

Welcome to  
St. William of York



Catholic Church  
3130 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Stafford, Virginia 22554

Rev. Robert J. DeMartino, Pastor

Rev. Lino Rico Rostro, Parochial Vicar

Mr. Frank Nicely, School Principal

Deacon James Benisek, D.R. E.



### **How to Contact us:**

Parish Office 659-1102  
Office e-mail: parishoffice@swoycc.org  
Parish Fax 659-5637  
School 659-5207  
Religious Education Office 659-5705  
St. William of York Outreach, Inc.  
(Thrift Shop) 720-6652  
Website: swoycc.org

### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday - Vigil Mass (English) 5:00 PM  
Saturday - Vigil Mass (Spanish) 7:00 PM  
Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM &  
12:15 PM

Holy Days - As announced

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday  
7:30 & 9:00 AM

Wednesday 9:00 AM & 6:30 PM

Friday 9:00 AM & 6:30 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday  
8:00 – 8:50 AM

First Friday - 9:30 AM until 6:15 PM  
Adoration resumes after 6:30PM Mass until  
9:00 PM.

## ***Sacraments***

### **Sacrament of Penance:**

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:30 AM.  
Saturday: 9:30 AM & 3:30 PM.  
(Penitent in confessional at 4:30 PM will be  
the last heard).  
Saturday: 6:30 PM Spanish.

### **Sacrament of Marriage:**

The Diocese of Arlington Requires at least a  
six (6) month preparation period prior to any  
wedding taking place. Please contact the  
Parish office and schedule an appointment  
with one of our priests to begin the process.  
These sessions will cover the basic teaching  
of the Catholic Church regarding marriage  
and the family.

### **Sacrament of Baptism:**

#### **Requirements:**

- ❖ Must be a registered parishioner for at  
least 3 months prior to setting a date.
- ❖ Must attend a Baptism Preparation class.
- ❖ Sponsor letters for Godparents must be  
submitted prior to setting a date.

**English Baptism Preparation class** is  
normally held the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each  
month at 7:30 PM in the parish library.

**Spanish Baptism Preparation class** is held  
on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of **every month** at 8:30  
AM in the Brent Room.

**English Baptisms:** Held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday of each month after the 12:15 PM  
Mass, and are limited to three baptisms.  
Please call the parish office for available  
dates.

**Spanish Baptisms:** Please call the parish  
office for available dates and times.

## ***Parish Ministries***

Parishioners are encouraged to become full members of our community and dedicate what they can of their time, talent & treasure to the Lord's work. Please call the points of contact for the activities and programs of interest to you.

### ***ALTAR BOY SOCIETY OF ST. OF ST. JOHN BOSCO:***

The Altar Servers help at the altar during the Liturgy of the Eucharist and other liturgical functions. Any boy of the parish who is at least ten (10) years old and has received the sacraments of Baptism, 1st Penance and 1st Holy Communion is encouraged to become an Altar Server. Application forms are available at the Parish Office; 659-1102.

### ***EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:***

Ministers: (Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist) assist in distributing Holy Communion at Masses as well as to the sick and infirm. Eucharistic Ministers are appointed by the Pastor to a three (3) year term. If anyone in your family or a neighbor cannot attend Mass because of sickness or disability, please contact the parish office at 540-659-1102.

### ***FIAT:***

Group established for girls in grades 5-8 at St. William of York. The purpose of FIAT is to help girls grow in a spirit of prayer, service, and virtue. Like our Blessed Mother's "yes" at the Annunciation, FIAT aids girls in saying "yes" to whatever God has planned in their lives through an exploration of vocations, charitable works, prayer, and worship. FIAT currently meets on the second and fourth Mondays from 4-5 PM in the Brent Room. For further information, contact Peggy Nicely at [nicely624@hotmail.com](mailto:nicely624@hotmail.com)

### ***LECTORS:***

Lectors proclaim God's Living Word to His people. Commentators read the intercessions at the Prayers of the Faithful. Please contact the parish office for further information at 659-1102.

### ***CHOIR/PASTORAL MUSICIANS:***

The choirs and pastoral musicians provide music for Sunday, Holy Day, and special Masses for the reception of the Sacraments. Parishioners are encouraged to inquire about joining the choir, as well as adults who have cantoring or accompanying experience or wish to be trained in this capacity. Interested individuals please see our music Director, Ashleigh Messer after Mass.

***USHERS:*** Welcome! We the usher ministry, extend an invitation to join us in serving God in His House. The duties include greeting and seating our fellow parishioners as well as taking up collections, communion dismissal and Eucharistic Guards. It's a rewarding ministry; you will get to meet your fellow parishioners while serving. We place all ushers on a rotating schedule depending on availability. We ask that you serve at least twice a month. As with all ministries there is a dress code that we adhere to. Contact Mario Toigo at [Mjtoigo@comcast.net](mailto:Mjtoigo@comcast.net) for more information. We look forward to hearing from you.

### ***APOSTOLADO LATINO-AMERICANO:***

This is a group composed of Spanish speaking parishioners who assist the parish with services to the Spanish speaking community. They also coordinate liturgical activities related to the Hispanic tradition. For details, call Fr. Lino at 659-1102.

***KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:***

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal order of Catholic men who support each other in their faith. At Saint William of York, you will find over 300 Knights involved in supporting the Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Family and Youth. It is truly a “Band of Brothers”. If you are interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith or having access to a top-rated insurance for you and your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Join today! Contact the Grand Knight: Walter Lamb at (571) 247-2957 or email at [walter.lamb@yahoo.com](mailto:walter.lamb@yahoo.com) to obtain more information or to join.

***MARGARET LADIES AUXILIARY:***

We are the Auxiliary to the Father Widmer Council 7877 Knights of Columbus. Formed with the following objectives and purposes: to enhance spiritual growth and friendship amongst the ladies, to engage in parish activities, and to assist the Knights in some of their endeavors. For further information, please call Deborah Bolas at (540) 318-6045.



***LEGION OF MARY:***

This association is open to all lay members of the parish who encourage one another to grow in holiness. Active members assist the pastor in apostolic work such as hospital and door to door visitations and meet weekly. Auxiliary or Praying Members are not required to meet. If interested, please contact Kirsten Ruhland at (703)-927-1876.

***RESPECT-LIFE COMMITTEE:***

This group is dedicated to the sanctity and protection of human life through spiritual, community and political action. Please e-mail Ann Smith at [Martann843@gmail.com](mailto:Martann843@gmail.com).

***GABRIEL PROJECT:*** – Members give practical assistance to pregnant mothers in need. Please contact Kay Glymph at [kaystinsg@gmail.com](mailto:kaystinsg@gmail.com) for more information.

***PROJECT RACHEL:*** – “Healing the wounds of abortion, one heart at a time”. The pain caused by abortion is often not recognized by our society. We want to reach out to you with the mercy and love of Christ and help you be at peace with yourself and with God. Please contact the parish office at 659-1102 for more information.

***ST. WILLIAM OF YORK OUTREACH, INC.:*** The members of this organization help support the poor in our community. Aid is in the form of food, clothing, financial assistance and help with utilities. Sales from the "Thrift Shop", which sell children and adult clothing, toys, household items, furniture and seasonal items at remarkable prices is the main source of income for the Outreach. It is located behind the school and is open Mon., Wed., Thur., Fri. from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM and the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. Please contact Lynda at 720-6652 if you would like to volunteer.



***CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION:  
Saints & Apostles:***

The Saints & Apostles allows teenagers in the 9th - 12th grades to gather for social and spiritual events. We meet on Saturday evenings from 7:30 – 9:00 PM in the parish center. For information please contact Peggy Nicely at 659-5705.

***INTERNATIONAL FAITH FESTIVAL:***

This annual festival occurs each September. Volunteers are always needed and planning begins in February. Watch the bulletin for announcements. Contact Bob Greczek at 540-809-0194 for questions and other information.

***FINANCE COMMITTEE:***

The Finance Committee provides financial guidance to the Pastor. For further information, please call Fr. DeMartino at 659-1102.

***PARISH LIBRARY:***

Located in the Religious Education Office wing, spiritual books, periodicals, audio and video, as well as teaching resources are available. Open Mon-Fri; 9:00 AM-3:00 PM and Sundays 08:45 AM-12:00 PM while RE classes are in session. Endowments and Memorial donations are welcomed. For more information, please call the RE office at 540-659-5705.

***BRAIN TRAIN:***

Come spend a couple of hours the last Tuesday of each month playing games, socializing and enjoying snacks with fellow parishioners. Games help keep the brain exercised. For more information, please contact Sharyn Drollinger at 540-720-1734.

***SENIOR LUNCHEON 50+:***

Our 50+ Senior Citizens, are invited to join other seniors of the parish for a luncheon held once a month on a designated Wednesday in the months of October, November, December, February, March, and June (these dates are subject to change at the discretion of the Pastor). Announcements will be in the bulletin. For more information, please contact Sharyn Drollinger at 720-1734



***ROSARY MAKERS:***

This group meets to make rosaries for our communicants and confirmandi students as well as foreign missions. We meet each Tuesday at 9:30 AM in the Brent Room. If you are interested in attending our meetings, please call Irene Lombardi at 288-8392.

***STITCHES OF COMPASSION:***

Come join us to knit, crochet or sew a project for charity! By creating for charity, we can help many people in need of clothing, blankets, love and support. Donations of yard and or fabric will be put to good use. Usual meeting times are the Third Thursday of each month. Questions, contact Sharyn Drollinger at 720-1734.

***LITURGY OF THE HOURS:***

We pray the Liturgy every Wednesday after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Brent Room. Light refreshments are served after. Everyone is welcome to join us.

## *Education in the Faith*



### ***ST. WILLIAM OF YORK SCHOOL*** ***Pre Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> grade***

The mission of St. William of York Catholic School is to facilitate the formation of the whole child: heart, soul, mind, and strength by means of academic excellence, personalized attention, and an authentic Catholic culture. For more information, please contact principal Frank Nicely (540) 659-5207.

### ***ST. WILLIAM OF YORK PTO:***

Established to promote and enhance positive Catholic values within our school and family communities. This is achieved by working with the school principal, faculty and administrative staff, parents and students by coordinating fund-raising events to financially benefit the school; planning various activities to promote family togetherness; planning extracurricular activities during the school day for student enjoyment; and providing assistance and support when deemed necessary to those within our school community. For further information, please contact the school office at 659-5207.

### ***RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:***

Parents are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith. Our religious education program offers our students the opportunity to deepen their faith and grow in a more profound understanding of all that God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – has said and done for the sake of our salvation. Classes are held on Sundays; 08:45-10:00 AM or 10:45 AM-12:00 PM (Grade K-6) and 6:00-7:30 PM (Grades 7-8) from September – May. Yearly tuition fees apply. For further information please contact the Religious Education Office at 659-5705.

### ***HOME SCHOOLERS:***

STARCH or St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Homeschoolers wish to welcome all interested to use the following e-mail address for questions or more information: **stthomasaquinashomeschool - subscribe@yahogroups.com**. The parish also asks that you register with the Religious Education office (for information purposes only) in order to be kept informed of all events regarding the receipt of the Sacraments of First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation.

### ***RIGHT OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (ADULT EDUCATION):***

This class is for persons wishing to become Catholic or Catholics seeking to renew their education in the Faith. Classes begin in September and run through April and are held on Wednesday evening's at 7:30 PM in the parish center. Registration is required for all those needing Sacraments. Please contact the parish office for further information at 659-1102.