



☒ Third Sunday of Advent ☒

December 16, 2012



Mass Intentions For The Week of

December 17th – December 23rd

Monday	7:30 AM	Kathleen Hotchko ☩
	9:00 AM	Jacqueline Murray ☩
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Carlos & Josefina Ayerbe ☩
	9:00 AM	Bob Bradley ☩
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Angela Kennedy ☩
	6:30 PM	Samuel & Kika Gonzales ☩
Thursday	7:30 AM	Gonzalez Family ☩
	9:00 AM	Daryl Monge ☩
Friday	9:00 AM	Christine Ann Stamborski ☩
	7:30 PM	Father Magat's Intentions
Saturday	9:00 AM	Christine Rechichi
	5:00 PM	Ella Marie Nowicki ☩
	7:00 PM	Alicira Guillermo & Ines Camacho ☩
Sunday	7:30 AM	People of St. William of York
	9:00 AM	Charles & Helen Colvin ☩
	10:30 AM	Joseph Nelson, Jr. ☩
	12:15 PM	Kathleen Hannon ☩

+Confession Schedule+

December 17th – December 23rd

Tuesday:	9:30 AM
Thursday:	9:30 AM
Saturday	9:30 AM
Saturday:	3:30 PM - 4:30 PM*
Saturday	6:30 PM (Spanish)
Sunday:	7:00-9:00 PM

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

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class in English will be held on **Wednesday, January 23rd at 7:30 PM** in the Library. The next Spanish Baptismal Preparation Class will be held on **Saturday, January 12th at 8:30 AM** in the Brent Room. It is mandatory that all parents register with the parish office (659-1102) before the class.

Simbang Gabi

The Filipino-American Apostolate of the parish will conduct an organizational meeting to plan for the celebration of this year's Simbang Gabi on Sunday, December 9th from 2 PM—5 PM in the Brent Room. Simbang Gabi is a novena of Masses in preparation for Christmas. It is a tradition dating back nearly 400 years. This year's Simbang Gabi Mass will be held on December 21st at 7:30 PM.

Additional Advent Confessions

During the advent season we will be offering additional confessions in English and Spanish on Sunday, December 16th from 7-9 PM and Sunday, December 23rd from 7-9 PM.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Vigil	Christmas Day
Monday, December 24 th	Tuesday December 25 th
4:00 PM	7:30 AM
6:00 PM	9:00 AM
8:00 PM	10:30 AM
10:00 PM (Spanish)	12:15 PM
12:00 Midnight	

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, January 1, 2012 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God; a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Monday, December 31st at 6:30 PM (Vigil) and at 8:00 PM (Spanish). Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 1st at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12:15 PM.

Christmas Flower Donations

If you would like to donate to our Christmas Flower Offering in memory of a loved one, please pick up a Christmas Flower envelope in the main entrance of the church or use the one provided with your envelope mailings. You may place it in the collection basket or you may bring it to the parish office. Thank You.

St. William of York Youth



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Christmas Card Sales

Congratulations to Sophia Pomatto, parishioner and 3rd grade student at our school! Miss Pomatto submitted the winning drawing for our school's Christmas card contest this year. Students and school families will be selling these beautiful cards outside of the church and in the parish center after all weekend Masses. You may also purchase them in the parish or school offices Monday—Friday. The inside of the card reads as follows:

May Joy be your gift
at Christmas and may
Faith, Hope and Love
be your treasures
in the New Year!

Religious Education

December Schedule:

December 16 – Classes in Session

December 23 and 30- NO CLASSES – CHRISTMAS BREAK

Have a safe and blessed Christmas holiday!

Please check the bulletin weekly for all information regarding upcoming events, scheduled meetings and curriculum requirements that you need to know about.

The parish bulletin can also be found on the parish website @ SWOYCC.org. Go to the Information tab and drop down to bulletins.

A copy of the updated Religious Education Policies, Calendar for the year, etc can also be found on the website under the Faith tab and drop down to RE.

John Paul the Great Events and Invitations for Middle School Students!

All Middle School students are invited to participate in these special events hosted just for you!

Band and Choir Music Festival: January 26. Attention singers and instrumentalists: Learn new music, meet new friends, and perform on the JP stage during our third annual event for middle school musicians! For more information, and to register, please click [here](#). Questions? Please contact: Music Director, Mrs. Kingett: Kelly.Kingett@jpthegreat.org.

Free Admission to Varsity Basketball Games: (NEW DATE!) January 30. Girls play at 4:30 PM, boys at 6:00 PM. To add your name to the RSVP list, or just come by! For more information, please contact: info@jpthegreat.org

2nd Annual Futsal Tournament: (NEW DATE!): February 9, 2013. What's Futsal? A type of indoor soccer for boys and girls! Click [here](#) to learn more, and to register! Contact: Coach Jay Jesse: Jay.Jesse@jpthegreat.org

Preview Open House: March 14, 4 – 6 PM. For Grades 5 – 7 (or anyone!) who wants to preview high school at JP! Contact: admissions@jpthegreat.org

This week in our Parish

Sunday, December 16

8:00 AM: K of C Coffee & Donuts (Center)

8:45 AM: RE Class

10:45 AM: RE Class

11:15 AM: Choir (Center)

2:00 PM: Advent Concert (Church)

3:30 PM: Reception & Auction (Center)

6:00 PM: RE Class

7:00 PM: Confessions (Church)

Monday, December 17

3:15 PM: Girl Scouts (Art/Brent Room)

5:15 PM: Basketball Practice (Gym)

6:45 PM: C.S. Den Meeting (Brent/Art Room)

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

Tuesday, December 18

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

9:30 AM: Rosary Makers (Brent Room)

1:30 PM: Advent/Christmas Program (Center)

3:45 PM: Basketball Practice (Gym)

5:15 PM: Basketball Practice (Gym)

7:00 PM: Advent/Christmas Concert (Center)

Wednesday, December 19

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

3:30 PM: Basketball (Gym)

7:30 PM: RCIA (Center)

Thursday, December 20

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

6:00 PM: Cantors (Church)

7:00 PM: Choir (Church)

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

Friday, December 21

½ Day of School

7:30 PM: Simbang Gabi Mass (Church)

8:15 PM: Filipino Reception (Center)

Saturday, December 22

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

3:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

6:30 PM: Spanish Confessions (Church)

Stitches of Compassion

A warm thank you to all that created 265 scarves plus mittens, and caps that went into the Thanksgiving Baskets. Also for the blankets, booties and caps that went to the NICU babies, shawls for veterans plus shawls and pillowcases for hospice all from donated fabric and yarns.

Enjoy time with family and friends during this joyous holiday. Our next meeting will be Jan 17th in the Brent Room from 10 AM- 12 noon, see you then. Any questions contact Sharyn Drollinger 540-720-1734



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We Joyfully Welcome into the Catholic Faith

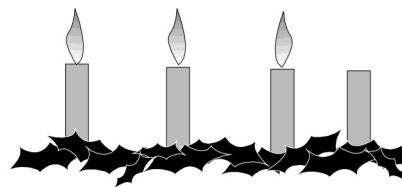
Ava Madison Cole-Williams, daughter of Christine Cole.

Sean Michael Inzeo, son of Michael and Brittany Inzeo.

Maya Shayan Twardo-Coreas, daughter of Santos Coreas and Rose Twardo.

Blessed Angels

Our little blessed angels are on sale this weekend in the entrance of the church after all Masses. You may also purchase them in 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.



Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Zephaniah urges the people of Jerusalem to rejoice because the Lord is in their midst. He conveys the message that God will love and protect those who have remained faithful to him.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Paul encourages the Philippians to be ready for Christ. He tells them not to worry about their concerns, but to instead ask God's help and allow his peace to fill their hearts and minds.

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist answers people who ask him what they should do, leading some to believe he was the Messiah. John clearly states that he will be followed by one so powerful that "I am not fit to loosen his sandal strap."

Brain Train

Enjoy time with family and friends during this joyous holiday. Our next meeting will be Jan 29th 2013 in the Brent Room 1-3 see you then. Any questions contact Sharyn Drollinger 540-720-1734.

Advent Benefit Concert for the Guadalupe Free Clinic

Today, Sunday, December 16, 2012
2 PM Concert 3:30 PM Reception and
Silent Auction

Join us at St. William of York Catholic Church for an annual benefit concert for the Guadalupe Free Clinic featuring Fathers Stephen Schultz and Jerome Magat, Mr. Frank Nicely, Pianist Olga Braga, and the choirs of St. William of York Catholic Church and St. Anthony of Padua Mission. Come shop for Christmas at the Silent Auction!

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will have for sale Religious Christmas Cards after all Sunday morning Masses. We also have for sale Advent Wreaths and Candles. Help keep Christ in Christmas by sending Religious cards - an evangelization message from you! All proceeds are in support of our seminarians. For questions, call Bill Emond at 540-903-0254.

Prayer Request...

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

Jeff Abramaitys, Ralph Allison, Gary Anderson, John Bernier, Denise Bilodeau, OJ Block, George Davis III, Brian Dawson, Robert Deisbeck, Nathan Dobbins, Dennis Ferry, John Ferry, Brian Flanagan, John Gentile, Keirsten Hage, Jason Heuer, Denise Huff, Steve Jameson, Ryan Kraft, Nicholas Kubick, Joseph LaPlante, Kent Larson, Tyron Anthony Layug, Garrett Len, Joseph Martello, Robert Mills, Shane Montgomery, Mike Parrot, Jr., Gavin Reed, Thomas Ryan, Daniel Stehm, Gregory Thomas, Mark Thomas, Chris Tolliver, Kyle Traylor and Theodore Williams.

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.

Parish Office Schedule

The parish office will be closed from Monday, December 24th through Wednesday, December 26th. We will reopen on Thursday, December 27th at 9:30 AM.

Bulletin Deadlines

In preparation for Christmas and New Years closures the deadlines for the bulletin submissions have changed during this season. The deadline for the December 30th bulletin is December 19th. The deadline for the January 6th bulletin is December 26th. If you would like to send information for these bulletins please send it to the parish office via email at parishoffice@swoycc.org by the appropriate dates.

Unite Your Faith and Your Fertility

Take a Natural Family Planning class! Would you like to gain a deeper understanding of how God created you, especially your fertility? Are you engaged and looking for a way to plan your family which is natural, effective, and in accord with God's plan for your life? Are you longing for a child but having difficulty conceiving? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then consider taking a class on natural family planning. A new class series will be starting on Sunday, January 20th, 2013 at St. William of York Catholic Church (3130 Jefferson Davis Hwy. Stafford, VA 22554) and then continuing on Sunday, February 17th and March 17th, 2013. Cost of the class is \$140 which covers all materials. Assistance is available for those with financial hardship. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** Visit www.nfpvirginia.com for more information or to register. If you have any questions, please contact teaching couple, Bill and Jessica Davidson at [301-841-7505](tel:301-841-7505) or davidsonnfp@gmail.com.

Theology Courses at Christendom Graduate School

Enrich your life and learn more about the Faith by taking a fall course at the Christendom Graduate School! The session runs from Jan. 14 – May 4. At our convenient Alexandria campus (on Queen of Apostles Parish grounds). We welcome both degree-seeking and casual students, on either a part-time or full-time basis. We have low tuition rates and discounts for seniors, catechists, and Catholic school teachers. *We also have online courses.* For more information, you may visit us online at www.christendom.edu/grad, call (703)658-4304, or email us at NDGS@Christendom.edu.