



✠ **First Sunday of Lent** ✠
February 26, 2012



**The Week of
 February 27th –
 March 4th**

Monday	7:30 AM	Louis Luciano✠
	9:00 AM	Gerald Swiatek
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Rev. Geronimo A. Magat
	9:00 AM	George D. McAfee
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Marcel & Marcelle Quinquaud✠
	9:00 AM	Sonia Saba Bustamante✠
Thursday	7:30 AM	Aiden Moscatelli
	9:00 AM	Florence Padgett✠
Friday	9:00 AM	Florence Padgett✠
	7:00 PM	Anna Chu Thi Nhung✠
Saturday	9:00 AM	Kenneth McGill✠
	5:00 PM	Kathleen Hannon✠
	7:00 PM	Mary Wheatley
Sunday	7:30 AM	Helen Rosetta✠
	9:00 AM	Rita LaMarche✠
	10:30 AM	Vitkovitsky Family✠
	12:15 PM	People of St. William of York

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

**✠Confession Schedule✠
 February 27th – March 3rd**

Tuesday:	9:30 AM
Thursday:	9:30 AM
Wednesday:	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Friday:	7:30 PM
Saturday:	9:30 AM
Saturday:	3:30 PM - 4:30 PM*
Saturday:	6:30 PM (Spanish)

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

Lenten 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 school will host the soup supper on March 2nd. Please join them for a sacrificial meal of homemade soups & sandwiches 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.

Weekly Rosary During Lent

A Rosary will be prayed on Wednesdays during Lent after the 6:30 PM Mass, except the Wednesday of Holy Week.

The Light is On for You

This Lenten season, each Catholic parish in the Diocese of Arlington 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 reconnect with Christ and His Church.

First Friday Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will begin on Friday, March 2nd after the 9:00 AM Mass and continue until 6:00 PM. Stations of the Cross will follow at 6:30 PM. Adoration will resume immediately after the 7:00 PM Mass until midnight. Please join our parish community every First Friday as we adore our Lord on the altar.

Sponsor of the Week

We would like to thank
"Detailing Plus"

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.

Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive in the St. William of York parish center on Sunday, March 4, 2012 from 8 AM until 2 PM. Donors are reminded that a valid picture ID is required to donate. There is a great need for all blood types. Please consider taking this important opportunity to help others in critical need of life giving blood. Donors will be processed as quickly as possible on a first come basis. As an incentive to encourage repeat donors the Red Cross is starting a new rewards program for those who give blood at successive blood drives. Questions regarding the blood drive can be directed to Mr. John Hannon at (540) 720-1599.



ST. WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Middle School Open House

Strong Academics
Sports & Social Events
Leadership Training

Thursday, March 8th at 7 PM in the Parish Center

Refreshments and Raffles

3130 Jefferson Davis Highway, Stafford, VA 22554

www.stwillschool.org

540-659-5207 Frank Nicely, Principal: fnicely@stwillschool.org

Senior Brain Train

It is time to exercise our brains again. Come join us 1:00-3:00 PM on Tuesday, February 28th in the Brent Room for a game of Mexican Train, Bunco or the game of your choice. What a great way to spend a couple hours meeting new and old friends, fun and mind stretches. Mark your calendar and we will see you there.

St. William of York Outreach

The Thrift Shop monthly first Saturday opening will be next Saturday, March 3rd from 9:30 AM until 12:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to come and shop. Sales proceeds from the shop go to help needy clients in Stafford County.

Black and Indian Missions

Today we will accept donations at all exits for Black and Indian Missions. Our donations help to support Catholic American Indian communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. Donations also support African American evangelization programs particularly in the south. Let us unite ourselves with the love of Christ in supporting the Black and Indian Missions.

Young Adults Corner

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

Mar 2: Stations, Mass, soup supper out and adoration to follow.

Mar 16: Movie Night

Mar 18: Historic Church Tour in Northern Virginia

Mar 30: Movie Night

Book/Movie Club: Join Fr. Magat on Monday Nights at 7:30 PM. We will be watching the hit DVD series "*Catholicism*". We will meet at Charlotte & Karolyn's. For more info. email Fr. Magat at fathermagat@gmail.com. The next meeting will be on Feb. 27th.

Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank all of the supporters for our BBQ Super Bowl Tailgating event. Sales exceeded expectation. We apologize to those whom we could not supply with the BBQ and fixings. With your help, we were able to generate \$5,200 in net proceeds that will go toward St. William of York debt reduction.

This week in our Parish

Sunday, February 26

7:30 AM: Ladies K of C Coffee & Muffins (Center)

8:45 AM: RE Class

9:45AM: Choir (Brent Room)

10:45 AM: RE Class

1:30 PM: Baptisms (Church)

6:00 PM CYO Meeting (Center)

6:00 PM: RE Class

Monday, February 27

4:00 PM: Fiat (Brent Rooms)

6:00 PM: Varsity Baseball Practice (Gym)

6:45 PM: Cub Scouts (Brent Room)

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

Tuesday, February 28

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

9:30 AM: Rosary Makers (Brent Room)

1:00 PM: Senior Brain Train (Brent Room)

6:00 PM: JV Baseball Practice (Gym)

7:00 PM: IFF Meeting (Brent Room)

7:00 PM: Boy Scouts (Center)

Wednesday, February 29

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

6:00 PM: Varsity Baseball Practice (Gym)

6:00 PM: Girl Scouts (Art Rooms)

6:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

7:30 PM: Baptism Class (Library)

7:30 PM: RCIA (Center)

Thursday, March 1

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

6:00 PM: JV Baseball Practice (Gym)

6:30 PM: Cantors (Church)

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

7:30 PM: Choir (Church)

Friday, March 2

First Friday Adoration

5:00 PM: Soup Supper (Center)

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

7:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

Saturday, March 3

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

10:00 AM: JV Baseball Practice (Gym)

12:00 PM: Varsity Baseball Practice (Gym)

3:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

6:30 PM: Spanish Confessions (Church)

7:00 PM: Spanish Baptism (Church)

We Joyfully Welcome into the Catholic Faith

Chase Nicholas Colonna, son of Nicholas and Marcy Colonna.

IFF

The next International Fall Festival (IFF) meeting will be at 7 PM in the Brent Room on Tuesday, Feb. 28th. Please consider coming out. Volunteers are needed in all areas.

St. William of York Outreach

Your proceeds from you donations to the **Outreach Thrift Shop** allowed us to provide over \$45,361 in financial assistance to needy Stafford County residents last year. That represents an increase of nearly \$17,000 or 58% over last year. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for your generosity! To assist our volunteers, please consider the following when donating items to the Thrift Shop.

- Clothing should be clean without rips or stains
- Appliances should be clean, corrosion-free, and complete (no missing cords or parts)
- Dishes should be chip-free
- Kitchen utensils should be clean and free from baked on grease.
- Currently we are only able to accept flat screen televisions and computer VDT's
- Furniture, large items, mattresses/box springs, cribs, and car seats should not be left without prior coordination.
- If you're debating about whether to donate it or take it to the dump, please choose the dump.

Religious Education

First Penance Recipients: The following is the schedule for those receiving their first penance:

Date Class time and Catechist

February 26, 2012 08:45 Mr. Currier

March 04, 2012 10:45 McCormick and HS1 –
Mr. Connolly

March 11, 2012 8:45 Mrs. Grab

March 18, 2012 10:45 Mrs. Lumley and Homestudy

March 25, 2012 08:45 Ms. Roets

March Class Schedule:

March 4th Classes in Session

March 11th Classes in Session

March 18th Classes in Session – **Basic Faith Test** (6th, 7th and HS1). This is additional testing to help prepare them for Confirmation

March 25th Classes in Session

A sign-up sheet for the Lenten Soup Supper is in the Religious Education office. On Friday March 9th the Religious Education will host the Soup Supper in the parish center from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. **We need MORE parent volunteers to help cook and serve in the kitchen.** You can call 659-5705 or e-mail the RE office at reoffice@swoycc.org and have your name put on the list. Please mark your calendar and consider helping us out for a few hours. This is a great way for seventh grade and HS1 students to earn service hours and for parents to get involved. **Many hands make for light work.**

The ST. William of York Outreach would like to thank the RE parents and students who continually bring in canned goods. It is the main source of inventory for the outreach and without your generous support; the shelves would be bare more often than not.



February 22, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

On this first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, a Person stands before us; His name is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Who became like us in all things except sin. He is looking at each one of us with such love as He points to His Heart and says: “Give me your heart. Note carefully the way I point out to you” (Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, Morning Prayer, Antiphon 3).

What does it really mean to follow the Lord Jesus and be His disciples? What does it mean to live our Catholic faith in real life? The core of following Jesus, the core of living the faith is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ within the Community of His Disciples, the Church. Christ and His Church cannot be separated. So, entering into a relationship with Jesus Christ simultaneously involves living as a member of this Community of His Disciples.

Jesus Christ stands before each one of us on this first day of Lent in the year 2012, inviting us to be with Him in a more intentional way throughout the next forty days. He invites us: “give Me your heart.” He desires that we draw closer to Him in an ever-deepening personal relationship. He desires that we give Him our heart, that symbol of our love even as His Heart reveals to us the intensity and depth of His love. When we offer Him our heart – our very self, we then experience the reality of “Heart speaking to heart,” the reality of a real personal relationship between Him and each one of us, and also, between Him and all of us as His Body the Church.

He then tells us how to draw closer so that “Heart speaks to heart”: “Note carefully the way I point out to you.” The way He points out is the three principal works of Lent: prayer; penance, which includes fasting; and almsgiving, the way to offer others deeds of loving care and concern.

Prayer, personal, communal (especially within the family circle) and liturgical: this enables us to be drawn closer to Christ’s Heart, to experience His mercy and love. Penance, which includes fasting, helps us to become self-disciplined in order to be free enough to respond to God’s love and also to make reparation for our sins and the sins of others. Almsgiving, that tangible expression of our care and concern for others, especially those most in need, can take on various formats. Among these is our participation in the Catholic Relief Services almsgiving program “Operation Rice Bowl,” sponsored by the U.S. Bishops, through which 75 percent of your generous donations contribute to feeding the hungry overseas and 25 percent feeds those in need right here in our diocese.

In his Lenten message to us this year, Pope Benedict XVI urges us “Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works.” Yes, let us encourage one another to love the Lord Jesus, to give our heart to Him, and to love those in need through good works. In so doing, we are in fact responding to Jesus, standing before us and pointing to His Sacred Heart as He urges us this Lent: “give me your heart and note carefully the way I point out to you.”

I am united with each one of you as we enter into Lent, seeking to give the Lord our heart in love and to note carefully the way He points out to us, the way of prayer, penance and almsgiving.

Faithfully in the Heart of Christ,

+ Paul S. Loverde

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde
Bishop of Arlington