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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- FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
September 21st & 22nd, 2024

Saturday, September 21st **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30 pm Mass offered for Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP)
 Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler
 and Mass offered for Matt Decker (RIP)
 Requested by Neal Burch

Sunday, September 22nd **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

9:00 am Mass offered for Vincent D'Elia (RIP)
 Requested by The Hayden Family
 and offered for Gary Steffen (RIP)
 Requested by the Duke Family
 10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School begins
 10:15 am Adult Sunday Bible Classes (Boogaard Hall)

Monday, September 23rd **Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest***
 No Daily Mass
 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, September 24th
 No Daily Mass
 4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)
 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, September 25th
 No Daily Mass
 6:00 pm **Choir Practice**

Thursday, September 26th **Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs***
 No Daily Mass

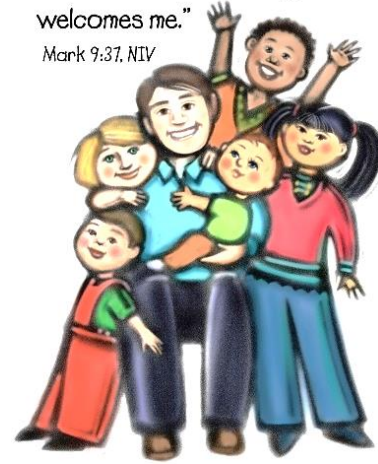
Friday, September 27th **Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest***
 No Daily Mass
 6:00 pm Holy Rosary in the Church

Saturday, September 28th **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***
 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30 pm Mass offered for Marian Kopacki (RIP) and Marguerite Sturtz (RIP)
 Requested by Virginia Kopacki

Sunday, September 29th **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***
 9:00 am Mass offered for Marian Kopacki (RIP)
 Requested by Shirley Castonguay
 and Mass of Healing offered for Sue Hedge,
 Sister of Anne Duke
 10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School
 10:15 am Adult Sunday Bible Classes (Boogaard Hall)

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

"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me."
 Mark 9:37, NIV



Father Oscar's Month-Long Vacation
 Father Oscar will be away on vacation from September 10th through October 13th. Please keep him in your prayers for safe travels and that he enjoys his time with his family and loved ones.

Joining us this weekend for Saturday evening Mass will be Father Bob Brownell. On Sunday morning Mass, we welcome Father Lawrence Mullaney. Next Saturday's Mass will be celebrated by Father Bob Brownell and on Sunday morning by Father Lawrence Mullaney. Please thank them for coming to celebrate Mass with us.



Show by
 your good life
 that your works
 are done with
 gentleness
 born of wisdom.

James 3:13, NRSV

Religious Education

Religious Education Classes will begin on September 22nd after Sunday morning Mass. Please register if you haven't already done so.

Volunteer STILL 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 had been foreshadowed since the beginning of Genesis and shown throughout the Bible.

Tuesday Adult Bible Study – 4:30 pm.– studying the Book of Job. Newcomers are welcome to join! Our group has grown, and we are now meeting at the Church Hall. Bring your Bible, notepad and pencil.

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: Erin 804-366-4435



Open to all 6th -12th Grade.

We will meet at the church hall on **September 22nd from 6:30 pm. to 8:00 pm.** Bring a snack to share and let's have some fun! No Youth Group on September 29th.



Jesus' Ascent to Jerusalem

Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again (cf. Acts 1:11); this humanity in the meantime hides him from the eyes of men (CCC 665)

Adoration Chapel- Did you know Our parish houses an Adoration Chapel at the Mercy Center Office? You are welcome to come spend time with the Lord in peace. The chapel is open during office hours Tuesday-Thursday from 9:00 am -4:30 pm., and it can also be accessed after hours. Please call the office for more information.

Ministry Sign Up!! – We NEED You! There are many ministries in need of volunteers in our parish. Please consider where you can share your gifts and call the office. We are still trying to fill our weekend needs for Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers and altar servers. Training is provided for all. Please call the office.



Eucharistic Revival

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live forever; . . . he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and . . . abides in me, and I in him" (Jn 6:51, 54, 56). (CCC 1406)



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

Collection for September 14 & 15, 2024

Total Offertory	\$ 2,852
Supplemental Collection	\$ 233
Total received this week	\$ 3,085

Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596
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Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 1,580
Parish Maintenance Fund	\$ 305
Retired Religious	\$ 20
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 100

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

September 14	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	80
September 15	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	108



Knights of Columbus



Navigating Loss: Journey of Faith and Healing

If you have any **announcements** that need 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.

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

Give away everything at the first sign of a demand, even if they were the most necessary things. Do not ask for anything without consulting Me. Allow them to take away even what is due you — respect, your good name — let your spirit rise above all that. And so, set free from everything, rest close to My Heart, not allowing your peace to be disturbed by anything. My pupil, consider the words which I have spoken to you (*Diary*, 1685).

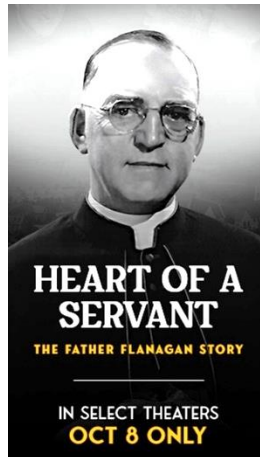
My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, what a marvelous freedom You taught St. Faustina: to give away everything at the first sign of a demand. Teach me what I need to do to have such a free spirit.

Mark Budzinski, once a Major League Baseball player and now serving as the Toronto Blue Jays' first base coach, offers insights into the demanding nature of the sport while stressing the vital role of faith and family in fostering resilience. As a member of Catholic Athletes for Christ and the Knights of Columbus, Budzinski underscores the significance of community and service.

Mark's world is shaken by the heartbreaking loss of his daughter, Julia, in a tubing accident. In the midst of profound grief, he finds hope in his faith, emphasizing the need to lean on God during life's darkest moments. Through his own experiences, Mark advocates for responding to adversity with unwavering faith and compassion.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7szsh2l00w8>



Father Edward Flanagan, founder of the famous Boys Town, is the subject of a new documentary screening in select theaters nationwide Oct. 8. Narrated by Jonathan Roumie, *Heart of a Servant: The Father Flanagan Story* features interviews with family, friends and others to tell the true story of this courageous priest and his creative response to the crisis of at-risk youth in 20th-century America.

Priests for Life

Pope Benedict XVI on Life...

"We are well aware that all too often ... life is exalted as long as it is pleasurable, but there is a tendency to no longer respect it as soon as it is sick or handicapped.

Based on deep love for every person it is possible instead to put into practice effective forms of service to life: to newborn life and to life marked by marginalization or suffering, especially in its terminal phase.

The Virgin Mary received with perfect love the Word of life, Jesus Christ, who came into the world so that human beings might "have life... abundantly" (Jn 10: 10).

Let us entrust to her expectant mothers, families, health-care workers and volunteers who are committed in so many ways to the service of life.

Let us pray in particular for people in the most difficult situations" (Angelus, February 5, 2006).

Knights' Next Blood Drive

*Knight of Columbus West Point is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive on **Thursday, October 3rd from 1-6pm.** If you are healthy and willing, please consider donating lifesaving blood to someone in need. Appointments are highly encouraged to donate. **You can make an appointment by calling 1-800-REDCROSS or go to Red Cross Blood.org or see flyer in this bulletin.***



The Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, a Community with a rich history of over 150 years, invite Single Catholic Women age 20-35 to in-person and on-line Discernment Events designed for you. Discover your calling and purpose. Visit <https://fscclalledtobe.org> or contact Sr. Julie Ann 920-323-9632.

The world needs you. God calls you. We invite you...with other Catholic Young Women to our Vocation Discernment Retreats or invite us to meet you where you are.

El mundo te necesita. Dios te llama. Te invitamos... con otras mujeres católicas a nuestros Retiros de Discernimiento Vocacional o invita nos a encontrar contigo donde estés ”.

The Church of Saint Therese in Gloucester is seeking an Administrative Assistant. Being the first person that most people will encounter through phone or visit to the parish office, the administrative assistant will have an evangelical zeal to show the welcoming face of Christ to parishioners and non-parishioners alike with whom she/he comes in contact.

Mandatory background screening and Virtus training must be completed as a condition of employment.

This is a 25 hour per week position and salary is according to diocesan scale. An application from the Richmond diocese must be submitted. Applications are available on the diocesan website at

<https://richmonddiocese.org/office/office-of-human-resources/>. For a position description, please contact Fr. Gregory Kandt, Pastor, at 804-693-9043 or fr.gregory@stthersglo.org. Applications should likewise be submitted to Fr. Gregory. The successful candidate will begin employment by October 21, 2024.



Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia is looking for individuals to join us in our mission to make a positive impact for everyone in our community.

Contact us today to learn more about this exciting volunteer opportunity.

We especially need Spanish and Sign Language translators. Other languages welcome. Provide confidential translation/interpretation by phone, online or in person as your schedule permits helping our clients access information and resources.

Call 757-456-2366
or email
abeaver@cceva.org

Hearing Assistance

If you are having difficulty hearing the Mass in Church, please arrive a few minutes early and speak with one of the ushers, as the parish has purchased hearing assistance devices for our parishioners. Just ask one of our ushers how it works. You can even use your own earphones to plug into the device.



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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