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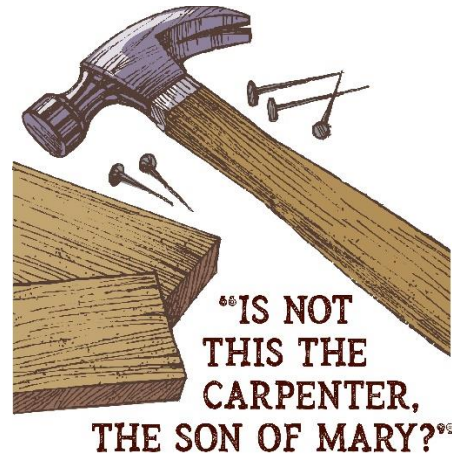
Tuesday – Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

July 6th & 7th, 2024

- Saturday, July 6th **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***
5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Irene & Ralph
Kasmarik (RIP)
Requested by Nancy & Mike Pausic
- Sunday, July 7th **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***
8:00 am **Choir Practice**
9:00 am Mass Offered for Billy McGowan (RIP)
Anniversary of Death (July 4)
Requested by Janice McGowan & Family
4:30 pm **Spanish Mass**
- Monday, July 8th
No Mass
12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel
- Tuesday, July 9th
9:30 am Mass offered for Dale Mangum & Tammy
Witham (RIP)
Requested by Pam & Scotty Watkins
12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel
4:30 pm Adult Bible Study
- Wednesday, July 10th
9:30 am Mass offered for Ralph Racioppi (RIP)
Requested by Donna Geron
- Thursday, July 11th
9:30 am Mass – No Mass Intention
- Friday, July 12th
5:30 pm Mass offered for Richard & Anna
Kozlowski (RIP)
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler
6:00 pm The Most Holy Rosary
- Saturday, July 13th **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 14th **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***
8:00 am **Choir Practice**
9:00 am Mass offered for Ralph Racioppi (RIP)
Requested by Mike & Nancy Pausic

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



Funeral for Joe Ripchick

A funeral for Joe Ripchick will be held Saturday, July 13th at the OLBS Catholic Church at 11:00am. A reception at the West Point Country Club will follow the Mass. There will be no grave side ceremony. Men are to wear golf shirts, no suits nor jackets because Joe loved his golf. Thank you, Carla Sturtz Ripchick.



The flowers at the front of the Altar this weekend were donated by Bill and Edwina Madigan in Memory of their Parents.

The Spanish Mass will be held on Sunday, July 7th at 4:30 pm as this is the first Sunday of the month.

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 27th at 5:30 pm.
- The Youth Campout Overnight for 6th-12th graders is the evening of July 26 through the morning of July 27th to finish with a pancake breakfast.

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

Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

NEVER STOP LEARNING

A foretaste of the Kingdom: The Transfiguration

From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master “began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things...and be killed, and on the third day be raised.” Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he. In this context the mysterious episode of Jesus’ Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James, and John. Jesus’ face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking “of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem.” A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!”. (CCC 554)

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 6th -12th Grade.
No Youth Group meeting.

We are working on an overnight campout following VBS, Friday July 26th to Saturday, July 27th @ The Van Den Boogaard Hall. This will be for all Youth 6th to 12th 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 3rd. This is open to all youth grades 6-8 in this Fall school year! We will need to register no later than July 7th. If you are interested in going or adult chaperoning, call the office or see Erin Hayden.

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

I want the eyes of your soul to be always fixed on My holy will, since it is in this way that you will please Me most. No sacrifices can be compared to this. Throughout all the exercise you will remain close to My Heart. You shall not undertake any reforms, because I will dispose of your whole life as I see fit. The priest who will preach the retreat will not speak a single word which will trouble you (Diary, 1327).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, with my spiritual eyes, I want to be always fixed on Your holy will. And help me to remain close to your Heart. May Your will, not mine, be done.



CAMP OUT WITH JESUS



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.

– toilet paper rolls, paper bags, brown packing paper from your amazon orders.

As we get closer, if anyone has camping props, ex: fishing nets, lanterns, small Christmas trees or other, please let Erin Hayden know.



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

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



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

With proceeds to benefit the Chestnutt family for Logan's ongoing Cancer treatment, a spaghetti dinner will be held Saturday, August 17th, 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



Vince D'elia passing.
We have just learned that longtime parishioner and devoted member of the Knights of Columbus, Vince D'elia passed away on July 2nd after a lengthy illness. Please pray for his soul and for healing for his family.

Holy Communion Information Sheet

In order to keep reverence to our most Blessed Sacrament, guidelines on receiving Holy Communion have been posted in every pew.



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 20th. 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 16th if you are planning on helping with the Baskets so that we can make plans.

If You Need a Visit from Father Oscar

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. Father's time has been limited because he is also temporary Chaplain at the Poor Clares Monastery.

Daily Mass is said at the Poor Clares Monastery at 8:00 am.



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



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

Collection for June 22 & 23, 2024

Total Offertory	\$ 3,669
Supplemental	\$ 26
Total received this week	\$ 3,694
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596
Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:	
Capital Campaign	\$ 215
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$ 100
Haiti Ministry	\$ 500

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

Collection for June 29 & 30, 2024

Total Offertory	\$ 3,072
Supplemental	\$ 2,500
Votive Candles	\$ <u>3</u>
Total received this week	\$ 5,575
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 835
Poor Box	\$ 165
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$ 100
Haiti Ministry	\$ 150
Peter's Pence	\$ 236

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Priests for Life

Our Bishops Speak

"While it is always necessary to work to reduce the number of abortions by providing alternatives and help to vulnerable parents and children, Catholic teaching calls all Catholics to work actively to restrain, restrict and bring to an end the destruction of unborn human life. As the Church carries out its central responsibility to teach clearly and help form consciences, and as Catholic legislators seek to act in accord with their own consciences, it is essential to remember that conscience must be consistent with fundamental moral principles. As members of the Church, all Catholics are obliged to shape our consciences in accord with the moral teaching of the Church." -- Statement on Responsibilities of Catholics in Public Life, March 10, 2006

Attendance

June 29	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	98
June 30	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	124



Eucharistic Revival

The unity of the Mystical Body: the Eucharist makes the Church. Those who receive the Eucharist are united more closely to Christ. Through the Eucharist, Christ unites them to all the faithful in one body – the Church. Communion renews, strengthen, and deepens this incorporation in to the Church, already achieved by Baptism. In Baptism we have been called to for but one body. The Eucharist fulfills this call: "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."

If you are the body and members of Christ, then it is your sacrament that is placed on the table of the Lord; it is your sacrament that you receive. To that which you are you respond "Amen," Be then a member of the Body of Christ that your *Amen* may be true. (CCC 1396)



Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus founder, Blessed Michael McGivney loved baseball, playing it in seminary and later organizing games for his parishioners in New Haven and Thomaston, Connecticut. Through the years, many professional ballplayers have joined the Knights, drawn in part to the unity and fraternity that are also a key component of America's pastime. Knights today who, like Father McGivney, are finding ways to connect their passion for the sport with their love of God and neighbor.



Washington Nationals right-hander Trevor Williams, is pictured at Nats spring training. (Spirit Juice Studios)

Standing for Truth

MLB pitcher and Knight of Columbus Trevor Williams explains why he decided to speak out boldly last year against the Los Angeles Dodgers' decision to honor a group that mocks the Catholic faith. "I have an immense responsibility as a Catholic athlete," he said. "If ... I don't say anything, to me that is a scandal.



IN OUR



Thoughts and Prayers

July 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
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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
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
James Wills
Herbert Wilkerson – an
addition
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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