



✠ **Second Sunday of Advent** ✠  
**December 4, 2011**



**The Week of  
December 5<sup>th</sup> –  
December 11<sup>th</sup>**

Monday	7:30 AM	John & Doris Dvorsak Anniversary
	9:00 AM	Kenneth & Shirley McGill
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Shirley Yacone†
	9:00 AM	Janet Sarsfield
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Linda Yanes
		<i>No 6:30 PM Mass</i>
<i>Vigil</i>	7:30 PM	Amie & Ella Burgo
Thursday	7:30 AM	Charlotte Buchannon†
<i>Immaculate</i>	9:00 AM	People of St. William of York
<i>Conception</i>	7:30 PM	Rose C. Driodoco
Friday	9:00 AM	William T. & Mary E. Casler†
	6:30 PM	Dragan Family
Saturday		<i>No 9:00 AM Mass</i>
	5:00 PM	Robert Drollinger†
	7:00 PM	John Noftsinger†
Sunday	7:30 AM	Louis & Elizabeth Heims 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
	9:00 AM	Col. Paul Kelly†
	10:30 AM	Concepcion Mauricio
	12:15 PM	People of St. William of York

On Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> there will be no 9:00 AM Mass. Confirmation Masses will be celebrated at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

**†Confession Schedule†  
December 5<sup>th</sup> – December 10<sup>th</sup>**

Tuesday:	9:30 AM
Thursday:	10:00 AM
<i>No Saturday 9:30 AM Confessions</i>	
<i>No Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM*Confessions</i>	
Saturday:	6:30 PM (Spanish)

On Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> there will be no 9:30 AM or 3:30 PM confession due to Confirmation Masses.

**Immaculate Conception**

Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 7:30 PM on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Confessions will be heard at 10:00 AM following the 9:00 AM Mass on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Letters to Fr. DeMartino**

In an effort to revive the increasingly lost art of letter writing, Fr. DeMartino is inviting all children of our parish, grades 4 through 8 to write him a sincere and original letter on one of the following four categories:

- Why I love St. William of York School.
- Why I love St. William of York Church.
- Why I want to be a nun.
- Why I want to be a priest.

All letters can be hand-written, printed, or typed, and must be one hundred (100) words or more. Children who are home-schooled or attend St. William of York School, or attend any other Catholic, public or private school are welcome to write Fr. DeMartino a letter.

Fr. DeMartino will award a fifty-dollar (\$50) prize to the child who writes the best letter in each category. All letters must be post-marked no later than Dec. 31, 2011. The four winners will all be announced in this bulletin the weekend of January 28-29, 2012.

Please send your letter to Rev. Robert DeMartino, 3130 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Stafford, VA 22554.

**Schedule Changes for  
December 10<sup>th</sup>**

On Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Confirmation Masses will be celebrated at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Therefore, the following changes will be necessary:

- there will not be a 9:00 AM Mass
- there will be no 9:30 AM Confessions
- there will be no 3:30 PM Confessions

***We Joyfully Welcome  
into the Catholic Faith***

*Elise Alma Chaparro*, daughter of Joshua and Genevieve Chaparro.

**Blessed Angels**

Our little blessed angels will be on sale after Mass. The small ornaments are recycled from the candles used on our altar. All proceeds go toward our debt reduction.

# St. William of York Catholic School

Academic Excellence \* Personalized Attention \* Authentic Catholic Culture

## Our School Mission

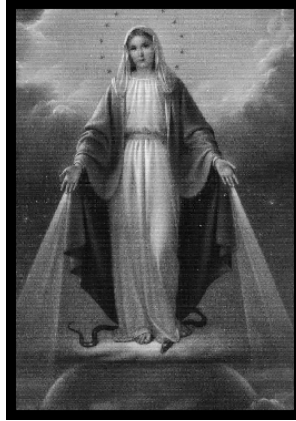
*“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength (Mk 12:15).”*

This call to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength is a call for the whole human person. Our school mission is our response to that call: forming the whole child. Providing academic excellence, personalized attention, and an authentic Catholic culture is the way our school team works to fulfill that mission.

## School Website Under Construction

Please call (540) 659-5207 or email Mr. Frank Nicely, Principal, at [fnicely@stwillsschool.org](mailto:fnicely@stwillsschool.org) for information. God bless you.

## Immaculate Conception: December 8<sup>th</sup>



Our parish school will celebrate The Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception in two ways: Morning academics with a Blessed Mother theme and Noon dismissal. “O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.”

## Writing Program

Students have been developing writing skills in our new writing program: “Teaching Writing: Structure and Style”, created by the Institute for Excellence in Writing. This program trains students in a broad range of structural models and develops an extensive repertoire of stylistic techniques. This is the ultimate preparation for those students who will take their SAT’s in just a few short years!

## Come and see us!

We would love to see you for a tour or a Shadow Day for your child. Contact Frank Nicely, Principal.

## Religious Education

Confirmation will take place on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM and 2 PM. All students please meet in the parish center 45 minutes before your scheduled Mass. If you need to know what Mass you are scheduled to attend, please call the office at (540)650-5705.

Confirmation rehearsal will take place on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Please meet in the parish center. Rehearsal will be at 7:15 PM for those scheduled for the 10 AM Mass and 7:45 PM for the 2 PM Mass.

## Senior Luncheon

All seniors 50+ years of age are invited to the senior luncheon. It will be held on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> in the school gym. Please bring a dish to share or a \$3.00 donation. The donation for the outreach this month will be Kleenex and anti bacterial soap.

## Simbang Gabi

Join us for this Filipino tradition of a novena of Masses in preparation for Christmas. Mass will be celebrated on Friday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM followed by a reception in the parish center.

## Giving Trees Ornaments

Please help those less fortunate this Christmas by taking an ornament or two from the giving trees located in the church. Please return the new, wrapped gift(s) with the ornament attached by December 14<sup>th</sup>. Gifts can be dropped off in the Religious Education office. For more information, contact Tonya Gott at (571) 485-0473 or [tonya.gott@gmail.com](mailto:tonya.gott@gmail.com).

## Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

## Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class in English will be held on Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in the Library. The next Spanish Baptismal Preparation Class will be held on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM in the Brent Room. It is mandatory that all parents register with the parish office (659-1102) before the class.

## **This week in our Parish**

### **Sunday, December 4**

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7:30 AM: K of C Donuts (Center)

8:00 AM: Blood Drive (Center)

8:30 AM: Adult Ed (Brent Room)

8:45 AM: RE Classes

9:45 AM: Choir (Brent Room)

10:45 AM: RE Classes

2:00 PM: Simbang Gabi Choir (Brent Room)

3:00 PM: Simbang Gabi (Church)

6:00 PM: CYO Meeting (Center)

6:00 PM: RE Classes

### **Monday, December 5**

3:15 PM: Girl Scouts (Art/Brent Rooms)

4:00 PM: Girls Basketball Practice (Gym)

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

6:45 PM: Cub Scouts (Brent Room)

7:00 PM: Venture Crew (K of C Hall)

### **Tuesday, December 6**

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

9:30 AM: Rosary Makers (Brent Room)

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

7:00 PM: Boy Scouts (Center)

7:15 PM: Cub Scouts (Brent Room)

### **Wednesday, December 7**

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

1:45 PM: Market Day Delivery (Center)

3:15 PM: Girl Scouts (Brent Room)

4:00 PM: Children's Choir Practice (Church)

4:00 PM: Girls Basketball Game (Gym)

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

6:00 PM: Girl Scouts (Art Room)

7:30 PM: RCIA (Center)

### **Thursday, December 8**

*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*

½ Day of School

10:00 AM: Confessions (Church)

4:00 PM: Girl Varsity Basketball Game (Gym)

5:15 PM: Boys Varsity Basketball Game (Gym)

6:00 PM: Choir (Church)

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

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

### **Friday, December 9**

7:15 PM: Confirmation Rehearsal for 10 AM Mass (Center)

7:45 PM: Confirmation Rehearsal for 2 PM Mass (Center)

### **Saturday, December 10**

8:00 AM: Scout Leader Meeting (K of C Hall)

9:30 AM: Choir (Brent Room)

*No 9:30 AM Confessions*

10:00 AM: Confirmation (Church)

11:00 AM: Confirmation Reception (Center)

2:00 PM: Confirmation (Church)

3:00 PM: Confirmation Reception (Center)

*No 3:30 PM Confessions*

6:30 PM: Spanish Confessions (Church)

## **Adoption Information Meetings**

Catholic Charities holds monthly Adoption Information meetings for anyone interested in learning more about how to expand their family through adoption. The meetings are free of charge and are held at our Burke office, 5294 Lyngate Court, Burke, VA 22015. The next meetings are scheduled for Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. The presentation will cover Catholic Charities' domestic, international, interstate, and parental placement adoption programs. Please call to register (703) 425-0100.

## **Quo Vadis Discernment Group**

Quo Vadis Discernment Group, a group for young men in high school, will tour these impressive, holy places: The National Shrine and Franciscan Monastery on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 12 PM. Contact the Office of Vocations at [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-2514 for more information and to obtain a permission form.

## **Stitches of Compassions**

Stitches of Compassions did a wonderful job creating 280 scarves, 9 blankets, slippers, hats and towels to add to the Thanksgiving baskets that were distributed. Our next monthly meeting will be January 19, 2012 from 10:00 AM -12:00 PM in the Brent Room. Knitting, crocheting, quilting - working on providing fingerless gloves, shawls, lap blankets and other items for seniors in need. All ages welcome to join our group. Questions contact Sharyn Drollinger (540) 720-1734.

## **Christmas Food Baskets**

Once again we are asked to share our bounty with our neighbors in need. We need sponsors to support families in need with Christmas food baskets. If you can sponsor a family, please contact Jim Everett at (540) 720-4337, email [jimeverett47@gmail.com](mailto:jimeverett47@gmail.com) or Kurt Gibbs at (540) 288-9989, email [kurtgibbs@comcast.net](mailto:kurtgibbs@comcast.net). All food donations are due by December 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **Christendom Graduate School**

Enrich your life and learn more about the Faith by taking a spring course at the Christendom Graduate School! The session runs from January 16<sup>th</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup>, at our convenient Alexandria campus (on Queen of Apostles Parish grounds). For more information visit us at [www.christendom.edu/grad](http://www.christendom.edu/grad), call (703) 658-4304, or email us at [NDGS@Christendom.edu](mailto:NDGS@Christendom.edu).

## Pray for a Priest Each Day...

This week please pray for

December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Joseph Clark
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. John DeCelles
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Ronald Gripshover
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Christopher Murphy
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Immaculate Conception Pope Benedict XVI
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Paul Scalia
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Terry Specht

*O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, Live in (Name of priest), act in him, speak in him and through him. Think Your Thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Give him Your Own dispositions and feelings. Teach, lead and guide him always. Correct, enlighten and expand his thought and behavior. Posses his soul, take over his entire personality and life. Replace him with Yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving; pray in and through him. Amen*



## Prayer Request...

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

Ralph Allison, Gary Anderson, John Bernier, OJ Block, George Davis III, Brian Dawson, Robert Deisbeck, Marc D'Eredita, Mike D'Eredita, Nathan Dobbins, John Ferry, Brian Flanagan, Jason Freed, Keirsten Hage, Jason Heuer, Michael Infanti, John Koretke, Ryan Kraft, Nicholas Kubick, Kent Larson, Tyron Anthony Layug, Robert Mills, Shane Montgomery, Marc Mooney, Mike Parrot, Chris Rankin, Gavin Reed, Thomas Ryan, Daniel Stehm, Bobby Stone, Daniel Stone, Gregory Thomas, Julie Thomas, Chris Tolliver, Vincent Torney and Steve Wasilewski.

*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.

## Advent Concert

The parish will host the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Guadalupe Free Clinic Advent Benefit Concert on Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM in the church; featuring special musical performances by Fr. Magat, the SWOY choir, Principal Frank Nicely, pianist Olga Braga and Fr. Schultz (St. Timothy's in Chantilly). A free will offering will be taken at the concert; admission is free. There will also be a light reception to follow in the parish center after the concert. Please consider joining us for an afternoon of sacred music and fellowship.

## Second Sunday of Advent

### First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Isaiah emphasizes that from the desert to the mountains, all people must prepare for "the glory of the Lord to be revealed." Rather than looking only at God's power, Isaiah focuses on God's kindness, comparing it to a shepherd who feeds and cares for his flock.

### Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

For those who are impatient for the Second Coming, Peter explains that time is different to God than to people. He reminds them that they should be grateful for the extra time to prepare, and concentrate on striving to become all that God would want them to be.

### Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

In this passage, John the Baptist stressed the importance of the coming of the Messiah. He acknowledged that he was only the messenger, and unfit to "stoop and untie his sandal straps." John urged them to prepare for one far holier than he, who would walk among them.

## Moms Group

If you are a mom at St. William of York, we want to invite you to join us for a Feast of St. Nicholas party on Tuesday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM – 2 PM (location to be determined).

Join our yahoo group, SWOYmoms, and/or our Facebook group, if you would like to be included in what we hope will be more regular activities. For more information contact Jessica Davidson at [jdavidson749@yahoo.com](mailto:jdavidson749@yahoo.com) or (301) 841-7505.

## Unite Your Faith and Your Fertility

Take a Natural Family Planning class! Would you like to gain a deeper understanding of how God created you, especially your fertility? Are you engaged and looking for a way to plan your family which is natural, effective, and in accord with God's plan for your life? Are you longing for a child but having difficulty conceiving? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then consider taking a class on natural family planning. A new class series will be starting at 2:00 PM on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at St. William of York in the Brent Room and then continuing on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Cost of the class is \$135 which covers all materials. Assistance is available for those with financial hardship. Pre-registration is required. Please go to [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org) to register for this class or any upcoming class that meets your needs. If you have any general questions about NFP or particular questions about this class series, please contact teaching couple, Bill and Jessica Davidson at (301) 841-7505 or [davidsonnfp@gmail.com](mailto:davidsonnfp@gmail.com), for more information.