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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)

HOLYDAYS

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.

May 11th & 12th, 2024

11:30-2:00 **Tea with the Blessed Mother Mary**

5:00 pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

5:30 pm **Mass Offered for Richard & Anna**

Kozlowski (RIP)

Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler

9:00 am **Mass offered for Paul Ryczak (RIP)**
 Requested by the Notre Dame Managers
And offered for Frank Staskiel (RIP)
 Anniversary of Death (May 7, 1990)
 Requested by Edmund & Patti Staskiel

10:15 am **Adult Bible Study**

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel
6:30 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, May 15th Saint Isidore (USA)*
11:00 am Mass Offered for Ike Musante (RIP)
Requested by Donna Geron
11:45 am Senior Luncheon at Nick's Spaghetti &
Steak House, Rt. 33, Shacklefords

Friday, May 17th

5:30 pm	Mass Offered for <u>Anthony Gintout (RIP)</u> Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
6:00 pm	Most Holy Rosary

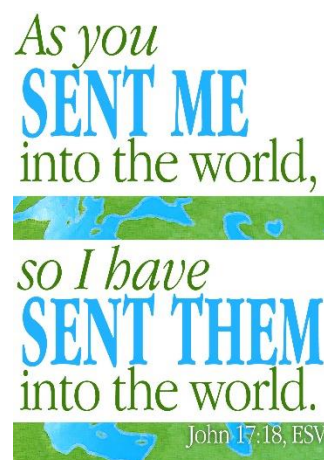
Sunday, May 19th ***PENTECOST SUNDAY****

9:00 am Mass offered for Edward Haurand for
Healing

 Requested by Marguerite Sturtz

10:15 am Adult Bible Study

11:00-2:00 pm **Parish Picnic**



After Sunday Mass, a procession from the church to the hall carrying the statue of Mary will take place. The crowning will take place at the hall. Hospitality will be moved to the hall.

Many thanks to Erin Hayden who set up and decorated the Mary statue. It is truly lovely. Also, if you haven't looked at the Marian alcove lately, be sure to do so. Erin has set up several pictures of Mary in her many roles as our Mother and guide. Thank you, Erin.

Each Friday Mass will be at 5:30pm followed by the Rosary.

If You Need a Visit from Father Oscar

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.

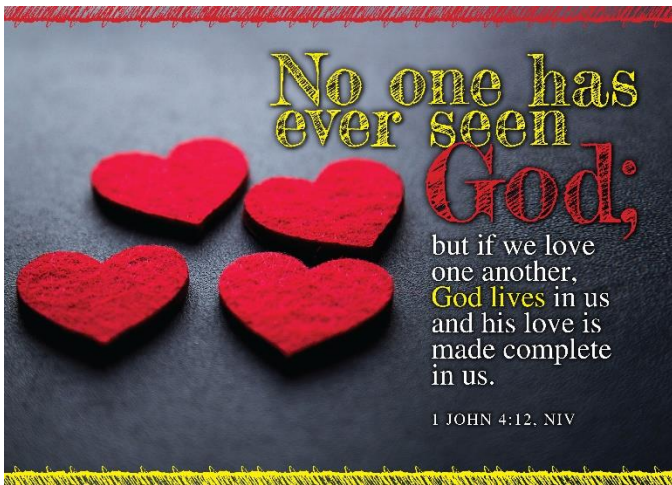
Save the Date: Parish Picnic

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. See more information later in this bulletin.

Senior Mass & Luncheon

Wednesday, May 15th is Mass at 11:00 am followed by the Senior Luncheon at Nick's Spaghetti & Steak House at 3483 Lewis B. Puller Memorial Hwy in Shackelfords. Call or text Jeannie Sturtz at 804-370-5821 by noon on Monday May 13 to reserve a space.

Because of our annual Preschool Graduation ceremony on Thursday May 23rd in the church at 9:20 am, the daily Mass will be moved to 11:30 am that day.



Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

Religious Education: Our Last Religious Ed. Class was May 5th! We will see you again in the fall!



Thank you to all of our Teachers for the faith education for our children. Our church grows when faith grows! A sincere thank you to:

Peggy Keane	Shannon Hayden	Cydney Henley
Angelynn McDonald	Melissa Simal	
Karena Funkhouser	Jackie Sylvia	AJ Duke

Reconciliation and First Holy Communion- will be on June 1st and June 2nd.

Adult Bible Study- Sundays after 9:00am Mass at VDB hall.

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



Open to all 6th -12th Grade.
We will meet again on **May 19th @5:30 pm.**



Movie Night! JESUS THIRSTS: THE MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST, a feature documentary by Executive Producer Deacon Steve Greco and producers James Wahlberg and Tim Moriarty. The powerful film is co-sponsored by the Diocese of Orange and puts Jesus on the big screen during the national Eucharistic Revival movement within the U.S. Catholic Church. **Tickets are on sale now** for *Jesus Thirsts*, which will be released in theaters nationwide on **June 4, 5, and 6** (in Spanish) at **4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** With two showtimes making the film more accessible for families, schools, and religious education, the movie includes a special bonus feature, *Our Lady of Guadalupe: Woman of the Eucharist*, produced by the Knights of Columbus.



Coming up in July!! Our dates will run **July 22nd to July 26th, from 6-8 pm.** We will need volunteers, please consider helping. If you have the recyclable items below, please save them for our **VBS**: They can be dropped by the office or left by the back table at church. Contact: Erin 804-366-4435.

Needed: Plain colored metal jar lids and toilet paper rolls

Lariats for Logan Chestnutt !!

Live Pro Wrestling Fundraising Event!

Saturday, June 1st @ West Point High School

Door opens at 6:15 pm. Bell time 7:00 pm.

Ringside seats \$20 General Admission \$15

Tickets available @ www.matwonline.com

And at the door the day of the event

The preschool has enjoyed an amazing year! Our annual Graduation ceremony will be held on Thursday May 23rd 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.



Our sincerest condolences to Bob & Lorraine Ryalls at the loss of their brother-in-law, Phil Marshall. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him.

Attendance

May 4	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	37
May 5	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	120
		4:00 pm Spanish Mass	32

Collection for May 4th & 5th, 2024

Total Offertory	\$ 6,618
Supplemental Collection	\$ 25
Votive Stand	\$ 36
Total received this week	\$ 6,679

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 1,305
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$ 783
Parish Maintenance Fund	\$ 25
OLBS Scholarship Fund	\$ 100
Poor Box	\$ 164
Diocesan Home Missions	\$ 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



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.

Mary's Crowns for this weekend have been donated accordingly:

- The Small Crown is in Memory of Patricia Seckora as Requested by Donna Geron
- One of the Large Crowns is in Memory of Eva P. Staskiel and Mary W. Mountcastle as Requested by Margaret & Richard Mountcastle
- One Large Crown is in Honor of Marian Kopacki as Requested by her Children and Grandchildren

Weekends available:

May 18th & May 19th Weekend - 1 Small 3" Crown \$17.50, 2 Vases for Beside the Tabernacle - \$150.00 (\$75.00 each), Large Basket in Front of Altar \$100.00 Each

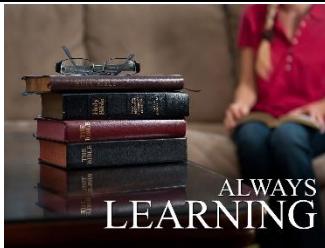
May 25th & May 26th Weekend - 1 Small 3" Crown \$17.50, 2 Large Crowns \$30.00 each, 2 Vases for Beside the Tabernacle - \$150.00 (\$75.00 each), Large Basket in Front of Altar \$100.00 Each

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



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



The signs of the Kingdom of God

Jesus' accompanies his words with many "mighty works and wonders and signs," which manifest that the kingdom is present in him and attest that he was the promised Messiah. (CCC 547)

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

Today Jesus said to me, I desire that you know more profoundly the love that burns in My Heart for souls, and you will understand this when you meditate upon My Passion. Call upon My mercy on behalf of sinners; I desire their salvation. When you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith on behalf of some sinner, I will give him the grace of conversion. This is the prayer: (Diary, 187)
"O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You." (Diary, 1142).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, may I fulfill Your desire and come to know more deeply Your burning love for souls in Your Passion by meditating on it. Thank You for the Blood and Water, which gushed forth from your Heart as a fount of mercy for us.



Eucharistic Revival

Holy Communion augments our union with Christ. The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist in Holy Communion is an intimate union with Christ Jesus. Indeed, the Lord said: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him." Life in Christ has its foundation in the Eucharistic banquet: "As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me." On the feasts of the Lord, when the faithful receive the Body of the Son, they proclaim to one another the Good News that the first fruits of life have been given, as when the angel said to Mary Magdalene, "Christ is risen!" Now too are life and resurrection conferred on whoever receives Christ. (CCC 1391)

Priests for Life The Glory of the Ascension

Jesus prayed on the night before he died, "Father, give me the glory I had with you before the world began." How is the glory he has in the Ascension different from the glory he had "before the world began?" It differs only in that now, he has it in a human nature. Our humanity has been taken to the heights of heaven, fulfilling the destiny God intended for human life from the beginning. Revelation 3:21 declares, "To the one who gains the victory, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne." God's plan for us is not just that we will gather around the throne or fall down before the throne, but that we will sit with him on the throne! This hope extended to the human family by the Gospel is directly contradicted when the same human beings destined for the heights of heaven are attacked by violence, degraded in their dignity, or put to death by things like abortion. The human nature Jesus brings to glory in the Ascension is the same human nature you and I share, and the same human nature that the babies in the womb share. Celebrating the Ascension in daily life means treating each human life as one destined to sit with Christ on his throne.



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)



Parish Picnic – May 19th 11:00 am – 2 pm

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 grassy area and parking lot area next to it.

There will be a bounce house for the younger crowd and live music from some of your favorite musicians!

There will be games and activities for all ages.

The Knights of Columbus will be providing hamburgers and hot dogs.

Please consider bringing a side dish or dessert to share. There are sign up sheets in the back of the church to fill in what sides or desserts you will bring or if you can help.

We are looking for volunteers to help with setup, cleanup, and to help with games and activities. If available, please contact Tiffany Smith by phone (804-840-7984), text or email: smith.tiffany86@gmail.com



IN OUR



Thoughts and Prayers

May 2024 Prayers for Healing & Good Health

Elizabeth Alley
Cheryl Antal
Danielle Berberich – an
addition
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
Lydia Dehn
Vincent D'elia
Denise DePompeo
Dexter Dix
Joyce Drexler
Paul Garman
Karen Haney
Ed Haurand
Tom Hollowack
Jim Houser
Gigi Jordan
Gloria Kojcsich
Bonnie Kopacki
Racheal Lafferty
Arlene Lasch
Melissa Leger

Karen Liberato
Philip Liberato
Holly McGowan
Patrick McGowan
Rich Perry
Lenny Ramlano
Margaret Robbins
John Ross
Barbara Schaffer
Margaret Silvia
Geri Thomas – an addition
Jackie Via
Margaret Via
Gloria Wajciechowski
Bill Webster
Steve Weems
Gary Weil
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

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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