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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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
February 15th & 16th, 2025

Saturday, February 15th **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 pm Mass offered for Deceased Members of the Sturtz Family
 Requested by Virginia Kopacki

Sunday, February 16th **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

9:00 am Mass offered for Marian Kopacki (RIP)
 Requested by Pat & Wini Barron

Monday, February 17th

No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, February 18th

No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (MC)

Wednesday, February 19th

No Mass

11:45 am Senior Luncheon at El Rancho Mexican Restaurant, King Wm Ave, West Point

6:00 pm **Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, February 20th

No Mass

Friday, February 21st

No Mass

5:30 pm First Friday Holy Hour

Saturday, February 22nd **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME***

4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 pm Mass offered for Deceased Members of The Kopacki Family
 Requested by Virginia Kopacki

Sunday, February 23rd **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME***

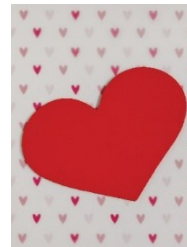
9:00 am Mass for Ralph "Tripp" Racioppi (RIP)
 Requested by Pat & Wini Barron

10:15 am Religious Education Classes

10:15 am Adult Bible Study

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

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



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)!

Father Oscar To Philippines for Brother's Funeral

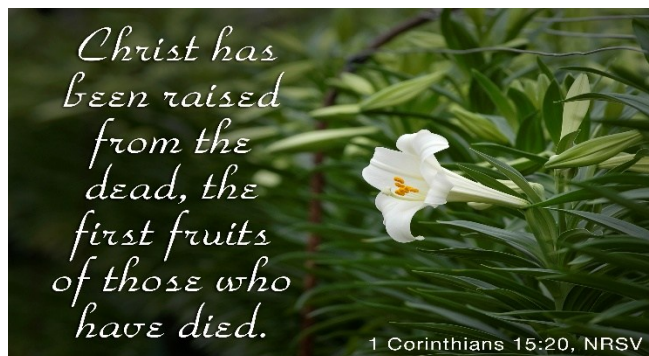
With the sudden passing of Father's brother, he will be traveling home for the funeral. There will be no daily mass from February 18th through February 28th.

Senior Lunch

The Senior Luncheon will be held at El Rancho Mexican Restaurant, King William Ave. in West Point on Wednesday, February 19th. There will be no Mass that day with Father Oscar's absence due to a funeral. Call Jeanie Sturtz at 804-370-5821 by Monday, February 17th 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.



Religious Education



*****No Religious education on Sunday February 16th.**

Tuesday Adult Bible Study: Join us 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, and this study will reveal so much. We meet after the 9 a.m. Mass in the front foyer of the hall.



Open to all 6th -12th Grade.

Our next Youth Group will meet **March 2nd**.

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.

Update on Logan Chestnutt-

Logan is back home all done with Chemo treatments! He responded well to all his treatments with a few bumps in the road. The next phase to Logan's treatments is radiation. The family is so thankful for all of the parishioners' prayers and generosity. The light is starting to show at the end of the tunnel.



Diocesan Youth Conference

Nine of our parish teens attended the Richmond Diocese Youth Conference held on February 7th thru the 9th. We had a beautiful time learning and growing in our Faith. The theme was "Complete." We are "complete" only with Him. Please continue to pray for our youth to know this message fully!



Hello church families, greetings from OLBS preschool! We hope everyone can see Spring in the near future 😊 We are having a great year at preschool and are enjoying even some winter fun. Our Fall registration has opened to our current families and alumni and is now open to the church parish. If you have a child or family/friend that may be interested in our 3 or 4 year old preschool program for the next school year, please reach out. The preschool office is 804-843-4177, please leave detailed message and I will return your call and get a form to you. There are very limited spots in the 4 year old class but many in the 3 year old class. Please get a registration form and get it back to us **before March**. In March our registration will be open to the community 😊 Blessings, Miss Vangy



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

Whoever is called "to teach Christ" must first seek "the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus"; he must suffer "the loss of all things" in order to "gain Christ and be found in him," and "to know him and the power of his resurrection, and [to] share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible [he] may attain the resurrection from the dead." [Phil 3:8-11] (CCC 428)

Collection for February 8 & 9, 2025

Total Offertory	\$ 3,464
Debt Supplemental Collection	\$ 25
Mass Intentions	\$
Hall Rental	\$ 725
Christmas Donation	\$
Church Cleaning Fund	\$
Parish Heating	\$ 25
Votive Stand	\$
K of C Reimbursing for Calendars	\$ 428
Total received this week	\$ 4,667

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 665
Respect Life	\$
Facilities, Repairs, & Maintenance	\$ 25
Haitian Ministry	\$ 100
Maintenance Fund	\$ 25
Cemetery Fund	\$
Religious Education	\$ 570
Poor Box	\$

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

February 8	Saturday	5:00 pm Mass	73
February 9	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	144

A Message from Finance Council Chair Rich Duke

Unfortunately, our parish was recently the victim of check fraud. Someone created 11 fraudulent checks, totaling approximately \$37,000, that were drawn on our parish account. The checks were not from our supply of paper checks. Rather, someone created checks using our account information. None was payable to a parishioner or anyone in our community.

We have reported the fraud to the authorities and a police investigation is underway. We also reported the situation to the Diocese, and we plan to initiate an insurance claim once the police investigation is done.

The bank has advised that we should recover approximately half through their efforts. We expect to be made whole as the investigation and insurance claim moves forward. We have taken steps with the bank to mitigate the risk of this happening again in the future. We will share more information as it becomes available.



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

Help With Hall Rentals Needed

We are seeking a Parish Hall Rental Manager to replace Janice McGowan who has faithfully filled this role for several years and would like to step down.

This position maintains a schedule of rentals for the van den Boogaard Hall (parish hall) and coordinates all uses of the facility. Some of the duties include:

- Meet with and prepare contracts for renters of the hall
- Coordinates paperwork for hall rentals in conjunction with Diocese rules and requirements
- Insures that the hall is cleaned after each use by the renters
- Processes payments and refunds for the renter in accordance with Parish/Diocese requirements

Additional information can be obtained from Janice. If interested, please contact the Parish Offices at 804-843-3125 and let us know of your willingness to serve in this role for the Parish.

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

I saw Jesus and He spoke these words to me: **Be obedient to your director in everything; his word is My will.** Be certain in the depths of your soul that is I who am speaking through his lips, and I desire that you reveal the state of your soul to him with the same simplicity and candor as you have with Me. I say it again, My daughter: know that his word is My will for you (Diary, 979).

My Prayer Response:

Thank You, Jesus, for Your teaching to St. Faustina about obedience to her spiritual director: Know that his word is My will for you. May I hear Your word through my spiritual director or confessor and act upon it.



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)



Knights of Columbus

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.

Lenten Dinners Planned

Once again, the Knights of Columbus are planning Lenten Fish Dinners. Tickets will soon be available.

Save the dates:

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| March 7 | Fried flounder |
| March 21 | Fried shrimp |
| April 4 | Flounder, shrimp, & Crabcakes |

Jubilee Year of Hope

After his Resurrection, Christ sent his apostles "so that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations." [Lk 24:47] The apostles and their successors carry out this "ministry in reconciliation," not only by announcing to men God's forgiveness to them the forgiveness of sins in Baptism, and reconciling them with God and with the Church through the power of the keys, received from Christ" [2 Cor 5:18] [1444] [CCC 981]

Help Wanted

Retired gentleman (Catholic parishioner) in Colonial Heritage Club subdivision between Norge and Williamsburg is looking for a reliable housekeeper to clean 1 bedroom, 1 bath home approx. once per month. Call Carl 910-967-3199.

Priests for Life

On December 10, 2024, Most Rev. Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone released a statement in response to Rep. Nancy Pelosi. An excerpt follows:

"First and foremost, I would like to renew my request for prayers for the Speaker's conversion on the issue of human life in the womb, that it be consistent with the respect for human dignity she displays in so many other contexts. ... I therefore earnestly repeat once again my plea to Speaker Pelosi to allow this kind of dialogue to happen. I ask this not only to dialogue in areas of disagreement, such as if and when it can ever be morally permissible to kill innocent human life, but also in other critical areas where our views on behalf of human life and dignity are aligned, especially threats to religious liberty internationally and the plight of immigrants domestically. This should not be a problem, as Catholics are not afraid of the truth." - (Statement by Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone, December 2024)



Teach us to pray

In Luke 11:1-13 (NIV), Jesus teaches about prayer.

Directions: Add or subtract the letters indicated and unscramble the letters to form a new word, using hints from the passage. Then unscramble the circled letters to answer the question below.

- party - t = p r a y (v. 1)
- lady + i = _ _ _ _ (v. 3)
- drab + e = _ _ _ _ (v. 5)
- rod + o = _ _ _ _ (v. 7)
- bask - b = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)
- keeps - p = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)
- define - ee = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)
- shift - t = _ _ _ _ (v. 11)
- sneaky - y = _ _ _ _ (v. 11)
- sift + g = _ _ _ _ (v. 13)



What will the Father give to those who ask of him?

_____ (v. 13)

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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