



Welcome to St. William of York Catholic Church:
 “An Authentic Catholic Culture”



❖ Fourth Sunday of Advent—December 21, 2014 ❖

Mass Intentions for the Week of
 December 22nd – December 28th

Monday	7:30 AM	Katie Sue Bryant ☩
	9:00 AM	Ella Marie Nowicki ☩
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Josephine Graziosi ☩
	9:00 AM	Mark Danison ☩
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Special Intentions
Christmas	4:00 PM	Special Intentions
Vigil	6:00 PM:	Special Intentions
Spanish	8:00 PM:	Special Intentions
	12:00 AM:	Special Intentions
Thursday	7:30 AM	Special Intentions
Nativity	9:00 AM	Special Intentions
of the Lord	10:30 AM	Special Intentions
Christmas Day	12:15 PM:	People of St. William of York
Friday	9:00 AM	Chris Phoenix
	<i>No 6:30 PM Mass</i>	
Saturday	9:00 AM	Special Intentions
	5:00 PM	Rita Mathieu
	7:00 PM	Burson-Ayerle Family
Sunday	7:30 AM	People of St. William of York
	9:00 AM	Susan Malloy ☩
	10:30 AM	J. Daniel Hudgins
	12:15 PM	Special Intentions

On Friday, December 26th we will be on a modified Mass schedule. Therefore we will not have a 6:30 PM Mass.



Christmas Eve Vigil

Wednesday, December 24th
 4:00 PM
 6:00 PM
 8:00 PM (Spanish)
 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25th
 7:30 AM
 9:00 AM
 10:30 AM
 12:15 PM

Solemnity of Mary,

The Holy Mother of God

Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015 is the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God; a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, Dec. 31st at 7:30 PM. This will be an English Vigil Mass not a bilingual Mass as previously advertised on the Advent Flyer. Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, Jan. 1st at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 12:15 PM.

+Confession Schedule+

December 22nd – December 27th

Monday:	7:00 PM
Tuesday:	9:30 AM
Tuesday:	7:00 PM
<i>No 9:30 AM Thursday Confessions</i>	
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.)

Father DeMartino to Speak!

Our Saints and Apostles CYO group are proud to present our own Father DeMartino on Saturday evening, January 24th at 7:00 PM in the parish center. All teens, young adults, single Catholics and parents are welcome to come for this once only this year presentation:

**COURTSHIP IN THE AUTHENTIC
 CATHOLIC CULTURE**

You are unlikely to hear anything like this talk anywhere else. It flies in the face of everything the unreal world proclaims on this neglected topic. Father's talk is biblically based, authentically Catholic (Of course!) and is definitely PG!

Confession Schedule Changes

There will **not** be confessions on Thursday, December 25th, Christmas Day or on Thursday, January 1st, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God.

During the advent season we will be offering additional confessions in English and Spanish on the following days:

Monday, December 22nd at 7 PM
 Tuesday, December 23rd at 7 PM

Evening Prayer

Sunday Vespers, Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours, will be prayed today, December 21st at 5:00 PM in the Church. Please bring a copy of *Shorter Christian Prayer* or a suitable volume of the Liturgy of the Hours. All are welcome!

The St. William of York Youth



St. William of York Catholic School

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Upcoming Events

Christmas Break (12/22-01/02)
Jan. 8—Christmas Festival 7 PM

Save the Date

The Christmas Festival is scheduled
for Thursday, January 8th at 7:00 PM
in the Gym.

Email Mr. Nicely for a tour or a shadow day at: fnicely@stwillschool.org
or call the school office (540) 659-5207.

Still thinking about WorkCamp June 20 – 26, 2015??

After all of the Masses during the weekend of November 8 & 9, you heard a little bit about WorkCamp. Are you still considering being a volunteer? Maybe this will help you ... (1) You don't have to actually go to WorkCamp in order to be a volunteer -- lots of work takes place before we even get there! (2) Being a parent of a teen going to WorkCamp is not a prerequisite to volunteering. Your help is needed in many ways! Registration deadlines coming in February!! (3) The benefits are infinite!! Please contact Peggy Nicely at 540-659-5705 or nicely624@hotmail.com. Thank you for any consideration you give this!

Religious Education

Upcoming Sundays:

December 21st & December 28th: NO CLASSES (enjoy you Christmas break!)

January 4th: CLASSES IN SESSION!

January 11th: CLASSES IN SESSION!

Midterm Review Day! (for grades 1-7)

There are NO classes today, December 21st or next Sunday, December 28th, as we prepare for and celebrate Christmas. The RE Office staff wishes everyone a very merry Christmas!



CLASSES WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 4th!! Please plan to be *IN CLASS* on January 4th.

The RE office will be operating on limited hours over the next two weeks. Please call the office for business hours or you may contact us via email at reoffice@swoycc.org. We will be checking the email often. We will be open on our regular business hours on January 4th.

Name the Saint!

My feast day is December 26th. I was an early deacon of the Church, appointed by the Apostles. It was my job to help give out food and money to the people who came seeking it. I also preached though. However, not everyone believed in Jesus and did not like my preaching. They did not like what I had to say. So they found people to say I spoke against the Church teachings (blasphemy) and I was taken before the Sanhedrin (Jewish court). I defended my teachings, but they still didn't like what I had to say so they stoned me to death. I was the first martyr for Christ. Who am I?

ANSWER: St. Stephen

In Our Parish

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, December 21

10:00 AM: Choir (Brent Room)

11:30 AM: Choir (Brent Room)

5:00 PM: Evening Prayer (Church)

Monday, December 22

No School

7:00 PM: Confessions (Church)

Tuesday, December 23

No School

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

9:30 AM: Rosary Makers (Brent Room)

3:30 PM: Fiat (Brent Room)

7:00 PM: Confessions (Church)

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

No School

No RCIA

Thursday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

No School

No 9:30 AM Confessions

Friday, December 26

No School

Saturday, December 27

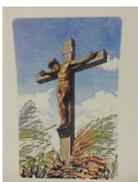
9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

3:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

6:30 PM: Spanish Confessions (Church)

Items for Sale

St. William of York is offering note cards and Blessed Wax Angels for sale after all weekend Masses in the main entrance of the church. The 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. The Angels are recycled from the candles used on our altar. All proceeds go toward our debt reduction. Also the St. William of York Choir will have their CD, "Lead me, Lord" for sale. The CD is \$20 per CD. Proceeds from the CD's benefit our many parish programs, services, and facility improvements.



Water Color of Crucifix for Sale

Local Artist, Bill Evans has produced a beautiful water color of our beloved crucifix on Route 1 in Stafford. Sales price is \$50 and \$10 of every sale will be donated back to St. William of York. Contact information is available in the parish office along with one of the copies for you to see firsthand. Limited copies are available.

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class in English will be held on **Wednesday, January 28th at 7:30 PM** in the Library. The next Spanish Baptismal Preparation Class will be held on **Saturday, January 10th at 8:30 AM** in the Brent Room. It is mandatory that all parents register with the parish office (659-1102) before the class.

Prayer Request...

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

Ralph Allison, Christopher Bell, David Besachio, Aaron Burke, Megan Cobb, George Davis III, Brian Dawson, Robert Deisbeck, John Ferry, Brian Flanagan, Keirsten Hage, Jason Heuer, Denise Huff, William Kerriagan, Ryan Kraft, Nicholas Kubick, Matthew Kuhns, Tyron Anthony Layug, Robert Mills, Shane Montgomery, John O'Hagan, Ron Penninger, Gavin Reed, Thomas Ryan, Daniel Stehm, David Stewart, Gregory Thomas, Chris Tolliver, Kyle Traylor and Logan Whitworth.

St. William of York Outreach

The Thrift Shop will be closed from Wednesday, December 24th through Friday, January 2nd. We will re-open on the first Saturday, January 3rd, from 9:30 AM till 12:30 PM. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

We Joyfully Welcome into the Catholic Faith

Theeran Dylan Michael, son of Damien and Deepti Michael.

Past Grand Knight Appreciation Dinner and Social

Join the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS for the "Past Grand Knight Appreciation Dinner and Social" on Sunday, December 28th - 6:30 PM at VINNEY's - \$8/person, under age 5 free. Awards presented for Family of the Month and Knight of the Month for the past quarter. Contact Dan Bolas, Grand Knight at dan3e457@aol.com as soon as possible and not later than December 23rd with the number attending.

Parish Office Schedule

The parish office will be closed December 24th, 25th, & 26th for Christmas. We will be closed on Thursday, January 1st, New Years Day and January 2nd.



December 25, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Each year as the Solemnity of Christ's Birth draws near, I am reminded of what Saint Paul wrote to the Christian community in Corinth: "though he was rich, [Jesus Christ] became poor for your sake, so that through his poverty, you might become rich" (cf. 2Cor.8:9).

Yes, as we kneel before the Manger scene on Christmas Day and beyond, we see before us the poverty which the Son of God embraced at His birth. He was born in a cattle stable, not in a room at the inn or at His home; lying in a manger of straw, not in a comfortable bed; wrapped in swaddling clothes, not in warm garments and a blanket.

But the poverty which He embraced was much more than what is so immediately visible. He put aside the riches of heavenly glory, and instead took on our human nature. As the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us, Jesus became like us in all things except sin. (cf. Heb. 4:15).

Why did Jesus Christ, the Son of God, do all this? Out of love for us and for our salvation. He became poor, so that through His poverty, we might become rich. Rich in what? Rich in the things that really matter – – the things of the heart!

Knowing that our heart longs for the kind of love that truly satisfies and fulfills us, Jesus Christ came to remove every obstacle that keeps us from experiencing such love – the obstacles of evil, sin, and eternal death. He came to offer us salvation, God's free act of love, whereby we become His sons and daughters with the promised inheritance of living forever, sharing His life, in an existence that goes beyond our wildest imaginations, a life of unending peace and joy and fellowship. When we possess that kind of life, we shall truly become rich and fully alive.

Jesus Christ was born, and eventually suffered, died and rose again on the third day, so that we might find in our union with Him the fulfillment of our hearts' deepest longing. He is the source of the kind of love that satisfies the human heart here in our earthly journey and becomes totally fulfilled in heaven.

Draw near to the manger and see the love of Christ, the love that made Him poor so that we might become truly rich. And give Him the only thing He desires – love for Him made real in prayer and worship as well as in our daily witness, and love for others, made real in self-emptying service to others.

I will remember each of you in my prayers and in the Holy Masses, which I shall offer on Christmas Day and throughout this season of Christmas joy!

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25 de diciembre de 2014

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Jesucristo:

Cada año, al acercarse la Solemnidad del Nacimiento de Cristo, recuerdo las palabras de San Pablo a la comunidad cristiana de Corinto: "Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, siendo rico, se hizo pobre por nosotros, a fin de enriquecernos con su pobreza" (2 Cor.8:9).

Al arrodillarnos ante la escena del Pesebre el Día de Navidad y en los días siguientes, se nos presenta la pobreza que aceptó el Hijo de Dios en su nacimiento. Nació en un establo, no en un cuarto de un albergue ni en su hogar, tuvo por cuna un pesebre de paja, no una cama cómoda, y fue envuelto en pañales, no en ropa caliente y un cobertor.

Pero la pobreza que aceptó era mucho más que la inmediatamente visible. Dejó de lado las riquezas de la gloria celestial para tomar nuestra naturaleza humana. Como nos recuerda la Carta a los Hebreos, Jesús asumió nuestra condición humana en su totalidad, con excepción del pecado.

¿Por qué hizo todo esto Jesucristo, el Hijo de Dios? Por amor a nosotros y por nuestra salvación, Él se hizo pobre para que pudiéramos enriquecernos por medio de su pobreza. ¿Enriquecernos con qué? Enriquecernos con las cosas que realmente importan: ¡con las cosas del corazón! A sabiendas de que nuestro corazón anhela la clase de amor que verdaderamente nos satisface y nos llena, Jesucristo vino a quitar todos los obstáculos que nos impiden experimentar ese amor: los obstáculos del mal, del pecado y de la muerte eterna. Vino a ofrecernos la salvación, un acto libre de amor de Dios, por el cual nos convertimos en sus hijos e hijas con la herencia prometida de vivir para siempre, compartiendo su vida, en una existencia que va más allá de lo que jamás hubiéramos imaginado: una vida de paz, alegría y confraternidad perdurables. Cuando tengamos esa clase de vida, seremos verdaderamente ricos y estaremos plenamente vivos.

Jesucristo nació, sufrió, murió y resucitó al tercer día para que, en nuestra unión con Él, pudiéramos lograr el más profundo anhelo de nuestro corazón. Él es la fuente de la clase de amor que verdaderamente satisface al corazón humano aquí en nuestro peregrinaje terrenal y que se cumple en su totalidad en el cielo.

Acérquense al pesebre y vean el amor de Cristo, el amor que lo hizo pobre para que pudiéramos llegar a ser verdaderamente ricos. Denle lo único que desea: amor a Él convertido en realidad en la oración, en el culto, en nuestro testimonio cotidiano y en nuestro amor por el prójimo, así como en el servicio de entrega a los demás.

Recordaré a cada uno de ustedes en mis oraciones y en las Misas del Día de Navidad y durante la temporada de alegría navideña.

Faithfully in the Heart of Christ,

+ Paul S. Loverde

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde
Bishop of Arlington