



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



☒ Third Sunday of Advent—December 11, 2016 ☒

**Mass Intentions for the Week of
December 12th – December 18th**

Monday	7:30 AM	Celebrant’s Intention
<i>Our Lady of</i>	9:00 AM	Sharon Simon
<i>Guadalupe</i>	7:00 PM	Celebrant’s Intention
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Rev. DeMartino
	9:00 AM	Sandor & Erzebet Agopcsa †
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Rev. Killian
	6:30 PM	Rev. John Scott Duarte
Thursday	7:30 AM	Mary Moniot †
	9:00 AM	Michael LaFratte
Friday	9:00 AM	John Prokop
	6:30 PM	Charlotte D’Agostino †
Saturday	9:00 AM	Michael Martinelli †
	5:00 PM	Bob Bradley †
Sunday	7:30 AM	People of St. William of York
	9:00 AM	Joe Catalano †
	10:30 AM	Pamella Ann Messer †
	12:15 PM	Ellen Carag †
	2:00 PM	Mary Moloko †

Confession Schedule

December 12th – December 17th

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

Confession Schedule Changes

There will be NO CONFESSIONS on Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve.

During the advent season we will be offering additional confessions in English and Spanish on the following days:

- Monday, December 19 at 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00 PM
- Friday, December 23 at 7:00 PM

Lessons & Carols

Join us **today**, December 11th at 4:00 PM in the church for Lessons & Carols. Together, these lessons, the carols and the hymns, proclaim the great arc of the human story from the mystery of the Fall to the greater mystery of the Incarnation of the Child Jesus, sheltered in a stable shed in Bethlehem.



Christmas Eve Vigil

Saturday,
December 24th
4:00 PM
6:00 PM
8:00 PM
12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day

Sunday,
December 25th
9:00 AM
10:30 AM
12:15 PM
2:00 PM (Spanish)
(There will be no 7:30 AM
Christmas Day Mass)

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.

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
12/4/16**

Offertory:	\$14,471
Debt:	\$ 4,839
Faith Direct (Bimonthly)	\$ 0
Total	\$19,310

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 *

School News and Information

Congratulations to our school family for a great Fun Run, raising over \$13,000 toward our athletics, fine arts, and middle school wing renovations. We thank our parish Knights of Columbus and our local business sponsors: **Aquia Dental Care, Lupi Orthodontics, Menchies Frozen Yogurt, Coronado Law Office, Sam's Pizza and Subs, Dr. Raj Patel, DDS, The Cleansing Tree and Tutus & Toothpillows.**

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

Religious Education

Name the Saint!

My feast day is December 13th. Little is actually known of my life, but I lived in Sicily, a small area of land off the coast of Italy. One of the most well-known stories about me is connected to my desire to devote myself completely to Jesus and stay unmarried (which was unheard of during my lifetime). As a young Christian living in a pagan society, I suffered much for my faith as people known to be Christians were killed. I was supposed to marry a man but when he found out that I would not marry him because of my devotion to Jesus, he told the Roman government and had me arrested. I was tortured in an effort to deny my faith, but I held strong and would not renounce (or give up) God. Because of my devout faith, I was killed and became a martyr. Most pictures show me holding eyes on a plate because the Romans tried to take away my sight, but God restored my sight much to the Romans' dismay. Many countries celebrate my feast day. In Sweden, the girls dress like me and wear a crown of candles on their heads as they sing and give out cookies. I am patron of the eyes and blindness. Who am I?

Advent reflection:

In the third week of Advent, we relight the first two violet candles of HOPE and PEACE, and we now also light the rose candle, symbolizing JOY. As the coming of Jesus draws near, our joy builds with the anticipation of His birth.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit." Galatians 5:22-25

A nightly prayer for families in the third week of Advent: We joyfully praise you, O Lord, for the fulfillment of your promise of a Savior. Create us anew as we wait, and help us to see your glory as you fill our lives with your living Spirit. Amen.

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



ANSWER: St. Lucy

In Our Parish

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, December 11

8:00 AM: Spanish Breakfast (Center)
8:15 AM: RE Class
10:00 AM: Choir (Brent Room)
10:45 AM: RE Class
4:00 PM: Lessons & Carols (Church)
6:00 PM: RE Class

Monday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:00 AM: Mananitas (Grotto)
6:15 AM: Reception (Center)
4:00 PM: Basketball Game (Gym)
8:00 PM: Reception (Center)

Tuesday, December 13

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)
9:30 AM: Rosary Makers (Brent Room)

Wednesday, December 14

9:30 AM: Liturgy of the Hours (Brent Room)
3:30 PM: Basketball Practice (Gym)
6:30 PM: RE Class
7:30 PM: Baptism Class in English (Library)
7:30 PM: RCIA (Center)

Thursday, December 15

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)
10:00 AM: Senior Chair Exercise (Brent Room)
3:30 PM: Basketball Practice (Gym)
6:00 PM: Adult Choir (Church)
7:00 PM: Legion of Mary (Brent Room)
7:00 PM: School Advent Program (Center/Gym)

Friday, December 16

7:00 PM: ESL Class (Brent Room)

Saturday, December 17

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)
3:30 PM: Baptism in English (Church)
7:00 PM: Youth Group (Church)
6:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

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.

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.

St. William of York Outreach

Looking back on fiscal year 2016 we are most grateful to our parish family for their continued prayers and support. Throughout this past year you have supported us steadily in many ways:

Financial support has come from many directions. We can't forget the wonderful support of the Ladies Margaret Auxiliary, the Knights of Columbus, the Seniors Group, and many other checks from parishioners quietly dropped in our mailbox. Your generosity given to the outreach via the Poor Box, regular monetary donations and bequests totaled more than \$10,000. This was a boon to our many clients. We gave out over 79% of donations/sales received to needy clients—over \$53,000. (Some funds are used to pay our utility bills, to repair and upgrade our facility and equipment and order needed supplies.)

Thrift Shop Donations allowed the shop to generate just over \$56,000 in sales this year—a historic high!

Food Donations for our pantry continued to flow in this year—from the CCD program students, our school, and the general parishioner population. No one who came to us in need of food left empty handed. The pantry volunteers issued 2,407 bags of groceries in 2016 thanks to you.

Volunteers from the parish power the Outreach. We're delighted that folks continue to step up and serve in the financial assistance office, the pantry, the thrift shop, and maintenance. The Knights have helped with special projects as well. Bless them all!

As we turn the page on 2016 we offer our deepest thanks for all that you continue to do for the St. William of York Outreach. It could never happen without you, our parish family. We wish you all a wonderful Christmas Season and many blessings in 2017.

Reminders for Year 1 Confirmation Students!!

1) Your Confirmation sponsor name and Confirmation saint name are due **TODAY 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 today, Dec. 11th to see how you are doing with your service hours.

Sponsor of the Week

We would like to thank

"R & D Plumbing"

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.

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.

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 11, and 18. All proceeds go to help support our three Seminarians.

Catholic Charities Donations

The Catholic Charities Christmas Collection is today, Sunday, December 11. Funds support Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, an essential diocesan ministry serving the poor with Christian love and compassion. Please note on the memo portion of your check—Christmas Collection/Catholic Charities. Please place your envelopes in the second collection baskets. All loose money will be counted toward the debt reduction. Your support of the Christmas second collection for Catholic Charities stays in the diocese. Please be generous.

Liturgy of the Hours

Liturgy of the Hours will not meet again until Wednesday, January 4th in the Brent Room. Everyone is welcome to join.

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.

The Advent Giving Tree

All presents should be returned today, December 11th to the church and placed under one of the Giving Trees. *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. Contact Peggy Nicely if you have any questions: (540) 659-5705. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Sunday, January 1, 2015 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, December 31st at 5:00 PM and Sunday, January 1st at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:15 PM and 2:00 PM

K of C Pancake Breakfast

Please join the Knights of Columbus for the monthly Pancake Breakfast served after all Sunday morning Masses on December 18th in the parish center.

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.