



**Welcome to St. William of York Catholic Church:
"Come As You Are... But Change When You Get Here."**



✠Third Sunday of Advent—December 17, 2017✠

Mass Intentions for the Week of

December 18th – December 24th

Monday	7:30 AM 9:00 AM	Barbara Malinowski ☐ James & Geraldine Deatherage ☐
Tuesday	7:30 AM 9:00 AM	Barbara Malinowski ☐ Barbara Malinowski ☐
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Barbara Malinowski ☐
<i>Latin</i>	6:30 PM	Barbara Malinowski ☐
Thursday	7:30 AM 9:00 AM	Barbara Malinowski ☐ Rocco Filoso ☐
Friday	9:00 AM 6:30 PM	Fr. George Pupius Barbara Malinowski ☐
Saturday	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	William T. Casler ☐ Mary Guerrieri
<i>Spanish</i>	7:00 PM	People of St. William of York
Sunday	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:15 PM	Rick and Pat St. Germain Maria Piedad Gutierrez ☐ The Ascencio Family Crisoforo Rico ☐
<i>Christmas Vigil</i>	4:30 PM	Linda Demartino
<i>Midnight</i>	7:30 PM 12:00 AM	People of St. William of York Eric Cole ☐

Christmas Mass Obligation

Since December 25th (Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord) falls on a Monday this year, the question has been raised as to whether a person can attend Mass on the evening of Sunday, December 24th and fulfill both the Sunday Mass obligation and the Christmas Mass obligation. In other words, can one Mass fulfill two obligations?

The U.S. Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship's response was, "The prevailing view of many canon lawyers is that each obligation must be fulfilled with a separate Mass. Thus, when consecutive obligations occur on Saturday-Sunday or Sunday-Monday, **the faithful must attend Mass twice to fulfill two separate obligations.**

Christmas Mass Schedule

<i>Christmas Eve Vigil</i>	<i>Christmas Day</i>
Sunday, December 24 th	Monday, December 25 th
4:30 PM	9:00 AM
7:30 PM	10:30 AM
12:00 Midnight	12:15 PM
	2:00 PM (Spanish)
	(There will be no 7:30 AM Christmas Day Mass)

Confession Schedule

December 18th – December 23rd

Monday:	6:30 PM
Wednesday:	9:30 AM
Wednesday:	6:30 PM
Friday:	9:30 AM
Friday:	6:30 PM
Saturday:	9:30 AM
<i>No 6:30 PM Saturday Confession</i>	

Join Us Today For:

Lessons & Carols

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

Debt Free Celebration!

Come join us in the parish center while we celebrate paying off the loan for the school expansion and gym today, Sunday, December 17th after Lessons and Carols. We will have a short program, a slide show of the building process and will conclude with the burning of the loan document. This reception will be catered by our loving ladies at St. William of York.

Sunday Collection for

12/10/17

Offertory: \$17,847

Sunday's collection amount was a new record, breaking our record from 9/3/17 for a single collection. Your amazing generosity is most graciously appreciated. Thank you and may God bless you for your continued support.

Good News: Reaching out to Help Others

A teacher at our school learned of a school in Port Arthur, Texas that lost everything (building, classrooms, text book, etc.) due to the Hurricane earlier this year. They are currently using several makeshift facilities as a place to teach their students. They were asking schools to send them books and supplies. We are sending them 25 old and excess math books that they will use.

The St. William of York Youth



St. William of York Catholic School

Miracle On Bethlehem Street

Mark your calendar now for this wonderful opportunity for families to enjoy the Christmas story! St. William of York Catholic School will be performing the musical "Miracle On Bethlehem Street" on Friday, January 5th at 7:30 PM in the school gym. All are welcome!



School Information

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

Name the Saint!

My feast day is December 21st. Instead of following the path to become a lawyer as my father desired, I chose to become a Jesuit priest. I was a quick learner and I loved to gain new knowledge about the Faith. The Reformation was splitting the Church apart during my lifetime and I sought a way to keep the Church together. I worked tirelessly in Germany to teach and bring people back into the Church as well as resolve problems with the Church and care for the sick. My passion was in helping to teach the common person about the Faith. I am most known for writing the first question-and-answer style catechism. In it I explained the faith in a way people could understand it. Who am I?

ANSWER: St. Peter Canisius

NO CLASSES FOR TWO WEEKS,

Dec. 24 and Dec. 31! See you on January 7, 2018!

The RE Office will be CLOSED December 21, 2017 – January 2, 2018. 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, 2018.

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/.](http://www.weebelievers.com/_blog/Wee_Speak/calendar/2010/12/))



High School Application Deadline

The application deadline for Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Arlington is January 12, 2018. Register by January 4th to take the High School Placement Test. Please visit the website for the high school you wish to attend to learn more about their application process and to register for the placement test.

In Our Parish

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, December 17

3rd Sunday of Advent

8:45 AM: RE Class

10:00 AM: Adult Choir (Brent Room)

10:45 AM: RE Class

12:15 PM: Youth Choir (Brent Room)

4:00 PM: Lessons & Carols (Church)

4:30 PM: Lessons & Carols Reception &
Burning Loan Celebration (Center)

6:00 PM: RE Class

Monday, December 18

8:20 AM: Cutting Crew (Art Room)

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

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

6:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

Tuesday, December 19

9:30 AM: Rosary Makers (Brent Room)

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

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

Wednesday, December 20

No School

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

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

6:30 PM: RE Class

6:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

7:30 PM: Baptism Class in English (Library)

Thursday, December 21

No School

6:00 PM: Cantors Rehearsal (Church)

7:00 PM: Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)

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

Friday, December 22

No School

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

6:30 PM: Confessions (Church)

Saturday, December 23

9:30 AM: Confessions (Church)

No 6:30 PM Confessions

Baptism Classes

The next Baptism Preparation Class in English will be held on **Wednesday, December 20th at 7:30 PM** in the Library.

The next Baptismal Preparation Class in Spanish will be held on **Saturday, January 13th at 8:30 AM** in the Brent Room. It is mandatory that all parents register with the parish office (659-1102) before the class.

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 St. William of York Catholic School.

2018 Mass Missals are Here!

The Religious Education Office has purchased 2018 Mass Missals for the new church year. We have a **lim-**

ited supply of 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.

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.

We Joyfully Welcome into the Catholic Faith

Clarie Ellen Crocker, daughter of Jeffrey and Lisa Crocker.

Elvia Ann Coletto, daughter of Jim Coletto and Abril Adams.

Beaufils Selom Gnansounou, son of Cosme Gnansounou and Patience Meynise.

Adryan Alvaro Hernandez, son of Anthony Hernandez and Emely Yanes.

Jovani Yanes, son of Anthony Hernandez and Emely Yanes.

St. William of York Outreach

The Thrift Shop, Pantry, and Financial Assistance Office will be closed from December 20th through the 31st. The Thrift Shop reopens on January 2nd and the Pantry and Financial Assistance Office will be open on January 3rd. A Happy Christmas to all!

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1, 2017 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. While still a Holy Day, because this solemnity falls on a Monday, the obligation is dismissed. However, Mass will be celebrated on Monday, January 1st at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM.

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, Kevin Martin, 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 – “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 today (December 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. 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 one's soul. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical "*Mirae caritatis*" (1902).

Parish Office Holiday Notice

The parish office will close at 4:30 PM on Friday, December 22nd and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd at 9:30 AM. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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.

Catholic Charities Annual Christmas Collection

Your gifts to the 2017 Annual Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities are deeply appreciated and still needed! Thank you for your support of Catholic Charities this year. Your support is vital to our work, and we are grateful for your gifts. If you missed the opportunity to give, you may still do so. You can make your year-end gift in support of Catholic Charities by going online at www.cca.net or use the envelopes provided in this weekend's bulletin. Your generosity will be a gift of Christ's love and mercy to those in need.

Meet and Greet at Birthright

Birthright of Fredericksburg, Inc. cordially invites you to an information session to learn more about Fredericksburg's first pro-life service organization which was founded here in 1976. By meeting some current volunteers while enjoying refreshments and watching a short video, participants will get a clear idea of its mission and be better able to decide about becoming a member of the volunteer ranks. The “meet and greet” is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2018, from 7:30 to 9 PM. To register, contact Kathleen Mahoney at 540-371-2073 or bmah761569@aol.com.

Liturgy of Hours

Liturgy of Hours will not meet again until Wednesday, January 10th in the Brent Room after the 9:00 AM Mass. Everyone is welcome to come.

Sponsor of the Week

We would like to thank
“Fairfax Memorial”

this week for sponsoring an ad
in our weekly bulletin.

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