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## GOOD NEIGHBOR CENTER

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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 BLESSING 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

### CONTACT

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### OFFICE HOURS

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

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**July 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME\***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 5:30 pm Mass offered for Ed Kopacki (RIP)  
Anniversary of Birthday (July 12)  
 Requested by Virginia Kopacki  
 And a Mass for Healing for Marian Kopacki  
& Marguerite Sturtz  
 Requested by Virginia Kopacki

Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME\***

8:00 am **Choir Practice**  
 9:00 am Mass offered for Ralph Racioppi (RIP)  
 Requested by Mike & Nancy Pausic

Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> *St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church\**

No Mass  
 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> *Our Lady of Mount Carmel\**

9:30 am No Mass Intention  
 12 pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel  
 4:30 pm Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am No Mass Intention

Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> *Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest (USA)\**

9:30 am No Mass Intention

Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm Mass offered for Thomas Trudeau (RIP)  
Anniversary of Birthday 7/19/1935  
 Requested by Edna Trudeau  
 6:00 pm The Most Holy Rosary

Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME\***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 5:30 pm Mass Offered for Melvin Good (RIP)  
Anniversary of Birthday 7/20/1913  
 Requested by Edna Trudeau

Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME\***

8:00 am **Choir Practice**  
 9:00 am Mass Offered for Patrick McGowan (RIP)  
 Requested by Pam and Scotty Watkins

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

Daily Mass is said at the Poor Clares Monastery at 8am

Each Friday Daily Mass will be at 5:30pm followed by the Most Holy Rosary

**He called the twelve  
 and began to send  
 them out two by two ...**



Calendar Notes for the Month of July

- No choir practice during the month of July. Practice will be at 8:00 am prior to Sunday morning Mass.
- There will be a VBS Children's Mass on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.
- The Youth Campout Overnight for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders is the evening of July 26 through the morning of July 27<sup>th</sup> to finish with a pancake breakfast.

**Religious Education & Adult Bible Stud**



A Foretaste of the Kingdom: The Transfiguration

For a moment Jesus discloses his divine glory, confirming Peter's confession. He also reveals that he will have to go by the way of the cross at Jerusalem in order to "enter into his glory." Moses and Elijah had seen God's glory on the Mountain; the Law and the Prophets had announced the messiah's sufferings. Christ's Passion is the will of the Father: the Son acts as God's servant, the cloud indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit "The whole Trinity appeared: the Father in the voice; the Son in the man; the Spirit in the shining cloud." You were transfigured on the mountain and your disciples as much as they were capable of it, be help; your glory, O they would understand that your Passion was voluntary and proclaim to the world that you truly are the splendor of the Father. (CCC 555)

**Adult Bible Study-** With religious education being out for summer break, Adult Bible study for Sundays will resume after the Summer. Keep on studying!

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

## Youth Group News

Open to all 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grade.

No Youth Group meeting.

We are working on an overnight campout following VBS, Friday July 26<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> @ The Van Den Boogaard Hall. This will be for all Youth 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade. Camping fun will include: Food, songs, sharing of faith and a movie. We will have morning pancake breakfast and take down VBS camp out decorations. Looking for Chaperones to help! Mark your calendars now! More details to come.

**EPIC Middle School Youth Rally** is coming up on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is open to all youth grades 6-8 in this Fall school year! We will need to register no later than July 7<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in going or adult chaperoning, call the office or see Erin Hayden



**CAMP  
OUT  
WITH  
JESUS**



It's almost here! VBS will run July 22-26 from 6-8pm. Registration can be found on the back table in the church foyer or call the office. We are happy to have you help!

If anyone has camping props ex: fishing nets, lanterns, small Christmas trees or other, please let Erin know: 804-366-4435



### Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

With proceeds to benefit the Chestnutt family for Logan's ongoing Cancer treatment, a spaghetti dinner will be held Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm. to 7 pm. (Dine in or Take out) Tickets are \$15 Adults, \$10 Children under 12.

**The Meal includes:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, drink and dessert. Tickets will be sold at the back of church or reserve your ticket by calling: Phil Liberato (804)512-9701. We are asking parishioners to provide desserts to help make this fundraiser a success! Can you help? Call the Church office and let us know: 804-843-3125.

### From The Diary of St. Faustina

#### Meditation:

There are souls who despise My graces as well as all the proofs of My love. They do not wish to hear My call, but proceed into the abyss of hell. The loss of these souls plunges Me into deadly sorrow. God though I am, I cannot help such a soul because it scorn Me; having a free will, it can spurn Me or love Me. You, who are the dispenser o My mercy, tell all the world about My goodness, and thus you will comfort My Heart (Diary, 580)

#### My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, help all apostles of Divine Mercy to reach souls who despise Your graces and proofs of You love. Help us to save souls from choosing the abyss of hell- and so comfort Your Heart.



Our sympathy and prayers for the Gibbs family as they mourn the loss of Dan's grandmother, Patricia Pilong who passed on to eternal rest last weekend. May she rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon her.

With great sadness, we recognize the passing of Patrick McGowan, son of Janice McGowan. Please pray for his soul and for healing for his family.



We are currently taking donations to help us with the Summer Food Baskets for the children. If you would like to donate, please see Deidra Kopacki, Sandy Dinh, Erin Hayden or Pam Watkins after one of the Masses. Or, you can put your donation in an envelope marked Food Baskets. Please include your envelope number so that you can get credit for your donation. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

Summer Food Baskets will be shopped for, packaged and given out on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the Church parking lot at 10:00am. We will leave from there to shop at Aldi in Gloucester. We will bring the food back to the hall and package to be distributed. Lunch will be provided. Anyone is welcome to help. We just ask that children not yet in high school be accompanied by an adult. We will need to know by July 16<sup>th</sup> if you are planning on helping with the Baskets so that we can make plans.



\*And don't forget to continue to support your Parish!\*

Collection for July 6 & 7, 2024

Total Offertory	\$ 6,839
Supplemental	\$ 55
Votive Candles	\$ 12
<b>Total received this week</b>	<b>\$ 6,906</b>
<b>Budgeted weekly average parish need</b>	<b>\$ 4,596</b>
<b>Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:</b>	
Capital Campaign	\$ 2,488
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$ 100
Haiti Ministry	\$ 50
Scholarship Fund	\$ 20
Peter's Pence	\$ 20

\*\*\*Thank You for Supporting our Parish\*\*\*



Knights of Columbus

Thank you to all who came out to donate at the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Red Cross Blood Drive. Also, thanks to Sal Inga, Joe Drexler, and Jim Milby – Knights who oversaw the operation of the Drive.

The next Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Attendance

July 6	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	57
July 7	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	176
		Spanish Mass	36

Holy Communion Sheet

In order to keep reverence to our most Blessed Sacrament, guidelines on receiving Holy Communion, including for visitors and non-Catholics, have been posted



Eucharistic Revival

*The Eucharist commits us to the poor.* To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren: You have tasted the Blood of the Lord, yet you do not recognize your brother...you dishonor this table when you do not judge worthy of sharing your food someone judged worthy to take part in the meal...God freed you from all your sins and invited you here, but you have not become more merciful. (CCC 1397)



July Wedding Anniversaries

Dan & Amber Gibbs	July 1, 2006
Bill & (Kathy) Webster	July 14, 1956
(Vincent )& (Marina) D'elia	July 21, 1963
(Tripp) & Roberta Racioppi	July 28, 1973

## Priests for Life

### Choosing Life

"This is the ultimate meaning of the Cross: not to seek life for oneself, but to give one's own life. ..." "I command you this day, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his ordinances, then you shall live" (Dt 30: 16). At first sight we may not like this, but it is the way: the option for life and the option for God are identical. The Lord says so in St John's Gospel: "This is eternal life, that they know you" (Jn 17: 3).

"Human life is a relationship. It is only in a relationship, and not closed in on ourselves, that we can have life. And the fundamental relationship is the relationship with the Creator, or else other relations are fragile. Hence, it is essential to choose God. A world empty of God, a world that has forgotten God, loses life and relapses into a culture of death. Choosing life, taking the option for life, therefore, means first and foremost choosing the option of a relationship with God."

– Pope Benedict XVI, Meeting with Roman Clergy, March 2, 2006

## IF YOU NEED A VISIT FROM FATHER OSCAR

If you know of a parishioner or family in need of a visit from Father Oscar, please call the parish office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays from 9am-4pm. Father's time has been limited because he is also temporary Chaplain at the Poor Clares Monastery.

## COMMITTEE FOR THE POOR

With the Economic situation in our country right now, many people are having a hard time making ends meet and paying for common necessities such as electric, rent, and food. We Need someone to head up the Committee for the Poor within our Parish. There are funds available, but we need someone willing to assess the needs of those seeking help. Please pray on this and if you are interested in helping those in need, please contact the Parish Office @ 804-843-3125 Tuesdays – Thursdays from 9:00am until 4:30pm for further information. This would be a good way for someone retired to help others less fortunate. You could volunteer your time that would be convenient for you.



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## PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE

Join Father Gregory Kandt, pastor of the Church of St. Therese in Gloucester, for an inspiring and customized pilgrimage to France. Our itinerary traverses some of the most beautiful parts of France – from Normandy to Paris and to areas in and around Dijon, Annecy, and Geneva (in Switzerland). We will walk in the footsteps of some of the most important visionary men and women of faith. For all information and details, visit the website for our pilgrimage <https://www.travelillume.com/trc/ary>. If you'd like to talk to Father Gregory, you can call him at 804-693-9043.

# 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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**BELL CHOIR**

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Marguerite Sturtz, Sacristan Emerita

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