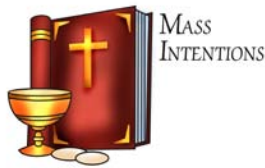


First Sunday of Lent March 1, 2009



Monday	7:30 a.m.	Maria Barcia†
	9:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Maria Barcia†
	9:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
	6:30 p.m.	Maria Barcia†
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Maria Barcia†
	9:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
Friday	9:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
	7:00 p.m.	Maria Barcia†
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
	5:00 p.m.	Mario Toigo & Family
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of J. Bradley Kennedy
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Szafranski & Sienicki Families†
	9:00 a.m.	Tom Vander Woude†
	10:30 a.m.	Basilia Jalipa†
	12:15 p.m.	Tessie Manalad
	5:00 p.m.	People of St. William of York

On Fridays during Lent, Stations of the Cross will be prayed starting at 6:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m.

†Confession Schedule March 2nd – March 7th:

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 p.m. will be the last confession heard.)

Sunday Collection for 2/22/09

Offertory:	\$14,294.00
Debt Collection:	\$ 4,156.00
Total:	\$18,450.00



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, Shawn Cunningham, Mike D'Eredita, Jason Freed, Richard Garver, Lt. Col. Richard G. de Guzman, Lt. Col. Tina Marie G. de Guzman, Jeff Hafner, Keirsten Hage, Maj. Pete Houtz, Ryan Kraft, Nicholas Kubick, 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

Insurance Mailing Alert

In recent weeks parishioners may have received a solicitation mailing from an insurance company. PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT THIS MAILING WAS DONE WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OR CONSENT OF THE DIOCESE or PARISHES. The diocese never releases the names of parishioners to outside organizations. The insurance company purchased a mailing list of Catholics from a direct marketing company.

Baptismal Preparation Class

The Baptismal Preparation Class for February will be held on Wednesday, March 4th & 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. The Spanish Baptismal Preparation Class will be held on Saturday, March 14th 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.



We Joyfully Welcome into the Catholic Faith

Izabelle Marie Green daughter of Frank Green and Shirley Obando.

Joseph Michael Batiller Jr. son of Joseph Batiller and MariaLiza Diaz-Batiller.

Nicholas Andrew Wambsgan son of Joseph Wambsgan and Jennifer Spina.

Religious Education News

March 10th there will be a First Communion parent meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Center.

March 14th is the Confirmation I Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C.

St. Raphael Ministry

'Helping Hands' March 3rd (Tuesday) Volunteers will meet to plan Senior Lenten Luncheon in Raphael Ministry office.

Liturgy of Hours Prayer Group on March 4th (Wednesday) will meet in the Brent Room following the 9 a.m. Mass.

Senior Lenten Prayer Service/M meal will be March 10th (Tuesday) in Gym from 12-2 p.m.

Liturgy of the Hours Prayer Group/Franciscan Class March 11th (Wednesday) meet in Brent Room following 9 a.m. Mass.

Health & Wellness Clinic is closed on March 12th (Thursday).

Liturgy of the Hours Prayer Group is cancelled on March 18th (Wednesday).

'**Knitting for the Needy**' Program meets March 26th (Thursday) in Brent Room from 1-2 p.m.

'**All Aboard the Senior Brain Train**' meets March 31st (Tuesday) in Brent Room from 1-3 p.m.

All other events are as usual during the weekdays unless otherwise posted.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

St. William of York PTO and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, General Meagher Division will be sponsoring the St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Saturday March 14th from 6 to 9 p.m. in the gym. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth. Advanced ticket sales only!!!! There will be dinner and entertainment for the whole family. For tickets and more information contact Bob Ghormley at (540) 752-9613.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration - Donations needed.

We are asking for your support for donations in the form of business ad space in our event program. Merchandise and services also will be accepted for door prizes that will be offered during the evening's festivities. We are both 501(3)C organizations and your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Contact Gillian Ramsel at 720-8954 for ad rates or for more info.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration - Volunteers needed.

If you would like to help with the St. Patrick's Day Celebration, please contact Patricia Davids at (540) 446-3814.

St. William of York Catholic School

St. William of York Catholic School is now accepting **registrations** for the 2009-2010 school year. Please call or stop by the office for information.

Calling all **soccer players** between the ages of 10-14 that attend SWOY Catholic School, Religious Education or are Home Schooled within the parish are eligible to try out for the school team. The SWOY Soccer team will be open to both boys and girls (coed). The games will be held during the week so as not to interfere with community leagues. Try-outs will be March 6th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and March 7th from 9-11 a.m. For more information, please contact Letty Guzman at letty22@cox.net.

A Taste of Market Day fundraiser The St. William of York School PTO is raising money with A Taste of Market Day, which offers top-selling wholesome frozen food items. Orders will be taken from February 27th to March 9th. Food will be delivered on Friday, April 3rd. Brochures and order forms will be available in the school and parish offices. Checks payable to St. William of York PTO and order forms must be turned in by March 9th. Orders must be picked up on April 3rd between 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. as the food comes frozen and the PTO doesn't have a way to keep it cold. The PTO makes 40% of the purchase price. Contact Melissa Flieg at (540) 659-5130 or Kathy Walker at (540) 288-2059 if you have any questions. Thanks in advance for supporting this fundraiser.

Lenten Soup Supper

Every Friday during Lent, except Good Friday, different organizations of the parish will sponsor a Soup Supper in the center from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Join us for a sacrificial meal of homemade soups and a sandwich for a small donation, followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

“Attention All Scouts!”

St. William of York will celebrate Scout Sunday on March 8th. All Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing Scouts (adult and youth) are invited to wear his/her Scout uniform to all Masses. During the 5:00 p.m. Mass, the celebrant will be awarding Scout religious emblems to those who have completed the emblem requirements. Please contact Barbara Bendele at bendelescout@verizon.net if you would like to have a Catholic religious emblem presented during this Mass. We will need 4 scouts as gift bearers, 6 as ushers (must be 13 or older), 6 to hand out bulletins and 4 adults are needed to assist. Please contact Barbara Bendele at bendelescout@verizon.net to sign up to participate.

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, March 1

8:00 a.m. K of C Coffee and Donuts (Center)
8:45 a.m. R.E. Class
9:00 a.m. Blood Drive (Center)
9:45 a.m. Choir (Brent Room)
10:45 a.m. R.E. Class
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, March 2

3:10 p.m. Girl Scouts (Art/Brent Room)
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (K of C Hall)

Tuesday, March 3

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)
2:00 p.m. Band Practice (Gym)
5:00 p.m. Baseball (Gym)

Wednesday, March 4

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Hour Prayer Group (Brent Room)
7:00 p.m. Baptism Class
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Gym)
7:30 p.m. RCIA (Center)

Thursday, March 5

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic (Brent Room)
9:30 a.m. Confessions (Church)
5:00 p.m. Baseball (Gym)
6:30 p.m. Cantor Practice (Church)
7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (Brent Room)
7:30 p.m. Choir (Church)

Friday, March 6

5:00 p.m. Soup Supper (Center)
6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church)
7:00 p.m. Youth Group (Center)

Saturday, March 7

9:30 a.m. Confessions (Church)
12:00 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)
7:00 p.m. Spanish Baptisms (Church)

Support CYO (Catholic Youth Organization)

Please support Workcamp 2009 by purchasing high-quality hardwood mulch for \$3.50 per bag. Mulch orders will be taken Feb 22nd through March 28th in the parish center after all Masses. Mulch can be picked up in the rear parking lot of the church on Saturdays, beginning Feb 28th. Delivery is \$15. Spreading is an additional \$2 a bag. For orders or more information, please call Karen Clemente, 540-287-5864 or Stacie Ferry, 540-373-8617.

Natural Family Planning Series

The Spring series will be taught on Saturday, March 21st, April 18th and May 16th at St. William of York Catholic Church starting at 7 p.m. in the Brent Room. The cost of the series is \$135, which covers all materials. Assistance is available to couples with financial hardship. Previously enrolled couples are invited for a free refresher. **Pre-registration is required.** Please contact the teaching couple, Mike and Stacie Ferry to pre-register at (540) 373-8617 or mferry8@cox.net. Please go to our website for a schedule of classes, www.geocities.com/va_battlefield_ccl/.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration is Changing.

The new hours start on Friday, March 6th, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass and continue through out the day and evening until the final Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:00 midnight. The following are the new Adoration hours:

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
11:00 am – 12:00 p.m.	12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
5:00 – 6:15 p.m.	

Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament will occur at 6:15 p.m. prior to the Evening Mass at 6:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will happen again at 7:00 p.m. followed by additional Adoration times of:

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.	8:00 – 9:00 p.m.
9:00 – 10:00 p.m.	10:00 – 11:00 p.m.
11:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	

The final Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be at 12:00 a.m.

Adorers are needed to cover the new day and evening hours. If you are available to sit with our Lord during these new hours, please contact Rita, email WasiFamily@aol.com, or Cat MacLaren, catmaclaren@comcast.net, as soon as possible so we can put together the new schedule. Thank you.

Sunday Suppers

Everyone is invited to the Sunday Supper following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Join us in the parish center for a home-cooked meal.

Coffee and Donuts

The Knights of Columbus invite everyone to the parish center following all Sunday morning Masses for coffee and donuts.

A Note from Father DeMartino on:

The blessing of children and others during the distribution of Holy Communion

My Dear People,

Both Fr. Magat and I have received numerous questions about the blessing of children and other persons seeking a blessing during the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. It seems that it is a common practice for many priests in our diocese and around the country to impart blessings to individuals during this very sacred part of the Mass.

As we are deeply committed to obeying the directives of the Church in all matters, I wanted to share with you a notation from Rome issued last November. In it, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments states: “The liturgical blessing of the Holy Mass is properly given to each and to all at the *conclusion* of the Mass, just a few moments *subsequent to the distribution of Holy Communion*” (italics added for emphasis). It notes, “Furthermore, the laying on of a hand or hands – which has its sacramental significance, inappropriate here – by those distributing Holy Communion, in substitution for its reception is to be explicitly discouraged.” Finally, it states that, “for others who are not to be admitted to Holy Communion in accord with the norm of law, the Church’s discipline has already made clear that they should not approach Holy Communion nor receive a blessing.” This would apply to non-Catholics or to Catholics who cannot be admitted to Holy Communion.

These directives make it explicitly clear that blessings are not to be given to anyone for any reason during the distribution of Holy Communion. Participants in the Mass receive a blessing at the conclusion of Mass. If others desire to receive a personal blessing after Mass, they may seek out a priest for this reason after Mass but not during the distribution of Holy Communion.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter. Again, Father Magat and I are deeply committed to obeying the directives of the Church in all matters and will continue to do so.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Robert J. DeMartino
Pastor