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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.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 2nd & 3rd, 2025

Saturday, August 2nd **EIGHTEENTH 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, August 3rd **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

9:00 am Mass offered for Billy McGowan (RIP)

Anniversary of Birthday (August 1)

Requested by Janice & Family

11:30 am Spanish Mass – Note the time change

Monday, August 4th *Saint John Vianney, Priest**

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, August 5th *The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major**

8:30 am Mass – No Mass Intention

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, August 6th *THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

8:30 am Mass for Marian Kopacki (RIP)

Anniversary of Birthday

Requested by Children, Grandchildren,
& Great Grandchildren

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, August 7th *Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest**

8:30 am Mass – No Mass Intention

Friday, August 8th *Saint Dominic, Priest**

5:30 pm Mass offered for Mike Pausic (RIP)

Requested by Dale & Donna Port

6:00 pm Holy Rosary

6-7:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, August 9th **NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

5:00 pm Mass offered for Ethel Vadas Newton (RIP)

Anniversary of Birthday

Requested by Jim & Pattie Vadas

Sunday, August 10th **NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

9:00 am Mass offered for Colsen Lee Goins (RIP)

Requested by Edmund Staskiel

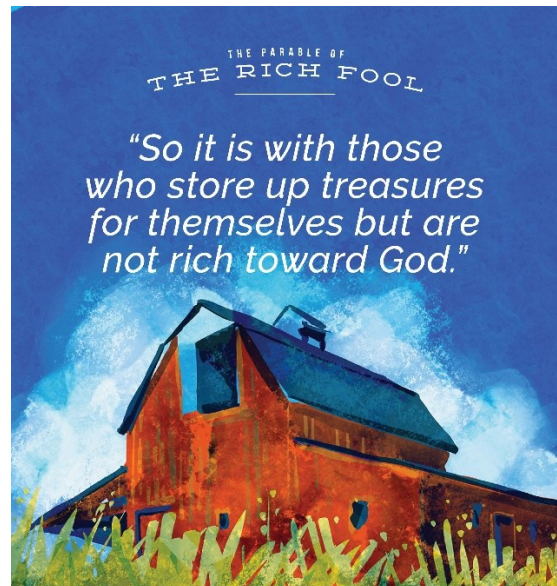
** Color of letters indicates vestment colors for that Sunday or Saint's feast day. If no color, vestments are white.*

(VDB) van den Boogaard Hall

(MC) Mercy Center

Note Changes in Mass Times & Other Changes

The Liturgy Committee met this past week and made some changes with Father Arje's agreement. Please find a full list of these changes on the back page of the bulletin.



Need for Blood Donations

The next Blood Drive with the Red Cross will be on Friday, **August 15th at the Masonic Lodge on King William Avenue in West Point from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.** The Masons and the Knights of Columbus now alternate their blood drives, each doing two per year. Note the flyer in this bulletin. The Knights next blood drive is in November, so we encourage everyone to donate this month and help the Red Cross with their efforts.

Hand Carved Olive Wood Items for Sale August 2 & 3

Amir from "Christians from the Holy Land" will be at the Saturday and Sunday masses on the weekend of August 2 & 3rd, selling their Olive Wood items hand carved by artisans from the Holy Land. They have been with us over the past couple of years and are looking forward to sharing their items with us again this year.

Spanish Mass

11:30 am on Sunday, August 3rd being the first Sunday of the month will be the Spanish Mass. Note that this is a time change.





What a beautiful week for all kids and volunteers alike to make Vacation Bible School, "Wanted? or Chosen?" a success during the week of July 21st through the 25th.

From Set up to clean up, so much work went in to make this week successful! And it was a wonderful success! We had 57 children on the Roster, many attending most of the week.

The Word was planted with Bible story, reflection, experiments, snack time, games, crafts, music, collection for Lil' food pantry and much fun! All were so happy to learn and share the love of Jesus!

Thank you to all of our volunteers, that helped prepare in advance, set up, lead stations, teach, guide, prep and clean up when it was all over. We had many volunteers and we needed many to make VBS possible. A lot of work goes into this program.

I can't begin to list names, for fear of leaving someone off, but you know who you are and so does God! Don't underestimate the impact that you had on these children....it was obvious that by the end of the week they will carry this experience in their hearts. Thank you so very much for answering the call!



Vacation Bible School 2025



Religious Education

Sunday & Tuesday Adult Bible Study- There are no Sunday Bible Study classes till the Fall. Tuesday Bible Study is held @ 4:45 pm. @ our Church Hall. **We will be on Summer break from July 15th to August 5th, then resume our studies in Hebrews.**

Help Wanted- Religious Ed. Teachers and **substitutes**. Please prayerfully consider giving your time and gifts of faith to share with our parish children. **We need a First-Grade teacher** as of now. Call Erin Hayden at 804-366-4435 and offer to help! Thank you.



Hello church family! The preschool is growing and thriving as well as is the "Before/After School" program.

With that being said, we are currently looking to hire a new teacher's assistant in the 3-year old class. The position starts Tuesday August 26th and will be school year long until Thursday June 4th, 2026. The hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30am – 1:00pm- 13.5 hours total each week. Pay will depend on experience and be between 13.50-13.75 hourly. This is a part time position with no other benefits.

If you are interested in this position please email preschool@olbs-catholic.org for an application or call and leave a message at 804-843-4177.



August Anniversaries

Eric & Joanna Ellingson	August 1, 1992
Bob & Lorraine Ryalls	August 5, 1978
Larry & Janie Dzula	August 11, 1973
Jim & Anne Duke	August 12, 1967
Philip & Karen Liberato	August 16, 1986
Greg & Erin Hayden	August 21, 1993
Gene & Bonnie Kopacki	August 23, 1975
Henry & (Natalee) Franzysen	August 26, 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

TRADITION CONTINUES IN CHRISTIANITY

- Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed the first Christian jubilee in A.D. 1300, granting the full remission of sin for those who confessed their sins and made a pilgrimage to St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.
- The Church first celebrated jubilee years every 100 years. This was eventually shortened to every 50 years and then every 25 years.

RECENT JUBILEE YEARS

- **1950:** During this Holy Year of 1950, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven.
- **1975:** This Holy Year of reconciliation was proclaimed by Pope Paul VI.
- **1983:** Pope John Paul II proclaimed a special jubilee year in 1983 to celebrate the 1,950th anniversary of the death and resurrection of Jesus.
- **2000:** Pope John Paul II proclaimed the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000.
- **2015:** Pope Francis declared an extraordinary jubilee for the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second Vatican Council. The jubilee was dedicated to mercy.

JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Jubilee 2025 was proclaimed by Pope Francis in the Papal Bull *Spes Non Confundit* ("Hope does not disappoint").

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

Strive for Sanctity -It Is All Grace

I have noticed that, from the very moment I entered the convent, I have been charged with one thing; namely, that I am a saint. But this word was always used scoffingly. At first, this hurt me very much, but when I had risen above it, I paid no attention to it. However, when on one occasion a certain person [perhaps Father Sopocko] suffered because of my sanctity, I was very pained that, because of me, others can experience some unpleasantness. And I began to complain to the Lord Jesus, asking why this should be so, and the Lord answered me, **Are you sad because of this? Of course, you are a saint. Soon I Myself will make this manifest in you, and they will pronounce the same word, saint, only this time it will be with love (Diary, 1571).**

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, help me not to be ashamed of my striving for sanctity. Sanctity is all Your gift; it is all grace. Remind me that sanctity is not a private love affair with You, Lord - You have called all of us to "be holy, because I am holy" (1 Pet 1:16; Lev 10:2).

Mass Time Changes and Other Changes

Beginning in August

The following changes were made at this week's Liturgy Committee meeting to take effect starting in August:

- Friday evening daily Mass will change to 5:30 pm.
- Adoration and Rosary will follow.
- First Friday of the Month: Mass at 5:30 pm with Benediction and Rosary to follow from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will now be heard on Friday evenings from 6 pm to 7 pm or, as always, any time by appointment.
- Spanish Mass will be held at 11:30 am the 1st Sunday of the month.
- Incense: Beginning on the last Sunday of each month and other feast days, incense will be used during the Mass. "incense in the Catholic Church symbolizes purification, sanctification, and the prayers of the faithful rising to heaven, enhancing the solemnity of liturgical celebrations."

THE ONLY SON OF GOD-

The title "Christ" means "Anointed One" (Messiah). Jesus is the Christ, for "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power" (**Acts 10:38**). He was the one "who is to come" (**Lk 7:19**), the object of "the hope of Israel" (**Acts 28:20**). (CCC 453)

Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Richmond (CCF) + FreeWill National Make a Will Month – August

As followers of Christ, we are called to live intentionally and purposefully to cherish the gifts God has given us.

This August, during **National Make-A-Will Month**, we're inviting the OLBS family to consider how their legacy can become a lasting blessing.

Creating a will is one of the most faithful and practical steps you can take to care for your loved ones, honor your values, and extend your impact beyond your lifetime. That's why we're offering a simple and free resource through our trusted partner, [FreeWill](#), which helps you create or update your will in just 20 minutes.

Collection July 26 & 27, 2025

Church Collections for Church Use:

Total Offertory	\$ 2,927
Hall Rentals	\$ 1,850
Debt Supplemental Collection	\$ 100
Total Received This Week	\$ 4,877

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

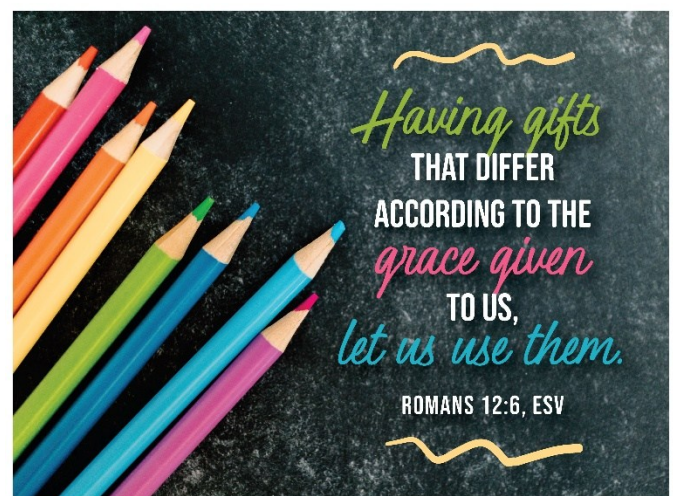
Separate Accounts:

Capital Campaign	\$ 225
Haitian Ministry	\$ 50
Mass Intentions	\$ 45
VBS Donation	\$ 180
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$ 120
Cemetery Fund	\$ 175

***Thank You for Supporting Your Parish!

Attendance

July 26	Saturday	5:00 pm Mass	96
July 27	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	151



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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