



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



☒ Second Sunday of Advent—December 6, 2015 ☒

Mass Intentions for the Week of

December 7th – December 13th

Monday	7:30 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory †
	9:00 AM	Richard Lynn Willis, Jr. †
<i>Vigil</i>	7:30 PM	Rocco Filoso †
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Joseph DeMartino †
<i>Immaculate</i>	9:00 AM	Marylyn DeLancey
<i>Conception</i>	12:15 PM	Althea Taroni †
<i>of the BVM</i>	7:30 PM	People of St. William of York
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Deacon Richard Smith †
	6:30 PM	Holy Souls in Purgatory †
Thursday	7:30 AM	Special Intention
	9:00 AM	Merle & Pagett Families †
Friday	9:00 AM	Sister Mary Garabandalmc
	6:30 PM	Cynthia Rohlf †
Saturday	9:00 AM	Eulogio Escueta †
(Spanish)	11:30 AM	Priest Intention
	5:00 PM	Sandor & Erzebet Agopcsa †
	7:00 PM	Thomas Quinn
Sunday	7:30 AM	John Reilly †
	9:00 AM	Margaret Reeves
	10:30 AM	Ellen Carag †
	12:15 PM	People of St. William of York

On Saturday, December 12th we will honor Our Lady of Guadalupe with Mañanitas at 5:00 AM and Mass at 9:00 AM. There will be an additional 11:30 AM Mass in Spanish.

**The Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception**

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Tuesday, December 8th, is a Holy Day of Obligation. On Monday, December 7th, Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 PM. On Tuesday, December 8th, Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 & 9:00 AM and 12:15 & 7:30 PM.

Stewardship Reflection

“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...” (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

+Confession Schedule+

December 7th – December 12th

Tuesday:	9:30 AM
Thursday:	9:30 AM
Saturday:	9:30 AM
Saturday:	3:30— 4:30 PM*
Saturday:	6:30 PM (Spanish)

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

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

All are invited to a special bi-lingual Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, December 12th at 11:30 AM. Readings and prayers will be in English and in Spanish. Fr. Anthony Killian will preach in both languages. Reception will follow in the parish center.

**Celebración de Nuestra Señora
de Guadalupe**

Todos están invitados a la misa bilingüe el Sábado 12 de Diciembre, a las 11:30 AM en honor a nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe. Lecturas y oraciones se harán en inglés y español. Fr. Anthony Killian ofrecerá la homilía en ambos idiomas. A continuación de la misa habrá una recepción en el centro(cafería) de la parroquia. Todos quedan cordialmente invitados.

Lessons & Carols

Join us Sunday, December 13th at 3:00 PM in the church for Lesson & Carols (Preceded in this Year of Mercy with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy Chanted) with a reception to follow in the parish center.

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 bring it to the parish office by Wednesday, December 16th.

The St. William of York Youth



St. William of York Catholic School

Academic Excellence * Personalized Attention * Authentic Catholic Culture

Our Catholic Culture at St. William of York School

It is becoming harder and harder to slow down and quietly prepare for Christmas. Our school family works together in an effort not to be swept away in the rush and prolonged holiday party preceding Christmas. Instead, we try to watch and wait for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ, both celebrating His divine birth and preparing for His second coming. Then, just when the commercial world is finished with Christmas and moving onto Valentine's Day, we will continue our Christmas celebration throughout the entire season. While we do remain a little out of sync in attitude and focus with society as Christmas approaches, we must remember that humbly loving and serving that society is one of our primary responsibilities.

St. William of York School will hold its Advent Program on the evening of Thursday, December 17, and our Christmas celebration program on Thursday, January 7.

Our students look forward to celebrating our Lady's Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, December 8th. We will participate in the 9 AM Mass then hold a special Marian prayer service together to end the school day. Also, our Catholic Culture Committee is bringing back the annual "Mary's Shop" where students are given an easy option to purchase inexpensive, meaningful Christmas gifts. We are so grateful that Ms. Connie from Christ the King is bringing her Catholic goods store to us for the day (from 9:30 AM - 2:45 PM). Please feel free to come visit your parish school and take advantage of our Mary's Shop that day - we'd love to see you.

Religious Education

Sundays in December:

December 6th: CLASSES IN SESSION

December 13th: CLASSES IN SESSION

December 20th: CLASSES IN SESSION

Name the Saint!

My feast day is December 9th. I was a poor, simple man who lived in Mexico who used to walk 14 miles with my wife to go to Mass and religion studies every Saturday and Sunday. One day as I walked to Mass, I came across a lady dressed as an Aztec woman. She told me she was the Blessed Virgin Mary and wished to have a shrine built on the top of a rocky hill. She told me to go tell the bishop of her desire. I did so, but the bishop did not believe me and requested a sign that it was truly Mary visiting me. I relayed the bishop's request to Mary and she told me to visit the hill again the next day. When I followed her instructions I found beautiful roses covering the hill. I picked them and took them to the bishop in my cloak. When I opened the cloak to let the roses fall before the bishop, he was astounded to see the roses in winter that came from a rocky hill. But he was more surprised to see the image of Mary on my cloak...that was not there before I put the roses in it. The bishop now believed and the shrine Mary requested was built on the hill. I spent the rest of my life teaching others that Mary loves us and wants to help us. My cloak is still on display in the Basilica of the Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Who am I?

Reminders for 7th grade Confirmation Students!!

- 1) Your Confirmation sponsor name and Confirmation saint name are due **next Sunday, December 13th**! Looking in your packet you received at the meeting in September, this is the last sheet of the packet. All that we are looking for is the names. The individual sponsor letters and saint reports are due later in the year. Please try to remain on time with your Confirmation requirements.
- 2) There will be a service hour check on Sunday, Dec. 13th to see how you are doing with your service hours.



In Our Parish

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, December 6

8:00 AM: K of C Pancake Breakfast (Center)

8:00 AM: Blood Drive (Center)

8:45 AM: RE Class

10:00 AM: Choir (Brent Room)

10:45 AM: RE Class

6:00 PM: RE Class

Monday, December 7

3:30 PM: Boys JV Basketball Practice (Gym)

6:00 PM: Boys V Basketball Practice (Gym)

Tuesday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM: Mary Shop (Gym & School Lobby)

9:30 AM: Rosary Makers (Brent Room)

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

3:30 PM: Girls JV Basketball Practice (Gym)

4:00 PM: FIAT (Brent Room)

4:45 PM: Girls V Basketball Practice (Gym)

Wednesday, December 9

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

11:00 AM: Senior Luncheon (Gym)

7:30 PM: RCIA (Center)

Thursday, December 10

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

10:00 AM: Senior Chair Exercise (Brent Room)

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

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

6:30 PM: Choir (Church)

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

Friday, December 11

3:30 PM: School Movie Night (Center)

Saturday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

11:30 AM: Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass (Church)

12:30 PM: Our Lady of Guadalupe Reception (Center)

3:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

6:30 PM: Spanish Confessions (Church)

2016 Mass Missals

The Religious Education Office has purchased 2016 Mass Missals for the new church year. We have a **limited** supply of extra missals available for any member or family in the parish. These are a good resource to use at Mass or with the Holy Heroes homework. If you would like to purchase a missal, please come to the RE Office during weekly office hours (9AM-3PM) or on Sundays during classes or to the parish office during weekly office hours (9:30AM-4:30PM). The cost is \$2.00 per missal.

Electronic Giving Through Faith Direct

With the busy times of Thanksgiving and the Season of Advent right around the corner, enrolling in Faith Direct today is a great way to ensure your gifts of treasure to St. William of York are received even if you may be out of town. Please pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today or enroll online at www.faithdirect.net - our Church Code is VA442. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account this fall. Thank you in advance for your support and for using Faith Direct!

Prayer Request...

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

Ralph Allison, Aaron Burke, Colin Carpenter, Megan Cobb, George Davis III, Brian Dawson, Robert Deisbeck, John Ferry, Brian Flanagan, James Kelly Gordon II, Keirsten Hage, Jason Heuer, Denise Huff, William Kerriagan, Ryan Kraft, Nicholas Kubick, Tyron Anthony Layug, Josh Marsillo, Robert Mills, Shane Montgomery, Brendon Mooney, Sean Mooney, Emmanuel Morales, John O'Hagan, Gavin Reed, Thomas Ryan, Daniel Stehm, David Stewart, 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.

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class in English will be held on **Wednesday, December 16th at 7:30 PM** in the Library. The next Spanish Baptismal Preparation Class will be held on **Saturday, January 9th at 8:30 AM** in the Brent Room. It is **mandatory** that **all parents register** with the parish office (659-1102) before the class.

Catholic Charities Christmas Donations

Next weekend, December 12th & 13th we will accept donations for Catholic Charities. See the bulletin insert for more information.

JOIN the Knights of Columbus

Council #7877

Saturday, December 12th and receive both 1st and 2nd Degrees. All Catholic gentlemen should plan to join the Knights of Columbus, a charitable fraternal organization, on Saturday, December 12, 2015 at the Fredericksburg Council, 4724 Harrison Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22404 and received both the first and second degree on the same day! If you are already a 1st Degree Knight, plan to obtain your 2nd Degree beginning at 11 AM (show-time is 10:30) and you will be done by 11:45 AM. In December, the initiation fee is only \$10 and there is no cost for the 2nd degree. Contact Dan Bolas (540) 318-6045 or any Knight to immediately apply. For more information, see our newsletter at http://www.swoycc.org/information/kocnewsletter_1.pdf or the Council #7877 webpage at <http://staffordknights.org>.

"Please Give the Gift that Helps Save Lives"

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 very challenging task. Won't you join your fellow parishioners to help "Give the gift that helps save lives" during this Christmas season. The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a blood drive on Sunday, December 6th in the parish center from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please be aware that a valid picture ID is required prior to registration on the day. If you have any questions please contact Ray Piaskowski Red Cross Blood Drive Coordinator K of C #7877 PH: (540) 429-3151.

Jubilee of Mercy With Father Killian

Join father Killian for a 10 days/9 night Jubilee of Mercy tour leaving Dulles from April 4-14 2016 touring Rome, Vatican Museums, Papal Audience, Assisi, Siena, Loreto, and Florence. Included in your package: Superior 3* air-conditioned hotels and 16 meals. Price per person \$2995 Airport Taxes/Security Fees included. Single Supplement: \$536. Deposit of \$300 is required now and Final Payment due January 4th. Call Margaret at Fredericksburg Travel (540) 373-6900 for more information and to reserve your spot. Checks should be made payable to Suntours International.

The Advent Giving Tree

It's coming ... the Giving Tree. The Saints & Apostles Youth Group will have the tree filled with tags on the first Sunday of Advent. You pick a tag, buy and wrap the gift, return it by Thursday, December 17th to the RELIGIOUS EDUCATION office (NOT the Parish Office) during the hours of 9AM - 3PM and the Youth Group will take the gifts to Greenfield Living Center. Contact Peggy Nicely if you have any questions: (540) 659-5705. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Knights of Columbus – "Keep Christ In Christmas"

Virginia Knights launched "Keep Christ in Christmas" greeting card program in 1989. The Christmas card program is more than just a holiday greeting signed and folded inside of an envelope. It is both a way to evangelize and to promote unity among Christians. We're Catholics. We should be proud of our faith, proud of who we are, and not be afraid to say things like "Merry Christmas." Stop by the parish center after all morning Masses on Sundays to see Brother Bill Emond, Brother Charles Diaz, and Brother David Thoma and the selection of KCIC items for sale. Sales will be conducted on the following dates December 6, 13, and 20. All proceeds go to help support our Seminarians.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Today St. Paul prays for the Lord to increase our love for one another so that it may abound and he reminds us that we should live our lives to please God. Does your life and marriage reflect this? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are on 19-21 Feb in Herndon or 22-24 April in Fredericksburg. For more information or to apply, visit our website at renewmarriage-vanorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-378-4150.

Day of Recollection for Discerners

Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Take a step to find out. The Office of Vocations will hold a day retreat for men on Saturday, December 19th and a day retreat for women on Sunday, December 20th. Both run from 9 AM to 5 PM and are open to those 17 years and older. Please register by Friday, December 11th. To register, please contact the Office of Vocations at (703) 841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.