The Week of March 15th–March 21st



Monday 7:30 a.m. Marianna Bettendorf

9:00 a.m. Turner Family

Tuesday 7:30 a.m. William Regan ₽

9:00 a.m. Jim &Mari Bever

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Col. Paul Kelly₽

6:30 p.m. Christian Breeding

Thursday 7:30 a.m. Wendy Meade †

9:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory ₽

Friday 9:00 a.m. Sara Breeding

7:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gannon

Saturday 9:00 a.m. Anna Tranmer

5:00 p.m. David M. Toigo∜

7:00 p.m. Mrs. Rodriguez

Sunday 7:30 a.m. Sienicki/Szafranski Families₽

9:00 a.m. Kevin McClelland 10:30 a.m. Vernon Brincks ♣ 12:15 p.m. Priest Intentions

5:00 p.m. People of St. William of York

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

†Confession Schedule † March 15th−March 20th

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Thursday: 9:30 a.m. Friday: 7:30 p.m. Saturday: 9:30 a.m.

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.* Saturday: 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

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

Sunday Collection for 3/07/10

 Offertory:
 \$17,907.00

 Debt:
 \$5,492.00

 Total:
 \$23,399.00

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

Parish Exceeds Bishop's Lenten Appeal Goal

Congratulations! Thank you to the 566 families from St. William of York who have pledged. As of March 4th, the diocese received pledges totaling \$178,713, which is 8% over the diocesan set goal of \$166,000. There are many families that still have not contributed to the BLA if you are one of these families we ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge. Any size pledge will be greatly appreciated. If you need a pledge card please contact the parish office.

Catholic Relief Services

Today, we take up the Catholic Relief Services collection. You are incited to give hope to Jesus in disguise. Give hope to the community that has lost its livelihood to a crop disease. Help those recovering from the devastating earthquake in Chile by donating to the Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Give hope to the refugee child, separated from her mother. Give hope to the immigrant, trying to keep faith alive in a foreign land. The Catholic Relief Services collection helps to fund programs that give hope to refugees, immigrants, and the impoverished, including victims of war, natural disaster, and drought. Through humanitarian, economic, pastoral, and advocacy efforts, the Catholic Relief Services collection gives hope. Please be generous in today's collection.

We Joyfully Welcome into the Catholic Faith

Alexis Everardo Norez Avelar son of Everardo Norez Mera and Yuri Avelar-León.

The Light is On for You

This Lenten season, each Catholic parish in the Diocese of Arlington and the Archdiocese of Washington has been asked to have Confessions available every Wednesday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. If you have been reluctant to come to the Sacrament or have been away for some time, this is a wonderful opportunity to re-connect with Christ and His Church. Check the confession schedule for all available times. Learn more at www.the-light-is-on.org.

Religious Education

Due to the inclement weather, First Penance that was originally scheduled for Friday, February 12th has been rescheduled for the following dates:

Mr. Todd, Swartz, Homeschooled, Mrs. Classen and Mrs. Martello's Class Makeup on Friday, March 19th at 7:30 p.m.

Please have your children in their classroom by 7:00 p.m. on the date scheduled for Confession. Their preparation will take place during their regularly scheduled RE Classes.

Saturday, March 20th the Confirmation I students will have their retreat to the Shine. Please have your child here by 7:30 a.m. We will be meeting in the front parking lot by the parish office.

56th U.S. National Rosary Pilgrimage

Join Sr. Mary Lou Anthony, fmij on this pilgrimage to Lourdes. Sr. Mary Lou Anthony, fmij will be traveling with this group as part of the medical staff. They will be departing June 29th and returning July 8th. Cost is \$2,029.00 plus tax etc., with a departure from Washington Dulles. Early reservations are strongly recommended. Last year was sold out. More information for this Pilgrimage can be found in the parish office and in the Raphael Ministries office.

Blood Drive

Both the Knights of Columbus and the American Red Cross would like to thank all the dedicated individuals who came out to donate blood last Sunday, March 7th. Despite very tempting warm temperatures, these faithful people offered up their free time to come out and give of themselves for a very worthwhile cause. As a result of their efforts, we were able to collect 69 pints of blood, which once again surpassed our goal for the day. They have made a valuable contribution to sustaining the regional blood supply for those in need. Their contributions are deeply appreciated by all. We look forward to seeing more enthusiastic folks at our next blood drive on June 6th, in the parish center.

Easter Flowers

Easter flower envelopes are available in the main entrance of the church. If you would like to donate to our Easter flower collection in memory of a loved one, please pick up an Easter flower envelope and return it in the collection at Mass or in the parish office no later than Thursday, March 25th.



St. William of York Catholic School

Registration: St. William of York Catholic School is now accepting registrations for the 2010-2011 school year. Please call (540) 659-5207 or stop by the office for information.



Prayer Request...

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

Rev. Eric Albertson, Ralph Allison, PFC Phillip Churchill, Capt. James Cleary, Shawn Cunningham, Brian Dawson, Robert Deisbeck, Lt. Col. Richard G. de Guzman, Lt. Col. Tina Marie G. de Guzman, John Ferry, 2nd Lt. Brian Flanagan, Jason Freed, Richard Garver, Specialist John Gentile, Keirsten Hage, Maj. Jason Heuer, Ryan Kraft, Nicholas Kubick, Kent Larson, Tyron Anthony Layug, Michael Luther, H.N. Daric Martin, Major Thomas McNally, Orlando Medina, Robert Mills, Shane Montgomery, Travis Morgan, Darby Noonan, Gavin Reed, Jonathan K. Rost, Thomas Ryan, Christopher Schap, Daniel Stehm, Bobby Stone, Gregory Thomas, Mark Thomas, Chris Tolliver, Vincent Torney, and Gregory Wooton.

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.

Year for Priest Spiritual Bouquet Cards Available

Mark the Year for Priests, declared by Pope Benedict, by making spiritual sacrifices for our priests! Simply fill out the Spiritual Bouquet prayer cards that are available in the main entrance to the church or online at www.arlingtondiocese.org. Please indicate on the card, the number of Masses, Rosaries, Acts of Kindness, etc., that you will offer for our priests, and return the bottom half of the card to the parish office, drop it in the collection basket or return it by mail to the parish office. There is also a space on the back to write a personal note, if you choose. As we offer continued support for our priests during this jubilee year, please consider taking part in this prayerful effort.

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, March 14

Daylight Saving Begins

8:00 a.m. Spanish Apostolate Breakfast (Center)

8:45 a.m. RE Classes

9:45 a.m. Choir (Brent Room)

10:45 a.m. RE Classes

1:00 p.m. CYO Basketball (Gym)

1:30 p.m. Baptism (Church)

5:00 p.m. Sunday Supper (Center)

6:30 p.m. RE Classes

6:30 p.m. Adult Ed. (Brent Room)

6:45 p.m. CYO (Gym)

7:00 p.m. Venture Crew (K of C Hall)

Monday, March 15

3:10 p.m. Girl Scouts (Art/Brent/Pre-School Rooms)

7:15 p.m. Finance Council Meeting (Brent Room)

Tuesday, March 16

9:30 a.m. Confessions (Church)

9:30 a.m. Rosary Makers (Brent Room)

3:30 p.m. Fiat Group (Brent Room)

4:00 p.m. Baseball Practice (Gym)

7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts (Brent Room/Center)

Wednesday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day

9:30 a.m. Liturgy Prayer Group (Brent Room)

6:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)

7:30 p.m. RCIA (Center)

Thursday, March 18

8:30 a.m. Health and Wellness Clinic (Raphael Min.)

9:30 a.m. Confessions (Church)

3:00 p.m. Market Day Pick-up (Center)

4:00 p.m. Baseball Practice (Gym)

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Art Room)

7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (Brent Room)

7:00 p.m. Choir (Church)

Friday, March 19

5:00 p.m. Soup Supper (Center)

6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church)

7:00 p.m. Confessions (Church)

Saturday, March 20

7:30 a.m. Confirmation Retreat to Shrine

8:30 a.m. CYO Mulch Pick-up (Back parking lot)

9:30 a.m. Confessions (Church)

9:30 a.m. Baseball Practice (Gym)

3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)

5:45 p.m. Spanish Choir (Brent Room)

6:30 p.m. Spanish Confessions (Church)

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class in English will be held on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>March 24th at 7:30 p.m.</u> in the Library. The next Spanish Baptismal Preparation Class will be held on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>May 8th at 8:30 a.m.</u> in the Brent Room. It is <u>mandatory that all parents register</u> with the parish office (659-1102) before the class.

Lenten Soup Kitchen

Every Friday during Lent, except for Good Friday different organizations of the parish will sponsor a Soup Kitchen in the parish center at 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Join us for a sacrificial meal of homemade soup and a sandwich for a small donation, followed by Stations of the Cross.

Stations of the Cross

Friday's at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

Living Stations will be on Good Friday, April 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in the parish center.

Raphael Ministries

March 16th Rosary Makers will meet in the Brent Room from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

March 17th Liturgy of the Hours Prayer Group will meet in the Brent Room following the 9 a.m. Mass.

March 18th Health and Wellness Clinic will be open from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

March 23rd Rosary Makers will meet in the Brent Room from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

March 24th Liturgy of the Hours Prayer Group will meet in the Brent Room following the 9 a.m. Mass.

March 25th Health and Wellness Clinic will be open from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

March 25th Knitting for the Needy will meet in the Brent Room from 1p.m. to 2 p.m.

March 30^{th} Rosary Makers will meet in the Brent Room from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

March 30th Brain Train will meet in the Brent Room from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

March 31st Liturgy of the Hours Prayer Group will meet at the Convent after the 9 a.m. Mass.

International Fall Festival

Anyone interested in helping with this year's IFF, please contact Shay Martello at (540) 720-3392 or shay.martello@commeng.com.

Mulch

High-quality hardwood mulch is now available to order for \$4.00 per bag. Sales will take place on Sundays in the parish center following all Masses. The pick-up date for mulch is Saturday, March 20th from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the school parking lot. Thank you for supporting CYO and WorkCamp 2010. For more info, contact youthgroup@swoycc.org or 659-5705 ext 31.

Networking Group CAN Help the Unemployed!

Christians are Networking ("CAN") is a Catholic Charities-sponsored ministry that assists people who are unemployed or under-employed. CAN provides free professional career counseling-including resume reviews and practice job interviews—and opportunities to network with other professionals. Join us every Thursday evening, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the St. Martin de Porres Senior Center, 4650 Taney Ave. in Alexandria. In the coming weeks, we will have a special presentation on managing your finances in difficult times and advice from a panel of recruiters.

No advanced registration is required to attend. For more details, contact Elizabeth Lucas at (703) 683-7704 or elizabeth22305@verizon.net or Bill Hummel at (703) 830-5467, hummel830@cox.net.

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Easter Egg Hunt

The parish Easter Egg Hunt is on Easter Sunday at 3:45 p.m. in the school field. For each child who plans to participate, please provide 12 plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy, stickers, or small toys. Filled eggs must be dropped off by April 1st. A box will be located in the church lobby and in the Religious Education office. For more info, or to help with this event, contact youthgroup@swoycc.org or (540) 659-5705 ext. 31.

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St. William of York Moms

The SWOY Moms group invites all moms of (babies, toddlers and olders!) to their March events! For more information please email lori.fowlkes@gmail.com or call (540) 693-0003. You may also join the yahoo group at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Swoymoms/

March 18th (Thurs) Park & Play 10 a.m.

March 25th (Thurs) 7:30 p.m. Book Club: Rumer Godden's Five for Sorrow Ten for Joy

March 30th (Tues) Park & Play 11a.m.

An Hour a Day ~ An Hour a Week

Parishioners of Saint William of York are challenged to lift their hearts and minds in prayer to The Lord for at least one hour a day. We also are asked to donate at least the equivalent of one hour's wages per household to the regular offertory collection each week.

Have I prayed for at least one hour a day this week? Was our weekly offertory donation equivalent to at least one hour's wages?



Fourth Sunday of Lent March 14, 2010

First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Joshua and the Israelites celebrated Passover in Jericho. This was the first time they had eaten the produce of the promised land. After this, there was no more bread sent from heaven because they were able to eat the yield of the land.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Paul tells us that anyone living in Jesus is a new creation because God has reconciled with us through Christ. As an ambassador for Jesus, Paul implores that the Corinthians be reconciled to God through Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The Pharisees grew disgusted with Jesus because of his compassion toward sinners. So Jesus told them a story of a son who squandered his inheritance. When a famine broke out, he returned home and asked his father to become a hired hand. His father instead welcomed him with a joyful celebration, just as God is overjoyed when a sinner returns to him.

Pray for a Priest Each Day...

This week please pray for

March 14th Rev. Clarence Trinkle
March 15th Rev. Thomas Vander Woude
March 16th Rev. Kevin Walsh
March 17th Rev. Wilheim Ettner
March 18th Rev. Dennie Kleinmann
March 19th Rev. Kevin Larsen
March 20th Rev. Michael Orlowsky

O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, Live in (Name of priest), act in him, speak in him and through him. Think Your Thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Give him Your Own dispositions and feelings. Teach, lead and guide him always. Correct, enlighten and expand his thought and behavior. Posses his soul, take over his entire personality and life. Replace him with Yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving; pray in and through him. Amen

Immaculate Mary, through your pierced heart may all those being called to serve Jesus and His Church as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers become generously open to the light and truth of His choice of them.