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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 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Spanish Mass 4:00 p.m.
(first Sunday of the month)

WEEKDAYS

Tuesday – Thursday 8:30 a.m.
Friday 5:00 p.m.
*(followed by the Rosary —
first Friday of the month
is followed by a holy hour)*

HOLIDAYS

8:30 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

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OFFICE HOURS

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
February 1st & 2nd, 2025

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

Saturday, February 1st **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD***
 4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 pm Mass offered for Thomas E. Sturtz, Jr. (RIP)
Anniversary of Death
 Requested by Carole Beasley &
 Joan Applegate

Sunday, February 2nd **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD***
 9:00 am Mass offered for Mike Pausic (RIP)
 Requested by Pat & Wini Barron
 10:15 am Adult Bible Study
 4:00 pm **Spanish Mass**
 6:30 pm **Youth Group (VDB)** Saturday, January 25th

Monday, February 3rd **Saint Blaise, Bishop, Martyr;**
Saint Ansgar, Bishop*
 No Mass
 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, February 4th **Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest,**
Doctor of the Church*
 8:30 am Mass for Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP)
 Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel
 4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (MC)

Wednesday, February 5th **Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr***
 8:30 am Mass for Ralph ("Tripp") Racioppi (RIP)
 Requested by Pat & Wini Barron
 6:00 pm **Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, February 6th **Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs***
 8:30 am Mass for William & Mary Madigan (RIP)
 Requested by Bill & Edwina Madigan

Friday, February 7th **Saint John Bosco, Priest***
 5:00 pm Mass offered for Richard Kozlowski (RIP)
50th Anniversary of Death
 Requested by Linda, Donna, Lorraine,
 & Becky
 5:30 pm First Friday Holy Hour

Saturday, February 8th **FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME***
 11:30 am Meeting on International Dinner & Cultural
 Prayer Gardens (MC conference room)
 4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 pm Mass offered for Marguerite Sturtz (RIP)
Anniversary of Birthday
 Requested by Carole Beasley &
 Joan Applegate

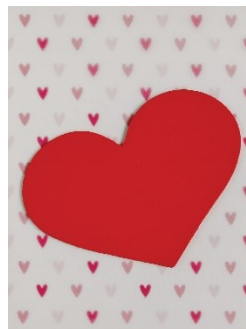
Sunday, February 9th **FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME***
 9:00 am Mass offered for Families of Butler Ellred
 Requested by Edna Trudeau
 10:15 am Religious Education Classes
 10:15 am Adult Bible Study
 (MC) Mercy Center (VDB) van den Boogard Hall (Parish Hall)



Simeon & Anna
See Jesus

The monthly Spanish Mass will be held Sunday, February 2nd at 4:00 pm.

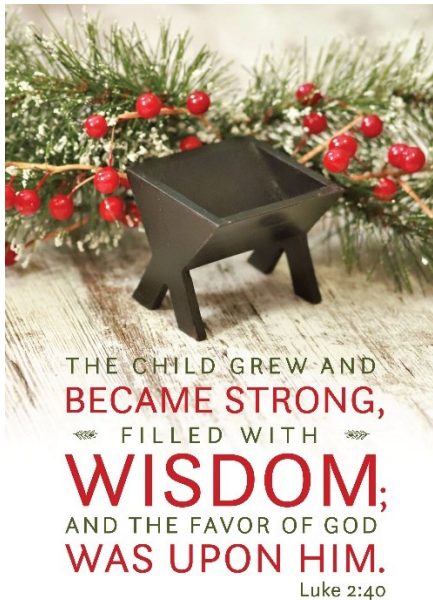
Jubilee Year of Hope
 The Lord Jesus Christ, physician of our souls and bodies, who forgave the sins of the paralytic and restored him to bodily health, [Cf. Mk 2:1-12] has willed that his Church continue, in the power of the Holy Spirit, his work of healing and salvation, even among her own members. This is the purpose of the two sacraments of healing: the sacrament of Penance and the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. (CCC 1421)



Save The Date: Valentine's Pot Luck!!
 A Pot Luck Brunch is planned for Sunday, February 16 after the Sunday morning Mass at the van den Boogaard Hall. Please think about your favorite brunch item (s)!

Daily Mass & Senior Lunch
 The Senior Luncheon will be held at El Rancho Mexican Restaurant, King William Ave. in West Point on Wednesday, February 19th following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Call Jeanie Sturtz at 804-370-5821 by Monday, January 13th to reserve a seat.

Old Palm Branches Needed
 In preparation for Ash Wednesday, March 5 this year, old palm branches are being collected which will be burned to produce the ashes used that day. Please drop off your old palms in the basket in the foyer.



Christ is Alive!! 6th Annual Essay Contest-
 Open to children in grades 3-8th grade! You or your child may pick up a detailed information with rules from their religious ed. teacher or Mrs. Hayden. The topic: Describe a moment in the last year when you felt close to God? Deadline for turning the essay in will be by Sunday, March 23rd. Two winners will be selected from each grade level across America! Prizes to be awarded.

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Religious Education



Sunday School classes started on January 12th @ 10:15 am. Let's make this year the best!!

Tuesday Adult Bible Study: We have returned to our regular schedule on January 7th at 4:30 pm (MC). We are studying the book of JOB.

Sunday Adult Bible Study: Join us for our next Bible Study, "Mary" with Dr. Edward Siri. There is so much to know about our heavenly mother; we invite you to come learn. We meet after the 9 am. Mass in the front foyer of the hall.




I Believe in Jesus Christ, His Only Son Our Lord –
 "At the heart of catechesis we find, in essence, a Person, the Person of Jesus of Nazareth, the only Son from the Father...who suffered and died for us and who now, after rising, is living with us forever." To catechize is "to reveal in the Person of Christ the whole of God's eternal design reaching fulfillment in that Person. It is to seek to understand the meaning of Christ's actions and words and of the signs worked by him." Catechesis aims at putting "people ... in communion ... with Jesus Christ: only he can lead us to the love of the Father in the Spirit and make us share in the life of the Holy Trinity." (CCC 426)

Youth Group News

Open to all 6th -12th Grade.

Our next Youth Group will be February 2 for our Pre-DYC dinner meeting

All youth from grades 6-HS may attend.



Eucharistic Revival

Through the sacraments of Christian initiation, man receives the new life of Christ. Now we carry this life "in earthen vessels," and it remains "hidden with Christ in God."¹ We are still in our "earthly tent," subject to suffering, illness, and death.² This new life as a child of God can be weakened and even lost by sin. (CCC 1420)



New Church Sign Installed!

The Prayer List is updated in this bulletin. Note that in two or three weeks, the Prayer List will begin anew except for those recently added. If someone should remain on the list, please contact the office and leave a message or talk to one of the office staff.

Note the flyer in this bulletin about the West Point-New Kent Relay for Life.

Also, this being the Jubilee Year 2025, four sites are designated in Richmond Diocese as Pilgrimage sites. See the letter in this bulletin.

Collection for January 25 & 26, 2025

Total Offertory	\$ 3,652
Debt Supplemental Collection	\$
Mass Intentions	\$
Hall Rental	\$
Uniforms/ Supply for Altar Servers	\$ 100
Initial Offering	\$
Votive Stand	\$
Total received this week	\$ 3,752

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 2,003
Respect Life	\$
Facilities, Repairs, & Maintenance	\$
Haitian Ministry	\$ 100
Cemetery Fund	\$
Poor Box	\$

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

January 25	Saturday	5:00 pm Mass	82
January 26	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	126



Consider Joining the OLBS Money Counting Team

After several years of serving on the OLBS Counting Team, several members are looking to turn in their calculators and take a well-deserved break from this weekly ministry for our parish. This ministry requires approximately 3 hours each week (usually Tuesday mornings) to sort, count and prepare our bank deposits for the weekly offertory collections.

Each team has a minimum of 3 members who perform this duty each week. These team members rotate each week based on their availability.

Please consider being a part of this important ministry for our parish. If you feel that you would be willing to serve as a member of our Counting Team, please contact Fr Oscar at oparaiso@richmonddiocese.org or Bob Ryalls at businessmgr@olbs-catholic.org



February Wedding Anniversaries

(James) & Donna Geron	February 7, 1970
(Robert) & Cheryl Servonsky	February 10, 1973
Sol & Annabelle Vidal	February 10, 2001
(Henry J, Jr.) & (Marian Kopacki)	February 13, 1949
(Charles) & Margaret Varboncoeur	February 23, 1957
(Ed) & Virginia Kopacki	February 24, 1952

A New Year and New Times for Mass

New Mass times will take effect after January 1st as follows:

Monday	No Mass	<u>No change</u>
Tuesday	8:30 a.m. Mass	A change!
Wednesday	8:30 a.m. Mass	A change!
Thursday	8:30 a.m. Mass	A change!
Friday	5:00 p.m. Mass	A change!
	5:30 p.m. Rosary	

First Friday 5:00 p.m. Mass A change!
5:30 p.m. Holy Hour

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass (formerly 5:30)

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass No change
Spanish Mass 4:00 p.m. Mass
on 1st Sunday No change

Senior Mass 11:00 a.m. Wednesday

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

The doctor did not allow me to go to the chapel to attend the Passion Service, although I had a great desire for it; however, I prayed in my own room. Suddenly I heard the bell in the next room, and I went in and rendered a service to a seriously sick person. When I returned to my room, I suddenly saw the Lord Jesus, who said, **My daughter, you gave Me greater pleasure by rendering Me that service than if you had prayed for a long time.** I answered, "But it was not to You, Jesus, but to that patient that I rendered this service." And the Lord answered me, **Yes, My daughter, but whatever you do for your neighbor, you do for Me (Diary, 1029).**

My Prayer Response:

Thank You, Jesus, for teaching us through St. Faustina: Whatever you do for your neighbor, you do for Me (see Mt 25:40). Help us, Lord Jesus, to respond with deeds of mercy whenever You appear in the disguise of the needy, as did Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta.



Knights of Columbus

Men of the Parish, if you are a practicing Catholic and 18 years or older, and you wish to make sure you, your family or future family, are covered financially if anything happens to you or a member of your family, the Knights offer insurance programs for a minimal amount. This can be life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment insurance, annuities for gradually building up an investment fund, to name a few.

Council 8116 (the "Father Jakubowski Council") Knights of Columbus meets on the first Monday of each month for their business meeting. If you have an interest in the Knights, just ask one of the members for information.

Priests for Life

Why I Go There

"Why do I go there [to pray and protest at abortion mills]? It is because I must, I am a mother and I have the heart of a mother. I know what it is like to have a difficult pregnancy, to have everything far from perfect. I have been through labor (aptly named) and delivery. I've held that new little baby, looked in his eyes and said "Hello little one. Who are you? Let's get to know each other. I am your mother and you are my baby. I love you." - Mary Therese

Marriage RETREAT

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

World Marriage Day – Feb. 9, 2025 –
How will you celebrate?

- Tell your spouse, "I love you!"
- Give your spouse a hug.
- Take your spouse to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience and learn how to **live your best life in love.**

- March 7 - 9 Rehoboth Beach, DE
- March 14 -16 Jessup, MD and Ocean City, NJ
- March 21-23 Emerald Isle, NC

For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for your desired location.

As sweet as honey

Honey is both a sweetener and a medicine. How can our words be used in the same ways?

Directions: Use the hexagon key to fill in the missing vowels and complete Proverbs 16:24, NIV.

Grocooos words
oro o honooocomb,
 swoot to tho sooo
ond hooolong
 to tho bonos.
 PROVERBS 16:24, NIV

Answer: Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24, NIV

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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