

# **All Saints Catholic School**

Filled with God's joy and peace, abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## **Mission Statement**

United and nourished by the Word of God and the Eucharist, our culturally diverse Catholic school inspires learning within a nurturing and dynamic environment of academic excellence and Gospel values

## The Sentinel Newsletter February 26, 2025

## **Principal's Message**

Tomorrow our school and parish will host a workshop for school leaders and enrollment professionals across the diocese in the Parish Activities Center. Coordinated by the Office of Catholic Schools, the session will include presentations by Mr. Lincoln Snyder, former President of the National Catholic Education Association and currently a Senior Partner at Partners in Mission, and Mr. William Kelly, President of Christopher Newport University. The focus for the day will be on creating a customercentric culture. I look forward to attending this informative session with a team from All Saints as we gather with colleagues from diocesan schools for this day of learning.

One of the cornerstones of Catholic education is a commitment to excellence in all things. And one of the ways that we strive to maintain such an environment is by regularly seeking your feedback regarding your level of satisfaction with your experience of our school. With this in mind, tomorrow we will forward to parents the annual parent satisfaction survey. The instrument that we use for this process is the *Net Promoter Survey*, a two-question methodology that allows us to measure performance over time while also providing parents an opportunity to offer a detailed narrative response. In advance, we thank you for your participation in this process which helps us ensure that our goals are aligned to the needs of our students and the perceptions of parents in our school community.

This week I would also like to provide an update regarding changes in staffing for the 2025-2026 academic year. The following faculty & staff will be resigning at the close of the school year in order to pursue other opportunities: Ms. Britten (Pre-Kindergarten Teacher), Ms. Walker (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher), Ms. Coleman (5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher), Mrs. Stowell (Advanced Math Teacher), Mrs. Brink (Resource Teacher), Mrs. Scott (Music Teacher), Mrs. Nowakowski (School Nurse), and Mrs. Slaiby (Cafeteria Bookkeeper). We thank each of them for their dedication to our school and wish them continued blessings in their future endeavors as they leave All Saints.

The recruitment and hiring process for the 2025-2026 academic year is already underway. In support of this effort, if you have any friends or colleagues who might be interested in learning more about employment opportunities at All Saints, please encourage them to contact me for further information. I would be delighted to speak with them about the experience of working in a Catholic school and our mission at All Saints.

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## Virtues in Practice - March

Virtue of the Month: Respect

Definition: Recognizing the dignity of all people

Saints: St. Jeanne Jugan (Gr. PK-2), St. Damian of Molokai (Gr. 3-5), St. John Paul II (Gr. 6-8)

#### **Classroom Economy**

Are you looking for more ways to earn Parent Shares? The Middle School is in need of donations for its Classroom Economy Auction taking place Friday, March 7! As a part of our school-wide PBIS initiative, the Middle School students participate in a micro-economy where they earn a salary, pay bills, and earn bonuses for positive behavior. We strive to help students learn about personal responsibility through the earning and spending of money while also re-enforcing positive behaviors. We host stores and auctions where students can spend their hard-earned dollars. Anyone is welcome to donate, but we are especially looking for gift cards (\$10) to various places that the students would enjoy, (Sweet Frog, Starbucks, Chick-Fil-A, Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Target, etc.). We also have an <u>Amazon Wish List</u> which you can order from and have shipped to you or directly to the school. Feel free to contact Angela Slater (<u>aslater@allsaintsva.org</u>), School Counselor, if you have any questions.

We appreciate your support of our Middle School students!

#### Lunch Menu

#### Cafeteria Menu- March

#### 2025 Lenten Fish Fry

There will be a Lenten Fish Fry in the Bishop Russell Hall (Knights Hall behind All Saints Catholic Church on the Fridays listed below during Lent. (9290 Stonewall Road, Manassas, VA. 20110) The Fish Fries is open to the public.

Menu for March 7, thru April 11, 2025, will be: choice of baked or fried fish, Panko Shrimp or Grilled Cheese, or Macaroni and Cheese with, Hush Puppies, vegetable and Coleslaw. There will be a different vegetable each week (green beans, corn, mixed vegetables and peas). \$11.00 per person. Both cod and tilapia will be available each week. Iced water and coffee are included in the meal price. Soft drinks will be available for purchase at \$1.00 each. The event is open to the public, from 5:00 pm until 7:30 pm, so please bring your friends. Beer and wine will be available at \$3.00 each. A Children's dinner with Grilled Cheese will be available at \$5.00. There will not ae extra portions sold with Children's dinners.

Extra fish, shrimp or Mac and Cheese will be available at an additional cost of \$5.00.

#### Fish Fry on most Fridays during Lent.

- Friday, March 07, 2025
- No Fish Fry March 14, 2025, due to St. Patrick's Day event.
- Friday, March 21, 2025
- Friday, March 28, 2025
- Friday, April 04, 2025
- Friday, April 11, 2025

## Fish Fry will be hosted by a different Charity each week.

George Brent Council- Friday, March 07, 2025 Ancient Order of Hibernians – Friday, March 21, 2025 Ladies Auxiliary of the Third Degree– Friday, March 28, 2025 Bishop Flaherty Assembly – Friday, April 04, 2025 George Brent Council -- Friday, April 11, 2025

## **Important Reminders**

• Continuous Enrollment Program Fee – March 3

The Continuous Enrollment Fee will automatically be billed through FACTS accounts on March 3, 2025.

The completion of the contract (for first year families) and payment of this fee will confirm enrollment for your child/ren for the upcoming school year.

## • Open House – March 6

All Saints Catholic School will host an *Open House* for prospective parents on Thursday, March 6 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Activities Center. All parishioners and members of the community interested in learning more about our school are cordially invited to attend. For more information, please contact Mrs. Mary Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant, at (571) 516-3170 or mrodriguez@allsaintsva.org.

## • Diocesan Teacher Job Fair – March 8

Each spring the Diocese of Arlington hosts a *Teacher Job Fair* for those interested in learning more about the ministry of Catholic education. This year the event will take place at St. Bernadette School from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 8. For more information about the event, please see the link below.

## Job Fair Flyer

## • Bishop's Holiday – March 10

In response to Bishop Burbidge's announcement of a school holiday in recognition of the Eagles' win in the Super Bowl, All Saints Catholic School will be closed on Monday, March 10.

## • Tuition Assistance Program (2025-2026)

Important information regarding Diocesan Tuition Assistance for the upcoming academic year is now available. For details about the program, please see the flyer found at the link below.

## 2025-2026 Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program

Information about the program can also be found on the diocesan website.

## https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/tuition-assistance

The key financial aid dates for 2025-2026 are as follows:

October 31, 2024	FACTS financial aid application closes for 2024-2025
November 1, 2024	FACTS financial aid application opens for 2025-2026
January 10, 2025	Financial aid application due date for diocesan high school students
March 12, 2025	Financial aid application due date for diocesan K-8 school students

## • St. Paul VI Catholic High School Choirs

All 6-8th grade students are invited to sing with the St. Paul VI Catholic High School Choirs at the Spring Concert on Thursday, March 13 at 7 p.m. in their theatre at 42341 Braddock Road, Chantilly, VA 20152.

There will be three rehearsals in preparation held at PVI on the following dates: Thursday, February 27, 2025 from 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, from 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, from 6-7:30 p.m.

Our concert is on Thursday, March 13 at 7 p.m. at Paul VI. If you are interested in performing with us, <u>please click to sign up</u>! For any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Sara Prince at <u>sprince@paulvi.net</u>.

## **Upcoming Events**

Thursday, February 27 Adoration & Benediction (2:15 p.m.)

Friday, February 28 School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Monday, March 3 FACTS Payment – Continuous Enrollment Fees

**Tuesday, March 4** Farewell to the Alleluia Prayer Service (PAC/2:30 p.m.) PTO Executive Committee Meeting (PAC Atrium/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, March 5 Ash Wednesday School Mass (10:00 a.m.)

**Thursday, March 6** Open House (PAC/9:00 a.m.) Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, March 7 End of Trimester II Noon Dismissal (Teacher Workday) Pre-Kindergarten Screening (1:00-4:00 p.m.)

Saturday, March 8 Diocese of Arlington Teacher Job Fair (St. Bernadette School/9:00-11:00 a.m.)

Monday, March 10 Bishop's Holiday – Eagles' Super Bowl Win

**Tuesday, March 11** Seniors' Luncheon – Hosted by 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Wednesday, March 12 Diocesan 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocations Mass (11:15 a.m.) Deadline: FACTS Grant & Aid Applications (Elementary Schools)

Thursday, March 13 Spirit Wear Day Stations of the Cross – Grades 3-5 (2:15 p.m.) Enrollment Management Team Meeting (PLC/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, March 14 School Mass (8:30 a.m.) Report Cards sent Home

Monday, March 17 Bread of Life Food Drive Begins Lenten Penance Service – Grades 3-5 (10:00 a.m.)

Wednesday, March 19 School Mass – Solemnity of St. Joseph (8:30 a.m.)

**Thursday, March 20** National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony (1:30 p.m.) Stations of the Cross – Grades K-2 (2:15 p.m.)

Monday, March 24 Professional Development Day (No Classes or Extended Day)

Wednesday, March 26 Lenten Penance Service – Grades 6-8 (10:00 a.m.)

Thursday, March 27 Stations of the Cross – Grades 6-8 (2:15 p.m.)

Friday, March 28 School Mass (8:30 a.m.)