



❖ Fourth Sunday of Advent ❖

December 23, 2012



Mass Intentions For The Week of

December 24th – December 30th

Monday	9:00 AM	Tom Mauk
<i>Vigil</i>	4:00 PM	Fr. Belli's Intentions
<i>of</i>	6:00 PM	Fr. Belli's Intentions
<i>Christmas</i>	8:00 PM	Alice McMenamin †
	10:00 PM	Fr. Magat's Intentions
	12:00 AM	Fr. Magat's Intentions
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Linda DeMartino
<i>The Nativity</i>	9:00 AM	Fr. Magat's Intentions
<i>of the</i>	10:30 AM	Joseph DeMartino
<i>Lord</i>	12:15 PM	Fr. Belli's Intentions
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Agnes Purdie †
	<i>No 6:30 PM Mass</i>	
Thursday	<i>No 7:30 AM Mass</i>	
	9:00 AM	Christopher Phoenix
Friday	9:00 AM	Samuel Bettendorf
	<i>No 6:30 PM Mass</i>	
Saturday	9:00 AM	Rita Mathieu
	5:00 PM	John G. Moran, Sr. †
	7:00 PM	Burson Family
Sunday	7:30 AM	Nell Keim
	9:00 AM	Donald McNulty †
	10:30 AM	Alma Mayo †
	12:15 PM	People of St. William of York

Changes for Mass Times

This week Monday thru Friday there will be changes to the Mass schedule due to the Christmas Schedule and some of our priests are away please check the schedule for the Mass times.



Christmas Eve Vigil
Monday, December 24 th
4:00 PM
6:00 PM
8:00 PM
10:00 PM (Spanish)
12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 25 th
7:30 AM
9:00 AM
10:30 AM
12:15 PM

+Confession Schedule+

December 24th – December 29th

No Tuesday 9:30 AM confessions
 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.)
 Tuesday, December 25th is Christmas, therefore there will not be 9:30 AM confessions.

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class in English will be held on **Wednesday, January 23rd at 7:30 PM** in the Library. The next Spanish Baptismal Preparation Class will be held on **Saturday, January 12th at 8:30 AM** in the Brent Room. It is mandatory that all parents register with the parish office (659-1102) before the class.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, January 1, 2012 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God; a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Monday, December 31st at 6:30 PM (Vigil) and at 8:00 PM (Spanish). Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 1st at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12:15 PM.

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.

Vocations

"It is by God's will that we have been sanctified." How is God calling you to grow in holiness? If He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, call Father Brian Bashista (703) 841-2514, or write: b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org.



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Merry Christmas from Your Parish School!



OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 27, 2013 12-2 PM

Wednesday, January 30, 2013 10 AM-12 PM

New Registration Begins in January.

Come and See Us!

Consider the “greatest gift a parent can give:
a quality Catholic education”

(Bishop Loverde)

Religious Education

Office Hours

The RE office will be closed from Monday, December 24th through Wednesday, December 26th. We will reopen on Thursday, December 27th. We will be closed on New Years Day, Tuesday, January 1st

December Schedule:

Today - No Class

December 30, 2012 - NO CLASS

Have a safe and blessed Christmas holiday!

For parents of 2nd grade students:

The First Penance meeting tentatively scheduled for January 07, 2013 has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 10, 2013 and will take place after the dismissal of the students to their classrooms, 08:45 and 10:45 respectively. Important information will be given regarding what your children will be expected to know and prayers they need to practice.

First Communion will be held on Saturday, May 04, 2013.

Blessed Angels

Our little blessed angels are on sale. You may purchase them in the parish office during the week. The small ornaments are recycled from the candles used on our altar. All proceeds go toward our debt reduction.

Thank You!!!

The CYO would like to extend its heart felt thanks to all those who contributed to the Angel Tree project. Because of your most generous support, we are happy to tell you that all the children in the program received gifts. St. William of York is blessed to have such kind, caring and generous parishioners.

Thank you again and have a
Wonderful and Blessed Christmas!!!

This week in our Parish

Sunday, December 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:45 AM: Choir (Center)

11:15 AM: Choir (Center)

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve

No School

10:30 PM: Choir (Brent Room)

Tuesday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord—Christmas Day

No School

Wednesday, December 26

No School

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

Thursday, December 27

No School

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

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

Friday, December 28

No School

Saturday, December 29

9:00 AM: Knights PGK Family Dinner (Center)

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

3:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

6:30 PM: Spanish Confessions (Church)

Prayer Request...

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

Jeff Abramaitys, Ralph Allison, Gary Anderson, John Bernier, Denise Bilodeau, OJ Block, George Davis III, Brian Dawson, Robert Deisbeck, Nathan Dobbins, Dennis Ferry, John Ferry, Brian Flanagan, John Gentile, Keirsten Hage, Jason Heuer, Denise Huff, Steve Jameson, Ryan Kraft, Nicholas Kubick, Joseph LaPlante, Kent Larson, Tyron Anthony Layug, Garrett Len, Joseph Martello, Robert Mills, Shane Montgomery, Mike Parrot, Jr., Gavin Reed, Thomas Ryan, Daniel Stehm, Gregory Thomas, Mark Thomas, Chris Tolliver, Kyle Traylor and Theodore Williams.

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.

Bulletin Deadlines

In preparation for Christmas and New Years closures the deadlines for the bulletin submissions have changed during this season. The deadline for the January 6th bulletin is December 26th. If you would like to send information for these bulletins please send it to the parish office via email at parishoffice@swoycc.org by the appropriate dates.

Stitches of Compassion

A warm thank you to all that created 265 scarves plus mittens, and caps that went into the Thanksgiving Baskets. Also for the blankets, booties and caps that went to the NICU babies, shawls for veterans plus shawls and pillowcases for hospice all from donated fabric and yarns.

Enjoy time with family and friends during this joyous holiday. Our next meeting will be Jan 17th in the Brent Room from 10 AM- 12 noon, see you then. Any questions contact Sharyn Drollinger (540) 720-1734.

Super Bowl BBQ Tail Gating Package

The Knights of Columbus will once again be selling Eastern NC style pulled pork, slaw and baked beans for Super Bowl Sunday. Prices are: lb. of BBQ - \$8.00, pint of slaw - \$3.00, pint of baked beans - \$3.00. We will also have 2 special packages. Package #1 consist of 1 lb. of BBQ, 1 pint of slaw and 1 pint of beans for \$12.00. Package #2 consist of 2 lbs. of BBQ, 1 pint of slaw and 1 pint of beans for \$20.00. Orders will be taken during donut and pancake breakfasts or by calling (540-720-4337) or emailing Jim Everett jimeverett47@gmail.com. The food will be available after each Mass on Super Bowl Sunday. A limited supply of BBQ may be available without prior orders.

Parish Office Schedule

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Brain Train

Enjoy time with family and friends during this joyous holiday. Our next meeting will be Jan 29th 2013 in the Brent Room 1-3 see you then. Any questions contact Sharyn Drollinger (540) 720-1734.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for the less fortunate in Stafford County. 193 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.



December 25, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Today, we open the cover of the greatest epic you and I will ever encounter: that of God's immense love for each one of us. During the Christmas season, we are introduced once again to the dramatic story of Mary and Joseph, two people who were asked to make an extraordinary leap of faith. Mary, a young woman, engaged to Joseph, was chosen to become the mother of Our Savior, to which she willingly assented. Joseph himself, a carpenter, welcomed the pregnant Virgin Mary as his wife, despite all societal pressure to cast her off. Jesus, the Lord of Heaven and Earth, was born in a humble manger.

Yes, we all know the Christmas story, the reason for celebrating the coming of the Infant Jesus each year on this day. Yet, as the late Archbishop John F. Whealon wrote, "...Bethlehem is only the beginning of the story of salvation in Christ. For many, regrettably, it is also the end. We must go beyond it, to the later, greater chapters. If we do not, the greatest story ever told becomes the shortest story ever told, and the saddest." But what about the rest of the story? Do we continue to read as Mary and Joseph flee to Egypt with the Infant Jesus? Do we accompany Christ as He grows up, performs His first miracle, attracts many disciples, suffers death and dies innocently on the Cross for our sins, and on the third day rises again?

Christmas is the opening chapter in the story of our salvation. I invite you to join with me in continuing to walk with Christ, not only on Christmas, but on every day of our lives.

Yes, this Christmas Season and every day in the New Year, through prayer, the sacraments and charitable outreach, may we let the Infant Savior dwell in our hearts through faith, and may we then invite everyone to let Him dwell in their hearts as well. In this way, we become heralds of the New Evangelization, pointing to the one Savior of the world, Who alone can satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart!

Merry Christmas! Know that you and your family and loved ones will be in my prayers in a particular way on this day when Christ was born for us and for our salvation.

Faithfully in the Heart of Christ,

+ Paul S. Loverde

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde
Bishop of Arlington