



Welcome to St. William of York Catholic Church:  
 “An Authentic Catholic Culture”



✠ Second Sunday of Advent—December 7, 2014 ✠

Mass Intentions for the Week of  
 December 8<sup>th</sup> – December 14<sup>th</sup>

Monday	7:30 AM	Joseph Duffy †
<i>Immaculate</i>	9:00 AM	Marylyn DeLancey
<i>Conception</i>	12:15 PM	People of St. William of York
<i>of the BVM</i>	7:30 PM	Danielle Thompson
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Rafaela Marengo †
	9:00 AM	Rae Gatewood †
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory †
	6:30 PM	Special Intention
Thursday	7:30 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory †
	9:00 AM	Jacqueline Murray †
Friday	9:00 AM	Thomas Lee Mooney †
<i>Spanish Mass</i>	7:30 PM	Naty Fajardo †
Saturday	9:00 AM	Erzsebet Agopcsa †
	5:00 PM	Gilbert Turchik †
	7:00 PM	The Kerrigan Family
Sunday	7:30 AM	Mary Junkerfeld †
	9:00 AM	Norma Stark †
	10:30 AM	People of St. William of York
	12:15 PM	Ryan DeGuzman

On Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> we will honor Our Lady of Guadalupe with Mañanitas at 5:00 AM and Mass at 9:00 AM. There will be an additional 7:30 PM Mass in Spanish.

+Confession Schedule+

December 8<sup>th</sup> – December 13<sup>th</sup>

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.)

Legion of Mary to  
 Celebrate Milestone

The Legion of Mary praesidium at St. William of York invites all active and auxiliary members to Mass at 6:30 PM Wednesday, December 10, 2014. Mass will be celebrated in honor of Our Blessed Mother in gratitude for the Legion’s reaching its 1000<sup>th</sup> meeting which will take place during that week! We extend our heartfelt thanks to all present and former members of the praesidium for your wonderful prayers and examples of faith and works through all the years. May God bless you all.

Father DeMartino to Speak!

Our Saints and Apostles CYO group are proud to present our own Father DeMartino on Saturday evening, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the parish center. All teens, young adults, single Catholics and parents are welcome to come for this once only this year presentation:

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 CATHOLIC CULTURE

You are unlikely to hear anything like this talk anywhere else. It flies in the face of everything the unreal world proclaims on this neglected topic. Father’s talk is biblically based, authentically Catholic (Of course!) and is definitely PG!

Sunday Vespers Tonight

Sunday Vespers, Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours, will be prayed tonight at 5:00 PM in the Church. Please bring a copy of *Shorter Christian Prayer* or a suitable volume of the Liturgy of the Hours. All are welcome!

The Solemnity of the  
 Immaculate Conception

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, is a Holy Day of obligation. In addition to the 9:00 AM School Mass, an early morning Mass at 7:30 AM, a 12:15 PM and an evening Mass at 7:30 PM will be offered.

Liturgy of the Hours

Liturgy of the Hours will not meet December 10<sup>th</sup> due to the Senior Luncheon. See you December 17<sup>th</sup>.

December Senior Luncheon

Seniors 50+ are invited to join us for our Advent Luncheon to be held Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> in the school gym from noon to 2 PM. There will be door prizes and raffle baskets. We ask that you bring a dish to share or a donation of \$3. Any questions please call Rosemary Riddle at (540) 659-5472. Our donation for the Outreach this month is small box/bag of sugar and/or small bag of corn flour.

# The St. William of York Youth



## St. William of York Catholic School

Academic Excellence \* Personalized Attention \* Authentic Catholic Culture

Mark your calendars for the school  
**Advent Program**  
on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 PM in the Gym.  
All students/classes will participate.

December 8<sup>th</sup>: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception-Catholic Festivity at School featuring Mary's Shop, Daughters of St. Paul Gift Shop, and Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Daughters of St. Paul Books and Gifts: Sale in the Gym  
Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> after the 5 PM Mass  
Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> after all Masses  
Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> during school hours.

Email Mr. Nicely for a tour or a shadow day at: [fnicely@stwillschool.org](mailto:fnicely@stwillschool.org) or  
call the school office (540) 659-5207.

## Religious Education

### Upcoming Sundays:

**December 7<sup>th</sup>:** CLASSES IN SESSION  
(for all grades K-8)

**December 14<sup>th</sup>:** CLASSES IN SESSION  
(last class before Christmas)

**December 21<sup>st</sup> & December 28<sup>th</sup>:** NO CLASSES  
(enjoy you Christmas break!)

Classes resume for everyone (grades K-8) TODAY, December 7<sup>th</sup>!

All classes will be on break to celebrate Christmas on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> and Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Classes will resume on January 4<sup>th</sup>!! Please plan to be in class on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

All 7<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation students should have already turned in their sponsor name and Confirmation saint name. If you have not, please turn it in before Christmas break (Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>).

### Name the Saint!

My feast day is December 13<sup>th</sup>. Little is actually known of my life, but I lived in Sicily, a small area of land off the coast of Italy. One of the most well-known stories about me is connected to my desire to devote myself completely to Jesus and stay unmarried (which was unheard of during my lifetime). As a young Christian living in a pagan (or believers of others gods) society, I suffered much for my faith as people known to be Christians were killed. I was supposed to marry a man but when he found out that I would not marry him because of my devotion to Jesus, he told the Roman government and had me arrested. I was tortured in an effort to deny my faith, but I held strong and would not renounce (or give up) God. Because of my devout faith, I was killed and became a martyr. Most pictures show me holding eyes on a plate because the Romans tried to take away my sight, but God restored my sight much to the Romans' dismay. Many countries celebrate my feast day. In Sweden, the girls dress like me and wear a crown of candles on their heads as they sing and give out cookies. I am patron of the eyes and blindness. Who am I?

ANSWER: ST. LUCY



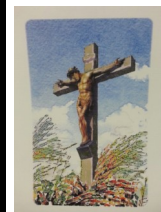
## In Our Parish

### The Giving Trees are here!

Please return wrapped gifts under the Giving Trees by December 13, 2013. The youth group will take the gifts to the residents December 20<sup>th</sup> and enjoy some good, festive cheer with them, too. Thanks for your generosity and for making the residents part of our family!

### Virgin of Guadalupe Feast

Please come and join us on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 AM to 1:45 PM in the center for our celebration of the Virgin of Guadalupe Brunch! Cost for brunch is Adults—\$10.00 and Children under 10—\$6.00.



### Water Color of Crucifix for Sale

Local Artist, Bill Evans has produced a beautiful water color of our beloved crucifix on Route 1 in Stafford. Sales price is \$50 and \$10 of every sale will be donated back to St. William of York. Contact information is available in the parish office along with one of the copies for you to see firsthand. Limited copies are available.

# In Our Parish

## This Week in our Parish

### **Sunday, December 7**

8:00 AM: K of C Pancake Breakfast (Center)  
8:00 AM: Blood Drive (Center)  
8:00 AM: Daughters of St. Paul Book Fair (Gym)  
8:45 AM: RE Class in Session  
10:00 AM: Choir (Brent Room)  
10:45 AM: RE in Session  
1:30 PM: Baptisms (Church)  
5:00 PM: Evening Prayer (Church)  
6:00 PM: RE in Session

### **Monday, December 8**

*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:15 PM: Choir (Brent Room)

### **Tuesday, December 9**

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)  
9:30 AM: Rosary Makers (Brent Room)  
3:30 PM: Fiat (Brent Room)  
6:00 PM: School Sports Banquet (Center)

### **Wednesday, December 10**

12:00 PM: Senior Luncheon (Gym)  
4:00 PM: Boys JV Basketball (Gym)  
6:00 PM: Boys V Basketball Practice (Gym)  
7:30 PM: K of C Meeting (K of C Hall)  
7:30 PM: RCIA (Center)

### **Thursday, December 11**

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)  
10:00 AM: Senior Chair Exercise (Brent Room)  
4:45 PM: Girls Basketball Practice (Gym)  
6:00 PM: Boys Varsity Basketball Practice (Gym)  
6:30 PM: Choir (Church)  
7:00 PM: Legion of Mary (Brent Room)

### **Friday, December 12**

*Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*

5:00 AM: Mañanitas (Center)  
3:30 PM: Geography Practice (Library)

### **Saturday, December 13**

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)  
12:30 PM: Geography Practice (Library)  
3:30 PM: Confessions (Church)  
6:00 PM: Saints & Apostles (Center)  
6:30 PM: Spanish Confessions (Church)

## **K of C – “Keep Christ In Christmas”**

Virginia Knights launched a “Keep Christ in Christmas” greeting card program in 1989. The Christmas card program is more than just a holiday greeting signed and folded inside of an envelope. It is both a way to evangelize and to promote unity among Christians. We’re Catholics. We should be proud of our faith, proud of who we are, and not be afraid to say things like “*Merry Christmas.*” Stop by the parish center after all morning Masses on Sundays to see Brother Bill Emond and the selection of KCIC items for sale.

## **Blood Drive**

Blood cannot be manufactured; it must be donated by generous donors, like you. 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 a Blood Drive today, December 7<sup>th</sup> in the parish center from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Won’t you help? Please be aware that a valid picture 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 Note Cards and Blessed Wax Angels For Sale**

St. William of York is offering note cards and Blessed Wax Angels for sale after all weekend Masses in the main entrance of the church. The cards are sold in packs of 8 cards for \$12.00. The front of the card is a picture of our Sanctuary and the inside of the card is blank for you to use as you wish. The Angels are recycled from the candles used on our altar. All proceeds go toward our debt reduction.

## **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 by Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **Prayer Request...**

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

Ralph Allison, Christopher Bell, David Besachio, Aaron Burke, Megan Cobb, George Davis III, Brian Dawson, Robert Deisbeck, John Ferry, Brian Flanagan, Keirsten Hage, Jason Heuer, Denise Huff, William Kerriagan, Ryan Kraft, Nicholas Kubick, Matthew Kuhns, Tyron Anthony Layug, Robert Mills, Shane Montgomery, John O’Hagan, Ron Penninger, Gavin Reed, Thomas Ryan, Daniel Stehm, David Stewart, Gregory Thomas, Chris Tolliver, Kyle Traylor and Logan Whitworth.

*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.*



December 2014

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have long treasured this observation recorded in the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: "...that though he was rich, [Jesus Christ] became poor for your sakes, so that through his poverty, you might become rich" (cf. 2 Cor 8:9). As the feast of Christmas draws near, you and I are reminded of the poverty which Jesus embraced. Setting aside the heavenly glory of His divine nature, He assumed our humanity, being born in a cattle stable and allowing Himself to be wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. How helpless and poor He became! Our Savior bypassed all heavenly and earthly riches and embraced a life of true poverty.

Even more, the Lord Jesus identifies Himself with the poor and the needy (cf. Mt 25:31-46). So we actually encounter Jesus Christ in every person in need and, therefore, we truly can reach out to Him, unseen but present in them, through our generosity to our diocesan Catholic Charities, whose relentless efforts enables us to encounter Christ in the poor.

Pope Francis encourages us to pursue these encounters fearlessly. "Moved by his example, we want to enter fully into the fabric of society, sharing the lives of all, listening to their concerns, helping them materially and spiritually...which brings us joy and gives meaning to our lives," (cf. *Apostolic Exhortation: Joy of the Gospel*, n. 269).

What a wonderful opportunity we have to draw near to the poor and touch the Person of Christ in them through the mission of **Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington**. It is vital for each of us to partner in this diocesan mission through the second collection for Catholic Charities on the weekend of **December 13 and 14**. I encourage you to reflect prayerfully on how your support will unite your heart to Christ's in His identification with and love for the poor.

Our Holy Father tells us, "No single act of love for God will be lost, no generous effort is meaningless, no painful endurance is wasted." Please join with me in making real and tangible the love of the Poor Christ with those most in need by generously and even sacrificially supporting Catholic Charities on December 13 and 14.

Faithfully in the Heart of Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul S. Loverde".

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde  
Bishop of Arlington