

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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

August 12th & 13th, 2023

Saturday, August 12th **NINETEENTH SUNDAY-ORDINARY TIME**

- 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:30 pm Mass Offered for Matt Rogers (RIP)
on Anniversary of Birthday
Requested by Edna Trudeau

Sunday, August 13th **NINETEENTH SUNDAY - ORDINARY TIME**

- 9:00 am Mass Offered for Larry & Janie Dzula
in Honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary
Requested by the Watkins Family
- 10:15 am Bible Study (Mercy Center)

Monday, August 14th

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

Tuesday, August 15th **ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

- 9:30 am Mass Offered for Anne Renegar Hunsucker (RIP)
Requested by Olivia Lazar
- 7:00 pm No intention requested
- 12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel
- 4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)

Wednesday, August 16th

- 9:30 am Mass Offered for Anne Renegar Hunsucker (RIP)
Requested by Olivia Lazar
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, August 17th

- 9:30 am Mass Offered for Special Intentions
Requested by Pam Watkins

Friday, August 18th

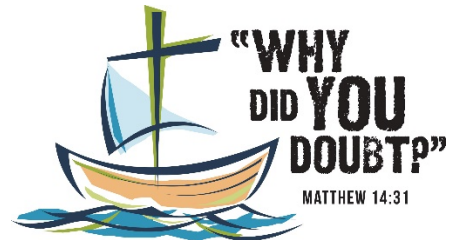
- 9:30 am Mass Offered for Special Intentions
Requested by Pam Watkins
- 6:30 pm Holy Rosary (Fr. Oscar)

Saturday, August 19th **TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

- 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:30 pm Mass Offered for Tommy Sturtz, Jr (RIP)
Anniversary of Birth (8/21)
Requested by Marguerite Sturtz & Family

Sunday, August 20th **TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

- 9:00 am Mass Offered for Father Oscar in honor of his 42nd Anniversary of Ordination (8/16)
Requested by Parish Family
- 10:15 am Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)



Vacancies on the Cemetery Committee

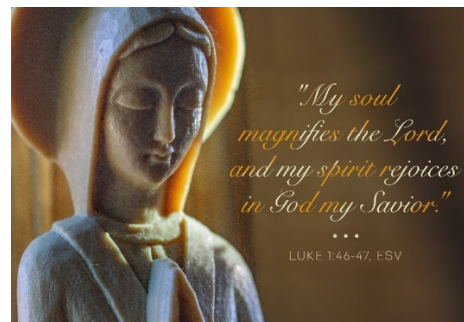
If you might be interested on serving on the Cemetery Committee, please let Father Oscar, Bob Ryalls, or the Parish Office know. The Committee meets every few months and oversees the operation and maintenance of both St. Theresa's Cemetery in West Point and St. John of Kanti Cemetery in Barhamsville (New Kent).



The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday, August 10th through Wednesday, August 16th. The office will reopen on Thursday, August 17th.

Your Parish Needs Your Help

The Finance Council would like to find someone to head up the Committee for the Poor within our Parish. If someone is interested in helping those in need, please contact the Parish Office @ 804-843-3125 Tuesdays – Thursdays from 9:00am until 4:30pm for further information.



Holy Day of Obligation: We celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday, August 15. Masses will be at 9:30am and 7pm.

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.

VacATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS "Special Love" Thank You

Many thanks! to all who helped Volunteer; Setup, cleanup, teach, games, music, crafts, snacks and donations of items needed! It was a success because God was leading! Where we started off with few volunteers, God increased to over 30-plus volunteers!! We had 37 total Kids participate! What a beautiful blessing! We had so much fun while learning and the adults learned as much as the kids!

A special thank you to Sandy Dinh, for donating all our snacks, designing our VBS flyer and the many other things! She offers willingly! Our fundraiser for **Special Love** (Helping kids with Childhood cancer) raised over **\$715!!** **The Winner of the raffle basket is Cydney Henley, Congratulations!!** No doubt the Spirit is moving in our church!

Our Journey with Jesus continues! May the seeds be cultivated to grow in good soil. God Bless You all!!





***** A movie worth seeing,
"Sound of Freedom." Based on a true story.

A former government agent (Tim Ballard) played by Jim Caviezel, quits his job in order to devote his life to rescuing children from global sex traffickers. The message needs to be shared and people need to be made aware of this in order to be the voice and protection for all children.

Angel Studios is promoting, pay it forward. If you can't afford tickets and would like to see the movie, go to: ANGEL.COM/Freedom and get your tickets free.

Altar Flower Donations

You can donate flowers for beside the Tabernacle and/ or 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



Knights of Columbus

Knights Planning a Breakfast on August 20th

Along with Celebration of Fr. Oscar's 42nd Anniversary

After Mass on Sunday August 20th, the Knights will serve a breakfast for the parishioners at the Boogaard Hall. Also to be observed is Father Oscar's 42nd Anniversary of Ordination. All are invited and there is no cost.



***Please note a correction to August's Calendar - There will be no Daily Masses August 28th through September 29th, because of Father Oscar's vacation.

Capital Campaign: To date we have raised a total of \$454,150.41 which includes \$381,250.00 in Pledges and One-Time Gifts in the amount of \$72, 900.41. We have received \$252,780.16 in payments on pledges leaving us \$128,469.84 to collect.



August Wedding Anniversaries

Eric & Joanna Ellingson	August 1, 1992
Bob & Lorraine Ryalls	August 5, 1978
Larry & Janie Dzula	August 11, 1973
Jim & Anne Duke	August 12, 1967
Philip & Karen Liberato	August 16, 1986
Greg & Erin Hayden	August 21, 1993
Gene & Bonnie Kopacki	August 23, 1975
Henry & (Natalee) Franzysen	August 26, 1972

Collections for August 5th & 6th, 2023

Week's Amount

Total Offertory	\$ 3,350
Votive Stand	\$ 13
Supplemental Collection	\$ 2,525
Religious Education	25
Total	\$ 5,913
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596
Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:	
Capital Campaign	\$ 3,961
Cemetery Fund	\$ 537
Poor Box	\$ 140
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance.	500
Haitian Ministry	175

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

July 5th	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	87
July 6th	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	143

Epic Retreat

We have 4 students attending the Middle School Youth Conference this year! Please pray for Adelyn Gibbs, McKenna Kopacki, Luis Hernandez and Justin Woodcock to be touched by the Holy Spirit and inspired in their faith experience for this weekend! Over 260 Middle Schoolers will be attending the EPIC event!

Eucharistic Revival

This year is a National Eucharistic Revival movement for all parishes. This is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Why does Jesus give himself to us as food and drink?

Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist as spiritual nourishment because he loves us. By eating the Body and drinking the Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, we become united to the person of Christ through his humanity. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him" (Jn 6:56). In being united to the humanity of Christ, we are at the same time united to his divinity. Our mortal and corruptible natures are transformed by being joined to the source of life.

Year of Grace and Divine Mercy

(From The Diary of St. Faustina)

Meditation:

In this retreat I am giving you, not only peace, but also such a disposition of soul that even if you wanted to experience uneasiness you could not do so. My love has taken possession of your soul, and I want to be confirmed in it. Bring your ear close to My Heart, forget everything else, and meditate upon My wondrous mercy. My love will give you the strength and courage you need in these matters (Diary, 229)

My Prayer Response:

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for Your gift of peace. Take possession of my heart with Your love. Help me to meditate on Your wondrous mercy that give me strength and courage.

October is the month of Mary! You can donate flowers for beside the Tabernacle and in front of the Altar in honor of or in loving memory of a loved one. Please call the Parish Office at 804-843-3125 Tuesdays-Thursdays from 9am to 4:30pm or email Pam at adminassistant@olbs-catholic.org.



Saint of the Week

Blessed Michael McGivney

Feast Day: August 13

The eldest son of an immigrant Irish family in Connecticut, young Michael left school at 13 to work in a brass factory making spoons. At 16 he began studies for the priesthood in Quebec, but was obliged to leave to help support the family when his father died. Michael completed his education in Baltimore, Maryland, and was ordained for the diocese of Hartford in 1877.

Assigned to St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Fr. McGivney was very active in parish and civic affairs, serving as director of public plays and fairs. He volunteered to become the guardian of Alfred Downes, a minor whose father had died leaving a large family in poverty. This situation as well as his own family's circumstances and that of other immigrants impressed on Fr. McGivney the need for lay Catholic men to establish a mutual aid society to provide financial assistance for their families if the primary wage earner died. Protestant fraternal groups already provided this type of life insurance protection for their members.

In 1882, Fr. McGivney formed the Knights of Columbus among a small group of St. Mary's parishioners to promote charity, unity, and fraternity, assisting widows and orphans. Because of the Knights' emphasis on serving Church, community and family, the organization grew and did not remain strictly parish-based. Patriotism was added as a founding principle in 1900. Father McGivney died from pneumonia in 1890 and was buried in Thomaston, Connecticut. Later his body was moved back to St. Mary's in New Haven where it remains today. He was beatified in 2020.

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



HARM HAPPENED IN ISOLATION. HEALING CAN HAPPEN TOGETHER. Support for Child Sexual Abuse Victims

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 August 30 at 7pm. 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.

In Need of Prayer:

An addition to our prayer list:
Larry Dzula, Jr

The Pope on Life

“Every life is sacred! Let us go forward with the culture of life to counter the logic of waste and the declining birth rate; let us be close and together let us pray for the babies who are threatened by the termination of pregnancy, as well as for the people who are at the end of life — every life is sacred! — so that no one may be left alone and that love may defend the meaning of life. Let us recall the words of Mother Teresa: “Life is beautiful, admire it; life is life, defend it!”, be it a baby who is about to be born, or a person who is close to death: every life is sacred!” – Pope Francis, Message for Day of Life, February 5, 2017

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to consider hosting one of our remaining exchange students for this coming school year or semester. Whether you are a young family, retired, a single parent, or empty nesters, hosting one of our students from countries like France, Italy, Ukraine, Denmark, and many others presents an extraordinary opportunity to personally experience their cultures and values while simultaneously sharing your own knowledge about the United States. These students are active members in their church back home and look forward to a faith experience in our country. For more information, contact Alina Clements, ASSE Eastern Regional Director Tel.: (800) 733 2772 - Email: host@asse.com - website <https://host.asse.com>

Emmaus Journey: A Retreat Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents -

Being held: August 12, 2023 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Newport News and October 21, 2023 at Saint Edward the Confessor, North Chesterfield.



Of all the pains that life can hand us, arguably the most searing is the death of a child. A parent's world irrevocably changes forever. As Jesus joined his distraught disciples on the road to Emmaus, we ask him to join us as we struggle through this journey of grief.

To meet the spiritual needs of parents whose children of *any* age have died by *any* cause, no matter how long ago, the Diocese of Richmond now offers the Emmaus Journey. The Emmaus Journey is a faith-based, day-long, spiritual retreat for grieving parents led by a team that includes grieving parents, spiritual directors, clergy, and parish leaders. The Emmaus Journey offers a safe place to seek peace, comfort, and hope.

Gather with us in a warm and loving environment with others who know something of your pain.

If you would like to speak with someone about the retreat, contact Christa at 757-595-0385 x107 or email cblomstrom@olmc.org

To register, visit: <https://evangelizerichmond.org/family/emmaus-journey/>

Catholic Teaching regarding the Assumption of Mary:

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 974) teaches, “The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body.”

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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