



❖ Second Sunday of Advent ❖

December 8, 2013



Mass Intentions for the Week of December 9th – December 15th

Monday	7:30 AM	Kathy Davis
	9:00 AM	Rose Frances DeMartino †
	7:30 PM	Kevin James O'Keefe †
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Blessed Pope John Paul II †
	9:00 AM	Susan Taylor †
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Blessed Pope John Paul II †
	6:30 PM	Pisano/LaFratte Family †
Thursday	7:30 AM	Blessed Pope John Paul II †
	9:00 AM	David Cloud †
	7:30 PM	Naty Fajardo †
Friday	9:00 AM	Margaret Reeves
	6:30 PM	Francis Neville †
Saturday	9:00 AM	Angela O'Brian
	5:00 PM	Sienicki/Szafranski Families †
	7:00 PM	Aida Miranda †
Sunday	7:30 AM	People of St. William of York
	9:00 AM	M. Virginia Lauber †
	10:30 AM	John Brian Pasola †
	12:15 PM	John P. Reilly †

On Monday, December 9th, *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception* there will be an additional 7:30 PM Mass.

On Thursday, December 12th, the *Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe* there will be an additional 7:30 PM Mass in Spanish.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

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

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

On Thursday, December 12th 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.



+Confession Schedule+

December 9th – December 14th

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.)

Blessed Waxed Angels, St. William of York Sanctuary Note Cards and Magnificat Wreath Sales

Our little blessed angels and Sanctuary Note Cards are on sale today Sunday, December 8th in the parish center after all Masses. You may also purchase them in the parish office during the week. All proceeds will go toward the debt reduction.

Our little blessed angel ornaments are recycled from the candles used on our altar. Each angel is sold for \$1.00.

The note cards are sold in packs of 8 cards for \$12.00. The front of the card is a picture of our Sanctuary and the inside of the card is blank for you to use as you wish.

Magnificat wreaths are decorative wreaths made from old Magnificats. They are sold for \$15.00 per wreath. Each wreath was hand made by St. William of York parishioners.

Lessons & Carols

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

Email Address Request

In an effort to update our registration records, we ask that all parishioners share their email address with us. You may do this by sending an email to parishoffice@swoycc.org

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
Or call the school office for more information at 540-659-5207

Up Coming Events

Monday, Dec. 9– Mary's Gift Shop

Advent Program

"Watching and Waiting"

December 17th

1:15 PM Dress Rehearsal &
7:00 PM Performance

Christmas Festival

"Christmas Sing Along"

January 7th

1:30 PM Dress Rehearsal &
7:00 PM Performance

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

St. William of York Catholic School will announce its own school delays and/or closings due to inclement weather. Announcements will be sent by means of "School Messenger", the electronic tool we use for email and phone blasts. There will be both a telephone message and an email message sent to every family and staff member. **Please be sure to send in any changes to your email or telephone contact information as soon as it changes.**

New Winter Uniform Policy for Girls

Girls may wear Khaki Pleated Twill Pants (along with the uniform white shirt and school logo sweater/cardigan) as part of their winter uniform on days when the weather is below freezing.

Religious Education

Upcoming Sundays:

December 8: Classes are in session
December 15: Classes are in session (LAST CLASS before Christmas)
December 22: NO CLASSES
December 25: MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!
December 29: NO CLASSES



In the second week of Advent, we gather around the Advent wreath each night to light the second violet candle, symbolizing PEACE. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember that Jesus is our hope and our peace. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." John 14:27

A nightly prayer for families in the second week of Advent: Gracious God, grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord's birth. May divisions in our lives be peacefully resolved. Lord, let us remember that You alone are the giver of lasting peace and that you are always with us. Amen.

(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/))

In Our Parish

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, December 8

7:30 AM: Spanish Breakfast (Center)

8:00AM: Blood Drive (Center)

8:45 AM: RE Classes

10:00 AM: Choir (Brent Room)

10:45 AM: RE Classes

12:30 PM: NFP Class (Brent Room)

6:00 PM: RE Classes

Monday, December 9

4:00 PM: Girls Basketball Game (Gym)

5:15 PM: Boys Basketball Game (Gym)

Tuesday, December 10

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

9:30 AM: Rosary Makers (Brent Room)

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

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

Wednesday, December 11

11:00 PM: Senior Luncheon (Gym)

3:30 PM: Girls Basketball Practice (Gym)

5:30 PM: Boys Basketball Practice (Gym)

7:30 PM: K of C Meeting (K of C Hall)

7:30 PM: RCIA (Center)

Thursday, December 12

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

3:30 PM: Girls Basketball Practice (Gym)

5:30 PM: Boys Basketball Practice (Gym)

7:30 PM: Lessons & Carols Rehearsal School Choir & Adults

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

7:15 PM: Adult Choir (School Music Room)

Friday, December 13

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

3:15 PM: Girl Scouts (Art Room)

Saturday, December 14

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

3:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

4:15 PM: Cub Scouts (Center)

6:30 PM: Spanish Confessions (Church)

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

The Giving Trees

Are Here!

Thank you to all those who have taken a gift tag from the Giving Trees that are devoted to parishioner — residents of Greenfield Senior Living! All the gift tags from the trees have been taken. All gifts must be returned under the trees by December 20, 2013. The youth group will take the gifts to the residents December 21st 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 today, December 8th 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.

Catholic Charities Collection

This weekend, December 7th & 8th the Catholic Charities Collection will be taken up along with our usual 2nd collection debt reduction title. 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.

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?

In Our Parish Continued

Senior Luncheon

All seniors 50+ are invited to join us for the December Advent Luncheon. It will be held on Wednesday, December 11th 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.

We Joyfully Welcome into the Catholic Faith

Nicholas Michael Sheldon, son of Douglas and Kimberly Sheldon.

Kolbe Anthony Partridge, son of Dustin and Mary Partridge.

Bulletin Announcements

Due to the upcoming Holidays anyone interested in submitting a bulletin announcement for the weekend of December 29th will need to submit it no later than Wednesday December 18th. Also anyone interested in submitting an announcement for the weekend of January 5th will need to submit it no later than Friday, December 20th. Please email your announcements to Kayla Dittmer in the parish office at parishoffice@swoycc.org.

Keep Christ in Christmas

Please consider supporting the Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards Sale. Cards can be purchased after all Sunday morning Masses in the parish center.

Calling All Parish

Homeschooling Families!

If you home school your child/children, grades K-8, for all subjects, including religious education, and HAVE NOT registered with the Religious Education office, please do so as soon as possible. It is important for accurate record keeping that we know you are out there, especially if your child is in a sacrament year. The RE office hours are Monday –Friday, 9 AM-3 PM. If you have any questions, we can be reached at (540) 659-5705 or reoffice@swoycc.org.

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 by Wednesday, December 18th. Thank you.

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First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

In this beautiful passage, a messianic prophecy, Isaiah exults in the coming of the Lord, who will bring justice and peace for all.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Paul reveals to us the necessity of living in peace and harmony. His words “Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the Glory of God” are as needed today as they were in Paul’s own time.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptizer prepares the way for Jesus. Clothed in a garment of camel’s hair, he baptizes the people in the Jordan River, but warns the Pharisees in ringing tones that they must give evidence that they mean to reform.

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.