



# ✠ First Sunday of Advent ✠

## December 1, 2013



### Mass Intentions for the Week of December 2<sup>nd</sup> – December 8<sup>th</sup>

Monday	7:30 AM	David Drogo †
	9:00 AM	Joseph Daniel Hudgins
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Albino & Joyce Aragno
	9:00 AM	Issac Bettendorf
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Carl Aubrey †
	6:30 PM	Rev. Magat
Thursday	7:30 AM	The Blessed Pope John Paul II †
	9:00 AM	Jacqueline Murray †
Friday	9:00 AM	Samuel Bettendorf
	6:30 PM	Chris Cuddeback †
Saturday	9:00 AM	Gabriel Bettendorf
	5:00 PM	Simplicio Quimirista †
	7:00 PM	Patricia Szeliga †
Sunday	7:30 AM	John P. Reilly †
	9:00 AM	Kathleen Hannon †
	10:30 AM	Concepcion Maricio
	12:15 PM	People of St. William of York

### +Confession Schedule+

#### December 2<sup>nd</sup> – December 7<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.)

### Catholic Charities Collection

Next weekend, December 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> our important Catholic Charities Collection will be taken up along with our usual 2<sup>nd</sup> collection debt reduction tithe. Anything not designated to debt reduction will be counted as your Catholic Charities alms and forwarded to the Diocese. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington is an essential diocesan ministry, serving the poor with Christian love and compassion. Through its professional support services, more than 78,000 people were assisted at every stage of life. Your support of this collection stays in the community. As you reflect on the many needs within our parish community, please prayerfully consider supporting Catholic Charities' mission to ease the suffering of people in the parish communities across the diocese.

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

The Holy Day, December 8<sup>th</sup>, transfers to Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, but the Obligation does not transfer. Therefore attending Mass on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> is not obligatory. Mass will be celebrated Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM (School Mass) and 7:30 PM.

### Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop monthly first Saturday opening will be Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM until 12:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to come and shop. Proceeds from sales go to help needy clients in Stafford County.

### Lessons & Carols

Join us in this new advent tradition here at St. William of York. Lessons & Carols will take place on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM in church.

### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

On Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> we will honor Our Lady of Guadalupe with Mañanitas at 5:00 AM. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 AM & 9:00 AM. There will be an additional 7:30 PM Mass in Spanish.

### First Friday Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will begin on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, after the 9:00 AM Mass and continue until 6:15 PM. Adoration will resume after the 6:30 PM Mass until midnight. 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.

### Senior Luncheon

All seniors 50+ are invited to join us for the December Advent Luncheon. It will be held on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> in the school gymnasium at 12 noon. Please bring a dish to share or a \$3 donation. We will be raffling off baskets with the proceeds going to the Outreach. We will be accepting donations of canned or packaged soup for the Outreach this month.

# The St. William of York Youth



## St. William of York Catholic School

Academic Excellence \* Personalized Attention \* Authentic Catholic Culture

St. William of York Catholic School students are learning how to think and communicate, to live lives rooted in wisdom and virtue, and to show the world the joy of a life centered on Christ.

We invite you to be part of our school family.

### Applications now being accepted!

Email Mr. Nicely for a tour: [fnicely@stwillsschool.org](mailto:fnicely@stwillsschool.org)  
Or call the school office for more information at 540-659-5207

### Up Coming Events

Tuesday, Dec. 3—½ Day of School  
Thursday, Dec. 5—High School Placement Test  
Monday, Dec. 9— Mary's Gift Shop



## Volunteer Compliance Requirements

Protecting God's Children is a seminar that is mandatory for all volunteers who have substantial contact with children and for all employees of the Arlington Diocese. To be compliant with Diocesan Policy you must attend the 4 hour seminar and turn in all background check forms. To register for a seminar go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). For background check forms and more information contact Kayla Dittmer in the parish office at 540-659-1102.

## Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class in English will be held on **Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM** in the Library. The next Spanish Baptismal Preparation Class will be held on **Saturday, January 11<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.



## Religious Education

### Upcoming Sundays:

December 1: NO CLASSES –Happy New (Church) Year!

Advent begins today!

December 8: Classes are in session

December 15: Classes are in session

(LAST CLASS before Christmas)

There will be NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES today, December 1<sup>st</sup>!

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://www.weebelievers.com/\\_blog/Wee\\_Speak/calendar/2010/12/.](http://www.weebelievers.com/_blog/Wee_Speak/calendar/2010/12/))

*Happy 1st week of Advent!*



# In Our Parish

## This Week in our Parish

### **Sunday, December 1**

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

10:00 AM: Choir (Brent Room)

1:30 PM: Baptisms (Church)

### **Monday, December 2**

4:00 PM: Boys JV Basketball Game (Gym)

6:30 PM: Cub Scouts (Art Room)

### **Tuesday, December 3**

½ Day of School

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

9:30 AM: Rosary Makers (Brent Room)

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

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

7:15 PM: Boy Scouts (Center & Room #1)

8:00 PM: K of C Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Degree (K of C Hall)

### **Wednesday, December 4**

3:30 PM: Girls Basketball Practice (Gym)

5:30 PM: Boys Basketball Practice (Gym)

7:30 PM: RCIA (Center)

### **Thursday, December 5**

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

3:30 PM: Girls Basketball Practice (Gym)

5:30 PM: Boys Basketball Practice (Gym)

6:30 PM: Cantors (Church)

7:00 PM: Choir (Brent Room)

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

### **Friday, December 6**

First Friday Adoration

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

3:15 PM: Girl Scouts (Art Room)

### **Saturday, December 7**

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

3:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

6:30 PM: Spanish Confessions (Church)

7:00 PM: Spanish Baptisms (Church)

7:30 PM: Saints & Apostles (Center & Gym)

## The Giving Trees Are Here!

We are very excited to announce that this year's Giving Trees are devoted to parishioner — residents of Greenfield Senior Living! The Saints & Apostles youth group have placed gift tags on the Giving Trees. All gifts must be returned under the Trees by December 20, 2013. The youth group will take the gifts to the residents December 21<sup>st</sup> and enjoy some good, festive cheer with them, too. Thanks for your generosity and for making the residents part of our family!

## Blood Drive

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 of Life" to someone in need during this Christmas season. The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> in the parish center from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Won't you help? Please be aware that a valid picture ID is required prior to registration on that day. If you have any questions please contact John Hannon at 720-1599.

## St. William of York Outreach

**Save those paper grocery bags!** The Thrift Shop can use any paper grocery bags you'd like to re-cycle. We sell clothing at a special by-the-bag price and are always in need of fresh supplies. Just leave the bags in the pantry donation bin in the rear of the church or drop them off at the shop.

## Mulch in March ... 2014!!

It's not too early to think about mulch for the Spring! Saints & Apostles Youth Group will be selling mulch to help support those going to WorkCamp. This is a week-long camp for teens to intensify the teens' growth in service, community and prayer and to serve the underserved by doing home repair and maintenance. Orders for mulch are pre-orders ONLY and will be accepted beginning January 2, 2014. The very LAST DATE TO PLACE AN ORDER will be February 10, 2014. Mulch in March 2014! Are you ready?

## St. William of York Sanctuary Note Cards

St. William of York is offering note card for sale in the parish office. The cards are sold in packs of 8 cards for \$12.00. Proceeds will go toward the debt reduction. The front of the card is a picture our Sanctuary and the inside of the card is blank for you to use as you wish.

## Blessed Waxed Angels

Our little blessed angels are on sale in the parish office. The small ornaments are recycled from the candles used on our altar. All proceeds go towards our debt reduction.

## You're invited to a St. Nicholas Day Party!

To all St. William of York moms, if you and your children are available on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM -1 PM, we would love to have you join us (other Catholic moms of St. William's) for a cookie decorating play date in honor of St. Nicholas. We are meeting at the home of Karen Cruess. (110 Oakwood Dr. Stafford, VA.) To RSVP please call Karen at 518-506-9538. We ask that you simply bring a dish to share for our luncheon. Even if you don't think you'll know anyone, please come--most likely you'll recognize at least one of us from Mass!

## Ushers Needed

Have you been looking for a way to help out, now is your chance, we are looking for a few ushers to help out at the 10:30 AM and 12:15 PM Masses on Sunday's. Ushers serve as ministers of hospitality, welcoming those who gather, helping with seating of the congregation and taking up the collections. Contact Mario Toigo at [mkkatoigo@comcast.net](mailto:mkkatoigo@comcast.net) if interested.

## Vocations

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks...." If you think that God is calling you to serve the Lord of the harvest as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, call Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514 or write: [j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org).



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### First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The words of Isaiah urge all people to forsake war and to live in peace forever. The tone reaches a climax in the words, "One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."

### Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ.

### Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah's time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. "You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect."

## Sponsor of the Week

We would like to thank

"La Rosetta Ristorante"

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.

## Offer Your Prayers

### 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, OJ Block, Aaron Burke, George Davis III, Brian Dawson, Robert Deisbeck, John Ferry, Brian Flanagan, Keirsten Hage, Jason Heuer, Denise Huff, Ryan Kraft, Nicholas Kubick, Tyron Anthony Layug, Robert Mills, Shane Montgomery, Brendan Mooney, Mike Parrot, Jr., William Pomeroy, Gavin Reed, Thomas Ryan, Daniel Stehm, 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.