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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 24th & 25th, 2025

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 Pattie & Jim Vadas

Sunday, May 25th **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***

9:00 am Mass offered for Raymond Chartier (RIP)
Requested by Donna Geron

Monday, May 26th **MEMORIAL DAY**

*Saint Philip Neri, Priest**

No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, May 27th *St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop**

Mass offered for Marian Kopacki (RIP)

Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (MC)

Wednesday, May 28th

8:30 am Mass offered for Ed Kopacki (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

6:30 pm **Choir Practice**

Thursday, May 29th *Saint Paul VI, Pope**

8:30 am Mass offered for Henry Kopacki (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Friday, May 30th

5:00 pm Mass offered for Ed Kopacki (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

5:30 pm Rosary offered by Father Oscar

Saturday, May 31st **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD***

4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass offered for Mike Pausic (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Sunday, June 1st **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD***

9:00 am Mass offered for Meredith Crowe (RIP)
Requested by Mary Ann & Frank
Fetterolf



Last Chance to Check the Lost & Found

Check for items lost & found in the basket in the foyer of the church. Items not claimed by June 8th will be given a new home!



* Color of letters indicates 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)

Religious Education

Religious Education: Your child still has lessons in their books, **please continue the faith at home.** No Classes for the Summer! 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



"Wanted? or Chosen?"

Vacation Bible School will be July 21st to July 25th, 6-8 pm. 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 Youth Group on May 25th.

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. Sign out packets and links to the program are also available. 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:

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.

Packets available for sign out on the back table at the church entrance for 8th -12th grade.

Parish Kids Giving Back!



Giving back is a valuable practice both for the giver and the recipient, though it can be a challenge to remember to "give back" with all that is already going on with our busy life. These kids completed the assignment from Palm Sunday and we would like to take a moment to recognize them for their act of kindness. Charlie Jordan, Lajla Sloniker, Jackie Jordan, Quynh Anh Nguyen, Luna Sutton and Savannah Le. Thank you for giving back!

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

Unite Yourself with Me

My daughter, do not omit Holy Communion unless you know well that your fall was serious; apart from this, no doubt must stop you from uniting yourself with Me in the mystery of My love. Your minor faults will disappear in My love like a piece of straw thrown into a great furnace. Know that you grieve Me much when you fail to receive Me in Holy Communion (*Diary*, 156).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, may my minor faults disappear in the fire of Your love when I receive You in Holy Communion. In no way, do I want to grieve You.



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



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.

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.

THE ONLY SON OF GOD

Peter could recognize the transcendent character of the Messiah's divine sonship because Jesus had clearly allowed it to be so understood. To his accusers' question before the Sanhedrin, "Are you the Son of God, then?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am." [Lk 22:70; cf. Mt 26:64; Mk 14:61-62] Well before this, Jesus referred to himself as "the Son" who knows the Father, as distinct from the "servants" God had earlier sent to his people; he is superior even to the angels. [Cf. Mt 11:27; 21:34-38; 24:36] He distinguished his sonship from that of his disciples by never saying "our Father", except to command them: "You, then, pray like this: 'Our Father'", and he emphasized this distinction, saying "my Father and your Father". [Mt 5:48; 6:8-9; 7:21; Lk 11:13; Jn 20:17] [2786] (CCC 443)

Collection May 17 & 18, 2025

Total Offertory	\$ 2,538
Debt Supplemental Collection	\$ 400
Hall Rentals	\$ 400
Votive stand	\$ 28
Total Received This Week	\$ 3,366

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

Capital Campaign	\$ 1,851
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 325
Diocesan Home Missions	\$ 5
Poor Box	\$ 65
Youth Group	\$ 90
OLBS Scholarship Fund	\$ 70

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

May 17	Saturday	5:00 pm Mass	89
May 18	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	147



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.

Jubilee Year of Hope 2025-

Pope Leo XIII proclaimed the Jubilee in 1900 with the prospect of overcoming widespread moral degradation; just think of the condition of workers in that time and it is clear why this was the theme.

The 1925 Jubilee emphasized the theme of fraternity: the useless slaughter was behind and European totalitarianisms were on the horizon.

The Jubilee of 1950 had the tone of reconstruction, faced with a Europe (and a world) full of physical and moral rubble after World War II.

In 1975, Paul VI chose the theme of reconciliation and communion in a tense post-conciliar time—but also in a climate of the Cold War.

John Paul II proclaimed the year 2000 as the great Jubilee of the Incarnation, a gateway to the third millennium. Today is the time for hope.



Priests for Life

The Creator's Eternal Dream

Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of Love," writes, "The Psalmist says: 'You knit me together in my mother's womb' (Ps 139:13). Every child growing within the mother's womb is part of the eternal loving plan of God the Father: 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you' (Jer 1:5). Each child has a place in God's heart from all eternity; once he or she is conceived, the Creator's eternal dream comes true. Let us pause to think of the great value of that embryo from the moment of conception. We need to see it with the eyes of God, who always looks beyond mere appearances." (AL, 168)



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 parishioner in Colonial Heritage Club subdivision between Norge and Williamsburg is looking for help to clean small home (not entire home – just 1 bedroom, 1 bath, kitchen, LR – of the home). Call 910-967-3199.



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FROM THE AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

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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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