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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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
August 31st & September 1st, 2024

Saturday, August 31st **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

- 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:30 pm Mass offered for Billy McGowan (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Sunday, September 1st **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

- 9:00 am Mass offered for Patrick McGowan (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
- 4:00 pm **Spanish Mass**

Monday, September 2nd **LABOR DAY**

- No Mass
- 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, September 3rd **Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church***

- 9:30 am Mass offered for Joyce Drexler (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
- 4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)
- 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, September 4th

- 9:30 am Mass offered for Joe, Sr., Elsie & Johnnie Drexler (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
- 6:00 pm **Choir Practice**

Thursday, September 5th **Saint Theresa of Calcutta, Virgin (USA)***

- 9:30 am Mass offered for Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP)
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler

Friday, September 6th

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for Marguerite Sturtz (RIP)
Requested by Karen & Phil Liberato
- 6:00 pm Holy Hour

Saturday, September 7th **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

- 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:30 pm Mass offered for Melvin Gooch (RIP)
Anniversary of Death (9/7/1996)
Requested by Edna Trudeau

Sunday, September 8th **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

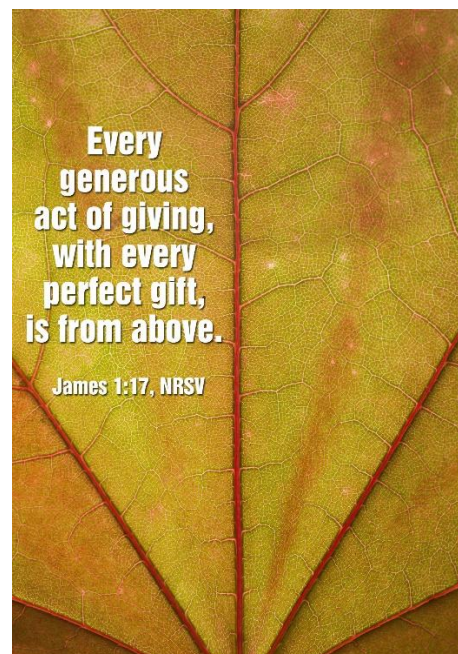
- 9:00 am Mass offered for Ralph Racioppi (RIP)
Requested by Janice McGowan & Family

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



The Spanish Mass will be held on Sunday, September 1st at 4:00 pm as this is the first Sunday of the month.

Father Oscar's Upcoming Month-Long Vacation
 Father Oscar will be away on vacation from September 9th through October 13th. Please wish him safe travels. If there is anything that only Father Oscar can take care of, please see him about it before he leaves on his vacation.



Religious Education

Religious ed. Classes will begin on September 22nd. A meeting will be held for Catechists on September 15th, following the 9 am. Mass.

Religious Ed. Registration Forms can be found at the back of church. Forms can be filled out and placed in the return envelopes. Forms are also available for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Volunteers needed! - to teach Sunday School in the Fall. We are looking for someone to co-teach 6/7th grade classes. The schedule will be every other week, coordinated with the other teacher. Please carefully pray and consider helping with this much needed ministry. If you are interested call: Erin @ the parish office 804-843-3125.

Sunday Bible Study- Will begin again on September 22nd, during religious ed. class time. We will meet in the front foyer of the hall. The study will be, "Lectio Eucharist." Find out how the Eucharist has been foreshadowed since the beginning of Genesis and shown throughout the Bible.

Tuesday Adult Bible Study – 4:30 pm.– We will begin Bible study on the Book of Job, beginning Tuesday, August 20th @ 4:30 pm. **Newcomers are welcome to join!** We meet in the Mercy Center Conference room, enter through the door with the ramp. Bring your Bible, notepad and pencil.

Little Sprouts OLBS Preschool

We are very excited here at the preschool. The staff has been busy preparing for the new school year. Preschool starts on September 3rd. However, our "Before & After School Program" is up and running beautifully already. We have 21 students in the afternoons and up to 18 getting on the bus in the mornings. Please continue to pray for both our after-school program and our preschool program. We appreciate all of your support.

We are so grateful for all the church volunteers who keep our grass cut and looking beautiful, and the flower beds look amazing!

We are thankful for all the support for these programs, especially from the staff here in the church office. We know it's going to be a great year!

We plan to have our annual Christmas program on Wednesday, December 18th this year at 9:15am in the church. Mark your calendar now! We want to shine the love and light of Jesus Christ in this community! God bless each of you.

NEVER STOP LEARNING

Jesus' Ascent to Jerusalem

"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." The lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces his lifting up by his Ascension into heaven, and indeed begins it. Jesus Christ, the one priest of the new and eternal Covenant, "entered, not into a sanctuary made by human hands. . . but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf." There Christ permanently exercises his priesthood, for he "always lives to make intercession" for "those who draw near to God through him". As "high priest of the good things to come" he is the center and the principal actor of the liturgy that honors the Father in heaven. (CCC 662)

T-Shirts Available! – We have many T-Shirts to support #team Logan in all Youth and Adult sizes. If you would like a shirt, it can be ordered online and picked up at the church office: <https://www.thecolonialsports.net/teamlogan/> or please call: Erin 804-366-4435



Open to all 6th -12th Grade.
No youth group coming up.



September Wedding Anniversaries

(Paul) & Gaye Tamulynas	September 13, 1986
(Billy) & Janice McGowan	September 14, 1974
Gary & Jackie Silvia	September 17, 1988
Philip & Cydney Henley	September 21, 2013

If you have any announcement that needs to be made at the end of Mass, you can type your announcement and place in the Orange Folder on the Cantor's Stand. The second lector will make announcements at the end of Mass. For those who wish to make their own announcements, please be on the side waiting after Holy Eucharist so Father knows you need to make an announcement.

Collection for August 24 & 25, 2024

Total Offertory	\$ 2,411
Supplemental Collection	\$ 50
Votive Stand	\$ 9
Total received this week	\$ 2,470

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 845
Poor Box	\$ 40
Cemetery Fund	\$ 80
Haiti Fund	\$ 560

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Capital Campaign Update: To date we have raised a total of \$477,922.57 which includes pledges in the amount of \$381,250.00 and One-Time Gifts of \$96,672.57. So far we have received \$287,703.42 in payments on pledges leaving us \$93,546.58 to still receive. We are so Blessed to be a part of such a generous parish! It is never too late to give to our Capital Campaign. Everything collected is still untaxed by the Diocesan Cathedral at this point. We still have time to raise the much-needed funds to take care of our beautiful Church Campus. We still have issues popping up around the Church Campus that need to be addressed. It is an ongoing process. Thank you so much for your support of our parish!

Attendance

August 24	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	95
August 25	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	129



Eucharistic Revival

The Church knows that the Lord comes even now in his Eucharist and that he is there in our midst. However, his presence is veiled. Therefore, we celebrate the Eucharist, "awaiting the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ," asking "to share in your glory when every tear will be wiped away. On that day we shall see you, our God, as you are. We shall become like you and praise you forever through Christ our Lord." (CCC 1404)

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

I feel much better today. I was glad I would be able to meditate more during the Holy Hour. Then I heard a voice: **You will not be in good health. Do not put off the Sacrament of Penance, because this displeases Me. Pay little attention to the murmurs of those around you.** This surprised me, because I am feeling better today, but I gave it no more thought. When the sister switched off the light, I began the Holy Hour. But after a while something went wrong with my heart. I suffered in silence until eleven o'clock, but then I began to feel so bad that I woke up Sister N. [probably Sister Fabiola], who is my roommate, and she gave me some drops, which brought me a little relief so that I could lie down. I now understand the Lord's warning. I decided to call any priest at all, the next day, and to open the secrets of my soul to him (*Diary, 1464*).

My Prayer Response:

Lord, when You warn me not to put off the Sacrament of Penance, help me to search out a priest to hear my confession soon.

Priests for Life

Strengthened by our Eucharistic Lord, each of us must rededicate ourselves to serving the cause of life. May our Catholic parishes continue to welcome, embrace, and accompany women facing unexpected or challenging pregnancies, offering material, emotional, and spiritual support. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the countless individual Catholics who have dedicated themselves to parish and community initiatives... May we never tire of sharing Christ's message of mercy with all who are suffering in the aftermath of an abortion. The Church continually offers hope and healing to women and men... - *Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, "Statement on the two-year anniversary of the Dobbs Supreme Court decision. (June 21, 2024)"*



Those Who Made the Spaghetti Dinner a Success!

Thank you to the Knights and all of the OLBS Parishioners for helping to make this Fundraiser a success!! Many hands helped: the Youth group, Anna's Restaurant, Colonial Sports, even right down to our youngest youth. Over \$8,100 was raised between tickets sales, t-shirts, VBS and Will Henley's corn donation.



Kody's Homemade Rolls



T-Shirts Available! – We still have many T-Shirts left to support #team Logan. They come in all Youth and Adult sizes. If you would like a shirt, place your order at the back table on the form, and your order will be brought in the following weekend or please call and arrange to pick up at the office: Erin 804-366-4435.



Father Oscar's 43 Year Ordination Anniversary!

The Parish celebrated with Fr. Oscar on the anniversary of his 43rd Year of Ordination this past Sunday, August 25th. The Pot Luck Brunch was delicious with more than enough of treasured recipes than the crowd could finish.

Thank you, Father, for your devotion to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church.





IN OUR



Thoughts and Prayers

September 2024 Prayers for Healing & Good Health

Elizabeth Alley
Cheryl Antal
Chris Berberich
Danielle Berberich
Jean Berkey
Beatrice Blacher
Linda Blevins
George Bowman
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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Dexter Dix
Karen Haney
Donna Harris
Tom Hollowack
Jim Houser
Gigi Jordan
Gloria Kojcsich
Bonnie Kopacki
Virginia Kopacki
Racheal Lafferty
Arlene Lasch
Melissa Leger

Karen Liberato
Philip Liberato
Joe Murphy
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
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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