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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
(also by appointment)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday and Tuesday in the
Mercy Center Chapel

FIRST FRIDAY BENEDICTION AND ADORATION

In the church at 6:00 p.m.
*(followed by the Most Holy Rosary
at 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.

HOME VISIT WITH FATHER OSCAR

To schedule, please call the church
office at the number below.

Mass Schedule

WEEKENDS

Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Spanish Mass 4:00 p.m.
(first Sunday of the month)

WEEKDAYS

Tuesday – Thursday 9:30 a.m.
Friday 5:30 p.m.
*(followed by the Rosary —
first Friday of the month
is followed by a holy hour)*

HOLIDAYS

9:30 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

Parish Offices

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 16th & 17th, 2024

Saturday, March 16th **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30 pm Mass offered for Anthony Joseph Agnello
 (RIP)
 Requested by Quan & Sandy Dinh

Sunday, March 17th **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT***

9:00 am Mass offered for Catherine Prince (RIP)
 Requested by Catherine J. Smith
 10:15 am Adult Bible Study
 10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School
 6:30 pm **Youth Group**

Monday, March 18th **St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop,
 Doctor of the Church***

No Mass
 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, March 19th **SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED
 VIRGIN MARY***

9:30 am Mass – No Mass Intention
 12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel
 4:30 pm **Adult Bible Study**

Wednesday, March 20th

11:00 am Mass – No Mass Intention
 11:45 am **Senior Luncheon** at Albaro's, Rt. 33
 6:30 pm **Choir Practice**

Thursday March 21st

9:30 am Mass – No Mass Intention

Friday, March 22nd

5:30 pm Mass offered for Catherine Prince (RIP)
 Requested by Catherine J. Smith
 6:00 pm **Most Holy Rosary**
 6:20 pm **Stations of the Cross- Cemetery Committee**

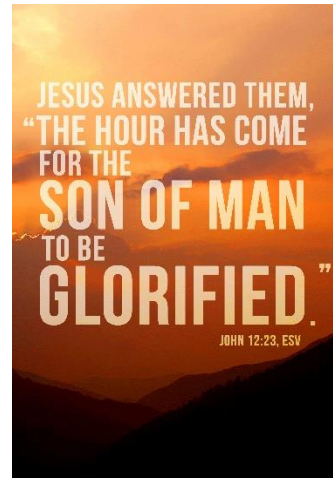
Saturday, March 23rd **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30 pm Mass offered for Elsie Clara Blacher
 Requested by Cathy Fudella

Sunday, March 24th **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD***

9:00 am Mass offered for Catherine Prince (RIP)
 Requested by Catherine J. Smith
 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.*



If You Need a Visit from Father Oscar

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. With Father Oscar's added responsibilities serving as Chaplain for the Poor Clares Monastery, his availability has been more restricted.

Mass & Senior Luncheon

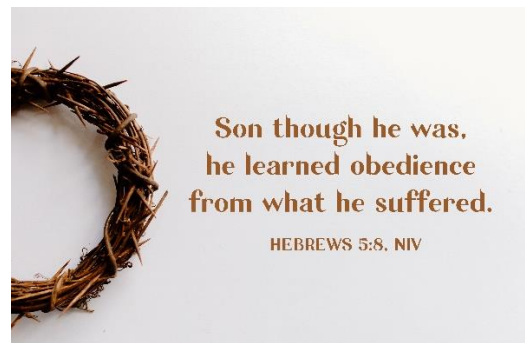
Mass will be at 11:00 am and the Senior Luncheon will be on Wednesday, March 20th at 11:45 am for the Luncheon at **Albaro's Pizzeria Italian Restaurant on Rt 33 in Mattaponi**. Reservations have already been made.

Change in Friday's Daily Mass Schedule

Each Friday Daily Mass will be at 5:30pm followed by the Rosary at 6:00 pm.
 Each **FIRST Friday Mass** will be at 5:30pm followed by the Holy Hour (Benediction at 6:00 and Rosary at 6:30).
Each Friday during Lent Mass will be at 5:30pm followed by the Rosary at 6:00 pm and then the Stations of the Cross about 6:20 pm.

From the Cemetery Committee

Please remove all flowers and items from both cemeteries by Palm Sunday. The Cemetery Committee will be doing a cleanup of the cemeteries the week prior to Easter.



Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

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

Religious Education Special Event: Our classes will be having an Easter egg hunt and activities on Palm Sunday, March 24th, during Sunday School and activities to follow in the main hall area. Younger siblings are welcome to join us. Meet in the hall at 10:15 am.

Can you help fill eggs? We are looking for items such as:

Treats, stickers, chicks, signs of life, bracelets, flower seeds, a Cross, Scriptures and anything you can think of that would be related to Easter. **Eggs are located by the back table and due back March 17th.**

Adult Bible study will follow the 9 am. Mass.

Tuesday Adult Bible Study –



Congratulations to our Confirmands who received the sacrament of Confirmation on March 5th @ St. Bede: Allison Smith, Amir Alcocer-Zapata, Misael-Leon Hernandez and Yenvy Nguyen. May the Holy Spirit enlighten your heart and lead you to build the Kingdom of God and His church.



Open to all 6th -12th Grade. Join us on March 17rd @ 6:30 pm. We will celebrate with Easter themed fun, including an egg hunt! Feel free to bring your favorite snack to share.

Must See Movies in Theaters! – Check your local listings: “Cabrimi” and “The Ark and the Darkness” will be the most Biblically accurate, photo-realistic representation of Noah’s Flood ever released in theaters. Co-produced by award-winning Sevenfold Films, Director of Genesis: Paradise Lost, this film takes photo-realism to the next level. In cooperation with experts from Answers in Genesis, Liberty University, and Genesis Apologetics, this film reveals just how Noah’s Flood unfolded, how the dinosaurs were involved, what happened after, and also reviews how the judgement of Noah’s Flood parallels end times. **(Playing only 2 days- March 20th and 21st).**

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

Meditation:

November 19, (1936). During Mass today, I saw the Lord Jesus, who said to me, **Be at peace, My daughter; I see your efforts, which are very pleasing to Me (Diary, 757).** As I was conversing with the hidden God, He gave me to see and understand that I should not be reflecting so much and building up fear of the difficulties which I might encounter. **Know that I am with you; I bring about the difficulties, and I overcome them; in one instant, I can change a hostile disposition to one which is favorable to this cause.** The Lord explained many things to me in today’s dialogue, although I am not putting everything in writing (Diary, 788).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, help me with Your peace to overcome anxieties and not to dwell on the difficulties of my work. Be my peace and victory.

Divine Mercy Retreat

Thank you to all who attended the Divine Mercy Retreat. We hope you were able to take a great message from retreat and become messengers of Mercy!

The Mysteries of Jesus’ Public Life

Jesus’ temptations- The Gospels speak of a time of solitude for Jesus in the desert, Jesus remains there for forty days without eating; he lives among wild beasts, and angels minister to him. At the end of this time Satan tempts him three times, seeking to compromise his filial attitude toward God. Jesus rebuffs these attacks which recapitulate the temptations of Adam in Paradise and of Israel in the desert, and the devil leaves him “until an opportune time.” (CCC538)

Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday, March 27th

– **Tenebrae Service** at 7:00pm

Thursday, March 28th – **Holy Thursday**

– Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm followed by Adoration until 10:00 pm

Friday, March 29th – **Good Friday**

– Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm

– Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00pm

Saturday, March 30th

– **Easter Vigil Mass** at 8:00pm

Sunday, March 31st

– **Easter Sunday Mass** at 9:00am

Saturday, April 6th

– Divine Mercy Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm

Sunday, April 7th – Divine Mercy Sunday Mass at 9:00am

Sunday, April 7th – Spanish Mass at 4:00pm



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

preschool registration



From the Preschool

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 program for 3-year olds, we have open spots. Thank you again for all your support over the years and your prayers. We appreciate them.

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 22 Cemetery Committee

March 29 3:00 pm Stations – Father Oscar

Diocesan Chrism Mass

The Diocesan Chrism Mass is on Monday, March 25th at 6:30pm at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond. Faithful are encouraged to attend.

Lenten Soup & Sermon

The Lenten Soup and Sermon series sponsored by the West Point Ministerial Association will be held on all Wednesdays, February 21-March 20. Sermons begin at 12 noon followed by a soup luncheon. Please consider joining our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ on Wednesdays for this time of Lenten reflection.

Join the Lawn Mowing Crew!

As you may know, those mowing the Parish grass each week are volunteers. We are now down to two teams and need one or two more. Volunteers can use their own mower or one of the church's mowers. Four crews would mean each team would mow once a month! **Call Chris Polcyn to learn more at 804-366-5316.**



March Wedding Anniversaries

Shawn & Erin Lazar

March 6, 2004

David & Donna Haviland

March 7, 1998

Attendance

March 9 th	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	74
March 10 th	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	147

NOTE: Here are the three past weekends' collection totals, which had not been reported because of Pam Watkins' absence while out with pneumonia.

Collection for February 24th & 25th, 2024

Week's Amount

Total Offertory	\$ 4,277
Supplemental Collection	\$ 50
Votive Stand	\$ 9
Easter Flowers	\$ 470
Parish Heating	\$ 345
Ash Wednesday	\$ 5
Total	\$ 5,156
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Cemetery Fund	\$ 20
Poor Box	\$ 20
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$ 100
Parish Maintenance Fund	\$ 35

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Collection for March 2nd & 3rd, 2024

Week's Amount

Total Offertory	\$ 5,205
Easter Flowers	\$ 180
Parish Heating	\$ 20
Total	\$ 5,405
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$ 100
Cemetery Fund	\$ 485

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Collection for March 9th & 10th, 2024

Total Offertory	\$ 4,047
Supplemental Collection	\$ 25
Votive Stand	\$ 28
Easter Flowers	\$ 95
Holy Thursday	\$ 25
Good Friday	\$ 25
Total	\$ 4,245
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Catholic Relief Services	\$ 440
Poor Box	\$ 106
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$ 100
Cemetery Fund	\$ 275

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***Note that Capital Campaign Totals for the three weekends will be reported in next week's bulletin.**



Knights of Columbus

Upcoming Lenten Fish Dinners

Here is the date of last Friday Lenten Fish Dinners by the Knights of Columbus:

Friday, March 22nd Seafood Combo Dinner
(Fried flounder, shrimp, clam strips, slaw, hush puppies, Baked apples, dessert and drink)

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

Brother Knights and members of their families are asked to come out and lend a hand at these fundraisers.

The Knights thank everyone who bought tickets and came out for the Shrimp Dinner, the second Lenten meal.

Thanks also for the excellent turnout of Brother Knights and members of their families who cooked and packaged the food for take outs and served dinners to those eating at the Hall.

Becoming a Knight!!

Charitable causes are our focus for fundraising. The 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.





Eucharistic Revival

The Paschal Banquet

The altar, around which the Church is gathered in the celebration of the Eucharist, represents the two aspects of the same mystery; the altar of the sacrifice and the table of the Lord.

This is all the more since the Christian altar is the symbol of Christ himself, present in the midst of the assembly of his faithful, both as the victim offered for our reconciliation and as food from heaven who is giving himself to us. "For what is the altar of Christ if not the image of the Body of Christ?" asks, St. Ambrose. He says elsewhere, "The altar represents the body [of Christ] and the Body of Christ is on the altar." The liturgy expresses this unity of sacrifice and communion in many prayers.

Thus, the Roman Church prays in its anaphora:

We entreat you, almighty God, that by the hands of your holy Angel, this offering may be born to your altar in heaven in the sight of your divine majesty, so that as we receive in communion at this altar the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, we may be filled with every heavenly blessing and grace.



Retirement Planning Webinar

Knights of Columbus, your premier Catholic partner for financial services, is pleased to invite you to an informational webinar. This special live webinar, "**Retirement Savings and Distribution Planning**," features nationally recognized speaker, television personality and best-selling author, Ed Slott.

Ed combines current research, in-depth expertise, and humor to teach viewers about the ins and outs of their retirements and provides insight into the latest tax and planning information.

Since our founding, Knights of Columbus has been committed to helping provide financial security and stability to our members and their families. Bringing Ed's expertise to you and your family through this financial event is just one way we stay true to this dedication. We're excited to bring Ed's expertise to you, and we can't wait to see you there!

Don't miss out on this education opportunity – [register](mailto:knightsofcolombus.org) [knights@kofc.org](mailto:knightsofcolombus.org). to save your spot today!

Announcement about Announcements!

If you have any 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 adminassistant@olbs-catholic.org with your announcement no later than Wednesdays at 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.

Puzzle!

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



F_r by gr_c_ y__ h_v_
b__n s_v_d thr__gh
f__th, __nd th_s _s n_t
y__r __wn d__ng; _t _s
th_g_ft _f G_d — n_t th_
r_s_lt _f w_rks, s_ th_t
n__n__m_y b__st.

__ph_s__ns 2:8-9, NRSV



Answer: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

March 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
Chris Byrd
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Paul Garman
Karen Haney
Tom Hollowack
Jim Houser
Gigi Jordan
Gloria Kojcsich
Bonnie Kopacki
Racheal Lafferty
Arlene Lasch
Melissa Leger

Karen Liberato
Philip Liberato
Phil Marshall
Holly McGowan
Patrick McGowan
Rich Perry – an addition
Lenny Ramlano
Joe Ripchick
John Ross
Barbara Schaffer
Margaret Silvia
Jackie Via
Gloria Wajciechowski
Bill Webster
Steve Weems
James Wills
Andrea Berberich Wilson
Mary Yassem – an addition
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

Seafood Combo Dinner

**Fried Shrimp, flounder, clam strips, slaw, hush puppies,
baked apples, dessert & drink**

**OLBS Catholic Church Boogaard Hall
3510 King William Ave.**

Friday, March 22, 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

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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