



❖ Fourth Sunday of Advent ❖

December 22, 2013



Mass Intentions for the Week of December 23rd – December 29th

Monday	7:30 AM	Tina De Guzman
	9:00 AM	Pisano/LaFratte Family †
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Priest Intentions †
	9:00 AM	Rose Frances DeMartino †
Christmas Vigil	4:00 PM	Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<i>Spanish</i>	6:00 PM	Priest Intentions
	8:00 PM	Alice McMenamin †
	12:00 AM	Belli Family Living & †
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Priest Intentions
Nativity of the Lord	9:00 AM	People of St. William of York
<i>(Christmas Day)</i>	10:30 AM	Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	12:15 PM	Joseph DeMartino
Thursday	<i>No 7:30 AM Mass</i>	
	9:00 AM	Christopher Phoenix
Friday	9:00 AM	Janine Byrnes
	<i>No 6:30 PM Mass</i>	
Saturday	9:00 AM	In Thanksgiving
	5:00 PM	Rev. Robert Mary Xavier Burns †
	7:00 PM	Inocencia Gonzalez Pina †
Sunday	7:30 AM	Vicente T. Espinosa †
	9:00 AM	Richard Allen Wolfe †
	10:30 AM	Kathleen Hannon †
	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

Tuesday, December 24th

4:00 PM

6:00 PM (Spanish)

8:00 PM

12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25th

7:30 AM

9:00 AM

10:30 AM

12:15 PM

+Confession Schedule+

December 22nd –

December 28th

Sunday: 7:00 PM

Monday: 7:00 PM

Tuesday: 9:30 AM

No 9:30 AM Thursday Confessions

Saturday: 9:30 AM

Saturday: 3:30 PM-4:30 PM*

Saturday: 6:30 PM (Spanish)

Confessions on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday will be available in English and Spanish.

(*The penitent in the confessional at 4:30 PM will be the last confession heard.)

Please Don't Feed the Animals!! Especially at Christmas.

We know you mean well, but bringing food “for the priests” to the office or to the sacristy, or dropping food off at the front door of the rectory is not a good idea for a number of very personal reasons concerning the priests... **especially at Christmas.**

Confession Schedule Changes

With Christmas and News Years' approaching some of our priests will be away. Therefore, the following changes will be made:

No 9:30 AM confessions on December 26th

No 6:30 PM Spanish confession on Jan. 4th

We will have additional advent confessions during the advent season in English and Spanish. Confessions will be offered today, Sunday December 22nd at 7 PM and Monday, December 23rd at 7 PM.

Parish Office Schedule

The parish office will be closed December 24th, December 25th and December 26th for Christmas. We will be closed on January 1st, New Years Day.

Liturgy of Hours

There will be no Liturgy of Hours on December 27th and January 3rd. We will meet again on January 10th in the Brent Room at 9:30 AM after the 9:00 AM Mass.

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

Monday, December 23, 2013 -

Friday, January 3, 2014

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
NO School*

Little League Baseball



St. William of York Catholic School invites your children to join our newly created Little League Baseball programs. We are trying to have two different age groups. Kindergarten through 2nd Grade (co-ed) and 3rd through 5th Grade (boys). Interested families should provide the school office with a copy of a recent report card showing satisfactory grades and verification of satisfactory attendance in the St. William of York Religious Education program by January 15th. If you have any questions feel free to contact Athletic Director Scott Berkes at sberkes@stwillsschool.org.

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. For background check forms and more information contact Kayla Dittmer in the parish office at 540-659-1102.

Religious Education

Upcoming Sundays:

December 22: NO CLASSES

December 25: MERRY CHRISTMAS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!

December 29: NO CLASSES

January 5: Classes resume



NO CLASSES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, DEC. 22 and Dec.29!

See you on January 5, 2014!

In the fourth week of Advent, we relight the three candles of HOPE, PEACE, and JOY, and we now also light the final candle, symbolizing LOVE. Advent is a time to love as God loved us by giving us His most precious gift.

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13: 34-35

A nightly prayer for families in the third week of Advent: Teach us to love, O Lord. May we know your love and show it in our lives. As we prepare for our celebration of Jesus' birth, also fill our hearts with love for the world, that all may know your love and our Savior. 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 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent
10:00 AM: Choir (Brent Room)
11:30 AM: Choir (Brent Room)
1:30 PM: Baptisms (Church)
7:00 PM: Confessions (Church)

Monday, December 23

No School
7:00 PM: Confessions (Church)

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve
No School
Parish & RE Office Closed
9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)
10:30 AM: Choir (Brent Room)

Wednesday, December 25

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)
No School
Parish & RE Office Closed
No RCIA

Thursday, December 26

No 9:30 AM Confessions
No School
Parish & RE Office Closed

Friday, December 27

No School

Saturday, December 28

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)
1:00 PM K of C (Center)
3:30 PM: Confessions (Church)
6:30 PM: Spanish Confessions (Church)

Thrift Shop Holiday Closing

The Thrift Shop will be closed December 25th, 26th, 27th for Christmas and January 1st for New Years. The Pantry and Financial Assistance will be closed on Christmas and New Years as well.

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?

The Gabriel Project

The Gabriel Project, The Catholic ministry to pregnant mothers in need, is asking for a leader (or volunteer) for the St. William of York parish who speaks both Spanish and English and could set up a web site in both languages. Would you please pray about this, asking if God could be calling you to help with this ministry? Please call the parish office for information.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1, 2014 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God; a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 31st at 7:30 PM (Bilingual Vigil). Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 1st at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12:15 PM.

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class in English will be held on **Wednesday, January 22nd at 7:30 PM** in the Library. The next Spanish Baptismal Preparation Class will be held on **Saturday, January 11th at 8:30 AM** in the Brent Room. It is mandatory that all parents register with the parish office (659-1102) before the class.

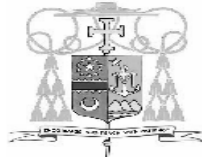
Vocations

"When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him." Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father J.D. Jaffe for more information at (703) 841-2514 or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

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.



December 25, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Streaming across the chilly night sky above Bethlehem, the news was good—in fact, it was overflowing with joy! What was this good news? “Do not be afraid, for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord” (*Lk 2:10-11*). Why is this news so joyful? Because it announces the Birth of a Person Whose Name is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He came to take up our human nature, all of it except sin, in order to save us and to lead us homewards to that eternal heritage, which God desires for us to inherit: life forever in His Presence!

Our Advent journey has led us to Bethlehem, to relive in our liturgy and to recall in our prayers the Birth of the Infant Savior, “wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger” (*Lk 2:12*).

Like the shepherds, we go in haste and find Mary and Joseph with this Infant (cf. *Lk 2:15-16*). To His tiny arms outstretched to embrace us in love, we surrender in love ourselves. As we welcome Him into the home of our hearts, we discover in this encounter enduring hope, true peace and real joy. As Pope Francis expresses in the first sentence of his recent Post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, “THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus....With Christ, joy is constantly born anew” (n. 1).

Then, this joy-filled encounter with the Infant Savior energizes us to “go forth with hearts on fire,” to invite everyone we meet to experience the presence of Christ in their hearts as well.

As we adore the Infant Savior lying in the manger and experience an exchange of hearts, we will be enabled to journey through the coming New Year with renewed strength and perseverance.

Each one of you will be included in my prayers and in the Holy Masses, which I shall offer on Christmas Day and throughout this season of Christmas joy!

Faithfully in the Heart of Christ,

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde
Bishop of Arlington

25 de diciembre de 2013

Amados hermanos y hermanas en Cristo Jesús:

Al cruzar el firmamento de la helada noche que se cernía sobre Belén, la noticia era buena, de hecho, ¡traía una alegría desbordante! ¿Cuál era esa buena nueva? “No teman porque les traigo una buena noticia, una gran alegría para todo el pueblo. Hoy, en la ciudad de David, les ha nacido un Salvador, que es el Mesías, el Señor” (*Lc 2:10-11*). ¿Por qué causa esta noticia tanto regocijo? Porque anuncia el Nacimiento de una persona cuyo nombre es Jesucristo, el Hijo de Dios. Él vino a asumir nuestra naturaleza humana, en todo menos en el pecado, con el fin de salvarnos y llevarnos hacia la morada de la herencia eterna que Dios desea darnos: ¡la vida perdurable en Su Presencia!

Nuestro peregrinaje de Adviento nos ha llevado a Belén a volver a vivir en nuestra liturgia y a recordar en nuestras oraciones el Nacimiento del Niño Salvador, “envuelto en pañales y acostado en un pesebre” (*Lc 2:12*).

Al igual que los pastores, vamos rápidamente y encontramos a María y a José con el Niño (cf. *Lc 2:15-16*). Con sus bracitos extendidos para abrazarnos con amor, nos rendimos en ese amor. Al acogerlo en el hogar de nuestro corazón, en ese encuentro descubrimos esperanza perdurable, paz verdadera y alegría real. Como lo expresa el Papa Francisco en la primera frase de su reciente Exhortación Apostólica Postsinodal, *Evangelii Gaudium*, “LA ALEGRÍA DEL EVANGELIO llena el corazón y la vida entera de todos los que se encuentran con Jesús....Con Jesucristo, siempre nace y renace la alegría” (n. 1).

Por lo tanto, este encuentro lleno de alegría con el Niño Salvador nos da fuerza para que “vayamos adelante con el corazón ardiente” a invitar a todas las personas que conozcamos a experimentar la presencia de Cristo también en su corazón.

Al adorar al Niño Salvador acostado en el pesebre y experimentar un intercambio de corazón a corazón, podremos caminar a lo largo del próximo Año Nuevo con fuerza y perseverancia renovadas.

Cada uno de ustedes estará presente en mis oraciones y en las Santas Misas que ofreceré el Día de Navidad y durante esta temporada de alegría navideña.

Fielmente en el Corazón de Cristo,

Monseñor Paul S. Loverde
Obispo de Arlington