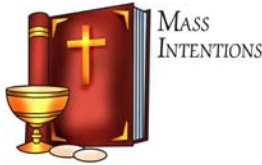


## Second Sunday of Lent March 8, 2009



Monday	7:30 a.m.	Maria Barcia†
	9:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Maria Barcia†
	9:00 a.m.	Constancio Jalipa†
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Timothy Montanaro† & Family
	6:30 p.m.	Maria Barcia†
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Timothy O'Keefe†
	9:00 a.m.	John H. Canavan†
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Stacy Lahcen†
	7:00 p.m.	Paz Magat
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of J. Bradley Kennedy
	5:00 p.m.	Don Brown
	7:00 p.m.	Lala Delgado†
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Sr. Lorraine Klein†
	9:00 a.m.	Trevor Noonan†
	10:30 a.m.	Mary Pasola†
	12:15 p.m.	Michael Cosgrove†
	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 9<sup>th</sup> – March 14<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 p.m. will be the last confession heard.)

## Baptismal Preparation Class

The Baptismal Preparation Class for March will be held on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. The Spanish Baptismal Preparation Class will be held on Saturday, March 14<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.

## Bishop Thomas J. Welsh, Founding Bishop of the Arlington Diocese, Passes Away

It is with profound human sadness that our diocesan family of Arlington has received the announcement of the death of our beloved founding Bishop, His Excellency the Most Reverend Thomas J. Welsh. Bishop Welsh was our father in faith, sent by Pope Paul VI in 1974 to form the newly-created diocesan Church of Arlington.

Bishop Welsh's influence was far-reaching and enriching: initially setting up the Chancery and the Tribunal and providing for the development of the diocese by establishing 6 parishes and 4 schools. He established the first Vietnamese parish in the United States in 1979. Understanding how blessed a diocese is with the presence of cloistered nuns, he invited the Poor Clares to found a monastery in Alexandria in 1977. With a pastor's solicitude for the ongoing formation of God's people, he began the Catholic Distance University, initially known as the Catholic Home Study Institute. He approved the establishment of Christendom College in 1977 and arranged for the purchase of the building and property, which now houses Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax. Under his supervision, *The Arlington Catholic Herald* was first published and the Catholic Charities Ball was initiated.

A memorial Mass for the repose of the late Bishop Welsh will be celebrated in the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More, Arlington, on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. For more information, please visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org).



## 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*

## Religious Education News

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

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

## St. Raphael Ministry

Senior Lenten Prayer Service/Meal on March 10<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.

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

Health & Wellness Clinic is closed on March 12<sup>th</sup> (Thursday).

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

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

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

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

## Knight of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus and the American Red Cross would like to thank all those who took time to donate blood last Sunday. Seventy-two persons registered to donate blood and 62 usable pints of blood were collected. Thank you for giving "the gift of life" to those in need during this Lenten season. The next blood drive is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>.

### An Hour a Day ~ An Hour a Week

Parishioners of Saint William of York are challenged to lift their hearts and minds in prayer to The Lord for at least one hour a day. We also are asked to donate at least the equivalent of one hour's wages per household to the regular offertory collection each week.

*Have I prayed for at least one hour a day this week?  
Was our weekly offertory donation equivalent to at least one hour's wages?*

## Is Your Marriage in Trouble?

Retrouvaille can help! Please call (703) 351-7211 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).



## St. William of York Catholic School

**St. William of York Science fair** concluded on February 17<sup>th</sup> with the following winners:

Eighth grade-First Place, Drew Walker; Second Place Robert Allison; Third Place Alahna Pauly  
Seventh grade-First Place Tie, Garrett Quigley and Will Morrison; Second Place Reed Melancon; Third place, Shannon Lagore; Honorable Mention, Sophia Ramsel  
Sixth grade-First Place, Nate Beckham; Second Place, Connor Lagore; Third Place, Emily Simmonds; Honorable Mention, Lee Penninger

### Save the Date

Saint William of York School PTO is sponsoring the Cherry Blossom Celebration Auction and Dinner on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-10:00 p.m. at Saint William of York. Mark your calendars and look for more information coming soon!

## 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.

## St. William of York Outreach:

### Pantry Workers Needed

The Outreach Pantry, located in the basement below the Thrift Shop, needs additional volunteers to help in the pantry. Pantry workers retrieve donations from the church and school, sort and stock donations on the shelves, and issue food to needy clients on Wednesday. For more information or to volunteer, please call (540) 720-6652.

### Thrift Shop Volunteers Needed

The Thrift Shop is looking for a few good volunteers. Would you like to help in our outreach to the poor and needy in Stafford County? Could you devote 3 hours (9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) on a weekday to the Thrift Shop? Volunteers' sort donations, hang and tag clothing, price mark items for sale, operate the cash register and keep the shop tidy. Join us for satisfying hard work and fellowship. For more information, or to volunteer please call (540) 720-6652

## **This Week in our Parish**

### **Sunday, March 8**

8:00 a.m. Spanish Breakfast (Center)  
8:45 a.m. R.E. Class  
9:45 a.m. Choir (Brent Room)  
10:45 a.m. R.E. Class  
1:30 p.m. Baptism (Church)  
2:00 p.m. Living Stations Practice (Center)  
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 9**

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

### **Tuesday, March 10**

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)  
5:00 p.m. Baseball (Gym)  
7:30 p.m. First Communion Parent Meeting (Center)

### **Wednesday, March 11**

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Hour Prayer Group (Brent Room)  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Gym)  
7:30 p.m. Knight of Columbus Meeting (K of C Hall)  
7:30 p.m. RCIA (Center)

### **Thursday, March 12**

9:30 a.m. Confessions (Church)  
5:00 p.m. Baseball (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, March 13**

No School  
5:00 p.m. Soup Supper (Center)  
6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church)

### **Saturday, March 14**

8:30 a.m. Spanish Baptism Class (Brent Room)  
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)  
6:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Day Celebration (Gym)  
6:30 p.m. Spanish Confessions (Church)  
7:00 p.m. Spanish Baptisms (Church)

## **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.

## **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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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 22<sup>nd</sup> through March 28<sup>th</sup> in the parish center after all Masses. Mulch can be picked up in the rear parking lot of the church on Saturdays, beginning Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## **Tree and Brush Removal and Spring Yard Cleaning**

CYO fundraiser supporting WorkCamp and World Youth Day. An experienced adult organizes work, with labor provided by our teens. Call for availability: Paul – (540) 288-9940.

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## **Teacher Job Fair on March 14<sup>th</sup>**

The Office of Catholic Schools invites prospective teachers to a Job Fair on March 14<sup>th</sup>. The Fair will be held at Pope Paul VI High School from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. Principals from over 40 diocesan elementary and high schools will be on hand to talk with you about openings for the 2009-2010 school year. Representatives from the Office of Catholic Schools will answer questions about the application process. New teachers and those returning to teaching are welcome. (All teachers must be certified or willing to seek certification.) Paul VI High School is located at 10675 Lee Highway (U.S. Route 50) in Fairfax. Parking is available. For more information call (703) 841-2519 or visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/schools/education.php](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/schools/education.php). We believe in our teachers! Join our excellent schools for a faith-filled experience.

## 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.

## “Come Back to Me With All Your Heart”

This Lent, the Lord invites us to return to Him with all our hearts. We can experience the Lord's compassion through the Sacrament of Penance. Throughout Lent, prayer cards will be available at the doors of the church, which include an Act of Contrition to assist with the Sacrament of Confession. For more resources to nourish your Lenten journey, including local Confession and Penance Service schedules, Examinations of Conscience, prayers and reflections, please visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org).

## Second Sunday of Lent

### First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

God ordered Abraham to take his beloved only son to Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice. Abraham built an altar and took out a knife to sacrifice his son Isaac. But God called out to him and told him of blessings that would be bestowed on him and his descendants because he had been willing to do what God had asked.

### Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34

Paul reminds the people that God did not spare his only Son, but gave him up for the sake of all people. This proves God views us all as his children, and that no person can harm or condemn us because God will protect us.

### Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus led Peter, James and John up a high mountain, where he conversed with Elijah and Moses. A voice proclaimed “This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him.” Then Jesus was alone and warned them not to tell anyone what they had seen until he had risen from the dead.

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## Parish Census Data to be Updated

Over the next several months, we want to update parish information for all registered families to help ensure that parish census data is as accurate as possible. At the start of 2009, parish records indicated that there were 2,500 registered families, which is a 25 percent increase in the last 9 years. In addition to the increase in the size of the parish, our database is constantly changing because we live in a very transient area. We estimate that the annual turn over of registered families is about 20 percent. During 2008, for example, over 300 new families registered with the parish and another 200 families left due to relocation or other reasons.

Within the next few weeks we will mail a parish registration form to each registered family and ask that the form be completed and returned to the parish office or given to an usher at the weekend Mass you attend.

In advance, we thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

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