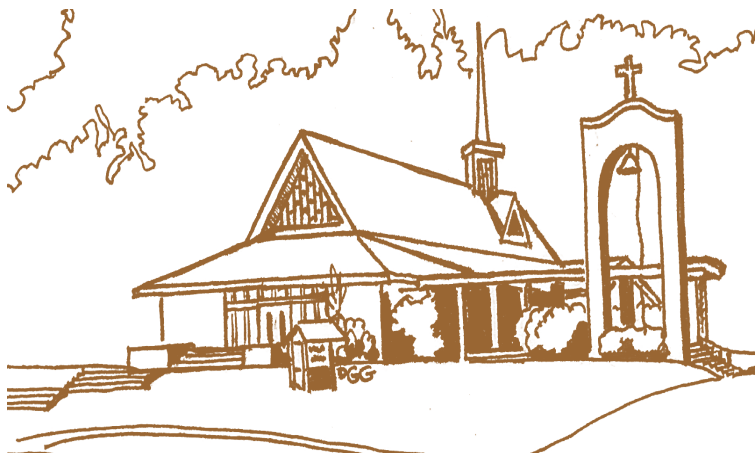


OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS: SATURDAY 5:30 P.M.
SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.
4:00 P.M. SPANISH MASS
1st Sunday of the Month
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 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
February 24th & 25th, 2024



He was transfigured before them ...
 and his clothes became dazzling white ...
 Mark 9:2-3, NRSV

Saturday, February 24th SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT*
 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30 pm Mass offered for Phil & Karen Liberato
For Healing & Good Health
 Requested by the Liberato Family

Sunday, February 25th SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT*
 9:00 am Mass offered for Spencer Adsit (RIP)
1-Year Anniversary of Death Jan. 17, 2023
 Requested by Edmund & Patti Staskiel
 10:15 am Adult Bible Study
 10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School
 10:15 am Parish Council meeting (MC)

Monday, February 26th
 No Mass
 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, February 27th Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot,
*Doctor of the Church**
 9:30 am Mass offered for Melvin Moody (RIP)
 Requested by Theresa Moody
 12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel
 4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)

Wednesday, February 28th
 9:30 am Mass offered for Joe Drexler, Sr. (RIP)
 Requested by Marie & Wojciech Kolendo
 6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday February 29th
 9:30 am Mass offered for Elsie Drexler (RIP)
 Requested by Marie & Wojciech Kolendo

Friday, March 1st
 5:30 pm Mass offered for the Special Intentions of
Theresa Moody
 Requested by Theresa Moody
 6:30 pm Most Holy Rosary
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross – Knights of Columbus

Saturday, March 2nd THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT*
 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30 pm Mass offered for David Seckora (RIP)
 Requested by Marguerite Sturtz

Sunday, March 3rd THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT*
 9:00 am Mass offered for Phil & Karen Liberato
for Healing & Good Health
 Requested by the Liberato Family
 10:15 am Adult Bible Study
 10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School
 6:30 pm Youth Group at the Hall

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.

Change in Friday's Daily Mass Schedule

Beginning March 1st here will no longer be a 9:30am Mass on Fridays.
 Each Friday Mass will be at 5:30pm followed by the Rosary.
 Each FIRST Friday Mass 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.

This is an announcement about "phishing" and other types of scams, using Father Oscar's name. This fraudulent practice in email messages is used to ask individuals to reveal personal information, such as passwords or credit card numbers. Education and awareness are the best protection against them. The Diocese has seen a huge increase lately and we are hearing of this in our Parish.

Here is an example of phishing:

"Hello.
 Do you have an open schedule? I have a request for you to kindly handle for me. I'll await your response!
 God Bless
 Rev. Oscar Paraiso"

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

Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

Religious Education Sunday School 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.

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

Youth Group News

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

Join us on March 3rd @ 6:30 pm at the Hall.

Divine Mercy Retreat

Save the Date! March 16th 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. **Sign up and tickets are on the back table.** Questions? Call: Erin Hayden (804)-366-4435.



Popcorn for Movie Night!

The Parish Youth Group prepared popcorn for the Movie Night showing of the movie "Harriet" on February 15th. The Youth fundraiser included a spaghetti dinner. Parishioners enjoyed the dinner and the movie. Thanks to members of the Youth Group, McKenna, Luis, and Justin who sold 50/50 Raffle tickets at the International Dinner. It was a learning experience for them and a great help to the Parish projects.



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.

It is highly fitting that Christ should have wanted to remain present to his Church in this unique way. Since Christ was about to take his departure from his own in his visible form, he wanted to give us his sacramental presence; since he was about to offer himself on the cross to save us, he wanted us to have the memorial of the love with which he loved us "to the end," even to the giving of his life. In this Eucharistic presence he remains mysteriously in our midst as the one who loved us and gave himself up for us, and he remains under signs that express and communicate this love: the church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship, Jesus awaits us in the Sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease. (CCC 1380)

About Our Faith:

The Mysteries of Jesus' Public Life

The baptism of Jesus-

Jesus' public life begins with his baptism by John in the Jordan. John preaches "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." A crowd of sinners- tax collectors and soldiers, Pharisees and Sadducees, and prostitutes- come to be baptized by him. "Then Jesus appears." The Baptist hesitates, but Jesus insists and receives baptism. Then the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven proclaims, "This is my beloved Son," This is the manifestation ("Epiphany") of Jesus as Messiah of Israel and Son of God. (CCC 535)



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.



Cultural Prayer Gardens

The Garden Group is planning to meet at 12:00 noon on Saturday March 2nd to develop a time line, materials, and plan to work on the Prayer Gardens. If you are not already included in the group but love to work outdoors and gardens and plants, join us or text Jim at 804-370-5341. Come help out!

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. We will be developing a list of things you can donate to or in honor of someone or in memory of someone.

Forty Days OF LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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.

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

Lenten Soup & Sermon

The Lenten Soup and Sermon series sponsored by the West Point Ministerial Association will be held on all Wednesday February 21-March 20. Sermons begin at 12 noon followed by a soup luncheon. OLBS and St. John's are providing soup and dessert on February 28. Please contact Lorraine Ryalls at 757-784-7347. Please consider joining our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ on Wednesdays for this time of Lenten reflection.

New Procedure for Announcements

Put your announcements in the orange folder at the cantor's podium. Announcements will be read by the 2nd lector after the Eucharist celebration. You may still make an announcement in person, also!



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

March Wedding Anniversaries

Shawn & Erin Lazar	March 6, 2004
David & Donna Haviland	March 7, 1998

Collection for February 17th & 18th, 2024

Week's Amount

Total Offertory	\$ 3,367
Supplemental Collection	\$ 173
Votive Candles	\$ 16
Easter Flowers	\$ 120
Religious Education	\$ 55
Total	\$ 3,731
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 551
Poor Box	\$ 67
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$ 100
Parish Maintenance Fund	\$ 254

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

International Dinner Proceeds

Donations	\$ 3,732
50/50 Raffles	\$ 724
Silent Auction	\$ 1,013
Total	\$ 5,469

Attendance

February 14 th Ash Wednesday		9:30 am Mass	54
		7:00 pm Mass	127
February 17 th	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	105
February 18 th	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	103



Knights of Columbus

Upcoming Lenten Fish Dinners

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

- Friday, March 8th Shrimp Dinner
- Friday, March 22nd Fish/ Seafood Combo

Tickets now available after Masses or Call 804-512-9701 to reserve your tickets

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 27th. Go to Red Cross Blood.org or 1-800 Red Cross.

Help our Parish!

Committee for the Poor. We have funds available for those in need but someone work on this committee. Please pray on this and if you are interested in helping those in need, please contact Father Oscar or the Parish Office.

Priests for Life

A Pro-life Lent

The traditional practice of "giving something up for Lent" is a practice of self-denial; our Lord said that to follow him, we must deny our very selves. It means we say 'No' to ourselves and 'Yes' to God and others. This reverses the pattern of sin, which says 'Yes' to ourselves and 'No' to God and others. In our culture, the most violent 'No' to God and others is abortion. Over three thousand times every day in our nation, people say 'No' to a little child so that they may say 'Yes' to their fears or their plans. This Lent, as we practice self-denial, let's think of these children. Let's offer our sacrifices for them. May all say 'Yes' to God and 'Yes' to the unborn. For more ideas about how to foster respect for the unborn this Lent, visit our Priests for Life website at www.EndAbortion.US.

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

Meditation:

The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father. Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him (Diary, 299).

My Prayer Response:

May the Blood and Water that gushed forth from Your Heart, Jesus, shield and shelter me with Your mercy. Then the just hand of God shall not lay hold of me.

Into the Heights

Young Men/Women/Couples Retreat

Looking at the mountains and reflecting on creation, you can find peace and perspective that comes from the Lord. As young adults, we have the opportunity journey *into the heights* of God's love by taking a step *out* of our normal lives and *into* the Blue Ridge mountains & Our Lady of the Angels Monastery. This one-day event will include 2 talks, an easy-to-moderate level hike, prayer with the Trappist-Cistercian nuns, and lunch.

Into the Heights: A Young Adult Lenten Reflection & Hike is Saturday, March 16 from 10am-6:30pm at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Crozet, VA. \$40/person includes lunch and other retreat supplies.

Who should attend this retreat?

Into the Heights is **intended for young adults ages 18-39.** All attendees must be out of high school. **Single people and married couples are all welcome.** Though this day is designed for Catholics, interested young adults of any faith backgrounds are welcome to attend.

Limited space available - don't wait to sign up!

From the cloud came a voice,



"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"



IN OUR



Thoughts and Prayers

February 2024 Prayers for Healing & Good Health

Elizabeth Alley
Cheryl Antal
Paulette Berberich
Jean Berkey
Beatrice Blacher
Linda Blevins
Todd Brown
Linda Burch
Robert Burch
Caroline Byrd – **an addition**
Chris Byrd
Katherine Carson
Kevin Carson
Lucy Carson
Jessica Cassidy – **an addition**
Jose Castaneda
Marvin Crosswell

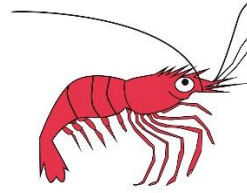
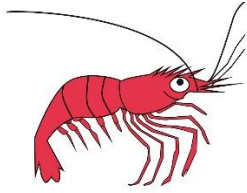
Meredith Crowe
Angela Dart – **an addition**
Lydia Dehn
Vincent D'elia
Denise DePompeo
Dexter Dix
Joyce Drexler
Paul Garman
Karen Haney
Tom Hollowack
Jim Houser
Gigi Jordan
Gloria Kojcsich
Bonnie Kopacki
Racheal Lafferty
Arlene Lasch
Melissa Leger

Karen Liberato
Philip Liberato
Holly McGowan
Patrick McGowan
Lenny Ramlano
Joe Ripchick
John Ross
Barbara Schaffer
Margaret Silvia
Jackie Via
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 adminassistant@olbs-catholic.org



West Point Knights of Columbus

Shrimp Dinner

**Fried Shrimp, hush puppies, string beans, mac & cheese,
dessert & drink**

OLBS Catholic Church Boogaard Hall

3510 King William Ave.

Friday, March 8, 2024

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Tickets: Adults \$15.00

Children under 12 Years \$7.00

Eat in or Take Out

For Tickets Call: (804) 512-9701

International Dinner Held on Saturday, February 17th

Reminiscent of Polish dinners held years ago, the Parish successfully held a dinner that not only featured Polish food, but also delicacies from a number of the diverse cultures that make up our Parish: Vietnamese, Hispanic (Latinx), Filipino, and Italian. Approximately 200 people, including those who prepared food and/or served, attended. As a couple parishioners quoted "The best part...everyone came together as the body of Christ to work towards the same goal! Beautiful bonding" and "It was beautiful to see everyone represent their cultures and invite others to try foods made in love and with their own hands...everyone worked so hard...all the wonderful, caring people of our parish family."



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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