



# 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**

**March 11, 2026**

### **Principal's Message**

On Saturday evening, more than two hundred participants gathered in the Parish Activities Center for the first-ever PTO Father/Daughter Dance. With the space transformed into an Enchanted Forest that included a “green carpet” welcome, woodland inspired centerpieces, colorful balloons, and twinkling lights, it was a magical evening for our students and their fathers. I am grateful to the PTO Executive Committee and, particularly, Mrs. Maggie O’Donnell who served as Chairperson for the dance. With numerous volunteers who enthusiastically contributed to the design of the event, the PTO hosted a truly memorable evening that many hope will become a tradition for our school community.

This week I am pleased to announce the hiring of two staff members for our school.

Ms. Caitlin Firth (1<sup>st</sup> Grade Instructional Assistant) – A graduate of St. John Paul the Great Catholic High School, Ms. Firth is continuing her education at Northern Virginia Community College where she is pursuing an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Development. She will begin employment as a First Grade (1B) Instructional Assistant tomorrow. With prior experience working as an Instructional Assistant in another diocesan school and also as a Preschool Assistant Teacher in a private program, Ms. Firth brings a strong skillset to her role at All Saints.

We thank Mrs. Michele Fallon, who has recently been working as a Part-Time Substitute Instructional Assistant in the classroom, providing support to the students and working in close collaboration with Mrs. Salonga. Mrs. Fallon will continue her employment as an on-call Substitute Teacher for the remainder of the year. We thank her for her dedication and for all that she has done to support our first grade program over the course of this past year.

Mrs. Romilou Terza (Extended Day Assistant) – Mrs. Terza earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication with a concentration in Broadcasting Media, Journalism, Literature, and Theater Arts from the University of the Assumption in the Philippines. After working in broadcasting and theater, as well as in the business world, for the past seven years Mrs. Terza has taught international students as part of a virtual learning program.

Wishing you continued blessings during this Lenten season!

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### **Lenten Retreat for Students - March 23**

As part of our DFE Five Year Plan, again this year we will host a retreat for all of our students that will occur during a regular school day. It will be a day on which we will set aside the regular class schedule in order to provide our students with an immersive experience of the Catholic faith. In doing so, our goal is to further unite our school as a faith community and to offer our students an additional opportunity to grow in their relationship with Christ.

A faculty committee, led by Ms. Mallon, has planned a day of prayer and grade-level activities that will occur on Monday, March 23. Look for more details, including a schedule for the day, next week as we continue to plan for this new tradition at All Saints.

### **Diocesan Days of Unplugging (March 13-15)**

Many of us can relate to being overly attached to our digital devices. Lent provides a valuable time to pause, reflect, and make intentional choices about how we spend our time and attention.

This weekend, the Diocese of Arlington will host Days of Unplugging from March 13-15. Parents and students are encouraged to consider how they might enter into this experience as members of our diocesan community.

For more information about the program, including an online Lenten Pledge, please see the link below.

### **Diocesan Days of Unplugging**



### **Bread of Life Food Drive**

During this Lenten season, we are pleased to host the All Saints' **Bread of Life Food Drive** to benefit the Bethany Food Pantry and St. Lucy Project from March 17 – 27, 2026.

In 1992, the University of Notre Dame Club of Staten Island launched this community service initiative, and it has since spread to communities around the

country. All Saints is the first school in Virginia to participate. All Saints' Bread of Life Food Drive will assist individuals and families in our local community in need of food assistance. Please see details below regarding our 2026 food drive:

**When will the food drive take place?**

All Saints Bread of Life Food Drive will run from **Tuesday, March 17 – Friday, March 27, 2026**. All Saints students from the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) will help organize and promote the drive. Some students from our seventh grade video production class are assisting with the creation of video promos to encourage participation throughout the week.

**Where does the food go?**

Almost a quarter of a million people in the Arlington Diocese are “food insecure,” meaning they do not know where their next meal will come from. Our school’s Bread of Life Food Drive will benefit the St. Lucy Project and All Saints’ Bethany Food Pantry to assist families and individuals living within Manassas, Manassas Park, and Prince William County.

**What can you do to help?**

During the drive from March 17-27, your child can bring in food donations in the morning and leave them in the boxes that will be outside each classroom. Donations can also be brought to the All Saints school office (Monday - Thursday) between the hours of 8:00 AM–3:30 PM.

**What food should I donate to All Saints Bread of Life Food Drive?**

During the first week of the drive, we will be collecting non-perishable food per the chart below. During the second week, we are adding fresh fruits and vegetables to our collection. Please see the grade level list below:

| Grade Level      | Week of March 16                | Week of March 23 |
|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Pre-Kindergarten | Canned Soup                     | Juice Boxes      |
| Kindergarten     | Pasta                           | Mac & Cheese     |
| First Grade      | Peanut Butter, Jelly            | Rice             |
| Second Grade     | Chef Boyardee/Spaghetti O's     | Oranges          |
| Third Grade      | Beans (canned/dried)            | Carrots          |
| Fourth Grade     | Canned Meat*                    | Oil              |
| Fifth Grade      | Cereal and Oatmeal              | Canned Tomatoes  |
| Sixth Grade      | Canned Vegetables               | Peppers          |
| Seventh Grade    | Canned Fruit                    | Potatoes         |
| Eighth Grade     | Pasta Sauce ( <i>no glass</i> ) | Onions           |
| Faculty/Staff    | Maseca Flour/Flour              | Sugar            |

\*Chicken, ham, beef or tuna

### **Bread of Life Food Drive – 2026 Brochure**

If you have any questions regarding the Bread of Life Food Drive, please contact Mrs. Cecilia Mondarez at [cmondarez@allsaintsva.org](mailto:cmondarez@allsaintsva.org).

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support of this Lenten community service project to benefit those in need of food assistance.

*All Saints wishes to extend sincere thanks to the University of Notre Dame Club of Staten Island for their organizational and logistical support.*

### **Uniform Exchange – Friday, March 13**

All Saints PTO will host a used uniform sale on Friday, March 13 from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in the PAC. This is a great opportunity to get ready for the change to summer uniforms on Monday, April 13.

Interested in Volunteering? If you are VIRTUS certified and would like to volunteer, please sign up on [Track It Forward](#).

### **Lenten Rice Lunch – Friday, March 27**

As we approach the conclusion of Lent, we want to thank you for encouraging your children to participate in the CRS RiceBowl project. This initiative has provided our students a very specific way to embrace the practice of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during this liturgical season.

In support of the effort, on Friday, March 27th, the cafeteria will host a simple lunch, the proceeds of which will benefit the RiceBowl project. As a sign of our solidarity with the poor around the world and in an effort to help the students gain a better understanding of poverty, the lunch will consist of one bowl of rice and water. This will be the only food and drink available for purchase on that day. Although participation is completely voluntary, we are hopeful that many of the children will embrace this opportunity and recognize it as a chance to increase their empathy for those suffering in our world.

The cost of the lunch is \$5.00 and should be paid through the online lunch accounts. Please check your child's account to ensure you have sufficient money in the account if you are able to participate. Students may bring a lunch from home if they prefer and are reminded to bring a drink if they so choose as only water will be available in the cafeteria.

**Open House – March 26 (6:00 p.m.)**

All Saints Catholic School will host an *Open House* for prospective parents on Thursday, March 26 beginning at 6:00 p.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).

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# MARCH OPEN HOUSES

Pre-Kindergarten to 8th Grade



**Thursday, March 26 at 6:00 PM**

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

## Girls Volleyball Clinic at John Paul - March 28th

Join us at Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School for our Girls Volleyball Clinic on Saturday, March 28th from 9-11am! Open to 4th - 8th grade girls! Participants will have the opportunity to work on fundamentals while receiving guidance from JP coaches and JP student athletes! We hope to see you there! Click here to start your registration: <https://saintjohnpaul.mypaysimple.com/s/middle-school-event-registration>

## Important Reminders

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- **Net Promoter Parent Survey (Deadline - March 13)**

If you haven't done so already, this is a reminder to participate in a brief survey designed to measure your overall satisfaction with the experience of our school and the programs that we offer.

As in prior years, we are asking you to respond to one key question and a follow-up question that allows for an open-ended response:

*On a scale of 1-10, how likely would you be to recommend All Saints Catholic School to a friend or colleague?*

We hope that you will take a few minutes to participate in this important survey. Your responses will help to provide an important perspective to us and inform our planning for the future. Most importantly, this tool provides an opportunity to ensure that we are in step with parent perceptions and actively responding to the needs of our community members.

[Survey Link](#)

- **Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowls**

Students have 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.

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/>

- **Lunch Menu - March**



# March 2026



DAILY PRICES: LUNCH ONLY - \$5.00 Whole MILK - Students: \$5.60 100% JUICE - \$5.50

| Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri  |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| 2 Breakfast Sandwich<br>English Muffin<br>Turkey Sausage<br>Egg Patty and Yellow Cheese<br>Tater tots<br>Fresh Oranges | 3 NACHO DAY!<br>Tortilla Chips<br>Seasoned Beef<br>Nacho Cheese Sauce<br>Cornbread<br>Assorted Toppings | 4 Chicken Patty Sandwich<br>OR<br>Ham & Cheese Sandwich<br>Potato Wedges<br>Fresh Grapes<br>*Choc. Chip Cookies for sale                    | 5 Cheese Pizza<br>OR<br>Chicken Salad Sandwich<br>Breadstick<br>Caesar Salad               | 6 Pasta w/ Spaghetti Sauce<br>OR<br>Plain Buttered Pasta<br>Broccoli<br>Fresh Oranges              |
| 9<br><br>NO SCHOOL<br>Diocesan Teacher Workday   | 10 Cheeseburger<br>OR<br>Hamburger<br>Baked Beans<br>Corn on the Cob                                    | 11 Soft Chicken Tacos<br>OR<br>Ham & Cheese Sandwich<br>White Rice<br>Black Beans<br>Fresh Grapes<br>*Sugar Cookie for sale                 | 12 Pepperoni Pizza<br>OR<br>Tuna Salad Sandwich<br>Garden Salad<br>Apple Sauce w/ Cinnamon | 13 Breaded Pollock Sticks<br>OR<br>Cheese Sandwich<br>Mac & Cheese<br>Green Beans<br>Fresh Oranges |
| 16<br><br>NO SCHOOL<br>Diocesan Professional<br>Development Day  | 17 Pancake w/ Syrup<br>Turkey Sausage<br>Scrambled Egg<br>Fresh Oranges                                 | 18 Soft Beef Tacos<br>OR<br>Chicken Quesadilla<br>White Rice<br>Black Beans<br>Chilled Tropical Fruit<br>*Assorted Chips for sale           | 19 Vocelli's Cheese Pizza<br>OR<br>Chicken Salad Sandwich<br>Tossed Salad<br>Fresh Oranges | 20 Pasta w/ Marinara Sauce<br>OR<br>Plain Buttered Pasta<br>Broccoli<br>Fresh Grapes               |
| 23 Meatballs Sub<br>OR<br>Turkey & Cheese Sandwich<br>Potato Chips<br>Chilled Peaches                                  | 24 Chicken Nuggets<br>OR<br>Ham & Cheese Sandwich<br>Mac & Cheese<br>Green Beans                        | 25 Hot Ham & Cheese<br>OR<br>Hot Turkey & Cheese<br>on croissant<br>Tater Tots<br>Fresh Grapes<br>*Choc. Puddin w/whipped cream<br>for sale | 26 Pepperoni Pizza<br>OR<br>Tuna Salad Sandwich<br>Caesar Salad<br>Fresh Apples            | 27 Rice Bowl<br>&<br>Water   |
| 30 Chili Dog<br>OR<br>Hot Dog<br>Potato Chips<br>Chilled Pineapple   | 31 PASTA W/BEEF MEATBALLS<br>OR<br>PLAIN BUTTERED PASTA<br>BROCCOLI<br>FRESH ORANGES                    |   |  |  |

\*Grades 3-8 ONLY—Extra entrée may be ordered for \$3.00 charged to lunch account.  
Salads may be ordered in place of main entrée or side item may be replaced with side salad.  
Side items (Potato chips, cookies, fruit, etc.) may be purchased for \$5.75 and charged to lunch account.

- **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](https://arlingtondiocese.org/catholicschools)

**job openings**

[https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-  
schools/careers/](https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/careers/)

**application process**

[https://arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/  
careers/application/](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.

- **ART, DRAMA, MUSICAL THEATRE CAMPS for K-12 in a Catholic setting**  
Spotlight on the Arts Summer Camps offers Broadway Spotlight, Drama Bootcamp, Art Explorer, and Arts & Crafts Fun Camp this July to students across the Diocese.

This July 13th - 24th young people are invited to experience top level instruction as they engage in creative fun through Acting, Visual Art, Music, and more!

Taught by professional Catholic educators very accomplished in their area of expertise, each week concludes with either an Art Showcase or a Theatrical Performance by the campers.

Through March 31st, *all camps are \$35 off plus everyone gets a free t-shirt.* Additionally, there are extra discounts for families that enroll 3 or more kids! Learn more and register at [www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com](http://www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com)



- **The PVI Players are proud to present *The Sound of Music***, one of the most beloved musicals of all time.  
Set in Austria in 1938, the story follows Maria, a spirited young governess who brings music and renewed joy to the von Trapp family. As the Nazi regime rises to power, the family must face danger and make courageous choices that will

change their lives forever. Featuring cherished songs and a powerful story of faith, family, and resilience, this production promises to be a highlight of the spring season.

**Purchase tickets today!** [<https://cur8.com/40072/project/137212>]

**Performance Dates:**

- Saturday, March 21 at 7 p.m.
- Sunday, March 22 at 2 p.m.
- Friday, March 27 at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, March 28 at 7 p.m.



ST. PAUL VI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

*Rodgers & Hammerstein's*

*The* SOUND *of* MUSIC

Teatro Montini  
St. Paul VI Catholic High School  
42341 Braddock Rd. Chantilly, VA 20152

*March 21, 27, 28 @ 7 p.m.*  
*March 22 @ 2 p.m.*

THE SOUND OF MUSIC is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of The Rodgers & Hammerstein Organization.  
[www.concordtheatricals.com](http://www.concordtheatricals.com)



- **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.*

**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.**

## **Upcoming Events**

### **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.)

### **Wednesday, March 25**

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

**Thursday, March 26**

Stations of the Cross – Grades K-8 (2:15 p.m.) – Closed Event

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Open House (PAC/6:00 p.m.)

**Friday, March 27**

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Bread of Life Food Drive Ends

**Wednesday, April 1**

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

**Thursday, April 2**

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Passion Play (PAC/10:45 a.m.)

Noon Dismissal (Holy Thursday)

**Friday, April 3**

Holiday (Good Friday)

**Monday, April 6**

Easter Holiday Begins

**Monday, April 13**

School Resumes

Change to Summer Uniforms

**Thursday, April 16**

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

**Friday, April 17**

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

**Saturday, April 18**

PTO Bingo Night (6:00 p.m.)