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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 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Spanish Mass 4:00 p.m.
(first Sunday of the month)

WEEKDAYS

Tuesday – Thursday 9:30 a.m.
Friday 5:30 p.m.
*(followed by the Rosary —
first Friday of the month
is followed by a holy hour)*

HOLIDAYS

9:30 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

Parish Offices

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OFFICE HOURS

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 4th & 5th, 2024

Saturday, May 4th SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass offered for Joe, Sr., Elsie, & Johnnie Drexler (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Sunday, May 5th SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

9:00 am Mass offered for Patricia Franzyszen Dynes (RIP)
Requested by Henry Franzyszen
10:15 am Adult Bible Study
10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School
10:15 am **Parish Council** (postponed April mtg.)
4:00 pm **Spanish Mass**
6:30 pm **Youth Group**

Monday, May 6th

No Mass
12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, May 7th

9:30 am Mass Offered for Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP)
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler
4:30 pm Adult Bible Study
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, May 8th

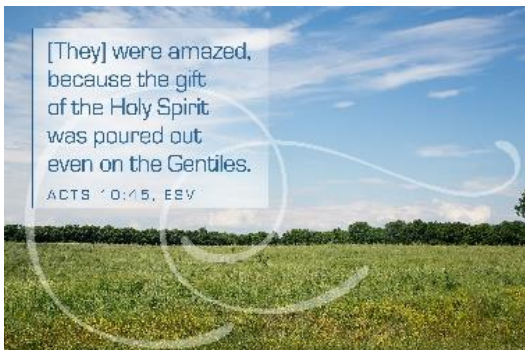
9:30 am Mass Offered for Joe, Sr., Elsie, & Johnnie Drexler (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
6:30 pm **Choir Practice**

Thursday May 9th

9:30 am Mass – No Mass Intention

Friday, May 10th

5:30 pm Mass Offered for Joe, Sr., Elsie, & Johnnie Drexler (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
6:00 pm Rosary



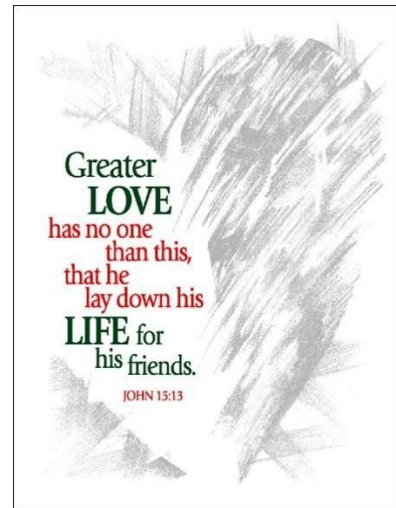
Saturday, May 11th SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP)
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler

Sunday, May 12th SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

9:00 am Mass offered for Paul Ryczak (RIP)
Requested by the Notre Dame Managers
And offered for Frank Staskiel (RIP)
Anniversary of Death (May 7, 1990)
Requested by Edmund & Patti Staskiel
10:15 am Adult Bible Study
10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School

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



Each Friday Mass will be at 5:30pm followed by the Rosary.

Spanish Mass
The Spanish Mass will be held at 4:00 pm Sunday, May 5th.

If You Need a Visit from Father Oscar

With Father Oscar's added responsibilities serving as Chaplain for the Poor Clares Monastery, his availability has been more restricted. If you or a parishioner or family who is in need of a visit from Father Oscar, please call the parish office Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays from 9:00am until 4:30pm to give us the name, phone number, address, and the best time to visit.

Mother's Day Brunch on May 12 – CANCELED

Save the Date: Parish Picnic

Our annual parish picnic will be held Sunday, May 19 from 11:00 am until 2:00pm. It will be held in Boogaard Hall and the grass and parking lot area next to it. Look for more information as we get closer to the date.

Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

Religious Education: Our Last Religious Ed. Class will be on May 5th!



Thank you to all of our Teachers for continuing the faith education for our children. Our church grows when faith grows! A sincere thank you to:

Peggy Keane	Shannon Hayden	Cydney Henley
Angelynn McDonald	Melissa Simal	
Karena Funkhouser	Jackie Sylvia	AJ Duke

Reconciliation and First Holy Communion- will be on June 1st and June 2nd.

A parent meeting will follow Sunday school class on May 5th.

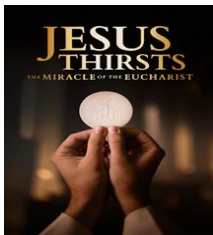
Adult Bible Study- Sundays during Sunday School.

Tuesday Adult Bible Study – 4:30 pm. Join us for a Bible study on Lectio Salvation

Youth Group News

Open to all 6th -12th Grade.

The next Youth Group will be Sunday, May 5th at 6:30 pm.



Movie Night! JESUS THIRSTS: THE MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST, a feature documentary by Executive Producer Deacon Steve Greco and producers James Wahlberg and Tim Moriarty. The powerful film is co-sponsored by the Diocese of Orange and puts Jesus on the big screen during the national Eucharistic Revival movement within the U.S. Catholic Church. **Tickets are on sale now** for *Jesus Thirsts*, which will be released in theaters nationwide on **June 4, 5, and 6** (in Spanish) at **4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** With two showtimes making the film more accessible for families, schools, and religious education, the movie includes a special bonus feature, *Our Lady of Guadalupe: Woman of the Eucharist*, produced by the Knights of Columbus.

Tea with the Blessed Mother It's around the corner! **May 11th, from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm.** We hope all ladies will join us for this fun event on Mother's Day weekend. Everyone brings their favorite tea dish to share, we learn a little about Our Blessed Mother, socialize, have games and carry away faith and friendship. This year, we will honor our Blessed Mother under the title of **Our Lady of Good Success**. Sign up is on the back table or call the office. Don't forget to grab a ticket when you sign up for our prize drawing. Are you interested in hosting a table? All you need is a tea set. All information is provided. Don't hesitate to bring a friend! Contact: Erin 804-366-4435 or Sandy: 562-607-1422.

OLBS Scholarship

In 2004 a scholarship was created by Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament to be awarded to a graduating high school senior from our parish. This scholarship is to be used for continued education at an accredited college, university or vocational school.

The determination of the recipient is based on parish and faith-based activities, service and leadership in their school and community. Two Letters of recommendation should be submitted, along with an essay answering the questions "How does my faith impact my life?" and "What is your future faith-based plans and/or endeavors?"

Applications may be obtained in the back of the church or through the Mercy Center. **Applications should be completed and returned no later than Sunday, May 5, 2024.**

If you have any questions, please contact Kay Shaw, Scholarship Committee Chair at 804-366-7518.



Coming up in July!! Our dates will run **July 22nd to July 26th, from 6-8 pm.** We will need volunteers, please consider helping. If you have the recyclable items below, please save them for our VBS: They can be dropped by the office or left by the back table at church. Contact: Erin 804-366-4435.

Needed: Plain colored metal jar lids and toilet paper rolls

Lariats for Logan Chestnutt !!

Live Pro Wrestling Fundraising Event!

Saturday, June 1st @ West Point High School
Door opens at 6:15 pm. Bell time 7:00 pm.
Ringside seats \$20 General Admission \$15
Tickets available @ www.matwonline.com
And at the door the day of the event



The preschool has enjoyed an amazing year! Our annual Graduation ceremony will be held on Thursday May 23rd in the church at 9:20 am. All are welcome to join us in this celebration. The daily Mass will be moved to 11:30 am that day.

Also, our preschool Afterschool program will be offering a week long Summer Bible day camp this Summer.

The church will host an evening VBS later in July.

If you have a child interested in our all-day camp, please contact the preschool at 804-843-4177. The camp will be June 10-14 Mon -Fri at the preschool 7am – 5:30pm. The cost for the camp is \$150 per child. A second camp will be offered July 15-19 with the same times and cost. Registration is limited.



"I have set before you
LIFE and DEATH
CHOOSE LIFE so that
you and your descendants may live."
Deuteronomy 30:19, NRSV

Attendance

April 27	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	72
April 28	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	120



May, the month of Mary, is just around the corner! If you would like to donate a May Crown, Flowers for the Altar or all of them for a weekend in honor or memorial of someone, please call the parish office to request a weekend.

Mary's Crowns for this weekend have been donated by Linda & Joe Drexler in Memory of their Mothers – Anna P. Kozlowski & Elsie Drexler. Flowers on the Altar have been donated by Anonymous Donors.

Weekends available:

May 11th & May 12th Weekend - 1 Large Crown \$30.00, 2 Vases for Beside the Tabernacle - \$150.00 (\$75.00 each), Large Basket in Front of Altar \$100.00 Each

May 18th & May 19th Weekend - 1 Small 3" Crown \$17.50, 2 Vases for Beside the Tabernacle - \$150.00 (\$75.00 each), Large Basket in Front of Altar \$100.00 Each

May 25th & May 26th Weekend - 1 Small 3" Crown \$17.50, 2 Large Crowns \$30.00 each, 2 Vases for Beside the Tabernacle - \$150.00 (\$75.00 each), Large Basket in Front of Altar \$100.00 Each

Please call the Parish Office to reserve the flowers you would like to donate and the weekend you would like to donate.



May Wedding Anniversaries

Greg & Denise DePompeo	May 2, 1981
Pat & Wini Barron	May 14, 1966
Chris & Barbara Hite	May 15, 1982
Joe & Mary Pincus	May 15, 1993
Brian (BJ) & Hope Kopacki	May 17, 2008
Dexter & Pam Dix	May 24, 1992
Jim & Pattie Vadas	May 27, 1972

Collection for April 27th & 28th, 2024

Total Offertory	\$ 3,038
Supplemental Collection	\$ 50
Total received this week	\$ 3,083

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 235
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$ 25

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Announcements!

If you have any announcement that needs to be made at the end of Mass, place it in the Orange Folder on the Cantor's Stand. For those who wish to make their own announcements, please be on the side waiting after Eucharist



Eucharistic Revival

Holy Communion augments our union with Christ. The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist in Holy Communion is an intimate union with Christ Jesus. Indeed, the Lord said: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him." Life in Christ has its foundation in the Eucharistic banquet: "As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me." On the feasts of the Lord, when the faithful receive the Body of the Son, they proclaim to one another the Good News that the first fruits of life have been given, as when the angel said to Mary Magdalene, "Christ is risen!" Now too are life and resurrection conferred on whoever receives Christ. (CCC 1391)

Priests for Life

A Prayer for Those Afraid of their Motherhood

Lord God, we thank you, the Source of Life, for all those who have welcomed and nurtured our lives. In particular, we thank you for our mothers, who with trust in you and self-sacrifice beyond description, have made it possible for us to live and praise you today. Give them the reward of their labors.

Today, Lord, we also pray for mothers who are afraid of being mothers. We pray especially for those carrying a child within them, but afraid to bring that child to birth. Look with favor on these, your daughters, and give them trust and strength. Enable them to give themselves to their children, as you give yourself to us, and to experience the joys of motherhood. Enable us to do our part to encourage them and provide for their needs. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

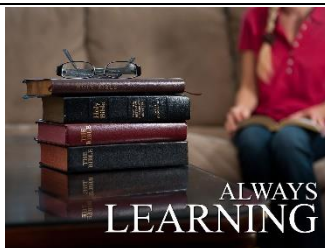
For more prayers, see www.PrayerCampaign.org.

West Point Ministerial Association

National Day of Prayer May 2, 2024

The West Point Ministerial Association's annual National Day of Prayer Service is scheduled for May 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Point Church of God. 500 Main Street. Please consider joining our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ for this time of prayer.

We Need someone to head up the Committee for the Poor within our Parish. There are funds available, but we need someone willing to meet and assess the needs of those seeking help.



The Proclamation of Kingdom of God

Jesus' invitation to enter his kingdom comes in the form of *parables*, a characteristic feature of his teaching. Through his parables he invites people to the feast of the kingdom but he also asks for a radical choice: to gain the kingdom, one must give everything. Words are not enough; deeds are required. The parables are like mirrors for man: will he be hard soil or good earth for the word? What use has he made of the talents he has received? Jesus and the presence of the kingdom in this world are secretly at the heart of the parables. One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to "know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven." For those who stay "outside" everything remains enigmatic. (CCC 546)

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

I heard a voice, "Apostle of My mercy, proclaim to the whole world My unfathomable mercy. Do not be discouraged by the difficulties you encounter in proclaiming My mercy. These difficulties that affect you so painfully are needed for your sanctification and evidence that this work is Mine. (Diary, 1142).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, do not let us apostles of Divine Mercy be discouraged by the difficulties we encounter, but may we rejoice in them because they are needed for our sanctification- it is all Your work. All for the glory of Your name, Merciful Savior.



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

May 2024 Prayers for Healing & Good Health

Elizabeth Alley
Cheryl Antal
Paulette Berberich
Jean Berkey
Beatrice Blacher
Linda Blevins
Todd Brown
Beth Burch
Linda Burch
Robert Burch
Caroline Byrd
Chris Byrd
Katherine Carson
Kevin Carson
Lucy Carson
Jessica Cassidy
Jose Castaneda
Logan Chestnutt
Marianna Chestnutt
Marvin Croswell

Meredith Crowe
Angela Dart
John Davenport
Lydia Dehn
Vincent D'elia
Denise DePompeo
Dexter Dix
Joyce Drexler
Paul Garman
Karen Haney
Ed Haurand
Tom Hollowack
Jim Houser
Gigi Jordan
Gloria Kojcsich
Bonnie Kopacki
Racheal Lafferty
Arlene Lasch
Melissa Leger

Karen Liberato
Philip Liberato
Holly McGowan
Patrick McGowan
Rich Perry
Lenny Ramlano
Margaret Robbins
John Ross
Barbara Schaffer
Margaret Silvia
Jackie Via
Margaret Via
Gloria Wajciechowski
Bill Webster
Steve Weems
Gary Weil – an addition
James Wills
Andrea Berberich Wilson
Mary Yassem
Leda Zaginaylo
Abby Zwerner

Prayers for those in the Military

Tracie Gates

If you wish to add someone on the list or remove a name from the list, please call the parish office (804) 843-3125 or email Pam Watkins at adminassistant@olbs-catholic.org

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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