## Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church



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#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (also by appointment)

#### **EUCHARISTIC 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

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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

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

#### SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

June 28th & 29th, 2025

Saturday, June 28th SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES\*

4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass offered for Fred Hodges (RIP)
Requested by Cathy Fudella

Sunday, June 29th SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES\*

9:00 am Mass offered for <u>Frank Staskiel (RIP)</u>

Requested by Edmond Staskiel

and Mass offered for <u>Patricia Copeland</u> Lanuza (RIP)

Requested by Dennis Lanuza

10:15 am Retirement Party for Father Oscar

"Pot Luck" at VDB Hall

Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church\*

No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, July 1st Saint Junipero Serra, Priest (USA)\*

Mass offered for Joe, Sr., Elsie, &

Johnnie Drexler (RIP)

Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel 4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (MC)

Wednesday, July 2nd

8:30 am Mass for Mike Pausic (RIP)

Requested by Dale & Donna Port

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, July 3rd SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE\*

8:30 am Mass offered for Bill & Joan Sockey (RIP)

Requested by the Hayden Family

Friday, July 4th

5:00 pm Mass offered for <u>Jason Harlow (RIP)</u>

Requested by the Hayden Family

5:30 pm Rosary

Saturday, July 5th FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME\*

4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass offered for Mike Pausic (RIP)

Requested by Dale & Donna Port

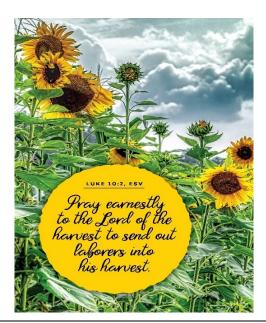
Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME\* 9:00 am Mass for Billy & Patrick McGowan (RIP)

**Anniversary of Death** 

Requested by Janice, Holly, Andrew, Paxton, & Parker

\* 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)



#### **Father Oscar's Retirement**

Father Oscar has reached retirement age and, after pastoring our parish since 2016, will be leaving us effective June 30<sup>th</sup>. Father has been the center of our parish life and he will be missed. Father will retire to his home country, the Philippines, and will be close to family. We all wish him well.



Retirement Party for Fr. Oscar

On Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, after the Sunday morning mass, a Pot Luck will be held in honor of Father Oscar. Bring your favorite dish to share. You may drop your dish off at the van den Boogaard Hall prior to Mass. Desserts and drinks will be provided.

The party will start at approximately 10:15, just after Mass. Please join us!

#### Father Jose Arje Flestado Assigned as OLBS Administrator

On June 30<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome Father Arje to our parish! Father Arje has served a year as parochial vicar at St. Bede's in Williamsburg. Father Arje hails from the same Philippine diocese as Father Edgar, who was pastor at OLBS from 2010 to 2014. Father Arje will serve as Administrator in our parish.



#### **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.





Middle School Youth Conference (EPIC)- Held on August 9<sup>th</sup> from 11 am. to 7 pm. in Richmond. We have a chaperone from our parish that will be with our youth. This is a Diocesan day of faith learning, fun with middle school youth 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, from around the diocese. Our youth have raised funds through fundraising, so our cost is cut to \$25. For more information or registration, please contact: Erin Hayden 804-366-4435.

#### Interested in a Teen Bible Study?

Caroline Walthour would like to lead grades 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> through a Bible study, for the month of July. This is a great opportunity to give it a try. **Please contact the office** and let us know you are interested or call: Erin Hayden



<u>Congratulations!</u> to the Hoang family on the baptism of Emmy Hoang. Welcome to the Christian family!

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#### The Sacrament of First Communion

Ten Young Members of the Parish received Holy Eucharist and Father Oscar's last sacramental celebration in the Parish as he retires.

Congratulations to all of our First Holy Communicants! -Kingsley Beahr, Matteo Corrales, Alex Kellogg, Charlie Jordan, Heriberto Garcia, Fatima Garcia, Francisco Jimenez, Patience Hackenburg, Ryleigh Henley, Jesus Norzagaray.





Congratulations on your reception of this most blessed and holy sacrament and pray it will sustain you forever!

#### St. Theresa Cemetery & St. John of Kanti Cemetery

Dear Parishioners: Our cemeteries are in need of your continued financial support to complete the grass cutting season. Your generosity will continue to provide a quiet, reverent, and attractive place for our Parish community. Thank you for your support,

from the Cemetery Committee.



#### **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 7<sup>th</sup> Street in downtown West Point.

The second meeting of the month is a Social Meeting the third Monday at 6:00 pm, which is a "Pot Luck" where Knights and spouses are encouraged to come and enjoy fellowship and share food & beverages.

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!

#### From The Diary of St. Faustina

#### Meditation:

#### Your Heart Is My Repose

At that moment, Jesus suddenly stood before me, coming I know not from where, radiant with unbelievable beauty, clothed in a white garment, with uplifted arms, and He spoke these words to me, My daughter, your heart is My repose; it is My delight. I find in it everything that is refused Me by so many souls (*Diary*, 339).

December 24, 1934. The Vigil of Christmas. During the morning Mass, I felt the closeness of God. Though I was hardly aware of it, my spirit was drowned in God. Suddenly, I heard these words: You are My delightful dwelling place; My Spirit rests in you. After these words, I felt the Lord looking into the depths of my heart; and seeing my misery, I humbled myself in spirit and admired the immense mercy of God, that the Most High Lord would approach such misery (*Diary*, 346).

#### My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, through the intercession of St. Faustina, may my heart be a place of repose and delight to You! May You find in my heart everything You desire.

<u>Attendance</u>				
June 21	Saturday	5:00 pm Mass	105	
June 22	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	271	

Collection June 21 & 22, 2025				
Total Offertory	\$ 4,565			
Debt Supplemental Collection	\$ 2,550			
Mass Intentions	\$ 25			
Hall Rentals	\$ 200			
Votive Stand	\$ 40			
Total Received This Week	<u>\$ 7,380</u>			
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596			
Capital Campaign	\$ 2,811			
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 100			
Haitian Ministry	\$ 150			
Poor Box	\$ 135			
Filipino Fund for Father's Retirement	\$ 200			
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#### **THE ONLY SON OF GOD**

Very often in the Gospels people address Jesus as "Lord". This title testifies to the respect and trust of those who approach him for help and healing.<sup>62</sup> At the prompting of the Holy Spirit, "Lord" expresses the recognition of the divine mystery of Jesus.<sup>63</sup> In the encounter with the risen Jesus, this title becomes adoration: "My Lord and my God!" It thus takes on a connotation of love and affection that remains proper to the Christian tradition: "It is the Lord!" (CCC 448)



#### **June Anniversaries**

Jeffrey & Melissa Pitts

Donald & Barbara Trimmer

Carolyn & Mark Drexler

Terry & Brenda Frederick

June 1, 1985

June 6, 1992

June 8, 1974

June 16, 1973

John & Victoria Kurdziel Roane

(Paul) & Mary Leigh McDonald

June 30, 1973

#### **July Anniversaries**

Dan & Amber Gibbs July 1, 2006
Bill & (Kathy) Webster July 14, 1956
(Vincent & Marina) D'elia July 21, 1963
(Tripp) & Roberta Racioppi July 28, 1973

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-

#### FAQs About the Year of Jubilee

- What does Jubilee mean in the Bible? Jubilee signifies a time of liberation, restoration, and renewal, rooted in God's covenant with his people. The land was given rest from planting and harvesting, those sold into servitude were released and restored to their families, and lands sold during economic difficulties were returned to their original owners.
- Is the Year of Jubilee every Seven years? Seven is indeed the biblical number of perfection, and a Jubilee highlighted that numerological perfection in being celebrated every fifty years in the Old Covenant (7 x 7 + 1; see Lev. 25:8-12). Meanwhile, Catholic Jubilees are declared periodically by the pope.
- When was the last Jewish Year of Jubilee? The exact timing is debated, but the biblical practice ended after the destruction of the Second Temple (A.D. 70).



#### 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**

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