



✠ **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** ✠  
**February 19, 2012**



**The Week of  
 February 20<sup>th</sup> –  
 February 26<sup>th</sup>**

Monday	<i>No 7:30 AM Mass</i>
	9:00 AM Layne Goble
Tuesday	7:30 AM Jim & Alice Benisek 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
	9:00 AM Dylan Goble
Wednesday	7:30 AM Priest Intentions
Ash Wednesday	9:00 AM Rose DeMartino†
Thursday	7:30 AM Jackie Weitkamp†
	9:00 AM Miles V. Phoenix
Friday	9:00 AM Gladstone & Belle Padgett†
	7:00 PM Jerry McCarthy†
Saturday	9:00 AM Florence Padgett†
	5:00 PM Frank Jacko†
	7:00 PM Alberto Rampolla†
Sunday	7:30 AM People of St. William of York
	9:00 AM Rose Magliano†
	10:30 AM Deirdre Phoenix
	12:15 PM Gerald Vazzana†

On Monday we will be on a modified Mass schedule due to the President's Day Holiday.

Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be on a modified Mass schedule for *Ash Wednesday*. Please check the schedule for Mass times.

On Friday's during Lent, Stations of the Cross will be prayed starting at 6:30 PM followed by Mass at **7:00 PM.**

**†Confession Schedule†  
 February 20<sup>th</sup> – February 25<sup>th</sup>**

Tuesday:	9:30 AM
Thursday:	9:30 AM
Friday:	7:30 PM
Saturday:	9:30 AM
Saturday:	3:30 PM - 4:30 PM*
Saturday:	6:30 PM (Spanish)

(\*The penitent in the confessional at 4:30 PM will be the last confession heard.)

**Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> begins the season of Lent. Ashes will be distributed at the following times: 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM Masses and at 12:00 PM, 6:30 PM and 8:00 PM Liturgy of the Word (Holy Communion will not be distributed).

**Lenten Soup Supper**

Every Friday during Lent, except for Good Friday, different organizations of the parish will sponsor a Soup Supper in the cafeteria from 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM. The Knights of Columbus will host a Fish Fry on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Please join them for a sacrificial meal of fried fish, fries, coleslaw & hush puppies for a small donation, which will be used to assist individuals needing financial assistance in our area followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM in the church.

**St. William of York Church Sunday Collection Report**

Fiscal Year 2012 (July 2011 – June 2012)

Total Collections through December 2011	\$516,900
January 2012 Collections:	
January 1	\$ 23,267
January 7-8	\$ 23,994
January 14-15	\$ 20,484
January 21-22	\$ 21,879
January 28-29	\$ 22,147
Total Collections for January 2012	\$111,771
Total Sunday Collections Through January 2012	\$628,671
Fiscal Year 2012 Annual Sunday Collection Budget	\$982,000
Sunday Collection Budget through January 2012	\$575,561
Surplus (Deficit) Year to Date	\$ 53,110



## **Bishop Loverde: HHS Policy “Remains a Direct Violation to Our Right to Religious Liberty”**

*Arlington Bishop Paul S. Loverde offered the following statement today in response to the Obama Administration’s February 10th announcement on the Health and Human Services Mandate:*

On Friday, President Obama stated that his Administration will implement a Health and Human Services policy that “accommodates religious liberty while protecting the health of women” (cf. [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov)). At present, the rule in its revised written form has yet to be seen. This revised rule, as explained by the president, will still force nearly all employers, including Catholic institutions, to pay for birth control, abortion-inducing drugs and sterilizations. Make no mistake: this “accommodation,” as described, is no accommodation at all, but rather remains a direct violation to our right to religious liberty, a right which is protected in the Constitution.

The president’s new plan purports to transfer the burden from religious employers to their insurers. This is a distinction without a practical difference; the funds still come from the employer and the employees. Moreover, it fails to address the situation of self-insured health care plans such as those offered together by the Catholic Diocese of Arlington and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. Under a self-insured plan, the employer **is** the insurance provider—there is no distinction between the two.

Up to now, we have been free to provide health care coverage that is consistent with our religious and moral principles. This freedom is being taken away. Under the proposed revision, our diocese, as well as other objecting individuals and employers, would be mandated to pay not only for birth control and sterilization, but also for abortion-inducing drugs—such as *Ella*—which end the life of the human person in the womb. This mandate must be rescinded or overturned.

It is not only Catholics who are being threatened. This mandate is a dangerous precedent for all those who seek to act according to their consciences. Therefore, I call on all Catholics and all people of good will to continue to stand up for our rights as free citizens by contacting members of Congress, urging them to support the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179 and S. 1467), which protects Americans’ “right to provide, purchase, or enroll in health coverage that is consistent with their religious beliefs.”

We must not allow anyone or anything to divide us. Rather, we must be united in our prayer and penance as well as in our unwavering defense of this fundamental right.

## **Conscience Rights, Religious Liberty Violated by Sweeping HHS Contraceptive Mandate**

On January 20, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) reaffirmed a rule that virtually all private health care plans must cover sterilization, abortifacients, and contraception. The exemption provided for “religious employers” is so narrow that it fails to cover the vast majority of faith-based organizations, including Catholic hospitals, universities, and service organizations that help millions every year. Ironically, not even Jesus & his disciples would have qualified, because of their commitment to serve others.

President Obama’s February 10 offer of a limited and unclear compromise does not change the urgent need for legislation to correct such threats to religious liberty and conscience rights. No government has the right to intrude into the affairs of the Church, much less coerce, the Church faithful to engage in or cooperate in any way with immoral practices. Therefore, we urge you to support the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act, introduced in Congress (H.R. 1179, S. 1467) to ensure that those who participate in the health care system “retain the right to provide, purchase, or enroll in health coverage that is consistent with their religious beliefs and moral convictions.” It is more important than ever that Members of Congress be urged to co-sponsor this measure – or thanked if they are already co-sponsoring the bill. For the list of current co-sponsors, please check **H.R. 1179** and **S. 1467** at: [thomas.loc.gov](http://thomas.loc.gov).

**ACTION:** Contact your U.S. Representative by e-mail, phone, or FAX letter:

- Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121, or call your Members’ local offices.
- Send your email to congress through [www.usccb.org/conscience](http://www.usccb.org/conscience).
- Additional contact info can be found on Members’ web sites at: [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) and [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov).
- Please visit [www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org) and sign up for the Virginia Catholic Conference’s alerts and updates, including religious liberty issues in our Commonwealth.

**MESSAGE:** “Please co-sponsor the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179, S. 1467) and help enact it into law. The Obama administration’s decision to require even religious institutions to provide coverage of sterilization and contraceptives, including drugs that can cause an abortion, makes passage of this measure especially urgent. Please ensure that the rights of conscience of all participants in our nation’s health care system are respected.”

**WHEN:** Now is the time to build cosponsors. Please act today! Thanks!

For more background information, go to [www.usccb.org/conscience](http://www.usccb.org/conscience) and [www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org)

## Six Things Everyone Should Know About the HHS Mandate

WASHINGTON— The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops offers the following clarifications regarding the Health and Human Services regulations on mandatory coverage of contraceptives, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs.

1. **The rule that created the uproar has not changed at all, but was finalized as is.** Friday evening (2/10), after a day of touting meaningful changes in the mandate, HHS issued a regulation finalizing the rule first issued in August 2011, “without change.” So religious employers dedicated to serving people of other faiths are still not exempt as “religious employers.” Indeed, the rule describes them as “non-exempt.”

2. **The rule leaves open the possibility that even exempt “religious employers” will be forced to cover sterilization.** In its August 2011 comments, USCCB warned that the narrow “religious employer” exemption appeared to provide no relief from the sterilization mandate—only the contraception mandate—and specifically sought clarification. (We also noted that a sterilization mandate exists in only one state, Vermont.) HHS provided no clarification, so the risk remains under the unchanged final rule.

3. **The new “accommodation” is not a current rule, but a promise that comes due beyond the point of public accountability.** Also on Friday evening (2/10), HHS issued regulations describing the intention to develop more regulations that would apply the same mandate differently to “non-exempt, non-profit religious organizations”—the charities, schools, and hospitals that are still left out of the “religious employer” exemption. These policies will be developed over a one-year delay in enforcement, so if they turn out badly, their impact will not be felt until August 2013, well after the election.

4. **Even if the promises of “accommodation” are fulfilled entirely, religious charities, schools, and hospitals will still be forced to violate their beliefs.** If an employee of these second-class-citizen religious institutions wants coverage of contraception or sterilization, the objecting employer is still forced to pay for it as a part of the employer’s insurance plan. There can be no additional cost to that employee, and the coverage is not a separate policy. By process of elimination, the funds to pay for that coverage must come from the premiums of the employer and fellow employees, even those who object in conscience.

5. **The “accommodation” does not even purport to help objecting insurers, for-profit religious employers, secular employers, or individuals.** In its August 2011 comments, and many times since, USCCB identified all the stakeholders in the process whose religious freedom is threatened—all employers, insurers, and individuals, not just religious employers. Friday’s actions emphasize that all insurers, including self-insurers, must provide the coverage to any employee who wants it. In turn, all individuals who pay premiums have no escape from subsidizing that coverage. And only employers that are both non-profit and religious may qualify for the “accommodation.”

6. **Beware of claims, especially by partisans, that the bishops are partisan.** The bishops and their staff read regulations before evaluating them. The bishops did not pick this fight in an election year—others did. Bishops form their positions based on principles—here, religious liberty for all, and the life and dignity of every human person—not polls, personalities, or political parties. Bishops are duty bound to proclaim these principles, in and out of season.

Additional information on the U.S. Catholic bishops’ stance on religious liberty, conscience protection and the HHS ruling regarding mandatory coverage of contraceptives, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs is available at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/conscience-protection/index.cfm>. Arlington Bishop Paul S. Loverde’s letter to all Catholics and response to the Administration’s February 10<sup>th</sup> announcement is available at [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org).

## **This week in our Parish**

### **Sunday, February 19**

7:30 AM: K of C Donuts (Center)  
9:45 AM: Choir (Brent Room)  
2:00 PM: NFP Class (Brent Room)  
6:00 PM: CYO Meeting (Center)

### **Monday, February 20**

President's Day  
Parish Office Closed  
No School

7:00 PM: Venture Crew (K of C Hall)

### **Tuesday, February 21**

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)  
9:30 AM: Rosary Makers (Brent Room)  
6:00 PM: Baseball Practice (Gym)  
7:00 PM: Boy Scouts (Center)  
7:15 PM: Cub Scouts (Brent Room)

### **Wednesday, February 22**

Ash Wednesday  
9:30 AM: Liturgy of the Hours (Brent Room)  
6:00 PM: Choir (Brent Room)  
6:00 PM: Baseball Practice (Gym)  
6:00 PM: Girl Scouts (Art Rooms)  
7:00 PM: K of C Meeting (K of C Hall)  
7:30 PM: Choir (Brent Room)

### **Thursday, February 23**

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)  
6:00 PM: Baseball Practice (Gym)  
7:00 PM: Legion of Mary (Brent Room)

### **Friday, February 24**

6:00 PM: Baseball Practice (Gym)  
5:00 PM: Soup Supper-K of C Fish Fry (Center)  
6:30 PM: Stations (Church)  
7:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

### **Saturday, February 25**

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)  
10:00 AM: Baseball Practice (Gym)  
3:30 PM: Confessions (Church)  
6:30 PM: Spanish Confessions (Church)

## **Celebrate St. Patrick's Feast Day**

Join our parish family's annual celebration of the feast of the patron saint of Ireland on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> in the parish center. Doors will open at 6:00 PM. Dinner will again feature corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots and soda bread. The fare for the youngsters is Celtic tube steaks (hot dogs) and Irish pie (cheese or pepperoni pizza). Musical entertainment will feature the Celtic group "AON". Tickets: Adults: \$10, Youth 16 and under \$5, Children 3 and under free. Ticket sales will be after all the Sunday Masses in the parish center. Purchase your tickets early, as this event tends to sell out. Contact Bob Ghormley for more information, (540)752-9613.

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## **Religious Education Office**

No classes today, February 19<sup>th</sup> due to President's Day  
\*\* Regular attendance is very important and required \*\*

### **February 2012 schedule:**

February 26<sup>th</sup> – Classes resume

**First Penance Recipients:** The following is the schedule for those receiving their first penance:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class time and Catechist</b>	
February 26, 2012	08:45	Mr. Currier
March 04, 2012	10:45	McCormick and HS1 – Mr. Connolly
March 11, 2012	10:45	Mrs. Lumley and Homestudy
March 25, 2012	08:45	Ms. Roets

A **sign-up sheet for the Lenten Soup Supper is in the Religious Education office.** With the preparation for the Lenten Season beginning on February 22<sup>nd</sup> with Ash Wednesday, some organizations within the parish will host a Lenten soup supper on each Friday during Lent from 5:00-6:00 PM. The Religious Education will host the event on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**We will need parent and student volunteers, to help cook, serve, set-up and clean up.** You can call 659-5705 or e-mail the RE office at reoffice@swoycc.org and have your name put on the list. Please mark your calendar and consider helping us out for a few hours. This is a great way for 7<sup>th</sup> grade and HS1 students to earn service hours. **MANY HANDS MAKE FOR LIGHT WORK.**

## **Young Adults**

**Book/Movie Club:** We will not be meeting on Mon., Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> (President's Day). Meetings will resume on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Sponsor of the Week**

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