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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.

Parish Offices

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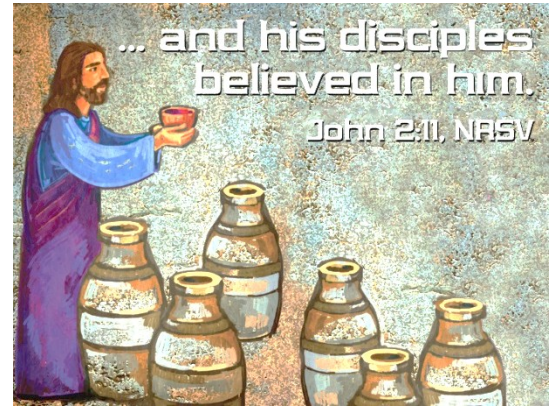
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OFFICE HOURS

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 18th & 19th, 2025

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



Saturday, January 18th **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***
 4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 pm Mass offered for Joe, Sr., Elsie, & Johnnie Drexler (RIP)
 Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Sunday, January 19th **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***
 9:00 am Mass offered for Larry Laccabue
 Requested by Karena Funkhouser and offered in Loving Memory of Waseta Maria Fredericks (RIP) and Lawrence Joseph (LJ) Fredericks (RIP) for Anniversary of Deaths (1/24 & 2/9)
 10:15 am Religious Education Classes
 10:15 am Adult Bible Study
 6:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, January 20th **Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr***
 No Mass
 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, January 21st **Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr***
 8:30 am Mass offered for the Souls in Purgatory
 Requested by the Hayden Family
 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel
 4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (MC)

Wednesday, January 22nd
 8:30 am Mass offered for Mike Pausic (RIP)
 Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler and offered for Karl Rudolph (RIP)
 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 23rd **Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr (USA) Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin (USA)***
 8:30 am Mass offered for Marian Kopacki (RIP)
 Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
 6:30 pm Finance Council Meeting (MC)

Friday, January 24th **Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church***
 5:00 pm Mass offered for Joyce Drexler (RIP)
 Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
 5:30 pm Rosary

Saturday, January 25th **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***
 4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 pm Mass offered for Marguerite Sturtz (RIP)
 Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Sunday, January 26th **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***
 9:00 am Mass offered for David Seckora (RIP)
 Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
 10:15 am Religious Education Classes Resume
 10:15 am Adult Bible Study
 10:15 am Parish Council Meeting (MC)

(MC) Mercy Center (VDB) van den Boogard Hall (Parish Hall)

We are in the Jubilee Year of Hope! How can you share your talents & gifts in our parish? There are many spots open and available and we need your help! **We need Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Church decorators, Office help, People for Hospitality, Music, Maintenance, Sacristy.** There is so much more to consider, please consider! Look on the back of the bulletin and contact a ministry leader or call the office, we will be happy to assist you in where you can use your gift best.



A spiritual gift is **given** to each of us so **we** can **help** each other.

Old Palm Branches Needed

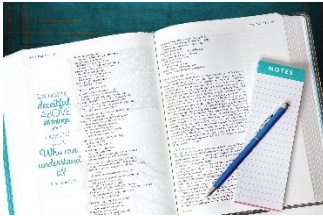
In preparation for Ash Wednesday, March 5 this year, old palm branches are being collected which will be burned to produce the ashes used that day. Please drop off your old palms in the basket in the foyer.

Religious Education



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

***** Families are invited to a parent liturgy meeting for all families on January 26th, following Sunday School, 11:15 am.** This meeting is to provide information on child participation in the Mass. **Questions like:** What age can my child altar serve? What sacraments are required?



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.

Confirmation / RCIA -Please pray for our RCIA, Confirmation candidates and chaperones, as we travel to the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land and the National Basilica Shrine in Washington D.C. on January 25th for a retreat. May the Holy Spirit work in the hearts of all that a new life of faith may ignite in the church. We have 15 candidates between RCIA and Confirmation this year!!



Open to all 6th -12th Grade.

Our next Youth Group will be January 19th.
All youth from grades 6-HS may attend.



I Believe in Jesus Christ, His Only Son Our Lord –
Moved by the grace of the Holy Spirit and drawn by the Father, we believe in Jesus and confess: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'⁸ On the rock of this faith confessed by St. Peter, Christ built his Church. (CCC 424)



Eucharistic Revival

Having passed from this world to the Father, Christ gives us in the Eucharist the pledge of glory with him. Participation in the Holy Sacrifice identifies us with his Heart, sustains our strength along the pilgrimage of this life, makes us long for eternal life, and unites us even now to the Church in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints. (CCC 1419)

Collection for January 11 & 12, 2025

Total Offertory	\$ 2,518
Mass Intentions	\$ 240
Hall Rental	\$ 300
Votive Stand	\$ 10
Total received this week	\$ 3,068
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 171
Facilities, Repairs, & Maintenance	\$ 100
Haitian Ministry	\$ 626
Poor Box	\$ 20

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

Attendance

January 11	Saturday	5:00 pm Mass	79
January 12	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	124



January Wedding Anniversaries

(Jerry) & Debbie Johnson	January 4, 1972
Quan & Sandy Dinh	January 18, 2020
(David) & Susan Thompson	January 20, 1984
Bill & Edwina Madigan	January 28, 1967



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. Currently there are 5 members of the team who serve as a Lead Counter for the week with 2 additional members who help to count that week. We also have several members who serve as substitutes to fill in as necessary.

It is our hope that several of our parishioners would prayerfully consider becoming a member of the Counting Team. If possible, we would like to have enough interest to have enough members, to only require your covering 1 – 2 sessions per month. We usually put out the schedule on a quarterly basis so that you can plan your availability accordingly.

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

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	
<u>First Friday</u>	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	<u>No change</u>
Spanish Mass	4:00 p.m. Mass	
	on 1 st Sunday	<u>No change</u>

Senior Mass 11:00 a.m. Wednesday (3rd Wednesday of the Month) followed by Senior Luncheon 11:45 a.m. Various restaurants

These times will be in place for the foreseeable future. A chaplain is in training at the Poor Clares Monastery which frees up Father Oscar for his duties at OLBS.

Priests for Life

God, our Spouse and Lord of Life

“As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so shall your God rejoice in you.” Today’s first reading from Isaiah shows us how much God delights in human life. He rejoices in us as in a bride. He gives himself to us as a bridegroom is called to do for his beloved. He protects and defends us, and leads us to the life that never ends. His commitment to humanity is the source of ours. Like him, we are to give ourselves for the good of others, starting with the most vulnerable lives – children at the very beginning of their development in the womb.

This week, January 22nd, marks the sad anniversary of the Roe vs Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized the killing of those children by abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy. This remains the single most destructive and barbaric public policy in our nation, and hundreds of thousands of Americans march in Washington, in San Francisco, and in many other cities at this time of year calling for a change. Moreover, this coincides with our nation’s honoring of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose dream of equality for all under the law needs to be applied now to the children in the womb. This is a work around which Christians of all denominations should unite, and this week also marks the week of prayer for Christian Unity.

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is — trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive. Souls that trust boundlessly are a great comfort to Me, because I pour all the treasures of My graces into them (*Diary*, 1578).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, expand my capacity to trust in You! I and so many souls need and want more of Your mercy. Help us with Your mercy to desire more, to ask for more, so we may receive more graces. Fill our hearts with thanksgiving for Your mercy and help us share the graces we receive.



Knights of Columbus

Council 8116 (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.



Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia's Clinical Counseling program has immediate appointments available on both the southside and in its Newport News office.

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WHEN ALL THE HUSTLE-BUSTLE OF THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER..... Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? If you agree then you'll want to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for your desired location. Feel free to contact Donald and Helen Dudley at 757-690-1369 donald.helen.dudley@wwme.org with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:

January 31 - February 2 Myrtle Beach, SC
March 7 - 9 Rehoboth Beach, DE
March 14 -16 Jessup, MD and Ocean City, NJ
March 21-23 Emerald Isle, NC



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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