



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



✠ The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)—December 25, 2016 ✠

**Mass Intentions for the Week of
December 26th – January 1st**

Monday	7:30 AM	Ruth Prince †
	9:00 AM	Jacqueline Murray †
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Rev. Robert DeMartino
	9:00 AM	Benito Suarez † & Teofila Bautista †
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Rita Mathieu
	6:30 PM	Gerald Denis Karcher †
Thursday	7:30 AM	Samuel Pisano †
	9:00 AM	Alma Dextreza Mayo †
Friday	9:00 AM	Maria Carmela Mooney
	6:30 PM	Megan Amico
Saturday	9:00 AM	Kathryn Crowe
	5:00 PM	Mike Martinelli †
Sunday	7:30 AM	Ana Espinosa †
	9:00 AM	People of St. William of York
	10:30 AM	Celebrant's Intention
	12:15 PM	Linda Rose DeMartino
	2:00 PM	Rev. Lino Rico Rostro

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class in English will be held on **Wednesday, January 25th at 7:30 PM** in the Library. The next Baptismal Preparation Class in Spanish will be held on **Saturday, January 14th at 8:30 AM** in the Brent Room. It is mandatory that all parents register with the parish office (659-1102) before the class.

**ATTENTION PARENTS
with Children Receiving
Penance and Eucharist...**

The RE office will be holding an information meeting on Sunday, January 8th at both morning sessions. The meeting will begin AFTER the children have been dismissed from the gym to go to class so you will need to stay when you drop them off. During the meeting we will give you information regarding the expectations of First Penance day, the day students will receive the sacrament, and how parents can help prepare them. First Communion details will also be discussed. Homeschool and home study parents can choose which meeting to attend (8:50 or 10:50). ***If you are a homeschooling parent and you have NOT let us know your child is preparing for First Communion this year, please let us know ASAP so we can have materials prepared for you at our meeting. ***

Confession Schedule

December 26th – January 1st

Tuesday:	9:30 AM
Thursday:	9:30 AM
Saturday:	9:30 AM
Saturday:	6:30 PM

**Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God**

Sunday, January 1, 2017 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, December 31st at 5:00 PM and Sunday, January 1st at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:15 PM and 2:00 PM.

Electronic Giving

With the busy times of the Season of Advent here, enrolling in Faith Direct today is a great way to ensure your gifts of treasure to St. William of York are received even if you may be out of town. Please pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today or enroll online at www.faithdirect.net - our Church Code is VA442. Thank you in advance for your support.

Special Christmas Collection

The first collection today, Christmas Day, December 25th is for your weekly offertory envelopes. The second collection baskets will be for your Christmas envelopes. There will be no debt reduction envelopes/collection.

**Sunday Collection for
12/18/16**

Offertory:	\$12,353.00
Debt:	\$ 6,161.00
<u>Faith Direct (Bimonthly)</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total	\$18,514.00

Thank you and may God bless you for your continued support and generosity.

The St. William of York Youth



St. William of York Catholic School

*Academic Excellence * Personalized Attention * Authentic Catholic Culture *

Dear Parish Families,

Your parish school wishes all of you a Blessed and Joyous Christmas and a grace filled New Year. We look forward to seeing all of you again after Christmas break.

Thank you to all who have been so generous as tuition angels. Our school family remembers you daily in our prayers.

Merry Christmas
Your School Family

To learn more about your parish school, please contact Jennifer Schiller at 540-659-5207 or jschiller@stwillschool.org. Thank you for your continued support.

Religious Education

NO CLASSES FOR TWO WEEKS,

Dec. 25 and Jan. 1!

See you on January 8, 2017!

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!



Name the Saint!

My feast day is December 27th. I was one of Jesus' 12 Apostles, along with my brother. I am the only Apostle who was not a martyr and it is believed that I lived the longest. It was I to whom Jesus entrusted the care of his mother, Mary, when he was dying on the cross. I wrote several books of the Bible, namely one of the Gospels and the Book of Revelation. I am most often depicted with an eagle and am the patron saint of authors, loyalty, and friendships. Who am I?

The RE Office is CLOSED December 21, 2016 – January 2, 2017. If you need to contact us over the break, we will be checking the office email, reoffice@swoycc.org, frequently. The RE Office will resume regular business hours January 3, 2017.

ANSWER: St. John the Apostle

We Joyfully Welcome into the Catholic Faith

Mikayla Caroline Fields, daughter of Joseph and Christina Fields.

Violet Tomasita Young, daughter of Mitch and Joanna Young.

Father DeMartino to Speak!

Saint William of York Youth Group is proud to present our very own Father DeMartino on Saturday evening, January 28th at 7:00 PM in the parish center. All teens, young adults, single Catholics and parents are welcome to come for this one time only this year presentation of:

COURTSHIP IN THE AUTHENTIC 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!

In Our Parish

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, December 25

No RE Classes

10:00 AM: Choir (Brent Room)

Monday, December 26

No School

Tuesday, December 27

No School

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

10:00 AM: Basketball Practice (Gym)

9:30 AM: Rosary Makers (Brent Room)

Wednesday, December 28

No School

10:00 AM: Basketball Practice (Gym)

No RE Class

No RCIA

Thursday, December 29

No School

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

10:00 AM: Basketball Practice (Gym)

7:00 PM: Adult Choir (Church)

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

Friday, December 30

No School

Saturday, December 31

New Year's Eve

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

6:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

Parish Office Holiday Notice

The parish office is closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We will reopen on Thursday, Dec. 29th at 9:30 AM.

Get Them Now!

The Religious Education Office has purchased 2017 Mass Missals for the new church year. We have a limited supply of extra missals available for any member or family in the parish. These are a good resource to use at Mass. 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 to the parish office during weekly office hours (9:30-4:30). The cost is \$2.00 per missal.

Sponsor of the Week

We would like to thank

"Lupi Orthodontics"

this week for sponsoring an ad
in our weekly bulletin.

If you are interested in sponsoring an ad in our
bulletin please call 1 (800) 883-4343.

Stitches of Compassion

Stitches of Compassion has had a productive year creating, then donating handmade items to those in need of love and warmth. The group has donated 300 Pillowcases, 16 scarves, hats, gloves, 42 lap quilts, 130 baby items, 33 shoulder wraps and 500 other items. Donations were made to the homeless shelter, Mary's shelter, NICU at Mary Washington, hospice, Little Sisters of the Poor and St. Francis Home. Have a Merry Christmas season and we will be getting back together in the New Year, January 19th at 10:00 AM in the Brent Room. All are welcome. Any questions or donations contact Sharyn Drollinger at (540) 720-1734.

Liturgy of the Hours

Liturgy of the Hours will not meet again until Wednesday, January 4th in the Brent Room. Everyone is welcome to join.

Senior Brain Train and Stitches of Compassion

There will be no Senior Brain Train or Stitches of Compassion in December. We will resume meetings in January. Hope you have a very Merry Christmas. Contact Sharyn Drollinger at (540) 720-1734 with any questions.

Prayer Request...

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

Ralph Allison, Rolando Alvarez, Richard Baffa, Aaron Burke, George Davis III, Brian Dawson, Robert Deisbeck, John Ferry, Kyle Fico, Brian Flanagan, Keirsten Hage, Michael Harrison, Jason Heuer, Denise Huff, Stephen Kelly, William Kerriagan, Ryan Kraft, Nicholas Kubick, Tyron Anthony Layug, Orlando Medina, Robert Mills, Shane Montgomery, Brendon Mooney, Sean Mooney, John O'Hagan, Gavin Reed, Andrew Rodriguez, Thomas Ryan, Andrew Sines, 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.



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Christmas 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is a great privilege for me to greet you on this first Christmas as your bishop. I am so very grateful for the gracious welcome you have extended to me and for the assurance of your continued prayers.

At Christmas, we sing “Joy to the World.” However, this is more than a seasonal carol. It is the hope and prayer that we hold deep within our hearts. Genuine and lasting joy is found only in an intimate relationship with Jesus, the Son of God, the Son of Mary, the Savior of the World.

As we celebrate the great feast of Christmas, may we be renewed in our commitments to stay close to the Lord by faithfully attending Mass, by frequently celebrating God’s mercy in the Sacrament of Penance, by praying daily and by imitating the Lord’s humble and sacrificial service especially in our compassionate care of those in most need. When we live in such a way, we will know genuine joy and will be instruments in bringing that precious gift to all the world.

It is my hope and prayer that through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, our Lord Jesus will abundantly bless you with His peace and joy throughout the Christmas season and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington