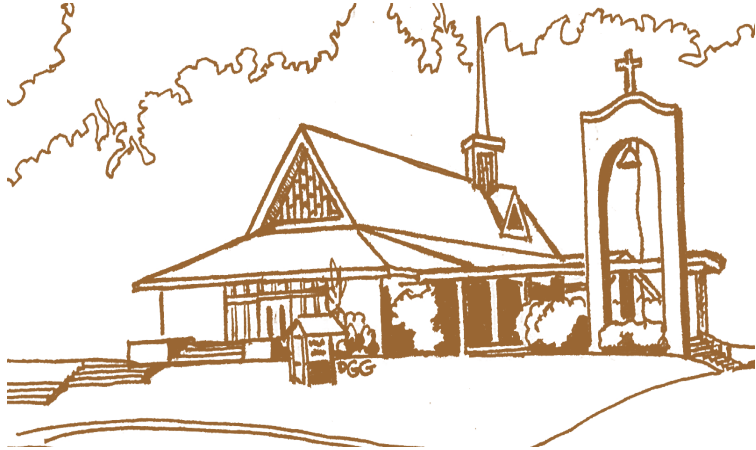


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MASS SCHEDULE

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-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

October 7th & 8th, 2023

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 Fall Break – NO Adult Bible Study
10:15 am Fall Break – NO Sunday School
2:00 pm Vietnamese Mass

Monday, October 9th **St. Denis, Bishop, & Companions, Martyrs***
Saint John Leonardi, Priest

No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, October 10th

No Mass

12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)

Wednesday, October 11th **Saint John XXIII, Pope***

No Mass

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, October 12th

No Mass

Friday, October 13th

No Mass

6:30 pm Most Holy Rosary

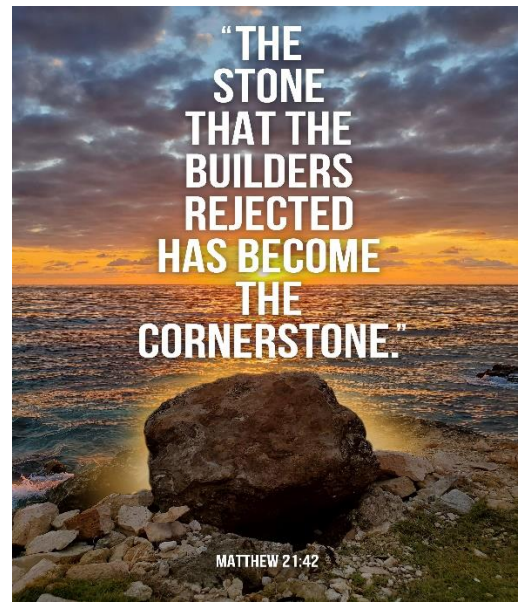
Saturday, October 14th **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass offered for **Frank Watkins (RIP)**
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Sunday, October 15th **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME***

9:00 am Mass offered for a **Special Intention**
Requested by Janice McGowan
10:15 am Adult Bible Study
10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School
Followed by "Paint & Pizza Party"
6:30 pm Youth Group

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



Father Oscar Away This Week for Convocation

Father will be away this coming week to the Diocese Convocation which all priests must attend. As a result, there are no weekday masses.



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.



The Kingdom of God
will be ... given to a people
producing its fruits.

Matthew 21:43, ESV

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. ****

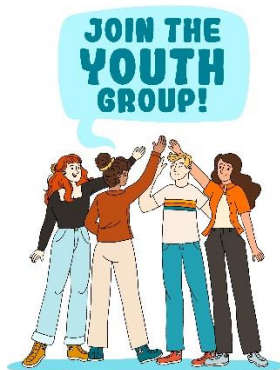
No Religious Education classes on October 8th – FALL BREAK

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.

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

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!

The Youth Group will next meet on Sunday, October 15th at 6:30 pm at the Boogaard Center!



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

VIRTUS Program: Children Safety

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.

Respect Life Month

In honor of Respect Life month, we have set up a display in the back of church to help the unborn and the elderly. Please consider taking a tag and shopping for that item, returning it to the back of the church **by October 29th.** The items will be distributed to the House of Mercy and 3 Rivers Health & Rehab.

Welcome back, Father Oscar

From Father Oscar’s trip home to the Philippines, more on the celebration of our patron saint, Our Lady of Peñafrancia (the Blessed Mother) in our City in the Philippines.

The city’s population is roughly 123,000+. During the feast it balloons up to 5-6 million people, mostly from other parts of the Philippines and Filipinos who return back to the country for the celebration. There are also some foreigners who come for the celebration.

September 8th - the transfer of the image of Our Lady of Peñafrancia from the Peñafrancia basilica to the Naga Cathedral in the” Land” (street) procession.



The silver platform (dome) is where the statue of the Blessed Mother is secured. The statue is about 400 years old and the silver dome is 300+ years old. They are real antiques. At the start of the year 1981, the image of Our Lady of Peñafrancia was stolen. After a few months the robbers decided to return the image through an intermediary, a priest. NO questions asked. The priest said that the robbers decided to return Her back because misfortune after misfortune befell their families. The image was returned back the first week of August, just in time for my priestly ordination, August 16th.



September 16th – the image of Our Lady of Peñafrancia is returned back to the Peñafrancia Basilica via the river (river procession), which was pictured in last week’s bulletin.

Collections for September 30th & October 1st, 2023
Week’s Amount

Total Offertory	\$ 4,551
Supplemental Collection	\$ 2,510
Votive Candles	<u>\$ 11</u>
Total	\$ 7,072
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596
Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:	
Capital Campaign	\$ 5,083
Retired Religious	\$ 25
Poor Box	\$ 63
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 262
Maintenance Fund	\$ 5
Haiti Ministry	\$ 150

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

September 30 th	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	74
October 1 st	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	134



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

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.

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- Peacemaking: In the Synod on the Eucharist in 2005, the bishops discussed how the reception of the Eucharist in war-torn areas transformed the people of God and gave them the impetus to seek peace:

“Thanks to eucharistic celebrations, peoples engaged in conflict have been able to gather around the word of God, hear his prophetic message of reconciliation through gratuitous forgiveness, and receive the grace of conversion which allows them to share in the same bread and cup.”

([Propositio 49](#))

Priests for Life

Mercy Triumphs

The Church opposes abortion, but embraces with mercy those who have made this mistake. Let’s all take encouragement from these words of Pope John Paul II: *“I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and to his mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child.”* (The Gospel of Life, #99).

For All the Saints



Saint of the Week

Saint Francis Xavier Seelos

Feast day-October 12th

Born in southern Bavaria, he studied philosophy and theology in Munich. On hearing about the work of the Redemptorists among German-speaking Catholics in the United States, he came to this country in 1843. Ordained at the end of 1844, he was assigned for six years to St. Philomena’s Parish in Pittsburgh as an assistant to Saint John Neumann. The next three years Father Seelos was superior in the same community, and began his service as novice master.

Several years in parish ministry in Maryland followed, along with responsibility for training Redemptorist students.

During the Civil War Fr. Seelos went to Washington, D.C., and appealed to President Lincoln that those students not be drafted for military service, although eventually some were. For several years, he preached in English and in German throughout the Midwest and in the Mid-Atlantic states. Assigned to St. Mary of the Assumption Church community in New Orleans, Fr. Seelos served his Redemptorist confreres and parishioners with great zeal. In 1867, he died of yellow fever, having contracted that disease while visiting the sick. He was beatified in 2000. The liturgical feast of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos is celebrated on October 5.

Year of Grace and Divine Mercy

(From The Diary of St. Faustina)

Meditation:

Once, I suddenly saw Jesus in great majesty, and He spoke these words to me: **My daughter, if you wish, I will this instant create a new world, more beautiful than this one and you will live there for the rest of your life.** I answered, “I don’t want any worlds. I want You, Jesus. I want to love You, Jesus. I want to love You, with the same love that You have for me. I beg You for only one thing: to make my heart capable of loving You. I am very much surprised at Your offer, my Jesus; what are those worlds to me? Even if You gave me a thousand of them, what are those worlds to me? You know very well, Jesus, that my heart is dying of longing for You. Everything that is not You is nothing to me.” ...Then I heard these words: **With no other souls do I unite Myself as closely and in such a way as I do with you, and this because of the deep humility and ardent love which you have for Me.**

(Diary, 587)

My Prayer Response:

Dearest Jesus, like St. Faustina, I want to live now and in eternity with humble obedience to Your will-out of a love that is on fire for You alone.



Knights of Columbus

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? Knights of Columbus had their origins in 1882 to help those in need, especially to for working class families if something happened to the family provider. Knights' members can get a free consultation with our local Knights' insurance agent, Todd Curtis, by contacting him at 866-868-1492.

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

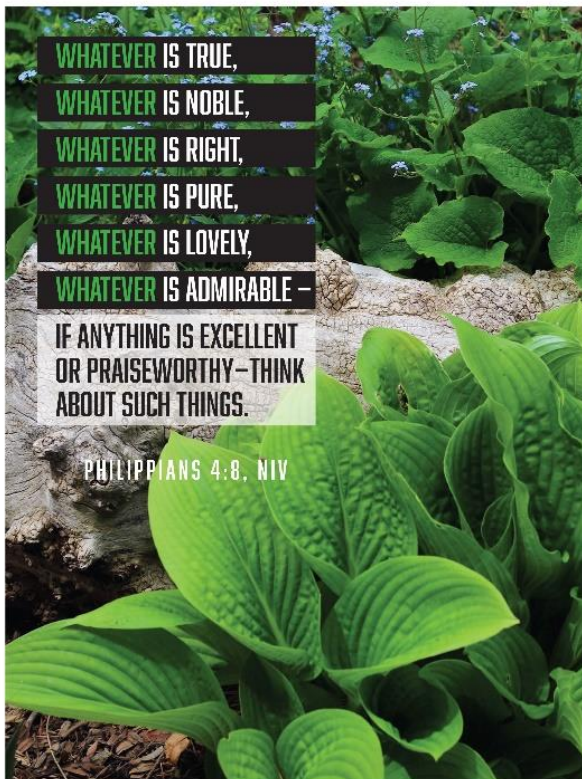
Healing Prayer

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 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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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.

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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