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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 EASTER

May 10th & 11th, 2025

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

Monday, May 12th

No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, May 13th

8:30 am Mass offered for Gary Weil (RIP)

Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (MC)

Wednesday, May 14th

8:30 am Mass offered for Nelson Paraiso (RIP)

Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

5:00 pm **Facilities Committee Meeting (VDB)**

6:30 pm **Choir Practice**

Thursday, May 15th

8:30 am Mass – No Mass Intention

12:00-6:00 pm **K of C Red Cross Blood Drive (VDB)**

Friday, May 16th

5:00 pm Mass – No Mass Intention

5:30 pm Rosary offered by Father Oscar

Saturday, May 17th **THIRD 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 **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER***

9:00 am Mass offered for Joyce Richardson (RIP)
Anniversary of Death (4/9/18)
Requested by Edmund Staskiel & Family

* 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)



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.



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

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 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.

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



We will be having our **annual preschool graduation ceremony on Thursday May 22nd**. It will begin about 9:20am and end before 11:00am 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



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.

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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!



Our condolences to Sara Hodges on the death of her husband and Carla Sturtz's brother, Fred Hodges. Freddie never knew a stranger and had a story for everyone. He will be missed.

Sympathies also at the passing of Mary Pincus' mother, Amelia Arthur, who recently passed away.



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.

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

My daughter, try your best to make the Stations of the Cross in this hour, provided that your duties permit it; and if you are not able to make the Stations of the Cross, then at least step into the chapel for a moment and adore, in the Blessed Sacrament, My Heart, which is full of mercy; and should you be unable to step into the chapel, immerse yourself in prayer there where you happen to be, if only for a very brief instant. I claim veneration for My mercy from every creature, but above all from you, since it is to you that I have given the most profound understanding of this mystery (*Diary*, 1572).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, You so desire that we take advantage of the Hour of Great Mercy that You offer us a variety of ways to venerate Your mercy. Help us to draw down all the available graces for a world in desperate need of Your mercy.

THE ONLY SON OF GOD

In the Old Testament, "*son of God*" is a title given to the angels, the Chosen People, the children of Israel, and their kings. [Cf. *Dt 14:1; (LXX) 32:8; Job 1:6; Ex 4:22; Hos 2:1; 11:1; Jer 3:19; Sir 36:11; Wis 18:13; 2 Sam 7:14; Ps 82:6*] It signifies an adoptive sonship that establishes a relationship of particular intimacy between God and his creature. When the promised Messiah-King is called "son of God", it does not necessarily imply that he was more than human, according to the literal meaning of these texts. Those who called Jesus "son of God", as the Messiah of Israel, perhaps meant nothing more than this. [Cf. *1 Chr 17:13; Ps 2:7; Mt 27:54; Lk 23:47*] (CCC 441)

Collection May 3 & 4, 2025

Total Offertory	\$ 4,431
Debt Supplemental Collection	\$ 255
Carpet cleaning & rosaries	\$ 1,500
All Souls Day	\$ 20
Good Friday	\$ 25
Religious Goods	\$ 33
Mass Intentions	\$ 273
Votive stand	\$ 38
Total Received This Week	\$ 6,575

Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596
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Capital Campaign	\$ 1,263
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 600
Diocesan Home Missions	\$ 25
Poor Box	\$ 77
Prayer gardens	\$ 100
Haiti Ministry	\$ 2,575
Maintenance Fund	\$ 25
OLBS Scholarship Fund	\$ 25
Cemetery Fund	\$ 500

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

The Capital Campaign figures are as follows:

Total Raised as of today = \$492,689.98
(Includes Pledges and One-Time Gifts)
Pledges = \$381,250.00
One-Time Gifts = \$111,439.98
Payments on Pledges Collected = \$306,223.42
Amount Left to Collect on Pledges = \$75,026.58

Attendance

May 3	Saturday	5:00 pm Mass	103
May 4	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	126
		4:00 pm Spanish Mass	23



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-

Holy Doors

Jubilees have biblical roots, as the Mosaic era established jubilee years to be held every 50 years for the freeing of slaves and forgiveness of debts as manifestations of God's mercy.

The practice was reestablished in 1300 by Pope Boniface VIII, who, inspired by his predecessor Pope Celestine V's "Jubilee" in L'Aquila six years prior, issued a bull of indulgence proclaiming that Christians who confessed their sins, received the Eucharist, and made a pilgrimage to Rome could receive a plenary indulgence — a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ to remove the temporal punishment due to sin.

The Holy Door is one of the essential parts of a jubilee year. The special doors, found at St. Peter's Basilica and Rome's three other papal basilicas, are sealed from the inside and only opened to walk through during the holy year.

Priests for Life

The People of Life:

It is wondrous enough that someone rose from the dead by his own power. But the Lord Jesus, in rising from the dead, does not just conquer his death; he conquers ours. He overturns the entire kingdom of death. The entire ministry of the Church is focused on bringing us — and all humanity — the eternal life that flows from Christ and his Resurrection. This is the sense in which he is the Good Shepherd. Not only does he keep us from danger in this life; he shepherds us through death itself to the life that knows no end.



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

Special Honor!

The 'Silver Rose' on Display in Our Parish



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.

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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