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

✠ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 29, 2017 ✠

Mass Intentions for the Week of January 30th – February 5th

Monday	7:30 AM	Jackson Evans ✞
	9:00 AM	Patricia Semeglo & Family
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Mary Geraghty ✞
	9:00 AM	Maria Patterson ✞
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Margaret Williamson
	6:30 PM	Janine Byrnes
Thursday	7:30 AM	John Porter ✞
	9:00 AM	George & Anna Michalick 60th Wedding Anniversary
Friday	9:00 AM	Elizabeth Lee Parrish ✞
	6:30 PM	Betty Anne Fleitell ✞
Saturday	9:00 AM	Louis Thacker ✞
	5:00 PM	Molllie Flanagan ✞
Sunday	7:30 AM	Ansuncion Soto ✞
	9:00 AM	Philip Hardy ✞
	10:30 AM	Yukiko Walker
	12:15 PM	Robert Ripper ✞
	2:00 PM	People of St. William of York

Mass Schedule Change

The week of February 6th—10th, Monday thru Friday we will be on a modified Mass schedule while one of our priests is away. Check the schedule for Mass times.

Car, Truck, Van and Cash Raffle

The annual All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) raffle program is starting and the St. William of York parish and the Knights of Columbus will participate again this year to raise money to offset school related expenses not covered by tuition and to support the Fr. Widmer Council #7877. Drawings include prizes of five 2017 vehicles from Koons of Manassas. One $5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all five vehicles plus $20,000 in cash prizes. Ten (10) raffle tickets will be mailed to each St. William of York household. More tickets are available in the parish office.

New Mass Setting

Our parish is in the process of incrementally introducing a new sung Mass setting, "The Mass of the Resurrection". Over the course of the next three months, we will be substituting our "Heritage" Mass parts with those from the "Mass of the Resurrection", until the "Gloria" is debuted on Holy Thursday. Music for the "Mass of the Resurrection" can be found in your Music Issue, beginning at #853.

Confession Schedule January 30th – February 4th

Tuesday:	9:30 AM
Thursday:	9:30 AM
Saturday:	9:30 AM
Saturday:	6:30 PM

Contribution Statements

Anyone interested in receiving a 2016 contribution statement is asked to send their request with a self addressed stamped envelope to the parish office. Our address is: St. William of York, 3130 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Stafford, VA 22554. Thank you.

Blessing of Throats

Friday, February 3rd is the Memorial of St. Blaise. Blessing of throats will be done at the 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM Masses.

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class in English will be held on **Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:30 PM** in the Library. The next Baptismal Preparation Class in Spanish will be held on **Saturday, February 11th at 8:30 AM** in the Brent Room. It is mandatory that all parents register with the parish office (659-1102) before the class.

Sunday Collection for 1/22/17

Offertory:	$13,477.00
Debt:	$ 4,886.00
Faith Direct (Bimonthly)	$ 0.00
Total	$18,363.00

Thank you and may God bless you for your continued support and generosity.

The St. William of York Youth

St. William of York Catholic School

*Academic Excellence * Personalized Attention * Authentic Catholic Culture *

Open House

You are invited to an Open House to learn more about your Parish school and meet our wonderful teachers.

TODAY: Sunday, January 29, 2017 12:00 PM – 2:00PM
Wednesday, February 1, 2017 9:00AM – 11:00 AM

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee winners!
1st Place – Bethanya Yared (8th)
2nd Place – Max Moloko (7th)
3rd Place – Antonio Gutierrez (5th)
4th Place – Rachel Dereje (6th)
All four students will represent St. William of York Catholic School at Holy Cross Academy at the Diocesan area Spelling Bee on February 2nd.

To learn more about your parish school, please contact Jennifer Schiller at 540-659-5207 or jschiller@stwillschool.org. Thank you for your continued support.

Religious Education

Inclement Weather Policy
If we have inclement weather during these winter months that will prevent us from having class, teachers will be notified by the office to spread the word to their class parents. We will also post on B1015.com SnoWatch if we will cancel class due to weather conditions.

Name the Saint!

My feast day is February 3rd. I was a bishop in Turkey. The real facts of my life have been mixed with the stories about me so that not many people are actually sure of what is true and what is made up. According to most information, I was a doctor before becoming a priest (then bishop). Once persecutions of Christians broke out in my town, I fled to the mountains, took care of wild animals, and lived as a hermit until I was discovered. On my way to prison a woman brought her son to me to cure who was choking on a fish bone. I prayed over him and he was saved. While in my dark prison someone snuck me some candles. I was eventually beheaded. On my feast day, people go to church to have their throats blessed with candles as I am patron saint of throat diseases (and wild animals and wax makers). Who am I?

ANSWER: St. Blaise

Rescheduled 1st Penance/1st Communion Parent Meeting

The 1st Penance/1st Communion Parent Meeting that was scheduled for January 8th has been rescheduled for February 5th, next Sunday, with the same times as previously arranged, 8:55 AM or 10:55 AM. Please make every effort to be at this important meeting. School parents are welcome to attend, but do not have to. It is planned for the information to go home to school parents through their child's backpack.

Confirmation Requirement Due Date Approaching!

Your saint report is due by February 26th. If you have not started on it already, now is the time to start so it doesn't sneak up on you. If you have it finished already, you can turn it in any time. You do not have to wait until the due date to turn it in. Check in your red Confirmation folders for formatting specifics that are required.

In Our Parish

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, January 29
8:00 AM: Margaret Ladies Muffins (Center)
8:45 AM: RE Class
10:00 AM: Choir (Brent Room)
10:45 AM: RE Class
11:45 AM: Youth Choir (Brent Room)
12:00 PM: School Open House (School)
6:00 PM: RE Classes
Monday, January 30
Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday, January 31
Catholic Schools Week
9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)
1:00 PM: Senior Brain Train (Brent Room)
5:00 PM: Chic-Fil-A Spirit Night (Brent Room)
Wednesday, February 1
Catholic Schools Week
9:00 AM: School Open House (School)
9:30 AM: Liturgy of the Hours (Brent Room)
6:30 PM: RE Class
7:30 PM: RCIA (Center)
Thursday, February 2
Catholic Schools Week
9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)
3:30 PM: Basketball Practice (Gym)
6:30 PM: Cantors (Church)
7:00 PM: Legion of Mary (Brent Room)
7:30 PM: Adult Choir (Church)
Friday, February 3
Memorial of St. Blaise (Blessing of Throats)
First Friday
Catholic Schools Week
9:30 AM: Adoration (Church)
6:00 PM: School Family Circus Dance (Center)
Saturday, February 4
9:00 AM: Communita Cenacolo (Brent Room)
9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)
3:30 PM: Baptisms in Spanish (Church)
6:30 PM: Confessions (Church)
7:00 PM: Youth Group (Center)

Electronic Giving

Enrolling in Faith Direct is a great way to ensure your gifts of treasure to St. William of York are always received. Please pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today or enroll online at www.faithdirect.net—our church code is VA422. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mass When It Snows

In the event of a major snow storm (6 inches or more), if Stafford County events are cancelled we will have only two Masses for the Sunday obligation; our Saturday evening Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM, and the 12:15 PM Sunday afternoon Mass.

Super Bowl BBQ Tail Gating Package

The Knights of Columbus will once again be selling Eastern NC style pulled pork, slaw and baked beans for Super Bowl Sunday. Prices are: lb. of BBQ - $8.00, pint of slaw - $3.00, pint of baked beans - $3.00. We will also have 2 special packages. Package #1 consist of 1 lb. of BBQ, 1 pint of slaw and 1 pint of beans for $12.00. Package #2 consist of 2 lbs. of BBQ, 1pint of slaw and 1 pint of beans for $20.00. Orders will be taken during donut and pancake breakfasts or by calling (540-720-4337) or emailing Jim Everett jimeverett47@gmail.com. The food will be available after each Mass on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5, 2017. A limited supply of BBQ may be available without prior orders.

Little Wax Angels

Sales of our Blessed Wax Angels during the Sundays before Christmas (2016) enabled us to put $898.00 toward our debt reduction. Thank you for your support and a huge thank you to Joy and Jim Heidmous who tied every tag on those angels.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop monthly first Saturday opening will be Saturday, February 4th. 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.

Luncheons for the Young at Heart

Our first Young at Heart luncheon of 2017 is just around the corner - on February 8th, at noon in the school gym. We are looking for great weather so we can all get together and have a great Valentine brunch catching up with all our friends. Come join us, our next luncheon won't be till May 10th & then June 7th. Admission to get in is $5 per person or an entrée, side dish or dessert enough for 6 to 8 people. We are always looking for volunteers. Questions contact Sharyn Drollinger (540) 720-1734.

We Joyfully Welcome into the Catholic Faith

Michael James Karol Brooks, son of Anthony and Theresa Brooks.

Diocesan Newspaper Donations

The second collection next weekend is for both the Debt Reduction as well as the Arlington Catholic Herald (The diocesan weekly newspaper). All loose change not in an envelope will be counted toward the Debt Reduction. If you receive the Herald each week, please help the parish offset the annual diocesan assessment of $24 per subscription, per family. If you do not receive the paper and would like to begin receiving it, please call the parish office at (540) 659-1102.

First Friday Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will begin on Friday, February 3rd, after the 9:00 AM Mass and continue until 6:15 PM. Adoration will resume after the 6:30 PM Mass until 9:00 PM. Please join our parish community every First Friday as we adore Our Lord on the Altar. For more information please contact Cindy Armstrong at (540) 220-7344.

Church in Latin America

Thank you for your generous support last week of the Church in Latin America. What we collected as a parish will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to give" on the left. Your gift will certainly make a difference!

MISSALS!

The Religious Education Office has purchased 2017 Mass Missals for the new church year. We have only **20** missals remaining. These are a good resource to use at Mass. If you would like to purchase a missal, please come to the RE Office during weekly office hours (9-3) or on Sundays during classes or to the parish office during weekly office hours (9:30-4:30). The cost is $2 per missal.

Around the Diocese

St. Therese Vocation Society Morning of Reflection

All are invited to join the St. Therese Vocation Society for their annual Morning of Reflection on Saturday, February 4 from 9 AM –12 PM at St. Leo Catholic Church in Fairfax. The day will include Mass, continental breakfast, spiritual conference, and Holy Hour. Deacon Marques Silva is the speaker. There is no cost but please RSVP with the office of Vocations by January 30th at (703) 841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Bishop Burbidge's Homilies Online

Want to hear relevant, pastoral inspiration from our Shepherd? He records homilies posted weekly on our YouTube page. Go and take a look at youtube.com/arlingtondiocese.

2nd Annual Mardi Gras Gala to Benefit the Guadalupe Free Clinic

Come out on February 25th to celebrate Mardi Gras and help support The Guadalupe Free Clinic! Enjoy a fun evening at picturesque Potomac Point Winery in Stafford, VA while sipping wine and dining in the ballroom. There will be a live and silent auction. King Teddy is returning this year to provide the live music for the evening! To purchase tickets you may go online to http://gfcgala.eventbrite.com, email gfcgala@gmail.com, or you may call Susan at (201) 314-5884. Ticket sales end February 16, 2017.

2017 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Begins!

This month many of us will receive a mailing from Bishop Burbidge regarding the 2017 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2017 BLA is "*Offering hands to serve and hearts to love*." After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge of support to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serve the people in our diocese. *Every pledge is an expression of God's love and mercy!*