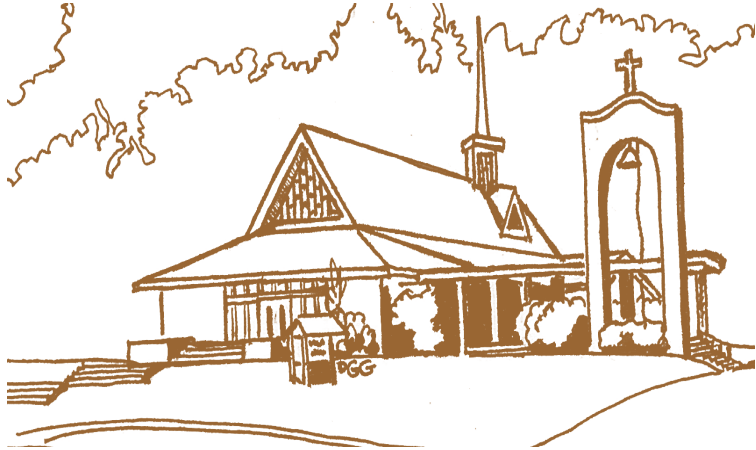


# OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

September 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF  
ORDINARY TIME\***

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

Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF  
ORDINARY TIME\***

9:00 am Mass – No Mass Intention  
10:15 am Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)

Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am No Mass

12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)

Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am No Mass

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am No Mass

Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> **THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY\***

9:30 am No Mass

Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF  
ORDINARY TIME\***

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

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF  
ORDINARY TIME\***

9:00 am Mass – No Mass Intention  
10:15 am Bible Study (Mercy Center)

*\*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 Richard Mooney, who will be celebrating Mass with us this Saturday and Sunday while Father Oscar is away on vacation to the Philippines.\*\***

### Altar Flower Donations

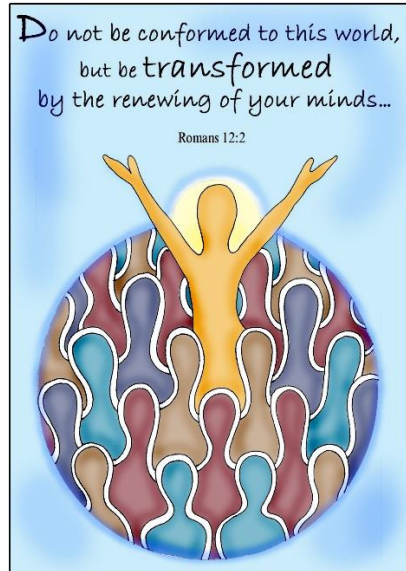
You can donate flowers for beside the Tabernacle and/ or in front of the Altar in honor of or in loving memory of a loved one.

### Adoration in Mercy Center Chapel

Stop by the Mercy Center Chapel for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and enjoy the comfort of the new kneelers. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament usually takes place on Mondays and Tuesdays. The Chapel can also be opened for you during Parish Office hours on Tuesday through Thursday.

### Hearing Assistance

If you are having difficulty hearing the Mass in Church, please arrive a few minutes early and speak with one of the ushers, as the parish has purchased hearing assistance devices for our parishioners. Just ask one of our ushers how it works. You can even use your own earphones to plug into the device.



### Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

Catechetical Sunday is September 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Breakfast and a meeting will be held at the hall, following the 9 am. Mass.

**\*\* Religious education classes will begin on September 24<sup>th</sup> 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. \*\***

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. The classes will show a short video, 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.

Bible Study is in the Mercy Center, front Parlor room **after the Sunday, 9 am Mass.**  
Tuesday night Bible study is at 4:30 pm. in the Mercy Center

### Vacation Bible School Fundraiser

Our fundraiser for Special Love (Organization helping kids with Childhood cancer): My apologies, this is a correction. Our fundraiser total was \$999.20. A check has been sent to Camp Fantastic. God Bless you all for your generosity! These funds will help cover the cost for kids to attend Camp Fantastic.



Little Sprouts OLBS Preschool

We are very excited here at the preschool. The staff has been busy. School for us is starting very soon on September 5<sup>th</sup>. However, our Before & After School Program is up and running beautifully already. We have 18 to 21 students in the afternoons and up to 13 getting on the bus in the mornings. Lots of emotions and energy for sure! Each week for these first 9 weeks we are focusing on a fruit of the Holy Spirit. This week is LOVE! Please continue to pray for both our school program and our preschool programs. We appreciate all of your support. We are so grateful for all the church volunteers who keep our grass cut and looking beautiful. We are thankful for all the volunteers, young and older, over the years who have supported these programs. We want to shine the love and light of Jesus Christ in this community! We are so thankful for this opportunity, especially in these years where that is not always celebrated. God bless each of 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

**Personal relationship with Jesus:** Many Christians speak of the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus, which is very true. But it is primarily through the Eucharist that we can truly have an intimate encounter with the Person of Jesus. Benedict XVI once pointed out this connection: "Today, there is a need to rediscover that Jesus Christ is not just a private conviction or an abstract idea, but a real person, whose becoming part of human history is capable of renewing the life of every man and woman. Hence, the Eucharist, as the source and summit of the Church's life and mission, must be translated into spirituality, into a life lived 'according to the Spirit'" (*Sacramentum Caritatis*).



### 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

### Attendance

August 26 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday 5:30 pm Mass	89
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 9:00 am Mass	142

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

#### Meditation:

Were a soul like a decaying corpse so that from a human standpoint, there would be no [hope of] restoration and everything would already be lost; it is not so with God. The miracle of Divine Mercy restores souls in full. Oh, how miserable are those who do not take advantage of the miracle of God's mercy! You will call out in vain, but it will be too late (Diary, 1448).

#### My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, thank You for restoring souls in full by the miracle of Your mercy. May I always take advantage of it in my need.

**Collections for August 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Week's Amount**

Total Offertory	\$ 4,778
Supplemental Collection	\$ 15
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,793</b>

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

**Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:**

Capital Campaign	\$ 4,345
Cemetery Fund	\$ 175
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 100
Haitian Ministry	\$ 674

**\*\*\*Thank You for Supporting our Parish\*\*\***



**Saint of the Week**

**Saint Rose of Viterbo  
September 4th**

Even as a child, Rose had a great desire to pray and to aid the poor. While still very young, she began a life of penance in her parents' house. She was as generous to the poor as she was strict with herself. At the age of 10, she became a Secular Franciscan and soon began preaching in the streets about sin and the sufferings of Jesus.

Viterbo, her native city, was then in revolt against the pope. When Rose took the pope's side against the emperor, she and her family were exiled from the city. When the pope's side won in Viterbo, Rose was allowed to return. Her attempt at age 15 to found a religious community failed, and she returned to a life of prayer and penance in her father's home, where she died in 1251. Rose was canonized in 1457.

The list of Franciscan saints seems to have quite a few men and women who accomplished nothing very extraordinary. Rose is one of them. She did not influence popes and kings, did not multiply bread for the hungry, and never established the religious order of her dreams. But she made a place in her life for God's grace, and like Saint Francis before her, saw death as the gateway to new life.



Our sincerest  
condolence to  
Meredith Crowe  
and Family at the  
loss of her sister,  
Dianna Hurt Brown,  
of Harrisonburg.

**Priests for Life**

**Pope Francis: Church Cannot Abandon Human Life**

"Reason alone is sufficient to recognize the inviolable value of each single human life, but if we also look at the issue from the standpoint of faith, "every violation of the personal dignity of the human being cries out in vengeance to God and is an offence against the creator of the individual" (John Paul II, *Christifideles Laici*, 37). Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value of the human person, the Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question. I want to be completely honest in this regard. This is not something subject to alleged reforms or 'modernizations'" -- Pope Francis, *Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel,"* November 24, 2013.

**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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## Follow Your Vocation to Serve: Become A Deacon

From Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish:

“Please hold Rev. J. Scott Duarte, JCD, KHS, a former pastor of our parish, in prayer as he celebrates the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his priestly ordination on September 9, 2023, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in New Kent County. He has fond memories of his time serving in our parish and continues to pray for all our parishioners and families.”

### St. Therese, Gloucester, to Hold Presentation on Saint 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.

### **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.

### Gender Ideology

**A Workshop for Catholic Parents: Hear Dr. Theresa Farnan from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth talk about the history, impact, and Church's response to modern gender ideology. The free workshop will offer guidance tailored to parents for how to faithfully and lovingly respond to questions around gender ideology. September 14th at the Catholic Diocese of Richmond Pastoral Center. Register at [evangelizerichmond.org](http://evangelizerichmond.org).**

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](http://richmonddiocese.org) or email [gmanuso@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:gmanuso@richmonddiocese.org). If you feel the call, talk to your pastor!

## **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.





IN OUR



*Thoughts and Prayers*

**September 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  
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**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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