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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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

April 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER\***  
5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass offered for Laurie Hite (RIP)  
Requested by Lorraine & Bob Ryalls

Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER\***  
9:00 am Mass offered for Roland Klisiewicz, Jr. (RIP)  
Anniversary of Birthday  
Requested by the Watkins Family  
10:15 am Adult Bible Study  
10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School

Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
No Mass  
12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> **Saint George, Martyr\***  
**Saint Adalbert, Bishop, Martyr**  
9:30 am Mass Offered for Richard & Anna  
Kozlowski (RIP)  
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler  
4:30 pm Adult Bible Study  
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> **Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen,**  
**Priest, Martyr\***  
9:30 am Mass Offered for Joe, Sr., Elsie &  
Johnnie Drexler (RIP)  
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler  
6:30 pm **Choir Practice**

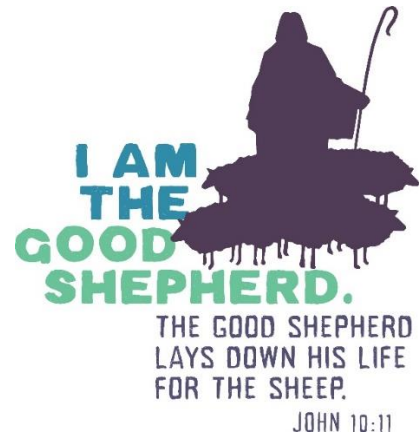
Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> **SAINT MARK EVANGELIST\***  
9:30 am Mass Offered for Richard & Anna  
Kozlowski (RIP)  
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler

Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Joe, Sr., Elsie &  
Johnnie Drexler (RIP)  
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler  
6:00 pm **Most Holy Rosary**

Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER\***  
5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass offered for Ed Kopacki (RIP)  
Requested by Virginia Kopacki

Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER\***  
9:00 am Mass offered for Paul Ryczak (RIP)  
Requested by Donna Geron  
10:15 am Adult Bible Study  
10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School  
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.*



**If You Need a Visit from Father Oscar**

With Father Oscar's added responsibilities serving as Chaplain for the Poor Clares Monastery, his availability has been more restricted. If you or a parishioner or family who is in need of 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.



**Save the Date: Parish Picnic**

Our annual parish picnic will be held Sunday, May 19 from 11:00 am until 2:00pm. It will be held in Boogaard Hall and the grass and parking lot area next to it. Look for more information as we get closer to the date.



**This Jesus is the stone  
that was rejected  
by you, the builders,  
which has become the  
CORNERSTONE.**

Acts 4:11, ESV

## Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

**Religious Education:** Our Last Religious Ed. Class will be on May 5<sup>th</sup>!

We are recycling Easter eggs! A drop box is located outside the hall door during religious ed.

**Reconciliation and First Holy Communion-** will be on June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Adult Bible Study-** Sundays during Sunday School.

**Tuesday Adult Bible Study** – 4:30 pm. Join us for a Bible study on Lectio Salvation

## Youth Group News

Open to all 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grade.

The next Youth Group will be April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

### From The Diary of St. Faustina

#### **Meditation:**

While I was saying the chaplet, I heard a voice which said, **Oh, what great graces I will grant to souls who say this chaplet; the very depths of My tender mercy are stirred for the sake of those who say the chaplet** (Diary, 848).

Jesus listened to these outpouring of my heart, with gravity and interest, as if He had known nothing about them, and this seemed to make it easier for me to talk. And the Lord said to me, **My daughter, those words of your heart are pleasing to Me, and by saying the chaplet you are bringing humankind closer to Me.** After these words, I found myself alone, but the presence of God is always in my soul (Diary, 929).

#### **My Prayer Response:**

Lord Jesus, increase my trust in You and in Your promises of great graces for saying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. May my prayer be pleasing to You and bring souls closer to You.

**Tea with the Blessed Mother** It's around the corner! **May 11<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm.** We hope all ladies will join us for this fun event on Mother's Day weekend. Everyone brings their favorite tea dish to share, we learn a little about Our Blessed Mother, socialize, have games and carry away faith and friendship. This year, we will honor our Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of Good Success. Sign up is on the back table or call the office. Don't forget to grab a ticket when you sign up for our prize drawing. Are you interested in hosting a table? All you need is a tea set. All information is provided. Don't hesitate to bring a friend! Contact: Erin 804-366-4435 or Sandy: 562-607-1422.

## OLBS Scholarship

In 2004 a scholarship was created by Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament to be awarded to a graduating high school senior from our parish. This scholarship is to be used for continued education at an accredited college, university or vocational school.

The determination of the recipient is based on parish and faith-based activities, service and leadership in their school and community. Two Letters of recommendation should be submitted, along with an essay answering the questions "How does my faith impact my life?" and "What is your future faith-based plans and/or endeavors?"

Applications may be obtained in the back of the church or through the Mercy Center. **Applications should be completed and returned no later than Sunday, May 5, 2024.**

If you have any questions, please contact Kay Shaw, Scholarship Committee Chair at 804-366-7518.



Hello church family. The preschool has enjoyed an amazing year! We can hardly believe there's only 6 weeks left until graduation. Our annual Graduation ceremony will be held on Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup> in the church at 9:20 am. All are welcome to join us in this celebration. The daily Mass will be moved to 11:30 am that day.

Also, our preschool Afterschool program will be offering a week long **Summer Bible day camp** this Summer.

The church will host an evening VBS later in July.

If you have a child interested in our all-day camp, please contact the preschool at **804-843-4177**. The camp will be June 10-14 Mon -Fri at the preschool 7am – 5:30pm. The cost for the camp is \$150 per child. A second camp will be offered July 15-19 with the same times and cost. Registration is limited.



"I have set before you  
LIFE and DEATH ....  
CHOOSE LIFE so that  
you and your descendants may live."  
Deuteronomy 30:19, NRSV





Our sincerest condolences to Henry Franzyszen on the loss of his sister Patricia Franzyszen Dynes who passed away on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> in Newport News. Our prayers are with you.



## Knights of Columbus

### Special Honor!

### The 'Silver Rose' on Display in Our Parish



Our local Father Jakubowski Council #8116 is honored to be able to display the Silver Rose. There are three "Silver Rose's" traveling the country.

In 1960, some young members of the Knights of Columbus in Monterrey, Mexico wanted to give back as a way to commemorate the miracle 500 years ago of live roses in the middle of winter given to Juan Diego from Our Lady of Guadalupe.

So, they began a new tradition by delivering a silver rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The tradition continued in 2001 when a Silver Rose was blessed by Bishop Alfonso Espino Silva and sent to the Knights of Columbus office in New Haven, Connecticut and the tradition continues not only to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, but to reaffirm the Order's dedication to the sanctity of human life.



### April Wedding Anniversaries

Paul & Valeria Seckora	April 5, 1997
Thomas & Paulette Berberich	April 11, 1964
(Thomas, Sr.) & Marguerite Sturtz	April 15, 1945
Billy & Katie Fudella	April 25, 2015

### Attendance

April 13	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	94
April 14	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	131

### Collection for April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Total Offertory	\$ 2,943
Supplemental Collection	\$ <u>2,500</u>
Total received this week	\$ 5,443
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596

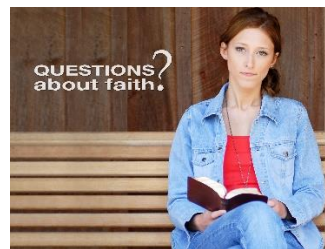
#### Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 970
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$ 100
Haiti Ministry	\$ 860

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

### Announcements!

If you have any announcement that needs to be made at the end of Mass, place it in the Orange Folder on the Cantor's Stand. For those who wish to make their own announcements, please be on the side waiting after Eucharist.



### The Proclamation of Kingdom of God

The kingdom belongs to *the poor and lowly*, which means those who have accepted it with humble hearts. Jesus is sent to "preach good news to the poor", he declares them blessed, for "theirs is the kingdom of heaven. To them-the "little ones"- the Father is pleased to reveal what remains hidden from the wise and learned. Jesus shares the life of the poor, from the cradle to the cross; he experiences hunger, thirst, and privation. Jesus identifies himself with the poor of every kind and makes active love toward them the condition for entering his kingdom. (CCC 544)



## Eucharistic Revival

“Take this and eat it, all of you”: Communion

The church obliges the faithful “to take part in the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and feast days” and, prepared by the sacrament of Reconciliation, to receive the Eucharist at least once a year, if possible, during the Easter season. But the Church strongly encourages the faithful to receive the holy Eucharist on Sundays and feast days, or more often still, even daily. (CCC 1389)

### Priests for Life

#### Laying Down Our Lives

The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. This theme is found also in the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) On the road from Jerusalem to Jericho, a man fell in with robbers. A priest and a Levite came by, but did not stop to help. Despite their knowledge of the Law and Prophets, they walked right by. Why?

One of the reasons may be that they were afraid. The road from Jerusalem to Jericho is a dangerous road. Because of its numerous steep curves, it lends itself to attacks by robbers who can easily hide not too far from their victims. Perhaps the priests and Levites who passed by that man asked themselves, "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me? Maybe the robbers who attacked him are still here. Maybe they're hiding just around the bend. This is a dangerous road. I better keep going."

Sometimes we ask the same question. If, for example, I speak up too loudly about the victims of abortion, what will happen to me? Will I face persecution, will I encounter opposition, will I lose popularity if I get involved in a cause like this?

And then the Good Samaritan came along, and he reversed the question. He didn't ask, "If I help this man, what will happen to me?" The Good Samaritan asked, "If I do not help this man, what will happen to him?" And that's the question for us. If I do not address this evil, what will happen to the unborn? If I do not get involved, what will happen to those who are vulnerable, to those who are marginalized our society, those who are oppressed, those who have no one to speak for them?

### West Point Ministerial Association National Day of Prayer May 2, 2024

May 2, 2024, National Day of Prayer service to 6:30 p.m., but still at the West Point Church of God. We wanted you to know so you can modify any announcements you were doing about the service.

The High School Baccalaureate service will be at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 19th.

### Pilgrimage to Poland - See the Catholic Treasure of Poland!

Please join us on a pilgrimage to Poland! Highlights include Jasna Gora Monastery, home of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy and the Divine Mercy Image, the Museum and Chapel of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the cell where he was martyred in Auschwitz, the birthplace and baptismal Church of St. John Paul, Wawel Cathedral where he was ordained a Bishop and so much more!

Daily Mass. October 3-12, 2024. \$3695/per person based on double occupancy. \$150 discount if you enter coupon code Bulletin150 on the registration form. For more information, please visit [www.QoHTours.com](http://www.QoHTours.com) or call us at 1-800-213-4295



## VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Tell your legislators to save lives by adopting the Hyde Amendment in the state budget!

Governor Youngkin has proposed a package of amendments to the budget the General Assembly passed during session. We are very grateful that the package includes the Hyde Amendment.

Now your voices are urgently needed. Your Senator and Delegate will vote on budget amendments (and many other items) when they return to Richmond for the Reconvened Session on April 17. Take action to urge them to include the life-saving Hyde Amendment in the budget!

This essential provision would stop the funding of abortion with state taxpayers' money to the fullest extent possible under federal law. Most states follow this policy. So should Virginia.

# 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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