

The Week of May 17th – May 23rd



Monday	No 7:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Charles Palmer Family
Tuesday	No 7:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Conrad Donahue, Sr. †
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Ester Alger No 6:30 p.m. Mass
Thursday	No 7:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Mike & Kayla Dittmer
Friday	9:00 a.m. Rafaela Marenco † No 6:30 p.m. Mass
Saturday	9:00 a.m. Irene & John Callaghan 5:00 p.m. Inez Ronan † 7:00 p.m. Joseph Rubbo †
Sunday	7:30 a.m. Raphael Marenco † 9:00 a.m. Ottmar Wolf † 10:30 a.m. Janine Byrnes 12:15 p.m. Sienicki/Szafranski Families † 5:00 p.m. People of St. William of York

This week Monday thru Friday we will be on a modified Mass schedule while one of our priests is away.

†Confession Schedule† May 17th – 22nd

Tuesday:	9:30 a.m.
Thursday:	9:30 a.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 5/9/10

Offertory:	\$12,533.00
Parish Special Needs:	\$11,591.00
Debt:	<u>\$ 3,889.00</u>
Total:	\$28,013.00
April Electronic offerings:	\$17,939.00

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As pastor, I have to make prudent use of all our assets, especially when those assets are people. We are all finite in our capacity to meet the myriad obligations, commitments and needs we each have to contend with. The need for rest is one we all share. That's why we like vacations, because they give us needed time to rest.

After being among you for the summers of 2008 and 2009 I observed a noticeable decline in Mass attendance on Saturday evening and Sunday, particularly on Sunday at 5:00 p.m. It isn't hard to see how Mass attendance fluctuates at times. Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, and Easter Masses overflow with Catholics we rarely see. Although Father Magat and I preach about the obligation we have to attend Mass on every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, we've had only limited success convincing those who rarely come to Mass of the reality of their obligation and responsibility.

The one time when declining attendance in a parish like ours is not unexpected is during the summer. Stafford is home, but it is decidedly not a vacation town. Many of us head for the mountains or to beaches in summer and fulfill our Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligations there. Conversely, those places with names like Bethany and Rehoboth experience what they know are "seasonal" increases in Mass attendance that are out of proportion to what they normally experience during the school year.

After observing the ebb and flow of our Sunday Masses during the summers of 2008 and 2009, I decided in September to retire our Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass in 2010 for the summer months of June, July and August. The reasons for introducing the Sunday evening Mass to our schedule by Father Deusterhaus in 2001 had a lot to do with CYO meetings on Sunday night and the fact that at that time four priests, Fathers Duesterhaus, Pinizzotto, Eversole, and Howard, were covering the same Mass schedule that Father Magat and I now maintain alone.

Last Sunday, Mother's Day, a declining attendance was already apparent. Since our CYO and Sunday night suppers stop each summer, I think we can fulfill our Sunday obligation at the other six Masses and afford our sacristan, servers, ushers, musicians and other ministers time to renew and refresh themselves, their families, and their friendships. Therefore, our last 5:00 PM Sunday Mass before the summer vacation will be on May 30th. The Mass will resume on September 5th.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Father Robert J. DeMartino,
Pastor

Religious Education

The last class of this year will be Sunday, May 23rd.

Pentecost Novena for Life

Priests for Life (www.priestsforlife.org) invites you and your family to join in saying the following novena prayer.

Holy Spirit,

At the dawn of creation,
You brought order out of chaos,
Light out of darkness,
Life out of nothingness.

Breathe on us once again,
And change this culture of death
Into a Culture of Life.

Inspire in your people
A spirit of generous welcome
For each and every life,
No matter how unexpected or dependent
That life may be.

Holy Spirit,
You are the Advocate.
As you fill us with Yourself,
Make us advocates
For the unborn and all the vulnerable,
Until we are all united
In the endless life and joy
of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. William of York Catholic School

Book Fair

Come and shop at our Spring Book Fair, it's a buy one get one free! We will be open the following days in the parish center.

Monday, May 17th, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 18th, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 20th, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Friday, May 21st, 11:30 – 1:30 p.m.

St. Raphael Ministry

Liturgy of the Hours Prayer Group will meet on Wednesdays, May 19th in Brent Room following the 9 a.m. Mass.

Franciscan Lay Group will meet at the Convent Wednesday, May 26th after the 9 a.m. Mass in parish.

Health & Wellness Clinic will be open Thursdays in May from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Knitting/Needlepoint for the Needy meets Thursday, May 20th from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Brent Room.

All Aboard the Senior Brain Train will meet Tuesday, May 25th from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Brent Room.

Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, June 6th, 2010 from 8:00-2:00 p.m. in the parish center. Our last blood drive was very successful. However, recruiting donors during the upcoming summer months is an extremely challenging task. Statistically, over 95% of Americans require a blood transfusion in their lifetime. That's why you remain a vital part of our local blood team, helping to maintain a healthy local supply. The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Please give blood. Also please remember that a valid pictured ID is required prior to registration. If you have any questions please contact either Kathleen or John Hannon at (540) 720-1599.

St. William of York K of C Receives Hope for Healing Award

The American Red Cross has awarded the Knights of Columbus at St William of York the 2009-2010 "Hope for Healing Award". This honor was bestowed upon a religious organization that has consistently encouraged blood donations in the community. The Mid-Atlantic Blood Services Region consists of over 250 different sponsors of which over 40 have religious affiliations. Our numerous blood donors as well as the entire parish community should be very proud being chosen as recipients of this special award.

Join Scouting Spring Roundup

St. William of York offers several programs from the Boy Scouts of America which provide age appropriate activities designed to achieve the overall aims of character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. Programs include:

Cub Scout Pack 142 for boys in grades 1-5. Boys who are nearing completion of kindergarten may join the Cub Scouts on or after June 1st.

Boy Scout Troop 142 for boys in grades 6-12 (ages 11-17). Boys who are nearing completion of the fifth grade may join the Boy Scouts on or after June 1st.

Venture Crew 142 for boys and girls of high school and college age (ages 14-20). Youth nearing completion of the eighth grade may join Venturing on or after June 1st.

To learn more about these organizations, please come to our spring member round up on Monday, May 24th, at 7 p.m. in the St. William of York school cafeteria or contact our Chartered Organization Representative, Andy Walker, at [\(540\) 288-2059](tel:5402882059) or email COR@pack142.org.

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, May 16

8:30 a.m. Spanish Breakfast
sponsored by the CYO (Center)

8:45 a.m. RE Class

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

10:45 a.m. RE Class

6:00 p.m. Sunday Supper (Center)

6:30 p.m. RE Class

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, May 17

3:10 p.m. Girl Scouts (Art/Brent/Preschool Rooms)

3:30 p.m. Spring Book Fair (Center)

4:00 p.m. Search Committee (Brent Room)

7:30 p.m. IFF Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, May 18

9:30 a.m. Confessions (Church)

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

3:30 p.m. Spring Book Fair (Center)

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

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

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Center)

Wednesday, May 19

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

Thursday, May 20

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

9:30 a.m. Confessions (Church)

1:00 p.m. Knitting for the Needy (Brent Room)

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

3:30 p.m. Spring Book Fair (Center)

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

4:00 p.m. Diocesan Retirement Presentation (Brent Room)

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

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

7:00 p.m. Choir (Church)

Friday, May 21

11:30 a.m. Spring Book Fair (Center)

6:00 p.m. Sports Reception (Center)

Saturday, May 22

9:00 a.m. Work Camp (Brent Room/School 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)

International Fall Festival

The next meeting for the 2010 International Fall Festival will be Monday, May 17th at 7:30 p.m. in the **library**. Anyone interested in helping with this year's Festival please contact Shay Martello at (540) 720-3392 or shay.martello@commeng.com.

Seventh Sunday of Easter May 16, 2010

First Reading: Acts 7: 55-60

Stephen was filled with the Holy Spirit, and described seeing Jesus standing at God's right hand. Then he was dragged away and stoned to death before many witnesses who did not believe his words. Before dying he cried, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them."

Second Reading: Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20

John hears a voice saying, "Remember I am coming soon!" This messenger for Jesus says that he will come to reward those who are deserving. Those who hear the call of the Spirit are encouraged to answer by accepting Jesus.

Gospel: John 17: 20-26

Jesus prays for all the people who will believe in him through the words of his disciples. His prayer is that the world will live in unity, with Jesus living in us as he lives in God. Although we have not known God, we know Jesus was sent by God because of his love for us. He prays that this love will live on in all people.

Pray for a Priest Each Day...

This week please pray for

May 16 th	Rev. Michael Weston
May 17 th	Rev. Edward Horkan
May 18 th	Rev. Joel Jaffe
May 19 th	Rev. Mark Mullaney
May 20 th	Rev. Augustine Tran
May 21 st	Rev. Ramon Baez
May 22 nd	Rev. Daniel Hanley

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priest of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)

May 16, 2010: Before, during, & after all Masses: Hispanic breakfast preparation, serving, and clean-up.

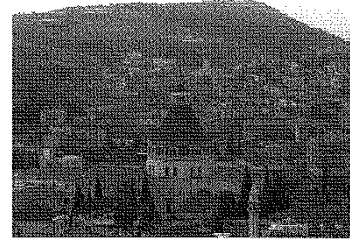
May 16, 2010: CYO Meeting 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Sunday Supper: There will be Sunday suppers on May 16th, Mrs. Lumley's Lasagna and May 23rd, Filipino Food: Fried rice, egg rolls, noodles and home baked bread.

Mulch Sale: Thank you so much for ordering the Mulch to help the teens that are going to Work Camp. It was a big success. Thank you so much for the selfless help and coordination of Mr. Paul Miller, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Kayla Dittmer and numerous parents who helped deliver.

PONTIFICAL BIBLE STUDY 2010
AT ST. WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC CHURCH, STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

The Gospel According to St. Matthew



Our instructor:
Fr. Jerome A. Magat, M.Div., M.A.

Fr. Magat is the Parochial Vicar at St. William of York in Stafford and was ordained for the Catholic Diocese of Arlington in 2002.

Join us on Wednesday nights this summer at the parish center from 7:30p-9p as we study the Gospel of St. Matthew

- May 26 - Chapters 1-2
- June 2 - Chapters 3-4
- June 9 - Chapters 5-6
- June 16 - Chapters 7-8
- June 23 - Chapters 9-10
- June 30 - Chapters 11-12
- July 7 - Chapters 13-14
- July 14 - Chapters 14-15
- July 21 - Chapters 16-17
- July 28 - Chapters 18-19
- August 4 - Chapters 20-21
- August 11 - Chapters 22-23
- August 18 - Chapters 24-25
- August 25 - Chapters 26-28