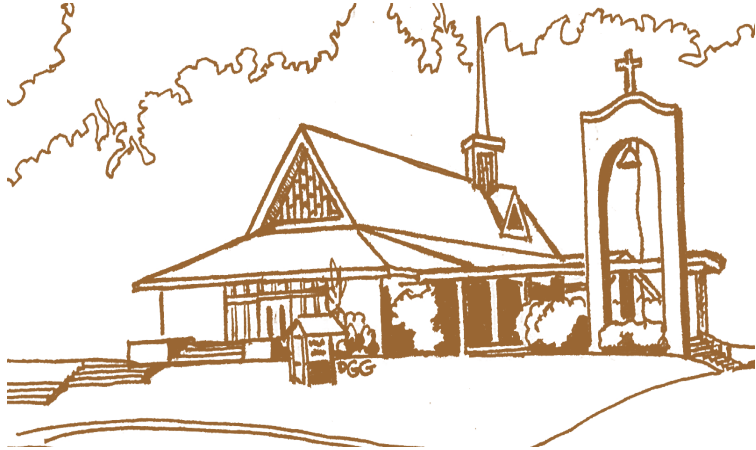


OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

September 23rd & 24th, 2023

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
10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School begins

Monday, September 25th
No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, September 26th Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

No Mass

12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel
4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)
6:30 pm Finance Council meeting (Mercy Center)

Wednesday, September 27th Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

No Mass

6:30 pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, September 28th Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr;
Saint Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs**

No Mass

**Friday, September 29th SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, and
RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS**

No Mass

6:30 pm Most Holy Rosary

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

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

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

9:00 am Mass – No Mass Intention
10:15 am Adult Bible Study
10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School

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



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.

Father Oscar & Mass Intentions Returning

Father Oscar will be back on September 30th. We will be taking Mass intentions 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

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.

Religious Education & Adult Bible Study



**** 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. ****

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: 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!

Thank you from "Special Love" for Children with Cancer

The Parish and Vacation Bible School received a letter of thank you for the money raised for Camp Fantastic, operated by Special Love for children with cancer, from Jan Bresch, Executive Director. The Special Love community began 40 years ago, and is stronger than ever thanks to efforts like that of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church. Thank you!

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- Commits us to the poor:

The [words of St. John Chrysostom](#) shame those of us who leave the Eucharistic table without caring for Christ in the poor: "You have tasted the Blood of the Lord, yet you do not recognize your brother, . . . You dishonor this table when you do not judge worthy of sharing your food someone judged worthy to take part in this meal. . . . God freed you from all your sins and invited you here, but you have not become more merciful."

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.



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.

Thanks to Volunteers on Parish Work/Cleanup Day

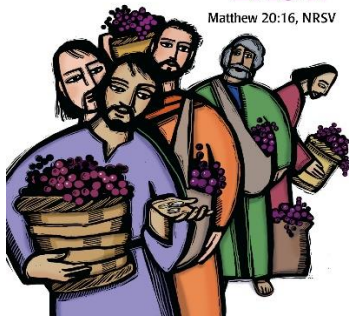
A hard-working crew turned out last Saturday, September 16, and got quite a bit of outdoor cleanup done around the Parish grounds. The weather and the day was beautiful!

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.

So the **last**
will be **FIRST**,
and the **first**
will be **LAST**.

Matthew 20:16, NRSV



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

Meditation:

I asked the Lord today that He might deign to teach me about the interior life, because of myself I can neither understand nor conceive anything perfectly. The Lord answered me, I was your Teacher, I am and I will be; strive to make your heart like unto My humble and gentle Heart. Never claim your rights. Bear with great calm and patience everything that befalls you. (Diary, 1701).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, teach me about the interior life. Help me to make my heart like Your Humble and gentle Heart. May I be calm and patient with everything that comes my way.

Collections for September 16th & 17th, 2023
Week's Amount

Total Offertory	\$ 3,355
Votive Candles	\$ 10
Supplemental Collection	\$ 270
Total	\$ 3,635

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 364
Poor Box	\$ 3
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 100
Maintenance Fund	\$ 852
Haiti Ministry	\$ 170

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

September 16 th	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	80
September 17 th	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	129



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

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.



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!

For All the Saints



Saint of the Week

Saint Wenceslaus
September 28th

If saints have been falsely characterized as “other worldly,” the life of Wenceslaus stands as an example to the contrary:

He stood for Christian values in the midst of the political intrigues which characterized 10th-century Bohemia.

Wenceslaus was born in 907 near Prague, son of the Duke of Bohemia. His saintly grandmother, Ludmilla, raised him and sought to promote him as ruler of Bohemia in place of his mother, who favored the anti-Christian factions. Ludmilla was eventually murdered, but rival Christian forces enabled Wenceslaus to assume leadership of the government.

His rule was marked by efforts toward unification within Bohemia, support of the Church, and peace-making negotiations with Germany, a policy which caused him trouble with the anti-Christian opposition. His brother Boleslav joined in the plotting, and in September of 929 invited Wenceslaus to Alt Bunglout for the celebration of the feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian. On the way to Mass, Boleslav attacked his brother, and in the struggle, Wenceslaus was killed by supporters of Boleslav.

Although his death resulted primarily from political upheaval, Wenceslaus was hailed as a martyr for the faith, and his tomb became a pilgrimage shrine. He is hailed as the patron of the Bohemian people and of the former Czechoslovakia.

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 richmonddioocese.org or email gmancuso@richmonddioocese.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.

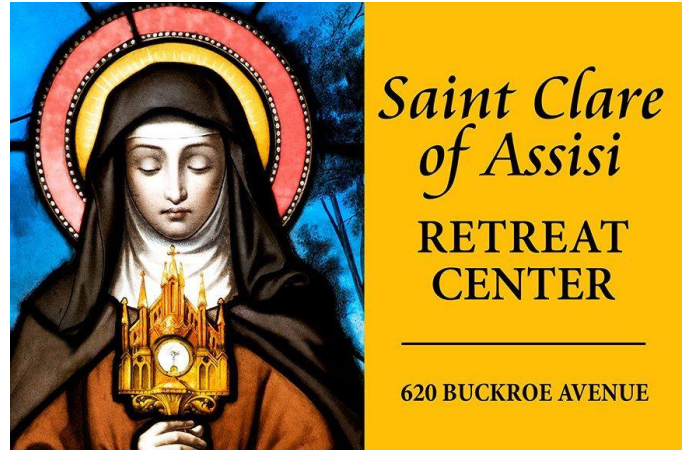
Join the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage!

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!

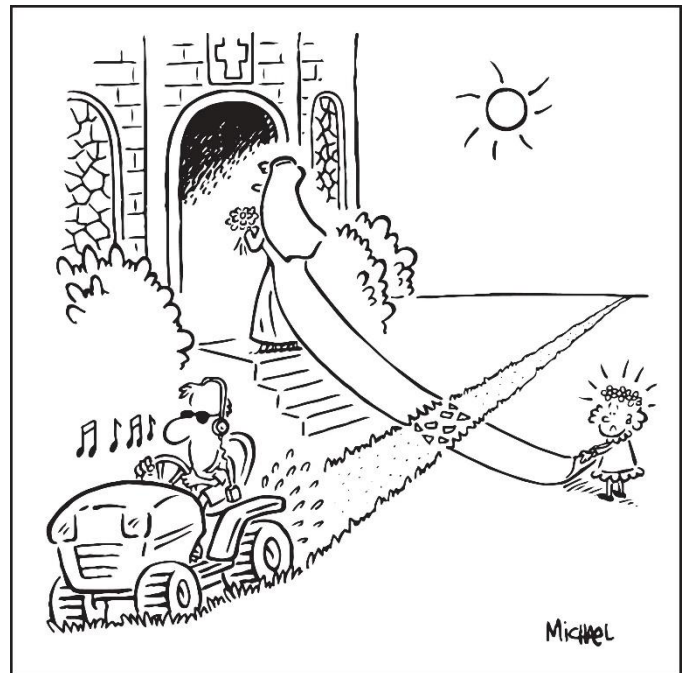
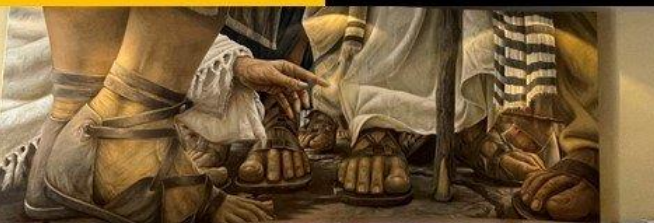

Healing Prayer

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



Parish Council Minutes

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

July 30, 2023

Members Present: Fr. Oscar, Tiffany Smith (Chair), Jim Vadas, Terry Frederick, Sal Inga, Bob Ryalls

Additional Visitors Present: Mason Kopacki, Kaylee Votto (Tiffany's niece)

Meeting Called to Order: Tiffany called the meeting to order.

Prayer: Tiffany led the meeting with the prayer "Opening Prayer" [from the Second Vatican Council].

Minutes: Approval of minutes from the June meeting was motioned by Jim, seconded by Terry, and were approved unanimously. It was noted that contractors who are also parishioners have not gotten back with Jim Pyne or Bob Ryalls about interest in working on the floors of the Preschool building.

Mason Kopacki Eagle Scout Project Presentation: Mason presented his plan for an outdoors Stations of the Cross trail. This will be located in the wooded area behind the parking lot between the hall and the church. Mason displayed the type of marker planned for each Station. These will be 9" x 6" aluminum plates housed in wood frames. He is considering asking parishioners to sponsor and donate the money for each station for which a plaque would be installed recognizing their contribution and whether it was in memory of someone. The 15th Station will be a large cross. Labor will be provided by Mason's Scout troop along with Jose's crew. Benches and statues will depend on fundraising. He expects the project to cost between \$3,400 and \$5,000. Plans are to complete the project by year end.

Plantings around property: Alfred Jones is working on planting flowers/shrubs around the announcement sign in front of the Boogaard Hall.

Preschool: The floors and structure are going to be inspected in the next week or two. It was noted that contractors who are also parishioners have not gotten back with Jim Pyne or Bob Ryalls about interest in working on the floors of the Preschool building.

Unless some issues arise, preschool should continue as normal in the Preschool Building.

Capital Campaign:

- \$453,606 is total to date
- 381,250 are pledges
- 72,356 are one-time gifts
- 246,833 to-date collected pledges
- 134,416 remaining pledges to collect

Bob was asked about the detailed capital campaign expenses to-date that was requested last meeting. Bob said we can get the spreadsheet from Pam and Jim agreed to do that.

Facilities & Maintenance Income & Expenses: Bob reviewed the Facilities & Maintenance account which was prepared for the Finance Council and is attached to these minutes.

Weekly Accounts Report: Bob briefly reviewed the balances left in the Parish main accounts that was prepared for the Finance Council and they are attached to these minutes.

Roofing and Flooring Projects: Bob said the roofer is planning to work on the recent two leaks following heavy rains and wind. This needs to be completed before the final restitution for the roof is paid. We thought everything was resolved and were planning to withhold \$15,000 leaving the final payment of \$20,000. Now we have to finalize everything once again. We do have a 5-year warranty on workmanship instead of the original one year.

The encapsulation of the floor of the Boogaard Hall has been completed and was an excellent job.

Diocesan Annual Appeal: Bob and Pam are checking on access to the Diocesan summary information to see where OLBS stands on collections to-date.

Elections: There is no progress on asking additional parishioners to serve on Parish Council.

Cemetery Committee: Cremation and Columbariums: We have received additional surveys and need to include them in the summary of the survey. Perhaps a presentation can be made in September.

Fostering Program: Tiffany mentioned information has been sent to Council and that she had been contacted from someone who wanted to make a fostering presentation at the church.

Need for ministers and other volunteer positions in Parish: We need to continue requesting help and include the personal approach to get parishioners to step up and volunteer.

Blood Drive: The Knights of Columbus held their blood drive at the Boogaard Hall July 14th with a reduced number of donors. Ten pints were collected and a half dozen people were turned away because of low iron, etc. It is thought that the previous two drives being cancelled by the Red Cross because of lack of personnel interrupted our regular donors and will take a while to get back to normal. The next blood drive is in October.

August 20 breakfast & Father Oscar's 42 Anniversary of Ordination: The Knights are planning to cook the breakfast.

Parish Picnic: Tiffany said a meeting is planned in a couple weeks to work on a Parish picnic which would take place in mid-September, perhaps the 10th or 17th. She will be back in touch with Council about meeting after a Mass. She would like to know who would be interested in heading up committees for various duties at the picnic.

Sound System in the church & choir area: It was noted that the electrical and sound system needs a complete overhaul.

Parish International Dinner: A Parish International Dinner may be held in mid-October with some of the funds going to the cultural gardens planned behind the Boogaard Hall and some going to Mason Kopacki's Eagle Scout project, the outdoor Stations of the Cross behind the parking lot and church.

Next meeting date will be August 27th at 10:15 am.

Closing Prayer: Father Oscar led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Vadas, Secretary

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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