

# Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church



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## GOOD NEIGHBOR CENTER

By Appointment (757) 585-8227

## 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

### CONTACT

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Parish website: www.olbs-catholic.org

### OFFICE HOURS

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

**TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**September 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> **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 29<sup>th</sup> **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)

Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> **Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church\***  
 No Daily Mass  
 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> **Saint Therese of the Child of Jesus, Virgin\***  
 No Daily Mass  
 4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)  
 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> **The Holy Guardian Angels\***  
 No Daily Mass  
 6:00 pm **Choir Practice**

Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 No Daily Mass

Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> **Saint Francis of Assisi\***  
 No Daily Mass  
 6:00 pm Holy Rosary in the Church

Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME\***  
 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 5:30 pm Mass offered for Henry J. Kopacki, Jr. (RIP) Anniversary of Birthday  
 Requested by Janice McGowan & Family

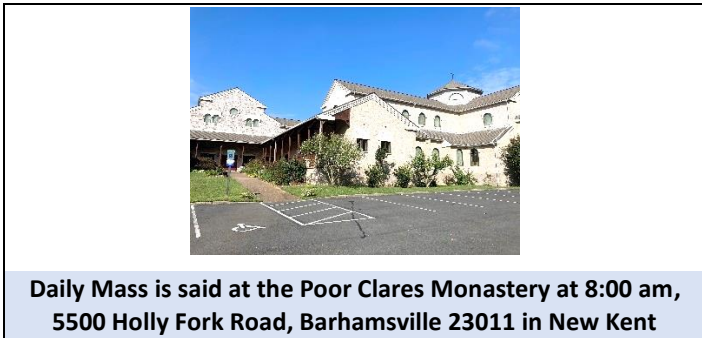
Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME\***  
 9:00 am Mass offered for Michael A. Pausic on the Anniversary of Birthday and for Health and Continued Success  
 Requested by Mike & Nancy Pausic  
 10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School begins  
 10:15 am Adult Sunday 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**  
*is not against us*  
**IS FOR US.**  
*Mark 9:40*

**Father Oscar's Month-Long Vacation**  
 Father Oscar will be away on vacation to the Philippines from September 10<sup>th</sup> through October 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 Father Lawrence Mullaney will again be joining us. Next Saturday's Mass (October 5<sup>th</sup>) will be celebrated by Father Johnny Mintah-Mensah and on Sunday morning October 6<sup>th</sup> by Father Bob Brownell. Please thank them for coming to celebrate Mass with us.



## Religious Education

Religious Education Classes will begin on September 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 6/7<sup>th</sup> 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 on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.



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

No Youth Group on September 29<sup>th</sup>.



Join us Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm. for Dinner and Movie Night, sponsored by The Youth Group! We will be serving corn dogs, beans, chips, drinks and popcorn. Cost is by donation.

We will be showing the movie "Cabrini" -From Alejandro Monteverde, award-winning director of *Sound of Freedom*, comes the powerful epic of Francesca Cabrini, an Italian immigrant who arrives in New York City in 1889 and is greeted by disease, crime, and impoverished children. Cabrini sets off on a daring mission to convince the hostile mayor to secure housing and healthcare for society's most vulnerable. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini builds an empire of hope unlike anything the world had ever seen.



### Jesus' Ascent to Jerusalem

Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him forever. (Catechism of the Catholic Church 666)

### October is Respect Life Month

During this month we should reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life, from the moment of conception to Natural death. We would like to help young mothers provide small items for their unborn child and our older residents with items to bring joy. There will be tags placed at the back of church. Please help by taking a tag of choice, go shopping and then return the items to the bin or crib provided.

Please return items no later than November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Items will be dropped off at Williamsburg House of Mercy and Three Rivers Health and Rehab.

Thank you for making a difference!

### Register with the Parish Keep Church Records Up To Date

If you are new to our parish, and especially if you have children enrolled in our Faith Formation Programs, or if you have been worshipping with us for a while but have never registered, please take a minute at the back of the Church to grab a Registration Form (The ushers can help you locate them) so you can register your family with our parish. You can take it home and fill it out and return it either to the office during the office hours (Tuesday – Thursday 9:00am – 4:30pm) or give it to one of our ushers. This helps us to keep Church records accurate and allows families to refer to Church records for future life events.

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



### Eucharistic Revival

Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life, for in it, Christ associates his Church and all her members with his sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving offered once for all on the cross to his Father; by this sacrifice he pours out the graces of salvation on his Body which is the Church. (CCC 1407)



**Father Oscar's Philippine Visit with Family**



Father Oscar, brothers Roberto and Nelson, sisters Gloria, Flora, and Juliet

**Pageantry of the Religious Celebration of Our Lady of Penafrancia in the Philippines**



The family of Marian Kopacki would like to express sincere thanks for the support and love shown to us during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate all the food, flowers, phone calls, prayers and visits. Our Mom will be greatly missed forever, but we know that she will live in the hearts of all who shared their sorrow with us during this difficult time. Also, a special thank you to all those who attended her services, worked in the kitchen and organized the funeral reception. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Thanks,  
*The McGowan's, the Kopacki's and Families*

<u>Collection for September 21 &amp; 22, 2024</u>	
Total Offertory	\$ 2,953
Supplemental Collection	\$ 25
Total received this week	\$ 2,978
<b>Budgeted weekly average parish need</b>	<b>\$ 4,596</b>
<b>Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:</b>	
Capital Campaign	\$ 290
Haiti Fund	\$ 500
<b>***Thank You for Supporting our Parish***</b>	

<u>Attendance</u>			
September 21	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	101
September 22	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	143

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.



### October Wedding Anniversaries

Brandon & Gigi Jordan	October 3, 2009
Albert & Gloria Wajciechowski	October 10, 1970
(David "Charlie") & Jeanie Sturtz	October 11, 1968
Frank & Mary Ann Fetterolf	October 19, 1963
Kevin & Deidra Kopacki	October 20, 2001
Mike & Nancy Pausic	October 29, 1960

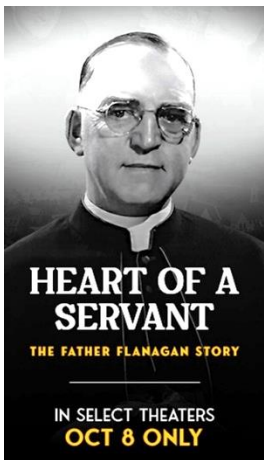
### Priests for Life

#### On Voting...

"In a democratic society citizens choose whom they vest with authority for the common good. A choice for one person over another for public office can significantly affect many lives, especially the lives of the most vulnerable persons in society, such as children in the womb and those who are terminally ill. Therefore, Catholic citizens have a serious moral obligation to exercise their right to vote, whether on the national, state or local level" (Bishops of Kansas, "Moral Principles for Catholic Voters," August 15, 2006).



### Knights of Columbus



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.

### Knights' Next Blood Drive

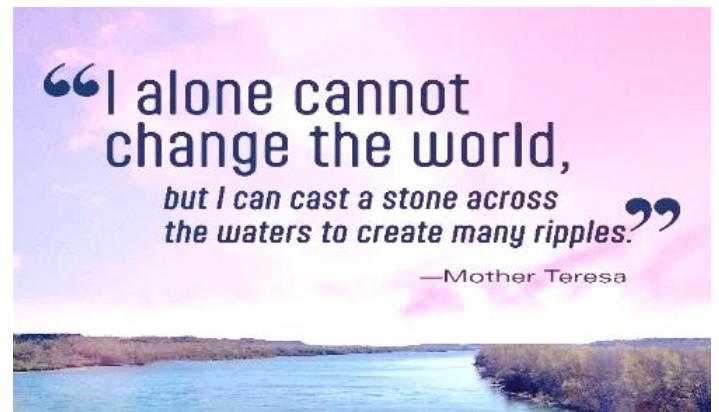
*Knight of Columbus West Point is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive on **Thursday, October 3rd from 1-6pm.** If you are healthy and willing, please consider donating lifesaving blood to someone in need. Appointments are highly encouraged to donate. **You can make an appointment 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://fsc-calledtobe.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".





## From The Diary of St. Faustina

### Meditation:

My daughter, know that My Heart is mercy itself. From this sea of mercy, graces flow out upon the whole world. No soul that has approached Me has ever gone away un-consoled. All misery gets buried in the depths of My mercy, and every saving and sanctifying grace flows from this fountain (*Diary, 1777*).

### My Prayer Response:

Thank You Jesus, for this *five-star teaching* on Your mercy! Thank You for Your Heart, which is mercy itself, a sea of mercy, a fountain of mercy from which flows every saving and sanctifying grace! May I and all who approach You be immersed in the sea of Your mercy.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.**

## Respite Care Workers Needed

Have time to share? Want to give families caring for an elderly loved one a break?

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"The correct response is 'I do' — not 'it's worth a try.'"

# 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

**ALTAR LINENS**  
Linda Drexler (804) 241-4073  
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**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
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Marguerite Sturtz, Sacristan Emerita

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