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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.

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME November 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME\***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass offered for Marguerite Sturtz (RIP)  
Requested by Tracey & Michael Kopacki

Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME\***

9:00 am Mass offered for Marian Kopacki (RIP)  
Requested by Tracey & Michael Kopacki  
10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School  
10:15 am Adult Sunday Bible Classes (Boogaard Hall)  
11:15 am Christmas Play practice

Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> *The Dedication of the Basilica of Saints  
Peter and Paul, Apostles; & St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin\**  
No Daily Mass  
12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 am Mass offered for Robert & Virginia Burch (RIP)  
Requested by The Hayden Family  
4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Boogaard Hall)  
12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 am Mass offered for Marian Kopacki (RIP)  
Requested by Bob & Lorraine Ryalls  
11:45 am Senior Lunch at Lucanos Restaurant Rt. 33  
in Eltham  
6:00 pm **Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> *The Presentation of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary\**  
9:30 am Mass offered for Marguerite Sturtz (RIP)  
Requested by Bob & Lorraine Ryalls

Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> **Saint Cecelia, Virgin, Martyr\***  
5:30 pm Mass offered for Georgina Pion (RIP)  
Requested by Bob & Lorraine Ryalls  
6:30 pm **Holy Rosary**

Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE\***  
2:00 pm Wedding Ceremony of Shannon Hayden  
and Mitch Walthour  
5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass offered for Joe Ripchick (RIP)  
Requested by Mary Ann & Frank Fetterolf

Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE\***  
9:00 am Mass offered for Mary Rosa Gooch (RIP)  
Anniversary of Death (11/25/2004)  
Requested by Edna Trudeau  
10:15 am **NO RELIGIOUS ED. OR CHRISTMAS PLAY  
PRACTICE NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>. We will return  
to class December 1<sup>st</sup>**



**HEAVEN AND EARTH  
WILL PASS AWAY, BUT  
*my words*  
WILL NOT PASS AWAY.**  
MARK 13:31

### \*Note: Changes to our Giving Tree this year

Our Giving Tree is up and we need your help! Please consider being a sponsor for a child in need. If you wish to participate, grab a tag, sign it out, go shopping and return gifts back under the tree with the tag attach no later than Sunday, December 8th. Gifts must be unwrapped and place in a large trash bag. Still have questions? Contact Sandy Dinh at 562-607-1422. Together we can keep the tradition of "The Giving Tree" alive.

### Christmas Decorating Help!

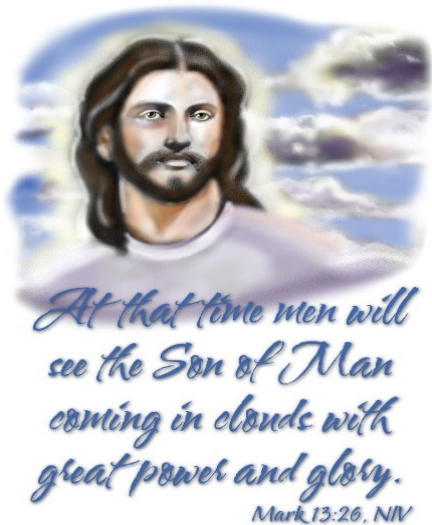
Who doesn't like decorating for Christmas? Here's your chance to join in to help decorate the church! The weekend of November 30/December 1 is the First Sunday of Advent. This being said, we are looking for volunteers to assist with decorating in the church for that weekend to prepare for the Christmas season. Advent decorating: will be November 24<sup>th</sup>, after the 9 am. Sunday Mass. Please let us know if you can help. If you would like to help Christmas decorating, call: Erin Hayden (804-366-4435).

### Daily Mass & Senior Lunch

The Senior Luncheon will be held at Lucanos Restaurant in Eltham this Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Call Jeanie Sturtz at 804-370-5821 by Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> to reserve a seat.

### Financial Information

\*\*\*Annual Parish Report is in this weekend's Bulletin as an insert. If anyone had any questions to please contact someone on the Finance Council.\*\*\*



## Religious Education

Religious education classes run from 10:15 to 11:15 am.

Our Christmas Play practice has begun. We will be practicing till 12 noon after Sunday School.

Save the Date of Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. There will be a Pot Luck along with the showing of "The Saviors Birth"

**NO RELIGIOUS ED. OR CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>.** We will return to class December 1<sup>st</sup>, Advent. Enjoy Thanksgiving break!

### Safety Issue!

We want to keep our children safe! Please stay with your children, if you arrive at the hall before 10:15 am.



Open to all 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grade.  
No Youth Group November 17.

**Sunday Bible Study-** during religious ed. class time, we will meet in the front foyer of the hall. The study will be, "Lectio Eucharist." Find out how the Eucharist had been foreshadowed since the beginning of Genesis and shown throughout the Bible. No Bible study November 24<sup>th</sup>.

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**Tuesday Adult Bible Study** – 4:30 pm.– studying the Book of Job. Newcomers are welcome to join! Our group has grown, and we are now meeting at the Church Hall. Bring your Bible, notepad and pencil.

## Got FORMED?

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## Changes to our Christmas Food Basket this year:

This Christmas we are teaming up with "West Point Community Lil' Free Pantry" to help the local families in the area get through the holidays. If you have not heard of them, you can go on [littlefreepantry.org](https://littlefreepantry.org) for more information. They are simply pantries that are located throughout town where free dry goods are supplied by neighbors to help neighbors. We want to give this a try this year to not only serve the "x amount" of families we usually do, but to serve them and those in needs around the community. We hope this way it will expand the value of our money and increase the amount of families we are able to help. Please consider donating; any amount will be appreciated. If you wish to participate, there will be envelopes and a jar to place the money in at the back of the church. We will be collecting through the month of November through mid-December. All funds will be used for replenishing the pantries for Christmas and any leftover funds will be saved to replenish accordingly throughout the year.

"Take what you need. Leave what you can" - West Point Community Lil' Free Pantry

## Attendance

November 9	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	92
November 10	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	121



### Priests for Life

#### Mercy Triumphs

The Church opposes abortion, but embraces with mercy those who have made this mistake. Let's all take encouragement from these words of Pope John Paul II: "I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly, what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and to his mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child." (The Gospel of Life, #99).



#### November Wedding Anniversaries

Paul & Erin Borszich	November 3, 2007
Richard & Margaret Mountcastle	November 6, 1971
Shane & Donna Donahue	November 10, 2001
Jody & Bobbi Drexler	November 15, 2003
(Stanley) & Geraldine Thomas	November 22, 1959
Joe & Linda Drexler	November 23, 1968

Hearing assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

#### From The Diary of St. Faustina

##### Meditation:

Lie down and take your rest. I have let you experience in three hours what I suffered during the whole night (*Diary*, 1054).

My host, you are refreshment for My tormented Heart (*Diary*, 1056).

##### My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, thank You for the suffering You endured for me. May I be a refreshment for Your tormented Heart. And give me the strength to suffer out of love for You and others.



#### Eucharistic Revival

Only validly ordained priests can preside at the Eucharist and consecrate the bread and the wine so that they become the Body and Blood of the Lord. (CCC 1411)



#### Knights of Columbus

##### Coats for Kids Program

The local Knights of Columbus Council 8116 is once again seeking donations for its Coats for Kids program.

#### Sacred Heart of Jesus

This is the 350th anniversary of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque's visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – the visions began around 1674. "Our Lord reminded [St. Margaret Mary] of that ancient and beautiful devotion, and she shared that gift with the world,"



Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori, with Supreme Officers and other K of C leaders, celebrates a votive Mass of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Sacred Heart Chapel of the Church of the Gesù in Rome on Oct. 23. Earlier this year, the chapel's 1767 painting of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Italian artist Pompeo Batoni was chosen as the centerpiece of the Order's upcoming Pilgrim Icon Program. (Photo by Tamino Petelinšek)



## Stations Path & Cultural Prayer Gardens

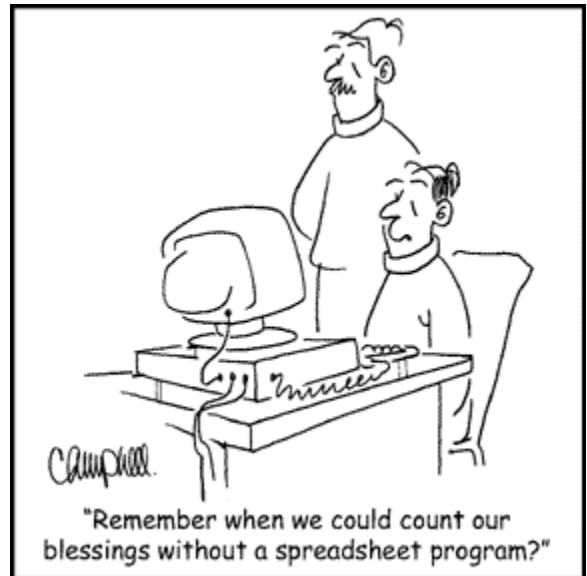
Please check out the progress on Mason Kopacki's Eagle Scout project "Stations of the Cross Outdoor Path" and the most recent work that was completed last Saturday behind the parking area.

A map of the garden area layout is on display in the Church foyer.



### 'These Veterans Are My Brothers'

Lewis Reid, a U.S. Army veteran and Knight of Columbus, has logged more than 25,000 hours of service to veterans over the past 59 years. At 91, Reid still sometimes assists at two or three military funerals a day. "I'm old enough to retire, but the man upstairs told me not to quit," he said. "I just love doing this. These veterans are my brothers."



### **NEVER STOP LEARNING** Jesus' Ascent to Jerusalem

Though already present in his Church, Christ's reign is nevertheless yet to be fulfilled "with power and great glory" by the King's return to earth.<sup>1</sup> This reign is still under attack by the evil powers, even though they have been defeated definitively by Christ's Passover.<sup>2</sup> Until everything is subject to him, "until there be realized new heavens and a new earth in which justice dwells, the pilgrim Church, in her sacraments and institutions, which belong to this present age, carries the mark of this world which will pass, and she herself takes her place among the creatures which groan and travail yet and await the revelation of the sons of God."<sup>3</sup> That is why Christians pray, above all in the Eucharist, to hasten Christ's return by saying to him: Marana tha! "Our Lord, come!"



## 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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