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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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 31st & June 1st, 2025

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

4:00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, June 2nd **Saints Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs***
No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, June 3rd **Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs***

Mass offered for Mike Pausic (RIP)
Requested by Rosemarie Jesion

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (MC)

Wednesday, June 4th

8:30 am Mass offered for Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, June 5th **Saint Boniface, Bishop & Martyr***

8:30 am Mass offered for Anthony M. LeRusso (RIP)
Anniversary of Death
Requested by Anthony & Maria LeRusso

Friday, June 6th **Saint Norbert, Bishop***

5:00 pm Mass offered for Joe, Sr., Elsie & Johnnie Drexler (RIP)

Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

5:30 pm Rosary offered by Father Oscar

Saturday, June 7th **PENTECOST SUNDAY***

4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

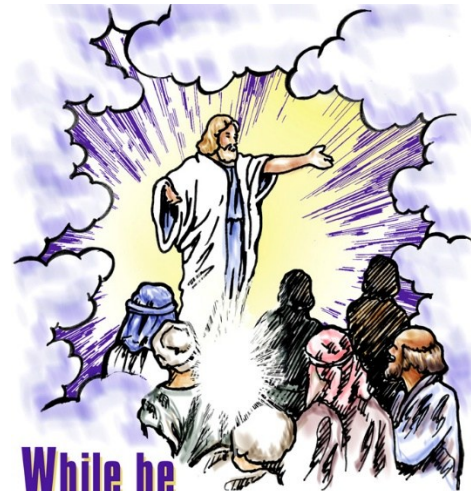
5:00 pm Mass offered for Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Sunday, June 8th **PENTECOST SUNDAY***

9:00 am Mass offered for Amelia Arthur (RIP)
Requested by John Zischkau

* 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)



**While he
was blessing them, he...
was taken up into heaven.**

Luke 24:51

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!

Spanish Mass is this Sunday, June 1 at 4:00 pm.

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ...



and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8, NRSV

Religious Education

Religious Education: We look forward to seeing your children at our Vacation Bible School!

There are no Sunday Bible Study classes until 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 is set at the VDB hall on June 10th @ 6:30 pm., for anyone interested in helping with VBS. We will go over decorating and where help is needed. Please contact the office or reach out to Erin Hayden.



No Youth Group June 1st.

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

Stir up a Living Faith

I am the same under each of the species, but not every soul receives Me with the same living faith as you do, My daughter, and therefore I cannot act in their souls as I do in yours (*Diary*, 1407).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, stir up a living faith in me, so You are free to act in my soul as You desire. I want You to be free to act in my soul as You did in St. Faustina's.

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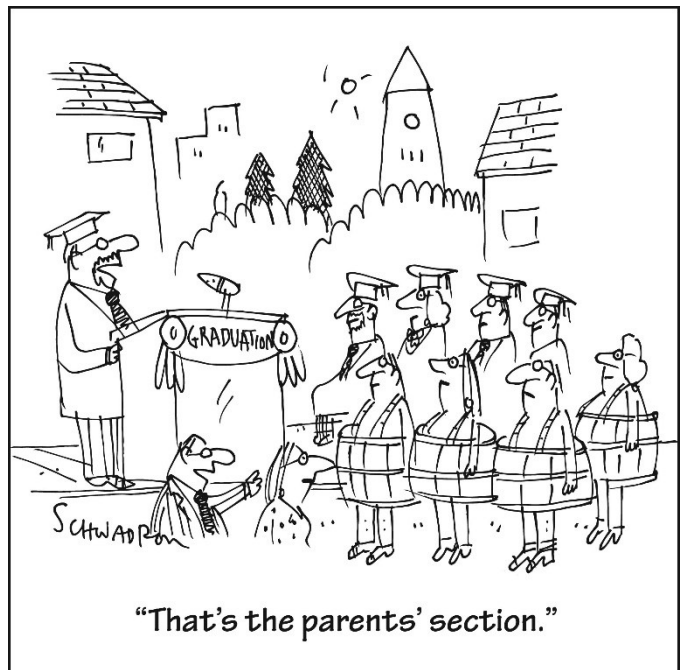


FOR FREE

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!

THE ONLY SON OF GOD

The Gospels report that at two solemn moments, the Baptism and the Transfiguration of Christ, the voice of the Father designates Jesus his "beloved Son". [*Cf. Mt 3:17; cf. 17:5*] Jesus calls himself the "only Son of God", and by this title affirms his eternal pre-existence. [*Jn 3:16; cf. 10:36*] He asks for faith in "the name of the only Son of God". [*Jn 3:18*] In the centurion's exclamation before the crucified Christ, "Truly this man was the Son of God", [*Mk 15:39*] that Christian confession is already heard. Only in the Paschal mystery can the believer give the title "Son of God" its full meaning. [*536, 544*]





June Anniversaries

Jeffrey & Melissa Pitts	June 1, 1985
Donald & Barbara Trimmer	June 6, 1992
Terry & Brenda Frederick	June 16, 1973
John & Victoria Kurdziel Roane	June 26, 1960
(Paul) & Mary Leigh McDonald	June 30, 1973

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

Collection May 24 & 25, 2025

Total Offertory	\$ 3,326
Debt Supplemental Collection	\$ 10
Hall Rentals	\$ 200
Total Received This Week	\$ 3,536

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

Capital Campaign	\$ 3,280
Maintenance Fund	\$ 381
Diocesan Home Missions	\$ 3,100
OLBS Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,025

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Attendance

May 24	Saturday	5:00 pm Mass	98
May 25	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	124

Jubilee Year of Hope 2025-

Pope Leo XIV: The soil where the seed in the parable lands "is our heart, but it is also the world, the community, the church," he said. "The word of God, in fact, makes fruitful and provokes every reality."

What happens to the seed depends on the quality of the earth it lands on, he said. "But first and foremost, in this parable Jesus tells us that God throws the seed of his word on all kinds of soil, that is, in any situation of ours," the pope said. "At times we are more superficial and distracted; at times we let ourselves get carried away by enthusiasm; sometimes we are burdened by life's worries, but there are also times when we are willing and welcoming." "God is confident and hopes that sooner or later the seed will blossom," Pope Leo said.

"This is how he loves us: he does not wait for us to become the best soil, but he always generously gives us his word." When people see how God loves and trusts them, the pope said, it should encourage them to be "better soil."

Acts 1:7, NRSV



"It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority."



Knights of Columbus

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 second meeting of the month is a Social Meeting which is a "Pot Luck" where Knights and spouses are encouraged to come and enjoy visiting and sharing food & beverage. This is the third Monday of each month. A Catholic-related topic may be discussed or a program is found on the new television.

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.

A young family – now is the time to invest in insurance and annuities with the Knights' AAA investment programs. You can get your kids covered with similar investments!

Priests for Life

"Abortion is more than an issue. Abortion is murder. Abortion, without hinting: whoever performs an abortion kills. You take any embryology textbook of those students that study in medical school. At the third week of conception, at the third, many times before the mother notices, all the organs are already there. All of them. Even the DNA. [...] It's a human life, period. This human life must be respected. This principle is so clear. And to those who can't understand it I would ask two questions: Is it right, is it fair, to kill a human life to solve a problem? Scientifically it is a human life. Second question: Is it right to hire a hitman to solve a problem?" - Pope Francis during a press conference, September 15, 2021

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.

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ? ?

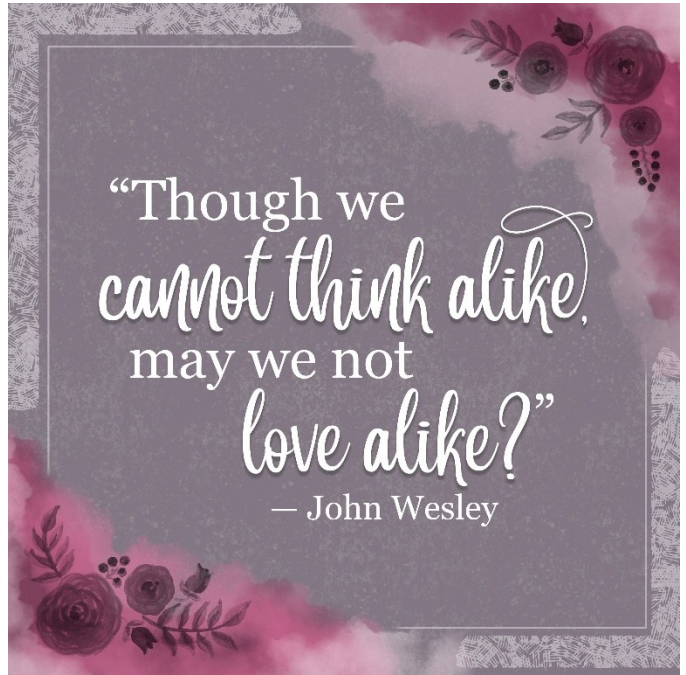
Acts 1:1 (NIV) reads: "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach." What "former book" did the author write to Theophilus?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John



Answer: C (See Luke 1:1-4)

"Though we
cannot think alike,
may we not
love alike?"
— John Wesley



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.



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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