



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



☒ First Sunday of Advent—November 27, 2016 ☒

Mass Intentions for the Week of November 28th – December 4th

Monday	7:30 AM	Robert ☩ and Carol Flournoy
	9:00 AM	Joseph Stark ☩
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Theresa Palmer ☩
	9:00 AM	Dan D’Agostino
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Joseph DeMartino ☩
	6:30 PM	Rocco Filoso ☩
Thursday	7:30 AM	Dorothea Townsend ☩
	9:00 AM	Megan Amico ☩
Friday	9:00 AM	Special Intention
	6:30 PM	John Eller ☩
Saturday	9:00 AM	Michael Martinelli ☩
	5:00 PM	Edgar Junness ☩
Sunday	7:30 AM	People of St. William of York
	9:00 AM	Bernadette Catherine Cremmins ☩
	10:30 AM	Nora McCormick ☩
	12:15 PM	Ellen Carag ☩
	2:00 PM	John A. Rhinehart ☩

The Giving Trees are Here!

Once again, this year’s Giving Trees will be devoted to the residents of Greenfield Senior Living! St. William of York’s youth group have placed gift tags on the Giving Trees for Advent 2016. All you need to do is take a tag from one of the trees and go purchase the gift listed on the tag. Place the gift in a gift bag and attach the tag to it. Please **USE GIFT BAGS ONLY. Return the gift with the tag** to the church and place it under one of the Giving Trees by **December 11, 2016**. *If you are going to be late with your gift, please let us know. On December 12th, we will begin shopping for “missing” gifts.* The youth group will take the gifts to the Greenfield residents on Saturday, December 17th and enjoy some fun and festive cheer with them. Questions? Contact Peggy Nicely @ 540-659-5705 or peggy.nicely@swoycc.org. Thanks for your generosity and for making the residents part of our family!

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Monday, December 12th is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will start the morning off with Mañanitas at 5:00 AM with a light reception immediately afterward in the parish center. At 6:30 PM the Rosary will be prayed at the Grotto followed by a procession to the church. A special bi-lingual Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated at 7:00 PM with a reception to follow in the parish center.

Confession Schedule

November 28th – December 3rd

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

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Thursday, December 8th, is a Holy Day of Obligation. On Wednesday, December 7th, Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 PM. On Thursday, December 8th, Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 6:30 PM and 8:00 PM.

Lessons & Carols

Join us Sunday, December 11th at 4:00 PM in the church for Lessons & Carols with a reception to follow in the parish center.

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 bring it to the parish office.

Sunday Collection for 11/20/16

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, this bulletin was printed before the collection took place. Therefore, information for this collection will be in the following bulletin.

Other Collections

11/13 Retirement Fund for Religious \$1,108

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 *

Honor Roll ~ 1st Quarter~2016-2017

Principals Honors

8th Grade: Paige Abagnale, Katie Bochonok, Erin Elliott, Kieran Precit, Bethanya Yared
7th Grade: Katie Koper, Max Moloko, Ben Moloko, Sophia Pomatto
6th Grade: Braeden Henry, Ryan Hart, Ella Sconfietti, Jack Lima
5th Grade: Caleb Abagnale, Matthew Elliott, Molly Hanlon, Audrey Iglesia, Dane Jones, Alexandria Rayo, Declan Sprick, Sophia Stoltz
4th Grade: Santiago Bouroncle, Ashleigh Piaskowski

A/B Honors

8th Grade: Catherine Dittmer, David McSorley
7th Grade: Owen Bellamy, Dillena Carter, Alison Fousek, Sofia Gutierrez, Jamie Jackson, Grace Jones, Luci Stoltz
6th Grade: Rachel Dereje, Willem Jameson, MacKenzie Kamm, Elijah Stone
5th Grade: Ricky Baffa, Antonio Gutierrez, Taylor Simpson, Lydia Yared, Lukas Ysalgue
4th Grade: Gianna Davis, Christopher Kamm, Maria Pullen, Jake Rich, Joseph Schiller

CARITAS

8th: Ana Burns, Ryan Bellamy
7th: Dillena Carter, Ben Moloko
6th: Hannah Bosco, Jack Lima
5th: Juliette Brown, Caleb Abagnale
4th: Kristine Kamel, John Stone
3rd: Rebekah Baffa, James Hiney
2nd: Ta'Miya White, Daniel Lima
1st: Grace Collins, Edric Roberts

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

There will be NO Religious Education classes TODAY, November 27th for Thanksgiving holiday. Enjoy your family time, travel safely, and know the RE office staff thanks God for all our fabulous volunteers and wonderful students & parents! Classes resume for everyone (grades K-8) on December 6th!

Name the Saint!

My feast day is November 28th. I lived in Paris, France for most of my life. I entered the community of the Daughters of Charity when I was very young. When I was 24 years old, the Blessed Mother appeared to me three times. During one of the times she visited me she showed me a medal depicting the Immaculate Conception and told me to have one made. These medals are now known as "Miraculous Medals". I am patron saint of the elderly and one of the Incorruptibles. Who am I?

ANSWER: St. Catherine Laboure

Advent reflection:

In the first week of Advent, we gather around the Advent wreath each night to light the first violet candle, symbolizing HOPE. As the bright flame flickers, we wait with great hope to be made ready to receive Jesus in our hearts and minds.

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness—on them has light shined." Isaiah 9:2

A nightly prayer for families in the first week of Advent: Stir us up, O Lord, to make ready for your only begotten Son. May we be able to serve you with purity of soul through the coming of Him who lives and reigns.

(All Advent material found at [http://blog.weebelievers.com/_blog/Wee_Speak/page/12/.](http://blog.weebelievers.com/_blog/Wee_Speak/page/12/))

Happy 1st week of Advent!



In Our Parish

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, November 27

Monday, November 28

4:00 PM: Basketball Game (Gym)

Tuesday, November 29

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

1:00 PM: Senior Brain Train (Brent Room)

4:00 PM: Basketball Game (Gym)

6:00 PM: K of C Fraternal Benefit Night (Center)

Wednesday, November 30

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

3:30 PM: Basketball Practice (Gym)

6:30 PM: RE Class (Classroom)

7:30 PM: RCIA (Center)

Thursday, December 1

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

10:00 AM: Senior Chair Exercise (Brent Room)

4:00 PM: Basketball Game (Gym)

6:00 PM: Cantors (Church)

7:00 PM: Choir (Church)

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

Friday, December 2

9:30 AM: 1st Friday Adoration (Church)

7:00 PM: ESL Class (Brent Room)

Saturday, December 3

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

3:30 PM: Baptisms in Spanish (Church)

6:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

7:00 PM: Youth Group (Center)

Luncheons for the Young at Heart

The dates for future luncheons are Dec 7, Feb 8, May 10 & June 7. The luncheons are held in the school gym at 12:00 noon. December's luncheon will be on Pearl Harbor Day so we are having a Hawaiian theme. We will be listening to music from the islands while tasting an array of different Hawaiian foods, visiting with fellow parishioners, relaxing and having fun. Admission to get in is \$5 per person or an entrée, side dish or dessert enough for 6 to 8 people. We will be holding a silent auction with all proceeds going toward the debt reduction. Look forward to seeing lots of returning and new parishioners at our luncheon. Contact Sharyn Drollinger with any questions at (540) 720-1734.

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class in English will be held on **Wednesday, December 14th at 7:30 PM** in the Library. The next Baptismal Preparation Class in Spanish will be held on **Saturday, December 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.

First Friday Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will begin on Friday, December 2nd, after the 9:00 AM Mass and continue until 6:15 PM. Adoration will resume after the 6:30 PM Mass until 9:00 PM. 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.

Liturgy of the Hours

Liturgy of the Hours is prayed every Wednesday after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Brent Room. Light refreshments are served after. Everyone is welcome to join.

Get Them Now!

2017 Mass Missals

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.

"Please Give the Gift that Helps Save Lives"

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 that helps save lives" during this Christmas season. The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on Sunday, December 4th in the parish center from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please be aware that a valid picture ID is required prior to registration on the day. If you have any questions please contact Ray Piaskowski Red Cross Blood Drive Coordinator K of C #7877 PH: (540) 429-3151.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop monthly first Saturday opening will be Saturday, December 3rd. The Thrift Shop will be open from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come and shop. Proceeds from sales go to help needy clients in Stafford County.

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.

Soccer Challenge Awards Presentations

Knights of Columbus

Fraternal Benefits Night,

PGK Appreciation and Potluck Social

Tuesday, November 29th, 6:30 – 8 PM in the parish center – Please join the Knights of Columbus to recognize our Council & District Soccer Challenge Champions. Field Agent Don Murphy will highlight how the Knights help to protect families. We will also be recognizing the sacrifice and commitment of our Past Grand Knights. This is a potluck event so please bring a favorite dish to share. Drinks will be provided and ALL are welcome.

Knights of Columbus –

“Keep Christ In Christmas”

Virginia Knights launched “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, Brother Michael McLeese, Brother Charles Diaz, and Brother David Thoma and the selection of KCIC items for sale. Sales will be conducted on the following dates November 27, December 4, 11, and 18. All proceeds go to help support our three Seminarians.

Knights of Columbus – “Keep Christ In Christmas”

Poster Contest

Christmas has become for many - especially children - a secular holiday. To combat this, the Knights of Columbus has introduced “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest. This program allows young people to engage their creative talents and imaginations while understanding the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas. Entries in the Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster contest must include a slogan reflecting the topic and an original visual image and must be 11x17 inches in size. The Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest is open to all young people between the ages of 5 and 14. Contest entrants compete in one of three age groups—ages 5 through 7, ages 8 through 10, and 11 through 14 (age as of November 1, 2016). Posters are due December 4, 2016 and should be turned in to the Knights of Columbus after Sunday Mass in the parish center. Prize money of \$25 will be awarded at each level for the 1st Place entry. Stop by the parish center after all morning Masses on Sundays to pick up your poster entry form that will be available today, November 27. Winners will be notified upon completion of the voting.

Respect Life Committee Meeting

The Respect Life Committee will meet on Friday, December 9th at 10 AM in the Brent Room. We will be discussing and making plans for the March For Life which will be held on Friday, January 27, 2017 in DC. All parishioners are welcome to attend the meeting. Please contact Ann Smith, (540) 720-3653 if needed.

Senior Brain Train

Join fellow parishioners for 2 hours of fun and games. Enjoy visiting and munching snacks on the last Tuesday of every month in the Brent Room from 1PM-3PM. Come see what all the fun is about while keeping your mind active. The next meeting is November 29th. All are welcome. Contact Sharyn Drollinger at (540) 720-1734.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your contributions to Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your generous gifts will help break the cycle of poverty in our diocese and throughout the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development.