



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



✠ The Epiphany of the Lord—January 4, 2015 ✠

**Mass Intentions for the Week of
 January 5th – January 11th**

Monday	7:30 AM	Rev. Belli
	9:00 AM	George Kinback †
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory †
	9:00 AM	George Kinback †
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Shannon Ghormley
	6:30 PM	Zofia Swieki †
Thursday	7:30 AM	Mr. & Mrs. William Smedo †
	9:00 AM	David Mitchell
Friday	9:00 AM	Special Intention
	6:30 PM	Ellen Carag †
Saturday	9:00 AM	Kane/McCoart Families
	5:00 PM	Sienicki/Szafranski †
	7:00 PM	Gumercinda Dettaven †
Sunday	7:30 AM	People of St. William of York
	9:00 AM	Joseph Duffy †
	10:30 AM	Margaret Mary Dancause
	12:15 PM	Tess Bury †

+Confession Schedule+

January 5th – January 10th

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.)

Father DeMartino to Speak!

Our Saints and Apostles CYO group is 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!

March for Life: Every Life is a Gift

The annual March for Life will be held in Washington D.C. on Thursday, January 22nd. Our parish has reserved buses to provide transportation to and from the march. Watch future bulletins for more information on how to sign up. For those who cannot be present at the March, you can still participate in a very important way by spending extra time in prayer for an end to abortion.

Obeying God Rather Than Man

Father Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life, will give the 2015 March for Life Kickoff Lecture (Obeying God Rather Than Man: Why Defending Life Means Resisting Obama's Tyranny) Friday, January 9th at 7:30 PM at the Rock Creek Knights of Columbus Hall (5417 West Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814). No priest in the world has spoken out more eloquently on the Sanctity of Human Life than Fr. Pavone. Come and be inspired to increase your commitment to the PRO-LIFE cause. Please RSVP to (202) 337-1966 or Spinaker77@Verizon.net.

Parish Office Notes

The parish office will close on Friday, January 9th at noon. We will reopen on Monday, January 12th at 9:30 AM.

Contribution Statements

Anyone interested in receiving a 2014 contributions statement is asked to send their request with a self addressed stamped envelope to the parish office. Our address is:

St. William of York
 3130 Jefferson Davis Hwy.
 Stafford, VA 22554

Thank You.

Schedule Changes

On Thursday, January 22nd we will be on a modified Mass schedule and there will be no 9:30 AM confessions due to the March for Life Rally in D.C.

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 wishes all parish families a joyful, blessed Christmastide and a New Year filled with peace and the joy of Christ.

True to an authentic Catholic culture, our school family will rejoice together in our Christmas Festival on January 8th at 7 PM in the gym.

Email Mr. Nicely for a tour or a shadow day at: fnicely@stwillsschool.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:

January 4th: CLASSES IN SESSION!

January 11th: CLASSES IN SESSION!

Midterm Review Day! (for grades 1-7)

January 18th: NO CLASS!

CLASSES RESUME, TODAY, JANUARY 4th!!

We look forward to seeing you in class today!



The RE office is back to its regular operating hours this week. Please check our website for the hours of operation every day.

Midterm study guides for grades 1-7 are going home today! Please review with your children so they are prepared for their exam on January 25th!

Name the Saint!

My feast day is January 4th. I was born in New York, USA to a wealthy doctor. My father was not religious but he taught me how to care for the poor. My mother and stepmother were both Episcopalian and they taught me the importance of prayer and the Bible. When I was 19, I married a wealthy businessman and we had 5 children. However, my husband's company went bankrupt and his health began to fail. We were invited to Italy by friends who thought the warm climate would help him, but unfortunately shortly after we arrived in Italy, he died. I was left to care for our 5 young children by myself, but our friends were Catholic and they had begun to teach me about the Catholic faith. Back in New York, attending church was what pulled me through, but after I became Catholic my family turned against me, leaving me completely on my own. I found strength through God's help and began to help others. I opened the first American Catholic parish school, founded the first American Religious community for women (Daughters of Charity of St. Joseph), and helped the poor in many other ways. I was the first person born in the United States to be declared a saint. Who am I?

BONUS: What feast is celebrated today, January 4th?

ANSWER: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
BONUS: Feast of the Epiphany (3 Kings)

In Our Parish

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, January 4

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

8:45 AM: RE Class

10:45 AM: RE Class

6:00 PM: RE Class

Monday, January 5

4:00 PM: Boys JV Basketball (Gym)

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

Tuesday, January 6

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

9:30 AM: Rosary Makers (Brent Room)

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

Wednesday, January 7

9:30 AM: Liturgy of hours (Brent Room)

7:30 PM: RCIA (Church)

Thursday, January 8

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

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

6:30 PM: Cantors (Church)

7:00 PM: Christmas Festival (Gym)

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

7:30 PM: Choir (Church)

Friday, January 9

½ day of School

10:00 AM: Geography Bee (Gym)

Saturday, January 10

8:30 AM: Spanish Baptism Class (Brent Room)

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

3:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

6:30 PM: Spanish Confessions (Church)

7:00 PM: Saints & Apostles (Center)

2015 Bishop's Lenten Appeal

Begins!

Mid month many of us will receive a mailing from Bishop Loverde regarding the 2015 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge of support to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serve the people in our diocese. Every pledge is important!

Brain Train

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 27th in the Brent Room from 1 PM—3 PM see you then. Come join us for fun and snacks. All are welcome. Any questions contact Sharyn Drollinger (540) 720-1734.

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.

Sponsor of the Week

We would like to thank

“Comfort Control”

this week for sponsoring an ad
in our weekly bulletin.

If you are interested in sponsoring an ad in our Bulletin
please call 1(800) 883-4343.

Stitches of Compassion

The next meeting of Stitches of Compassion will be Thursday, January 15th in the Brent Room from 10 AM—12 noon. All ages and expertise levels are welcome to join our group. Any Questions Contact Sharyn Drollinger (540) 720-1734.

Prayer Request...

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

Ralph Allison, Christopher Bell, Aaron Burke, Colin Carpenter, 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, Josh Marsillo, Robert Mills, Shane Montgomery, Emmanuel Morales, John O'Hagan, Ron Penninger, 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.



The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah speaks poetically of the coming of the Lord. He describes how “darkness covers the earth” but light and glory appear over God’s chosen people.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Jews and Gentiles are now co-heirs of the promises God has made. He explains that both groups are now members of one body through Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus’ birth, three astrologers from the east came to Jerusalem and inquired about the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod became greatly angered, and asked the astrologers to bring him more information about the child once they had found him, so that he too could pay homage to the infant. However, Herod’s true plan was to kill Jesus. The wise men were warned in a dream not to return to him and they took a different route to return home.



The Epiphany of the Lord

Daily Readings

Sunday

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday

1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday

1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday

1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday

1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

Around the Diocese

Prayer Service for Healing for Victims/Survivors of Sexual Abuse

Presided by Bishop Paul S. Loverde, the next Prayer Service will be Feb. 4th at 7:30 PM at Saint Mary of Sorrows, 5222 Sideburn Road, in Fairfax. The Prayer Services include a survivor’s testimony of his or her efforts to heal from the effects of sexual abuse, followed by a light reception. Please join us as we pray for healing for our victims/survivors in the Diocese of Arlington and around the world.

Catholic News on Your Smartphone

Get the latest news on local parish activities, Catholic schools and the latest happenings with Pope Francis and the Vatican delivered to your inbox. Visit bit.ly/ACHnewsletter to sign up for the *Arlington Catholic Herald’s* e-newsletter, and don’t forget to find us on Pinterest, Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

A Catholic Perspective on Issues Before the Virginia General Assembly 2015

The Arlington Diocesan Peace & Justice Commission will be holding a conference on Saturday, January 10th entitled “A Catholic Perspective on Issues before the Virginia General Assembly 2015,” from 10:30 AM to 12 noon at Holy Family Parish’s Father Griffin Hall, 14160 Ferndale Road, Dale City. There will be presentations by Rev. Gerry Creedon, Chair of the Peace and Justice Commission; Jeff Caruso, Executive Director for the Virginia Catholic Conference; and Amanda Jay and Michael Lewis, both Associate Directors for the Virginia Catholic Conference.

Vocations

“They offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” Is God calling you to give Him the gold of your freedom, the incense of your prayer, and the myrrh of your love through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.