

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church



3570 KING WILLIAM AVE • WEST POINT VA 23181



PASTOR

Rev. Oscar Paraiso (804) 843-3125 ext. 102
cell (757) 778-5118
oparaiso@richmonddiocese.org
pastormcneill@gmail.com

RECTORY

(804) 843-4231

PERMANENT DEACON

Rev. Dr. Kevin McKeever (973) 983-0511
conorlew56@gmail.com

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Pam Watkins (804) 843-3125 ext. 101
Hours: Tuesday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
adminassistant@olbs-catholic.org

BUSINESS MANAGER

Bob Ryalls (804) 843-3125 ext. 104
cell (757) 207-0215
businessmgr@olbs-catholic.org

COORDINATOR OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Erin Hayden (804) 843-3125 ext. 103
DRE@olbs-catholic.org

MUSIC DIRECTOR (INTERIM)

Mary Jackson (757) 515-8398
music@olbs-catholic.org

PRESCHOOL TEACHER/DIRECTOR

Vangy Lawson (804) 843-4177
preschool@olbs-catholic.org

VAN DEN BOOGAARD HALL RENTALS

Janice McGowan (804) 843-2870
hallrentals@olbs-catholic.org

GOOD NEIGHBOR CENTER

By Appointment (757) 585-8227

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

CONTACT

207 W. Euclid Blvd.
West Point, VA 23181
p: (804) 843-3125 • f: (804) 843-9158
Parish e-mail: olbs@olbs-catholic.org
Parish website: www.olbs-catholic.org

OFFICE HOURS

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17th & 18th, 2025

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

Saturday, May 17th FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass offered for Fred Hodges (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Sunday, May 18th FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

9:00 am Mass offered for Joyce Richardson (RIP)
Anniversary of Death (4/9/18)
Requested by Edmund Staskiel & Family
10:15 am VIRTUS Training 3rd-5th Grade (VDB)
10:15 am Parish Council Meeting (MC)

Monday, May 19th

No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, May 20th St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest*

8:30 am Mass offered for Marian Kopacki (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel
4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (VDB)

Wednesday, May 21st St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*

11:00 am Mass offered for Henry Kopacki (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
11:45 am Senior Luncheon at Nick's Spaghetti &
Steak House, Rt. 33, King & Queen Co.
6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 22nd St. Rita of Cascia, Religious*

9:20 am Preschool graduation (Church)
11:00 am Mass offered for Mike Pausic (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Friday, May 23rd

5:00 pm Mass offered for Nelson Paraiso (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
5:30 pm Rosary offered by Father Oscar

Saturday, May 24th SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass offered for Gloria Bonatti (RIP)
Anniversary of Death (5/26)
Requested by Jim & Pattie Vadas

Sunday, May 25th SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

9:00 am Mass offered for Raymond Chartier (RIP)
KIA 1969
Requested by Donna Geron
10:15 am VIRTUS Training 6th – 8th Grade (VDB)

*“By this all people will know
that you are my disciples, if you
have love for one another.”*

JOHN 13:35, ESV



If Announcements Need to be Made

Announcements should be placed in the orange folder at the Cantor's stand to be read after all masses or you may approach the Cantor's stand if you wish to make the announcement yourself. Announcements should be only one or two sentences in length. Additional information should be put in the bulletin by contacting the church office.

Boogaard Hall Rental Position

We have been blessed for the many years that Janice McGowan has served as the Coordinator for the Van den Boogaard Center Hall Rentals. Unfortunately, we have not been successful in finding her replacement as she will not continue after the end of May. If we are unable to find someone to take on this role by the end of May, we will be forced to suspend all future rentals of the parish hall and incur a significant loss of revenue. If interested, please contact the Parish Office.

Senior Mass & Luncheon

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 21 Mass at 11:00 am and a luncheon to follow at Nick's Spaghetti & Steak House, Route 33 in King & Queen County. Please call Jeanie Sturtz at 804-370-5821 by noon on Monday, May 19th to reserve a seat.

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

Religious Education

Religious Education: No Classes till the Fall. Please continue the Faith at home. We look forward to seeing your children at our Vacation Bible School.

There are no Sunday Bible Study classes till the Fall. Tuesday Bible Study is held @ 4:45 pm. @ our Church Hall. Our new study is on Hebrews. Please call and let us know if you are joining us! 804-843-3125x103



VBS Save the date! “Wanted? or Chosen?” July 21st to July 25th, 6-8 pm. A meeting will be set for anyone interested in helping with VBS. If you would like to help, please contact the office

Stay tuned for information on VBS.
Save the date July 21st to the 25th..



No Youth Group on May 18th.
All 6th to 12th graders are welcome to join.

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. Sign out packets and links to the program are also available. This program is offered to help your child set boundaries of protection and awareness against the predators in the world. For more information or to sign up or obtaining a packet, please call (804)-843-3125 x103 **(I would need to know in advance if your child is attending).**

Training dates are as follows:

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.



We will be having our **annual preschool graduation ceremony on Thursday May 22nd**. It will begin about 9:20 am and end before 11:00 am so to allow for Mass afterwards. We will have an outdoor reception after the ceremony around 10:00 on the veranda. Please feel free to join us! Vangy

FORMED is free to OLBS Parishioners! The Parish pays for this and you should take advantage of this remarkable Catholic resource of entertainment, information, and education!

FORMED is free to OLBS Parishioners! The Parish pays for this and you should take advantage of this remarkable Catholic resource of entertainment, information, and education!

THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

Get thousands of enriching Catholic movies, programs, audio, and books instantly on FORMED when you sign up with your parish.

To sign up for free:

1. Visit signup.formed.org
2. Enter your parish zip code or name

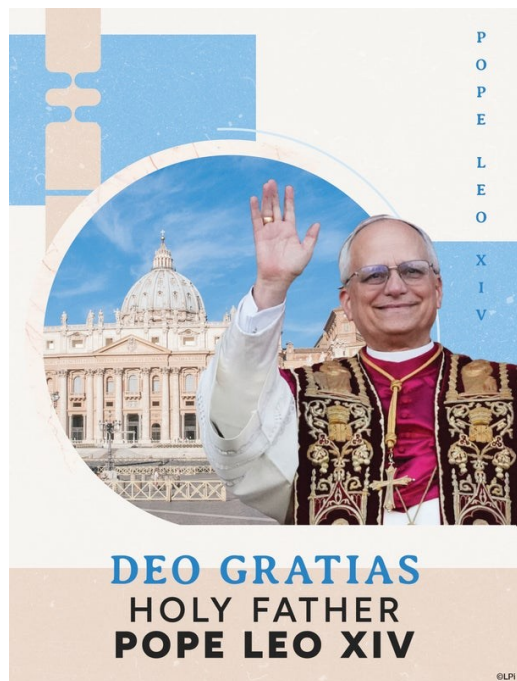
SIGN UP



FOR FREE

Miles for Meals- Thank you to all who participated in the, Rise Against Hunger, “Miles for Meals” fundraiser. Together we walked **506.2 Miles** and raised over **\$841** towards our meal packaging 😊 our date is **TBD**.

Little White Books- You will find these little books of Easter meditations on the back table, they are donated and **FREE** to you. Please don’t hesitate to grab one. Thank you!



Special Honor!
The 'Silver Rose' on Display in Our Parish



From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

Seek Light and Strength

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).



Our local Father Jakubowski Council #8116 is honored to be able to display the Silver Rose. There are three "Silver Rose's" traveling the country.

In 1960, young members of the Knights of Columbus in Monterrey, Mexico wanted to give back as a way to commemorate the miracle that took place 500 years ago when live roses in the middle of winter given to Juan Diego from Our Lady of Guadalupe.

So, these Mexican Knights began a new tradition of delivering a silver rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The tradition continued in 2001 when a Silver Rose was blessed by Bishop Alfonso Espino Silva and sent to the Knights of Columbus main office in New Haven, Connecticut, and the tradition continues – not only to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, but to reaffirm the Order's dedication to the sanctity of human life.

Tea With the Blessed Mother

Thank you to all who helped make our Tea a success!

Hostesses and guests had a wonderful time honoring our Lady under the title of Our Lady of Czestochowa, eating delicious food and drinking tea in fellowship on May 10th.

We are all looking forward to next year's tea, honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe on May 9th! Mark your calendar now, you don't want to miss it!



Our Lady of Czestochowa



Great to see such a large crowd of all ages attended the Tea with the Blessed Mother

THE ONLY SON OF GOD

Such is not the case for Simon Peter when he confesses Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God", for Jesus responds solemnly: "Flesh and blood has not *revealed* this to you, but *my Father* who is in heaven." [Mt 16:16-17] Similarly Paul will write, regarding his conversion on the road to Damascus, "When he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles." [Gal 1:15-16] "And in the synagogues immediately [Paul] proclaimed Jesus, saying, 'He is the Son of God.'" [Acts 9:20] From the beginning this acknowledgment of Christ's divine sonship will be the centre of the apostolic faith, first professed by Peter as the Church's foundation. [Cf. 1 Th 1:10; Jn 20:31; Mt 16:18] [552, 424] (CCC 442)

Jubilee Year of Hope 2025-

Pope Francis consistently emphasized the importance of the family in the life of the Church and the world. During the Jubilee, he called on families to be beacons of hope, where love, forgiveness, and unity flourish. *"The family is the place where hope is cultivated, where love is shared, where mercy is lived, and where reconciliation takes place."*

Families can celebrate the Jubilee year by coming together in prayer, nurturing their relationships, and being open to reconciliation when conflicts arise. It is a chance for families to deepen their commitment to living out the Gospel values of love and mercy in their daily lives.

Priests for Life

Pope to Pro-life Movement: Protect Life with Courage!

Pope Francis said the following to the Italian Pro-life Movement: "I remember once, a long time ago, I participated in a conference with doctors. After the conference I greeted them and while I spoke to them, one of them called me to one side. He had a package and he said to me, 'Father, I want to leave this with you. These are the instruments I have used to carry out abortions. I have encountered the Lord and repented, and now I fight for life'. He gave me all those instruments. Let us pray for this good man...Every Christian has the responsibility of this witness to the Gospel: to protect life with courage and love in all its phases. I encourage you to do this, always with an attitude of closeness and proximity, so that every woman feels considered as a person, listened to, welcomed and accompanied". (April 11, 2014)

Collection May 10 & 11, 2025

Total Offertory	\$ 6,520
Hall Rentals	\$ 300
Total Received This Week	\$ 6,820
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596
Capital Campaign	\$ 630
Maintenance Fund	\$ 5
OLBS Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,110

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

May 10	Saturday	5:00 pm Mass	87
May 11	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	172



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.



Knights of Columbus

A "Fraternal Benefit Event" will be held on Saturday, May 31st after the Saturday Mass (approximately 6:00 pm) at the Boogaard Hall. All are welcome. Learn about:

- >Life insurance protection for your family
- >Long-term care insurance options
- >Annuities
- >Open to members & non-members



Daily Mass is said at the Monastery of the Poor Clares usually at 8:00 am. The Monastery is located at 5500 Holly Fork Road in Barhamsville, New Kent County. You may call the Sisters at 757-566-1684 to leave prayer requests.

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). Call Carl 910-967-3199.



NOW HIRING: MARKETING COORDINATOR

Ready to make a real difference in your community?
Use your marketing expertise to share stories that inspire change.

Join our mission - Call or click today to learn more!



CALL 757-456-2366



VISIT WWW.CCEVA.ORG



As sweet as honey



Honey is both a sweetener and a medicine.
How can our words be used in the same ways?



Directions: Use the hexagon key to fill in the missing vowels and complete Proverbs 16:24, NIV.



Grocooos words

oro o honoocomb,

swoot to tho soo

ond hooolong



to tho bonos.



PROVERBS 16:24, NIV

Answer: Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24, NIV



We plant seeds that
will flower as results
in our lives,
so best to remove the
weeds of anger, avarice,
envy and doubt,
that peace and
abundance may
manifest for all.

— Dorothy Day

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

Ginger Chwalowski (757) 912-3025

ALTAR SERVERS

Jody Drexler (804) 815-7720

shamelss@verizon.net

Joe Drexler (804) 366-7563

jdrexler1@verizon.net

ARTS & ENVIRONMENT

artsenvironment@olbs-catholic.org

BELL CHOIR

CANTORS/CHOIR

Mary Jackson (757) 515-8398

music@olbs-catholic.org

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Terry Frederick (804) 843-3125

cemetarychair@olbs-catholic.org

CHURCH HISTORIAN

Linda Drexler (804) 241-4073

historian@olbs-catholic.org

CLEANING COORDINATOR

COMMUNITY LIFE

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Eric Ellingson (804) 843-3125

facilitieschair@olbs-catholic.org

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Richard Duke (804) 843-3125

financechair@olbs-catholic.org

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Nanci Hernandez

Jose Velasquez

hispanicministry@olbs-catholic.org

HOSPITALITY

Glenn & Kay Shaw (804) 366-7518

JUSTICE & PEACE

KNIT, PURL & PRAY

LAWN MOWING COMMITTEE

Eric Ellingson (804) 843-3125

ericellingson@verizon.net

LIBRARY

Linda Drexler (804) 241-4073

vintagenotes@verizon.net

LITURGY COMMITTEE

Deacon Kevin McKeever

(973) 983-0511

liturgychair@olbs-catholic.org

MINISTRY SCHEDULING

Pattie Vadas (804) 241-5009

pbv0806@yahoo.com

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

PARISH COUNCIL

Tiffany Smith (804) 840-7984

parishchair@olbs-catholic.org

SACRISTAN

Joe Drexler (804) 366-7563

jdrexler1@verizon.net

YOUTH MINISTRY

Erin Hayden (804) 843-3125 ext 103

DRE@olbs-catholic.org

Please support our sponsors. They support our bulletin!

SOMETHING BUGGING YOU?

Call the Company that Offers:

- Real People answering your calls
- Over Thirty Years' experience
- Safe, Dependable Service IN Williamsburg
- Licensed Technicians

CALL THE COMPANY YOU CAN TRUST

JAMES PEST CONTROL

229-3370 or 229-3372

TERMITES • COCKROACHES • FLEAS • TICKS • RODENTS

 **THRIFT INSURANCE**

8th & MAIN STREET
WEST POINT, VA 23181
(804)843-3500

3531 N. COURTHOUSE RD
PROVIDENCE FORGE, VA 23140
(804)966-1600

Vincent Funeral Home and Cremation Services

CHRIS P. VINCENT

vincentfuneralh@aol.com

417 11th Street
West Point VA 23181
(804) 843-2550

9923 Pocahontas Trail
Providence Forge VA 23140
(804) 966-7075

Milby Oil Company, Inc.

Non-Ethanol Gasoline,
Regular Gasoline,
On & Off Road Diesel
Available 24 hours a day!

Propane Filling Station

Open Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm

410 Glass Island Rd.,
West Point VA 23181

Phone: (804) 843-4900 ~ Fax: (804) 843-4399

Email: hmilbyjr@milbyoil.net

Website: www.milbyoil.net

"Like" us on FaceBook



Rent the Father van den Boogaard Hall

Facilities for
Wedding Receptions,
Anniversary Parties,
Birthdays, Family Reunions

Main Hall accommodates up
to 300 guests

Foyer & Kitchen available for
smaller events

(804) 843-3125 ext 111

hallrentals@olbs-catholic.org

Father Jakubowski Council #8116



*New Members Welcomed

*Hall Rental Available

CONTACT

Craig or Danielle Smith
804.398.8374