

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

✠ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 7, 2016 ✠

Mass Intentions for the Week of

February 8th – February 14th

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| Monday | 7:30 AM | Holy Souls in Purgatory † |
| | 9:00 AM | Deacon Benisek & Family |
| Tuesday | 7:30 AM | George Beck † |
| | 9:00 AM | Eleanore Tranmer † |
| <i>Ash</i> | 7:30 AM | Celebrant's Intention |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | 9:00 AM | Celebrant's Intention |
| | 1:30 PM | Celebrant's Intention |
| | 6:30 PM | Liturgy of the Word* |
| | 8:00 PM | Liturgy of the Word* |
| Thursday | 7:30 AM | Jack & Deanna Andrews |
| | 9:00 AM | Basil & Rose Davis † |
| Friday | 9:00 AM | Edward DuBeau † |
| | 7:00 PM | Deacon Richard P. Smith † |
| Saturday | 9:00 AM | Flora Farella † |
| | 5:00 PM | McIlheran Family |
| | 7:00 PM | Christine Carlini-Smith † |
| Sunday | 7:30 AM | People of St. William of York |
| | 9:00 AM | Irene McGee † |
| | 10:30 AM | Pernita Pittman † |
| | 12:15 PM | Ellen Carag † |

*Holy Communion will not be distributed.

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

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, February 10th begins the season of Lent. Ashes will be distributed at the following times: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 1:30 PM Masses and 6:30 PM and 8:00 PM Liturgy of the Word. (Holy Communion will not be distributed.)

Don't Miss Out!

We have a few more openings for the “Jubilee of Mercy” with Fr. Killian's “Pilgrimage to Italy” in April 2016. Contact Fredericksburg Travel for more information, 540-373-6900.

Confession Schedule

February 8th – February 13th

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| 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 will be the last confession heard.)

40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life begins February 10—March 20. Their official web site is: <http://40daysforlife.com/>. The Pro-Life Committee will have more information regarding this internationally coordinated event soon.

Evening Prayer

Sunday, Vespers, Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours, will be prayed Sunday, February 14th 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*. All are welcome!

WorkCamp 2016 is coming ...!

June 25 – July 1, Massaponax, VA

Are you interested in participating? WorkCamp is a week-long opportunity for teens to serve the poor, to help improve their living quarters and to be with hundreds of like-minded teens. WorkCamp registration deadline is February 25!! If you are interested (teens AND adults), please visit our table in the center each Sunday for more information. Or, contact Peggy Nicely at 540-659-5705 or nicely624@hotmail.com. Your help is needed and the teens always enjoy our adults' expertise! THANK YOU!!

Corporal Works of Mercy– St. William of York Catholic School

St. William of York Catholic School is collecting donations for the Baby Closet, a partner of Catholic Charities, located in Fredericksburg, to help needy mothers and babies. In an effort during this *Year of Mercy* and in conjunction with our pro-life mission, we are hoping to donate the following items which are much needed by the Baby Closet:

Diapers sizes 3, 4, 5 and 6 Formula (preferred Similac Advanced) Baby Wipes Sippy Cups
Baby Wash, Shampoo, and Lotion Bigger sized clothing (12, 18 and 24 months) (Gently used or new)

Donations will be accepted in bins located in the church vestibule and school lobby from now through February 28.

Thank you so much for any help you can give.

The St. William of York Youth



St. William of York Catholic School

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St. William of York Baseball Registration, Open for 2016

Registration for the youth baseball league is ongoing and closes February 12th. The league is open to all youth active in the parish through the school, the religious education program, and the registered parish families who homeschool. It is co-ed for the Junior Division, grades K-2, and for the Senior Division, grades 3-5 and also for girls in the 6th grade. The season's games are all on Saturdays at the school's field, starting April 2nd and through June 11th, ending with a league picnic. Practices are weekly for Juniors and twice a week for Seniors, an hour each. This is a unique and very family friendly league focused on fun, Christian sportsmanship, fundamentals and age appropriate competition. The cost is \$45 per player and an absolute bargain. To register, visit the school's website to download the registration form via <http://www.stwillschool.org/athletics-2/baseball/> or stop by the school during office hours for a hard copy. Completed forms can be mailed or turned in to the school office by the 12th. Volunteer coaches are also needed for both divisions. Please contact Ken Reuwer at reuwers@verizon.net with any questions or for additional information. Play ball!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our 8th Grade Student Bridget Walker for her outstanding success! Bridget took first place in the school Spelling Bee as well as first place in the school Geography Bee! Way to go Bridget!

Religious Education

Sundays in February:

February 7th: CLASSES IN SESSION (for the morning ONLY; no 7th or 8th grade classes today)

February 14th: NO CLASSES TODAY!!
(Happy Presidents' Day!)

February 21st: CLASSES IN SESSION

Only MORNING classes are in session today. 7th & 8th grade classes **DO NOT** meet this evening.

NO CLASSES NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14th! Enjoy your long Presidents' day weekend!

Mark your calendars! MAY 14th is the date for First Communion! The mandatory First Communion Rehearsal is on May 12th in the evening. More details to follow after Easter.

Lent is Coming...and so are the Soup Suppers!

RE Soup Supper is THIS FRIDAY, February 12th!

All parishioners should come prepared to feast on a simple dinner of meatless soups and sandwiches that will bring us closer to Jesus and allow us to reflect on the sacrifice He made for us while we socialize with each other.

Remember after the soup supper Stations of the Cross will be held in the church. This is as a Spiritual Work of Mercy (pray for the living and the dead) and a service hour opportunity for 7th graders.

ATTENTION PARENTS in the parish with Children Receiving PENANCE AND EUCHARIST... The Deacon will be holding an information meeting on Sunday, Feb. 7th at both sessions. The meeting will begin AFTER the children have been dismissed from the gym to go to class so you will need to stay when you drop them off. During the meeting the Deacon will give you information regarding the expectations of First Penance day, the day students will receive the sacrament, and how parents can help prepare them. First Communion details will also be discussed. Homeschool and home study parents can choose which meeting to attend (8:50 or 10:50).

Name the Saint!

My feast day is February 8th. As a little girl working in the fields in Sudan, I was kidnapped by Arab slave traders and sold into slavery. I was mistreated by my first owner, but my second owner was an Italian official who took me home to Italy with him. With this family I was treated well and watched their young daughter. During this time my owners had to travel and sent me and their daughter to stay with the Canossian sisters. I loved it there and refused to go home with them when they returned. I was baptized and took a Christian name. For the rest of my life I served God by cooking, sewing, and being doorkeeper for the convent. I loved all the children that came to the convent for school and always welcomed them with a smile. I was affectionately called Mother Moretta. In 2000 I was declared a saint by Pope John Paul II. Who am I?

In Our Parish

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, February 7

8:00 AM: K of C BBQ Pick up (Center)

8:00 AM: Spanish Breakfast (Center)

8:45 AM: RE Class

10:00 AM: Choir (Brent Room)

10:45 AM: RE Class

6:00 PM: RE Class

NO 6:00 PM RE Class

Monday, February 8

6:00 PM: School Basketball Sports Banquet (Center)

Tuesday, February 9

8:00 AM: Principals Meeting (Brent Room)

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

12:00 PM: Senior Luncheon (Gym)

4:00 PM: FIAT (Brent Room)

Wednesday, February 10

Ash Wednesday

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

6:00 PM: Choir (Brent Room)

Thursday, February 11

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

2:15 PM: School Awards Ceremony (Center)

7:00 PM: WorkCamp Meeting (Center)

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

Friday, February 12

5:00 PM: Soup Supper (Center)

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

Saturday, February 13

8:30 AM: Spanish Baptism Class (Brent Room)

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

3:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

6:30 PM: Spanish Confession (Church)

7:00 PM: Saints & Apostles (Center)

February Senior Luncheon

Calling all parishioners 50+ years of age. Please join us February 9th in the school gym at 12 noon as we celebrate Fat Tuesday. We will have door prizes and a raffle basket and lots of yummy food. We ask that you bring a dish to share or a \$3.00 donation. We are collecting snack foods for the Outreach this month.

Car, Truck, Van and Cash Raffle

The annual All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) raffle program is starting and the St. William of York Parish and the Knights of Columbus will participate again this year to raise money for our debt reduction and support the Fr. Widmer Council #7877. Drawings include prizes of five 2016 vehicles from Koons of Manassas. (One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all five vehicles plus \$20,000 in cash prizes. Ten (10) raffle tickets have been mailed to each St. William of York household. More tickets are available in the parish office.

Prayer Request...

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

Ralph Allison, Richard Baffa, Aaron Burke, Colin Carpenter, Megan Cobb, George Davis III, Brian Dawson, Robert Deisbeck, John Ferry, Kyle Fico, Brian Flanagan, James Kelly Gordon II, 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, 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.

Going to College?

Need Assistance???

Knights of Columbus - Father Michael J. Bader 2016 Scholarship Program

The Father Bader Scholarship Program honors the legacy of its namesake, the Reverend Michael J. Bader as a Brother Knight. The program awards monetary scholarships in two different categories as follows:

1. Brother Knight Financial Need Program: Brother Knights in good standing and their wives, or the widows of brother Knights, who resided in Virginia at time of death and were in good standing, can apply for a scholarship to assist them in their educational goals. The amount of the scholarship will be based on the dire financial need of the applicant. Scholarships under this category can be made by an applicant at any time during the fraternal year and the number of awards each year is at the discretion of the Virginia State Deputy and is governed by the available balance of the scholarship program fund account (s).

2. High School Graduate Program: Annual competition is among eligible graduating High School seniors who are going on to higher education in the fall. This program is open to all children of Knights who are in good standing in a council in Virginia, or were in good standing at the time of death. ***Scholarship awards under this category will be based on the whole person and the financial status of the applicant.***

The application period opens annually on January 1st of each year and closes on March 31st.

For more details and to download the required application (s) forms for a Father Bader scholarship please visit <http://www.vakofc.org/scholastic-programs.html> .

Please Contact Dan Bolas, Grand Knight, Fr. Widmer Council #7877 at dan3e457@aol.com



Ash Wednesday
February 10, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

The season of Lent will be different this year, because it occurs during a unique time: the Jubilee Year of Mercy. In itself, mercy means a generous, faithful and compassionate goodness. Mercy has a face! According to Pope Francis, “Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy” (cf. *Misericordiae Vultus*, no. 1).

When he announced the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis asked that “the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God’s mercy” (*ibid.*, no. 17). So, this Lent, we are to experience God’s mercy ourselves from God’s own Son Jesus Christ and to offer mercy to others, especially to those in real need, whatever the nature of their need. Mercy, then, has another face: the compassion, forgiveness, assistance and care given to our brothers and sisters.

Through more intentional and sustained prayer, we encounter Mercy Incarnate in His Word and through an outward sign in each of the sacraments, especially in Penance and the Holy Eucharist. The Sacrament of Penance is more available in each of our parishes each Wednesday during Lent from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. through our participation in The Light is ON for You initiative. Moreover, through the works of penance or mortification, including fasting, we become more freed and more disciplined in order to listen to Christ’s Word and to embrace Him in prayer and the sacraments.

Almsgiving —giving generously to those in need —takes on a key focus this Lent, because, in giving alms, we manifest God’s mercy. As Pope Francis states so clearly in his message to us this Lent: “In the corporal works of mercy we touch the flesh of Christ in our brothers and sisters who need to be fed, clothed, sheltered, visited: in the spiritual works of mercy —counsel, instruction, forgiveness, admonishment and prayer —we find more directly our own sinfulness. The corporal and spiritual works of mercy must never be separated” (cf. Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2016, no. 3). One tangible way to practice the corporal works of mercy is taking part in the Rice Bowl initiative sponsored by the United States Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services. It is one way in which we can help to alleviate the scourge of global hunger.

Lent is given to us disciples of Jesus Christ and members of His Body the Church so that we can reclaim our Baptismal dignity and live more authentically as Christ’s followers. Lent is *the season* for us to draw closer to Jesus Christ, Mercy Incarnate, so that we can become and remain “convincing heralds of mercy” (cf. Op. Cit., no. 25) all year long, all life long. Yes, Lent is different this year, as each one of us encounters Jesus Christ, Mercy Incarnate, and, thus transformed, becomes mercy incarnate to everyone we encounter.

Joining you on the road of Lent, I remain,

Faithfully in the Heart of Christ,

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde
Bishop of Arlington