



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



☒ First Sunday of Advent—November 29, 2015 ☒

Mass Intentions for the Week of
 November 30th – December 6th

Monday	7:30 AM	Mary Porter †
	9:00 AM	Luis Hernando Riveros †
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory †
	9:00 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory †
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Ferne Goodwin †
	6:30 PM	Special Intention
Thursday	7:30 AM	Michelle & Gary Hoge
<i>Thanksgiving</i>	9:00 AM	Frances McFall †
Friday	9:00 AM	Mary Porter †
	6:30 PM	Augustine Harrison †
Saturday	9:00 AM	Robert C. Willis †
	5:00 PM	Daniel James Murphy †
	7:00 PM	Maria de los Angeles Diaz †
Sunday	7:30 AM	People of St. William of York
	9:00 AM	Special Intention
	10:30 AM	Jacqueline Murray †
	12:15 PM	Ellen Carag †

+Confession Schedule+

November 30th – December 5th

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.)

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>.

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.

Fall Harvest Food Drive
 Huge Success!!

Your contributions to the Fall Harvest Food Drive (Part of the St. Lucy Project) allowed us to collect about 8,250 lbs of food that went to St. Matthews Outreach in Spotsylvania. Donations of \$810 were collected and will be given to Catholic Charities to help purchase much needed food. The rate of food insecurity (the inability of a family to confidently know where their next meal is coming from) affects more than 236,000 people in our diocese. Parishes and food pantries are overwhelmed with demand. The St. Lucy Project can change lives, one meal at a time. Thank you for your generous support of this years Fall Harvest Food Drive.

Gain a 65% Tax Credit...
 and Give a Student the Gift of a
 Catholic School Education!

A new Virginia Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credit Program will award a 65% tax credit on top of current state and federal tax deductions for donations made to the **Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation**, which will, in turn, provide scholarships for new students wishing to attend our diocesan Catholic Schools. For info, (703)841 2764 or www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholicschools/Scholarship_Foundation.aspx.

The St. William of York Youth



St. William of York Catholic School

Academic Excellence * Personalized Attention * Authentic Catholic Culture

What's happening in eighth grade this month?

In Literature, after reading Shakespeare's Hamlet, our eighth graders had the chance to recite a monologue from the play.



Our 8th grade students had a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate the Law of Conservation of Mass in their science class!



Congratulations to Our Fall Sports Award Winners

St. Francis Catholic Sportsmanship Award

Boys Soccer: Michael White
Girls Volleyball: Katie Bochonok

St. Paul Most Improved Athlete

Boys Soccer: Zach Elliott
Girls Volleyball:
Bridget Walker

St. Sebastian Athletic Excellence

Boys Soccer: Gabe Molina
Girls Volleyball:
Gabby Browne & Sarah Lima

Religious Education

Sundays in November:

November 29th: NO CLASSES (Happy Thanksgiving!)

December 6th: CLASSES IN SESSION

December 13th: CLASSES IN SESSION

Happy 1st week of Advent!



There are NO classes today, November 29th, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Enjoy your family time, travel safely, and know the RE office staff thanks God for all our fabulous volunteers and wonderful students & parents! Classes resume for everyone (grades K-8) on December 6th!

Name the Saint!

My feast day is December 3rd. I was born in Spain, but was educated in Paris, France. It was during my education in Paris that I met Ignatius Loyola (also a saint). At first I did not like him, but he only treated me kindly. Eventually he won me over with his kind words and actions and convinced me to help him found the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). Our society's mission was to serve the Church wherever needed. I became a missionary to the East and traveled to India, Japan, and China. I converted many people to Christianity (including the whole city of Goa, India) though I was met with opposition most places I went. On my way to China, I became ill with a fever. I never reached China, but could see it from my tiny island where I died. I am patron saint of foreign missions. Who am I?

ANSWER: ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

In Our Parish

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, November 29

Catholic Schools Week

5:00 PM: Evening Prayer (Church)

Monday, November 30

Catholic Schools Week

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

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

Tuesday, December 1

Catholic Schools Week

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 2

Catholic Schools Week

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

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

5:15 PM: Girls Varsity Basketball Game (Gym)

7:30 PM: RCIA (Center)

Thursday, December 3

Catholic Schools Week

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

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

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

4:30 PM: Girls V Basketball Practice (Gym)

6:00 PM: Cantors (Church)

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

7:00 PM: Choir (Church)

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

Friday, December 4

Catholic Schools Week

9:30 AM: 1st Friday Adoration (Church)

Saturday, December 5

Catholic Schools Week

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

3:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

6:30 PM: Spanish Confessions (Church)

7:00 PM: Saints & Apostles (Center)

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 (9-3) or on Sundays during classes or to the parish office during weekly office hours (9:30-4:30). 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.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop monthly first Saturday opening will be Saturday, December 5th. The Thrift Shop will be open from 9:30 AM until 12:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to come and shop. Proceeds from sales go to help needy clients in Stafford County.

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 November 29, December 6, 13, and 20. All proceeds go to help support our Seminarians.

“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 a 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.

Advent Senior Luncheon

Advent Luncheon for anyone 50+. Please join us for our Senior Luncheon on Wednesday, December 9th at noon in the school gymnasium. We ask that you bring a dish to share or a \$3 donation. Proceeds from the Christmas raffle baskets will go to the Outreach for needy families. If you have any questions please contact Rosemary Riddle at 540-659-5472.

First Friday Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will begin on Friday, December 4th, after the 9:00 AM Mass and continue until 6:15 PM. Adoration will resume after the 6:30 PM Mass until 9:00 PM. Please join our parish community every First Friday as we adore Our Lord on the altar. For more information please contact Cindy Armstrong at (540) 220-7344.

The Advent Giving Trees Are Here!

The Giving Trees are here. The Saints & Apostles Youth Group have filled the trees with tags. 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!

We Joyfully Welcome into the Catholic Faith

Natalia Grace Gause, daughter of Kamau and Jennifer Gause.

Ian Raul Trautman, son of Sonny and Melissa Trautman.

K of C Pancake Breakfast

Please join the Knights of Columbus for the monthly pancake Breakfast served after all Sunday morning Masses December 6th in the parish center.



First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The Lord tells of fulfilling the promise he had made to Israel. He will send a replacement for David, someone who "shall do what is right and just in the land," believed by most to mean Jesus.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be ready for the coming of the Lord. He explains that although they are conducting themselves in a way that would please God, they should always strive to do even better.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus warns his followers to be prepared for the end of the world. He reminds them not to be preoccupied with unimportant events, or they will be caught unaware rather than being on watch as they should.