



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



✠Fourth Sunday of Lent—March 26, 2017✠

Mass Intentions for the Week of

March 27th – April 2nd

Monday	7:30 AM	Nikita Sue Ingold ☐
	9:00 AM	Purdie Family ☐
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Rex Underhill ☐
	9:00 AM	Rosemarie St. John
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Margaret Regan ☐
	6:30 PM	Fred Ruggeri ☐
Thursday	7:30 AM	Fred Ruggeri ☐
	9:00 AM	Mollie Flanagan ☐
Friday	9:00 AM	Mollie Flanagan ☐
	7:00 PM	Fred Ruggeri ☐
Saturday	9:00 AM	Rose Frances DeMartino ☐
	5:00 PM	Tracy Sconfiatti
Sunday	7:30 AM	People of St. William of York
	9:00 AM	Aubrie Bobin ☐
	10:30 AM	Ava Corcoran
	12:15 PM	The Doing Family
	2:00 PM	Evelyn Hieb ☐

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.

School Principal

St. William of York Catholic School

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St. William of York Catholic School, a preschool through eighth grade parish school in the Arlington Diocese, is accepting applications for the position of school principal. Qualified applicants must be a practicing Catholic, with a commitment to traditional Catholic education and culture. Experience in school marketing and/or enrollment development is desired. The qualified candidate will serve as both Teacher and Steward, partnering with the Pastor to accomplish the mission of facilitating the formation of heart, soul, mind and body of our students.

To Apply:

Candidates should meet the requirements of the Office of Catholic Schools regarding educational background, experience and qualifications. To apply, please complete the application process outlined on the Office of Catholic Schools website (www.arlingtondiocese.org/Catholic-Schools/Careers/Application/) and send a complete application packet by March 31, 2017 to:

Diocese of Arlington, Office of Catholic Schools
200 North Glebe Road, Suite 503
Arlington, VA 22203

Confession Schedule

March 27th – April 1st

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

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2017 Update!

This year our theme will be “Cool Kingdom Party: Mary leads me closer to Jesus”. Since this is the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima we thought it would be fun to focus on Mary this summer! All children in rising K-6th grades are welcome to participate. VBS will be held July 31 – August 4, 2017, 9:00 AM-12:30 PM. There will be a nominal fee for each child that will cover their whole week experience. Registration will be open April 9th – June 30th. Registration forms will be available in-person or online printed from our website. If you are interested in volunteering with VBS and would like more details, please contact Catherine Roets in the RE office at (540) 659-5705 or reoffice@swoycc.org. Volunteers make VBS possible!

Sunday Collection for 3/19/17

Offertory:	\$11,277.00
Debt:	\$ 3,856.00
<u>Faith Direct (Bimonthly)</u>	<u>\$.00</u>
Total	\$15,133.00

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

Did You Know?

Our Diocesan assessed bill for the Arlington Catholic Herald is \$12,120. On Feb. 5th the Herald collection totaled \$3,578. The difference will be taken from “Operating Funds”.

The St. William of York Youth



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Dear School Family,

Good afternoon! After much prayer and discernment, and with a strong sense of inner peace, I will be leaving my post as principal at the end of this school year.

What an honor and a privilege for me to have worked with such a fine and dedicated team of teachers and parents for seven years to help form your wonderful kids. You are truly a beautiful school family and I thank you.

As you know, Father DeMartino and I have always worked closely together to build a common vision for our school, and both of us will always cherish the pastoral and fraternal relationship we have enjoyed since the day he hired me. I am extremely grateful to him for his support to me as principal.

I look forward to exploring several exciting opportunities to continue my commitment to faithful Catholic education, and I am confident that the Holy Spirit will guide the search committee to find the principal to lead our beloved school into its next chapter.

May God bless our wonderful school family!

Sincerely in Christ,

Frank Nicely

Accepting Applications for Grades Preschool – 8th 2017-2018

St. William of York Catholic School is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year.

To learn more about the process or to visit the school, please contact

Jennifer Schiller at 540-659-5207 or jschiller@stwillschool.org.

Application materials can be found on the school website at www.stwillschool.org/admissions/introduction.

Religious Education

Name the Saint!

My feast day is March 26th. I grew up in a well-to-do English family and married a wealthy man named John who held many positions in the city government. I was a loving wife, mother, and neighbor. However, my major flaw (in the eyes of society) was that I did not attend Anglican Church as stated by Queen Elizabeth's law. I had secretly become Catholic early in my marriage and would only practice my Catholic faith. I risked my life many times by harboring a priest in my home, attending Catholic Mass, and teaching religion. After several years of living this secret life authorities, on a tip, searched my home and found a religion class going on and a priest hiding out. I was arrested and put on trial. I refused to have my family testify in court because I did not want them to have to choose between lying and testifying against me. I was sentenced to be pressed to death. My last words were asking for Jesus' mercy. I am known as the "Pearl of York". I am patron saint of converts, martyrs, and the Catholic Women's League. Who am I?

Basic Faith Test is coming!

All Fall 2017 Confirmation candidates (RE, school, and homeschool) & 6th grade

RE students should be preparing for their Basic Faith Test. RE students will be taking it TODAY, March 26th during their class times, homeschool students will schedule a test time with the RE office before April 12th, and SWOY school students will be taking it sometime between March 26th and April 12th during their school day. If you have studied using your study guide, then the test will be a breeze!

ANSWER: St. Margaret Clitheroe

In Our Parish

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, March 26

8:00 AM: Margaret Ladies Muffins (Center)
8:45 AM: RE Class
10:00 AM: Choir (Brent Room)
10:45 AM: RE Class
11:45 AM: Youth Choir (Brent Room)
1:30 PM: Rosary in Spanish (Church)
6:00 PM: RE Class

Monday, March 27

Tuesday, March 28

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)
1:00 PM: Senior Brain Train (Brent Room)
5:30 PM: Cast Practice
7:15 PM: IFF Meeting (Brent Room)

Wednesday, March 29

9:30 AM: Liturgy of Hours (Brent Room)
5:30 PM: Cast/Crew Practice
6:30 PM: RE Class
6:30 PM: Rosary in English (Church)
6:30 PM: Confessions (Church)
7:30 PM: RCIA (Center)

Thursday, March 30

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)
10:00 AM: Senior Chair Exercise (Brent Room)
5:30 PM: Cast Practice
6:30 PM: Adult Choir (Church)
7:00 PM: Legion of Mary (Brent Room)

Friday, March 31

5:00 PM: Soup Supper (Center)
6:30 PM: Stations of the Cross (Church)
7:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

Saturday, April 1

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

Catholic Relief Services

This weekend, March 25/26 we will accept donations in the boxes at all exits for Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Please prayerfully consider how you can support CRS. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Easter Flower Envelopes

Easter flower envelopes are available in your March envelopes packets and in the main entrance of the church. If you would like to donate to our Easter flower collection in memory of a loved one, please pick up an Easter flower envelope and return it in the collection at Mass or in the parish office no later than April 12th.

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 Spanish Apostolate will host the soup supper on Friday, March 31st. 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.

Rosary During Lent

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

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class in English will be held on **Wednesday, April 26nd at 7:30 PM** in the Library. The next Baptismal Preparation Class in Spanish will be held on **Saturday, April 8th at 8:30 AM** in the Brent Room. It is mandatory that all parents register with the parish office (659-1102) before the class.

Lenten Fish Fry

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
Friday Fish Fry - April 7 – Donations Only

The Knights of Columbus will host their famous Lenten Friday Fish Fry, April 7th in the parish center from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The meatless meal will include Cajun Fried Catfish, Cod or Haddock, and Tilapia; homemade slaw, our Famous French Fries, hush puppies (some with jalapenos) and beverages. The Ladies Auxiliary will have desserts for donations. Take out will be available. Please join us for this delicious Lenten meal where NET proceeds will be used to assist individuals needing financial assistance in our area. Please let Walter Lamb, Grand Knight, know if you would like to volunteer to help. Set up is at 3:30 PM.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop monthly first Saturday opening will be Saturday, April 1st. The Thrift Shop will be open from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come and shop. Proceeds from sales go to help needy clients in Stafford County.

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, Jason Locke, Orlando Medina, Robert Mills, Shane Montgomery, Brendon Mooney, Sean Mooney, John O'Hagan, Gavin Reed, Andrew Rodriguez, Thomas Ryan, Andrew Sines, Jonathan 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.

WorkCamp 2017 Update

St. William of York has only two girls registered, so we have decided to join forces with St. Patrick's in Spotsylvania. So, that means that everything we must do for WorkCamp 2017, will be done in unison with St. Patrick's. To that end, here's another update:

- **April 30, 2017, Raffle after all Masses** – items of wood made by the teens raffled off with the winner picked the same day!
- **2 Female Crew Leaders** – have been found!!

Questions? Contact Peggy Nicely at (540) 659-5705.
THANK YOU!!

Luncheons for the Young at Heart

Young at Heart Luncheon

Our next Young at Heart luncheon will be May 10th, at noon in the school gym. The theme will be an English Tea to honor all of our Mom's for Mother's Day. There will be a hat contest so women wear your fanciest bonnet. Come see all the beautiful hats, catch up with fellow parishioners while enjoying sandwiches, soups, cakes, scones or teacakes. Our following luncheon will be June 7th. Admission to get in is \$5 per person or an entrée, side dish or dessert enough for 6 to 8 people. We are always looking for volunteers. Questions contact Sharyn Drollinger 540-720-1734.

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. Ten (10) raffle tickets have been mailed to each St. William of York household. More tickets are available in the parish office. Don't miss your chance. Deadline for ticket sells is April 9th.

Offering Hands to Serve and Hearts to Love

The Bishop's Lenten Appeal funds many programs, services and ministries that serve the people in our diocese. Currently 34% of households in our parish have pledged \$208,251 which is 86% of our BLA goal. It is not too late to donate. Envelopes can be found in the church pews or at the parish office. Thank you for your support.

Narthex Expansion Project

We continue to move slowly forward with this project. In August 2014 we started to explore options to expand the front vestibule (Narthex) of our church. The primary reasons for this expansion are: (1) to give us more space for weddings, funerals, special feast days (Palm Sundays); (2) to renovate the bathrooms; (3) to allow for a more open, lighted and protected area for parishioners to meet and talk after Masses; (4) to give our church a more distinguished Catholic exterior appearance. The Parish Council, Finance Council and church members were briefed on our recommended proposal during the Spring and Summer of 2015. In September 2015 we submitted this proposal to the Diocese for their review and approval. Our estimate for this renovation was \$2.5M. Over the next ten months there was some brief and intermittent communication from the Diocese regarding the project, but on July 13, 2016 we were notified that the project at its current estimate would not be approved. The Diocese recommended we revise our priorities and desires, and consider submitting a scaled down project with a \$1M estimate. We met with our architect in late September and directed him to provide us possible options within the new funding constraint. On February 24th we met with him again and he provided us five options. We have selected an option and have asked the architect to research some follow-on questions. Our selected option meets all four of our requirements. At this point we are again hopeful that this project is back on track and that the Diocese will approve this approach and plan. Any questions can be directed to Neal Armstrong, our Business Manager at the Parish Office, narmstrong@swoycc.org.