



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



✠ First Sunday of Advent—November 30, 2014 ✠

**Mass Intentions for the Week of
December 1st – December 7th**

Monday	7:30 AM	Special Intention
	9:00 AM	Carlos Flores †
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Paul Versaw †
	9:00 AM	Gerald T. Swiatek
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Antonio Flores †
	6:30 PM	Frances McFall †
Thursday	7:30 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory †
	9:00 AM	Richard Willis Jr. †
Friday	9:00 AM	Maurizio Ezelinda Family
	6:30 PM	Jeanne Wynn Clapp †
Saturday	9:00 AM	Special Intention
	5:00 PM	John & Katherine Baird, Jr.
	7:00 PM	Edgar Marengo †
Sunday	7:30 AM	Maurizio Ezelinda Family
	9:00 AM	Anthony Daniel D’Agostino
	10:30 AM	John Pasola †
	12:15 PM	People of St. William of York

+Confession Schedule+

**December 1st –
December 6th**

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.)

Virgin of Guadalupe Feast

Please come and join us on December 14th 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.

**The Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception**

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Monday, December 8th, 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.

First Friday Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will begin on Friday, December 5th, 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. For more information please contact Cindy Armstrong at (540) 220-7344.

Thrift Shop First Saturday Opening

The Thrift Shop monthly first Saturday opening will be Saturday, December 6th from 9:30 AM until 12:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to come and shop. Proceeds from sales go to help needy clients in Stafford County.

The Giving Trees are here!

We are very excited to announce that this year’s Giving Trees is devoted to the residents of Greenfield Senior Living! The Saints & Apostles youth group have placed gift tags on the Giving Trees for this Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2014. Please return wrapped gifts under the Giving Trees by December 13, 2013. The youth group will take the gifts to the residents December 20th and enjoy some good, festive cheer with them, too. Thanks for your generosity and for making the residents part of our family!

**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 night Dec. 10, 2014. Mass will be celebrated in honor of Our Blessed Mother in gratitude for the Legion’s reaching its 1000th 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.

The St. William of York Youth



St. William of York Catholic School

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Upcoming Events

DFE School Accreditation Dec 2– Dec 5
Dec. 4—High School Placement Testing
Dec. 5— Interims-Half Day of School
Dec. 8—Mary’s Shop

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

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

Volunteer Compliance Requirements

Protecting God’s Children is a seminar that is mandatory for all volunteers who have substantial contact with children and for all employees of the Arlington Diocese. To be fully compliant with the Diocesan Policy you must attend the 4 hour seminar and turn in all background check paperwork to the parish office. To register for a seminar go to www.virtus.org. For background check forms and for more information contact Kayla Dittmer in the parish office at (540) 659-1102.

Religious Education

Upcoming Sundays:

November 30th: NO CLASS!! (Enjoy your Thanksgiving break!)
December 7th: CLASSES IN SESSION (for all grades K-8)
December 14th: CLASSES IN SESSION (last class before Christmas)

There is NO CLASS TODAY, November 30th, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Happy Thanksgiving!
Classes resume for everyone (grades K-8) on December 7th!

All 7th 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. 14th).

Name the Saint!

My feast day is December 6th. I am one of the most popular saints in history, but little is actually known of my life. I lived in the area that is now known as the country Turkey and I was a bishop. What most people know of me is through stories connected to me in which I am helping the poor and those in need. One of the most famous stories about me is the time I secretly gave gold to a poor father so his daughters could get married. This began the tradition of children leaving empty shoes out on my feast day so that they would be filled overnight while they slept. In other countries, my legend has grown to include a very popular gift-bearing person who comes once a year if children have been good all year. Who am I?



In Our Parish

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, November 30

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

Monday, December 1

4:00 PM: Boys Varsity Basketball (Gym)

Tuesday, December 2

9:30 AM: Rosary Makers (Brent Room)

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

3:00 PM: DFE (Brent Room)

5:00 PM: DFE Reception (Center)

Wednesday, December 3

7:30 AM: DFE (Brent Room)

7:30 PM: RCIA (Center)

Thursday, December 4

7:30 AM: DFE (Brent Room)

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

6:00 PM: Cantors (Center)

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

7:00 PM: Choir (Church)

Friday, December 5

First Friday Adoration

No School

7:30 PM: DFE (Brent Room)

Saturday, December 6

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

3:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

1:00 PM: Baptism (Church)

6:00 PM: Saints & Apostles (Center)

6:30 PM: NFP Postpartum Class (Brent Room)

6:30 PM: Spanish Confessions (Church)

Liturgy of the Hours

Liturgy of the Hours will **not** meet on Wednesday, December 3rd. We will meet again on December 10th in the Brent Room. See you then.

Knights of Columbus –

“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.

2015 Mass Missals

The Religious Education has purchased 2015 Mass Missals for the new church year. We have a **limited** supply of extra missals available. These are a good resource to use at Mass or with the Holy Heroes homework. If you would like to purchase a missal, please come to the RE Office during weekly office hours (9-3) or on Sundays during classes or the parish office during weekly office hours (9:30—4:30). The cost is \$2.00 per missal.

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class in English will be held on **Wednesday, December 17th at 7:30 PM** in the Library. The next Spanish Baptismal Preparation Class will be held on **Saturday, January 10th at 8:30 AM** in the Brent Room. It is **mandatory that all parents register** with the parish office (659-1102) before the class.

Legion of Mary

There will be no Legion of Mary meetings on Thursday, December 4th. We will meet again on December 11th in the Brent Room.

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 on Sunday, December 7th 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

Sanctuary Note Cards

St. William of York is offering note cards for sale in the parish office. The cards are sold in packs of 8 cards for \$12.00. Proceeds will go toward the debt reduction. 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.

Fall Harvest Food Drive

Huge Success!!!

Once again your generosity has proved how big your hearts really are. Your contributions to the Fall Harvest Food Drive allowed us to collect 300 bags of food, 6,000 lbs. that went to St. Matthew Outreach in Spotsylvania. Donations of over \$1,100 were collected and will be given to Catholic Charities to help purchase much needed food. Matthew 25:31-46 With words both poetic and vivid, Jesus tells the disciples that since he is present in all people, whatever they do to "one of my least brother" they do to him; and whatever they fail to do to his "least," they fail to do to him. You have not failed. Thank you for your generous support of this years Fall Harvest Food Drive.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your contributions to the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! Your generous gifts will help CCHD end poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we help keep Catholic social teaching alive and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor ... to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).

Day of Recollection for Discerners

Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Take a step to find out. The Office of Vocations will hold a day retreat for men on Dec. 20th and a day retreat for women on Dec. 21st. Both run from 9 AM to 5 PM and are open to those 17 years and older. Please register by Dec. 12th. Contact (703) 841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

December Senior Luncheon

Seniors 50+ are invited to join us for our Advent Luncheon to be held Wednesday, December 10th 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. We are collecting canned goods for outreach this month. Any questions please call Rosemary Riddle at (540) 659-5472. Our donation for Outreach this month is small box/bag of sugar and/or small bag of corn flour.



First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7

In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that "We are all the work of your hands."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God who has sent his only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God's grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Just as a servant watching over the master's house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.

Offer Your Prayers

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, 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, Gavin Reed, Thomas Ryan, Christopher Roy, 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. 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.