

Third Sunday of Advent ▼ December 12, 2010



The Week of December 13th – December 19th

Monday 7:30 a.m. Brenda Lumpkinsや 9:00 a.m. Jacinto & Maria Mayoや

Tuesday 7:30 a.m. Alice Guest †

9:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory \$\frac{1}{2}\$

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Linda Gallo す 6:30 p.m. Michael Shove す

Thursday 7:30 a.m. Jack Piontek †

9:00 a.m. Dillard Carter \$

Friday 9:00 a.m. Susan Dragan∜

7:30 p.m. Owen Lea ♣

Saturday 9:00 a.m. Thomas Howley& Mary Fahy₽

5:00 p.m. Donald P. Turchik∜

7:00 p.m. Burson Family

Sunday 7:30 a.m. Rev. Rinaldo♥

9:00 a.m. Toigo Family 10:30 a.m. Mackey Family

12:15 p.m. People of St. William of York

†Confession Schedule† December 13th – December 19th

No Tuesday Confessions

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)

Sunday: 7:00 p.m.

(*The penitent in the confessional at 4:30 p.m. will be the last confession heard.)

Sunday Collection for 12/05/10

 Offertory:
 \$15,326.00

 Debt:
 \$5,767.00

 Total:
 \$21,093.00

November Electronic Offering: \$17,229.00

Thank you and may God bless you for your continued support and generosity.

Prayer Request...

Please keep everyone who is serving in Iraq and Afghanistan and their family members in your prayers.

Ralph Allison, John Bernier, OJ Block, Shawn Cunningham, Brian Dawson, Robert Deisbeck, Marc D'Eredita, Mike D'Eredita, John Ferry, 2nd Lt. Brian Flanagan, Jason Freed, Richard Garver, Zachary Hafner, Keirsten Hage, Maj. Jason Heuer, Michael Infanti, Matthew Ingraham, Christopher L. Johnson, Ryan Kraft, Nicholas Kubick, Kent Larson, Tyron Anthony Layug, H.N. Daric Martin, Major Thomas McNally, Robert Mills, Shane Montgomery, Travis Morgan, Mike Parrot, Gavin Reed, Thomas Ryan, Christopher Schap, Daniel Stehm, Bobby Stone, Gregory Thomas, Mark Thomas, Chris Tolliver, and Vincent Torney.

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

If you have a relative serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and would like to have his/her name included in our prayer list, please contact the parish office.

Confession Changes

With the Advent season here, there will be some changes in the confession schedule. The changes will be as follows:

Tuesday, December 14th: **No Confessions**

Thursday, December 16th: 9:30 a.m.

Sat., December 18th: 9:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 19th: 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 20th: 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 21st: 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 23rd: 9:30 a.m. Saturday, December 25th: **No Confessions**

Blood Drive Results

Both the American Red Cross and the Knights of Columbus would like to thank all the dedicated individuals who came out on Sunday, December 5th, to donate blood. As a result of their efforts we were able to collect 44 pints of blood. Although we fell short of our goal for the day (66), we were able to assist numerous individuals who were desperately in need of these contributions for their very survival. Please join us for our next blood drive on March 6th in the parish center.

Religious Education

There will be no Religious Education classes December 26th or January 2nd. Classes will resume January 9th.

Confirmation pictures are in the Religious Education office. Feel free to pick them up M - F from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Sunday during Religious Education.

If your address, phone number or e-mail address has changed, please let us know. Contact us at (540) 659-5705 or reoffice@swoycc.org.

Giving Trees' Ornaments

Please help those less fortunate this Christmas by taking an ornament or two from the giving trees located in the church. Please return the new, wrapped gift(s) with the ornament attached by December 15th. Gifts can be dropped off in the Religious Education office. For more information, contact Tonya Gott at (540) 659-5705 ext 31 or tonya.gott@gmail.com.

Blessed Angels

Our little blessed wax angels will be on sale after Mass at the front of the church or at the parish office during the week. The small ornaments are recycled from the candles used on our altar. All proceeds go toward our debt reduction.

Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) December 12th: 6:45-8:15 CYO Meeting in the Gym.

Sunday Supper: There will be no Sunday Night Supper tonight. Suppers will resume with tacos on Dec. 19th.

Tutoring: Tutoring is in full swing! Our teens are available to tutor Elementary age children on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15-4:15. Due to the lack of interest we will no longer be offering Sunday tutoring.

Rent-A-Crew: If you are in need of manual labor our young people are available for community service. Donations support our CYO programs.

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class in English will be held on Wednesday, December 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the Library. The next Spanish Baptismal Preparation Class will be held on Saturday, January 8th 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.

St. William of York Catholic School

Important Dates to remember:

Dec. 14: Coffee Chat with the Principal 8:30 a.m.

Dec. 15: Food for Food Baskets due

Dec. 16: Advent Lessons and Carols 7:00 p.m. gym Dec. 17: December Birthday Dress Down Day

Dec. 21: 3rd, 4th, 5th grade Field Trip Dec. 22: 1/2 day NO Extended Care Dec. 23: Christmas Break Begins

Saint William of York Preschool has openings in their three year old preschool program. If your child is potty trained and looking for an opportunity to make new friends and learn new things, then please come in and check out all the wonderful activities happening in our busy classroom. You can call the school office at (540) 659-5207 or contact Janet Riccio the Preschool Director at mrsrstwill@hotmail.com.



The St. William of York School Student Council is a sponsor for TOYS for TOTS. Please drop off your new and unwrapped toys and games in the school lobby. We will be taking donations through December 15th. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Need a gift for your spouse this Christmas? Give your spouse the gift of your time and love by taking your spouse on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next local Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 18-20. Early registration is highly recommended, as dates fill up quickly. For more information call Mark and Cathy Stangler (703) 378-4150 or visit http://wwme-nova.org

Christmas Food Baskets

Once again we are asked to share our bounty with our neighbors in need. We urgently need sponsors to support families in need with Christmas food baskets. Monetary donations are being accepted to help offset the cost of the turkey and other perishable goods. If you can sponsor a family please contact Lisa Morrison at (540) 446-8173 or Jim Everett at (540) 720-4337. All donations are due by December 15th.

This week in our Parish

Sunday, December 12

8:00 a.m. Spanish Breakfast (Center)

8:30 a.m. Adult Ed (Brent Room)

8:45 a.m. RE Class

10:45 a.m. RE Class

11:30 a.m. Choir (Brent Room)

2:00 p.m. Guadalupe Concert (Church)

2:30 p.m. Guadalupe Reception (Center)

6:30 p.m. RE Class

6:30 p.m. CYO (Loft)

Monday, December 13

3:30 p.m. Fiat (Brent Rooms)

4:00 p.m. Girls Basketball Practice (Gym)

6:00 p.m. Boys JV Basketball Practice (Gym)

7:00 p.m. Venture Crew (K of C Hall)

7:30 p.m. Young Adults Book Club (Bella Cafe)

Tuesday, December 14

3:15 p.m. Tutoring (Center)

5:00 p.m. Boys V Basketball Game (Gym)

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Center)

Wednesday, December 15

5:00 p.m. Girls Basketball Game (Gym)

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Art Room)

6:15 p.m. Boys V Basketball Game (Gym)

7:30 p.m. Baptism Class (Library)

7:30 p.m. RCIA (Center)

Thursday, December 16

9:30 a.m. Confessions (Church)

3:15 p.m. Tutoring (Center)

6:00 p.m. Cantors (Church)

7:00 p.m. Choir (Church)

7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (Brent Room)

7:00 p.m. School Advent Lessons & Carols (Gym)

Friday, December 17

7:30 p.m. Simbang Gabi Mass (Church)

8:00 p.m. Simbang Gabi Reception (Center)

Saturday, December 18

8:00 a.m. Christmas Baskets (Center)

9:30 a.m. Confessions (Church)

10:00 a.m. Boys JV Basketball Practice (Gym)

12:00 p.m. Boys V Basketball Practice (Gym)

3:30 p.m. Caroling Practice (Center)

3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)

6:00 p.m. Spanish Choir (Brent Room)

6:30 p.m. Spanish Confessions (Church)

7:00 p.m. Spanish Baptisms (Church)

7:00 p.m. NFP Classes (Brent Room)

Simbang Gabi Mass

Join us for this Filipino tradition of a novena of Masses in preparation for Christmas. Mass will be celebrated on Friday, December 17th at 7:30 p.m. followed by a reception in the parish center.

We Joyfully Welcome into the Catholic Faith

Gianna Frances Brooks daughter of Anthony and Theresa Brooks.

Ella Sophia D'Souza Bowers daughter of John Bowers and Christine D'Souza.

Madeline Terese Rusnak daughter of Edward and Kellie Rusnak.

Advent Concert

Today, Dec. 12th Advent Concert at St. William of York in the church at 2:00 p.m. to benefit the Guadalupe Free Clinic; featuring our parish choir, the choir of St. Anthony of Padua in King George and soloists Fr. Schultz (St. Timothy's) and his brother John; pianist Olga Braga. A silent auction and reception will follow. Items include: religious art; several original paintings; pilgrimage for two to England with Fr. Magat June 8th - 17th (starting bid is \$5k).

Bulletin Announcements

Due to the upcoming Holidays anyone interested in submitting a bulletin announcement for the weekend of December 26th will need to submit it no later than Wednesday, December 15th. Also anyone interested in submitting an announcement for the weekend of January 3rd will need to submit it no later than Monday, December 20th. Please send your announcement to parishoffice@swoycc.org.

Sunday Suppers

There will be **no** Sunday supper tonight. Sunday suppers will resume on December 19th with tacos on the menu. Come support our youth and have a night free from cooking and dishes. Dinner is \$5 a plate or \$20 for a family of 5 or more.

Young Adults Corner

Young Adults (ages 21-40) single and married: Join Fr. Magat this Fall for various events to get to know your fellow Catholic young adults in the area. Stay tuned for the Spring schedule to be announced in a future bulletin.

BOOK CLUB: Join Fr. Magat at Bella Cafe at 7:30 p.m. for Monday Night Book Club. We'll be discussing George Weigel's "Letters to a Young Catholic." Subsequent meetings will be on December 13 and 20.

Announcing the First Annual Patron's Ball

Join our parish family in celebrating the feast day, June 8th, of our patron Saint William of York. This first annual *Patron's Ball* will be held on Saturday, June 4th 2011 at the **Eagles Lodge Located at 21 Cool Springs Road, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22405.** The parish and the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Widmer Council, are organizing this benefit. The profits from this event will benefit the parish. This formal affair will include a social hour followed by dinner and dancing. Only 300 tickets will be sold. Each ticket is \$250 and includes buffet dinner for two and a chance to win one of the many door prizes to include a \$10,000 grand door prize. Installment payment plans are available. For more information contact Bob Ghormley 752-9613.

St. William of York Athletic Department Fundraiser

"Clean out your closets & garages of your used sporting equipment before Christmas to help raise money for the St. William of York Athletic Department! We are looking for used, but not used up, field hockey, softball, baseball, lacrosse, soccer, golf, wrestling and exercise equipment! We will take most equipment related to these sports such as: sticks, shin-guards, balls, gloves, bats, exercise bikes, dumbbells, elliptical/treadmills, etc. Bring your equipment for donation to the Saint William of York gym after all Masses on Sunday, December 19th! This fundraiser is being conducted with support from Play it Again Sports in Fredericksburg, who will collect the donated equipment and give us the proceeds from them."

Special Collection

The diocesan-wide special collection this weekend will benefit Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. All money donated will go to support the programs of Catholic Charities: soup kitchen, food pantry, shelter, emergency assistance, transitional housing, adoption, foster care, pregnancy counseling, family services counseling, elderly services, immigrant services, prison ministry, parish social ministry and services for the disabled. Your sacrificial gift this weekend will make these programs continue for those less fortunate.



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First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, "sorrow and mourning will flee."

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the "yield of the soil" so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, "Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?" Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.

Pray for a Priest Each Day...

This week please pray for

December 12th Rev. William Erbacher
December 13th Rev. James Haley
December 14th Rev. Charles Merkle
December 15th Rev. Christopher Mould
December 16th Rev. Paul DeLadurantaye
December 17th Rev. William Aitcheson
December 18th Bishop Paul Loverde

O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, Live in (Name of priest), act in him, speak in him and through him. Think Your Thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Give him Your Own dispositions and feelings. Teach, lead and guide him always. Correct, enlighten and expand his thought and behavior. Posses his soul, take over his entire personality and life. Replace him with Yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving; pray in and through him. Amen

Vocations

"I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you." Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Father Brian Bashista at (703) 841-2514, or write to him at b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org.