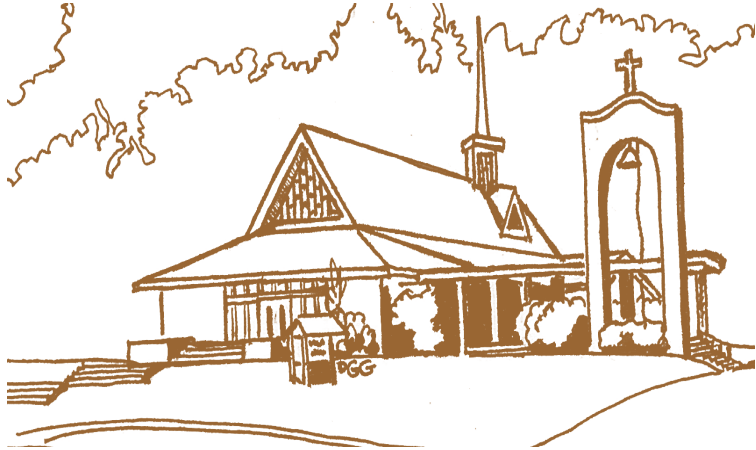


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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS: SATURDAY 5:30 P.M.

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

WEEKDAYS: 9:30 A.M. Tuesday - Friday

HOLYDAYS: 9:30 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.

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By Appointment

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.
followed by the Most Holy Rosary - 6:30 p.m.

RECITATION of the MOST HOLY ROSARY

6:30 p.m. Every Friday in the church

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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

August 19th & 20th, 2023

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 (August 21st)
Requested by Marguerite Sturtz &
Family

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

9:00 am Mass Offered for Fr. Oscar in honor of
his 42nd Anniversary of Ordination (8/16)
Requested by Parish Family
10:15 am Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)
10:15 am Knights of Columbus Breakfast (VDB Hall) &
Fr. Oscar 42nd Anniversary of Priesthood
Celebration

Monday, August 21st *Saint Pius X, Pope*

No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, August 22nd *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9:30 am Mass Offered for Patricia Caras (RIP)
Anniversary of Death (August 22)
Requested by the Watkins Family

12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)

6:30 pm Finance Council Meeting (Mercy Center)

Wednesday, August 23rd *Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin**

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

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, August 24th **SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE***

9:30 am Mass – No Mass Intention

Friday, August 25th *Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest**

9:30 am Mass – No Mass Intention

6:30 pm Holy Rosary (Fr. Oscar)

Saturday, August 26th **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY-ORDINARY TIME***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass Offered for Melvina Gooch (RIP)
Anniversary of Birth
Requested by Edna G. Trudeau

Sunday, August 27th **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY - ORDINARY TIME***

9:00 am Mass – No Mass Intention

10:15 am Bible Study (Mercy Center)

10:15 am Parish Council Meeting

**Color of letters indicates vestment colors for that Sunday or Saint's feast day. If no color, vestments are white.*



*"Lord, Son of David,
have mercy on me!"*

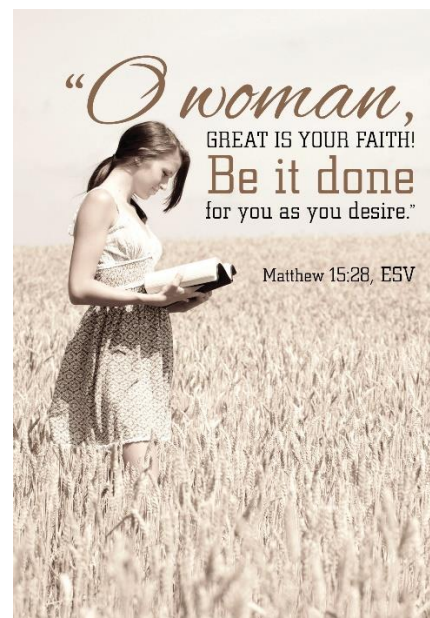
Matthew 15:22, NIV

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).

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.



*"O woman,
GREAT IS YOUR FAITH!
Be it done
for you as you desire."*

Matthew 15:28, ESV

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.

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.

Fact on the Eucharist-

The Eucharist destroys venial sin. Destroys! Through sin, the fervor of our charity can be dampened by venial sin. But when we receive the Eucharist we are united with Charity himself, which burns away the vestiges of our venial sins and leaves us cleansed and ready to begin again.

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!!



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

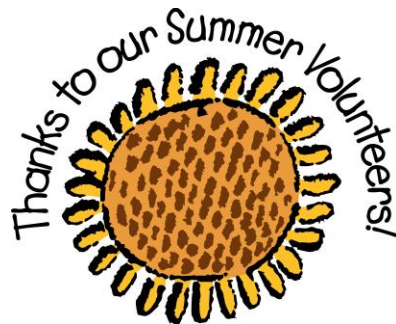


VBS "Special Love" Thank You

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!!



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.

Collections for August 12th & 13th, 2023
Week's Amount

\$\$ AMOUNTS NOT AVAILABLE FOR THIS WEEK.
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR VACATION.

<u>Attendance</u>		
August 12th	Saturday 5:30 pm Mass	92
August 13th	Sunday 9:00 am Mass	123

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

Meditation:

After Holy Mass, I went out to the garden to make my meditation... Suddenly Jesus stood before me and said, **What are you doing here so early?** I answered, "I am thinking of You, of Your mercy and Your goodness toward us. And You, Jesus, what are You doing here?" **I have come out to meet you, to lavish new graces on you. I am looking for souls who would like to receive My grace** (Diary, 1705).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, help me to recognize and receive Your graces with joy. I need all the graces that You want to lavish on me!

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



Saint of the Week

Pope Saint Pius X
August 21st

Pope Pius X is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of the frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially by children.

The second of 10 children in a poor Italian family, Joseph Sarto became Pius X at age 68. He was one of the 20th century's greatest popes.

Ever mindful of his humble origin, Pope Pius stated, "I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor." He was embarrassed by some of the pomp of the papal court. "Look how they have dressed me up," he said in tears to an old friend. To another, "It is a penance to be forced to accept all these practices. They lead me around surrounded by soldiers like Jesus when he was seized in Gethsemani."

Interested in politics, Pope Pius encouraged Italian Catholics to become more politically involved. One of his first papal acts was to end the supposed right of governments to interfere by veto in papal elections—a practice that reduced the freedom of the 1903 conclave which had elected him. In 1905, when France renounced its agreement with the Holy See and threatened confiscation of Church property if governmental control of Church affairs were not granted, Pius X courageously rejected the demand.

While he did not author a famous social encyclical as his predecessor had done, he denounced the ill treatment of indigenous peoples on the plantations of Peru, sent a relief commission to Messina after an earthquake, and sheltered refugees at his own expense.

On the 11th anniversary of his election as pope, Europe was plunged into World War I. Pius had foreseen it, but it killed him. "This is the last affliction the Lord will visit on me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge." He died a few weeks after the war began, and was canonized in 1954.

Priests for Life
The Pope and the Abortionist

On the morning of April 11, 2014, the Holy Father Pope Francis spoke to the Italian Movement for Life. Here is an excerpt of his address:

"Human life is sacred and inviolable.... Every civil right is based on the recognition of the first, fundamental right, the right to life, which is not subject to any condition, of a qualitative, economic and certainly not of an ideological nature. ... *Therefore it is necessary to reaffirm our solid opposition to any direct offence against life, especially when innocent and defenseless, and the unborn child in its mother's womb is the quintessence of innocence.*

Let us remember the words of Vatican Council II: 'Therefore from the moment of its conception life must be guarded with the greatest care while abortion and infanticide are unspeakable crimes'. ...I remember once, a long time ago, I participated in a conference with doctors. After the conference I greeted them and while I spoke to them, one of them called me to one side. He had a package and he said to me, 'Father, I want to leave this with you. These are the instruments I have used to carry out abortions. I have encountered the Lord and repented, and now I fight for life'. He gave me all those instruments. Let us pray for this good man".

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

Being held: 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 cbloomstrom@olmc.org

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

Greetings from ASSE International Student Exchange Programs,

We 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. Additionally, if you know of any outstanding families in your Congregation who would make great host families, we would greatly appreciate any referrals. Perhaps you would be willing to share the opportunity during church services?

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.

ASSE is fully committed to turning their dreams into reality, and we hope that you or someone in your Congregation would be interested in opening your/their home to a new family member this year.

Warm Regards,

Alina Clements, ASSE Eastern Regional Director

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*Harm happened
in isolation.*

*Healing can
happen together.*

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 30th at 7:00pm. 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 OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

August 2023 Prayers for Healing & Good Health

Cheryl Antal
Jerry Armstead
Paulette Berberich
Jean Berkey
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
Larry Dzula, Jr. - an Addition
Rich Egan
Paul Garman
Laurie Hite
Tom Hollowack
Kendra Hunter
Gloria Kojcsich
Bonnie Kopacki
Melissa Leger
Philip Liberato
Holly McGowan

Lenny Ramlano
Joe Ripchick
John Ross
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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 804.843.3125

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