



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



☒ Second Sunday of Advent—December 4, 2016 ☒

Mass Intentions for the Week of December 5th – December 11th

Monday	7:30 AM	Special Intention
	9:00 AM	McIlheran Family
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory †
	9:00 AM	Joseph DeMartino †
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Mary L. Ettner
<i>Vigil</i>	6:30 PM	Patrick Mooney
Thursday	7:30 AM	People of St. William of York
<i>The Immaculate Conception</i>	9:00 AM	Frank Nicely
	6:30 PM	Barbara Keenan
<i>of the BVM</i>	8:00 PM	Preists Intention
Friday	9:00 AM	Fr. DeMartino
	6:30 PM	Dan D’Agostino
Saturday	9:00 AM	Michael Martinelli †
	5:00 PM	Sienicki/Szafranski Families †
Sunday	7:30 AM	People of St. William of York
	9:00 AM	Ann-Marie Rowles †
	10:30 AM	Jimmy Bell †
	12:15 PM	Ellen Carag †
	2:00 PM	Francisco & Edilberto Alayon †

The Giving Trees are Here!

Once again, this year’s Giving Trees will be devoted to the residents of Greenfield Senior Living! St. William of York’s youth group have placed gift tags on the Giving Trees for Advent 2016. All you need to do is take a tag from one of the trees and go purchase the gift listed on the tag. Place the gift in a gift bag and attach the tag to it. Please **USE GIFT BAGS ONLY. Return the gift with the tag** to the church and place it under one of the Giving Trees by **December 11, 2016**. *If you are going to be late with your gift, please let us know. On December 12th, we will begin shopping for “missing” gifts.* The youth group will take the gifts to the Greenfield residents on Saturday, December 17th and enjoy some fun and festive cheer with them. Questions? Contact Peggy Nicely @ 540-659-5705 or peggy.nicely@swoycc.org. Thanks for your generosity and for making the residents part of our family!

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Monday, December 12th is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will start the morning off with Mañanitas at 5:00 AM with a light reception immediately afterward in the parish center. At 6:30 PM the Rosary will be prayed at the Grotto followed by a procession to the church. A special bi-lingual Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated at 7:00 PM with a reception to follow in the parish center.

Confession Schedule

December 5th – December 10th

Tuesday:	9:30 AM
Thursday:	9:30 AM
Saturday:	9:30 AM
Saturday:	6:30 PM

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Thursday, December 8th, is a Holy Day of Obligation. On Wednesday, December 7th, Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 PM. On Thursday, December 8th, Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 6:30 PM and 8:00 PM.

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 December 20th.

Sunday Collection for 11/20/16

Offertory:	\$12,549
Debt:	\$ 4,661
<u>Faith Direct (Bimonthly)</u>	\$ 0
Total	\$17,210

11/27/16

Offertory:	\$12,846
Debt:	\$ 3,679
<u>Faith Direct (Bimonthly)</u>	\$27,508
Total	\$44,033

Other Collections

11/20 Catholic Campaign for	
Human Development	\$ 226.00

Thank you and may God bless you for your continued support and generosity.

The St. William of York Youth



St. William of York Catholic School

*Academic Excellence * Personalized Attention * Authentic Catholic Culture *

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 strive to observe the often neglected Season of Advent, when we 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 15 and our afternoon Christmas celebration program on Thursday, January 5.

To learn more about your Parish school, please contact Jennifer Schiller at 540-659-5207 or jschiller@stwillsschool.org. Thank you for your continued support.

Religious Education

Name the Saint!

My feast day is December 7th. I was raised in a wealthy Roman family during the late 300s. I followed in my father's footsteps by elevating very quickly in my government job. I led a devout Christian life and prepared to be baptized as an adult. Before I was baptized I attended the election of the new bishop of Milan. During the election I tried to keep peace between the people. I was shocked when they elected me as bishop. Within a few months I was baptized, ordained, and consecrated bishop. As bishop I taught people how to live like Christ, defended the Church teachings (even against armies), and gave money to the poor. I am the patron of Milan and one of the first doctors of the Church. Who am I?

Advent reflection:

In the second week of Advent, we gather around the Advent wreath each night to light the second violet candle, symbolizing PEACE. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember that Jesus is our hope and our peace. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." John 14:27

Happy 2nd week of Advent!



A nightly prayer for families in the second week of Advent: Gracious God, grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord's birth. May divisions in our lives be peacefully resolved. Lord, let us remember that You alone are the giver of lasting peace and that you are always with us. Amen.

(All Advent material found at http://www.weebelievers.com/_blog/Wee_Speak/calendar/2010/12/.)

Reminders for Year 1 Confirmation Students!!

1) Your Confirmation sponsor name and Confirmation saint name are due **next Sunday, December 11th**! Looking in your red folder packet you received at the meeting in October, this is the green sheet in the front of the folder. 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. 11th to see how you are doing with your service hours.

ANSWER: St. Ambrose

In Our Parish

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, December 4

8:00 AM: K of C Donuts (Center)
8:00 AM: Blood Drive (Center)
8:15 AM: RE Class
10:00 AM: Choir (Brent Room)
10:45 AM: RE Class
11:45 AM: Youth Choir (Brent Room)
12:15 PM: Youth Choir Mass (Church)
6:00 PM: RE Class

Monday, December 5

4:00 PM: Basketball Game (Gym)

Tuesday, December 6

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)
9:30 AM: Rosary Makers (Brent Room)
3:30 PM: Basketball Practice (Gym)

Wednesday, December 7

11:00 AM: Lunch for Young at Heart (Gym)
3:30 PM: Basketball Practice (Gym)
6:00 PM: Adult Choir (Brent Room)
6:30 PM: RE Class
7:30 PM: RCIA (Center)

Thursday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)
3:30 PM: Basketball Practice (Gym)
7:00 PM: Legion of Mary (Brent Room)

Friday, December 9

10:00 AM: Respect Life Meeting (Brent Room)
6:00 PM: School Family Movie Night (Center)
7:00 PM: ESL Class (Brent Room)

Saturday, December 10

8:30 AM: Baptism Class in Spanish (Brent Room)
9:00 AM: Communita Cenacolo (Library)
9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)
12:00 PM: Adult Choir (Church)
12:30 PM: Children's Choir (Brent Room)
6:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

Luncheons for the Young at Heart

The dates for future luncheons are Dec 7, Feb 8, May 10 & June 7. The luncheons are held in the school gym at 12:00 noon. December's luncheon will be on Pearl Harbor Day so we are having a Hawaiian theme. We will be listening to music from the islands while tasting an array of different Hawaiian foods, visiting with fellow parishioners, relaxing and having fun. Admission to get in is \$5 per person or an entrée, side dish or dessert enough for 6 to 8 people. We will be holding a silent auction with all proceeds going toward the debt reduction. Look forward to seeing lots of returning and new parishioners at our luncheon. Contact Sharyn Drollinger with any questions at (540) 720-1734.

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class in English will be held on **Wednesday, December 14th at 7:30 PM** in the Library. The next Baptismal Preparation Class in Spanish will be held on **Saturday, December 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.

Get Them Now!

The Religious Education Office has purchased 2017 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. 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.

"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 today Sunday, December 4th 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.

Blessed Waxed Angels

St. William of York is offering our blessed waxed angels for sale after all weekend Masses in the main entrance of the church. The small ornaments are recycled from the candles used on our altar. All proceeds go toward the debt reduction.

Fall Harvest Food Drive Success!

Your contributions to the Fall Harvest Food Drive (Part of the St. Lucy Project) allowed us to collect about 4,320 lbs of food that went to St. Matthews Outreach in Spotsylvania. Donations of \$ 950 were collected and will be given to Catholic Charities to help purchase much needed food. 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.

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 Michael McLeese, Brother Charles Diaz, and Brother David Thoma and the selection of KCIC items for sale. Sales will be conducted on the following dates December 4, 11, and 18. All proceeds go to help support our three Seminarians.

Senior Brain Train and Stitches of Compassion

There will be no Senior Brain Train or Stitches of Compassion in December. We will resume meetings in January. Hope you have a very Merry Christmas. Contact Sharyn Drollinger at (540) 720-1734 with any questions.

We Joyfully Welcome into the Catholic Faith

Gianna Lavinia McAfee, daughter of Jared and Megan McAfee.

Prayer Request...

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

Ralph Allison, Rolando Alvarez, Richard Baffa, Aaron Burke, George Davis III, Brian Dawson, Robert Deisbeck, John Ferry, Kyle Fico, Brian Flanagan, Keirsten Hage, Michael Harrison, Jason Heuer, Denise Huff, Stephen Kelly, William Kerriagan, Ryan Kraft, Nicholas Kubick, Tyron Anthony Layug, Orlando Medina, Robert Mills, Shane Montgomery, Brendon Mooney, Sean Mooney, John O’Hagan, Gavin Reed, Andrew Rodriguez, Thomas Ryan, Andrew Sines, 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.

Respect Life Committee Meeting

The Respect Life Committee will meet on Friday, December 9th at 10 AM in the Brent Room. We will be discussing and making plans for the March For Life which will be held on Friday, January 27, 2017 in DC. All parishioners are welcome to attend the meeting. Please contact Ann Smith, (540) 720-3653 if needed.

Join the Knights of Columbus Council #7877

Taking Applications NOW!!

Walter Lamb, Grand Knight, invites ALL Catholic Gentlemen to join the Knights of Columbus. If you are interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith, or having access to a top-rated insurance for you and your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Even if you have no time to commit, please know the Knights of Columbus is a fraternal order of Catholic men who support each other in their faith. At Saint William of York, you will find over 300 Knights involved in supporting the Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Family, Youth and each other. We are truly a “Band of Brothers.” Contact Walter at 571-247-2957 or by email at walter.lamb@yahoo.com to obtain more information. Join today! If you are a member in another Council, please consider transferring to #7877.

You Are invited to join

***MOST REVEREND
MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE
BISHOP OF ARLINGTON***

for a

Mass & Reception

on January 17, 2017 at
St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

1009 Stafford Ave.

Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Mass starts at 7:00 PM

Reception will follow. For more information call
(703) 841-2587.