

# Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church



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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

### CONTACT

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### OFFICE HOURS

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

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

*June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> **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 8<sup>th</sup> **PENTECOST SUNDAY\***

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

Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> *The Blessed Virgin Mary,*  
*Mother of the Church\**

No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

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)

6:30 pm Vacation Bible School Meeting at VDB hall

Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> ***Saint Barnabas, Apostle\****

8:30 am No Mass Intention

5:00 pm Facilities Committee meeting (VDB)

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am Mass offered for Richard & Anna  
Kozlowski (RIP)

Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> *St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and*  
*Doctor of the Church\**

5:00 pm No Mass Intention

5:30 pm Rosary offered by Father Oscar

Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> ***THE MOST HOLY TRINITY\****

4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 pm No Mass Intention

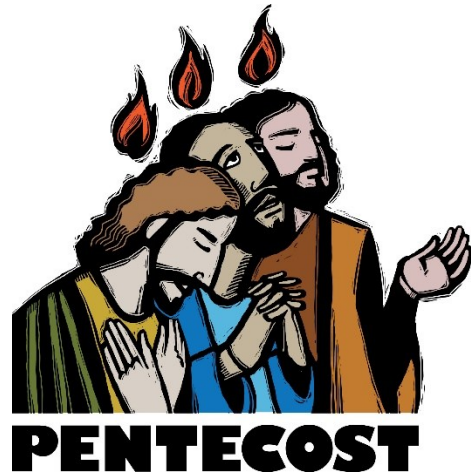
Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> ***THE MOST HOLY TRINITY\****

9:00 am Mass offered for Thomas E. Sturtz, Sr. (RIP)  
and Stephen Ochman (RIP)

Requested by Carole Beasley &  
Joan Applegate

*\* 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 21<sup>st</sup> to July 25<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm. Stay tuned for information on VBS. Save the date July 21<sup>st</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**A meeting is set at the VDB hall on June 10<sup>th</sup> @ 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 events planned.

## From The Diary of St. Faustina

### Meditation:

#### **Eucharist Cleanse Our Hearts**

After some time, inner emptiness and dissatisfaction will come to [the soul's] attention. Oh, if only she would turn to Me then, I would help her to cleanse her heart, and I would fulfill everything in her soul; but without her knowledge and consent, I cannot be the Master of her heart (*Diary*, 1683).

### My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, help us turn to You that You may cleanse our hearts. Lord Jesus, meek and humble of Heart, make our hearts like Yours. May we seek to be one heart with You in Holy Communion.

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## Knights of Columbus

### Coming Events – Knights Please Help

#### **Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> West Point's Chesty Puller 10K**

Help needed both Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday morning. The Knights serve a pork BBQ lunch to runners who participate in the Annual Chesty Puller 10K run. Need help Friday filling cups with cole slaw and preparing clam shells with utensils etc. Saturday morning starts at 7:00 am as clamshells are packed. Set up is Friday evening at 7:00 pm moving the tent, tables and chairs to West Point Town Park stage area and setting up serving line Saturday morning.



#### **Thursday June 26 thru Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup> Fun Fair**

The Knights Council 8116 is sponsoring the West Point Fun Fair which will be held at the West Point School Complex. The Knights will share a percentage of the profits. The carnival operator and staff will run the carnival and games and rides. Please be available if help is needed but get the word out to the community!

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 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!

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> will be given a new home!

### THE ONLY SON OF GOD

After his Resurrection, Jesus' divine sonship becomes manifest in the power of his glorified humanity. He was "designated Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his Resurrection from the dead". [Rom 1:3; cf. Acts 13:33] The apostles can confess: "We have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." [Jn 1:14] [653] (CCC 445)



### 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 31 & June 1, 2025

Total Offertory	\$ 3,533
Votive Stand	\$ 18
Religious Goods Sales	\$ 37
Hall Rentals	\$ 900
Total Received This Week	\$ 4,488

**Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596**

Capital Campaign	\$ 1,239
Maintenance Fund	\$ 160
Diocesan Home Missions	\$ 100
Mass Intentions	\$ 10
Poor Box	\$ 230
Grass Cutting Fund	\$ 50

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### Attendance

May 31	Saturday	5:00 pm Mass	81
June 1	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	159

## Jubilee Year of Hope 2025-

### **The Rosary: A Devotional Tool for Pilgrims of Hope**

The rosary has been a cornerstone of Catholic devotion for centuries, providing a structured way to meditate on the mysteries of Christ's life. Its repetitive prayers create a rhythm that fosters contemplation and spiritual connection, making it an ideal practice for pilgrims seeking renewal in the Jubilee Year (John Paul II, 2002).

1. **Pilgrimage with the Rosary:** Whether traveling to Rome or engaging in a spiritual journey at home, the rosary serves as a companion in prayer. Pilgrims can recite it during their travels, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for protection and guidance.
2. **A Prayer for Hope:** Each decade of the rosary focuses on the life of Christ, offering a means to meditate on the theme of hope. The Glorious Mysteries, in particular, emphasize Christ's resurrection and victory over death, reinforcing the message of spiritual renewal (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1994).
3. **Rosary Processions and Community Prayer:** Many churches and dioceses will organize rosary processions, uniting believers in prayerful reflection. These gatherings foster a sense of community and reinforce the importance of hope in faith.
4. **Indulgences and the Rosary:** The Church traditionally grants plenary indulgences during Jubilee Years to those who fulfill specific conditions, including prayer and acts of charity (Vatican Press, 2024). Praying the rosary with sincere devotion can be a means to obtain these spiritual graces.

### Priests for Life

#### Pentecost Voice

The Holy Spirit, who came on Pentecost, gave voice to the apostles to proclaim the truth of the Gospel.

The Spirit, the Soul of the Church, continues to enable the Church to speak, and enables us to speak in our individual capacity.

As the late Cardinal Elio Sgreccia, former President of the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life once said, "The Church must speak out in today's context on fundamental rights, the right to justice, the right to peace, but above all and in the first place, the right to life. If the Church did not speak, did not proclaim the truth, it would be abandoning its duty; it would be unfaithful to society, to the good of society. Therefore, its precise duty is the very liberty to intervene with word, and also with example -- the example of promoting human life, of intervening for the salvation of mankind."



PLEASE JOIN US!

# RETIREMENT PARTY

In Honour of:

## Father Oscar



10:15 AM

- BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE
- DESSERTS & DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED

SUNDAY  
**29**  
JUNE

**\*\*FOOD ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE HALL PRIOR TO THE 9:00 AM MASS\*\***

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## 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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