



✠ **First Sunday of Advent** ✠
November 27, 2011



**The Week of
 November 28th —
 December 4th**

Monday	7:30 AM	Mario Casao†
	9:00 AM	Kyle Duval†
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Frank Moran†
	9:00 AM	Tyron A. Layug
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Amanda Casler
	6:30 PM	John Brian Pasola†
Thursday	7:30 AM	Joseph Szewczyk†
	9:00 AM	Amy Casler
Friday	9:00 AM	Luca Casler-Bustamente
	6:30 PM	David Leon†
Saturday	9:00 AM	Sofia Casler-Bustamente
	5:00 PM	Michael & Eileen Cosgrove†
	7:00 PM	Cecilia Chavez†
Sunday	7:30 AM	Sienicki/Szafranski Families†
	9:00 AM	Col. Paul Kelly†
	10:30 AM	Rev. Magat
	12:15 PM	People of St. William of York

**†Confession Schedule†
 November 28th —
 December 3rd**

Tuesday:	9:30 AM
Thursday:	9:30 AM
Saturday:	9:30 AM
Saturday:	3:30 PM - 4:30 PM*
Saturday:	6:30 PM (Spanish)

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

First Friday Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will begin on Friday, December 2nd, after the 9:00 AM Mass and continue until 6:15 PM. Adoration will resume after the 6:30 PM Mass until midnight. Please join our parish community every First Friday as we adore our Lord on the altar.

Please join others for a Holy Hour to pray especially for the teens and young adults in your life and in the world on First Friday, December 2nd, from 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Meditation sheets will be provided in the vestibule.

Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, December 7th and at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 7:30 PM on Thursday, December 8th. Confessions will be heard at 10:00 AM following the 9:00 AM Mass on Thursday, December 8th.

**Schedule Changes for
 December 10th**

On Saturday, December 10th, Confirmation Masses will be celebrated at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Therefore, the following changes will be necessary:

- there will not be a 9:00 AM Mass
- there will be no 9:30 AM Confessions
- there will be no 3:30 PM Confessions

**American Red Cross Blood
 Drive**

More than 38,000 blood donations are needed every day. Blood cannot be manufactured; it must be donated by generous donors, like you. Every 2 seconds someone needs blood. Your donation makes a difference in these individuals, by allowing them the opportunity to spend additional time with their families. Recruiting donors to maintain an adequate supply of blood, especially during the holidays, is a very challenging task. Won't you join your fellow parishioners to help "Give the Gift of Life" to someone in need during this Christmas season.

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, December 4th, from 8:00-2:00 PM, in the parish center. The efforts of St. William of York parishioners have always been greatly appreciated by the Red Cross Organization in supporting their blood program here. Each of your donations is vitally important in replenishing the blood supplies and ultimately saving the lives of so many in our community. We are looking forward to seeing all of our regular donors as well as welcoming many new people to help us provide this vital service to all those in need at this time. **Won't you help? Please be aware that a valid pictured id is required prior to registration on that day. If you have any questions please contact John Hannon at 720-1599.**

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.

“School Website Under Construction”

Please call (540) 659-5207 or email Mr. Frank Nicely, Principal, at fnicely@stwillsschool.org for information. God bless you.



“Parish School and the Sacred Heart”

Our school children echoed the voices of Bishop Loverde and our parish priests as they prayed the Consecration of our school to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Monday, November 21st.



“First Week of Advent”

Our parish school children are saying “Happy New Year!” and they’re right on when it comes to the first week in Advent. Following the liturgical calendar is part and parcel of an authentic Catholic culture. We invite you to come to our Advent Lessons and Carols at 1:30 PM on Tuesday, December 20th as we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our Savior.

“Come and see us!”

We would love to see you for a tour or a Shadow Day for your child. Contact Frank Nicely, Principal.

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 14th. Gifts can be dropped off in the Religious Education office. For more information, contact Tonya Gott at (571) 485-0473 or tonya.gott@gmail.com.

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, Michael Infanti, 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, Julie 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.

Religious Education

Confirmation will take place on Saturday, December 10th. All students please meet in the parish center 45 minutes before your scheduled Mass. If you need to know what Mass you are scheduled to attend, please call the office at (540) 650-5705.

Confirmation rehearsal will take place on Friday, December 9th. Please meet in the parish center. Rehearsal will be at 7:15 PM for those scheduled for the 10 AM Mass and 7:45 PM for the 2 PM Mass.

There are no RE classes today, November 27th.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priest offered their lives in service to others-educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious supports basic necessities, such as prescription drugs and nursing care. Donations will be taken up at all exits today. Please be generous.

This week in our Parish

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM: Adult Ed (Brent Room)

1:30 PM: Baptism (Church)

Monday, November 28

4:00 PM: Fiat (Brent Room)

4:00 PM: Basketball Practice (Gym)

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

Tuesday, November 29

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

9:30 AM: Rosary Makers (Brent Room)

1:00 PM: Senior Brian Train (Brent Room)

4:00 PM: Basketball Practice (Gym)

7:00 PM: Boy Scouts (Center)

Wednesday, November 30

9:30 AM: Liturgy of Hours (Brent Room)

4:00 PM: Children's Choir Practice (Church)

4:00 PM: Basketball Practice (Gym)

6:00 PM: Girl Scouts (Art Room)

7:30 PM: Baptism Class (Library)

7:30 PM: RCIA (Center)

Thursday, December 1

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

4:00 PM: Basketball Practice (Gym)

6:00 PM: Cantors (Church)

7:00 PM: Choir (Church)

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

Friday, December 2

First Friday Adoration

4:00 PM: Basketball Practice (Gym)

7:15 PM: Fr. Magat's Bible Study (Brent Room)

Saturday, November 26

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

10:00 AM: Basketball Practice (Gym)

3:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

6:30 PM: Spanish Confessions (Church)

7:00 PM: Spanish Baptism (Church)

Pray for a Priest Each Day...

This week please pray for

November 27 th	All Retired Priests
November 28 th	Rev. Daniel Gee
November 29 th	Rev. Mark Moretti
November 30 th	Rev. Richard Mullins
December 1 st	Rev. J. Kevin O'Keefe
December 2 nd	Rev. Terrence Staples
December 3 rd	Rev. Paul Berghout

Eternal Father, We Lift up to you these and all the Priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and Holiness of your Son, Jesus, The Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Advent Concert

The parish will host the 5th Annual Guadalupe Free Clinic Advent Benefit Concert on Sunday, December 11th at 2 PM in the church. A free will offering will be taken at the concert; admission is free. There will also be a light reception to follow in the parish center after the concert. Please consider joining us for an afternoon of sacred music and fellowship.

Simbang Gabi Organizational Meeting

This year on Friday, Dec. 16th, St. William of York will host its' 5th Annual Simbang Gabi at 7:00 PM. Simbang Gabi is a Filipino tradition of a novena of Masses in preparation for Christmas. Our next organizational meeting will be held on Sunday, December 4th from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Brent Room. Email Ellen at ellen.carag@gmail.com or call her at (540) 318-9491 or (540) 628-2404 with any questions.

Senior Brain Train

We invite all seniors to join us on **Tuesday, November 29th, from 1:00-3:00 PM in the Brent Room**, as we gather for another fun filled Brain Train event. This group meets on the last Tuesday of every month to share interests in mind stimulating games, trivia, snacks and general socialization with fellow seniors in our parish community. We hope to challenge everyone with a wide variety of items to interest all attendees. At the very least, we all enjoy winning prizes and having fun sharing snacks and conversations with friends. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us at this event.

Children's Christmas Choir for 2 Masses

All parish children, grades 3-8, are invited to join the Children's Choir for the 4:00 PM and/or the 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Masses on December 24th. Rehearsals will be at St. William of York, in the sanctuary, from 4:00-5:15 PM on Wednesdays, beginning November 30th in the Church. Interested singers please register by Nov. 29th. Please contact Alison Kelly by email to register at kellymusicstudio@comcast.net.

Mom's Group

All Mom's are invited to a Feast of St. Nicholas party on Tuesday, December 6th from 11 AM – 2 PM (location to be determined). For more information, please contact Jessica Davidson, jdavidson749@yahoo.com or (301) 841-7505.

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**Christmas 2011
St. William of York Parish
Stafford, VA**

Family Sponsor List

This sheet contains a list of food that is recommended for needy families within our parish and for needy families we are sponsoring through the Stafford County Department of Social Services (DSS).

St. William of York Parish is committed to not only providing a Christmas meal, but additional food for the rest of the week (thus the size of the list).

By agreeing to sponsor a local family in need, you are committed to bringing at least the items listed. You are free to add to your donation but please do not bring items that require refrigeration (or alcoholic items). Donations that have been collected will be used to provide a turkey, bread, and butter. If you prefer, you may share this list with a neighbor to support a needy family or you may donate individual items. Food baskets may be delivered to the school cafeteria beginning after all Masses on Dec. 3rd & 4th. Food may also be delivered during the week between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Deadline is Wednesday, December 14th at 1:00 PM.

To support a family (and get a Data number) or for additional information, please contact Jim Everett at (540) 720-4337 (jimeverett47@gmail.com), or Kurt Gibbs at (540) 288-9989 (kurtgibbs@comcast.net).

2 boxes Stuffing	2 cans beans (Lima, Black, etc.)	3 boxes Pudding or Jell-O
2 cans Beef Stew, large	4 cans Tuna Fish/Chicken	1 bottle Vegetable/Canola Oil
2 cans Cranberry sauce	2 cans Fruit (variety)	1-5 lb bag Sugar
2 cans Spam	2 cans Corned Beef Hash	1 box Bisquick, large
2 cans Sweet Potatoes (large)	1-3 lb bag Rice	1-5 lb bag Potatoes
2 cans Chili, large	3 boxes Pasta	1-3 lb bag Onions
2 cans/jars Turkey Gravy	3 cans/jars Spaghetti Sauce	1 pkg Toilet Paper (6-roll)
2 cans Corn	1 jar Peanut Butter (large)	4 each Hand or Liquid Soap
2 cans Green Beans, large	1 jar Jelly/Jam (large)	1 Cake Mix
2 cans Peas	2 boxes Breakfast Cereal	1 can Cake Frosting
1 pkg. Paper Towels	3 cans Soup (please no cream soups)	