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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 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Spanish Mass 4:00 p.m.
(first Sunday of the month)

WEEKDAYS

Tuesday – Thursday 8:30 a.m.
Friday 5:00 p.m.
(followed by the Rosary —
first Friday of the month
is followed by a holy hour)

HOLYDAYS

8:30 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

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OFFICE HOURS

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 29th & 30th, 2025

Saturday, March 29th *FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
 4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 pm Mass offered for Adele McCloud (RIP)
Anniversary of Death (2/12)
 Requested by Cathy Fudella

Sunday, March 30th *FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
 9:00 am Mass offered for Marian Kopacki (RIP)
 Requested by Michele & John Rouse
 10:15 am Religious Education Classes
 10:15 am Adult Bible Study
 10:15 am **Parish Council meeting**

Monday, March 31st
 No Mass
 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, April 1st
 8:30 am Mass offered for Joe, Sr., Elsie,
& Johnnie Drexler (RIP)
 Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel
 4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (MC)

Wednesday, April 2nd *Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit**
 8:30 am Mass offered for Tommy Fudala (RIP)
 Requested by Cathy Fudella
 6:30 pm **Choir Practice**

Thursday, April 3rd
 8:30 am Mass offered for Richard & Anna
Kozlowski (RIP)
 Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

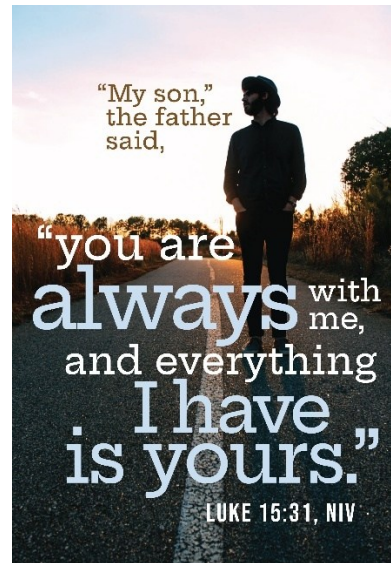
Friday, April 4th *Saint Isidore, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**
 5:00 pm Mass for Mike Pausic (RIP)
 Requested by Rose Marie Jesion
 5:30 pm **Stations of the Cross – Parish Council**

Saturday, April 5th *FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
 4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 pm Mass offered for Mike Pausic (RIP)
 Requested by Janice McGowan

Sunday, April 6th *FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
 9:00 am Mass offered for OCIA & Confirmation
Candidates to be Strengthened in
the Faith
 Requested by the Hayden Family
 10:15 am Religious Education Classes
 10:15 am Adult Bible Study
 4:00 pm **Spanish Mass**
 6:30 pm **Youth Group (VDB)**

(MC) Mercy Center (VDB) van den Boogard Hall (Parish Hall)

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



Spanish Mass will be on Sunday, April 6 at 4:00 pm as this is the first Sunday of the month.

Jubilee Year of Hope

A central symbol of every Jubilee Year is the Holy Door. In Rome, there are four Holy Doors located in the major basilicas: St. Peter's Basilica, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul Outside the Walls. During a Jubilee Year, these doors are ceremonially opened by the Pope to mark the beginning of the celebrations. Pilgrims passing through the Holy Door can receive a plenary indulgence, a grace that remits all temporal punishment due to sin, under the usual conditions of confession, Eucharist, and prayers for the Pope's intentions.

The Holy Door is far more than a physical portal; it is a powerful symbol of Christ, who described Himself as the "door" (John 10:9). Walking through the Holy Door represents a personal journey of conversion, an entry into God's mercy, and a step toward a renewed relationship with Him.

Parish Penance Service: Mark Your Calendar
Tuesday, April 8th at 7:00 pm



Religious Education

Religious Education Classes are held Sundays at 10:15 am.

Tuesday Adult Bible Study: Join us at 4:30 pm (MC). We are studying the book of JOB.

Sunday Adult Bible Study: We begin our study of Exodus. We meet after the 9 a.m. Mass in the front foyer of the hall.

Parish Scholarship Application Time

Please look for information in the back of the church for an application or check with the Parish Office about the Parish Scholarship.



Our next Youth Group will meet **April 6th**, 6:30 pm. to 8:00 pm.
All 6th to 12th graders are welcome to join us .

Christ is Alive!! 6th Annual Essay Contest-

Open to children in grades 3-8th grade! You or your child may pick up a detailed information with rules from their religious ed. teacher or Mrs. Hayden. The topic: Describe a moment in the last year when you felt close to God? Deadline for turning the essay in will be by Sunday, March 23rd. Two winners will be selected from each grade level across America! Prizes to be awarded.

Miles for Meals Challenge (Rise Against Hunger)- The Youth group is leading the "Miles for Meals" challenge. Our goal is to raise \$2,400 to feed the 5,000 like Jesus did. We need your help! Take an envelope, take a walk and pray for those less fortunate. Mark your miles on the chart and donate \$1 per mile to your envelope. We will collect miles and envelopes on Palm Sunday. When we reach our goal, we will set up a meal packaging event that everyone can help participate in feeding the 5,000. We also have our 'meter bank' to fill, if you would rather help with that. Thank you!

I Believe in Jesus Christ, His Only Son Our Lord –

Jesus' Resurrection glorifies the name of the Savior God, for from that time on it is the name of Jesus that fully manifests the supreme power of the "name which is above every name". The evil spirits fear his name; in his name his disciples perform miracles, for the Father grants all they ask in this name. (CCC 434)



Confirmation!

The sacrament was celebrated at St. Bede, on
Tuesday March 25th.

Congratulations! Our newly confirmed: Ryan
Sprouse, Jackson Gibbs, Alondra Nava,
Mia Norzagaray, Jose Norzagaray, Jorge Duran,
Sara Perez, Valeria Martinez, Omar Corrales Jr.

May the Holy Spirit lead you in
the way of the Lord.

Upcoming International Dinner April 26

An International Dinner parish fundraiser is being planned for April 26, the Saturday after Easter. Tickets will be by donations but seating is limited. Call Jim for tickets (804-370-5341 or tickets should be available after Masses. If you would like to jump in and help cooking or setup, we would love to hear from you. **A sign-up sheet is located in the foyer of the church.** Anyone of any heritage can sign up to help with any one of the ethnic foods or to help with anything needed.

Easter Week Calendar

April 8 Tues.	Penance Service 7:00 pm
April 12-13	Palm Sunday (Regular times)
April 16 Wed	7:00 pm Tenebrae
April 17	Holy Thursday 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
April 18	Good Friday 3:00 pm Stations 7:00 pm Passion
April 19 Sat	Easter Vigil 8:00 pm Mass
April 20 Easter Sunday	9:00 am Mass



Lenten Dinners

Once again, the Knights of Columbus are planning their last Lenten Fish Dinner. Tickets are available after all masses for \$15 each or call 804-512-9701.

Save the date: April 4 Flounder, shrimp, & crabcake



A big thank you to Lorraine & Bob Ryalls, Bob's Sister Sharon, Donna Geron, Carla Sturtz and everyone who helped with the reception for the Celebration of my sister, Barbara Schaffer's life. Everyone's help allowed my family and I to visit and reminisce with the family and friends who came to celebrate her life. Thank you so much for doing that for us!

Cathy Fudella & Family



Father Oscar blesses Stations of the Cross path prior to Friday Stations. Great job, Mason Kopacki!



Stations of the Cross assigned leaders for the following Fridays of Lent:

April 4	Parish Council
April 11	Cemetery Committee
April 18	Finance Committee

Collection for March 22 & 23, 2025

Total Offertory	\$ 2,378
Debt Supplemental Collection	\$ 40
Easter Flowers	\$ 170
Donation for mic's for Music Ministry	\$ 306
Total Received This Week	\$ 2,894

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 326
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 40
Maintenance Fund	\$ 100
Cemetery Fund	\$ 265

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

March 22 Saturday	5:00 pm Mass	47
March 23 Sunday	9:00 am Mass	146

St. Theresa Cemetery – Remove Old Flowers

Dear Parishioners with beloved family members and friends buried at St. Theresa Catholic Cemetery: please remove any old displays and expired flowers before Palm Sunday, April 13th; any old displays will be discarded. Thank you from the Cemetery Committee.



April 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

If you have not listed your wedding anniversary with the Parish, please call the office so you can be included here.

Help Needed

Retired gentleman (Catholic parishioner) in Colonial Heritage Club subdivision between Norge and Williamsburg is looking for a reliable housekeeper to clean small home (not entire home – just 1 bedroom, 1 bath, kitchen, LR – of the home approx. once per month. Call Carl 910-967-3199.



The **West Point Ministers Association Lenten Soup & Sermon** Series will continue on Wednesdays through April 9th.

Father Oscar has agreed to work with the pastor at St. John's Episcopal Church on April 9th this year. We need one or two parishioners to take the lead for working with their contact to plan, set up, serve, and clean up the luncheon. We will also need to have some parishioners to cook and supply some soups and desserts. Please call the parish office if you can help in any way.

Here is the schedule:

- **April 2:** Wayne Groome (West Point Church of God) and Arthur Anderson (Mt. Nebo Baptist Church)
- **April 9:** Oscar Paraiso (Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church), Charlie and Miriam Maloney (Mattaponi Society of Friends), and Theresa Brion (St. John's Episcopal Church)

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

The First Feast of Mercy

Low Sunday; that is, the Feast of The Divine Mercy, the conclusion of the Jubilee of Redemption. When we went to take part in the celebrations, my heart leapt with joy that the two solemnities were so closely united. I asked God for mercy on the souls of sinners. Toward the end of the service, when the priest took the Blessed Sacrament to bless the people, I saw the Lord Jesus as He is represented in the image. The Lord gave His blessing, and the rays extended over the whole world. ... I heard a voice, **This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of My tender mercies. Every soul believing and trusting in My mercy will obtain it** (*Diary*, 420).

My Prayer Response:

Thank you, St. Faustina, for your description of the first celebration of the Feast of Mercy, at the Shrine of Our Lady, Mother of Mercy in Vilnius (Shrine of Ostra Brama [The Dawn Gate]). What a marvel of God's timing that it was also the world's celebration of the 1,933rd anniversary of our redemption!



West Point Knights of Columbus

Seafood Combo Dinner

**Fried Shrimp, flounder, crab cake,
3 sides, dessert & drink**

**OLBS Catholic Church Boogaard Hall
3510 King William Ave.**

Friday, April 4, 2025

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Tickets: \$15.00

Eat in or Take Out

For Tickets Call: (804) 512-9701

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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