



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



✠ First Sunday of Lent—March 5, 2017 ✠

Mass Intentions for the Week of

March 6th – March 12th

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| Monday | 7:30 AM | Marshall Crue † |
| | 9:00 AM | Dennis Iannuzzi † |
| Tuesday | 7:30 AM | Jessica Newell † |
| | 9:00 AM | Andrea Samsky |
| Wednesday | 9:00 AM | Lydia Grossi † |
| | 6:30 PM | Bob & Maureen Waller |
| Thursday | 7:30 AM | Clyde Richardson † |
| | 9:00 AM | Lydia Grossi † |
| Friday | 9:00 AM | Helen Chakurda † |
| | 7:00 PM | Albino & Joyce Aragno |
| Saturday | 9:00 AM | Roselind Davis † |
| | 5:00 PM | Sienicki/Szafranski Families † |
| Sunday | 7:30 AM | People of St. William of York |
| | 9:00 AM | Juliana & Joseph & Sepp Fichtl † |
| | 10:30 AM | Jay Evans † |
| | 12:15 PM | Renato Lopez † |
| | 2:00 PM | Joanna Castillo † |

On Friday’s during Lent, Stations of the Cross will be prayed in the church starting at 6:30 PM followed by Mass at 7:00 PM and confessions at 7:30 PM.

Car, Truck, Van and Cash Raffle

The annual All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) raffle program has started and our parish and the Knights of Columbus are participating 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 have been mailed to each St. William of York household. More tickets are available in the parish office.

The Light is ON!

God never tires of forgiving us! The Diocese of Arlington is partnering again with the Archdiocese of Washington to open the Church doors of every church in the diocese from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday evenings during Lent starting March 8th, for you to experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation. “The light of God’s love, of God’s mercy, of God’s forgiveness, is always on, and we can always come home to God and to the Church if we have been away for a long time or even if we have been there all along.”—Cardinal Donald Wuerl, *Archbishop of Washington*

Confession Schedule

March 6th –March 11th

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| Tuesday: | 9:30 AM |
| Thursday: | 9:30 AM |
| Friday: | 7:30 PM |
| Saturday: | 9:30 AM |
| Saturday: | 6:30 PM |

Black and Indian Missions

Today, our parish will accept donations for the National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this mission helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support.

Respect Life Committee

40 Days for Life, the internationally coordinated Spring campaign to end abortion, has begun and will end on Sunday, April 9, 2017. The official website is 40daysforlife.com, and 40daysforlife.com/browse-campaigns.

Sunday Collection for

2/26/17

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| Offertory: | \$13,936.00 |
| Debt: | \$ 4,902.00 |
| <u>Faith Direct (Bimonthly)</u> | <u>\$25,041.00</u> |
| Total | \$43,879.00 |

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

Did you know?

The school has 16 full time and 21 part time paid teachers and staff. The church has 8 full time and 9 part time employees. The bi weekly combined salaries for the church and school is \$50,767.

The St. William of York Youth



St. William of York Catholic School

* Academic Excellence * Personalized Attention * Authentic Catholic Culture *

A Closer Look

Congratulations to our middle school Science Fair winners!
Our 7th and 8th Grade students will be attending the Diocesan Science Fair in April.

8th Grade

1st Bethanya Yared
2nd Katie Bochonok
3rd David McSorley

7th Grade

1st Ben Moloko
2nd Luci Stoltz
3rd Max Moloko

6th Grade

1st Ella Sconfiatti
2nd Allie Nicholson
3rd Jack Lima

Accepting Applications for Grades Preschool – 8th 2017-2018

Interested families should contact the Admissions Coordinator, Jennifer Schiller at
jschiller@stwillschool.org or 540-659-5207 to schedule a tour.

Religious Education

Name the Saint!

My feast day is March 9th. I was born into a wealthy, noble Roman family. By the time I was 11 years old I knew that I wanted to devote my life to Jesus by becoming a nun. However, my father had promised me to another wealthy man's son. So I married. While married I attended lavish parties (which I did not like) until I became ill with exhaustion. Upon deep reflection I realized that I needed to get better to do more of God's will. With my sister-in-law, I went to daily Mass, prayed, and took care of the poor and sick. I experienced many losses during my life, mainly two of my children to the plague and my husband to war. Because of my faithfulness to God through all my hardships, he gave me a special spiritual gift – I could always see my guardian angel. My incorrupt body lies under the high altar of a great church at the foot of the Palatine Hill in Rome (Santa Maria Nova). Who am I?

ANSWER: St. Frances of Rome

**Thank you so much to everyone who came to our RE soup supper!
You made it a great success!**

Basic Faith Test is coming!

All Fall 2017 Confirmation candidates (RE, school, and homeschool) & 6th grade RE students should be preparing for their Basic Faith Test. RE students will be taking it on Sunday, March 26th during their class times, homeschool students will schedule a test time with the RE office before April 12th, and SWOY school students will be taking it sometime between March 26th and April 12th during their school day. If you have studied using your study guide, then the test will be a breeze!

In Our Parish

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, March 5

8:00 AM: K of C Pancake Breakfast (Center)

8:45 AM: RE Class

10:00 AM: Choir (Brent Room)

10:45 AM: RE Class

6:00 PM: RE Class

Monday, March 6

Tuesday, March 7

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

9:30 AM: Rosary Makers (Brent Room)

Wednesday, March 8

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

6:30 PM: RE Class

6:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

7:30 PM: RCIA (Center)

Thursday, March 9

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

10:00 AM: Senior Chair Exercise (Brent Room)

3:30 PM: Engineering for Kids

6:30 PM: Adult Choir (Church)

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

Friday, March 10

5:00 PM: Soup Supper (Center)

6:30 PM: Stations of the Cross (Church)

7:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

Saturday, March 11

8:30 AM: Baptism Class (Brent Room)

9:00 AM: Comunita Cenacolo (Library)

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

3:30 PM: Baptism in English (Church)

6:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

7:00 PM: Youth Group (Center)

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class in English will be held on **Wednesday, March 22nd at 7:30 PM** in the Library. The next Baptismal Preparation Class in Spanish will be held on **Saturday, March 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.

Soup Supper

Every Friday during Lent, except Good Friday, different organizations of the parish will sponsor a Soup Supper in the parish center from 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM. The St. William of York Parish School will host the soup supper on Friday, March 10th. Please join us for a sacrificial meal of homemade soups & sandwiches for a small donation. All donations will be given to our St. William of York Outreach to assist individuals in Stafford County needing financial assistance.

Join Us in Celebrating the Memory of St. Patrick

Join Margaret's Ladies and the Knights of Columbus as they host the celebration of the feast of the patron Saint of Ireland. This year's celebration will be Saturday, March 18, 2017 in the parish center. Doors will open at 6:00 PM. Dinner will 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 "Moch Pryderi" Tickets: Adults: \$10, Youth 16 and under \$5, Children 3 and under free. Tickets are available for sale after all the Sunday Masses in the parish center. Purchase your tickets early, as this event has been known to sell out in the past. Contact Bob Ghormley for more information, (540) 752-9613.

We Joyfully Welcome into the Catholic Faith

Mary Margaret Leininger, daughter of Douglas and Pamela Leininger.

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2017!

Once again we will be hosting Vacation Bible School this summer for all children from rising K-6th grades. VBS will be held July 31 – August 4, 2017. More details about registration and volunteering will be following in the coming weeks.

Rosary During Lent

The Hispanic Apostolate will be praying the Rosary on Sundays during Lent starting on March 5th at 1:30 PM, before the Spanish Mass. The Knights of Columbus will be praying the Rosary on Wednesdays during Lent starting March 8th in the church after the 6:30 PM Mass.

Sponsor of the Week

We would like to thank

"Comfort Control"

this week for sponsoring an ad in our
weekly bulletin.

If you are interested in sponsoring an ad in our
bulletin please call 1(800) 883-4343.

Prayer Request...

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

Ralph Allison, Rolando Alvarez, Richard Baffa, Aaron Burke, George Davis III, Brian Dawson, Robert Deisbeck, John Ferry, Kyle Fico, Brian Flanagan, Keirsten Hage, Michael Harrison, Jason Heuer, Denise Huff, Stephen Kelly, William Kerriagan, Ryan Kraft, Nicholas Kubick, Tyron Anthony Layug, Orlando Medina, Robert Mills, Shane Montgomery, Brendon Mooney, Sean Mooney, 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.

Senior Chair Exercise

PBSR – for all – come and Pray, Breathe, Stretch and Relax with members of your parish family. Our next meeting dates are Thursday, March 9th, March 23rd then April 6th in the Brent Room from 10 AM –11 AM. All are welcome. Any questions contact Sharyn Drollinger at (540) 720-1734.

St. Patrick's Day Dispensation

This year St. Patrick's Day, March 17th falls on Friday a day that we should practice the law of abstinence. However, the fact that Saint Patrick's Day has traditionally been an occasion for joy-filled celebrations in this diocese. Bishop Burbidge has taken into consideration both past practice and present circumstances, and having judged that it would serve the spiritual good of the faithful, and therefore he has granted to the faithful of the Diocese of Arlington, as well as to any visitors or travelers who may be physically present within the territory of this diocese, a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence from meat on March 17, 2017. However, those who take advantage of this dispensation are exhorted to undertake a work of charity, and an exercise of piety, or an act of comparable penance on some other occasion during the Second Week of Lent.

40 Days40Ways

Join us to keep our hearts and minds focused on the joy of Easter by following this inspiring Lenten initiative, *40Days40Ways with Pope Francis*, developed by the Office for Family Life. 40Days40Ways offers the opportunity to seek a more intimate experience of God's love this lent by exploring the love we share with our families and those who are dearest to us. Receive a "way" a day along with daily reflections from Pope Francis (from Chap. 4 of *Amoris Laetitia*) to keep your heart and mind focused on living charity throughout lent. To subscribe to 40Days40Ways text "ways" to 84576 to receive daily reflections and a daily challenge.

Restore the Church Build the Future

Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give, visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

Around the Diocese

2017 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA)

Offering Hands to Serve and Hearts to Love

The Bishop's Lenten Appeal is in full swing and we ask every household in our parish to support this appeal to the extent that they are able. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and further Jesus' Mission in our diocese. Let us join together to do the Lord's work— works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people in need and further Jesus' Mission in our diocese. Thank you!

Open House and other events at Saint John Paul the Great

All are invited to the **Spring Open House** at John Paul the Great on Thursday, March 16, from 4-6 PM. A brief presentation begins at 4:15 PM. Meet teachers, coaches, students, and Wolfie! Gift with pre-registration! Also coming up: **Baseball Clinic** (March 4), **JP5K** (April 8), and **Beauty and the Beast** (May 5-7). Please visit jpthegreat.org for more information or call (703) 445-0314.