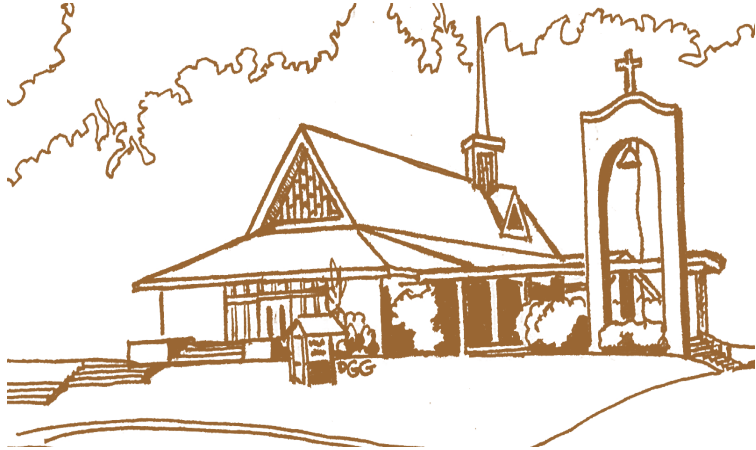


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MASS SCHEDULE

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.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

September 16th & 17th, 2023

Saturday, September 16th **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass – No Mass Intention

Sunday, September 17th **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME***

9:00 am Mass – No Mass Intention
10:15 am No Adult Bible Study – begins Oct. 1
10:15 am Catechetical Sunday with meeting at Boogaard Hall

Monday, September 18th

No Mass
12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel
6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Social Meeting w/ Dinner w/spouses at Nick's Restaurant

Tuesday, September 19th **St. Januarius, Bishop, Martyr**

No Mass
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel
4:30 pm No Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center) – New Study begins Sept. 26th

Wednesday, September 20th **Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs**

No Mass
12:00 Noon Senior Luncheon at Little Jimmy's at 240 Virginia St, Urbanna
6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, September 21st **SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE and EVANGELIST**

No Mass

Friday, September 22nd

No Mass
6:30 pm Most Holy Rosary

Saturday, September 23rd **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass – No Mass Intention

Sunday, September 24th **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME***

9:00 am Mass – No Mass Intention
10:15 am No Adult Bible Study – begins Oct. 1st

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



...how often should I forgive?
"Not **SEVEN** times,
but, I tell you,
SEVENTY-SEVEN
times."

Matthew 18:21-22, NRSV

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.

Please welcome this weekend, Father Johnny Mintah-Mensah, who will be celebrating Mass on Saturday, and Father Chris Haydinger, who will be celebrating Mass on Sunday while Father Oscar is away on vacation to the Philippines.

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.



Holy Rosary Every Friday Evening

Even though Father Oscar is on vacation, we continue to say the Most Holy Rosary on Fridays at 6:30 pm in the church. Please come and pray together with your parish family.

The September **Senior Luncheon** will be on Wednesday, September 20th. There is no Mass. Please mark your calendars and call Jeanie Sturtz at 804-370-5821 by Monday, September 18th by noon to sign up for the Luncheon at Little Jimmy's Restaurant at 240 Virginia Street, Urbanna.

Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

Catechetical Sunday is September 17th.

Breakfast and a meeting will be held at the hall, following the 9 am. Mass.



**** Religious education classes will begin on September 24th at 10:15 am. Registration forms and letters have been sent home. Extra forms can be found on the hospitality table in the back of the church. ****

Tuesday night Bible Study: Our new session will begin on **September 26th**, at 4:30 pm. in the Mercy Center 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!

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- *Unity with the Body of Christ:*

Since we are united more closely to Christ through the Eucharist, we are therefore united more closely to all the other people who receive the Eucharist! In other words, the Eucharist is like the glue that keeps us united with Jesus and all our brothers and sisters in the Church.

Information will be coming available soon on 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. For more information, call: Erin Hayden.



September Wedding Anniversaries

(Paul) & Gaye Tamulynas	September 13, 1986
(Billy) & Janice McGowan	September 14, 1974
Gary & Jackie Silvia	September 17, 1988
Philip & Cydney Henley	September 21, 2013



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.

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

Meditation:

One day, during the morning meditation, I hear this voice: **I myself am your Director; I was, I am, and I will be. And since you asked for visible help, I chose and gave you a director even before you had asked, for My work required this. Know that the faults you commit against him wound My Heart. Be especially on your guard against self-willfulness; even the smallest things should bear the seal of obedience.**

With a crushed and humbled heart, I begged forgiveness of Jesus for these faults. I also begged pardon of my spiritual director and resolved to do nothing rather than to do many things wrongly. (Diary, 362).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, Thank You for being my Director and Teacher. I also ask You to give me help through a visible director to guide me according to Your will and not mine.

Collections for September 9th & 10th, 2023

Week's Amount

Total Offertory	\$ 3,303
Votive Candles	\$ 51
Total	\$ 3,354
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596
Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:	
Capital Campaign	\$ 636
Poor Box	\$ 217

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

September 9 th	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	80
September 10 th	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	120

Priests for Life

From Saint Teresa of Calcutta:

"But I feel a great destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a direct war, a direct killing, direct murder by the mother herself. And we read in the scripture, for God says very clearly. "Even if a mother could forget her child, I will not forget you. I have carved you in the palm of My Hand." We are carved in the palm of His Hand; so close to Him, that unborn child has been carved in the Hand of God. And that is what strikes me most, the beginning of that sentence, that even a mother could forget something impossible—but even if she could forget -- "I will not forget you." And today the greatest destroyer of peace is abortion. And we who are standing here—our parents wanted us. We would not be here if our parents would do that to us."

Lecture upon receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, Oslo, Norway, Dec. 11, 1979.



"I have set before you
LIFE and DEATH
CHOOSE LIFE so that
you and your descendants may live."
Deuteronomy 30:19, NRSV



Knights of
Columbus

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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!

Becoming a Knight

Father Jakubowski Council 8116 always welcomes practicing Catholic men (18 and older) to join. You can either talk to one of the Knights or simply complete an online application. Go to www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html.

Knights of Columbus Insurance

Do you have life insurance, long-term care insurance, an annuity, or other retirement needs? The Knights of Columbus had their origins in 1882 to help those in need.

For All the Saints



Saint of the Week

Saint Januarius
September 19th

Little is known about the life of Januarius. He is believed to have been martyred in the Emperor Diocletian's persecution of 305. Legend has it that Januarius and his companions were thrown to the bears in the amphitheater of Pozzuoli, but the animals failed to attack them. They were then beheaded, and Januarius' blood ultimately brought to Naples.

"A dark mass that half fills a hermetically sealed four-inch glass container, and is preserved in a double reliquary in the Naples cathedral as the blood of St. Januarius, liquefies 18 times during the year...Various experiments have been applied, but the phenomenon eludes natural explanation...."
[From the *Catholic Encyclopedia*]

Our Lady of Fatima and the Fall of Communism
Thursday, Sept. 21, 7:00 pm, St. Olaf Parish Hall

This multimedia presentation by Steve Hemler and Craig Turner of the Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America (CAINA) provides a fascinating look at the events that led to the fall of communism in Russia and Eastern Europe and their links to Our Lady of Fatima, including the key role of Pope St. John Paul II.

In 1917, the Virgin Mary appeared in Fatima, Portugal, with a message of peace for the world. However, she also predicted the coming of a terrifying and bloody political movement--communism. The Bolshevik Revolution shortly after her final apparition ushered in an unprecedented age of political turmoil as Russia sought to spread communism throughout the world. Humanity lived in fear during most of the 20th century until the historic consecration of Russia was made by Pope John Paul II in 1984. This presentation provides a fascinating look at the amazing events that led to the fall of communism in Russia and Eastern Europe and their links to Our Lady of Fatima.

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.

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!

St. Therese, Gloucester, to Hold Presentation on Mother Teresa !

Pope John Paul II said, "In Mother Teresa's smile, words, and deeds, Jesus again walked the streets of the world as the Good Samaritan." JIM TOWEY was a trusted advisor and personal friend of Mother Teresa of Calcutta for 12 years. On WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, at 7 PM, he will be speaking at the **Church of Saint Therese in Gloucester**. All are welcome. His talk will be followed by a reception and copies of his book *To Love and Be Loved: A Personal Portrait of Mother Teresa* will be available for purchase.

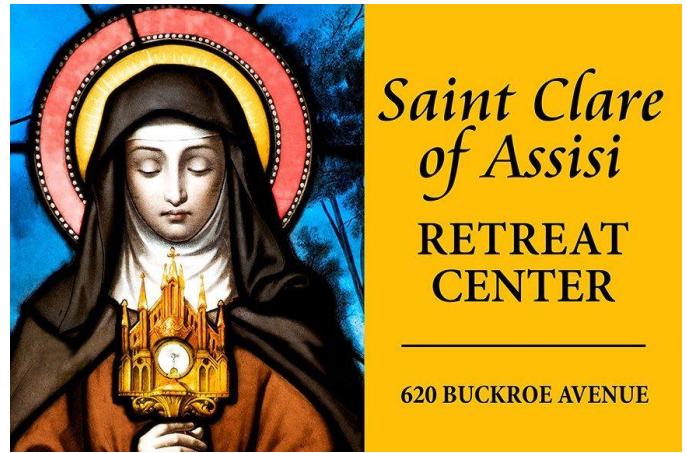
Join the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage!

Saturday, September 30, 2023

at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate
Conception in Washington, D.C.

Pray the Rosary together with the Dominican Friars and thousands of Catholics! **Join us in seeking the intercession of Our Lady. Sign up today to receive updates!**

The Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage is a full-day, national event celebrating Our Lady and the Rosary in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, Sept. 30, led by the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph.



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.

Join us at St. Joseph Church in Hampton for 6 weeks, starting November 8, for a series on Healing Prayer!


Healing Prayer

Join Us for Six Powerful Sessions!
Saint Joseph Catholic Church
512 Buckroe Avenue
Hampton VA

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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Cursillo

Greater Hampton Roads

Cursillo: Want to Be a Friend, Make a Friend or Bring a Friend to Christ, but don't know what to do or where to start? Consider participating on a Cursillo weekend. Cursillo is a three-day weekend that is fully sanctioned by the Catholic Church and Diocese of Richmond. The weekends are sponsored by lay Catholics with the assistance of ordained priest and deacons.

The next Cursillo Women's weekend is scheduled for September 21 – 24, 2023 and the next Cursillo Men's weekend is scheduled for October 12 – 15, 2023 at the Saint Clare of Assisi Retreat Center.

Mission: Led by the Holy Spirit, we grow the Body of Christ to be disciples through Piety, Study and Action.

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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