

# 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)

### HOLYDAYS

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.

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> **PENTECOST SUNDAY\***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass offered for Mary Stephen Ochman  
(RIP)

Requested by Marguerite Sturtz

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> **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**

Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> *The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church\**

No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> *Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs\**

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

Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> *Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious\**

9:30 am Mass Offered for Phillip Marshall (RIP)  
Requested by Donna Geron  
6:30 pm **Choir Practice**

Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:20 am Preschool Graduation in Church  
11:30 am Mass Offered for Jeanie Sturtz Mass for  
Healing  
Requested by Janice McGowan

Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm Mass Offered for Racheal Lafferty Mass for  
Healing  
Requested by Janice McGowan  
6:00 pm Most Holy Rosary

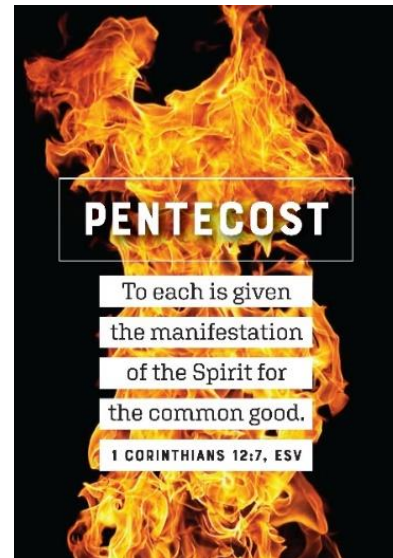
Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY\***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Joan Sockey (RIP) and  
Jean Wetherell (RIP)  
Anniversary of Birthdays  
Requested by the Hayden Family  
And Mass Offered for Gloria Bonatti (RIP)  
Anniversary of Death (May 26, 2020)  
Requested by Pattie & Jim Vadas

Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY\***

9:00 am Mass offered for Catherine Prince (RIP)  
10:15 am Adult Bible Study

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



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

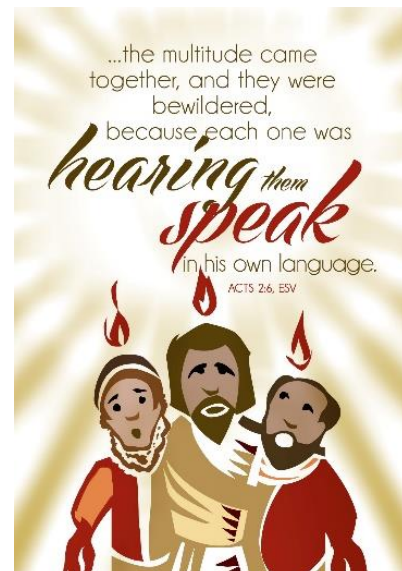
### If You Need a Visit from Father Oscar

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.

### Parish Picnic

Our annual parish picnic will be held this 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.

Because of our annual Preschool Graduation ceremony on Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>! 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

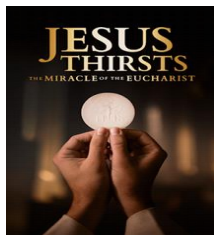
**Reconciliation and First Holy Communion-** will be on June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grade.  
No Youth Group on May 19<sup>th</sup> because of the picnic



**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 22<sup>nd</sup> to July 26<sup>th</sup>**, 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:** – brown packing paper from your amazon orders

### Lariats for Logan Chestnutt !!

#### **Live Pro Wrestling Fundraising Event!**

Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> @ 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](http://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 23<sup>rd</sup> in the church at 9:20 am. All are welcome to join us in this celebration. The daily Mass is 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.



### 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



**Mary's May Procession and Crowning at the Hall  
and Honoring Mothers Day on May 12<sup>th</sup>**



**Tea with the Blessed Mother Held May 11<sup>th</sup>**



**A wonderful turnout for this past Saturday's  
Tea with the Blessed Mother!**

Thank you to all of our hostesses for taking time to make this day extra special for our Lady and all those who attended: Jennifer Brown, Anne Duke, Cydney Henley, Sandy Lam, Melissa Simal and Virginia Walthour. Extra thank you to Sandy Lam for helping to organize, decorate and plan out this Tea event. It couldn't happen without these willing ladies!

Next year, May 10<sup>th</sup>! "Our Lady of Częstochowa"

**Attendance**

May 11	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	86
May 12	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	128

**Collection for May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Total Offertory	\$ 2,816
Supplemental Collection	\$ 10
Votive Stand	\$ 27
Total received this week	\$
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596

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

Capital Campaign	\$ 726
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$ 200
OLBS Scholarship Fund	\$ 387
Poor Box	\$ 60
Diocesan Home Missions	\$ 214

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

**Capital Campaign Status**

Capital Campaign Update: To date, we have raised a total of \$473,561.51 which includes \$381,250.00 in Pledges and One-Time Gifts in the amount of \$92,311.51. We have received \$277,485.16 in payments on pledges, leaving \$103,764.84 in payments to be received.

**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 following the Eucharist.



**Knights of Columbus**

**Knights' Columbian Club Hall For Sale**

The local council #8116 has listed its building on 7<sup>th</sup> Street with a broker and plans to sell the building. The cost of maintaining the building that is only used once or twice a month (insurance, electricity, propane heat & A/C, water, etc.).

If anyone knows of someone or a company that would have an interest in buying the building for catering, an events location, office space, or storage space, please let them know the building is available.



**May is the month of Mary. 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.**

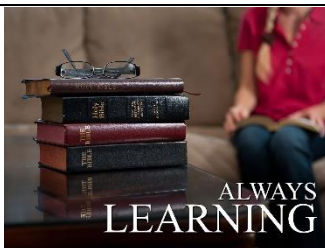
**Mary's Crowns for this weekend have been donated accordingly:**

- The Small Crown is in Memory of Maria Gawlick & Anna Houser Requested by Arlene Lasch and Rich Perry
- One of the Large Crowns is in Memory of Mildred Hite, Godmother, Requested by Lorraine Ryalls
- One Large Crown is in Memory of Esther Seckora, Godmother, Requested by Donna Geron

**Next weekend, the following are still available:**

**May 25<sup>th</sup> & May 26<sup>th</sup> Weekend - 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.**



#### The signs of the Kingdom of God

The signs worked by Jesus attest that the Father has sent him. They invite belief in him. To those who turn to him in faith, he grants what they ask. So miracles strengthen faith in the One who does his Father's works; they bear witness that he is the Son of God. But his miracles can also be occasions for "offense" they are not intended to satisfy people's curiosity or desire for magic. Despite his evident miracles some people reject Jesus; he is even accused of acting by the power of demons. (CCC 548)

#### **From The Diary of St. Faustina**

##### Meditation:

When the confessor started talking to me, I did not understand a single word. Then I saw Jesus Crucified and He said to me, **It is in My Passion that you must seek light and strength.** (Diary, 654).

##### My Prayer Response:

After the confession, I meditated on Jesus' terrible Passion, and I understood that what I was suffering was nothing compared to the Savior's Passion, and that even the smallest imperfection was the cause of this terrible suffering. Then my soul was filled with very great contrition, and only then I sensed that I was in the sea of the unfathomable mercy of God. Oh, how few words I have to express what I am experiencing! I feel I am like a drop of dew engulfed in the depths of the bottomless ocean of divine mercy (Diary, 654)



#### Eucharistic Revival

What material food produces in our bodily life, Holy Communion wonderfully achieves in our spiritual life. Communion with the flesh of the risen Christ, a flesh "given life and giving life through the Holy Spirit," preserves, increases, and renews the life of grace received at Baptism. This growth in Christian life needs the nourishment of Eucharistic Communion, the bread for our pilgrimage until the moment of death, when it will be given to us as viaticum. (CCC 1391)

#### Priests for Life

##### Pentecost Voice

The Holy Spirit, who came on Pentecost, gave voice to the apostles to proclaim the truth of the Gospel. The Spirit, the Soul of the Church, continues to enable the Church to speak, and enables us to speak in our individual capacity. As Cardinal Elio Sgreccia, former President of the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life has said, "The Church must speak out in today's context on fundamental rights, the right to justice, the right to peace, but above all and in the first place, the right to life. If the Church did not speak, did not proclaim the truth, it would be abandoning its duty; it would be unfaithful to society, to the good of society. Therefore, its precise duty is the very liberty to intervene with word, and also with example -- the example of promoting human life, of intervening for the salvation of mankind."

We request two or more parishioners volunteer to be "on call" for the Committee for the Poor within our Parish. There are funds available, but we need parishioners to meet and assess the needs of those seeking help. The Committee would only meet when there is a need.



**Parish Picnic – May 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:smith.tiffany86@gmail.com)**

## 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

Linda Drexler (804) 241-4073  
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### ALTAR SERVERS

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### ARTS & ENVIRONMENT

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### BELL CHOIR

### CANTORS/CHOIR

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### CEMETERY COMMITTEE

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### PARISH COUNCIL

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### SACRISTAN

Joe Drexler (804) 366-7563  
Marguerite Sturtz, Sacristan Emerita

### YOUTH MINISTRY

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### Father Jakubowski Council #8116



\* New Members  
Welcomed

\* Hall Rental Available

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