



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



✠ First Sunday of Advent—December 3, 2017 ✠

Mass Intentions for the Week of

December 4th – December 10th

Monday	7:30 AM	Anna Marie Byrnes †
	9:00 AM	Sharon Simon
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Karsyn Vargo
	9:00 AM	Tevin White
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Rocco Filoso †
<i>Latin</i>	6:30 PM	Marian Musante †
Thursday	7:30 AM	Kaelee Morrell †
	9:00 AM	Marian Musante †
<i>Bilingual Vigil</i>	6:30 PM	Sabina Regan †
Friday	7:30 AM	Carlo Pessolano †
<i>The Immaculate Conception</i>	9:00 AM	Lisa Burridge
	1:30 PM	Edna Pietrucha †
	6:30 PM	Mollie N. Flanagan †
Saturday	9:00 AM	John S. Flanagan †
	5:00 PM	Sienicki/Szafranski Families †
Sunday	7:30 AM	George Iannaccone †
	9:00 AM	Olga De Flores †
	10:30 AM	Bill Herring †
	12:15 PM	Camilo & Juan C. Alayon †
<i>Spanish</i>	2:00 PM	People of St. William of York

Confession Schedule

December 4th – December 9th

Wednesday:	9:30 AM
Friday:	9:30 AM
Saturday:	9:30 AM
Saturday:	6:30 PM

2018 Mass Missals are Here!

The Religious Education Office has purchased 2018 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 AM-3 PM) or on Sundays during classes or to the parish office during weekly office hours (9:30 AM-4:30 PM). The cost is \$2.00 per missal.

Lessons & Carols

Join us Sunday, Dec. 17th at 4:00 PM in the church for Lessons & Carols with a reception to follow in the parish center.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, Dec. 8th, The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Thursday, Dec. 7th at 6:30 PM (Bilingual Vigil Mass) and Friday, Dec. 8th at 7:30 & 9:00 AM and 1:30 & 6:30 PM.

Electronic Giving

With the busy times of the Season of Advent and Christmas, 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.

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.

CYO Poinsettia Sale

Sunday, December 3rd and December 10th
Support parish teens as they raise money for work camp. Buy beautiful Christmas poinsettias after all Sunday Masses. At Work Camp teens volunteer labor to repair houses for the poor. All building material and other expenses are financed by the teens. Thank you for your generosity!

Sunday Collection for

11/19/17

Offertory:	\$16,667.00
Other collections:	
Campaign for Human Development:	\$457.00

11/26/17

Offertory:	\$15,148.07
<u>Faith Direct (Bimonthly):</u>	<u>\$23,629.67</u>
Total:	\$38,777.74

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 Fun Run Sponsors

A very big thank you to the sponsors of our Fun Run!

ST. WILLIAM OF YORK
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Our students and staff
appreciate you...
**THANK YOU
TO OUR GENEROUS
SPONSORS**
for supporting our
November 17, 2017
FUN RUN!



We invite any of our parishioners who would like to visit our school and see the wonderful things happening to call Jennifer Schiller at 540-659-5207 and schedule a visit!
We welcome you!

Religious Education

Reminders for Year 1 Confirmation Students!!

- 1) Your Confirmation sponsor name and Confirmation saint name are due **NEXT Sunday, December 10th**! Looking in your red folder packet you received at the meeting in October, this is the neon 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, December 10th to see how you are doing with your service hours. Homeschooled students should email a copy of their service hour logs to the RE office at reoffice@swoycc.org.

Advent reflection:

In the first week of Advent, we gather around the Advent wreath each night to light the first violet candle, symbolizing HOPE. As the bright flame flickers, we wait with great hope to be made ready to receive Jesus in our hearts and minds. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness—on them has light shined." Isaiah 9:2

A nightly prayer for families in the first week of Advent:

Stir us up, O Lord, to make ready for your only begotten Son. May we be able to serve you with purity of soul through the coming of Him who lives and reigns. (All Advent material found at http://blog.weebelievers.com/_blog/Wee_Speak/page/12/.)

Name the Saint!

My feast day is December 6th. I am one of the most popular saints in history, but little is actually known of my life. I lived in the area that is now known as the country Turkey and I was a bishop. What most people know of me is through stories connected to me in which I am helping the poor and those in need. One of the most famous stories about me is the time I secretly gave gold to a poor father so his daughters could get married. This began the tradition of children leaving empty shoes out on my feast day so that they would be filled overnight while they slept. In other countries, my legend has grown to include a very popular gift-bearing person who comes once a year if children have been good all year. Who am I?

ANSWER: St. Nicholas

Honor Role Productions

Presents

Fools and Jewels

A staged play about a staged robbery upstaged by a real murder.

Written and Directed by Clare Anderson

St. William of York

Catholic Church

December 9th at 7 PM

in the Parish Center

\$5 per person OR

\$20 per family of 4+

Free for ages 3 and under

Come out and enjoy the show.

All proceeds collected go to support

St. William of York CYO.

In Our Parish

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, December 3

1st Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM: Blood Drive (Center)
8:00 AM: K of C Pancake Breakfast/Vendors (Center)
8:45 AM: RE Class
10:00 AM: Adult Choir (Brent Room)
10:45 AM: RE Class
12:15 PM: Youth Choir (Brent Room)
6:00 PM: RE Class
6:00 PM: CYO (Center)

Monday, December 4

8:20 AM: Cutting Crew (Art Room)
4:00 PM: Boys JV Basketball Game (Gym)
5:15 PM: Boys V Basketball Game (Gym)
6:00 PM: CYO Drama Practice (Center)

Tuesday, December 5

9:30 AM: Rosary Makers (Brent Room)
5:30 PM: Boys JV Basketball Practice (Gym)
6:45 PM: Boys Varsity Basketball Practice (Gym)

Wednesday, December 6

9:30 AM: Liturgy of Hours (Brent Room)
9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)
3:30 PM: Cast Practice
6:30 PM: RE Class
7:30 PM: RCIA (Center)

Thursday, December 7

3:30 PM: Panther Post
4:00 PM: Boys JV Basketball Game (Gym)
5:15 PM: Boys V Basketball Game (Gym)
6:00 PM: Adult Choir (Music Room)
7:00 PM: Legion of Mary (Brent Room)

Friday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:20 AM: Rosary after drop-off
9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)
3:30 PM: Geo Bee Practice
3:30 PM: Cast Practice

Saturday, December 9

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)
3:30 PM: Baptisms in English (Church)
6:30 PM: Confessions (Church)
7:00 PM: CYO Drama Performance (Center)

Another Successful Food Drive

Your contributions to the Fall Harvest Food Drive (Part of the St. Lucy Project) allowed us to collect an estimated 6,625 lbs of food, \$665.00 in checks made out to Catholic Charities and one \$50 gift card. Many families in our diocese don't know where their next meal is coming from. Your donations help us to change lives, one meal at a time. Thank you for your generous support of this year's Fall Harvest Food Drive.

Rent-A-Crew is coming!

St. William of York CYO is available to help with your yard. If you are a parishioner who would like assistance to complete your yard work, contact us for assistance. We will rake leaves, take down small trees and help tidy your yard. Contact Suzanna Montanaro to schedule a date for service at (540) 657-9932 or rentacrewswoy@gmail.com. All donations fund CYO programs.

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 2017. 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 14, 2016. If you are going to be late with your gift, please let us know.** The youth group will take the gifts to the Greenfield residents on Saturday, December 16th and enjoy some fun and festive cheer with them. Questions? Contact Stacie Ferry @ 540-659-5705 or sferry@swoycc.org. Thanks for your generosity and for making the residents part of our family!

Scholarship Angel

The Blessed Wax Angel Ornaments will be available after each Mass during Advent. Proceeds will go toward scholarships for students needing help with tuition to Saint William of York Catholic School.

Why is the Choir Wearing Orange?

The Knights of Columbus and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops began a "Week of Awareness" for persecuted Christians on November 26. Today, the choir joins a national, Ecumenical campaign by wearing orange clothing and ribbons in solidarity with persecuted Christians worldwide, including the Middle East. Because it is the color of the jumpsuits that Christians who have been martyred by ISIS have been forced to wear, orange is being used to raise and maintain awareness of the ongoing situation. A number of charities, including the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (<http://www.cnewa.org>), are providing financial assistance to those immediately affected.

We Joyfully Welcome into the Catholic Faith

Brooklyn Reese Roca, daughter of Robert and Brittany Roca.

Prayer Request...

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

Ralph Allison, Richard Baffa, Aaron Burke, James Cleary, George Davis III, Brian Dawson, Robert Deisbeck, John Ferry, Kyle Fico, Brian Flanagan, Keirsten Hage, Michael Harrison, Jason Heuer, Denise Huff, William Kerriagan, Ryan Kraft, Nicholas Kubick, Tyron Anthony Layug, Jason Locke, Orlando Medina, Robert Mills, Shane Montgomery, Brendon Mooney, Sean Mooney, John O'Hagan, Gavin Reed, Andrew Rodriguez, Thomas Ryan, Andrew Sines, Jonathan 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” Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus has introduced “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest. This program allows young people to engage their creative talents and imaginations while understanding the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas.

Contest Details:

Participants must be between the ages of 5 to 14.

There will be 3 age level categories: Age 5-7, Age 8-10 and Age 11-14.

Must include a slogan reflecting the topic “Keep Christ in Christmas” and an original visual image.

Entry forms can be picked up from the parish center on Dec. 3.

Prize money will awarded to the 1st Place entry for each age level. Winners will be notified after the completion of the voting process.

Deadline for submission of entries is December 10, 2017 (after Sunday Mass) at the parish center.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The need is constant. The Knights of Columbus is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive in the parish center today, December 3rd from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Sign up by using the web site www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-REDCROSS. This helps the Red Cross to determine how big a staff they have to send to support the drive. Also you may be eligible to receive a card from Amazon or Best Buy gift depending on the sponsor for that month. This also allows you to use Rapid access the morning of the blood drive which helps speed up the process and the amount of waiting time. Remember to bring a photo ID and hydrate.

Young at Heart Luncheon

Join us for our last luncheon of 2017 on Wednesday, December 13th. We will be holding a silent auction to raise funds for the school while shopping for great gifts at great prices. December is root vegetable month so our tables will be filled with healthy recipes incorporating these wonderful vegetables plus lots of yummy desserts. The luncheon dates for 2018 are February 7th, April 11th and June 6th. Come join us on these days to visit with fellow parishioners while eating their delicious creations. Lunch is from 12-2 in the school gym. Admission to get in is \$5 per person or an entrée, side dish or dessert enough for 6 to 8 people. Call Sharyn Drollinger at (540) 720-1734 with questions.

Knights of Columbus – “Christmas Items Sale”

Would you like to purchase Christmas cards and items that have dual purpose? Stop by the school foyer after all morning Masses on Sundays (December 3, 10, 17) to see a great selection of Christmas items for sale. These Christmas items directly reflect our Catholic Faith; and, the proceeds of these sales will go to support our Seminarians. Let's all Keep Christ in our Christmas!

Spiritual Gifts for Family and Friends

Saint Pope Paul VI said, “The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!” It has immense power and countless miracles and conversions have occurred throughout the centuries by offering Masses for a specific intention or person. Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable. There are still open dates as early as December. Please stop by the parish office to set up a Mass for your loved ones, living or deceased. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit ones soul. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical “*Mirae caritatis*” (1902).

Catholic Charities Annual Christmas Collection

More than 100,000 individual/families served annually by Catholic Charities. Please support the 2017 Annual Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities next weekend-December 9th and 10th. Catholic Charities, the heart of our diocese, serves more than 100,000 people annually across 100 direct and affiliated service locations in the 21 counties and 7 cities that make up the boundaries of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. Please use the special contribution envelope provided in the bulletin this weekend or go online to www.ccca.net to share your blessings.