



# 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

March 5, 2025

### Principal's Message:

Today, Ash Wednesday, we begin our Lenten journey. Again this year, our school community will participate in Catholic Relief Services' (CRS) Rice Bowl initiative, a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter anew ourselves, our neighbors, and our God.

Each of the students has received a cardboard rice bowl into which they can place their donations during Lent. All of the funds will benefit CRS Rice Bowl which is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Catholic Relief Services is motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to assist poor and suffering people in more than 100 countries on the basis of need, without regard to race, religion, or nationality.

While the act of sacrificial giving is an important part of our Lenten tradition, the experience takes on even greater meaning when our students understand the plight of those less fortunate and recognize the difference that they can make to alleviate suffering. So that the children may develop this appreciation of the needs of those around the world, each week of Lent the teachers will lead discussions and lessons using the materials made available by Catholic Relief Services. It is our hope that these conversations will inspire sacrificial giving among our students as they place their contributions into their Rice Bowls. At the end of Lent, families will be asked to convert the contributions from their children into a check to be submitted to All Saints after which our school will forward all of the funds to the diocese.

Here are some strategies that you may wish to consider in shaping your family's Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar each day to guide your Lenten prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.
- As a family, read the online *Stories of Hope* and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey and guide your Lenten almsgiving.
- Prepare simple meatless meals on Fridays throughout Lent, in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Recipes for simple meals can be found on the CRS website.

For more information, including spiritual reflections, short video presentations on the topic of Lent, and virtual Stations of the Cross, please see the link below.

<https://www.crsricebowl.org/>

This year we are also inviting our students to participate in a school supply drive during the month of April in support of a Back-to-School initiative coordinated by the House of Mercy in Manassas. Look for more details on this partnership in the weeks ahead.

Also, again this year, we will introduce our students to the *Chaplet of Divine Mercy*, another devotion of our Church. With this in mind, we will pray the modified prayer found below at the close of the day in place of the *Hail Mary* on Fridays during Lent.

Helpful resources and the history of the Divine Mercy Chaplet can be found at the following link.

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet>

*Wishing you and your family a blessed Lenten season!*

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### **Divine Mercy Prayer**

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Jesus, I trust in you.

### **Employment Opportunity – Cafeteria Substitute**

The school is seeking applicants interested in working as on-call substitute staff in the cafeteria, assisting with food preparation, serving, and cleaning. For more information about this opportunity, please contact the principal at [dconroy@allsaintsva.org](mailto:dconroy@allsaintsva.org).

### **Tuition Assistance Application Deadline - March 12**

Parents interested in applying for tuition assistance are reminded that the deadline for submitting all forms through FACTS is Wednesday, March 12. Please see the link below for more information.

#### 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 <b>high school students</b>
March 12, 2025	Financial aid application due date for diocesan <b>K-8 school students</b>

Should you have any questions about the application process or tuition assistance program, please contact Mrs. Diana Neri, Office Bookkeeper, at 703-368-4400 or [vneri@allsaintsva.org](mailto:vneri@allsaintsva.org).

### **Diocesan Honor Band**

Congratulations to our band students who were nominated and have accepted positions in the 2025 Honor Band to be held at Bishop Ireton High School. The Diocese Honor Band has been a regular activity held at Bishop Ireton since 1979, and formed each year, except during the COVID years, to stimulate more advanced levels of musicianship. The students rehearse on Monday nights for six weeks and give a concert with the Bishop Ireton High School Wind Ensemble. The All Saints students are as follows:

Victoria W. (7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Flute)

Naomi B. (8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Clarinet)

Piper S. (8<sup>th</sup> - Bass Clarinet)

George B. (6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Trombone)

We look forward to their concert at Bishop Ireton High School, Garwood Whaley Hall, on Tuesday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m. Congratulations, again, to these students for the opportunity to pursue higher levels of performance.

## Important Reminders

- **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)

- **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](mailto: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.

- **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 be 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

For more information, please contact John Masarick by phone or e-mail. E-mail:[john\\_masarick@comcast.net](mailto:john_masarick@comcast.net) Phone: 703-368-1603.

- **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, [please click to sign up!](#)

For any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Sara Prince at [sprince@paulvi.net](mailto:sprince@paulvi.net).

- **Lunch Menu**

[Cafeteria Menu- March](#)

## **Upcoming Events**

### **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

Middle School Auction (8:30 a.m.)

Bread of Life Kick-Off Assembly (11:15 a.m.)

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**

State-wide Tornado Drill (9:45 a.m.)

Seniors' Luncheon – Hosted by 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **Wednesday, March 12**

Diocesan 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocations Mass (11:15 a.m.)

**(Note: Cafeteria Closed. All students are asked to bring a lunch from home.)**

**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.)

**Deadline: Net Promoter Parent Survey**

### **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.)

PowerSchool Enrollment Window Opens for 2025-2026

**Wednesday, March 19**

School Mass – Solemnity of St. Joseph (8:30 a.m.)  
PTO Sponsored Lenten Soup Supper (PAC/5:00 p.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.)

**Monday, March 31**

SCA Sponsored Spirit Week

**Tuesday, April 1**

PTO Executive Committee Meeting (PLC/7:00 p.m.)

**Wednesday, April 2**

Race for Education Assembly (PAC/8:30 a.m.)  
Stations of the Cross- Grades K-8 (2:15 p.m.)

**Thursday, April 3**

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

**Friday, April 4**

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)  
Uniform Exchange (PAC/8:00 – 10:00 a.m.)