



✠ **Third Sunday of Advent** ✠  
**December 11, 2011**



**The Week of  
December 12<sup>th</sup> –  
December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Monday	7:30 AM	Kathleen Hannon✠
<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	9:00 AM	Joseph S. & Sarah Galletta✠
	7:00 PM	Rev. Magat's Intention
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Paul Mudd✠
	9:00 AM	Fred Gallo✠
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Paul Mudd✠
	6:30 PM	Holy Souls in Purgatory✠
Thursday	7:30 AM	Scott Somers✠
	9:00 AM	Paul Mudd✠
Friday	9:00 AM	Paul Mudd ✠
	6:30 PM	John & Thelma Sheridan ✠
Saturday	9:00 AM	Paul Mudd✠
	5:00 PM	Fernando Perira✠
	7:00 PM	Judie Scott✠
Sunday	7:30 AM	Joseph Gannon✠
	9:00 AM	Rita Garrett✠
	10:30 AM	Allen Fleitell✠
	12:15 PM	People of St. William of York

Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Though it is not a holy day of obligation, Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 and 9:00 AM in English and 7:00 PM in Spanish.

**✠Confession Schedule✠  
December 12<sup>th</sup> –  
December 17<sup>th</sup>**

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.)

**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.

**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.

**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 you may bring it to the parish office. Thank you.



**Advent  
Concert Today**



The parish will host the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Guadalupe Free Clinic Advent Benefit Concert today, 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.

# 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.



## "Lessons and Carols"

Our school children will give a musical summary of the Advent Season in "Lessons and Carols" on Tuesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. By popular demand they will give TWO performances: one at 1:30 PM and another at 7:00 PM in the parish center. Come and hear Scripture readings and Advent & Christmas songs as our singers and band students echo the voices of the prophets and Mary, preparing the way of the Lord.

## 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. Our Middle School students are on Unit #5: "Writing from Pictures" and they have quite an extensive checklist of writing "decorations" they are required to include in each paragraph. The ultimate preparation for the SAT 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

The Religious Education Office would like to congratulate all the Confirmandi who received the sacrament of Confirmation this past Saturday.

As a reminder, there will be classes for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students tonight, Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> and these classes will continue for the remainder of the school year.

7<sup>th</sup> grade students can earn service hours by working in the Religious Education office on Sunday mornings. Please call (540)659-5705 if you are interested in having your child volunteer.

## WorkCamp2012

## Registration Meeting

Send us your prayers and meet with us to discuss Community Service ideas. The meeting will be held in the Brent Room on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 - 8 PM. Applications and a fifty dollar (\$50) deposit is due now. For more information contact Paul Miller at (540) 288-9940. WorkCamp2012 is June 23<sup>rd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

## Stitches of Compassion

Stitches of Compassion next monthly meeting will be January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 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. Mark your calendars for future meetings Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. All ages welcome to join our group. Contact Sharyn Drollinger with any questions at (540) 720-1734

## Catholic College Scholarships Available!

At Thomas More College, in Merrimack, NH, you will find an academic community that is dedicated to providing a Catholic education that is affordable. We are now accepting applications and essay submissions from high school seniors for our **2012 Faith & Reason Essay Contest**. This contest will award over \$100,000 in scholarship funds to incoming freshmen. To learn more, visit [www.ThomasMoreCollege.edu](http://www.ThomasMoreCollege.edu) or call (800) 880-8308. Essay submissions must be mailed or emailed by January 27, 2012.

## **This week in our Parish**

### **Sunday, December 11**

Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM: Spanish Breakfast (Center)

8:30 AM: Adult Ed (Brent Room)

8:45 AM: RE Classes

9:45 AM: Choir (Brent Room)

10:45 AM: RE Classes

11:15 AM: Choir (Brent Room)

2:00 PM: Guadalupe Free Clinic Concert (Church)

4:00 PM: Concert Reception (Center)

6:00 PM: RE Classes

### **Monday, December 12**

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:00 AM: Mañanitas

4:00 PM: Fiat (Brent Rooms)

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

### **Tuesday, December 13**

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

9:30 AM: Rosary Makers (Brent Room)

12:00 PM: Senior Luncheon (Gym)

7:00 PM: WorkCamp Meeting (Brent Room)

7:00 PM: Boy Scouts (Center)

### **Wednesday, December 14**

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

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

4:00 PM: JV Boys 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 15**

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

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

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

6:00 PM: Cantors (Church)

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

7:00 PM: Choir (Church)

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

### **Friday, December 16**

7:00 PM: Simbang Gabi Mass (Center)

8:00 PM: Simbang Gabi Reception (Center)

### **Saturday, December 17**

8:00 AM: Christmas Food Baskets (Center & Gym)

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

3:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

4:15 PM: Cub Scout Caroling Practice (Center)

6:30 PM: Spanish Confessions (Church)

## **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.

## **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 *this Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>*.

## **Catholic Charities**

Donations will be collected today at all the exits to benefit Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. All money donated will go to support the programs of Catholic Charities: soup kitchen, food pantry, shelter, emergency assistance, transitional housing, adoption, foster care, pregnancy counseling, family services counseling, elderly services, immigrant services, prison ministry and services for the disabled. Your sacrificial gift this weekend will make these programs continue for those less fortunate.



## **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 this *Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>*. Gifts can be dropped off in the Religious Education office. For more information, contact Tonya Gott at [tonya.gott@gmail.com](mailto:tonya.gott@gmail.com) or (571) 485-0473.

## **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.

## **Sponsor of the Week**

We would like to thank  
*“Family Healthcare Chiropractic Center”*  
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.

## 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 the Panuluyan (Search for an Inn) in the parish center. Dinner will be served immediately after the Panuluyan.

## Pray for a Priest Each Day...

This week please pray for

December 11<sup>th</sup> Rev. Stefan Starzynski  
December 12<sup>th</sup> Rev. J. Edwin Tewes  
December 13<sup>th</sup> Rev. Jerry Wooten  
December 14<sup>th</sup> Rev. John Ziegler  
December 15<sup>th</sup> Rev. Matthew Zuberbueler  
December 16<sup>th</sup> Rev. Francis De Rosa  
December 17<sup>th</sup> Rev. James Mercer

*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, 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.

## Third Sunday of Advent

**First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11**

Isaiah describes the joy and salvation which will accompany the coming of Christ. He compares the plants which spring from a garden to the justice that will spring from all nations.

**Second Reading: I Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to constantly ready themselves for Christ's arrival. He tells them to "avoid any semblance of evil" so that they may be found irreproachable when Jesus does arrive.

**Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28**

John explains that he is only a messenger to the people for one more powerful than himself. John stresses to them that they must make a path for the one so powerful that he is not fit to unfasten the strap of his sandal.

## 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.

## Thank You!!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Out of your generosity, we were able to provide food baskets for one hundred less fortunate parishioners and other Stafford County residents. Families were given a meal for the holiday and food for the rest of the week. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. May God bless you and your generosity.

## Pray for Life with Bishop Loverde

The next Respect Life Mass will be held at Saint Philip Church, Falls Church, December 17<sup>th</sup>, at 9 AM. The Mass will be followed by a rosary prayed outside a local abortion facility, 900 S. Washington St. Falls Church. Join with Bishop Loverde and fellow parishioners to pray for the protection of the sanctity of life.

## We Joyfully Welcome into the Catholic Faith

Denis Arturo Alvarez Jovel, son of Denis and Dency Alvarez.