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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)*

HOLIDAYS

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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 26th & 27th, 2025



Saturday, July 26th SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass offered for Marguerite Sturtz (RIP)
Anniversary of Death
Requested by Carole Beasley &
Joan Applegate

Sunday, July 27th SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

9:00 am Mass offered for Marion Kopacki (RIP)
Anniversary of Death (7/25/24)
Requested by Children, Grandchildren,
and Families

10:15 am Parish Council Meeting (MC)

Monday, July 28th

No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, July 29th *Saints Martha, Mary, & Lazarus**

8:30 am Mass for Adam & Annie Geron (RIP)
Requested by Donna Geron

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

6:00 pm Liturgy Committee (MC)

Wednesday, July 30th *Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop,
Doctor of the Church**

8:30 am Mass – No Mass Intention

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, July 31st *Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

8:30 am Mass for Barbara Musante (RIP)
Requested by Donna Geron

6:30 pm Finance Council Meeting (MC)

Friday, August 1st *Saint Alphonsus Liguori,
Doctor of the Church**

5:00 pm Mass offered for Mike Pausic (RIP)
Requested by Rose Marie Jesion

5:30 pm First Friday Holy Hour & Rosary

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

4:00 pm Spanish mass

* 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

Need for Blood Donations

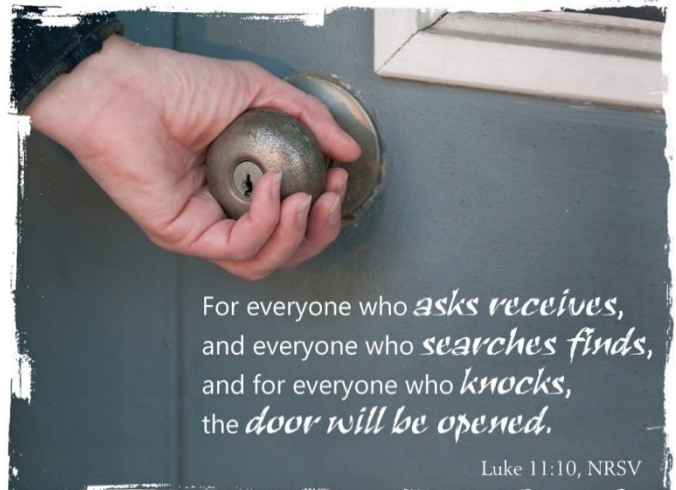
The next Blood Drive with the Red Cross will be on Friday, August 15th at the Masonic Lodge on King William Avenue in West Point from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. The Masons and the Knights of Columbus now alternate their blood drives, each doing two per year. Note the flyer in this bulletin. The Knights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

August 3rd is the first Sunday of the month and a Spanish Mass is planned.



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.



Thank all those who helped make our Vacation Bible School, "Wanted? or Chosen?" a success during the week of July 21st through the 25th. Look for pictures and thank you's in next week's bulletin.

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

Spiritual Warfare

Conference on Spiritual Warfare.

Always fight with the deep conviction that I am with you. Do not be guided by feeling, because it is not always under your control; but all merit lies in the will. Always depend upon your superiors, even in the smallest things. I will not delude you with prospects of peace and consolations; on the contrary, prepare for great battles. Know that you are now on a great stage where all heaven and earth are watching you. Fight like a knight, so that I can reward you. Do not be unduly fearful, because you are not alone (*Diary*, 1760).

My Prayer Response:

Thank You, Lord, for Your conference on spiritual warfare. Promoting Your message of Divine Mercy is a great battle, but with Your grace and presence, I want to fight like a knight!

Jubilee Year of Hope 2025

The Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have gifted us in your son Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us, the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into diligent cultivators of the evangelical seeds that make humanity and the cosmos rise unto the confident expectation of the new heavens and the new earth, when, with the powers of Evil overcome, your glory shall be manifested eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, the yearning for heavenly treasures and pour over all the earth the joy and peace of our Redeemer. To you God blessed in eternity, be praise and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Collection July 19 & 20, 2025

Church Collections for Church Use:

Total Offertory	\$ 4,223
Refund from Insurance	\$ 1,000
Anonymous Gift	\$ 19,566
Votive Stand	\$ 18
Debt Supplemental Collection	<u>\$ 272</u>
Total Received This Week	<u>\$ 25,079</u>

Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596
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Separate Accounts:

Capital Campaign	\$ 294
Haitian Ministry	\$ 75
Poor Box	\$ 62
Youth Group	\$ 50
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$ 100
Scholarship Fund	\$ 25
Cemetery Fund	\$ 100

***Thank You for Supporting Your Parish!

Attendance

July 19	Saturday	5:00 pm Mass	83
July 20	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	135

THE ONLY SON OF GOD-

The name Jesus means "God saves". The child born of the Virgin Mary is called Jesus, "for he will save his people from their sins" (*Mt 1:21*): "there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (*Acts 4:12*). (CCC 452)

Free Remote Area Medical Clinic



**Free Medical, Dental, and Vision Care
August 2-3, 2025 in Newport News, VA**

Location: Brittingham-Midtown Community Center, 570 McLawhorne Drive Newport News, VA 23601
The patient parking lot will open **no later than 11:59 p.m. (midnight local time) on Friday night, August 1**, and remain open. As patients arrive at the parking lot, they will be provided with additional information regarding clinic opening processes and next steps. **Clinic doors typically open at 6 a.m.**

Patients should be prepared with their own food, water, medicines, and clothing when arriving early. Bathrooms will be provided.

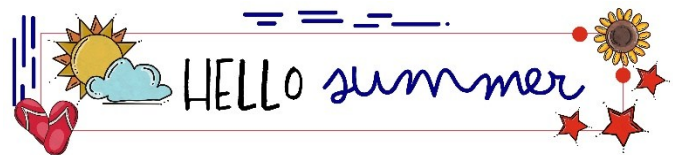
Free dental, vision, and medical services are provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to time constraints, be prepared to choose between DENTAL and VISION services. Medical services are offered to every patient attending the clinic.

All services are free and open to the public. No ID required.

In some situations, such as inclement weather, volunteer cancellations, or other circumstances outside of RAM's control, the parking lot may open earlier or a smaller number of patients served. RAM encourages everyone who would like services, especially dental services, to arrive as early as possible.

***Clinic closing time may vary based on each service area's daily capacity. Please check RAM's clinic [FAQ page](http://www.ram.usa/frequently-asked-questions) (www.ram.usa/frequently-asked-questions) for more information.**

****The above details are subject to change. Please continue to check our schedule regularly for updates as your clinic dates near.**



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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