



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



✠ Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 26, 2017 ✠

**Mass Intentions for the Week of
February 27th – March 5th**

Monday	7:30 AM	Roselind Davis †
	9:00 AM	Debbie Donahue †
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Eliane Scheiber †
	9:00 AM	Juana Cruz
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Priest Intentions
<i>Ash</i>	1:30 PM	Priest Intentions
<i>Wednesday</i>	6:30 PM	<i>Liturgy of the Word</i>
Thursday	7:30 AM	Paul Cilinski †
	9:00 AM	Frank Palmer †
Friday	9:00 AM	Delano Windley †
	7:00 PM	Murray/Nolan Families †
Saturday	9:00 AM	Deanna Andrews
	5:00 PM	Julia & Walter Cwalinski †
Sunday	7:30 AM	Elizabeth Adams †
	9:00 AM	Debbie Donahue †
	10:30 AM	Leo Modi †
	12:15 PM	People of St. William of York
	2:00 PM	Victor Yecid Sanchez †

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

Car, Truck, Van and Cash Raffle

The annual All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) raffle program has started and our parish and the Knights of Columbus are participating again this year to raise money to offset school related expenses not covered by tuition and to support the Fr. Widmer Council #7877. Drawings include prizes of five 2017 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.

The Light is ON!

God never tires of forgiving us! The Diocese of Arlington is partnering again with the Archdiocese of Washington to open the Church doors of every church in the diocese from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday evenings during Lent starting March 8th, for you to experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation. “The light of God’s love, of God’s mercy, of God’s forgiveness, is always on, and we can always come home to God and to the Church if we have been away for a long time or even if we have been there all along.”—Cardinal Donald Wuerl, *Archbishop of Washington*

Confession Schedule

February 27th –March 4th

Tuesday:	9:30 AM
Thursday:	9:30 AM
Friday:	7:30 PM
Saturday:	9:30 AM
Saturday:	6:30 PM

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is March 1, 2017. Ashes will be distributed at our 9:00 AM and 1:30 PM Masses. Ashes will also be distributed at our 6:30 PM Liturgy of the Word. Holy Communion will not be distributed at the Liturgy of the Word.

Fasting and Abstinence

On Ash Wednesday, everyone over 14 years of age is bound to observe the law of abstinence, (no meat). Abstinence is to be observed on all Fridays within the season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday & Good Friday, everyone 18 & up to the beginning of their 60th year is also bound to observe the law of fasting. On these two days only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs; but together they should not equal another full meal. Ash Wednesday & Good Friday, therefore, are the only days of both fasting and abstinence.

**Sunday Collection for
2/19/17**

Offertory:	\$13,388.00
Debt:	\$ 3,814.00
<u>Faith Direct (Bimonthly)</u>	<u>\$.00</u>
Total	\$17,202.00

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

Did you know?

Our monthly diocesan “Operating Assessment” is \$7,864.00. It is based on a percentage of our annual 2015 offertory collection amount.

The St. William of York Youth



St. William of York Catholic School

*Academic Excellence * Personalized Attention * Authentic Catholic Culture *

Did you know?

Did you know that your Parish school now starts Latin Instruction in the First Grade? Students in Grades 1-8 have Latin instruction between one – three times each week (grade dependant).

Approximately 70% of English is derived from Latin origins.

Latin is the language of science, medicine, philosophy, theology and law.

The study of Latin strengthens mental acuity and orderly thinking.

Latin study is a proven most efficient way to learn English grammar, phonics and spelling.

The study of Latin will pave the way for easily learning multiple modern languages.

To learn more about your parish school,
please contact Jennifer Schiller at 540-659-5207 or jschiller@stwillschool.org.
Thank you for your continued support.

Religious Education

Name the Saint!

My feast day is February 27th. When I was born, I was named Francesco Possenti. I was born in Assisi, Italy. As a young man I was very kind, but also had a mean temper. I was known among my friends as “the dancer” because I loved going to parties. I had poor health and each time I got sick, I promised God that if he made me better I would join the monastery. He allowed me to get better, but I never kept the promise I always made. It was only after the plague (a serious sickness that killed many people) went through my town, that I heard a voice asking me why I hadn’t fulfilled my promise to God. I joined the Passionists, a group of priests devoted to the Passion of Jesus. Because of my joint devotion to Mary as Our Lady of Sorrows, I changed my name when I joined the monastery. I never became a priest because at the age of 26 I died from tuberculosis. I am the patron saint of Catholic youth, students, and seminarians. Who am I?

ANSWER: St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows

Inclement Weather Policy

If we have inclement weather during these winter months that will prevent us from having class, teacher will be notified by the office to spread the word to their class parents. We will also post on B1015.com SnoWatch if we will cancel class due to weather conditions.

Lent is Coming...and so are the Soup Suppers! RE Soup Supper is March 3rd!

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 a Spiritual Work of Mercy (pray for the living and the dead) and a service hour opportunity for 7th graders.

In Our Parish

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, February 26

8:45 AM: RE Class
10:00 AM: Choir (Brent Room)
10:45 AM: RE Class
11:45 AM: Youth Choir (Brent Room)
6:00 PM: RE Class

Monday, February 27

Tuesday, February 28

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)
1:00 PM: Senior Brain Train (Brent Room)
4:00 PM: FIAT (Brent Room)
7:15 PM: IFF Meeting (Brent Room)

Wednesday, March 1

Ash Wednesday

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

No RE Class

6:00 PM: Adult Choir (Brent Room)

No RCIA

Thursday, March 2

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)
7:00 PM: Legion of Mary (Brent Room)

Friday, March 3

9:30 AM: 1st Friday Adoration (Church)
5:00 PM: Soup Supper (Center)
6:30 PM: Stations of the Cross (Church)
7:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

Saturday, March 4

9:00 AM: Choir (Brent Room)
9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)
3:30 PM: Baptism in Spanish (Church)
6:30 PM: Confessions (Church)
7:00 PM: Youth Group (Center)

Join Us in Celebrating the Memory of St. Patrick

Join Margaret's Ladies and the Knights of Columbus as they host the celebration of the feast of the patron Saint of Ireland. This year's celebration will be Saturday, March 18, 2017 in the parish center. Doors will open at 6:00 PM. Dinner will feature corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots and soda bread. The fare for the youngsters is Celtic tube steaks (hot dogs) and Irish pie (cheese or pepperoni pizza). Musical entertainment will feature the Celtic group "Moch Pryderi" Tickets: Adults: \$10, Youth 16 and under \$5, Children 3 and under free. Tickets are available for sale after all the Sunday Masses in the parish center. Purchase your tickets early, as this event has been known to sell out in the past. Contact Bob Ghormley for more information, (540) 752-9613.

ATTENTION

All 9th - 12th Graders!

Ever wondered about joining the Youth Group here at St. William of York? No time like the present! We're having fun but are missing YOU! Why not come? Enjoy outdoor movies and discussions about choosing movies, campfires, service opportunities with the elderly and the Thrift Shop. Just recently we enjoyed Fr. DeMartino's talk about Courtship (not dating!). There's so much fun to have with our group. Consider visiting us to check it out! We meet Saturday nights from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM in the parish center. Contact Peggy Nicely at peggy.nicely@swoycc.org. or (540) 659-5705. We're waiting for you!!

Brain Train

Come join us to play games, enjoy visiting with fellow parishioners and munching snacks on the last Tuesday of every month in the Brent Room from 1 PM—3 PM. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 28th. Hope to see you there. Come join us to see what all the fun is about while stimulating the mind. All are welcome. Any questions contact Sharyn Drollinger at (540) 720-1734.

Rosary During Lent

The Hispanic Apostolate will be praying the Rosary on Sundays during Lent starting on March 5th at 1:30 PM, before the Spanish Mass. The Knights of Columbus will be praying the Rosary on Wednesdays during Lent starting March 8th in the church after the 6:30 PM Mass.

Soup Supper

Every Friday during Lent, except Good Friday, different organizations of the parish will sponsor a Soup Supper in the parish center from 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM. The Religious Education program will host the first soup supper on Friday, March 3rd. Please join us for a sacrificial meal of homemade soups & sandwiches for a small donation. All donations will be given to our St. William of York Outreach to assist individuals in Stafford County needing financial assistance.

First Friday Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will begin on Friday, March 3rd, after the 9:00 AM Mass and continue until 6:15 PM. Adoration will resume after the 7:00 PM Mass until 9:00 PM. Please join our parish community every First Friday as we adore Our Lord on the altar.

Prayer Request...

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

Ralph Allison, Rolando Alvarez, Richard Baffa, Aaron Burke, George Davis III, Brian Dawson, Robert Deisbeck, John Ferry, Kyle Fico, Brian Flanagan, Keirsten Hage, Michael Harrison, Jason Heuer, Denise Huff, Stephen Kelly, William Kerriagan, Ryan Kraft, Nicholas Kubick, Tyron Anthony Layug, Orlando Medina, Robert Mills, Shane Montgomery, Brendon Mooney, Sean Mooney, John O'Hagan, Gavin Reed, Andrew Rodriguez, Thomas Ryan, Andrew Sines, 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.

Mark your calendars for

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2017!

Once again we will be hosting Vacation Bible School this summer for all children from rising K-6th grades. VBS will be held July 31 – August 4, 2017. More details about registration and volunteering will be following in the coming weeks.

Confirmation Requirement Due

Your saint report is due by February 26th. Check in your red Confirmation folders for formatting specifics that are required. If you cannot locate your red folder, this information is on our website as well. Homeschool families can opt to email their saint reports to save themselves a trip to the office.

We Joyfully Welcome into the Catholic Church

Dominic David Anderson, son of Brian and Caitlin Anderson.

Restore the Church Build the Future

This week, on Ash Wednesday, March 1st we will accept donations in the boxes at all exits for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. These donations support the Church in over 20 countries, many of which are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

Around the Diocese

Calling All Men!

All men of the parish are invited to the eighth annual diocesan Men's Conference on March 4th. This year's conference – entitled *Girding for Battle* – will feature renowned speakers Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Ralph Martin, and Fr. James Searby. In today's society our Christian principles are constantly being challenged and these talks will provide tools to reaffirm the power of our witness that is so necessary. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge. Registration for the 2017 Men's Conference, which will be convened at St Josephs in Herndon, VA, is now open at <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/men/index.aspx>. Registration is currently \$55. Go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/men for more details or to register.

Open House for Classical High School in Fredericksburg

Come join us for doughnuts and coffee with The Summit Academy at our Open House on March 5, 2017.

Meet our Faculty. Find out more about our academics, athletics, outdoor programs as well as tuition assistance for the coming school year.

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Sunday afternoon
5888 Plank Rd. Fredericksburg, VA 22407

2017 Bishop's Lenten Appeal

Offering Hands to Serve and Hearts to Love

This weekend every family in our parish will be asked to complete a Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) pledge form Mass. If you have already donated through the mail or online or are not able to participate, there will be places to note that on the form. After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge of support to this important appeal that funds many programs, offices and ministries that serve people in need and further Jesus' Mission in our diocese.