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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.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 5th & 6th, 2025

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 6th FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

9:00 am Mass for Billy & Patrick McGowan (RIP)

Anniversary of Death

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

Monday, July 7th

No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, July 8th

Mass offered for Vincent D'Elia (RIP)

Requested by Hayden Family

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (MC)

Wednesday, July 9th *Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and
Companions, Martyrs**

8:30 am Mass for Mike Pausic (RIP)

Requested by Dale and Donna Port

5:00 pm **Facilities Committee meeting (VDB)**

6:30 pm **Choir Practice**

Thursday, July 10th

8:30 am Mass offered for Fred Hodges (RIP)

Requested by Donna Geron

Friday, July 11th *Saint Benedict, Abbot**

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

Requested by Rose Mary Jesion

5:30 pm Rosary

Saturday, July 12th *FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass offered for Alice Vadas Bromeier (RIP)

Anniversary of Deth

Requested by Jim and Pattie Davis

Sunday, July 13th *FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 am Mass offered for Mike Pausic (RIP)

Requested by Dale and Donna Port

* 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)



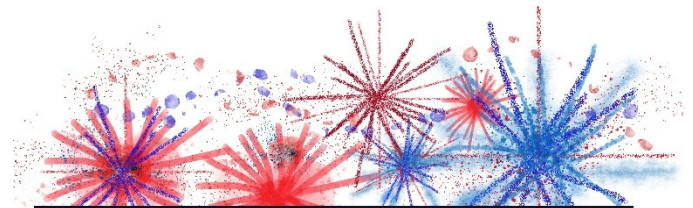
Father Jose Arje Flestado Assigned as OLBS Administrator

We will 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.

There will be No Spanish Mass during the Month of July

Thanks to the Rectory Cleanup Crew

Thanks to the many Parishioners and the Knights of Columbus for their efforts of preparing the Rectory for Father Arje's arrival! And thanks to Glenn Shaw for repainting the kitchen cabinets!



Religious Education

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. Thank you.

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.



“Wanted? or Chosen?”

We look forward to seeing your children at our Vacation Bible School, “Wanted? or Chosen?” July 21st to the 25th, 6-8 pm. Registrations can be found on the table at the church entrance. For questions, call: Erin Hayden @ the office.

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Presents:

PRE-K (4 YOA) TO 5TH GRADE

FREE Admission

VBS2025

WANTED? **OR** **CHOSEN?**

21-25 JULY | CRAFTS | GAMES | MUSIC | SNACKS | **6-8 PM**

FOR REGISTRATION CONTACT ERIN AT 804-843-3125 OR 804-366-4435 OR DRE@OLBS-CATHOLIC.ORG

Please help us! We are collecting canned goods each day of VBS to help stock the “Lil’ Free Pantries,” in West Point. These pantries help to provide food necessities to our neighbors in need. Thank you for your support!

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Middle School Youth Conference (EPIC)- Held on August 9th 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 6th to 8th 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 9th to 12th 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

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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 7th 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:

Joining in Prayer with John Paul II

As I was praying for Poland, I heard the words: I bear a special love for Poland, and if she will be obedient to My will, I will exalt her in might and holiness. From her will come forth the spark that will prepare the world for My final coming (*Diary*, 1732).

My Prayer Response:

Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the dedication of the Basilica of The Divine Mercy in Krakow, Poland, August 17, 2002, also entrusted the world to The Divine Mercy. In his reflections, he quoted the above text of the Diary of St. Faustina about "the spark" that needs to be lighted by the grace of God — a fire of mercy that needs to be passed on to the world (see *John Paul II: The Great Mercy Pope*, pp. 211-213). In that light, let us join with John Paul II in praying: "May the binding promise of the Lord Jesus be fulfilled. From here there must go forth the spark that will prepare the world for My final coming."

Attendance

June 28	Saturday	5:00 pm Mass
June 29	Sunday	9:00 am Mass

Collection June 28 & 29, 2025

Total Offertory	\$ 3709
Debt Supplemental Collection	\$ 10
Peter's Pence	\$. 407
Mass Intentions	\$
Hall Rentals	\$ 725
Votive Stand	\$
Total Received This Week	\$

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

Capital Campaign	\$
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 100
Haitian Ministry	\$
Poor Box	\$
Filipino Fund for Father's Retirement	\$

Jubilee Year of Hope 2025

Signs of the Jubilee - Pilgrimage

The Jubilee calls us to set out and overcome boundaries. When we travel, we not only change location, but also ourselves. The word "pilgrimage" comes from the Latin "per ager", which means "through the fields", or "per eger", which means "border crossing". Both roots point to the distinctive aspect of embarking on a journey. In the Bible, Abraham is described as a person on a journey: "Go forth from your land, your relatives, and from your father's house" (Gen. 12:1). With these words Abraham begins his adventure, which ends in the Promised Land, where he is remembered as a "wandering Aramean" (Deut. 26:5). Jesus' worldly ministry is also seen as a journey from Galilee to the Holy City: "When the days for his being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51). Christ calls His disciples to walk this road, and even today Christians are those who follow him and set out after Him. As a matter of fact, the journey is progressively constructed: there are various routes to choose from, places to discover; the situations, catechesis, rites and liturgies, and traveling companions allow one to be enriched with new matters and perspectives. Pilgrimage is an experience of conversion, of transforming one's very being to orient it toward God's holiness.



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.

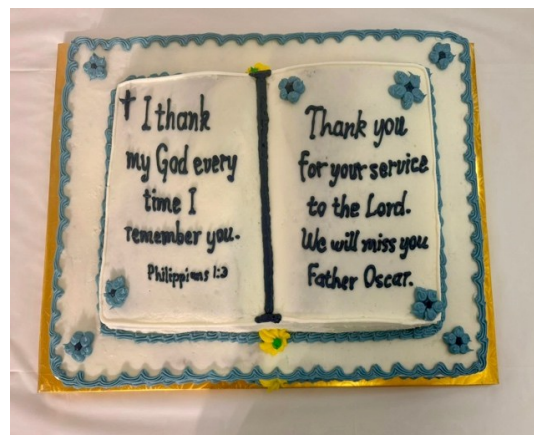
All services are free and open to the public. No ID required.

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 \(www.ram.usa/frequently-asked-questions\)](https://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.**

Many thanks to all those who helped plan and prepare Father Oscar's retirement send-off. Thanks, too, to all who brought food and spent time in fellowship. It was a lovely way to show our appreciation to Father for the 9 years he provided us with the sacraments, spiritual guidance, and friendship. We wish him safe travels and a happy retirement!



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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