



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



✠ Pentecost Sunday—May 24, 2015 ✠

Mass Intentions for the Week of

May 25<sup>th</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>

Monday	<i>No 7:30 AM Mass</i>	
	9:00 AM	Ralph Carucci †
Tuesday	<i>No 7:30 AM Mass</i>	
	9:00 AM	Special Intention
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Johnny Thomas Owens
	<i>No 6:30 PM Mass</i>	
Thursday	<i>No 7:30 AM Mass</i>	
	9:00 AM	Special Intention
Friday	9:00 AM	Bob & Marie Merle
	<i>No 6:30 PM Mass</i>	
Saturday	9:00 AM	Special Intention
	5:00 PM	Bill Minchin †
	7:00 PM	Marcela Burson †
Sunday	7:30 AM	Special Intention
	9:00 AM	People of St. William of York
	10:30 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory †
	12:15 PM	Linda DeMartino

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

St. William of York’s IFF

Save the Date: September 13, 2015

Plans for the 2015 International Fall Festival (IFF) are underway and we need YOU!! It is not too early to volunteer—the success of the festival depends on preplanning and organization and NOW is the time! Help is especially needed to recruit business sponsors to help offset costs. Anyone willing to organize an ethnic food booth— German, Filipino, Polish, Italian, BBQ, Haitian, Hispanic, etc.— we need your help and your ideas. Volunteer chairpersons are needed for Parking, Trash Pick-Up, Bingo, Volunteer Co-ordination and Supply management. Join us for our next IFF meeting Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> in the Brent room at 7:15 PM. Contact Bob Greczek at rgreczek@comcast.net with any questions or to volunteer to help get the IFF up and running.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 8 AM to 2 PM. Donors are reminded that a valid picture ID is required to donate. 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. If any questions contact Mr. Ray Piaskowski (540) 429-3151.

+Confession Schedule+

May 25<sup>th</sup> – May 30<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday:	9:30 AM
Thursday:	9:30 AM
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.)

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class in English will be held on **Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM** in the Library. The next Spanish Baptismal Preparation Class will be held on **Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM** in the Brent Room. It is mandatory that all parents register with the parish office (659-1102) before the class.

Volunteer Committee

Chairperson Needed:

The Pro-Life and Project Rachel groups are looking for a new committee chairperson to lead these important ministries. The “Pro-Life Committee” is dedicated to the sanctity and protection of human life through spiritual, community and political action, while Project Rachel reaches out to those who have had an abortion and to those directly and indirectly affected, who are dealing with the pain and grief it causes. If you are interested in heading this worthy cause, please contact the parish office at 540-659-1102.

Ordination and Holy Hour

All are invited to attend the Combined Ordination to the Diaconate and Priesthood on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More. Be a part of this joyous day for our diocese! All are also encouraged to attend a Holy Hour on the Vigil of the Ordination: Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-8:30 PM at Marymount University’s Sacred Heart of Mary Chapel in Arlington.

# The St. William of York Youth

## St. William of York Catholic School

Academic Excellence \* Personalized Attention \* Authentic Catholic Culture



Dear Parish Family,

On this Memorial Day weekend we want you to know that our school children and teachers prayed for all departed military heroes in both our school and parish families. We honor them and thank them for their patriotic service to our country and the cause of freedom. Please know that we are with you in spirit as you keep the memory of your own beloved heroes. May God bless you and your family.

Frank Nicely

### Baby Closet Donations

Thank you so much for your extreme generosity in contributing to the school's Baby Closet donation drive. We had a large SUV fully loaded with supplies for needy mothers, which was delivered on Mother's Day weekend. We believe the closet now floweth over, and we are so appreciative and inspired by your participation.

**Registrations now being accepted for the 2015-2016 school year!**

Email Mr. Nicely for a tour at: [fnicely@stwillsschool.org](mailto:fnicely@stwillsschool.org) or call the school office (540) 659-5207.

## Religious Education

**Classes are over for the 2014-2015 school year!** We hope everyone had a good year, learned new things about our wonderful Faith, and will return in September to learn even more!

Progress reports will be emailed to the parents around the first week of June.

**Call for volunteers!** Are you looking for a way to volunteer in our church community? Perhaps the Religious Education Program is the place for your talents. If you are interested in learning more about how to volunteer in our program as a catechist, assistant, or substitute, please contact us for more information.

### Confirmation 2015 Announcement!

The date for Confirmation 2015-2016 has been set. It will be Saturday, January 16, 2016 with Bishop Loverde as the confirming prelate. Be sure to look for more details as we enter Fall.

### Name the Saint!

My feast day is May 30<sup>th</sup>. I grew up on a small farm in France during a very difficult time in France's history. While a young teenager working in the fields, I was visited by three heavenly visitors. They told me that God had great plans for me and that I needed to fight to win back France from the English. At first the army general did not believe me, but after another visit and an interview with the king's theologians I was found to be telling the truth. I led a troop of soldiers for the French army and under my leadership we took back 9 French towns. However, because of my success and my gender, people were jealous of me. They captured me and sold me to the English. No one came to help me. I was forced by the English to deny that I had heavenly visitors, but even under torture I refused to do so. As punishment I was burned at the stake with Jesus' name the last on my lips. I was 19 years old. Who am I?

### It's Registration Time!

Registration for the 2015-2016 school year continues:

**June 1 – August 14:** Open Registration period for all members of the parish

**August 15 – September 8:** Late registration (\$20 late fee per family added to tuition)

\*\* Remember: Tuition payment is expected at time of registration along with copies of any sacramental certificates for student files \*\*

**The Religious Education Office will be CLOSED Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.**

We will resume regular business hours Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

ANSWER: St. Joan of Arc

# In Our Parish

## This Week in our Parish

### **Sunday, May 24**

10:00 AM: Choir (Brent Room)

1:30 PM: Baptisms (Church)

### **Monday, May 25**

Memorial Day

Parish & RE Offices Closed

No School

### **Tuesday, May 26**

Preschool Picnic

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

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

4:00 PM: Fiat (Brent Room)

### **Wednesday, May 27**

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

7:30 PM: English Baptism Class (Library)

### **Thursday, May 28**

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

6:30 PM: Cantors (Church)

7:00 PM: Legion of Mary (K of C Hall)

7:30 PM: Choir (Church)

### **Friday, May 29**

7:00 PM: School Volunteer Appreciation Night (Center)

### **Saturday, May 30**

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

10:00 AM: Olga's Concert (Music Room)

3:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

6:30 PM: Spanish Confessions (Church)

## Corpus Christi Celebration

Please join us for a Reception on June 7<sup>th</sup> following the Corpus Christi Procession after the 12:15 Mass. We are looking for help from anyone who could provide main dishes, side dishes and desserts. So check your recipe books for anything savory or sweet. Drop off will be, between 10-12 at the parish center. For more information please call or e-mail Deborah Bolas at (540) 318-6045/dan3e457@aol.com or you can e-mail Chris Everett at chis.everett950@gmail.com.

## Brain Train

We meet to play games, enjoy visiting and munching snacks on the last Tuesday of every month in the Brent Room from 1 PM—3 PM. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Come join us to see what all the fun is about while stimulating the mind. All are welcome. Any questions contact Sharyn Drollinger (540) 720-1734.

## Little Sister's of the Poor

Next weekend, May 30<sup>th</sup>–31<sup>th</sup> donations will be accepted to help the **Little Sisters of the Poor**, who have provided a home and compassionate care for Virginia's elderly poor since 1874. The Sisters will be present at all the Masses to explain their mission and to ask for your support. Because their residents are of limited financial means, the Little Sisters depend upon the charity of friends and benefactors to operate their Home. Your generosity will enable the Sisters to continue welcoming the needy elderly and providing them with the love and dignity they deserve. For more information visit [www.littlesistersofthepoorvirginia.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorvirginia.org).

## Prayer Request...

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

Ralph Allison, Aaron Burke, Colin Carpenter, Megan Cobb, David Coleman, George Davis III, Brian Dawson, Robert Deisbeck, Kevin Fallon, John Ferry, Brian Flanagan, Keirsten Hage, Jason Heuer, Denise Huff, William Kerriagan, Ryan Kraft, Nicholas Kubick, Tyron Anthony Layug, Josh Marsillo, Robert Mills, Shane Montgomery, Brendon Mooney, Sean Mooney, Emmanuel Morales, John O'Hagan, Ron Penninger, Gavin Reed, Thomas Ryan, 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.

## Donations for Nepal Earthquake

This weekend we will be accepting donations in the boxes at all exits to help with relief efforts for those in Nepal. Recently an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.8 killed over 7,500 people, injured over 16,000 and left hundreds of thousands homeless. Relief efforts continue and people urgently need essentials, safe water, food and medical care. Thank you for your generosity, which helps provide assistance with this effort to help those affected by the earthquake in Nepal.

## Around the Diocese

### Bilingual Mass to Pray for Healing for Victims/Survivors of Sexual Abuse

In 2004, Bishop Loverde began a series of diocesan-sponsored Masses for the community to gather together to pray for healing for victims/survivors of sexual abuse. The masses are followed by a reception. The next Mass will be on June 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 1427 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria 22032. Bishop Loverde will preside.

### Natural Family Planning (NFP) Classes

The Couple-to-Couple League offers NFP classes throughout Northern Virginia. These consist of three 3-hour sessions spaced one month apart. Total cost for course & materials is \$160 per couple (Spanish courses are available for \$55). For more information, visit [www.nfpvirginia.com](http://www.nfpvirginia.com). For virtual classes, visit <http://register.ccli.org/virtual>. For Spanish classes contact Cesar & Blanca Marius at (703) 332-1054.

## In Our Parish Continued...

### Catholic Communication Campaign Collection

Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Because of your support, millions of faithful will have the opportunity to deepen their faith through daily resources on the internet, television, and radio, and in print media. Remember, half of your donations are staying in our diocese to support local communication needs. To learn more about the important work supported by this collection, please visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) (search "Catholic Communication Campaign").

### Evening Prayer

Sunday Vespers, Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours will be prayed Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM in the church. Please bring a copy of *Shorter Christian Prayer* or a suitable volume of the *Liturgy of the Hours*.

### Memorial Day Holiday, May 25, 2015

Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> is the Memorial Day Holiday. The Parish, Religious Education and School offices will be **closed**. Please be safe and enjoy the Holiday weekend.

### Religious Education Students Practice Their Corporal Works of Mercy!

During Lent, students in the RE program worked to collect spare change by doing extra chores at home, helping others, or sacrificing their favorite treats. Through their efforts they raised **\$391.90** which was given to the parish Outreach to be used to ease financial difficulties for our fellow Stafford residents.



Throughout the school year, all classes from Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade have been collecting food items to donate to the parish Outreach. The food that is collected is used to stock their shelves with much-needed non-perishable items. This year our classes did excellent and even better than last year! Below are the total food collected for each session from September 14<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup>:

K-6<sup>th</sup> 8:45 AM session: **5,045 items**

K-6<sup>th</sup> 10:45 AM session: **3,222 items**

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades 6:00 PM session: **1,777 items**

**Total items donated: 10,044**