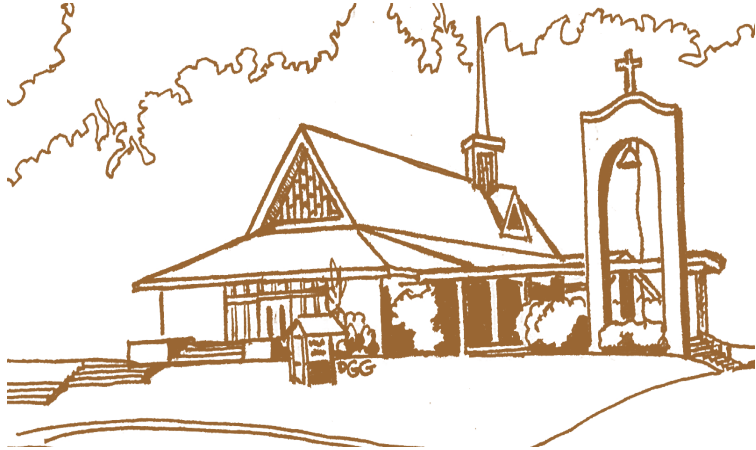


OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

3570 KING WILLIAM AVENUE, WEST POINT VA 23181



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS: SATURDAY 5:30 P.M.

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

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.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

September 30th & October 1st, 2023

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

Saturday, September 30th **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass offered for **Frank Watkins (RIP)**
Requested by the Watkins Family

Sunday, October 1st **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME***

9:00 am Mass offered for **Don Dzula (RIP)**
Requested by the Watkins Family

10:15 am Adult Bible Study
10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School

Monday, October 2nd **The Holy Guardian Angels***

No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, October 3rd

9:30 am Mass – No Mass Intention
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel
4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)

Wednesday, October 4th **Saint Francis of Assisi***

9:30 am Mass – No Mass Intention
6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, October 5th **Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin and Blessed Xavier Seelos, Priest (USA)***

9:30 am Mass offered for **Henry J. Kopacki, Jr.(RIP)**
Anniversary of Birthday (October 5th)
Requested by Janice McGowan & Family

Friday, October 6th **Saint Bruno, Priest and Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin (USA)***

9:30 am Mass – No Mass Intention
6:30 pm Most Holy Rosary

Saturday, October 7th **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass offered for **Frank Watkins (RIP)**
Requested by Janice McGowan

Sunday, October 8th **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME***

9:00 am Mass offered for **Don Dzula (RIP)**
Requested by Mike & Nancy Pausic
& offered for **Marie Gawlik (RIP)**
Requested by Arlene Lasch & Rich Perry
10:15 am Adult Bible Study
10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School



Your Parish Needs Your Help

Help on the **Committee for the Poor** within our Parish.

Volunteer to serve on the **Cemetery Committee**.

Consider reading as a Lector at Mass or serving as a Eucharistic Minister.

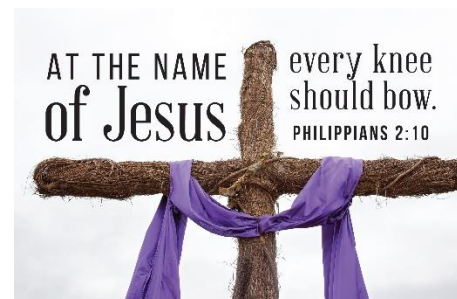
Father Oscar & Mass Intentions Returning

Father Oscar will be back on September 30th. Mass intentions will begin once again. You can call the Parish Office at 804-843-3125 or come by to schedule your Mass Intentions.



Holy Rosary Every Friday Evening

The Most Holy Rosary is prayed on Friday evenings at 6:30 pm in the church. Please come and pray together with your parish family.



Religious Education & Adult Bible Study



**** Religious education classes began on September 24th at 10:15 am. Registration forms can be found on the hospitality table in the back of the church. ****

Thank you to our Catechist Teachers; Margaret Keane, Melissa Simal, Cydney Henley, Shannon Hayden, Karena Funkhouser, Jackie Silvia, AJ Duke, Angelynn McDonald, Deacon Kevin and all of our Substitutes. We couldn't do it without you!

We are looking for a part time 5th grade teacher to share responsibilities teaching, every other week. Lesson materials are provided...it just needs a willing heart. Please prayerfully consider.

No Religious Education classes on October 8th.

Tuesday night Bible Study meets at 4:30 pm. in the Mercy Center. Studies from the Augustine Institute: Eternal Rest-The Art of Dying Well. You will find answers to questions like: What happens when we die? What does scripture teach? How do we prepare for the life to come? If you are interested in joining or have questions, please call the office, so we can have your materials.

Sunday Adult Bible Study will resume during Religious Education time, at the hall on October 1st. A new session will begin with our new year of learning. We hope you will join us!



Altar Flower Donations

October is the month of Mary! We will have flowers the entire month in loving honor of our Blessed Mother Mary. You can donate flowers for beside the Tabernacle and/ or in front of the Altar in honor of or in loving memory of a loved one.

October 29th- ALL SOULS / ALL SAINTS DAY!

Our religious ed. classes will participate in an All Saints and All Souls day event. Parish council and religious ed are inviting parishioners to participate and help. **Sign ups will be in the back of church on October 7th.**

We will have many fun learning activities planned from 10:30 am. to 12:30 pm.

We will be looking for help with stations, setting up, Saints **Trunk or Treat** and **Parish fellowship** time!

The Knights of Columbus will have Hot dogs, fries and sides for all.

Saint dress ups are encouraged for all kids and anyone wanting to participate. Please mark your calendar and get your treats together 😊 If anyone has extra egg cartons to donate, please contact the office: 804-843-3125

On October 21st, classes will be offered for all grade levels through **VIRTUS**, "Protecting God's children." This program is a part of Safe Environments and offered to all grade levels K-12 grade. It provides safety lessons to children, helping to equip your child to recognize boundaries and to empower them to protect themselves when safe adults are not immediately available. The classes will show a short video and have an activity, discussions and role play. A sign up and parent consent form will be placed at the back of church if you would like your child to attend the session. For more information, call: Erin Hayden.

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- *Spiritual consolation:*

Holy Communion is a foretaste of the joys of heaven so it can produce joy in us as we experience real unity with God. If we are feeling beaten down by the difficulties of life, we can come to the Eucharist, our font of joy, and ask the Lord to fill us with his consolation and peace.

Another Flower Bed Has Appeared on Parish Grounds!

Alfred Jones is at it again. Al has planted the area beneath the sign in front of the Boogaard Hall. Please check it out! And thank Alfred when you see him and for all the care he shows the plantings and flowers around the Parish grounds.

Welcome back, Father Oscar

From Father Oscar's trip home to the Philippines, is a picture of the "celebration of our Patron Saint, the feast of Our Lady of Peñafrancia (The Blessed Mother Mary). September 16th. River Procession. Naga City, Philippines."



They take their celebrations seriously there!



Collections for September 23rd & 24th, 2023

Week's Amount

Total Offertory	\$ 3,469
Votive Candles	\$ 7
Total	\$ 3,476
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596
Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:	
Capital Campaign	\$ 436
Retired Religious	\$ 369

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

September 23 rd	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	72
September 24 th	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	139



October Wedding Anniversaries

Brandon & Gigi Jordan	October 3, 2009
Albert & Gloria Wajciechowski	October 10, 1970
(David "Charlie") & Jeanie Sturtz	October 11, 1968
Frank & Mary Ann Fetterolf	October 19, 1963
Kevin & Deidra Kopacki	October 20, 2001
Mike & Nancy Pausic	October 29, 1960

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

Meditation:

My daughter, know that My Heart is mercy itself. From this sea of mercy, graces flow out upon the whole world. No soul that has approach Me has ever gone away unconsolated. All misery gets buried in the depths of My mercy, and every saving and sanctifying grace flows from this fountain. (Diary, 1777)

My Prayer Response:

Thank You, Jesus, for this five star teaching on Your mercy! Thank You for Your Heart, which is mercy itself, a sea of mercy, a fountain of mercy from which flows **every saving and sanctifying grace!** May I and all who approach You be immersed In the sea of Your mercy.

Priests for Life

No More Death

"Dear friends, by seeking holiness and using the gifts God has given us to accomplish his will in our lives, we are contributing mightily to that kingdom we all long for, where there will be no more crying or pain or death. Certainly no abortion. No euthanasia. No assisted suicide. No deep freezing of embryos as though they were merchandise. And no destruction of human life in the name of science." – (Cardinal Justin Rigali, National Prayer Vigil for Life, Opening Mass January 21, 2008.)

For All the Saints



Saint of the Week

Saint Faustina Kowalska
October 5th

Saint Faustina's name is forever linked to the annual feast of the Divine Mercy, the Divine Mercy chaplet, and the Divine Mercy prayer recited each day at 3 p.m. by many people.

Born in what is now west-central Poland, Helena Kowalska was the third of 10 children. She worked as a housekeeper in three cities before joining the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in 1925.

She worked as a cook, gardener and porter in three of their houses. In addition to carrying out her work faithfully, generously serving the needs of the sisters and the local people, Sister Faustina also had a deep interior life. This included receiving revelations from the Lord Jesus, messages that she recorded in her diary at the request of Christ and of her confessors.

At a time when some Catholics had an image of God as such a strict judge that they might be tempted to despair about the possibility of being forgiven, Jesus chose to emphasize his mercy and forgiveness for sins acknowledged and confessed. "I do not want to punish aching mankind," he once told Saint Faustina, "but I desire to heal it, pressing it to my merciful heart." The two rays emanating from Christ's heart, she said, represent the blood and water poured out after Jesus' death.

Because Sister Maria Faustina knew that the revelations she had already received did not constitute holiness itself, she wrote in her diary: "Neither graces, nor revelations, nor raptures, nor gifts granted to a soul make it perfect, but rather the intimate union of the soul with God. These gifts are merely ornaments of the soul, but constitute neither its essence nor its perfection. My sanctity and perfection consist in the close union of my will with the will of God."

Sister Maria Faustina died of tuberculosis in Krakow, Poland, on October 5, 1938. Pope John Paul II beatified her in 1993, and canonized her seven years later.



**Knights of
Columbus**

Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, October 5th is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus at the Boogaard Hall from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Please call **1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)** or visit **RedCrossBlood.org** and enter: **knightswestpoint** to schedule an appointment.

Calling all Knights! Help is needed for the upcoming **West Point Crab Carnival** with our annual Crab Cake booth on **October 6th & 7th**. This is our big fundraiser and much of the proceeds go to the Parish and other charities. Sign up to help whatever time you can!

Greater Williamsburg LIFE CHAIN

Once again rain or shine St. Olaf Catholic Church in coordination with other Churches invites all to participate in the 35th National Life Chain on **Respect Life Sunday, October 1st from 2:00 to 3:15 PM**. This will be the **Greater Williamsburg area's 11th annual Life Chain**.

Location will be on the sidewalk facing Richmond Road starting at Centerville Road.

The Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful, and public witness of pro-life faithful standing in honor of 60+ million lives lost to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that we support the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. Pro-Life signs will be available and you may bring a chair if need be and extend this invitation to your friends as well.

Don't Miss this Opportunity! St. Padre Pio Relic Tour Visits St. Bede Parish

You are invited for one day only to encounter and join the St. Bede parish community for public veneration of the holy relics of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Friday, Oct. 6.

The day begins with 9 a.m. Mass and the all-day veneration concludes at 6:45 p.m. with closing prayer. In all, five relics of St. Padre Pio will be available, including a first-class relic. Saint Bede is the only Virginia parish in 2023 where the relics will be displayed. Devotional items will be available to purchase. Don't miss this unique opportunity for a spiritual encounter with one of the most venerated of the modern saints in the Catholic Church. Join fellow Catholics for this unique opportunity! Contact St. Bede Catholic Church at (757) 229-3631 or comm@bedeva.org for more information. Don't miss it!

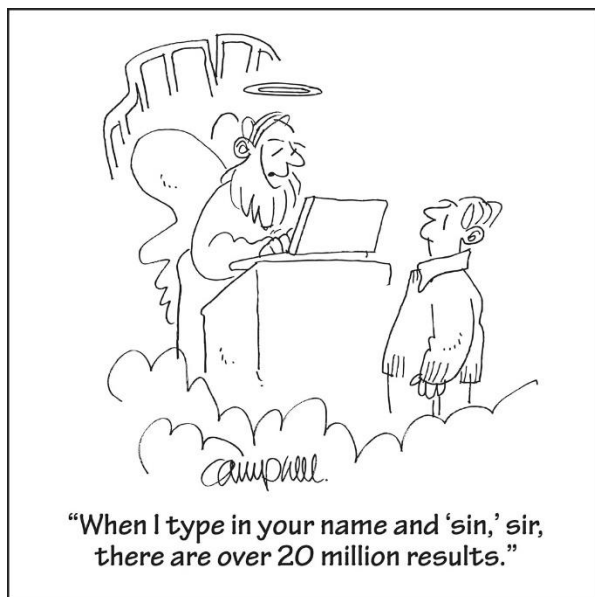
Follow Your Vocation to Serve: Become A Deacon

Do you think you may be called to serve the Church in a new role? The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is hosting three informational sessions this fall for men who might have a calling to ordained service to the Church and to the bishop as a permanent deacon, and are interested in discerning their calling while learning about the commitment it involves.

Qualifications for formation to the permanent diaconate include, but are not limited to the following:

- A Roman Catholic for a minimum of five years at time of application.
- Registered parishioner within the Diocese of Richmond for five years at the time of application, and active in the parish community.
- Between the ages of 30 and 59 at the time of application.
- Committed to and living out values of justice, charity and service.
- Demonstrates grateful fidelity to all that the Church teaches, openness to formation and has demonstrated leadership.

Following these sessions, a new cohort of permanent deacons will be formed in 2024. Our permanent deacons are assigned to a parish where they exercise liturgical and catechetical ministries within their parish communities. Deacons hold roles both in their church and in a variety of secular professions, showing how unique this vocation is. Please prayerfully discern whether you may be called to join a thriving and essential vocation to serve the Church in a new way. For those interested, visit the Permanent Diaconate page on richmonddiocese.org or email gmanuso@richmonddiocese.org. If you feel the call, talk to your pastor!



Join us at St. Joseph Church in Hampton for 6 weeks, starting

November 8, for a series on Healing Prayer!

Healing Prayer

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Session No. 1 – Fearless Documentary (Nov. 8)
Session No. 2 – Power & Authority to Heal (Nov. 15)
Session No. 3 – The Healing Prayer Process (Nov. 29)
Session No. 4 – Faith in Healing (Dec. 6)
Session No. 5 – Hope in Healing (Dec. 13)
Session No. 6 – Love in Healing- Eucharist (Dec. 20)

The Power of Prayer
Encountering Jesus!

Adoration 5-6
Mass 6-630
Program 630-8

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Spiritual Mentor Program

A new class of the Spiritual Mentor Program will begin at the Saint Clare of Assisi Retreat Center in January! Google us and watch the video for all the details!

There will be an online inquiry meeting at 7pm on October 18, 2023.



Blood Drive
Knights of
Columbus - West
Point

Boogaard Center
Boogaard Center 3510 King William Ave
West Point, VA 23181

Thursday, October 5, 2023
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



OR

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: knightswestpoint to schedule an appointment. Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

October 2023 Prayers for Healing & Good Health

Cheryl Antal
Jerry Armstead
Paulette Berberich
Jean Berkey
Beatrice Blacher – 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
Arlene Lasch – an Addition
Melissa Leger
Karen Liberato – an Addition

Philip Liberato
Holly McGowan
Lenny Ramlano
Joe Ripchick
John Ross
Barbara Schaffer
Margaret Silvia
Edmund Staskiel
Gloria Wajciechowski
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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