24th & 25th, 2023

Saturday, June 24th **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 25th **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)

Monday, June 26th

No Mass
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, June 27th **Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop,
Doctor of the Church**

9:30 am Mass Offered for Matt Rogers (RIP)
Anniversary of Death
Requested by Edna Trudeau
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel
4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)
6:30 pm Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 28th **Saint Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr**

11:00 am Mass Offered for Henry Kopacki (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, June 29th **SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**

9:30 am Mass Offered for a Special Intention
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Friday, June 30th **The First Martyrs of The Holy Roman
Church**

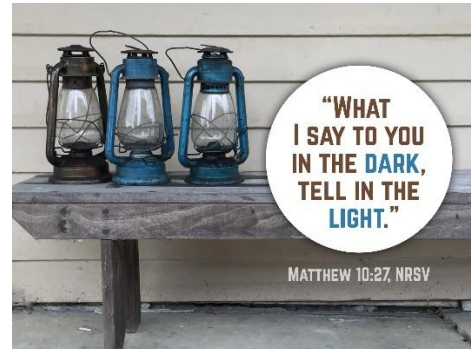
9:30 am Mass Offered for Anna & Richard
Kozlowski (RIP)
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler
6:30 pm Holy Rosary (Fr. Oscar)

Saturday, July 1st **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Cornell Adams (RIP)
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler

Sunday, July 2nd **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 am Mass Offered for Billy McGowan (RIP)
Anniversary of Death (7/4/2016)
Requested by Janice McGowan & Family
Mass Offered Patricia C. Copeland Lanuza
Anniversary of Death (6/29)
Requested by Dennis Lanuza
10:15 am Bible Study (Mercy Center)



Catholic Cemetery Information & Survey

Please submit your survey, if you have not already done so, 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.**

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 how it works. You can even use your own earphones to plug into the device.



The rosary is said by Father Oscar each Friday evening at 6:30 pm in the church. Please consider coming and praying together with your parish family.

Adoration in Mercy Center Chapel

Stop by the Mercy Center Chapel for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and enjoy the comfort of the new kneelers. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament usually takes place on Mondays and Tuesdays. The Chapel can also be opened for you during Parish Office hours on Tuesday through Thursday.

UPCOMING EVENTS



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: pieces of leftover carpet rolls, old blankets (No holes please), paper towel rolls, and extra-large pieces of cardboard.

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.



Congratulations to our High School Seniors!

Daniel Duke will be attending VMI in the Fall, pursuing an Economics Degree

Phong Nguyen plans to attend VCU in the Fall, pursuing a Nursing Degree

Adrian Vidal plans on attending RCC in the Fall, pursuing a Computer Science Degree. Adrian is the recipient of this year's OLBS Scholarship...Congratulations!

Congratulations to all of these hardworking individuals! We are so very proud of you and can't wait to see how God uses your talents/ gifts to be instruments of Christ's love for the world.



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!

And a big thank you to Erin Hayden and Cydney Henley preparing our First Communicants for the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion. How wonderful to have such a large class taking their next step in growing in our faith!

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

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

Poor Clares Monastery

The Poor Clares Sisters invite everyone to attend daily Mass at the Monastery which is usually at 8:00 am.

The monastery address is 5500 Holly Fork Road, Barhamsville 23011 in New Kent.

If you wish to leave a message or a prayer intention for the Sisters, or learn of upcoming events, the phone number is (757)566-1684.

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!

Also, with the Holy Eucharist under both species, host and blood, at all masses, there is a need for additional Eucharistic Ministers. Also, additional lectors are needed for Saturday evening masses.

Attendance

June 17 th	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	49
June 18 th	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	276

Collections for June 17th & 18th, 2023

Week's Amount

Total Offertory	\$ 2,493
Supplemental Collection	\$ 215
Votive Stand	\$ 29
Total	\$ 2,737

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 1,671
Cemetery Fund	\$ 50
OLBS Scholarship Fund	\$ 20
Peter's Pence	\$ 5
Poor Box	\$ 112

Thank You for Supporting our Parish



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:

Every soul, and especially the souls of every religious, should reflect My mercy. My Heart overflows with compassion and mercy for all. The heart of My beloved must resemble Mine and from her heart must spring the fountain of My mercy for souls; otherwise, I will not acknowledge her as Mine.

(Diary, 1148).

My Prayer Response: Lord Jesus, may I reflect Your mercy and resemble Your Heart that overflows with compassion and mercy. May I forgive every offense committed against me.

I HAVE HEARD OF *...your love*
TOWARD *all the saints.*
EPHESIANS 1:15, ESV



A Mother's Poem (to her child lost by abortion)

"Forgive me. I am sorry my baby, my little one. You were killed by the one who loved you the most. For the months I carried you, Flesh of my flesh, flesh of his flesh. I felt your every move, I could feel youBut I was too young, I did not know. Your father, my little one, did not know you. You are a boy, a man like him. I call you Stewart William, like him. You have curly, brown hair like him. Your face is his face. I love you like I love him. I have no excuses. I saved you from a world. Where babies are killed by the ones who should love them the most. You are safe with God now. If I should ever have another child, You must remember that I will always love you the most, my first baby. Sleep well, my little one."

For healing after abortion, visit
www.AbortionForgiveness.com.

Blessed Jutta of Thuringia
Feast Day- June 25th

Patroness of Prussia began her life amidst luxury and power but died the death of a simple servant of the poor.

In truth, virtue and piety were always of prime importance to Jutta and her husband, both of noble rank. The two were set to make a pilgrimage together to the holy places in Jerusalem, but her husband died on the way. The newly widowed Jutta, after taking care to provide for her children, resolved to live in a manner she felt was utterly pleasing to God.

She disposed of the costly clothes, jewels, and furniture befitting one of her rank, and became a Secular Franciscan, taking on the simple garment of a religious.

From that point her life was utterly devoted to others: caring for the sick, particularly lepers; tending to the poor, whom she visited in their hovels; helping the crippled and blind with whom she shared her own home. Many of the townspeople of Thuringia laughed at how the once-distinguished lady now spent all her time. But Jutta saw the face of God in the poor and felt honored to render whatever services she could.


About the year 1260, not long before her death, Jutta lived near the non-Christians in eastern Germany. There she built a small hermitage and prayed unceasingly for their conversion.

She has been venerated for centuries as the special patron of Prussia.



"I have set before you
LIFE and DEATH
CHOOSE LIFE so that
you and your descendants may live."

Deuteronomy 30:19, NRSV

PUZZLE 

No kidding

Whatever our age, God calls us to model holy living for others.

Directions: Match the animal young with its parent. Then write the letter answers in order below to complete 1 Timothy 4:12, NIV.

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|-----------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| 1. ___ bear | 9. ___ monkey | A. fry | I. hatchling |
| 2. ___ frog | 10. ___ platypus | B. fawn | K. foal |
| 3. ___ owl | 11. ___ alligator | C. gosling | L. owlet |
| 4. ___ horse | 12. ___ giraffe | D. cub | M. puggle |
| 5. ___ kangaroo | 13. ___ goose | E. kid | N. joey |
| 6. ___ deer | 14. ___ swan | F. cygnet | O. polliwog |
| 7. ___ goat | 15. ___ dog | G. infant | P. puppy |
| 8. ___ fish | | H. calf | |

"_on't let any__ne__oo__ down o__ you__ ecaus__
you__re youn__, but set an exa__ple for the bel__evers
in spec__, in__onduct, in love, in __aith and in __urity."

1 TIMOTHY 4:12, NIV



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

June 2023 Prayers for Healing & Good Health

Cheryl Antal
Jerry Armstead
Paulette Berberich
Linda Blevins
Todd Brown
Vuong Bui
Linda Burch
Robert Burch
Katherine Carson
Kevin Carson
Lucy Carson
Jose Castaneda
Meredith Crowe
Lydia Dehn
Vincent D'elia

Denise DePompeo
Dexter Dix
Joyce Drexler
Rich Egan
Paul Garman - **an addition**
Laurie Hite
Tom Hollowack
Kendra Hunter
Gloria Kojcsich
Bonnie Kopacki
Melissa Leger
Philip Liberato
Holly McGowan- **an addition**
Lenny Ramlano
Joe Ripchick

John Ross
Barbara Schaffer
Margaret Silvia
Edmund Staskiel
Gloria Wajciechowski
Frank & Beverly Watkins
Bill Webster
Steve Weems
James Wills
Andrea Berberich Wilson
Leda Zaginaylo
Abby Zwerner

For Those in the Military

Master Sergeant Tracie B. Gates

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
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