

# Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church



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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)

### HOLYDAYS

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

## Parish Offices

### CONTACT

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### OFFICE HOURS

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



**EASTER SUNDAY  
OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD  
April 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT\***

11:30 am Blessing of the Food  
7:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
8:00 pm Mass offered for all OCIA Candidates  
Coming into the Church this Easter  
Requested by the Entire Church Family

**Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION  
OF THE LORD\***

9:00 am Mass offered for Patrick McGowan (RIP)  
Anniversary of Birthday  
Requested by Janice, Holly, Andrew,  
Paxton, and Parker

**Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER\***  
No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

**Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER\***

No Mass  
12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel  
4:30 pm **No Adult Bible Study**

**Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER\***

No Mass

**Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER\***

8:30 am Mass for Gary Weil (RIP)  
Requested by Lorraine & Bob Ryalls  
And offered for Health & Healing for  
Bonnie Kopacki  
Requested by the Burch Family

**Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER\***

5:00 pm Mass for Nelson Paraiso (RIP)  
Requested by Lorraine & Bob Ryalls  
5:30 pm Most Holy Rosary

**Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
(SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)\***

4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:00 pm Mass offered for Dianna Sanders (RIP)  
Requested by Lorraine & Bob Ryalls  
And offered for Ed Kopacki (RIP)  
Requested by Virginia Kopacki

**Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
(SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)\***

9:00 am Mass offered for Deceased Members of  
the Sockey Family  
Requested by the Burch Family  
**No Religious Education Classes**  
10:15 am **No Adult Bible Study**



**Congratulations to the Newest Members  
of our Church Family!**

Congratulations to Bob George, Chris Sutton, Luna Sloniker, Reece Kirkland, David Sloniker, Lajla Sloniker, Roholof Sloniker and Brenda Mercer. Welcome to the body of Christ! May the most Holy Trinity continue to guide you in your faith, always!

**The OLBS Parish Scholarship**

In 2005 a scholarship was created by Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament to be awarded to a graduating high school senior from our parish. This scholarship is to be used for continued education at an accredited college, university or vocational school.

The determination of the recipient is based on parish and faith-based activities, service and leadership in their school and community. Two Letters of recommendation should be submitted, along with an essay answering the questions "How does my faith impact my life?" and "What is your future faith-based plans and/or endeavors?" Applications may be obtained in the back of the church or through the Mercy Center. **Applications should be completed and returned no later than Sunday, April 27, 2025.**

If you have any questions, please contact Kay Shaw, Scholarship Committee Chair at 804-366-7518.

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

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



## Religious Education

Religious Education **No religious ed. on April 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**We will return on May 4<sup>th</sup>, for Our LAST RELIGIOUS ED. CLASS!!!**

Stay tuned for information on VBS. **Save the date** July 21<sup>st</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>. A meeting will be set for anyone interested in helping with VBS. If you would like to help, please contact the office.

**No Adult Bible Study on Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**No Adult Bible study on Tuesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

## Youth Group News

**Youth Group will meet, May 4<sup>th</sup>**  
All 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join.



**Tea with the Blessed Mother-** Ladies of all ages are invited to attend our Tea with the Blessed Mother on **May 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am. to 2:00 pm.** Please bring your favorite tea dish to share. We will learn and have activities centered around our Lady under the title of (Our Lady of Czestchowa). Sign up at the entrance of the church or call the office. Please let us know if you are interested in hosting a table, information will be provided. Call: Erin (804)-366-4435.

## VIRTUS Training

VIRTUS Protecting God's Children safety training, will be available for all grade levels, Kindergarten to HS at the Van Den Boogaard Hall.

If you would like your child to attend, please sign up by calling the office. This program is meant to help your child set boundaries of protection and awareness against the predators in the world. For more information, call the office and talk to Erin.

Training dates are as follows:

**K- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Training- May 4<sup>th</sup>,** from 11:15 am. to 12:15 pm.

**3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Training- May 18<sup>th</sup>,** from 10:15 am. to 11:15 am.

**6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Training- May 25<sup>th</sup>,** from 10:15 am. to 11:15 am.

**9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Training- Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> @ the Mercy Center 6:00 pm. -7:15 pm.**



**Miles for Meals Challenge (Rise Against Hunger)-** Thank you for your participation in Miles for meals and donations to Rise Against Hunger. Stay tuned for total miles.



It's that time of the year when the two cherry trees in front of the Mercy Center and Preschool are in bloom. We are looking for information on when these might have been planted or by whom.





#### International Dinner April 26

The International Dinner parish fundraiser is being planned for April 26, the Saturday after Easter. See the flyer in this weekend's bulletin.

Tickets are required and are available for a donation. Seating is limited. Call Jim for tickets (804)-370-5341. Tickets are also available after Masses.

#### Collection for April 12 & 13, 2025

Total Offertory	\$ 3,237
Religious Goods	\$ 20
Holy Day Masses	\$ 8
Easter Flowers	\$ 75
Church cleaning	\$ 800
Mass Intentions	\$ 40
Hall Rentals	\$ 750
Copies	\$ 10
<b>Total Received This Week</b>	<b>\$ 4,940</b>

<b>Budgeted weekly average parish need</b>	<b>\$ 4,596</b>
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Capital Campaign	\$ 919
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 100
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 20
Haitian Ministry	\$ 785
Cemetery Fund	\$ 650

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

#### Attendance

April 12	Saturday	5:00 pm Mass	94
April 13	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	172



#### April Anniversaries

Paul & Valeria Seckora	April 5, 1997
Thomas & Paulette Berberich	April 11, 1964
Billy & Katie Fudella	April 25, 2015

If you have not listed your wedding anniversary with the Parish, please call the office so you can be included here.

#### From The Diary of St. Faustina

##### Meditation:

I heard a voice in my soul: **These words are for you. Do all you possibly can for this work of My mercy. I desire that My mercy be worshiped, and I am giving mankind the last hope of salvation; that is, recourse to My mercy. My Heart rejoices in this feast.** After these words, I understood that nothing can dispense me from the obligation which the Lord demands from me (*Diary*, 998).

##### My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, help me and all souls to *worship* Your mercy and to have recourse to Your mercy as the last hope of salvation for mankind.

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

(CCC 438) Jesus' messianic consecration reveals his divine mission, "for the name 'Christ' implies 'he who anointed', 'he who was anointed' and 'the very anointing with which he was anointed'. The one who anointed is the Father, the one who was anointed is the Son, and he was anointed with the Spirit who is the anointing.'" [*St. Irenaeus, Adv. haeres. 3,18,3: PG 7/1, 934*] His eternal messianic consecration was revealed during the time of his earthly life at the moment of his baptism by John, when "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power", "that he might be revealed to Israel" [*Acts 10:38; Jn 1:31*] as its Messiah. His works and words will manifest him as "the Holy One of God". [*Mk 1:24; Jn 6:69; Acts 3:14*] [[727](#), [535](#)]

### Jubilee Year of Hope and Divine Mercy

In the Great Jubilee year of 2000, 25 Years ago, Pope John Paul II declared the Feast of Divine Mercy! Entrusting the whole world to the Divine Mercy of God. This is a message of Trust in God and a Hope for renewal in accepting God's.

Next week, April 27<sup>th</sup> weekend, we will celebrate this great Feast!

#### To take advantage of the graces given:

- Go to Confession and Ask for forgiveness
- Receive Holy Eucharist
- Ask for the graces promised! Removal of all punishment due to sin.
- Ask for all the graces for you and for your loved ones, in accordance with God's will. It is there for the giving!



### Priests for Life

#### Life is Victorious!

"Jesus Christ our King is Risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!" (Easter Exsultet). Today is the Feast of Feasts, the foundation of all that we celebrate in our faith. By rising from the dead, Jesus did not only conquer his death; he conquered ours. He overturned the entire kingdom of death! He has opened the way to the true destiny of the human person: to be on the throne of God forever, in life that knows no end!

Because of this, we are the People of Life. We seek to apply the victory of Jesus over death to the problems of our day. We are a pro-life people, and reject the false solutions of abortion and euthanasia. Rather, we say yes to every life, no matter how vulnerable or burdensome. It is an Easter yes; it is a yes filled with hope. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!



### Knights of Columbus

Council 8116 (the "Father Jakubowski Council") Knights of Columbus meets on the first Monday of each month for their business meeting.

#### Thanks to the Parish & West Point Community For Supporting the Lenten Fish Dinners!

The third and last Lenten Fish Dinner was held by the Knights on April 4<sup>th</sup>. The dinners were very successful and raised funds the Knights can put back into the church or the community.



Thanks to all who came out to help and worked so hard and for all those who attended to support this annual Lenten tradition!

The food was delicious and the fellowship enjoyable.



OLBS Parish Presents  
**INTERNATIONAL DINNER FUNDRAISER**

AMERICAN | FILIPINO | HISPANIC/LANTINX | POLISH | VIETNAMESE

*All are Welcome!*

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

SATURDAY

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APRIL 26TH

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## 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

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