



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



☒ Fourth Sunday of Advent—December 18, 2016 ☒

Mass Intentions for the Week of December 19th – December 25th

Monday	7:30 AM	Arthur Davis †
	9:00 AM	Mary Moniot †
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Bendele Family
	9:00 AM	Al Connor †
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Helen Rosetta †
	6:30 PM	William Lineberry †
Thursday	7:30 AM	Anne Marie Byrnes †
	9:00 AM	John Prokop
Friday	9:00 AM	Mary Guerrieri †
	6:30 PM	William T. Casler †
Saturday	9:00 AM	Crisofo Rico †
<i>Christmas Vigil</i>	4:00 PM	Sharon O'Meara †
	No 5:00 PM Mass today	
	6:00 PM	Maria Piedad Gutierrez †
	8:00 PM	Rose DeMartino †
Sunday	12:00 AM	People of St. William of York
<i>Nativity</i>	No 7:30 AM Mass today	
<i>of the Lord</i>	9:00 AM	Joseph DeMartino †
<i>(Christmas</i>	10:30 AM	Margarita Torres †
<i>Day)</i>	12:15 PM	Linda DeMartino
<i>(Spanish)</i>	2:00 PM	Anastacio Rostro †

Thank You!

Thanks you on behalf of the thousands you help with life-saving services when you gave to Catholic Charities. Your support is vital to our work, and we are grateful for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. The total money collected was \$3,673.00. All gifts stay in the diocese.



Christmas Eve Vigil

Saturday,
December 24th
4:00 PM
6:00 PM
8:00 PM
12:00 Midnight
(There will be no 5:00 PM
Vigil Mass)

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)

Confession Schedule

December 19th – December 24th

Monday:	7:00 PM
Tuesday:	9:30 AM
Wednesday:	7:00 PM
Thursday:	9:30 AM
Friday:	7:00 PM
No 9:30 AM Saturday Confessions	
No 6:30 PM Saturday Confessions	

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.

Electronic Giving

With the busy times of the Season of Advent here, 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. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sunday Collection for 12/11/16

Offertory:	\$13,396.07
Debt:	\$ 4,274.00
<u>Faith Direct (Bimonthly)</u>	<u>\$21,891.02</u>
Total	\$39,561.09

Other Collections:

Catholic Charities Christmas Collection:	\$ 3,673.00
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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 *

Thinking About Baseball?

The planning for the 2017 St. William of York Baseball (SWOYBB) program is well underway. At this time three things are needed from all interested participants, players and coaches alike.

1. In January be on the lookout for the registration information through the parish bulletin.
2. All adult participants, coaches and assistant coaches, MUST have current VIRTUS training prior to the season, which can be arranged through the parish office.
3. Coaches and assistant coaches are needed for both co-ed divisions this season, Juniors (K-2) and Seniors (grades 3-5+). Experience is preferred but not required. All interested parties, new and repeating, are asked to contact Ken Reuwer at reuwers@verizon.net. A preliminary coaches meeting will then be arranged and volunteers will be notified.

SWOYBB, a co-ed league, promotes Christian sportsmanship in an age-appropriate competitive environment in the parish through this school sponsored event. SWOYBB is open to all youth active in the parish through the school, home-school community, or Religious Education program, in the grades identified above.

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

**NO CLASSES FOR TWO WEEKS,
Dec. 25 and Jan. 1!
See you on January 8, 2017!**

The RE Office will be CLOSED December 21, 2016 – January 2, 2017. If you need to contact us over the break, we will be checking the office email, reoffice@swoycc.org, frequently. The RE Office will resume regular business hours January 3, 2017.

Name the Saint!

My feast day is December 23rd. I lived in Poland. I was a priest and teacher at the University of Krakow. I was a favorite teacher among the students simply because I treated them with kindness, respect, and patience. At one point, jealous faculty members had me fired and I was sent to be a parish priest. While people liked me and I gave my all to parish life, I was not successful as a parish priest. I returned to the University to teach scriptures. I am most known for my humility and spontaneous generosity. During my life I made 4 pilgrimages to the Holy Land. I am patron saint of Poland and Lithuania. Who am I?

Advent reflection:

In the fourth week of Advent, we relight the three candles of HOPE, PEACE, and JOY, and we now also light the final candle, symbolizing LOVE. Advent is a time to love as God loved us by giving us His most precious gift.

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13: 34-35

A nightly prayer for families in the fourth week of Advent: Teach us to love, O Lord. May we know your love and show it in our lives. As we prepare for our celebration of Jesus’ birth, also fill our hearts with love for the world, that all may know your love and our Savior. Amen.

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

ANSWER: St. John of Kanty



In Our Parish

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, December 18

8:00 AM: K of C Pancake Breakfast (Center)
8:15 AM: RE Class
10:00 AM: Choir (Brent Room)
10:45 AM: RE Class
11:45 AM: Youth Choir (Brent Room)
6:00 PM: RE Class

Monday, December 19

4:00 PM: Girls Basketball Game (Gym)
7:00 PM: Confessions (Church)

Tuesday, December 20

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

Wednesday, December 21

½ Day of School
3:30 PM: Basketball Practice (Gym)
No RE Class
7:00 PM: Confessions (Church)
No RCIA

Thursday, December 22

No School
9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)
3:30 PM: Basketball Practice (Gym)
6:00 PM: Cantors (Church)
7:00 PM: Adult Choir (Church)
7:00 PM: Legion of Mary (Brent Room)

Friday, December 23

No School
7:00 PM: Confessions (Church)

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve
10:30 AM: Adult Choir (Brent Room)
No 9:30 AM Confessions
No 6:30 PM Confessions

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.

Fall Festival Results

This year's Fall Festival generated a profit of \$11,341, as shown below.

- Revenues/Receipts—\$41,454
- Expenses—\$17,113
- Prize Winnings—\$13,000

As in past years, these funds will be used to reduce the parish debt. Thank you to the many individuals who organized this year's festival. The weatherman provided a beautiful day and everyone seemed to have a great time.

Parish Office Holiday Notice

The parish office will close at 12 noon on Friday, December 23rd and will reopen on December 29th at 9:30 AM.

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.

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.

Stitches of Compassion

Stitches of Compassion has had a productive year creating, then donating handmade items to those in need of love and warmth. The group has donated 300 Pillowcases, 16 scarves, hats, gloves, 42 lap quilts, 130 baby items, 33 shoulder wraps and 500 other items. Donations were made to the homeless shelter, Mary's shelter, NICU at Mary Washington, hospice, Little Sisters of the Poor and St. Francis Home. Have a Merry Christmas season and we will be getting back together in the New Year, January 19th at 10:00 AM in the Brent Room. All are welcome. Any questions or donations contact Sharyn Drollinger at (540) 720-1734.

Special Christmas Collection

The first collection on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th is for your weekly offertory envelopes. The second collection baskets will be for your Christmas envelopes. There will be no debt reduction envelopes/collection.

Sponsor of the Week

We would like to thank
"The Enchanted Florist"

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.

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Sunday, January 1, 2017 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.

ATTENTION PARENTS

Parents in the parish WITH CHILDREN RECEIVING PENANCE AND EUCHARIST... The RE office will be holding an information meeting on Sunday, January 8th at both morning sessions. The meeting will begin AFTER the children have been dismissed from the gym to go to class, so you will need to stay when you drop them off. During the meeting we will give you information regarding the expectations of First Penance day, the day students will receive the sacrament, and how parents can help prepare them. First Communion details will also be discussed. Homeschool and home study parents can choose which meeting to attend (8:50 or 10:50). ***If you are a homeschooling parent and you have NOT let us know your child is preparing for First Communion this year, please let us know ASAP so we can have materials prepared for you at our meeting. ***

Luncheons for the Young at Heart

I would like to thank everyone that volunteered their time and smiles to help make for a very festive luncheon. We want to thank the 3 wonderful 8th grade students that lead us in prayer for those lives lost at Pearl Harbor on the 75th anniversary. Our silent auction raised \$300 for the debt reduction - job well done. The dates for future luncheons are Feb 8, May 10 & June 7. The luncheons are held in the school gym. On Feb 8th we will be holding our Valentine brunch. Join us for delicious food, and great conversation catching up with fellow parishioners, relaxing and having fun. Admission to get in is \$5 per person or an entrée, side dish or desert enough for 6 to 8 people. Have a Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2017. Contact Sharyn Drollinger with any question at (540) 720-1734.

Let the Margaret Ladies Do Some Baking For You!

Join the Knights for a pancake breakfast then stop by the Ladies tables and pick up some homemade Christmas goodies. There will be cookies, breads, fudge and peanut brittle. You can give them away or enjoy them in your home.

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.

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 today, December 18. All proceeds go to help support our three Seminarians.

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.

K of C Pancake Breakfast

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