# 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. 4:00 P.M. SPANISH MASS 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month WEEKDAYS: 9:30 A.M. Tuesday - Friday HOLYDAYS: 9:30 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.

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GOOD NEIGHBOR CENTER (757) 585-8227 By Appointment SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION Saturday 5:00 p.m. Also by appointment

- EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Monday and Tuesday Mercy Center Chapel
- FIRST FRIDAY BENEDICTION and 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.

# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Saturday, Februa	ary 10 <sup>th</sup> SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*		
1:00 pm	Dinner Committee Meeting		
5:00 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation		
5:30 pm	Mass offered in Honor of Marguerite Sturtz		
	<u>95<sup>th</sup> Birthday!</u>		
	Requested by the Sturtz Family		
Sunday Februar	<b>v 11<sup>th</sup></b> SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*		
Sunday, February 11 <sup>th</sup> SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME* 9:00 am Mass offered for LTC Kent Carter (RIP)			
5.00 am	Requested by James & Anne Duke		
10:15 am	Adult Bible Study		
10:15 am	Religious Education Sunday School		
Monday, Februa			
	No Mass		
12 pm-10 pm	Adoration in Chapel		
Tuesday, Februa	rv 13 <sup>th</sup>		
9:30 am	Mass offered for <u>Von Moody (RIP)</u>		
	Requested by Theresa Moody		
12pm-10pm	Adoration in Chapel		
4:30 pm	Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)		
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• •	oruary 14 <sup>th</sup> ASH WEDNESDAY*		
9:30 am	Mass offered for <u>Melvin Moody (RIP)</u>		
	Requested by Theresa Moody		
7:00 pm	Mass		
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Thursday Februa 9:30 am			
9.50 am	Mass offered for <u>Special Intentions</u> Requested by Theresa Moody		
6:00 pm	Movie Night sponsored by Youth Group		
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Friday, February			
5:30 pm	Mass offered for Joe, Sr.& Elsie Drexler (RIP)		
	Requested by Theresa Moody		
6:30 pm	Most Holy Rosary		
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross		
Saturday, Februa	arv 17 <sup>th</sup>		
5:00 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation		
5:30 pm	Mass offered for Yolanda Arci (RIP)		
•	Anniversary of Death		
	Requested by the Watkins Family		
6:00-8:00 pm	International Dinner (Boogaard Hall)		
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Sunday, Februar			
9:00 am	Mass offered in Loving Memory of		
	Rose Marie O'Keefe (RIP)		
	Requested by Saint Patrick Classmates		
	and for Larry Laccabue (Lak-a-boo) (RIP)		
10.15	Requested by Karena & Trent Funkhouser		
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.



Matthew 8:1-4

<u>Ash Wednesday</u> is Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Attending Mass on Ash Wednesday is a wonderful way to begin your Lenten journey and will set the tone for your Lenten practices and might lead you to consider new Lenten practices.

Masses will be at 9:30am and 7:00pm on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

With Father Oscar's added responsibilities serving as Chaplain for the Poor Clares, his availability has been more restricted. If you or you are aware of a parishioner or family of a parishioner who is in need of or would like a visit from Father Oscar, please call the parish office Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays from 9:00am until 4:30pm to give us the name, phone number, address, and the best time to visit. Father will be able to visit at the earliest opportunity.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Lenten Penance Service is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, at <u>6:30 pm</u> (this is a time change). There will be three priests available for private confessions.

# Change in Friday's Daily Mass Schedule

#### There will no longer be a 9:30am Mass on Fridays.

Each Friday Mass will be at 5:30pm followed by the Rosary. Each <u>FIRST Friday Mass</u> will be at 5:30pm followed by the Holy Hour.

Each Friday during Lent Mass will be at 5:30pm followed by the Rosary and then the Stations of the Cross.

# **Collecting Old Palms**

Please bring any of your Blessed and dried palms leaves and place in the basket at the back of the Church. These palms will be used for our Ashes on Ash Wednesday.



# **Religious Education & Adult Bible Study**

<u>Religious Education Sunday School</u> is held every Sunday at 10:15 am in the classrooms at the Boogaard Hall.

\*\* Thank you for continuing to nurture your children's faith at home and in the class. It's amazing what our children can learn and retain about their faith, using it to build the Kingdom of God. \*\*

Adult Bible study will follow the 9 am. Mass.

<u>Tuesday Adult Bible Study</u> – Has resumed at 4:30 pm at the Mercy Center conference room. We have started a new session on Lectio: Salvation.



If you are in 6<sup>th</sup>-HS grades and would like to join, contact the office.



#### **Dinner and Movie Night**

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm. Be our guest for Valentine dinner and Movie Night- Spaghetti dinner, sides, dessert and popcorn. **Cost: by donation**. Proceeds will be used to fund the Youth Group - Diocesan Youth Conference and other activities throughout the year. **Thank you for your support!** <u>Our Movie:</u> "Harriet"

The extraordinary tale of Harriet Tubman's escape from slavery and transformation into one of America's greatest heroes, whose courage, ingenuity, and tenacity freed hundreds of slaves and changed the course of history.

#### **Divine Mercy Retreat**

Save the Date! March 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 -12:00 pm at the Boogaard Hall. It is a time of Mercy that our Savior has given us. This retreat will help you to be prepared to receive the gifts given on Divine Mercy Sunday. Breakfast items will be served and admission cost is FREE.



From the Preschool

Hello Church Family! The Preschool has experienced a wonderful and successful school year. All of our spots have been full and we are looking forward to another wonderful year this coming Fall. Registration is now open to the Parish. If there are any families looking for a 3-year old program, we have open spots. Thank you again for all your support over the years and your prayers. We appreciate them.



International Dinner Feb. 17th

Vietnamese, Polish, Filippino, Hispanic, and Italian! The International Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm as a fundraiser for the Parish, mainly to raise money for the Cultural Prayer Gardens and additional funds Mason Kopacki may need for his Eagle Scout Project, the "Stations of the Cross" path.

Tickets are no cost but a donation is asked now or at the dinner. Tickets are available after all Masses or call 804-370-5341 to reserve your ticket. Tickets are limited. In addition, 50/50 raffles and a "silent auction" for gift baskets and several new large items will be held. If you wish to sponsor and put together a gift basket, please let Kay Shaw know at 804-366-7518.



**Cultural Prayer Gardens** 

Preliminary plans for outdoor prayer gardens are on display in the foyer of the Church in an effort to recognize our Vietnamese, Hispanic, Philippine, and Polish and European communities. The garden areas are to include signage about the different cultures and their importance in our Parish, statues, benches, and shrub and tree plantings.

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE

On each Friday during Lent in the Church, we will recite the rosary at 6:30 pm followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. The following ministries/groups are asked to lead the Stations of the Cross on their given date. Please let Father Oscar and Joe Drexler know if you can help on the date your ministry/group is scheduled.

February 16	The Liturgy Committee
February 23	Parish Council
March 1	Knights of Columbus
March 8	Hispanic Community
March 15	Finance Council
March 22	Cemetery Committee
March 29	3:00 pm Stations – Father Oscar

#### February Senior Mass & Luncheon

The Senior Mass and Luncheon that was scheduled for Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> will be moved to Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the same time and same place. Please don't forget to call Jeanie Sturtz by that Monday if you plan to attend. Her number is on the Calendar and in the Bulletin. Father Oscar will be attending a Deanery Meeting on that Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.

# **New Procedure for Announcements**

If you have an announcement that needs to be made at the end of Mass, you can type your announcement and place in the Orange Folder on the Cantor's Stand. The second lector will make announcements at the end of Mass. (If you need help typing your announcement, please send an email to <u>adminassistant@olbs-catholic.org</u> with your announcement by Wednesdays by 4:00pm.) For those who wish to make their own announcements, please be on the side waiting after Holy Eucharist so Father knows you need to make an announcement.

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February Wedding Anniversaries		
(James) & Donna Geron	February 7, 1970	
(Robert) & Cheryl Servonsky	February 10, 1973	
Sol & Annabelle Vidal	February 10, 2001	
(Henry) & Marian Kopacki	February 13, 1949	
(Charles) & Margaret Varboncoeur	February 23, 1957	
(Ed) & Virginia Kopacki	February 24, 1952	

# Collection for February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Week's Amount

Total Offertory		3,581	
Supplemental Collection	\$	25	
Votive Candles	\$	21	
Religious Education		25	
Parish Heating		25	
Easter Flowers	\$	75	
Total	\$	3,752	
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$	4,596	
Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:			
Capital Campaign – note info. below	\$	1,026	
Poor Box	\$	40	
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$	425	
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\*\*\*Thank You for Supporting our Parish\*\*\*

Attendance				
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	127	
February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	95	
	Spanish Mass	4:00 pm Mass	42	



**Knights of Columbus** 

# **Upcoming Lenten Fish Dinners**

Here are the dates of upcoming Friday Lenten Fish Dinners by the Knights of Columbus:

Friday, February 23 <sup>rd</sup> Fish Dinner			
Fried flounder, 3 sides, dessert & drink			
Tickets now available after Masses or			
Call 804-512-9701 to reserve your tickets			
Friday, March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Shrimp Dinner		
Friday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fish/ Seafood Combo		

Brother Knights are asked to come out and lend a hand for these fundraisers.

Upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive at Boogaard Hall on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Go to Red Cross Blood.org or 1-800 Red Cross

#### Help our Parish!

We Need someone to head up the Committee for the Poor within our Parish. <u>There are funds available, but we need</u> <u>someone willing to meet and assess the needs of those</u> <u>seeking help.</u> Please pray on this and if you are interested in helping those in need, please contact the Parish Office.

#### \*\*\*ALERT\*\*\*

#### Make Your Voice Heard

Assisted suicide legislation has been introduced in the Virginia General Assembly. The Senate version of the bill is through committee and has been sent to the Senate floor. The House version is scheduled for a hearing soon. Contact your state legislators and tell them that assisted suicide can lead to dangerous decision-making for vulnerable and disadvantaged people, like the elderly, the disabled, and those with mental illness. For more information and to call or send an email message to your representatives, go to the Virginia Catholic Conference.

#### About Our Faith!

#### Mary- Eschatological Icon of the Church

By pronouncing her "fiat" at the Annunciation and giving her consent to the Incarnation, Mary was already collaborating with the whole work her Son was to accomplish. She is mother wherever he is Savior and head of the Mystical Body. (CCC 973)

#### Lenten Soup & Sermon

The Soup & Sermon series sponsored by the West Point Ministerial Association will resume this year. The dates are all on Wednesdays: February 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, and March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup>. The Sermon will begin in St. John's Episcopal Church at Noon and a simple Soup luncheon will take place in their fellowship hall immediately following the Sermon. All are welcome. Our Church will work with St. John's Episcopal Church to provide soups and desserts for the Soup & Sermon on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Please call the Parish Office at 804-843-3125 if you are willing to volunteer to lead some of our ladies in providing whatever is needed for the Soup & Sermon or just want to volunteer.



# **Priests for Life**

#### Pope Benedict's Encyclical "God is Love"

Pope Benedict XVI says the following words in his encyclical letter "God is Love": "In sacramental communion I become one with the Lord, like all the other communicants. As Saint Paul says, "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Cor 10:17). Union with Christ is also union with all those to whom he gives himself. I cannot possess Christ just for myself; I can belong to him only in union with all those who have become, or who will become, his own. ... Love of God and love of neighbor are now truly united: God Incarnate draws us all to himself. ... Here the usual contraposition between worship and ethics simply falls apart. "Worship" itself, Eucharistic communion, includes the reality both of being loved and of loving others in turn. A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is intrinsically fragmented" (n. 14).

These words remind us of our calling to love all our neighbors, born and unborn.

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

#### Meditation:

In the evening, the Lord said to me, My daughter, let nothing frighten or disconcert you. Remain deeply at peace. Everything is in my hands. I will give you to understand everything through Father Andrasz. Be like a child towards him. (Diary, 219).

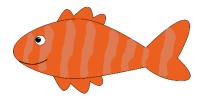
**My Prayer Response:** Thank you, Lord, for Father Andrasz who would not allow St. Faustina to turn away from her interior inspirations and her work of promoting the message of Divine Mercy (See Diary, 52-53). He insisted on humility, humility, humility (See Diary 54-55) Through a good spiritual guide, Lord, teach me humility.

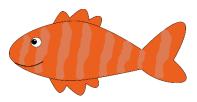


# Eucharistic Revival

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.

**Worship of the Eucharist.** In the liturgy of the Mass we express our faith in the real presence of Christ under the species of bread and wine, among other ways, genuflecting or bowing deeply as a sign of adoration of the Lord. "The Catholic Church has always offered and still offers to the sacrament of the Eucharist the cult of adoration, not only during Mass, but also outside of it, reserving the consecrated hosts with the utmost care, exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and carrying them in procession." (CCC 1378)





# **West Point Knights of Columbus**

# **Fish Dinner**

Fried Flounder and 3 sides, dessert & drink

OLBS Catholic Church Boogaard Hall 3150 King William Ave.

Friday, February 23, 2024

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Tickets:Adults\$15.00Children under 12 Years\$7.00

# Eat in or Take Out

For Tickets Call: (804) 512-9701





# February 2024 Prayers for Healing & Good Health

Elizabeth Alley Cheryl Antal Jerry Armstead Paulette Berberich Jean Berkey Beatrice Blacher Linda Blevins Todd Brown 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 Paul Garman Tom Hollowack Jim Houser Gigi Jordan Gloria Kojcsich Bonnie Kopacki Arlene Lasch Melissa Leger Karen Liberato Philip Liberato Holly McGowan Patrick McGowan Lenny Ramlano Joe Ripchick John Ross Barbara Schaffer Margaret Silvia Jackie Via – new addition Gloria Wajciechowski Bill Webster Steve Weems James Wills Andrea Berberich Wilson Leda Zaginaylo Abby Zwerner

# Prayers for those in the Military

**Tracie Gates** 

If you wish to add someone on the list or remove a name from the list, please call the parish office (804) 843-3125 or email Pam Watkins at <u>adminassistant@olbs-catholic.org</u>

# 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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