

# Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church



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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

### CONTACT

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### OFFICE HOURS

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

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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  
 And offered for Margaret Via  
for Healing  
 Requested by Edmund & Patti Staskiel

10:15 am Adult Bible Study  
 10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School  
 6:30 pm **Youth Group**

Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> *Saint Catherine of Siena,  
 Virgin, Doctor of the Church\**

No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> *Saint Pius V, Pope\**

9:30 am Mass Offered for Mary JoAn Klisiewicz (RIP)  
 Anniversary of Birthday (April 29)  
 Requested by the Watkins Family

4:30 pm Adult Bible Study  
 12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> *Saint Joseph the Worker\**

9:30 am Mass Offered for Richard & Anna  
Kozlowski (RIP)

Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler

6:30 pm **Choir Practice**

Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup> *Saint Athanasius,  
 Bishop, Doctor of the Church\**

9:30 am Mass Offered for a Special Intention  
 Requested by Edna Trudeau

Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> **SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES\***

5:30 pm Mass Offered for Roland Klisiewicz III (RIP)  
 Requested by the Watkins Family  
 And Offered for Gloria Bonatti (RIP)  
Anniversary of Birthday  
 Requested by Pattie & Jim Vadas

6:00 pm **First Friday Holy Hour**

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER\***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass offered for Joe, Sr., Elsie, & Johnnie  
Drexler (RIP)

Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER\***

9:00 am Mass offered for Patricia Franzyszen Dynes  
(RIP)

Requested by Henry Franzyszen

10:15 am Adult Bible Study

10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School

10:15 am **Parish Council** (postponed April mtg.)

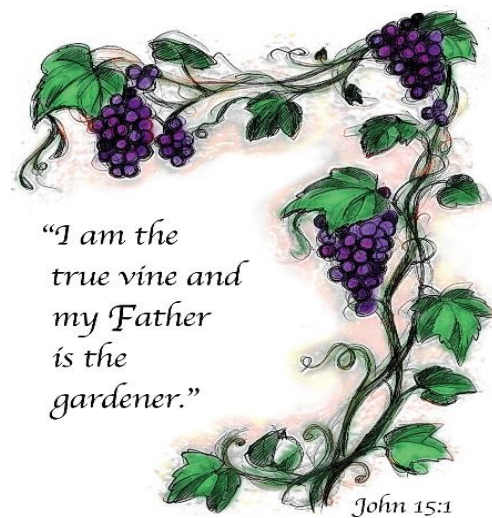
*\*Color of letters indicates vestment colors for that Sunday or  
 Saint's feast day. If no color, vestments are white.*

**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.

**Mother's Day Brunch (Save the date)** - We would like to have a Mother's Day covered breakfast dish on May 12<sup>th</sup>, following the 9 am. Mass. Help is needed to make this possible. If you are available to help receive covered dishes the morning of and help clean up afterwards, please call the office. Thank you in advance 😊

**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.



*"I am the  
 true vine and  
 my Father  
 is the  
 gardener."*

*John 15:1*

## 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:

But God has promised a great grace especially to you [Father Sapacko] and to those...**who will proclaim My great mercy. I shall protect them Myself at the hour of death as My own glory. And even if the sins of souls were as dark as night, when the singer turns to My mercy, he gives Me the greatest praise and is the glory of My Passion. When a soul extols My goodness. Satan trembles before it and flees to the very bottom of hell.** (Diary, 378).

#### My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, I claim Your promise for myself and for all apostles of Divine mercy: May we be protected as Your own glory at the hour of death, and may Satan tremble and flee to the very bottom of hell.

**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.



The preschool has enjoyed an amazing year! We can hardly believe there's only 4 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 Carla Sturtz whose husband Joe Ripchick passed away Monday. You and your family are in our prayers.

Please keep in your prayers Edward Lee Haurand, husband of Lynn Sturtz Haurand, and Carla Sturtz's son-in-law. The family is asking for prayers for healing.



May, the month of Mary, is just around the corner! If you would like to donate a May Crown, Flowers for the Altar or all of them for a weekend in honor or memorial of someone, please call the parish office to request a weekend.

May 4<sup>th</sup> & May 5<sup>th</sup> Weekend – Crowns have been donated by Linda & Joe Drexler in Memory of their mothers – Anna P. Kozlowski & Elsie Drexler.

Also available for May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> are: 2 Vases for Beside the Tabernacle - \$150.00 (\$75.00 each), Large Basket in Front of Altar \$100.00 Each

Prices for the Crowns and Flowers are as follows:  
 1 Small 3" Crown \$17.50, 2 Large Crowns \$30.00 each, 2 Vases for Beside the Tabernacle - \$150.00 (\$75.00 each), Large Basket in Front of Altar \$100.00 Each

The following weekends are available for donations:  
 May 11<sup>th</sup> & May 12<sup>th</sup> Weekend  
 May 18<sup>th</sup> & May 19<sup>th</sup> Weekend  
 May 25<sup>th</sup> & May 26<sup>th</sup> Weekend

Please call the Parish Office to reserve the flowers you would like to donate and the weekend you would like to donate.



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

May Wedding Anniversaries

Greg & Denise DePompeo	May 2, 1981
Pat & Wini Barron	May 14, 1966
Chris & Barbara Hite	May 15, 1982
Joe & Mary Pincus	May 15, 1993
Brian (BJ) & Hope Kopacki	May 17, 2008
Dexter & Pam Dix	May 24, 1992
Jim & Pattie Vadas	May 27, 1972

Attendance

April 20	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	74
April 21	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	133

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

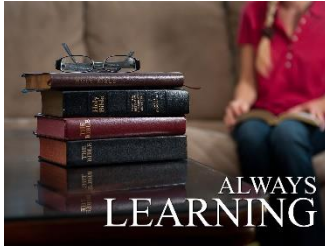
Total Offertory	\$ 3,608
Supplemental Collection	\$ 275
Total received this week	\$ 3,883
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596
Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:	
Capital Campaign	\$ 711
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$ 100
Haiti Ministry	\$ 25

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

We Need someone to head up the Committee for the Poor within our Parish. There are funds available, but we need someone willing to meet and assess the needs of those seeking help.

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**

Jesus invites sinners to the table of the kingdom: “I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.” He invites them to that conversion without which one cannot enter the kingdom, but shows them in word and deed his Father’s boundless mercy for them and the vast “joy in heaven over one sinner who repents. “The supreme proof of his love will be the sacrifice of his own life “for the forgiveness of sins.” (CCC 545)



**Eucharistic Revival**

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

Since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace. For pastoral reasons this manner of receiving communion has been legitimately established as the most common form in the Latin rite. But “the sign of communion is more complete when given under both kinds, since in the form the sign of the Eucharistic meal appears more clearly.” This is the usual form of receiving communion in the Eastern rites. (CCC 1390)

**Priests for Life**

***The meaning of choosing to receive the Holy Eucharist: The Church has taught consistently for 2000 years that those who receive the Eucharist are publicly professing their Catholic faith and are seriously striving to live by the moral teachings of the Church. Those who reject the teaching of the Church on the sanctity of human life and those who do not seek to live in accordance with that teaching place themselves in contradiction to the communion of the Church, and so should not receive the sacrament of that communion, the Holy Eucharist. We all fall short in various ways, but there is a great difference between struggling to live according to the teachings of the Church and rejecting those teachings. - Before I Formed You in the Womb I Knew You, A Pastoral Letter on the Human Dignity of the Unborn, Holy Communion, and Catholics in Public Life by the Most Reverend Salvatore Joseph Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco, May 2021. Read the complete statement at <https://sfarch.org/inthewomb/>***

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

The West Point Ministerial Association's annual National Day of Prayer Service is scheduled for May 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Point Church of God, 500 Main Street. Please consider joining our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ for this time of prayer.



**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.

## Teach us to pray

In Luke 11:1-13 (NIV), Jesus teaches about prayer.

*Directions: Add or subtract the letters indicated and unscramble the letters to form a new word, using hints from the passage. Then unscramble the circled letters to answer the question below.*

party – t = **p r a y** (v. 1)

lady + i = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 3)

drab + e = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 5)

rod + o = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 7)

bask – b = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 9)

keeps – p = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 9)

define – ee = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 9)

shift – t = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 11)

sneaky – y = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 11)

sift + g = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 13)

What will the Father give to those who ask of him?

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 13)

Answer: pray, daily, bread, door, ask, seeks, find, fish, snake, gifts, Holy Spirit



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  
Beth Burch  
Linda Burch  
Robert Burch  
Caroline Byrd  
Chris Byrd  
Katherine Carson  
Kevin Carson  
Lucy Carson  
Jessica Cassidy  
Jose Castaneda  
Logan Chestnutt  
Marianna Chestnutt  
Marvin Croswell

Meredith Crowe  
Angela Dart  
John Davenport – new  
addition  
Lydia Dehn  
Vincent D’elia  
Denise DePompeo  
Dexter Dix  
Joyce Drexler  
Paul Garman  
Karen Haney  
Ed Haurand – new addition  
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  
Lenny Ramlano  
Joe Ripchick  
Margaret Robbins - new  
addition  
John Ross  
Barbara Schaffer  
Margaret Silvia  
Jackie Via  
Margaret Via – new addition  
Gloria Wajciechowski  
Bill Webster  
Steve Weems  
James Wills  
Andrea Berberich Wilson  
Mary Yassem  
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](mailto:adminassistant@olbs-catholic.org)



# 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

**ALTAR LINENS**  
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**CLEANING COORDINATOR**

**COMMUNITY LIFE**

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
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**JUSTICE & PEACE**

**KNIT, PURL & PRAY**

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Marguerite Sturtz, Sacristan Emerita

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