

## Baptism of the Lord January 11, 2009

Monday	7:30 a.m.	Irene Newman
	9:00 a.m.	Joy Heidmous
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of J. Bradley Kennedy
	9:00 a.m.	Michelle Phillips
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Eve Thacker✠
	6:30 p.m.	Fr. Steve Collins
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Anna Michalick
	9:00 a.m.	Sue Kinback✠
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Sue Kinback✠
	6:30 p.m.	Iлона Rakowiecka✠
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Sue Kinback✠
	5:00 p.m.	Margery L. Quigley✠
	7:00 p.m.	Alvaro Rozo-Sanmiguel✠
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	People of St. William of York
	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of J. Bradley Kennedy
	10:30 a.m.	Martin Betts✠
	12:15 p.m.	Priest Intentions
	5:00 p.m.	Tom Heintz✠

## ✠Confession Schedule January 12<sup>th</sup> – January 17<sup>th</sup>:

Tuesday:	9:30 a.m.
Thursday:	9:30 a.m.
Saturday:	9:30 a.m.
Saturday:	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.*
Saturday:	6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

(\* The penitent in the confessional at 4:30 will need to be the last confession heard.)

## Collections for:

### December 25, 2008

Offertory: \$23,661.00

### December 28, 2008

Offertory: \$13,549.00  
Debt Collection: \$ 5,389.00  
Total: \$18,938.00

### Solemnity of Mary, January 1, 2009

Offertory \$6,529.00

### January 4, 2009

Offertory: \$17,649.00  
Debt Collection: \$ 4,455.00  
Total: \$22,104.00

## March for Life

Join us in attending the Annual March for Life which will be held in Washington D.C. on Thursday, January 22, 2009. Whether you go on your own or with the parish, your attendance will mean a lot. Our parish has reserved 2 buses to provide transportation to and from the march. To reserve a space, please sign up after Mass today or on January 17-18. For those who cannot be present at the march, you can still participate in a very important way by spending extra time in prayer for an end to abortion. Another way to show your support would be to help defray the cost of the buses. A collection box is available at the signup table. Any donation for this cause will be greatly appreciated.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

11:00 a.m. Meet at St. William of York

11:30 a.m. Buses depart for D.C.

5:30 p.m. Buses return back to St. William of York

## 2009 Bishop's Lenten Appeal

A mailing from Bishop Loverde that begins the 2009 Bishop's Lenten Appeal will be sent to many of you this week. When you receive the mailing, please review it carefully.

This year's BLA theme is taken from St. Paul's first letter to Timothy: "Be Rich in Good Works...Ready to Share." As you reflect on your contribution, please pray for the intercession of Saint Paul to guide you. Think about the many blessings that God continuously provides to you, including the gift of your faith.

Despite these challenging economic times, please consider returning a portion of your gifts to help your brothers and sisters in our diocese who are served by our ministries, programs and services. This annual appeal requires the financial support of all of us in order to continue to meet the needs of the people whom we serve in our diocese. You may make a pledge that can be paid over the course of the year. Please consider making a pledge out of your gratitude for God's gifts to you.

## Baptismal Preparation Class

The Baptismal Preparation Class for January will be held on **Wednesday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in the Library. The Spanish Baptismal Preparation Class will be held on **Saturday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.** in the Brent Room. It is **mandatory that all parents register** with the parish office (659-1102) before the class.

## Religious Education Notes

Classes will resume today January 11<sup>th</sup>.

The catechist meeting has been changed from January 14<sup>th</sup> to January 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Kindergarten catechists are not required to attend.

The Religious Education Office needs used televisions and DVD players that are in good working condition. If you want to donate a television or DVD player, please call 659-5705 or email at [reoffice@stwilliamofyork.org](mailto:reoffice@stwilliamofyork.org)

## St. Raphael Ministry

**Liturgy of the Hours Prayer Group** will meet on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 in the Brent Room following the 9 AM Mass.

'**On Pilgrimage with the Franciscans**'...Lay Associate Program will meet on January 14, 2009 following the Liturgy of the Hours Prayer group in Brent Room.

**Senior Luncheon: Celebrating the 2009 New Year of the Lord**...Tuesday, January 20, 2009 in school GYM 12-2 PM.

'**Knitting for the Needy**' group will meet on Thursday, January 22, 2009 in Brent Room 1-2 PM.

'**All Aboard the Senior Brain Train**' will meet on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 in Brent Room, 1-3 PM.

## Marriage Help

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the February program beginning with a weekend on February 20-22 please call 703-351-7211 or [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

## Worldwide Encounter

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them..." We so often see signs and messages, but do not heed or follow them to what the Lord wants for us. The next local Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is Feb 27- Mar 1, 2009. Early registration is highly recommended, as dates fill up quickly. For more information call John and Lorie Scali 703 631-5289 or visit <http://wwme-nova.org/>

## Marriage



## St. William of York Catholic School News

Did you know Saint William of York Catholic School offers a part time **preschool program** for both three and four year olds? Our preschool program provides a developmental approach for its curriculum. This is a planned environment to stimulate the total learning development of each child in the areas of emotional, social, cognitive, physical and creative growth. The preschool works closely with the kindergarten at SWOY to prepare them for their next school environment. For further information please contact the school at (540) 659-5207.

## Spanish Breakfast

On Sunday everyone is invited to the parish center for breakfast sponsored by the Spanish Apostolate. Come and enjoy some specialty foods with a little Spanish flair.



## “Called By Name Program”

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the beginning of **National Vocation Awareness Week**. Please prayerfully consider responding to Bishop Loverde's Called By Name letter and encourage those individuals (high school age and older) whom you feel have the qualities, gifts, and talents needed to serve the Church as future priests, brothers or sisters. Please send the names and addresses to Fr. Bashista at the Office of Vocations, Diocese of Arlington, 200 North Glebe Road, Suite 901, Arlington, VA 22203 by **January 26, 2009**, so that they may be invited to participate in upcoming discernment events. For more information visit <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/documents/2009CalledByName-twofoms.doc>

## **This Week in our Parish**

### **Sunday, January 11**

8:00 a.m. Spanish Breakfast (Center)  
8:45 a.m. RE Classes  
9:45 a.m. Choir (Brent Room)  
10:45 a.m. RE Classes  
1:30 p.m. Baptism (Church)  
1:30 p.m. Youth Basketball (Gym)  
6:00 p.m. Sunday Supper (Center)  
6:30 p.m. Adult Ed (Brent Room)  
6:30 p.m. R.E. Class  
6:45 p.m. Youth Group (Gym)  
7:00 p.m. Venture Crew (K of C Hall)

### **Monday, January 12**

5:30 p.m. Basketball (Gym)  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Art Room & Brent Room)  
6:30 pm. BLA Training Meeting (Center)  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (K of C Hall)

### **Tuesday, January 13**

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic (Brent Room)  
9:30 a.m. Confessions (Church)  
9:30 a.m. Rosary Makers (Brent Room)  
5:30 p.m. Basketball (Gym)  
7:30 p.m. Mandatory Catechist Meeting (Center)

### **Wednesday, January 14**

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Hour Prayer Group (BR)  
10:00 a.m. Pilgrimage with Franciscans (BR)  
5:30 p.m. Basketball (Gym)  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Brent Room)  
7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting (K of C Hall)  
7:30 p.m. RCIA (Center)  
7:45 p.m. Boy Scouts (Gym)

### **Thursday, January 15**

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic (Brent Room)  
9:30 a.m. Confessions (Church)  
3:30 p.m. Basketball (Gym)  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Art Room)  
7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (Brent Room)  
7:30 p.m. Choir (Church)

### **Friday, January 16**

½ day of School  
Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby (Center)  
7:00 p.m. Jr. Youth Group (Center)

### **Saturday, January 17**

Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby (Center)  
8:00 a.m. Basketball (Gym)  
8:30 a.m. Quinceanera Retreat (Brent Room)  
9:30 a.m. Confessions (Church)  
2:00 p.m. Baseball (Gym)  
3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)  
5:45 p.m. Spanish Choir (Brent Room)  
6:30 p.m. Spanish Confessions (Church)



## **Prayer Request...**

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

Fr. Eric Albertson, John Allison, Ralph Allison, Caesar Camacho, Daniel Castanon, Shawn Cunningham, Mike D'Eredita, Jason Freed, Richard Garver, Lt. Col. Richard G. de Guzman, Lt. Col. Tina Marie G. de Guzman, Keirsten Hage, Maj. Pete Houtz, Ryan Kraft, Nicholas Kubick, Shane Lambert, Kent Larson, Michael Luther, Robert Mills, Timothy Noonan, Derek Rinaldo, Thomas Ryan, Christopher Schap, Justin Smarr, Daniel Stehm, Capt James Stoltz, Bobby Stone, Adam Stoyanac, Col. Rick Swengros, Capt. Richard Swengros, Chris Tolliver, Vincent Torney, Adam Wright, & Eric Wright.

*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*

## **Proposed Bill Could Thwart Hundreds of Pro-Life Laws**

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Pro-Life Secretariat has urged clear, vigilant, and persistent advocacy against an extremely dangerous bill being considered by Congress called the "Freedom of Choice Act" (or FOCA). The Pro-Life Secretariat has expressed grave concern to state Catholic conferences that FOCA would, if enacted and signed into law, sweep away hundreds of pro-life laws and policies at the state and federal levels! You are highly encouraged to respond to the USCCB-approved alert at the internet link listed below, and to forward it to as many other people as possible who may share your concerns: <http://www.nchla.org/actiondisplay.asp?ID=263>

## **Contribution Statements**

Anyone interested in receiving a 2008 contribution statement is asked to send their request with a self addressed stamped envelope to the parish office. Our address is 3130 Jefferson Davis Hwy. Stafford, VA 22554.

## **Save the Date**

The 2009 Catholic Charities Ball will be held Friday, February 20, 2009, at the Ritz Carton Hotel, in McLean, Virginia. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this special evening celebrating 27 years of service to those in need in the Diocese of Arlington. For ticket information please email Barbara Caudle at [ccball2009@yahoo.com](mailto:ccball2009@yahoo.com) or call 703-937-3988.

# ***Masses and Prayer Services of Healing of Victims/Survivors of Sexual Abuse***



In June 2004, Bishop Loverde began a series of diocesan-sponsored Masses to pray for healing of victims/survivors of sexual abuse. "We so desire that you will experience healing and a new beginning," Bishop Loverde said. "We carry you in our prayers to the Lord and ask Him to heal you as He alone can." These Masses are an opportunity for the community of faith to come together to pray for victims/survivors of abuse, their families and the entire Catholic community. In October 2005, the Diocese of Arlington began a series of Prayer Services for healing for victims/survivors of sexual abuse celebrated by Rev. Mark Mealey, O.S.F.S., Vicar General for Administration. The Prayer Services include a survivor's sharing of their sexual abuse and efforts to heal. Both the Masses and Prayer Services are followed by a reception.

**Monday, March 9, 2009 Mass at 7:30 p.m.**

**St. Mark**, 9970 Vale Road, Vienna, VA 22181 Bishop Paul S. Loverde to preside.

**Saturday, April 25, 2009 Prayer Service at 10:00 a.m.**

**St. Louis**, 2907 Popkins Lane, Alexandria, Virginia 22306 Rev. Mark Mealey, O.S.F.S. to preside. Victim Testimony.

**Monday, June 8, 2009 Bilingual Mass at 7:30 p.m. St. Francis of Assisi**, 18825 Fuller Heights Road, Triangle, VA 22172 Bishop Paul S. Loverde to preside.

## ***Support Group Evenings With Bishop Loverde at Dominican Retreat***

This spring, Bishop Loverde is hosting two different Support Group Meetings at Dominican Retreat, 7103 Old Dominion Drive, McLean, Virginia 22101, intended for two different groups of people. The first meeting on **Monday, May 4, 2009**, will be for victims/survivors of clergy childhood sexual abuse and their spouse or support person. The second meeting on **Tuesday, May 19, 2009**, will be for victims/survivors who were involved in inappropriate or abusive relationships as adults, both with clergy, religious or an employee of the Church, and their spouse or support person. The evening begins at **5:45 p.m. & will end by 9 p.m.** A light meal will be served along with discussion & Prayer Service.

**Dinner reservations will be required 4 days prior to the meeting. Please RSVP to one of the telephone numbers or email addresses below.**

**Patricia Mudd, ACSW, 703-841-2530**

[p.mudd@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:p.mudd@arlingtondiocese.org) or,

**Kathryn Kramer, LCSW, 703-841-2759**

[k.kramer@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:k.kramer@arlingtondiocese.org)

## **Baptism of the Lord**

**First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**

Isaiah tells of the Lord's Servant, who will be inconspicuous, but will not rest until justice is established. The Lord then tells his servant that he was formed to be "a light for the nations."

**Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38**

Peter speaks to a group of pagans for the first time. He explains to them that any person who follows God's will is acceptable to God, regardless of nationality.

**Gospel: Mark 1:7-11**

John the Baptist had claimed one would come far more powerful than himself, one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit rather than water. When Jesus came to John and was baptized, the Spirit descended on him and a voice said, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."

## **Online Seminars from The Catholic Distance University**

**The Letters of St. Paul January 19 – February 9**  
Celebrate the Year of St. Paul with this first of two online seminars on St. Paul's Letters.

**Humanae Vitae and The Culture of Life January 26 – February 16**

Examine the philosophical and theological principles within Humanae Vitae, Paul VI's famous encyclical that upholds the traditional teaching of the Church on contraception.

**Early American Catholic History: 1492 – 1808  
February 9 – March 2**

Follow the course of history in this seminar that explores early Catholic history in North American.

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