



✠ **First Sunday of Lent** ✠  
**March 13, 2011**



**The Week of  
 March 14<sup>th</sup> –  
 March 20<sup>th</sup>**

Monday	7:30 AM Joe Espinosa 9:00 AM Eleanore Tranmer
Tuesday	7:30 AM Mr. & Mrs. Frank Nicely 9:00 AM Marshall Palmoski †
Wednesday	7:30 AM Mari & Jim Bever 9:00 AM Mary Fahy †
Thursday	7:30 AM Steve Curly 9:00 AM Matilda Piskura
Friday	9:00 AM Susan Dragan † 7:00 PM Rick McAfee
Saturday	9:00 AM Lewis Wilkey † 5:00 PM Josephine Petroni † 7:00 PM Gelcys Montes de Oca †
Sunday	7:30 AM Eugene Jentzen † 9:00 AM Bea Kitterick † 10:30 AM People of St. William of York 12:15 PM Toni Famell †

† **Confession Schedule** †  
**March 14<sup>th</sup> –  
 March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Tuesday:	9:30 AM
Wednesday:	6:30 PM
Thursday:	9:30 AM**
Friday:	7:30 PM**
Saturday:	9:30 AM**
Saturday:	3:30-4:30 PM*&**
Saturday:	6:30 PM (Spanish)

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

(\*\*Confessions will be heard in English or Spanish on these days.)

**Sunday Collection for  
 3/6/11**

Offertory:	\$17,853.00
<u>Debt:</u>	<u>\$ 5,691.00</u>
Total:	\$23,544.00

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

**We Joyfully Welcome  
 into the Catholic Faith**

*Jaden Justin Akouete* son of Folly and Oudette Akouete.

*Dominic Thomas Davis* son of Courtland and Mary Davis.

*Noelle Marie Stibora* daughter of Joseph and Carrie Stibora.



**The Light is On for You**

This Lenten season, each Catholic parish in the Diocese of Arlington and the Archdiocese of Washington will have Confessions available every Wednesday evening from 6:30-8 PM. 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. Learn more at [www.the-light-is-on.org](http://www.the-light-is-on.org).

**Soup Supper**

Every Friday during lent, except for Good Friday, different organizations of the parish will sponsor a Soup Supper in the cafeteria from 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM. The Knights of Columbus will host a Fish Fry on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Please join them for a sacrificial meal of Fried Fish, Fries, coleslaw & hush puppies for a small donation, which will be used to assist individuals needing financial assistance in our area followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM in the church.

**Blood Drive Results**

Both the American Red Cross and the Knights of Columbus would like to thank all the dedicated individuals who came out on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, to donate blood. As a result of their efforts, we were able to collect 59 pints of blood. This blood will be sent to local institutions in our community, to assist numerous individuals who are desperately in need of these contributions for their very survival. Please try to join us at our next blood drive, scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup>, and help us to bring this precious "Gift of Life" to the many people who are counting on you.

## Religious Education

Confirmation 1 students who need service hours, there will be an opportunity at the Soup Supper on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Those who are interested please call Kim at the RE Office at (540) 659-5705.

The Confirmation 1 Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Immaculate Conception will be March 19<sup>th</sup>. Permission slips are due ASAP.

## CYO Mulch Now Available

High-quality hardwood mulch is now available to pre-order. All proceeds support the CYO program and Work Camp 2011. Order form and payment must be received by the parish office by March 24<sup>th</sup>. Mulch will be available for pick-up on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Delivery of mulch is available for an additional \$15. The fee for spreading is an additional \$2.00 per bag.

Thank you for supporting the youth at St. William of York! If you have any questions, please contact Kayla Dittmer in the parish office at 659-1102.

## Senior Luncheon

St. William of York seniors, 50+ years of age are invited to a Senior Luncheon on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon in the gym. We will recognize St. Patrick and there will be a Lenten Presentation by Fr. DeMartino. Please bring a covered dish or a \$3.00 donation.

## Thank You

The family of Major Thomas McNally would like to thank all the parishioners who prayed for him during his recent thirteen month deployment to Afghanistan. He has returned safely and is home with his wife and two young children again. Please continue your prayers though for all the dedicated young men and women who have yet to return but who continue to defend the freedom we cherish here in America.

## Abortion Recovery Retreats for Women

An "Entering Canaan" Day of Prayer and Healing will take place on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, and a Rachel's Vineyard Weekend retreat is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup>. These retreats are a safe place to renew and rebuild hearts broken from abortion. They offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where you can express and release painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of healing. For more info or to register, please call Project Rachel: 1(888) 456-HOPE.

## St. William of York Catholic School

St. William of York Catholic School is now accepting applications for the 2011-2012 school year. This is inclusive of Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grades, and 3 & 4 year old preschool. Please stop in, or call us regarding any questions you may have, or information you may want.

### Dates to Remember:

March 14<sup>th</sup> - Picture Day

March 17<sup>th</sup> - Market Day Order Pick-up

March 17<sup>th</sup> - Chic-Fil-A Spirit Night

March 19<sup>th</sup> - PTO Auction and Dinner

March 19<sup>th</sup> - Confirmation 1 Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Immaculate Conception

## Black and Indian Missions

Today, our parish will take up a special collection for Black and Indian Missions. Your financial contribution helps to support Catholic communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. Your donation funds evangelization programs to strengthen the faith, continue the legacy and share the mission with children and adults here in the United States. Please be generous.

## Dinner and Auction

Come celebrate the Feast of Saint Joseph with an Italian dinner and auction on March 19<sup>th</sup> to be held in our school cafeteria/gym. Proceeds will be used for capital improvements including our school library. Tickets are on sale after all Masses and are \$40.00 per person sold in advance only. For ticket sales, please contact Katie Moloko via email at [katemoloko@yahoo.com](mailto:katemoloko@yahoo.com) or call the school office (540)659-5207.

## Young Adults Corner

Young Adults (ages 21-40) single and married: Join Fr. Magat this Spring for various events to get to know your fellow Catholic young adults in the area. Spring Lineup:

**March 27<sup>th</sup>:** Day Retreat in Colonial Beach, VA.

**April 10<sup>th</sup>:** Charitable work: Painting parish curbs 1:30 PM.

**May 15<sup>th</sup>:** Day Trip to Catholic Baltimore

**June 5<sup>th</sup>:** Canoeing/Kayaking & BBQ in Colonial Beach or another outdoor activity.

**BOOK CLUB:** Join Fr. Magat at Bella Cafe at 7:30 PM for Monday Night Book Club. The next meeting will be on March 14<sup>th</sup> as we begin "*Render Unto Caesar*" by Charles Chaput.

## **This week in our Parish**

### **Sunday, March 13**

#### ***Day Light Savings Time begins***

8:00 AM: Spanish Breakfast (Center)

8:30 AM: Adult Ed (Brent Room)

8:45 AM: RE Class

9:45 AM: Choir (Brent Room)

10:45 AM: RE Class

12:30 PM: CYO Basketball (Gym)

5:30 PM: Sunday Supper (Center)

6:30 PM: CYO Meeting (Loft)

6:30 PM: RE Class

### **Monday, March 14**

4:00 PM: FIAT (Brent Room)

6:00 PM: V Baseball Practice (Gym)

7:00 PM: Venture Crew (K of C Hall)

### **Tuesday, March 15**

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

9:30 AM: Rosary Makers (Brent Room)

12:00 PM: Senior Luncheon (Gym)

3:30 PM: School Tutoring (Classrooms)

6:00 PM: JV Baseball Practice (Gym)

7:00 PM: Boy Scouts (Center)

### **Wednesday, March 16**

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

6:00 PM: Girl Scouts (Art Room)

6:00 PM: JV Baseball Practice (Gym)

6:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

7:30 PM: R.C.I.A. (Center)

### **Thursday, March 17**

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

3:10 PM: Market Day Order Pick-up (Center)

6:00 PM: Cantors (Church)

6:00 PM: V Baseball Practice (Gym)

7:00 PM: Adult Choir (Church)

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

### **Friday, March 18**

5:00 PM: Soup Supper (Center)

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

7:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

### **Saturday, March 19**

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

3:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

6:00 PM: School Auction (Center/Gym)

6:30 PM: Spanish Confessions (Church)

6:30 PM: NFP Class (Brent Room)

## **Senior Brain Train**

This is a reminder to all seniors to join us on Tuesday March 29<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00-3:00 PM in the Brent Room for our monthly Brain Train activity. Please come and share in an afternoon of fun playing games, answering trivia questions, doing crosswords, enjoying snacks and socializing with your fellow seniors in the parish. We hope to see you all there.

## **Natural Family Planning Series**

The next NFP series will be taught on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup>, and May 14<sup>th</sup> @ St. William of York Catholic Church beginning at 7:00 p.m. The cost of the series is \$135.00 which covers all materials. Assistance is available to couples with financial hardship. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Please go to the website: [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org) to register for this class or any upcoming class that fits your needs. Please contact the teaching couple, Mike and Stacie Ferry, if you have any questions. [(540)373-8617 or [mferry8@cox.net](mailto:mferry8@cox.net)].

We are offering an Update Class on March 27<sup>th</sup> at St William of York in the Brent Room. This class is for those that have taken a Sympto-Thermal NFP Class and would like to learn the Updated rules. Registration for that class is from the same site: [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org). Make sure you register for the Update Class and not the Series.

## **2011 Diocesan Men's Conference!**

On the Feast of St. Joseph, Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, the second annual Men's Conference will take place at St. Joseph parish in Herndon. The conference will be an opportunity for men to reflect on their vocations, gain practical tools to be better Catholic men, be inspired by Catholic speakers, and gather with their brothers in Christ. Confirmed speakers include: Fr. Arne Panula, Director of the Catholic Information Center; Art Bennett, President of Catholic Charities CDA as well as author and therapist; and Joseph Campo, Director of the St. Francis Home for boys and CEO of Grassroots Films. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Loverde. For more information or to register go to [www.arlingtondiocese.org/men](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/men).

## **Pray for a Priest Each Day...**

This week please pray for

March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Stephen Holmes
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. John O'Donohue
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Richard Carr
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bishop Loverde
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Frederick Edlefsen
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Stephen McGraw
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Edwin Perez

*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*



March 9, 2011  
Ash Wednesday

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year in His great love for each one of us, Jesus Christ provides a forty-day retreat called Lent. During this season, He journeys with us, if we allow Him, so that through His divine assistance, we may rediscover and deepen our Baptismal consecration and live every day throughout the year as His disciples, transformed more into His image precisely by this Lenten retreat.

In the Gospel passage proclaimed on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, the Lord Jesus points to the three principal works of Lent whereby we are enabled to experience the transforming power of His grace: fasting, almsgiving and prayer.

In this year's Lenten Message to the Universal Church, Pope Benedict XVI explicitly refers to these three works, "Through the traditional practice of fasting, almsgiving and prayer, which are an expression of our commitment to conversion, Lent teaches us how to live the love of Christ in an ever more radical way" (Pope Benedict XVI, 2011 *Lenten Message*).

Permit me to share with you some additional reflections from our Holy Father's Lenten Message, "*Fasting*, which can have various motivations, takes on a profoundly religious significance for the Christian... For Christians, fasting, far from being depressing, opens us ever more to God and to the needs of others, thus allowing love of God to become also love of neighbor (cf. Mk. 12:31)."

Pope Benedict XVI also offers insight about almsgiving, "... the Church, especially during the Lenten period, reminds us to practice *almsgiving* – which is the capacity to share... The practice of almsgiving is a reminder of God's primacy and turns our attention towards others, so that we may rediscover how good our Father is, and receive his mercy" (cf. *Ibid*).

And finally, he gives us guidance about prayer as well, "During the entire Lenten period, the Church offers us God's Word with particular abundance. By meditating and internalizing the Word in order to live it every day, we learn a precious and irreplaceable form of *prayer*... when we pray, we find time for God, to understand that His 'words will not pass away' (cf. Mk. 13:31), to enter into that intimate communion with Him 'that no one shall take from you' (Jn. 16:22), opening us to the hope that does not disappoint, eternal life" (cf. *Ibid*).

Moreover, during the Lenten season, we can more honestly acknowledge our sinfulness, whether in thought, word, deed or by omission, and, drawn by God's merciful love, seek a true conversion of heart. Admission of sin, sincere sorrow, a firm purpose of amendment: these all come together as we receive the "Sacrament of Divine Mercy," that is, the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

In order to aid us in the experience of God's merciful and healing forgiveness, the Diocese of Arlington is once more partnering with the Archdiocese of Washington in an initiative called *The Light Is On For You*. In addition to regularly scheduled times for Confession, every Catholic Church in the Diocese of Arlington and Archdiocese of Washington will be open during the Wednesdays of Lent from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. for Confession and quiet prayer. If you have been away from the Sacrament of Penance, please take advantage of this grace-filled opportunity. Come back home! More information is available at [www.thelightison.org](http://www.thelightison.org).

As Pope Benedict XVI reminds us, "through the personal encounter with our Redeemer and through fasting, almsgiving and prayer, the journey of conversion towards Easter leads us to rediscover our Baptism" (cf. *Ibid*). Yes, together let us allow Christ to lead us through our Lenten retreat, so that at its end, as we die and rise with Christ in the solemn liturgy of Easter, we may be transformed into His image, true disciples proclaiming with the witness of our lives that Jesus Christ is Lord!

One with you throughout this Lenten retreat, I remain,

Faithfully in Christ,

+ Paul S. Loverde

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde  
Bishop of Arlington