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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.

Parish Offices

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OFFICE HOURS

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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)**

April 26th & 27th, 2025

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

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

**Saturday, April 26th SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)***

4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass offered for Dianna Sanders (RIP)
Requested by Lorraine & Bob Ryalls
And offered for Ed Kopacki (RIP)
Requested by Virginia Kopacki

**Sunday, April 27th SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)***

9:00 am Mass offered for Deceased Members of
the Sockey Family
Requested by the Burch Family
No Religious Education Classes
10:15 am **No Adult Bible Study**

**Monday, April 28th St. Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest***
No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

**Tuesday, April 29th St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of
the Church***

8:30 am Mass offered for Amy & Sam Byram (RIP)
Requested by the Hayden Family

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

4:30 pm **No Adult Bible Study**

Wednesday, April 30th Saint Pius V, Pope*

8:30 am Mass offered for Randall Martin (RIP)
Requested by the Hayden Family

6:30 pm **Choir Practice**

Thursday, May 1st Saint Joseph the Worker*

8:30 am Mass offered for Deceased Members of
the Burch Family
Requested by the Burch Family

Friday, May 2nd St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

5:00 pm Mass offered for Special Intention
Requested by Edna Trudeau

5:30 pm First Friday Holy Hour

Saturday, May 3rd THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER*

4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass offered for Randall Martin (RIP)
Requested by the Hayden Family

Sunday, May 4th THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER*

9:00 am Mass offered for Mike Pausic (RIP)
Requested by Rose Marie Jesion

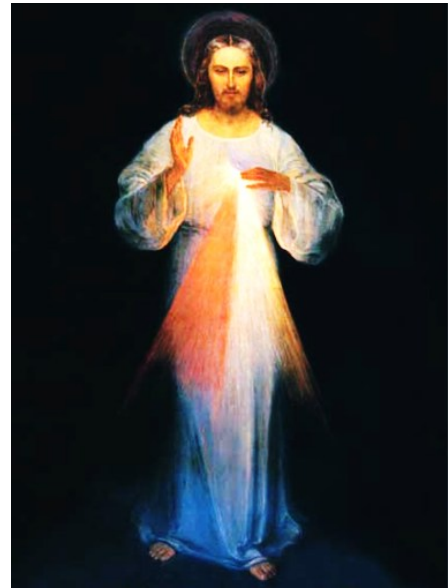
10:15 am Religious Ed Sunday School

10:15 am Adult Religious Education

10:15 am **Parish Council Meeting**

4:00 pm **Spanish Mass**

6:30 pm **Youth Group**



**The Spanish Mass will be Sunday May 4th at 4:00 pm
as this is the first Sunday of the month.**

The OLBS Parish Scholarship

Applications should be completed and returned no later than Sunday, April 27, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact Kay Shaw, Scholarship Committee Chair at 804-366-7518.



**Blessed are those
who have not seen and yet
have come to believe.**

John 20:29, NRSV

Religious Education

Religious Education **No religious ed. on April 27th.**

We will return on May 4th, for Our LAST RELIGIOUS ED. CLASS!!!

Stay tuned for information on VBS. Save the date July 21st to the 25th. A meeting will be set for anyone interested in helping with VBS. If you would like to help, please contact the office.

No Adult Bible Study on Sunday April 27th.

Youth Group News

Youth Group will meet, May 4th

All 6th to 12th graders are welcome to join.



Tea with the Blessed Mother- Ladies of all ages are invited to attend our Tea with the Blessed Mother on **May 10th from 11:30 am. to 2:00 pm.** Please bring your favorite tea dish to share. We will learn and have activities centered around our Lady under the title of (Our Lady of Czestchowa). Sign up at the entrance of the church or call the office. Please let us know if you are interested in hosting a table, information will be provided. Call: Erin (804)-366-4435.

VIRTUS Training

VIRTUS Protecting God's Children safety training, will be available for all grade levels, Kindergarten to HS at the **Van Den Boogaard Hall.**

If you would like your child to attend, please sign up by calling the office. This program is meant to help your child set boundaries of protection and awareness against the predators in the world. For more information, call the office and talk to Erin.

Training dates are as follows:

K- 2nd Grade Training- May 4th, from 11:15 am. to 12:15 pm.

3rd-5th Grade Training- May 18th, from 10:15 am. to 11:15 am.

6th-8th Grade Training- May 25th, from 10:15 am. to 11:15 am.

9th-12th Grade Training- Monday, May 12th @ the Mercy Center 6:00 pm. -7:15 pm.

Movie Showing- Carlo Acutis "Roadmap to Reality" (Check Movie Tavern or Regal Newtown Cinema for times). This is playing in theaters for only 3 days! **April 27th thru 29th.** In a world losing itself to screens, teenage mystic Carlo Acutis saw beyond our social media-addicted society and offered an answer—if we're willing to listen. **Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality** explores the life of the first millennial saint while following teens on a phone-free pilgrimage to his tomb, immersing them in his story, his passion for Christ, and a search for meaning in a digital age.



Miles for Meals Challenge (Rise Against Hunger)- Thank you for your participation in Miles for meals and donations to Rise Against Hunger. Stay tuned for total miles.

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

Today bring to Me THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE SEPARATED THEMSELVES FROM MY CHURCH, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. During My bitter Passion they tore at My Body and Heart, that is, My Church. As they return to unity with the Church, My wounds heal, and in this way, they alleviate My Passion (*Diary*, 1218).

My Prayer Response:

Most Merciful Jesus, Goodness Itself, You do not refuse light to those who seek it of You. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who have separated themselves from Your Church. Draw them by Your light into the unity of the Church, and do not let them escape from the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart; but bring it about that they, too, come to glorify the generosity of Your mercy (*Diary*, 1219).



Congratulations to the Newest Members
of our Church Family!

Bob George, Reece Kirkland, Brenda Mercer, David Sloniker, Lajla Sloniker, Roholof Sloniker, Chris Sutton, & Luna Sutton.
Welcome to the Body of Christ! May the most Holy Trinity continue to guide you in your faith, always!
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Collection for April 19 & 20, 2025

Total Offertory	\$ 3,352
Debt Supplemental Collection	\$ 229
Holy Thursday	\$ 2,672
Good Friday	\$ 561
Priests for Life	\$ 100
Votive Stand	\$ 13
Total Received This Week	\$ 6,927

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

Capital Campaign	\$ 557
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 200
Poor Box	\$ 40

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

April 16	Tenebrae	59
April 17	Holy Thursday	98
April 18	Good Friday Stations	35
	Passion	100
April 19	Saturday Easter Vigil 8:00 pm Mass	160
April 20	Sunday 9:00 am Mass	164



May 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

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

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

(CCC 439) Many Jews and even certain Gentiles who shared their hope recognized in Jesus the fundamental attributes of the messianic "Son of David", promised by God to Israel. [Cf Mt 2:2; 9:27; 12:23; 15:22; 20:30; 21:9.15] Jesus accepted his rightful title of Messiah, though with some reserve because it was understood by some of his contemporaries in too human a sense, as essentially political. [Cf. Jn 4:25-26; 6:15; 11:27; Mt 22:41-46; Lk 24:21] [528-529, 547]

Jubilee Year of Hope and Divine Mercy

In the Great Jubilee year of 2000, 25 Years ago, Pope John Paul II declared the Feast of Divine Mercy! Entrusting the whole world to the Divine Mercy of God. This is a message of Trust in God and a Hope for renewal in accepting God's.

Priests for Life

Divine Mercy and Pro-life

Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday. Many of the faithful pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy regularly. There is a link between this devotion and the pro-life movement. Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, who was a principal translator of St. Faustina's diary, and the postulator of her cause of canonization, writes the following: *"On at least three occasions, from 8:00-11:00 in the evening, she felt like her insides were being torn apart. She suffered so much that she thought she was going to die. The doctors couldn't figure out what was ailing her, and no medication was able to alleviate her sufferings. Later, she was given to understand that she was undergoing those pains for mothers who were aborting their children (Diary, 1276).*

"On another occasion, she had a vision of an angel coming with thunderbolts to destroy one of the most beautiful cities of her country. And she felt powerless to do anything about it (Diary, 474). What antidote did the Lord give her? The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. [She explained] that the city was to be chastised for its sins, primarily the sin of abortion." ("Wombs of Mercy," Marian Helpers Bulletin, Summer 1995, p.13).

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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