



# All Saints Catholic School

*Shining our light, building a community of saints.*

## 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 18, 2026

### Principal's Message

Today, Ash Wednesday, we begin our Lenten journey. Again this year, our school 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/>

Again this year, we will also 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.*

### Save the Date!



**The PTO Family Bingo Night has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>!**

Doors open at 6 pm in the PAC.

More information to follow.

### Message from the PTO President – Survey Results

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your responses to the recent PTO survey on ways to improve the General Assembly. Based on your feedback, we learned that many of you are unable to attend General Assembly meetings due to other commitments and/or a lack of childcare during the meeting. While the meeting times are set for this school year, we will look into alternative dates/times for next school year. We will also look into providing childcare at upcoming General Assembly meetings.

We also learned that not everyone is aware of the purpose of the General Assembly and are unsure if parents or guardians should attend. Everyone is welcome to attend the General Assembly meetings, as they are designed to be opportunities to come together and strengthen the partnership between families, the school, and community alike.

The PTO also appreciates the feedback regarding topics of interest for the General Assembly meetings. Many of you are interested in learning about the school's curriculum, how to help your child succeed academically and socially, and how to help your families grow in faith. Safety, both at school and online, was another topic with a great amount of interest. We also appreciated the suggestions on how the PTO could make information, such as the budget, more available to the school community.

Please know that we are taking all of the feedback we received into consideration and will do our best to incorporate it into future General Assembly meetings.

Thank you again for taking the time to complete this survey. Please feel free to reach out with any additional questions, comments, or suggestions.

Sincerely,  
Joanna Stenson  
PTO President  
[ptopresident@allsaintsva.org](mailto:ptopresident@allsaintsva.org)

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### **PTO Sponsored Valentine's Day Raffle**

We are excited to announce that our school raised just over \$1,000 from the Valentine's Day Raffle, the proceeds of which will be used for *Race for Education* expenses. Thank you to Mrs. Lopez and Mrs. Dimitrouleas, Race Chairpersons, for all that they did to support the raffle, to the SCA for their assistance in promoting the event, and to the many students who participated. Congratulations to Abby R. in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade who was the lucky winner of the movie-themed basket!



### **Youth Apostles Prolife Multimedia Contest**

Congratulations to students in our Middle School who entered the Youth Apostles' 6th annual multimedia pro-life contest. There were over 200 entries from across the Diocese of Arlington. Youth Apostles commented about the student entries that "their creativity and talent is beautiful, impressive, and touching -- and is a real ray of hope in a world and time that often needs one."

Honorable Mentions were awarded to Valerie A., Ghersey A., Madison K., Shaela P., Rose T., and Vi T.

We are pleased to announce the following TOP WINNERS from All Saints Catholic School who will receive Amazon Gift Cards:

#### **VIDEO Category**

1st Place: Arabella S.

2nd Place: Gabriella D.

#### **POSTER Category**

1st Place: Rose T.

#### **ESSAY Category**

1st Place: Ghersey A.

### **Spelling Bee Results**

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the school-wide Spelling Bee last week and to the overall winners of this year's event.

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Simeon B.

School Runner-Up – Noah P.

4A: Danny P.

4B: Joshua P.

5A: Maddy P.

5B: Luke G.

6A: Gabe P.

6B: Simeon B.

7A: Bella I.

7B: George B.

8A: Sophie C.

8B: Noah P.

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### **Important Reminders**

- Open House – March 5 (9:00 a.m.)**

All Saints Catholic School will host an *Open House* for prospective parents on Thursday, March 5 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).

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# MARCH OPEN HOUSES

Pre-Kindergarten to 8th Grade



**Thursday, March 5 at 9:00 AM**  
**Thursday, March 26 at 6:00 PM**

RSVP: 571-516-3170 | [allsaintsva.org](http://allsaintsva.org)

- **Continuous Enrollment Program Fee**

The Continuous Enrollment Fee will automatically be billed through FACTS accounts on **March 2, 2026**.

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.

- **Substitute Teacher Opportunities**

All Saints is seeking additional substitute teachers for grades PK-8. For more information about this employment opportunity or to request an application, please contact the school office at 703-368-4400 or [schooloffice@allsaintsva.org](mailto:schooloffice@allsaintsva.org).

- **Tuition Assistance Program (2026-2027)**

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.

[2026-2027 Tuition Assistance Flyer](#)

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 **2026-2027** are as follows:

October 31, 2025	FACTS financial aid application closes for 2025-2026
November 1, 2025	FACTS financial aid application opens for 2026-2027
January 12, 2026	Financial aid application due date for diocesan <b>high school students</b>
March 14, 2026	Financial aid application due date for diocesan <b>K-8 school students</b>

- **Diocesan Teacher Job Fair - March 21**

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 21. For more information about the event, please see the link below.



**discover you**

**Teacher Job Fair**

**Saturday, March 21, 2026**  
**9-11 AM**

**St. Bernadette Catholic School**  
7602 Old Keene Mill Road  
Springfield, VA

**Explore**

**website**  
<https://arlingtondiocese.org/catholicschools>

**job openings**  
<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/careers/>

**application process**  
<https://arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/careers/application/>

**Register**

2026 Office of Catholic Schools  
Job Fair Registration



A special "Career Switcher" session will be held from 9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. to answer questions regarding qualifications to teach in the Diocese.

Discover the Diocese of Arlington. Meet with school representatives to explore teaching in one of the **37** elementary schools, **4** high schools and **4** stand-alone preschools serving almost **18,000** students in the **13** cities and counties in this growing diocese. Our schools are seeking highly-qualified, faith-filled and dynamic professionals.

## Yearbook Orders

A wonderful way to commemorate the school year is by purchasing an All Saints Yearbook. **Our 2025-2026 school yearbook is available to order now!**

The cost is \$25.00 per yearbook, and personalization is available for an additional fee of \$5.00.

All orders must be placed online through the link below:

- Please visit the Lifetouch website to order online:  
<http://www.buytheyearbook.com/>.
- The All Saints school code is **733573**.

For questions regarding the All Saints Catholic School Yearbook, please contact Mrs. Cecilia Mondarez at [cmondarez@allsaintsva.org](mailto:cmondarez@allsaintsva.org).

*Thank you for your continued support of the yearbook and All Saints Catholic School.*

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- **All Saints Catholic School - Father Daughter Dance**

Tickets are officially on sale for the All Saints Father Daughter Dance!  
To purchase your tickets, you can simple scan the QR code on the flyer below or use the link provided:

Father Daughter Dance - Purchase Tickets

If you are interested in volunteering with setup or would like to donate refreshments for the event, please sign up using the link below:

Volunteer Sign up

All Saints Catholic School  
Father Daughter Dance  
Saturday, March 7, 6:30-8:30pm  
Parish Activity Center



# Enchanted Forest

All girls prek-8<sup>th</sup> grade  
with their father figures

Scan QR code to purchase advanced tickets.  
Advanced Tickets: \$15/father and first daughter  
\$5 each additional daughter  
*(Advanced tickets close 2/28; At the door: \$20/\$5)*

Enjoy light refreshments & treats,  
fun with DJ, door prizes, and more!

Bring cash for basket raffles,  
\$1/raffle ticket.

Don't forget your phone or camera for  
the photo booths!



- **2026 VOLLEYBALL and SPRING TRACK & FIELD**  
**Registration Now Open**

To register, please go to <https://allsaintsyouthministry.org/sports>

#### **Girls Volleyball (Grades 3–8)**

CYO registration opens: February 1

Registration deadline: **March 5**

Girls in 3rd–8th grade are invited to participate in All Saints CYO Volleyball!

Season Details:

Practices: Once per week beginning March 16, held in the All Saints GymGames: Saturdays and Sundays at parishes throughout the Diocese

End-of-Season Tournament: Mid-May

Cost: \$40 per player

Preseason Skills Clinic: March 15th

All Saints CYO relies on the generosity of parent and community volunteers. If you are interested in coaching (head or assistant) or have questions about the volleyball program, please contact Laura Emden, Volleyball Commissioner, at [laura.emden@gmail.com](mailto:laura.emden@gmail.com)

All coaches and volunteers must be certified in Diocesan child protection, including VIRTUS™ training. If you are not yet certified, we are happy to help you begin the process.

#### **Spring Track & Field (Boys & Girls, Grades 3–8)**

CYO registration opens: February 1

Registration deadline: **March 9th**

Boys and girls in 3rd–8th grade are welcome to join the All Saints Spring Track & Field program.

Season Details:

Practices: Held at the Pennington Track Wednesdays and Saturdays

Meet: Saturday, 5/16/26, @ Bishop O'Connell High School

(6th, 7th, and 8th grade in the morning; 3rd, 4th, and 5th in the afternoon)

Cost: \$20 per participant

Preseason Skills Clinic: March 14th

All Saints CYO relies on the generosity of parent and community volunteers. If you are interested in coaching (head or assistant) or have questions about the Track program, please contact Hank Konstanty, Track Commissioner, at [hkonstanty@gmail.com](mailto:hkonstanty@gmail.com)

All coaches and volunteers must be certified in Diocesan child protection, including VIRTUS™ training. If you are not yet certified, we are happy to help you begin the process.

- **Lunch Menu - February**



DAILY PRICES: LUNCH ONLY - \$5.00    LOW FAT MILK - \$.60    100% JUICE - \$.50

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2. Breakfast Sandwich English Muffin Turkey Sausage Egg Patty, Yellow Cheese Tater Tots Oranges	3 Chile Dog OR Hot Dog Potato Chips Fresh Apple	4 Turkey w/Gravy OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fresh grapes * Chocolate Ice Cream for sale	5 Pepperoni Pizza OR Chicken Salad Sandwich Tossed Salad Fresh Oranges	6 Cheeseburger OR Hamburger Baked Beans Corn on the Cob
9 Meatballs Sub OR Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Potato Chips Fresh Grapes	10 Chicken Nuggets OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich Mac & Cheese Green Beans	11 Soft Beef Tacos OR Chicken Quesadilla White Rice Black Beans Chilled Pineapples * Brownie for sale	12 Cheese Pizza OR Tuna Salad Sandwich Caesar Salad Fresh Oranges	13 Chili Pasta OR Plain Buttered Pasta Garlic Bread Steamed Broccoli
NO SCHOOL  PRESIDENTS' DAY	17 Fat Tuesday! Pancake w/Syrup Bacon Scrambled Eggs Vanilla Yogurt w/Oreo	18 ASH WEDNESDAY Hot Cheese Sandwich on Croissant. Cream of Potato Soup Steamed Broccoli Fresh Grapes *No snacks for sale	19 Vocelli's Pepperoni Pizza OR Chicken Salad Sandwich Tossed Salad Fresh Oranges	20 Pasta W/Spaghetti sauce OR Plain Buttered Pasta Garlic Bread Green Beans
23 Cheese Breadsticks w/Marinara sauce OR Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Caesar Salad Fresh Oranges	24 Cheeseburger OR Hamburger Potato Wedges Tropical Fruit	25 Soft Chicken Tacos OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich White Rice Black Beans Chilled Pineapples *Vanilla Ice Cream for sale	26 Pepperoni Pizza OR Tuna Salad Sandwich Garden Salad Fresh Oranges	27 Pasta W/Alfredo Sauce OR Plain Buttered Pasta Garlic Bread Steamed Broccoli
Side	*Grades 3-8 ONLY—Extra entrée may be ordered for \$3.00 charged to lunch account. Salad may be ordered in place of main entrée or side item may be replaced with side salad. Items (Potato chips, Fruit, etc.) may be purchased separately for \$.5 and charged to your account.			



## **Upcoming Events**

### **Wednesday, February 18**

Ash Wednesday School Mass – Closed Event (10:00 a.m.)

### **Thursday, February 19**

Middle School Science Fair

Great History Challenge (McLean High School/5:00 p.m.)

### **Friday, February 20**

CYO Jersey Day (To be worn with P.E. Sweatpants)

### **Monday, February 23**

Lenten Penance Service – Grades 3-5 (10:00 a.m.)

Title I Parent Workshop (Art Room/2:00 p.m.)

### **Wednesday, February 25**

SCA Sponsored Black History Month Dress Down Day

Lock Down Drill

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

### **Thursday, February 26**

Stations of the Cross – Grades K-2 – Closed Event (2:15 p.m.)

### **Friday, February 27**

School Mass – St. Gregory of Narek (8:30 a.m.)

### **Monday, March 2**

### **Continuous Enrollment Fee (FACTS)**

### **Wednesday, March 4**

PTO Sponsored Lenten Soup Supper (PAC/5:00-7:00 p.m.)

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

**Thursday, March 5**

Open House (PAC/9:00 a.m.)

Adoration & Benediction – Closed Event (2:15 p.m.)

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

**Friday, March 6**

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Bread of Life Kick-Off Assembly (2:00 p.m.)

End of Trimester II (PowerSchool Parent Portal Closes)

**Saturday, March 7**

Pueri Cantores Festival for Schola Members (National Basilica/10:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.)

PTO Sponsored Father/Daughter Dance (PAC/6:30-8:30 p.m.)

**Monday, March 9**

**Holiday (Diocesan Teacher Workday)**

**Thursday, March 12**

Spirit Wear Day

Stations of the Cross – Grades 3-5 – Closed Event

Enrollment Management Team Meeting (PLC/7:00 p.m.)

**Friday, March 13**

Uniform Exchange (PAC Atrium/8:00-10:00 a.m.)

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Trimester II Report Cards Sent Home

**Saturday, March 14**

Deadline: FACTS Financial Aid Applications (Elementary Schools)

**Monday, March 16**

**Holiday (Diocesan Professional Development Day)**

**Tuesday, March 17**

Bread of Life Food Drive Begins

**Wednesday, March 18**

Stations of the Cross – Grades 6-8 – Closed Event

**Thursday, March 19**

School Mass – Solemnity of St. Joseph (8:30 a.m.)

National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony (1:30 p.m.)

**Saturday, March 21**

Diocesan Job Fair (St. Bernadette School/9:00 – 11:00 a.m.)