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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

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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD*
January 4th & 5th, 2025

Saturday, January 4th **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD***

- 4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:00 pm Mass offered for James Geron (RIP)
Requested by Donna Geron

Sunday, January 5th **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD***

- 9:00 am Mass offered for Mike Pausic (RIP)
Requested by Phil, Karen Liberato & Family

4:00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, January 6th **Saint Andre Bessette, Religious***

No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, January 7th **Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest***

- 8:30 am Mass offered for David Seckora (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (MC)

Wednesday, January 8th

- 8:30 am Mass offered for Marian Kopacki (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm Cemetery Committee Meeting (MC)

Thursday, January 9th

- 8:30 am Mass offered for Marguerite Sturtz (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

1:30 pm Money Counters' Meeting (MC)

5:00 pm Facilities Committee (VDB Kitchen)

Friday, January 10th

- 5:00 pm Mass offered for Mike Pausic (RIP)
Requested Joe & Linda Drexler

5:30 pm Rosary

Saturday, January 11th **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD***

4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass offered for Dr. & Mrs. Eugene Trudeau (RIP)

Sunday, January 12th **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD***

- 9:00 am Mass offered for Mike Pausic (RIP)
Requested by Rose Marie Jesion (sister)

10:15 am Religious Education Classes Resume

10:15 am Adult Bible Study

11:15 am **Parent Meeting of children receiving Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist**

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



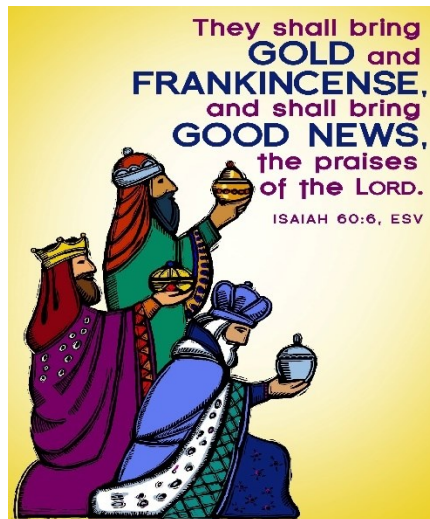
The Spanish Mass will be held at 4:00 pm on Sunday January 5th as it is the first Sunday of the month.

A New Year and New Times for Mass

New Mass times will take effect after January 1st. In other words, starting ****Thursday January 2nd**, 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	<u>No change</u>
Spanish Mass	4:00 p.m. Mass	<u>No change</u>
	on 1 st Sunday	<u>No change</u>

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.



Religious Education

Religious education classes will return January 12th!

Parent Meeting! – For second grade class and older kids receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist. We will meet at the hall following Religious ed. class, 11:15 am. to 12:00 pm. on January 12th.

***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 will return to our regular schedule on January 7th at 4:30 pm (MC).

Sunday Adult Bible Study: January 12th will be the next meeting. Start the New Year off right, join a Bible Study! 10:15 am (VDB Hall Foyer).



Open to all 6th -12th Grade.

Our next Youth Group will be January 19th.

Christmas food basket Shopping

Thanks to many generous parishioners, members of the Parish and their families helped two local families and can replenish all the Lil' Free Pantries in the local community with many shopping carts on their day of shopping Saturday, December 21st



Collection for December 24 & 25 (Christmas) and 28 & 29, 2024

Total Offertory	\$ 7,355
Total received this week	\$ 7,355

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

Capital Campaign	\$ 2,074
Facilities, Repairs, & Maintenance	\$ 100
Cemetery Fund	\$ 250
Catholic Charities	\$ 693

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

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

Attendance

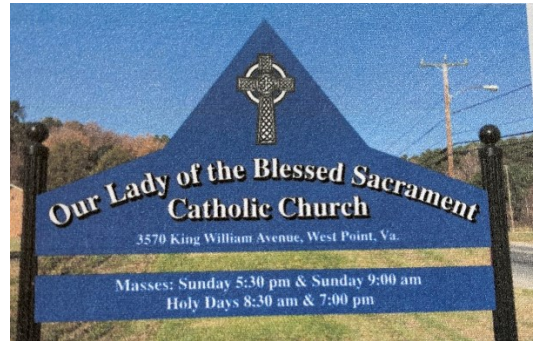
December 21	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	91
December 22	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	126
December 24		Christmas Eve 5:30 pm Mass	248
		Christmas Eve 9:00 pm Mass	72
December 25	Christmas Day	9:30 am Mass	59
December 28	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	87
December 29	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	146

Parishioners Go a' Caroling!



New Sign to be Installed

In the next couple weeks, look for the installation of a new sign at the site of the current sign, once the Christmas lights have been removed. After many years, the old sign had faded. We thank Tuan Eston Nguyen and the Knights of Columbus for contributing toward its purchase. Note that on the new sign, the cross as shown below, will have a host and chalice pictured.



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





Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus meet 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.



Grand Knight Sal Inga presents check from Spaghetti Dinner and other contributions to Logan Chestnutt’s mother, Alice, to assist with the family’s medical bills.



The Knights relocated a handicapped ramp to Billy Fudella’s home to allow access for his mother-in-law.



Eucharistic Revival

The Church warmly recommends that the faithful receive Holy Communion when they participate in the celebration of the Eucharist; she obliges them to do so at least once a year. (CCC 1417)

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

When I was apologizing to the Lord Jesus for a certain action of mine which, a little later, turned out to be imperfect, Jesus put me at ease with these words: **My daughter, I reward you for the purity of your intention which you had at the time when you acted. My Heart rejoiced that you had My love under consideration at the time you acted, and that in so distinct a way; and even now you still derive benefit from this; that is, from the humiliation. Yes, My child, I want you to always have such great purity of intention in the very least things you undertake** (*Diary*, 1566).

My Prayer Response:

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for the lesson You taught St. Faustina about the purity of intention for our actions that delight You even if what we do is not perfect. Purify my heart, O Lord.

An Incentive to be a Member of the Choir??

The OLBS Choir has a pre-Christmas brunch prepared by Virginia Walthour at the Walthour home!



Haiti Ministry

Please look for the insert in this week’s bulletin for a letter and pictures from the pastor of our twinning parish in Haiti.

NEVER STOP LEARNING

I Believe in Jesus Christ, His Only Son Our Lord –

'But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.'¹ This is 'the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God':² God has visited his people. He has fulfilled the promise he made to Abraham and his descendants. He acted far beyond all expectation - he has sent his own 'beloved Son'. (CCC 422)

Priests for Life

Life: An "Epiphany" of God

"Life is always a good. ... Why is life a good? This question is found everywhere in the Bible, and from the very first pages it receives a powerful and amazing answer. The life which God gives man is quite different from the life of all other living creatures, inasmuch as man, although formed from the dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7, 3:19; Job 34:15; Ps 103:14; 104:29), is a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory (cf. Gen 1:26-27; Ps 8:6). This is what Saint Irenaeus of Lyons wanted to emphasize in his celebrated definition: 'Man, living man, is the glory of God'. Man has been given a sublime dignity, based on the intimate bond which unites him to his Creator: in man there shines forth a reflection of God himself" (St. John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, n. 34.).



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

Puzzle!

Unscramble the Christmas-themed words below, writing each extra letter on the blank to the right. Then place those extra letters in the correct spots below to discover what we receive at Christmas.



1. TGLBEHHEME _____
2. NEAGLO _____
3. NRMEDAG _____
4. ODEKSNY _____
5. AMGYR _____
6. OHESJIP _____
7. EFJUSS _____
8. ITEENMSW _____
9. SPHHDSREEO _____
10. EMCFAL _____
11. TLSRA _____
12. CSSNUEO _____
13. HEVSPE _____
14. ENIN _____

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9		10		11		12	

Answers: Bethlehem (G), angel (O), manger (D), donkey (S), Mary (G), Joseph (I), Jesus (F), wise men (T), shepherds (O), camel (F), star (L), census (O), sheep (V), inn (E); God's gift of love

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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