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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3rd & 4th, 2025

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 (VDB)

10:15 am Parish Council Meeting (MC)

4:00 pm Spanish Mass

6:30 pm Youth Group (VDB)

Monday, May 5th

No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, May 6th

8:30 am Mass for Robert & Virginia Burch (RIP)
Requested by the Hayden Family

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (MC)

Wednesday, May 7th

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

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 8th

8:30 am Mass offered for Meredith Crowe (RIP)
Requested by Frank & Mary Ann Fetterolf

Friday, May 9th

5:00 pm Mass – No Mass Intention

5:30 pm Rosary offered by Father Oscar

Saturday, May 10th **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***

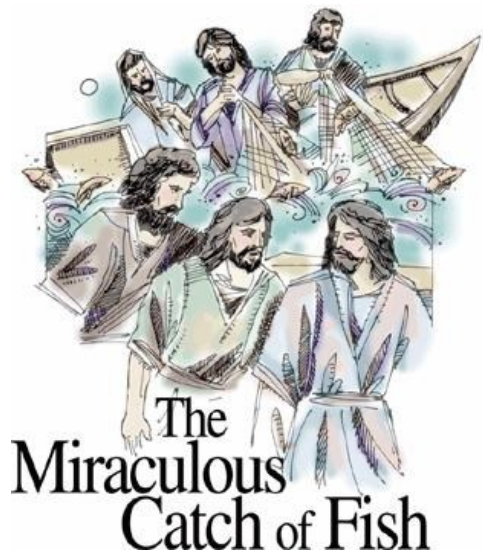
4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass – No Mass Intention

Sunday, May 11th **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***

9:00 am Mass offered for Marguerite Sturtz (RIP)
and Mary Ochman (RIP)

Requested by Joan Applegate &
Carole Beasley
and Mass offered for a Special Intention
Requested by Edna Trudeau



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

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 the May Mass at 11:00 am and a luncheon to follow at Nick's Spaghetti & Steak House, Route 33 in King & Queen County.

* 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 Boogaard Hall (Parish Hall)



Religious Education

Religious Education: May 4th is our last class for Religious education this year! Your child still has lessons in their books, please continue the faith at home.

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.



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 Czestochowa). 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.

Youth Group News

Youth Group will meet, May 4th
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.

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.

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

Do Not Be Discouraged

I heard a voice: **Apostle of My mercy, proclaim to the whole world My unfathomable mercy. Do not be discouraged by the difficulties you encounter in proclaiming My mercy. These difficulties that affect you so painfully are needed for your sanctification and evidence that this work is Mine** (*Diary*, 1142).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, do not let us apostles of Divine Mercy be discouraged by the difficulties we encounter, but may we rejoice in them because they are needed for our sanctification — it is all Your work. All for the glory of Your name, Merciful Savior.

I Believe in Jesus Christ, His Only Son Our Lord

Jesus accepted Peter's profession of faith, which acknowledged him to be the Messiah, by announcing the imminent Passion of the Son of Man. **[Cf. Mt 16:16-23]** He unveiled the authentic content of his messianic kingship both in the transcendent identity of the Son of Man "who came down from heaven", and in his redemptive mission as the suffering Servant: "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." **[Jn 3:13; Mt 20:28; cf. Jn 6:62; Dan 7:13; Is 53:10-12]** Hence the true meaning of his kingship is revealed only when he is raised high on the cross. **[Cf. Jn 19:19-22; Lk 23:39-43]** Only after his Resurrection will Peter be able to proclaim Jesus' messianic kingship to the People of God: "Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." **[Acts 2:36]**

International Dinner A Success!

Last Saturday, April 26th, the International Dinner was held. We thank everyone who attended and donated. The different nationalities came through again with some of their traditional dishes and desserts. The amounts raised are shown in the "Collection" summary in this bulletin.



Our Lady of Czestochowa picture at Polish table.



Ethnic Food Menus



VIETNAMESE

Starter

Spring Rolls

(Pork, Shrimp, Lettuce & Vermicelli)

Main

Chicken Wings

Fried Rice

Dessert

Fried Sesame Ball



Poor Clares Solemn Vows

On Friday, April 25, the Poor Clares Sisters of the Bethlehem Monastery in Barhamsville celebrated the Consecration of Solemn Vows of Sister Chiara Marie of Jesus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Moore. The main celebrant of Mass was The Most Reverend Bishop Barry C. Knestout. Father Oscar concelebrated with the Bishop and a number of priests.



Family and attendees in the public portion of the chapel.



Sister Chiara Marie of Jesus



Profession of Vows



Bishop Knestout celebrating Mass.

COollection for April 19 & 20, 2025

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| Total Offertory | \$ 3,682 |
| Debt Supplemental Collection | \$ 25 |
| Holy Thursday | \$ 40 |
| Good Friday | \$ 65 |
| Hall Rentals | \$ 825 |
| Mass Intentions | \$ 30 |
| Copies | \$ 20 |
| Total Received This Week | \$ 4,687 |

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

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| Capital Campaign | \$ 329 |
| Facilities Repairs & Maintenance | \$ 20 |
| Haiti Ministry | \$ 50 |
| OLBS Scholarship Fund | \$ 45 |
| Cemetery Fund | \$ 50 |
| Youth Group | \$ 841 |

International Dinner results

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| Donations | \$ 4,037 |
| 1 st 50/50 Raffle | \$ 209 |
| 2 nd 50/50 Raffle | \$ 87 |
| Silent Auction | \$ 533 |
| Le Leche Milk Cake Donations | \$ 275 |
| Total | \$ 5,141 |

Thank You for Supporting our Parish



Knights of Columbus

May 15th Blood Drive

The Knights are sponsoring a blood drive at the Boogaard Hall on Thursday, May 15th. Please see the flyer in this weekend's bulletin for information or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment.

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

Council 8116 (the "Father Jakubowski Council") Knights of Columbus meets on the first Monday of each month for their business meeting at the Columbian Club Hall at 312 7th Street in downtown West Point.

The Knights are also renting the Columbian Club Hall once again for events such as family gatherings, birthday parties, etc. Contact Craig or Danielle Smith at 804-398-8374.

Attendance

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| April 26 | Saturday | 5:00 pm Mass | 84 |
| April 27 | Sunday | 9:00 am Mass | 171 |



May Anniversaries

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| 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.

Priests for Life

Pro-Peace and Pro-Life

"On receiving the Nobel Prize for Peace, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta had the courage to say to the leaders of political communities: 'If we let a mother kill the fruit of her womb, what is left to us? It is the principle of abortion that endangers peace in the world'. It is true! There can be no true peace without respect for life, especially if it is innocent and defenseless as is that of the unborn child. Elementary coherence requires those who seek peace to safeguard life. No pro-peace activity can be effective unless attacks on life at all its stages, from conception until natural death, are as energetically opposed." (St. John Paul II To The Members Of The Italian Pro-Life Movement, 22 May 2003)

Editorial Note: Canonized on September 4, 2016 and is now known as Saint Theresa of Calcutta.

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.

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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