



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



☒ Fourth Sunday of Advent—December 20, 2015 ☒

Mass Intentions for the Week of December 21st – December 27th

Monday	7:30 AM	Special Intention
	9:00 AM	Rosa Maria Riveros Sanchez †
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Augustine Harrison †
	9:00 AM	Ella Nowicki †
Wednesday	9:00 AM	William T. Casler †
	6:30 PM	Augustine Harrison †
Thursday	No 7:30 AM Mass today	
	9:00 AM	Special Intention
<i>Christmas Vigil</i>	4:00 PM	Rose Frances DeMartino †
(Spanish)	6:00 PM	Priest Intention
	8:00 PM	Sharon Anne O'Meara †
Friday	12:00 AM	Joseph DeMartino †
<i>Nativity</i>	9:00 AM	Priest Intention
<i>Of the Lord</i>	10:30 AM	People of St. William of York
<i>(Christmas Day)</i>	12:15 AM	Priest Intention
Saturday	No 6:30 PM Mass today	
	9:00 AM	Mark Danison †
	5:00 PM	Joe Duffy †
	7:00 PM	Antonio Alba †
Sunday	7:30 AM	Ted & Betty Carter
	9:00 AM	People of St. William of York
	10:30 AM	Rita Mathieu
	12:15 PM	Ellen Carag †

Mass Schedule Changes

There will be **no** 7:30 AM Mass on Thursday, December 24th and **no** 6:30 PM Mass on Friday, December 25th (because by Cannon Law, priests may only offer 2 Masses on days other than Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation. Both priests will already have 2 Masses on December 24th and December 25th).



Christmas Eve Vigil

Thursday,
December 24th
4:00 PM
6:00 PM (Spanish)
8:00 PM

Christmas Day

Friday,
December 25th
12:00 Midnight
9:00 AM
10:30 AM
12:15 PM

+Confession Schedule+

December 21st – December 26th

Monday:	7:00 PM
Tuesday:	9:30 AM
Wednesday:	7:00 PM
No 9:30 AM Thursday Confessions	
Saturday:	9:30 AM
Saturday:	3:30— 4:30 PM*
Saturday:	6:30 PM (Spanish)

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

Confession Schedule Changes

There will **not** be confessions on Thursday, December 24th at 9:30 AM. Fr. DeMartino, Fr. Killian, and our visiting priest, Fr. Lundberg will hear additional confessions in English and Spanish on the following days:

Monday, December 21st at 7 PM and
Wednesday, December 23rd at 7 PM

On Tuesday, December 22nd at 9:30 AM, confessions will be heard in English only, by Fr. DeMartino only.

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Friday, January 1, 2016 is the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God; a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, December 31st at 7:30 PM and Friday, January 1, 2016 at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 12:15 PM.

Mardi Gras Gala

To Benefit The Guadalupe Free Clinic
Come out on February 6th to celebrate Mardi Gras and help support The Guadalupe Free Clinic! Enjoy a fun evening at picturesque Potomac Point Winery while sipping wine and dining in the Ballroom. There will be a live and silent auction, raffles, music and dancing. To purchase tickets you may go online to <http://mardigrasgalaforgfc.eventbrite.com>, email mardigrasgalaforgfc@gmail.com, or you may call Susan at (201) 314-5884.

Parish office Schedule

The parish office will be closed on Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th for Christmas.

The St. William of York Youth



St. William of York Catholic School

Academic Excellence * Personalized Attention * Authentic Catholic Culture

Our Catholic Culture at St. William of York School

It is becoming harder and harder to slow down and quietly prepare for Christmas. Our school family works together in an effort not to be swept away in the rush and prolonged holiday party preceding Christmas. Instead, we try to watch and wait for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ, both celebrating His divine birth and preparing for His second coming. Then, just when the commercial world is finished with Christmas and moving onto Valentine's Day, we will continue our Christmas celebration throughout the entire season. While we do remain a little out of sync in attitude and focus with society as Christmas approaches, we must remember that humbly loving and serving that society is one of our primary responsibilities.

*St. William of York School will hold its
Christmas celebration program on Thursday, January 7.*

St. William of York Baseball, 2016!

Just a notice for all parishioners that St. William of York Catholic School will once again sponsor youth baseball in the spring. Watch for announcements in January's bulletins regarding sign-ups. The season will go from mid March through the school year, and is open to all parish children grades K-5 (and girls in grade 6). Also, volunteer coaches will be needed, so if you are interested in returning for another year to coach or assistant coach, or interested in becoming one, you are needed and appreciated. Please contact Ken Reuwer at reuwers@verizon.net for further information. All staff must be VIRTUS trained before the start of the season, in accordance with Diocesan rules.

Religious Education

Sundays:

December 20th: CLASSES IN SESSION

December 27th: NO CLASSES!

January 3rd: NO CLASSES!



The RE office will be CLOSED beginning Thursday December 24th through January 3, 2016 for Christmas break. If you need to contact us over the holidays, please email us at reoffice@swoycc.org. We will be checking frequently. Our office will resume business hours on January 4th at 9 AM. The RE office staff wishes everyone a wonderful and safe Christmas with family!

Confirmation 2015-16 Schedule – January 16, 2016

10:00 AM Mass - St. William of York School students

Miss Pittman's RE Class
Homeschool students

2:00 PM Mass - Mr. Mooney's RE Class

Mrs. Whitworth's RE Class

MANDATORY REHEARSAL is on Thursday, Jan. 14th

10:00 AM RITE will rehearse from 6:00-6:50 PM

2:00 PM RITE will rehearse from 7:00 -7:50 PM

*If sponsors are local they should attend the rehearsal too. If they are traveling from out of town, a parent should attend rehearsal in their place. **NOTE:** If the sponsor is unable to be present Confirmation day, a proxy, who meets all the sponsor requirements, must be used and provide a sponsor letter from their parish to the RE office by January 14th.*

Name the Saint!

My feast day is December 21st. Instead of following the path to become a lawyer as my father desired, I chose to become a Jesuit priest. I was a quick learner and I loved to gain new knowledge about the Faith. The Reformation was splitting the Church apart during my lifetime and I sought a way to keep the Church together. I worked tirelessly in Germany to teach and bring people back into the Church as well as resolve problems with the Church and care for the sick. My passion was in helping to teach the common person about the Faith. I am most known for writing the first question-and-answer style catechism. In it I explained the faith in a way people could understand it. Who am I?

ANSWER: St. Peter Canisius

In Our Parish

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, December 20

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

8:45 AM: RE Class

10:00 AM: Choir (Brent Room)

10:45 AM: RE Class

5:00 PM: Evening Prayer (Church)

6:00 PM: RE Class

Monday, December 21

7:00 PM: Confessions (Church)

Tuesday, December 22

½ Day of School

9:30 AM: Rosary Makers (Brent Room)

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

Wednesday, December 23

No school

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

7:00 PM: Confessions (Church)

No RCIA

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve

No school

No 9:30 AM Confessions

Friday, December 25

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

No school

Saturday, December 26

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

3:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

6:30 PM: Spanish Confessions (Church)

Thank you on behalf of the thousands you help with life-saving services when you give to Catholic Charities

Thank you for your support of Catholic Charities this year. Your support is vital to our work, and we are grateful for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. If you missed the opportunity to give to Catholic Charities, you may still do so. You can make your year-end gift support of Catholic Charities by going online to www.cca.net. Or you can make a gift in next week's collection and note Christmas Collection Catholic Charities on the memo portion of your check. All gifts stay in the diocese.

We Joyfully Welcome into the Catholic Faith

Hailey Ann Angerson, daughter of Michael and Amy Angerson.

Confirmation 2015-16 Shout-out:

Parents of students being confirmed on January 16th should expect a written note or email with more details concerning Confirmation day (i.e. times, pictures, dress code, reception, etc) before Christmas. Please see the RE section of the bulletin for a list of which classes will attend each Confirmation Rite. Also, if your child's sponsor is unable to be present on Confirmation day, please see the RE section concerning obtaining a proxy. If you have any questions, you can contact the RE office at (540) 659-5705 or reoffice@swoycc.org.

Knights of Columbus HONORARY Member Appreciation Dinner

December 27, 2015 (Sunday)

Special Presentations to our newest Honorary Knights ST. William of York parish center – 6:30 PM start Contact: Grand Knight - Dan Bolas, 540-318-6045 or Deputy Grand Knight, Walter Lamb, 571-247-2957 Bring donation for Mary's Shelter (Laundry Softener and detergent (45 oz), Diapers, Sheets Twin Sets, Pillows Twin or Gift Cards to Target and WalMart (\$10-\$25)

Donut Sunday

Knights of Columbus will host Donut Sunday, today, December 20th after all morning Masses. Please join us for fellowship in the parish center.

Evening Prayer

The next Sunday Vespers, Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours, will be prayed today, December 20th 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!

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary will be meeting in the Knights of Columbus Hall on Monday, December 28th at 7:00 PM.

Outreach, Thrift Shop & Pantry:

The St. William of York Outreach, Thrift Shop and Pantry will be closed from December 21st through January 2nd. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our regular schedule will resume on Monday, January 4th.



December 25, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Each year, as you and I kneel before the Nativity scene, we see an infant, often depicted with his tiny arms outstretched towards us. That moving gesture communicates a twofold meaning: Jesus desires to be held by us and to hold us as well in love! Recently, Pope Francis wrote: “Love, after all, can never be just an abstraction. By its very nature, it indicates something concrete: intentions, attitudes, and behaviors that are shown in daily living” (cf. *Misericordiae Vultus*, n. 9). Our Holy Father was speaking about love in the context of God’s mercy. As you know, he is urging us to reflect on God’s mercy in a very intentional way from December 8 of this year to November 20, 2016: an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, as he calls it. “...mercy is a key word that indicates God’s action towards us. He does not limit himself merely to affirming his love, but makes it visible and tangible....” (cf. *Ibid.*).

So, this year, as you and I kneel before the Nativity scene and fix our eyes on the Infant Jesus, surrounded by Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds, we see in Him a very tangible and concrete sign of God’s love, His mercy revealed clearly and unmistakably. The Infant Jesus is reaching out to each one of us: “Because you are loved by God Our Father, I have come to be among you and to save you by my future dying and rising. See how much I love you: My tiny arms stretched out towards you now and later on, stretched and nailed to the Cross.” Since the only response to love is love, let us reaffirm our love to the Infant Savior, to be shown by imitating Him in our daily living and by reaching out in love and mercy to those we encounter, beginning with our family.

Yes, we live in a world that is troubled, anxious and uncertain. The Infant Savior lying in the manger draws us beyond every difficulty to Himself, because only in Him and because of His mercy, will we experience hope that endures even unto life eternal. Let us respond to His love with open hearts and outstretched arms.

Please be assured that you and all those you hold dear will be remembered in the Holy Masses which I shall offer on Christmas and throughout the Christmas Season. You will all be likewise brought to the Lord in daily prayer throughout the approaching New Year. Please pray for me, that I might bring the concrete love of the Infant Jesus to all those who are in my pastoral care.

Faithfully in the Heart of Christ,

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde
Bishop of Arlington