



# Welcome to St. William of York Catholic Church: "An Authentic Catholic Culture"



✠ Third Sunday of Advent—December 13, 2015 ✠

## From Father DeMartino

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My sister Linda and I want you to know how deeply touched we were and grateful we are for the many, many expressions of sympathy we received upon the death of our father, Joseph. We both felt loved and cared for and those feelings helped to sustain us in the days that followed. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

With kindest regards and all best wishes for a Holy Advent and a Blessed Christmas, I am

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Father DeMartino

## Mass Intentions for the Week of December 14<sup>th</sup> – December 20<sup>th</sup>

Monday	7:30 AM	Suzanne Rockwell †
	9:00 AM	James Dreos †
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Special Intention
	9:00 AM	M. Virginia Lauber †
Wednesday	9:00 AM	James Canter †
	6:30 PM	Augustine Harrison †
Thursday	7:30 AM	Augustine Harrison †
	9:00 AM	Bob Brady †
Friday	9:00 AM	Bradley A. Turner †
	6:30 PM	Special Intention
Saturday	9:00 AM	Augustine Harrison †
	5:00 PM	Sienicki/Szafranski Families †
	7:00 PM	Werner Wolff †
Sunday	7:30 AM	People of St. William of York
	9:00 AM	William Platten †
	10:30 AM	Helen Rosetta †
	12:15 PM	Ellen Carag †

## The Advent Giving Tree

All wrapped presents should be returned by Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 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!

## +Confession Schedule+

December 14<sup>th</sup> – December 19<sup>th</sup>

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.)

## Christmas Week Confession Schedule Changes

There will **not** be confessions on Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM. During the Advent Season Fr. DeMartino & Fr. Killian will hear additional confessions in English and Spanish on the following days: Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM and Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM

On Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 AM confessions will be heard in English only.



### Christmas Eve Vigil

Thursday,  
December 24<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 PM  
6:00 PM (Spanish)  
8:00 PM  
12:00 Midnight

### Christmas Day

Friday,  
December 25<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 AM  
10:30 AM  
12:15 PM

## Lessons & Carols

Join us today, December 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

# 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.*

### *St. William of York Baseball, 2016!*

Just a notice for all parishioners that St. William of York Catholic School will once again sponsor youth baseball in the spring. Watch for announcements in January's bulletins regarding sign-ups. The season will go from mid March through the school year, and is open to all parish children grades K-5 (and girls in grade 6). Also, volunteer coaches will be needed, so if you are interested in returning for another year to coach or assistant coach, or interested in becoming one, you are needed and appreciated. Please contact Ken Reuwer at reuwers@verizon.net for further information. All staff must be VIRTUS trained before the start of the season, in accordance with Diocesan rules.

## Religious Education

### Sundays in December:

**December 13<sup>th</sup>:** CLASSES IN SESSION

**December 20<sup>th</sup>:** CLASSES IN SESSION

**December 27<sup>th</sup>:** NO CLASSES!

**January 3<sup>rd</sup>:** NO CLASSES!



### Name the Saint!

My feast day is December 14<sup>th</sup>. My father died when I was a baby and I grew up in poverty. My mother gave me to an orphanage where I was well cared for and given an education. As a teen I entered the Jesuit college and became a member of the Carmelite Order. I loved to learn and I loved to help others learn too. I was an acquaintance of St. Teresa of Avila who inspired me to help with the Carmelite Order Reform. I lived a very simple life in prayer, solitude, and poverty. Due to a misunderstanding I spent 9 months in a dark prison cell. In my cell I came to have a closer relationship with God through prayer. A famous quote of mine is "Where there is not love, put love, and you will find love." Who am I?

### Reminders for 7<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Students!!

1) Your Confirmation sponsor name and Confirmation saint name are due **TODAY Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**! 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 also be a service hour check TODAY to see how you are doing with your service hours.

ANSWER: St. John of the Cross

# In Our Parish

## This Week in our Parish

### **Sunday, December 13**

8:00 AM: Spanish Breakfast (Center)

8:45 AM: RE Class

10:00 AM: Choir (Brent Room)

10:45 AM: RE Class

1:30 PM: Baptism (Church)

3:00 PM: Lessons and Carols (Church)

4:00 PM: Reception (Center)

6:00 PM: RE Class

### **Monday, December 14**

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

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

### **Tuesday, December 15**

9:30 AM: Rosary Makers (Brent Room)

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

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

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

### **Wednesday, December 16**

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

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

7:30 PM: English Baptism Class (Library)

7:30 PM: RCIA (Center)

### **Thursday, December 17**

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

6:00 PM: Cantors (Church)

7:00 PM: Choir (Church)

7:00 PM: Advent Program (Center & Gym)

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

### **Friday, December 18**

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

### **Saturday, December 19**

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

10:00 AM: Catechist Meeting (Center)

3:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

6:00 PM: Saints & Apostles (Greenfield)

6:30 PM: Spanish Confessions (Church)

## Knights of Columbus – “Keep Christ In Christmas” Poster Contest Winners

The Knights of Columbus appreciate all of the children that participate in the “Keep Christ in Christmas” (KCIC) poster contest. The winner of the poster contest are Madelyn Brown (ages 5-7), Faith Pham (ages 8-10), and Victoria King (ages 11-14). Winners can pick up their prize money in the parish center after all morning Masses on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup>, please see Brother David Thoma.

## Catholic Charities Christmas Donations

This weekend, December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> we will accept donations for Catholic Charities. In the year of Mercy, help people in need with a gift to Catholic Charities Annual Christmas Collection. Our mission is vital to the diocese’s work to serve the poor with Christian love and compassion-and your support makes this possible. Please prayerfully consider supporting Catholic Charities’ mission to help children and families struggling this year. All gifts stay in the diocese. Please place your envelopes in the second collection baskets. If you are not able to make a gift today, please make your gift in next week’s collection and note Christmas Collection/Catholic Charities on the memo portion of your check. Or visit [www.cdda.net](http://www.cdda.net) to learn more about volunteer opportunities or to make a year-end gift.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 13, and 20. All proceeds go to help support our Seminarians.

## Volunteer Needed

Volunteer needed as parish liaison for Catholic Charities Diocese of Arlington (CCDA) Are you listening to the messages of Pope Francis but just don’t know how to get involved with your community? Read on.....

Serve as the interface between our parish and Catholic Charities. Help our parish support the work being done by Catholic Charities (the Corporeal Works of Mercy) in our diocese and bring back to the parish best practices and support for our own ministries. Learn all about Catholic Charities’ programs, services, and ministries and serve as the parish point of contact to CCDA. Periodically attend meetings with other parish Liaison Representatives on timely and pertinent topics. Great opportunity to help the needy, build community contacts and relationships, and work with the dedicated and experienced Catholic Charities staff.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>. Call Margaret at Fredericksburg Travel (540) 373-6900 for more information and to reserve your spot. Checks should be made payable to Suntours International.

## Hispanic Breakfast

Join our friendly crew on our next Hispanic Breakfast December 13<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the parish center. Hope to see you there.

## Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class in English will be held on **Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM** in the Library. The next Spanish Baptismal Preparation Class will be held on **Saturday, January 9<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.

## 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 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Solemnity of Mary,

### The Holy Mother of God

Friday, January 1, 2015 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 PM and Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12:15 PM.

## Bulletin Announcements

Due to the upcoming Holidays anyone interested in submitting a bulletin announcement for the weekend of December 27<sup>th</sup> will need to submit it no later than Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Also anyone interested in submitting an announcement for the weekend of January 3<sup>rd</sup> will need to submit it no later than Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Please email your announcement to Kayla Dittmer in the parish office at parishoffice@swoycc.org.

## Evening Prayer

The next Sunday Vespers, Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours, will be prayed Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 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!