

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.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

June 3rd & 4th, 2023



Saturday, June 3rd **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**
5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Iva Lee (RIP)
Requested by The Watkins Family

Sunday, June 4th **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**
9:00 am Mass Offered for Judy Rogers (RIP)
Requested by Edna Trudeau
10:15 am Bible Study (Mercy Center)

Monday, June 5th **St. Boniface, Bishop, Martyr**
No Mass
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Business Meeting

Tuesday, June 6th **St. Norbert, Bishop**
9:30 am Mass Offered for Raymond Chatier (RIP)
Requested by Donna Geron
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel
4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)

Wednesday, June 7th
9:30 am Mass Offered for Anna Carol Hollins (RIP)
Requested by Lorraine & Bob Ryalls
6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, June 8th
9:30 am Mass Linda Ridenhour (RIP)
Requested by Lorraine & Bob Ryalls

Friday, June 9th **St. Ephrem, Deacon, Doctor of the Church**
9:30 am Mass Offered for a Special Intention
Requested by Pam Watkins
6:30 pm Holy Rosary (Fr. Oscar)

Saturday, June 10th **THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD
OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)**
5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Cornell Adams (RIP)
Requested by Lorraine & Bob Ryalls

Sunday, June 11th **THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD
OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)**
9:00 am Mass Offered for All Our First Holy
Communicants
(As They Prepare for First Holy
Communion To Take Place Next
Week)
10:15 am Bible Study (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.

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. The FeedMore Food Pantry will continue to serve the community on the third Thursday of every month at 9:30 AM West Point Christian Church Euclid Ave., West Point

Correction to the June Calendar

The Senior Mass and Luncheon will be on JUNE 21ST, NOT THE 14th. Please mark your calendars and call Jeanie Sturtz at 804-370-5821 by Monday, June 19th by noon to sign up for the Luncheon and look for the corrected calendar in this Bulletin.

Catholic Cemetery Information & Survey

In this week's bulletin, you will find information on cremation that is now accepted by the Catholic Church. In this regard, there is also a survey of parishioner level of interest in a "columbarium" for St. Theresa's Cemetery where ashes (cremains) may be interred above ground. Lastly, there is Father Oscar's letter explaining an increase in the annual fee for maintenance of grave sites at both St. Theresa and St. John Kanti Catholic cemeteries to \$50.00 annually.

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

Bible Study will move to the Mercy Center "foyer" after the Sunday, 9 am Mass. 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. We are in the Book of Revelation. All are welcome!

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!



No Youth Group on Sunday, June 4th.

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.

We are looking for donated items: (Any Color) Yarn, old towels (No holes please) Sheets (No holes please) Beads of any color and boxes as we get closer.

Items we would like to borrow: 3 -Outdoor pop-up canopies

Openings on Parish Council

Several parishioners will be going off Parish Council in June after serving several years. 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.

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. 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 27th & 28th, 2023 Week's Amount

Total Offertory	\$ 3,318
Supplemental Collection	\$ 30
Total	\$ 3,348

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 4,640
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 35
OLBS Scholarship Fund	\$ 10
Diocesan Home Missions	\$ 30
Maintenance Fund	\$ 546

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Update on our Capital Campaign

To date, we have raised a total of \$450,609 which includes Pledges in the amount of \$381,250 and One-Time Gifts of \$69,359. We have received \$233,151 in payments on pledges which leaves a total of \$148,098 yet to be received. We are truly Blessed with generous parishioners! Thank you for your support of caring for our facilities!



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

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.

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

Meditation:

What you see in reality, these souls see through faith. Oh, how pleasing to Me is their great faith! You see, although there appears to be no trace of life in Me, in reality it is present in its fullness in each and every Host. But for Me to be able to act upon a soul, the soul must have faith. O how pleasing to Me is living faith! (Diary, 1420)

My Prayer Response:

Jesus, I do believe, but increase my faith that I may please You even more in each reception of Holy Communion. May I see with the eyes of faith that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

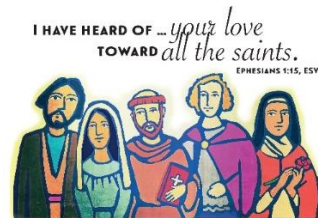
Priests for Life

Praise the Holy Trinity

Some truths, like the very existence of God, can be known by human reason alone. Other truths, like the fact that God is One in Three Persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – can only be known if God reveals them to us.

We could never conclude on our own that God is a Trinity. Today's Feast is not only an opportunity for thanking God for telling us more about himself. It is an occasion to take courage as we strive for deeper unity within the human family. God reveals himself to us in order to make us more like himself – not just as individuals, but as families, nations, and an international community.

We grow in unity as we give ourselves away to one another, just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit give themselves to each other completely.



Saint of the Day

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions
Feast day- June 3rd

One of 22 Ugandan martyrs, Charles Lwanga is the patron of youth and Catholic action in most of tropical Africa. He protected his fellow pages, aged 13 to 30, from the homosexual demands of the Bagandan ruler, Mwanga, and encouraged and instructed them in the Catholic faith during their imprisonment for refusing the ruler's demands. Charles first learned of Christ's teachings from two retainers in the court of Chief Mawulugungu. While a catechumen, he entered the royal household as assistant to Joseph Mukaso, head of the court pages.

On the night of Mukaso's martyrdom for encouraging the African youths to resist Mwanga, Charles requested and received baptism. Imprisoned with his friends, Charles's courage and belief in God inspired them to remain chaste and faithful. For his own unwillingness to submit to the immoral acts and his efforts to safeguard the faith of his friends, Charles was burned to death at Namugongo on June 3, 1886, by Mwanga's order.

When Pope Paul VI canonized these 22 martyrs on October 18, 1964, he also made reference to the Anglican pages martyred for the same reason.

Attendance

May 27 th	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	100
May 28 th	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	96



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

Deuteronomy 30:19, NRSV



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
Laurie Hite
Tom Hollowack
Kendra Hunter
Gloria Kojcsich
Bonnie Kopacki
Melissa Leger
Philip Liberato
Lenny Ramlano
Joe Ripchick - **an addition**

John Ross
Barbara Schaffer
Margaret Silvia
Edmund Staskiel - **an addition**
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.



Tea with the Blessed Mother

On Saturday May 27th - this past Saturday – the “Tea with the Blessed Mother” was held in the van den Boogaard Hall from 11:30 am – 2:00 pm.

And what a turnout for this amazing event here in our own Parish!
The total attendance was 42 ladies – including some very young ladies!

Thank you to all who joined us for the Tea on Saturday. It was a wonderful time for all and the food was amazing. A VERY BIG thank you to all our ladies who hosted a table: Jennifer Brown, Sandy Dinh, Anne Duke, Cydney Henley, Hope & McKenna Kopacki ad Virginia Walthour. This event couldn't happen without volunteers. One more very special thank you, to Sandy Dinh, for all her ongoing help with special events!

Our activities of the day consisted of Roll the Dice, Mother Mary Bingo, and how many words can you make from Blessed Mother Mary.

We had Three Reflections:

The Blessed Mother leading us to live lives of holiness.

The Blessed Mother and Jesus in the temple, bringing us to Purification, and the apparition and message of Our Lady of Fatima, and the Saints chosen for this time. One Saint in particular, St. Maximilian Kolbe.

We had many food dishes to share...and the fellowship was wonderful!



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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