

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 TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

August 5th & 6th, 2023

Saturday, August 5th **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

- 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:30 pm Mass Offered for Laura Gladys Watkins (RIP)
Requested by the Watkins Family

Sunday, August 6th **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

- 9:00 am Mass Offered for Marian Kopacki in Honor of Her Birthday (August 6th)
Requested by Children & Families
- 10:15 am Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)

Monday, August 7th **Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs**

and Saint Cajetan, Priest

No Mass

- 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel
- 7 pm Knights of Columbus meeting

Tuesday, August 8th **Saint Dominic, Priest**

- 9:30 am Mass Offered for Special Intentions
Requested by Pam Watkins
- 12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel
- 4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)

Wednesday, August 9th **Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Virgin, Martyr**

- 9:30 am Mass Offered for Special Intentions
Requested by Pam Watkins
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, August 10th **SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR**

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

Friday, August 11th **Saint Clare, Virgin**

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

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)
- 10:15 am Parish Council Meeting



He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

Matthew 17:2, ESV

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.

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.



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.



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 July 29th & 30th, 2023

Week's Amount

Total Offertory	\$ 2,813
Votive Stand	\$ 33
Church cleaning donation	\$ 360
Total	\$ 3,206
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596
Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:	
Capital Campaign	\$ 2,519
Cemetery Fund	\$ 25
Poor Box	\$ 50

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

July 29th	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	86
July 30th	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	119

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

Meditation:

This evening, Jesus said to me, My daughter do you need anything? I answered, “O my Love, when I have You I have everything.” And the Lord answered, **If souls would put themselves completely in My care, I Myself would undertake the task of sanctifying them, and I would lavish even greater graces on them. There are souls who thwart My efforts, but I have not given up on them; as often as they turn to Me, I hurry to their aid, shielding them with My mercy, and I give them the first place in My compassionate Heart** (Diary, 1682)

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, I desire to put myself completely in Your care Please undertake the task of sanctifying me. Without Your grace, I can do nothing! But with Your grace, I can do anything, because then all things are possible: “In Him I have strength for everything through Him who empowers me” (Phil 4:13)

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



Saint of the Week

Saint Teresa Benedicta
Feast Day- August 9th

A brilliant philosopher who stopped believing in God when she was 14, Edith Stein was so captivated by reading the autobiography of Teresa of Avila that she began a spiritual journey that led to her baptism in 1922. Twelve years later she imitated Saint Teresa by becoming a Carmelite, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

Born into a prominent Jewish family in Breslau, Germany—now Wroclaw, Poland—Edith abandoned Judaism in her teens. As a student at the University of Göttingen, she became fascinated by phenomenology—an approach to philosophy of believing we are conscious only of objects in our direct and lived experience. Excelling as a protégé of Edmund Husserl, one of the leading phenomenologists, Edith earned a doctorate in philosophy in 1916. She continued as a university teacher until 1922, when she moved to a Dominican school in Speyer; her appointment as lecturer at the Educational Institute of Munich ended under pressure from the Nazis.

After living for four years in the Cologne Carmel, Sister Teresa Benedicta moved to the Carmelite monastery in Echt, Netherlands, in 1938. The Nazis occupied that country in 1940. In retaliation for being denounced by the Dutch bishops, the Nazis arrested all Dutch Jews who had become Christians. Teresa Benedicta and her sister Rosa, also a Catholic, died in a gas chamber in Auschwitz on August 9, 1942. Pope John Paul II beatified Teresa Benedicta of the Cross in 1987 and canonized her 12 years later.

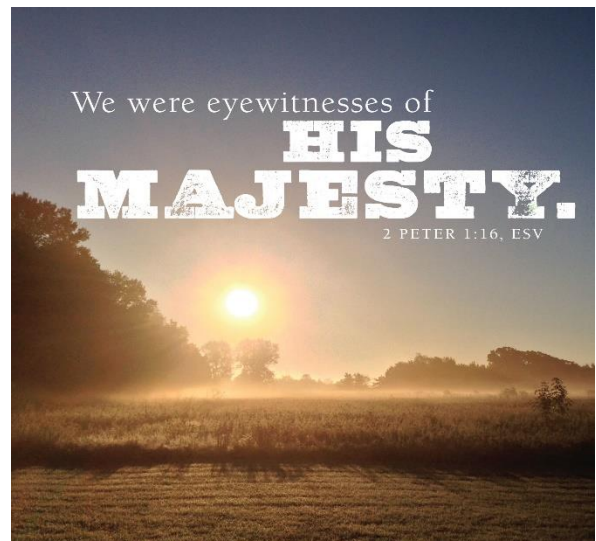


Novena to Mother St. Clare

Everyone is invited to the annual novena to the foundress of the order of all Poor Clares, after the 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass at their chapel from August 2-10.

Mass on August 11, 2023, the solemnity of St. Clare, is at 8:00 a.m.

The monastery is located at 5500 Holly Fork Road in Barhamsville, New Kent Co.



Priests for Life

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



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

Deuteronomy 30:19, NRSV

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/>



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

August 2023 Prayers for Healing & Good Health

Cheryl Antal
Jerry Armstead
Paulette Berberich
Jean Berkey - an Addition
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
Laurie Hite
Tom Hollowack
Kendra Hunter
Gloria Kojcsich
Bonnie Kopacki
Melissa Leger
Philip Liberato
Holly McGowan
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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