



✠ **The Nativity of the Lord** ✠
Christmas Day
December 25, 2011



**The Week of
 December 26th –
 January 1st**

Monday *No 7:30 AM Mass*
 9:00 AM Agnes Purdie†

Tuesday *No 7:30 AM Mass*
 9:00 AM Kirsten Hudgins

Wednesday 9:00 AM Rita Mathieu
No 6:30 PM Mass

Thursday *No 7:30 AM Mass*
 9:00 AM Harve & Louise Loubard†

Friday 9:00 AM Joy C. Roth
No 6:30 PM Mass

Saturday 9:00 AM Ana Espinosa†
Vigil 5:00 PM John & Mary Rose Kelly
 7:00 PM Ruth Calahan†

Sunday 7:30 AM Florence Barry†
Solemnity of 9:00 AM Arthur Pierce†
Mary, Mother 10:30 AM People of St. William of York
Of God 12:15 PM Col. Paul Kelly†

This week Monday thru Friday we will be on a modified Mass schedule while some of our priests are away.

†Confession Schedule†
**December 26th –
 December 31st**

Tuesday: 9:30 AM
 Thursday: 9:30 AM
 Saturday: 9:30 AM
 Saturday: 3:30 PM-4:30 PM*
No Saturday Spanish Confessions

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

**We Joyfully Welcome into
 the Catholic Faith**

Elizabeth Ann Buckley, daughter of Brian and Jennifer Buckley.

Alyssa Maleah Cortez, daughter of Herwin and Stephanie Cortez.

Isabelle Lynn Snyder, daughter of Kirby and Chelsea Snyder.

**Solemnity of Mary,
 Mother of God**

Sunday, Jan. 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, December 31st, at 5:00 PM (Vigil) and at 7:00 PM in Spanish. Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, January 1st at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12:15 PM.

Epiphany of The Lord

Sunday, January 8th is the Epiphany of The Lord. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, January 7th at 5:00 PM (Vigil) and at 7:00 PM in Spanish. Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, January 8th at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 12:15 PM.

Food Baskets

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Christmas baskets for the less fortunate in Stafford County. One hundred six (106) families were given a meal for the holiday and food for the rest of the week. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. May God bless you and your generosity.

**Super Bowl BBQ Tail
 Gating Package**

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Eastern NC style pulled pork, slaw and baked beans for Super Bowl Sunday. Prices are: lb. of BBQ - \$7.00, pint of slaw - \$3.00, pint of baked beans - \$3.00. We also will have 2 special packages. Package #1 consist of 1 lb. of BBQ, 1 pint of slaw and 1 pint of beans for \$12.00. Package #2 consist of 2 lbs. of BBQ, 1 pint of slaw and 1 pint of beans for \$17.00. Orders will be taken during donut and pancake breakfasts or by calling (540-720-4337) or emailing Jim Everett jimeverett47@gmail.com. The food will be available after each Mass on Super Bowl Sunday. A limited supply of BBQ will be available without prior orders.

Parish Office Schedule

The parish office will be closed on Monday, December 26th for Christmas and will reopen on Tuesday, December 27th.

St. William of York Catholic School

Academic Excellence * Personalized Attention * Authentic Catholic Culture

Our School Mission

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength (Mk 12:15).”

This call to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength is a call for the whole human person. Our school mission is our response to that call: forming the whole child. Providing academic excellence, personalized attention, and an authentic Catholic culture is the way our school team works to fulfill that mission.

Writing Program

Students have been developing writing skills in our new writing program: “Teaching Writing: Structure and Style”, created by the Institute for Excellence in Writing. This program trains students in a broad range of structural models and develops an extensive repertoire of stylistic techniques. Our Middle School students are on Unit #5: “Writing from Pictures” and they have quite an extensive checklist of writing “decorations” they are required to include in each paragraph. The ultimate preparation for the SAT in just a few short years!

Our Newly Confirmed Students

We are very proud of our eighth graders who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Dec. 10th. Our Bishop Paul S. Loverde encouraged them to be true to the “Culture of Life” and be open to the Power of the Holy Spirit in fighting against the culture of death. “You have a greater power, if you let Him,” our Bishop said as the following St. William of York Catholic School students became fully initiated in the Catholic Church as soldiers of Christ:



Samuel Bettendorf	Trevor DeMonti	Matthew Dittmer
Abigale Harris	Meghan Holland	Carl Jones
Paul Kelly	Christimarie Manandic	Anton Martin
Travis Morgan	Timothy Stoeter	Rachel Zalucki

Alex Dragan (confirmed at an earlier date)

We are grateful to Mrs. Deatherage and all our teachers for their hard work in preparing our students for this big step in their Faith life.

Come and see us!

We would love to see you for a tour or a Shadow Day for your child. Please call for information (540) 659-5207 or email Mr. Frank Nicely, Principal, at fnicely@stwillschool.org.

Religious Education

The Religious Education office would like to take this opportunity to wish all a most blessed Christmas Season and a wonderful New Year.

The following is the class schedule for the remainder of 2011 and January 2012.

12/25/11 - No Classes

01/01/12 - No Classes

01/08/12 - Classes in session

01/15/12 - No Classes (Martin Luther King Holiday)

01/22/12 - Classes in session

01/29/11 - Classes in session

Please mark your calendar accordingly.

Young Adults Corner

Young Adults (ages 21-40) single and married: Join Fr. Magat this Winter/Spring for various events to get to know your fellow Catholic young adults in the area. The winter line up for January is:

Jan. 22: Visit to Richmond's Cathedral of the Sacred Heart and the Museum of Virginia Catholic History

Book/Movie Club: Join Fr. Magat at 7:30 PM on Monday Nights. We will be watching the hit DVD series “Catholicism”. We will be meeting at Charlotte & Karolyn’s. For more information email Father Magat at fathermagat@gmail.com. The next meeting will be on January 9th.

This week in our Parish

Sunday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Day

9:45AM: Choir (Brent Room)

Monday, December 26

No School

Parish Office Closed

7:00 PM: Venture Crew (K of C Hall)

Tuesday, December 27

No School

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

9:30 AM: Rosary Makers (Brent Room)

6:00 PM: Boys JV Basketball Practice (Gym)

7:00 PM: Boy Scouts (Brent Room)

Wednesday, December 28

No School

4:00 PM: Girls Basketball Practice (Gym)

6:00 PM: Boys Varsity Basketball Practice (Gym)

7:30 PM: Baptism Class (Library)

7:30 PM: RCIA (Center)

Thursday, December 29

No School

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

3:00 PM: K of C Appreciation (Center)

6:00PM: Boys JV Basketball Practice (Gym)

7:00 PM: Legion of Mary (Brent Room)

Friday, December 30

No School

Saturday, December 31

New Years Eve

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

10:00 PM: Girls Basketball Practice (Gym)

12:00 PM: Boys Varsity Basketball Practice (Gym)

2:00 PM: Boys JV Basketball Practice (Gym)

3:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

NO 6:30 PM Spanish Confessions

St. William of York Outreach

The Outreach will be open regular hours at the shop (9:30 AM to 12:30 PM) Monday, Wednesday and Thursday this week, December 19th - 22nd. We'll close all operations on Friday, December 23rd (Outreach, Pantry, and Thrift Shop) until Wednesday, January 4th.

Vocations

"The Word became flesh and lived among us." Vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life are living in our midst. If you may be among them, call Father Brian Bashista at (703) 841-2514, or write: b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org.

Pray for a Priest Each Day...

This week please pray for

December 25 th	All Priests
December 26 th	Rev. Terry Cramer
December 27 th	Bishop Paul Loverde
December 28 th	Rev. Michael Dobbins
December 29 th	Rev. John Heisler
December 30 th	Rev. Joseph Kenna
December 31 st	All Priests

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



Prayer Request...

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

Ralph Allison, Gary Anderson, John Bernier, OJ Block, George Davis III, Brian Dawson, Robert Deisbeck, Marc D'Eredita, Mike D'Eredita, Nathan Dobbins, John Ferry, Brian Flanagan, Jason Freed, Keirsten Hage, Jason Heuer, John Koretke, Ryan Kraft, Nicholas Kubick, Kent Larson, Tyron Anthony Layug, Robert Mills, Shane Montgomery, Marc Mooney, Mike Parrot, Chris Rankin, Gavin Reed, Thomas Ryan, Daniel Stehm, Bobby Stone, Daniel Stone, Gregory Thomas, Chris Tolliver, Vincent Torney and Steve Wasilewski.

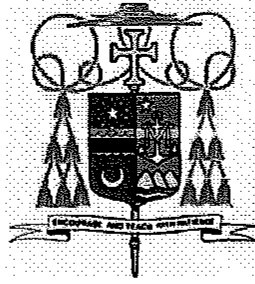
Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

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.

Sponsor of the Week

We would like to thank
"Family Dentistry Garrisonville Dental LLC."
this week for sponsoring an ad
in our weekly bulletin.

If you are interested in sponsoring an ad in our
bulletin please call 1(800) 883-4343.



December 25, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

This Christmas, once again we shall draw near to the Nativity scene in our parish church and in our home. With the shepherds and the three Kings, we kneel in prayerful adoration before the Infant Savior as His Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph look at Him with wondrous love.

The Infant Savior lying in the manger is often represented with His tiny arms held out to us, inviting our embrace of love. Whether or not the particular statue of the Infant Jesus upon Whom we gaze and before Whom we kneel has, in fact, His arms held out, His Heart within is beating with such love for each one of us, longing for our love in return.

In fact, as Pope Benedict XVI reminds us, “God’s sign is that he makes himself small for us.... He comes as a baby - defenseless and in need of our help.... He asks for our love: so he makes himself a child. He wants nothing other from us than our love.... God made himself small so that we could understand him, welcome him and love him” (Pope Benedict XVI, Christmas Mass, 2006).

So, this Christmas, let us allow ourselves to be touched by the love that pours out from His Infant Heart! If we really open our heart in a free and willing “yes” in order to receive the love that comes from His Heart, then that Divine Love has the power to change us and lead us back to Him (conversion); the power to mold us more into living images of Him, imperfect, yes, but nonetheless real (transformation); and the power to impel us to bring His love within us to others so that they too, in turn, can know that God’s love is real for them (witness).

I join you in adoration and prayer before the Infant Savior, Whose Heart is beating with such love and Who so desires to place His Love within our hearts so that we may be the heralds and the living instruments of His love to everyone.

Such will be my prayer for you and your loved ones in the Holy Masses which I shall offer on Christmas Day and throughout the Christmas season. A blessed Christmas to each one of you!

Faithfully in the Heart of Christ, I remain,

+ Paul S. Loverde

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde
Bishop of Arlington