



Welcome to St. William of York Catholic Church: "An Authentic Catholic Culture"



✠ **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 25, 2016** ✠

Mass Intentions for the Week of September 26th – October 2nd

Monday	<i>No 7:30 AM Mass</i> 9:00 AM	John Conlon †
Tuesday	<i>No 7:30 AM Mass</i> 9:00 AM	Joseph Hernandez †
Wednesday	9:00 AM <i>No 6:30 PM Mass</i>	Rosie Betts †
Thursday	<i>No 7:30 AM Mass</i> 9:00 AM	Norma Stark †
Friday	9:00 AM <i>No 6:30 PM Mass</i>	Deanna Hoarle †
Saturday	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Maria Patterson † Master Gunnery Sergeant Donald M. Fenwick †
	7:00 PM	Bernie Dobson †
Sunday	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:15 PM	Lorraine Martin † Zora Jankowski † Ellen Carag † People of St. William of York

Modified Mass Schedule

This week, Monday through Friday, we will be on a modified Mass schedule while one of our priests is away. Please check the schedule for Mass times.

Knight of Columbus host American Red Cross Blood Drive

The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give Blood. The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive in the St. William of York parish center Sunday, October 2nd, from 8:00 to 2:00 PM. Remember to drink plenty of water, eat a good meal, and bring a Photo ID. Donors will be processed as quickly as possible on a first come basis. Questions regarding the blood drive can be directed to Mr. Raymond Piaskowski (540) 429-3151.

Life Chain

Sunday, October 2, 2016 is the Life Chain from 2-3:30 PM in front of our church. This is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. The Life Chain is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Please bring a lawn chair, strollers, umbrellas and water as we "Stand for the Unborn"- Rain or Shine!

Confession Schedule

September 26th – October 1st

Tuesday:	9:30 AM
Thursday:	9:30 AM
Saturday:	9:30 AM
Saturday:	3:30 PM-4:30 PM*
Saturday:	6:15 PM-6:45 PM*

*(The penitent in the confessional at 4:30/6:45 will be the last confession heard.)

New Mass and Confession Schedule

Starting Saturday, October 15, 2016...

- Mass will be celebrated in Spanish on Sundays at 2:00 PM.
- Confessions will not be heard before the Mass in Spanish.
- There will no longer be a Saturday 7:00 PM Mass.
- Confessions on Saturday will be heard at 9:30 AM and in a new evening slot, at 6:30 PM, in both English and Spanish.
- Confessions will no longer be heard at 3:30 PM on Saturdays.

The Believe Group

The Believe Group is a group for those facing a cancer diagnosis and those sharing this experience with a loved one. It is continuing to expand and we welcome all interested parishioners from our local parishes. The gathering focuses on living the spiritual journey that come with the challenges of having this diagnosis as well as the blessings of survivorship. We offer prayers and reflection, small group discussions and the opportunity to connect with others through shared experiences. The facilitator is Regina Kenner, the Cancer Navigator at Mary Washington Healthcare. The meetings are held monthly from 9:30 AM—11:00 AM at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Stafford Street in Fredericksburg. We gather in the meeting room behind the parish office. Our next scheduled gathering will be on October 16th. Please give us a call if you have questions (540) 845-3031 and join us for this spiritual journey as we reflect, share and pray together.

The St. William of York Youth



St. William of York Catholic School

*Academic Excellence * Personalized Attention * Authentic Catholic Culture *

Tuition Angels

A heartfelt thank you to all of our parishioners who so generously contributed to our school as a "Tuition Angel" for the 2015-2016 school year. As we embark upon a new school year, we are once again asking you to prayerfully consider becoming a "Tuition Angel". Your parish school provides Faithful Catholic Education to families at a time when it is most needed. Your donation to our school will help provide tuition assistance to a family that is looking to surround their child with the Authentic Catholic Culture St. William of York Catholic School provides.

To inquire more about Tuition Angels or to learn more about your parish school, please contact Frank Nicely at fnicely@stwillsschool.org or (540) 659-5207.

Attention Girls in Grades 5 - 8!

Want to be part of an all girls Catholic club? FIAT is the club for you! It is a "Girls Only Society" designed to help young ladies grow in a spirit of prayer, service and virtue while seeking God's will. This is open to ALL girls in the parish in grades 5 – 8. We will meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday, mostly in the Brent Room from 4 PM -5 PM. Our first meeting is September 27, 2016! There are no dues but a nominal fee may be needed for an activity or two. For information on how to register contact Peggy Nicely at peggy.nicely@swoycc.org or (540) 689-5705. Come and join us!

Religious Education

Attention all 1st Year Confirmation Parents!! (RE, SWOY school, and Homeschool)

There will be a 1st year Confirmation Parent meeting next Sunday, October 2nd at 6:15 PM for all parents of 1st Year Confirmation students. This meeting is MANDATORY. Requirements for the sacrament of Confirmation will be discussed.

Name the Saint!

My feast day is September 30th. I was born in modern-day Croatia to a Christian family. My parents were wealthy enough to send me to Rome to get a good education when I was 12. I loved studying and I loved my faith. I excelled at writing about the faith and was even asked to be the pope's secretary. It was my primary task to translate the Bible from Hebrew and Greek to Latin. It took me 30 years to translate! Who am I?

The date of Confirmation for all rising 8th graders for the 2016-2017 academic year has been firmly set for **November 12, 2016**. **Eighth grade classes will continue for the entire year ending in May 2017**. All students are encouraged to continue to attend classes and fulfill your commitment to the faith.

ANSWER: St. Jerome

New parishioners can inquire at the RE office about class availability for the 2016-2017 Religious Education classes.

In Our Parish

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, September 25

8:00 AM: Margaret Ladies Muffins (Center)

8:45 AM: RE Classes

10:00 AM: Choir (Brent Room)

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11:45 AM: Youth Choir (Brent Room)

1:30 PM: Baptisms in English (Church)

6:00 PM: RE Classes

Monday, September 26

Tuesday, September 27

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

1:00 PM: Senior Brain Train (Brent Room)

4:00 PM: FIAT (Brent Room)

Wednesday, September 28

9:30 AM: Liturgy of the Hours (Brent Room)

6:00 PM: K of C Social (K of C Hall)

6:30 PM: RE Class

7:30 PM: RCIA (Center)

7:30 PM: Baptism Class in English (Library)

Thursday, September 29

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

7:00 PM: Legion of Mary (Brent Room)

7:30 PM: Adult Choir (Church)

Friday, September 30

7:00 PM: ESL Class (Brent Room)

Saturday, October 1

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

3:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

6:15 PM: Confessions (Church)

7:00 PM: Youth Group (Center)

Did You Know????

Did you know the Religious Education Program offers a special education class for children with special needs? Whether you would like your child to prepare to receive a sacrament or would just like them to socialize with their peers of the parish, our special education class meets both desires. Contact the Religious Education office for more information if you are interested in either enrolling a child in this class or are interested in volunteering.

We Joyfully Welcome into the Catholic Faith

Isabella Sarai Martinez Hernandez, daughter of Rodolfo Martinez and Brenda Hernandez.

Daniella Samantha Martinez Hernandez, daughter of Rodolfo Martinez and Brenda Hernandez.

Congratulations International Fall Festival Raffle Winners!

Mary McNulty -\$10,000

CJ Austin—\$2,000

E.C. Bretthauer—\$1,000

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class in English will be held on **Wednesday, September 28th at 7:30 PM** in the Library. The next Baptismal Preparation Class in Spanish will be held on **Saturday, October 8th at 8:30 AM** in the Brent Room. It is mandatory that all parents register with the parish office (659-1102) before the class.

Aquia Field Mass

The Knights of Columbus extend an open invitation to the Aquia Field Mass on Saturday, October 22, 2016, in the historic Brent Family Cemetery. The annual field Mass commemorates all the faithful departed, especially the Brent's, the first Catholic settlers in Virginia. Mass will begin at 11:30 AM at the cemetery with a reception to follow in the parish center. In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated in St. William of York church.

Luncheons for the Young at Heart

The first luncheon will be October 5, 2016 from 12-2 PM in the school gym. The theme of the luncheon will be Oktoberfest where we will be listening to good music while tasting an array of different German foods, visiting with fellow parishioners, relaxing and having fun.

Admission to get in is \$5 per person or an entrée, side dish or dessert enough for 6 to 8 people.

We will also have a basket for food donations for the outreach and since October is breast cancer awareness month we will be accepting donations that will go to Mary Washington Healthcare (MWH) foundation breast cancer fund with 100% of proceeds staying in our area.

We look forward to seeing lots of returning and new parishioners at our luncheon.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop monthly first Saturday opening will be Saturday, October 1st. The Thrift Shop will be open from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come and shop. Proceeds from sales go to help needy clients in Stafford County.



Prayer Request...

Please keep everyone who is serving in Iraq and Afghanistan and their family members in your prayers.

Ralph Allison, Richard Baffa, Aaron Burke, Colin Carpenter, George Davis III, Brian Dawson, Robert Deisbeck, John Ferry, Kyle Fico, Brian Flanagan, Keirsten Hage, Michael Harrison, Jason Heuer, Denise Huff, William Kerriagan, Ryan Kraft, Nicholas Kubick, Tyron Anthony Layug, Josh Marsillo, Orlando Medina, Robert Mills, Shane Montgomery, Brendon Mooney, Sean Mooney, Emmanuel Morales, John O'Hagan, Gavin Reed, Andrew Rodriguez, Thomas Ryan, Andrew Sines, Daniel Stehm, David Stewart, Gregory Thomas, Chris Tolliver, Kyle Traylor and Logan Whitworth.

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

If you have a relative serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and would like to have his/her name included in our prayer list, please contact the parish office.

Dear St. William of York Parish Teens,

We had a fun time at the ice cream social but we missed some of you! Please come to our Saturday gatherings from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the center. Be sure to RSVP so we have enough food and supplies. Can't wait to meet you! If interested, contact Peggy Nicely at (540) 659-5705 or peggy.nicely@swoycc.org

Parents, here's a note from a fellow parishioner and great support for our Youth Group:

Parents of High School students, if you have any questions about WorkCamp 2017 (see ad about WorkCamp 2017 Fundraiser), have your teen(s) join the Youth Group Saturday evenings. Remember that faith formation is important throughout our lifetime, but that begins during youth. Please show your children how important your faith is to you by bringing them to the Saturday meetings.

Paul Miller (540) 288-9940

Woodbridge Theology on Tap (TOT)

Join young professionals from around the Diocese for inspiring talks on the fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 PM at our newest location, Ornerly Beer Company, 14389 Potomac Mills Rd., Woodbridge. The next TOT will be held on September 26th. For more information, contact Brendan Gotta at (703) 841-2549 or yam@arlingtondiocese.org.

Work Camp 2017 Fundraiser!

Teen volunteers and parent chaperones needed to help with a fund raiser for WorkCamp 2017. Meet at the parish parking lot at 9:00 AM, Saturday, October 1st. Paul Miller (540) 288-9940.

Culture of Life, if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions; call Paul Miller (540) 288-9940.

Know the Positions of the Presidential Candidates

As voters prepare for the upcoming presidential election, the Virginia Catholic Conference has released its 2016 presidential guide to aid voters in their election decisions. ***Know the Positions of the Presidential Candidates*** was compiled from policies, public statements, official campaign websites, party platforms and other sources to help voters understand where the candidates stand on important issues. This guide was completed before the Virginia ballot was finalized by the Virginia Board of Elections. A list of 3rd party presidential candidates and their campaign websites has been compiled. These election materials are available on the Conference's website at www.vacatholic.org. Stay tuned for additional resources from the Conference, including our Congressional Voter Guide, and the Virginia Bishops' before-the-election Message.

International

Week of Prayer and Fasting

The 24th International Week of Prayer and Fasting coalition in collaboration with the The National Shrine of The Divine Mercy and Priests for Life are asking for individuals, families, prayer groups and parishes to unite for nine days (Oct 2nd – 10th) of prayer and fasting for the following goals:

- for the conversion of all peoples and nations,
to build a culture of life,
- to defend the sanctity of marriage and family life
for peace and to implore God's Mercy

For the final day, on Monday, October 10th, please join us at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. from 9 AM – 4:30 PM for the International Day of Prayer. Registration is FREE, but please register online at www.iwopf.org to receive a free prayer card at the Basilica event.

Speakers include Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life; President, National Pro-Life Religious Council; Fr. Chris M. Alar, MIC, Postulant, Marians of the Immaculate Conception (the religious community entrusted with spreading the message and devotion of Divine Mercy); Lila Rose foundress of Live Action. For more information visit www.iwopf.org.