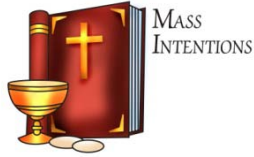


## The Week of December 7<sup>th</sup> – December 13<sup>th</sup>



Monday	7:30 a.m.	Rafaela Marenco †
	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of J. Bradley Kennedy
<b>Vigil</b>	6:30 p.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Dan Mikula
	8:00 p.m.	Amie Burgo
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Rev. Kaylor
<b>Immaculate</b>	9:00 a.m.	Rev. Scalia
<b>Conception</b>	6:30 p.m.	Eva Thacker †
<b>BVM</b>	8:00 p.m.	People of St. William of York
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Andrew Samsky †
	6:30 p.m.	Florence Lowe †
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Peggy Coll †
	9:00 a.m.	Mrs. Suwinski †
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Mrs. Suwinski †
	6:30 p.m.	Elaine Barron †
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Deacon Richard Smith
	5:00 p.m.	Margaret Klein †
	7:00 p.m.	Naty Fajardo †
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Rafaela Marenco †
	9:00 a.m.	Priest Intentions
	10:30 a.m.	William Cansalo †
	12:15 p.m.	Eileen Cosgrove †
	5:00 p.m.	People of St. William of York

## † Confession Schedule † December 7<sup>th</sup> – December 12<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday:	10:30 a.m.
Thursday:	9:30 a.m.
Saturday:	9:30 a.m.
Saturday:	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

(\*The penitent in the confessional at 4:30 p.m. will be the last confession heard.)

(Note: There will not be confessions at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.)

## We Joyfully Welcome into the Catholic Faith

**Camila Gallardo** daughter of Miguel Gallardo and Cynthia Contreras.

**Walter R. Rivas** son Moesis Rivas and Maria Lizama.

## St. William of York Memorialization Campaign:

**Memorialization Opportunity:** Parishioners are invited to consider partaking in a unique opportunity to donate various liturgical goods in memory of a deceased loved one. Conducted on a first-come first-served basis, those choosing to make a memorial gift should appear in person at the parish office ready to make their donation. A picture of the item to be memorialized may be found in the parish office. **This month, the liturgical item to be memorialized is a Censor and Boat set- which is a sacred vessel used to burn incense during Mass and other liturgies. The donation amount is: \$500.** Please be advised that the parish will only accept one donor per item. Alternatively, a group within the parish may choose to donate the item as a joint gift. The donor's name, the name of their deceased loved one and the memorialized item will be posted in a subsequent bulletin. Please consider this unique opportunity to honor our beloved deceased family members and friends and to improve the liturgical patrimony of the parish.

## Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Monday December 7<sup>th</sup> and at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m., and 8:00 p.m. on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Sunday Collection for 11/22/09

Offertory:	\$16,164.00
CCHD:	\$ 2,588.00
Debt:	\$ 1,560.00
Total:	\$20,312.00

## Sunday Collection for 11/29/09

Offertory:	\$13,549.00
Debt:	\$ 5,445.00
Total:	\$18,994.00

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

## St. Raphael Ministry

Important Calendar Dates...for December

**December 8<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)** *Senior Advent Prayer Service and Luncheon* in Gym 12-2 p.m. Come and join us as we begin our Advent Season together and honor our Blessed Mother on this Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

**December 17<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)** *Needlepoint/Knitting for the Needy* Group meets at 1-2 p.m. in Brent Room. We were able to donate a large amount of hand-made items to our families receiving Thanksgiving baskets this November. Please consider joining this wonderful group which meets once a month while working on our projects at home. We have several parishioners who knit and crochet at home only so everyone can participate and reach out to those in need.

**December 22<sup>nd</sup> (Tuesday)** *All Aboard the Senior Brain Train* meets 1-3 p.m. in the Brent Room. Come and join us for some mind stimulating games and events, while having lots of fun together.

Franciscan Lay Associate Program will **not** meet December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## The Old World Auction and Dinner!

St. William of York PTO is proud to announce the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Auction and Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2010. Admission tickets include bid number, hors d'oeuvres, full dinner, dessert (catered by La Rosetta Ristorante) and one free drink ticket for the cash bar. Tickets are \$35 per person (ages 18 and older only). *Ticket sales will begin immediately after the New Year, watch for more information!* Proceeds are being directed towards Capital Improvements (Bathroom Renovations).

**Seeking donations** for the Auction! If you are a small business owner or a representative for any home-based company and would like to make a donation, either monetary or material (items to auction, gift certificates to your business, etc.), to the Auction/Dinner, please contact Katie Moloko, [katiemoloko@yahoo.com](mailto:katiemoloko@yahoo.com) or leave a message at the school office, (540) 659-5207. *Deadline is January 8<sup>th</sup>*. Additionally, if you would like to purchase business ad space in our program, please contact Lisa Morrison, [r\\_morrison7@comcast.net](mailto:r_morrison7@comcast.net). Rates start as low as \$15 for a business card ad and up to \$200 for a full page color back cover on the program. *Deadline is January 20<sup>th</sup>*.

*Enjoy this adult night out. Credit cards will be accepted at the Auction.*

## Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class in English will be held on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Library. The next Spanish Baptismal Preparation Class will be held on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the Brent Room. It is **mandatory that all parents register** with the parish office (659-1102) before the class.

## St. William of York Catholic School

### Preschool

Did you know St William of York Catholic School offers a part time preschool program for both three and four year olds? Our preschool program provides a developmental approach for its curriculum. This is a planned environment to stimulate the total learning development of each child in the areas of emotional, social, cognitive, physical and creative growth. The preschool works closely with the kindergarten at SWOY to prepare them for their next school environment. For more information please call (540) 659-5207.

### Toys for Tots

St. William of York School Student Council will be collecting new, unwrapped toys to benefit Toys for Tots. Collection bins are located in the school lobby.

### Coat Drive

St. William of York student council will have a coat drive for our parish Outreach. Please bring in new or gently used clean coats between December 1<sup>st</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup>. Drop off location will be in the main lobby of the school.

### Market Day

Market Day orders will be delivered on December 10<sup>th</sup> and must be picked up between 3 and 4 p.m. For more information contact Melissa Flieg 659-5130 or Kathy Walker 288-2059.



## Prayer Request...

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

Rev. Eric Albertson, Ralph, PFC Phillip Churchill, Capt. James Cleary, Shawn Cunningham, Brian Dawson, Robert Deisbeck, Rev. Michael Duesterhaus, Lt. Kevin Fallon, John Ferry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Brian Flanagan, Jason Freed, Richard Garver, Lt. Col. Richard G. de Guzman, Lt. Col. Tina Marie G. de Guzman, Keirsten Hage, Maj. Jason Heuer, Ryan Kraft, Nicholas Kubick, Shane Lambert, Kent Larson, Tyron Anthony Layug, Michael Luther, H.N. Daric Martin, Orlando Medina, Robert Mills, Shane Montgomery, Travis Morgan, Darby Noonan, Steven Otto, Gavin Reed, Thomas Ryan, Christopher Schap, Daniel Stehm, Bobby Stone, Chris Tolliver, Vincent Torney, and Gregory Wooton.

*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*

## Christmas Food Baskets

Once again we are asked to share our bounty with our neighbors in need. We need sponsors to support families in need with Christmas food baskets. If you can sponsor a family please contact Bob Merle at (540) 659-7571.

## **This Week in our Parish**

### **Sunday, December 6**

8:00 a.m. K of C Coffee and Donuts (Center)  
8:00 a.m. Blood Drive (Center)  
8:45 a.m. RE Classes  
10:00 a.m. Choir (Church)  
10:45 a.m. RE Classes  
5:00 p.m. Sunday Supper (Center)  
6:30 p.m. Adult Ed. (Brent Room)  
6:30 p.m. RE Classes  
6:45 p.m. CYO (Gym)  
7:00 p.m. Venture Crew (K of C Hall)

### **Monday, December 7**

3:10 p.m. Girl Scouts (Art/Brent/Preschool Rooms)  
4:00 p.m. Basketball (Gym)  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (K of C Hall)

### **Tuesday, December 8**

9:30 a.m. Rosary Makers (Brent Room)  
10:30 a.m. Confessions (Church)  
12:00 p.m. Senior Luncheon (Gym)  
3:30 p.m. Fiat Group (Brent Room)  
4:00 p.m. Basketball (Gym)  
5:45 p.m. Choir

### **Wednesday, December 9**

9:30 a.m. L of H Prayer Group (Brent Room)  
4:00 p.m. Basketball (Gym)  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Fire Ring)  
7:00 p.m. K of C Meeting (K of C Hall)  
7:30 p.m. Baptism Class (Library)  
7:30 p.m. RCIA (Center)

### **Thursday, December 10**

8:30 a.m. Health/Wellness Clinic (Raphael Min.)  
9:30 a.m. Confessions (Church)  
3:00 p.m. Market Day Order Pick-up (Center)  
4:00 p.m. Children's Choir (Church)  
4:00 p.m. Basketball (Gym)  
6:00 p.m. Choir (Church)  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Art Room)  
7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (Brent Room)

### **Friday, December 11**

4:00 p.m. Basketball (Gym)

### **Saturday, December 12**

8:00 a.m. Basketball Practice (Gym)  
9:30 a.m. Confessions  
9:30 a.m. Choir (Brent Room)  
3:00 p.m. Gaudalupe Reception (Center)  
3:30 p.m. Confessions  
5:45 p.m. Spanish Choir (Brent Room)

## **Sunday Night Supper**

Join us in the parish center tonight Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> after the 5 p.m. Mass for fellowship and a home-cooked meal. Tonight we will celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas with classic Eastern European fare: polish sausage and pierogies! Cost of \$4 per person or \$20 per family includes beverages and dessert. Due to various other events scheduled during the Advent season, suppers will not be available on December 13<sup>th</sup> thru January 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be back January 10<sup>th</sup>!

## **Second Sunday of Advent December 6, 2009**

### **First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9**

Baruch tells Jerusalem to rejoice because of God's plan to bring his exiled people back to Jerusalem. He emphasizes God's power and describes his plan to lower mountains and fill gorges to make their journey easier.

### **Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11**

Paul encourages the Philippians to love each other completely. He hopes that their love and understanding will continue to grow so that they are prepared for the return of Christ.

### **Gospel: Luke 3:1-6**

Luke describes the work John the Baptist carried out to help people prepare for the birth of Jesus. Luke also discusses who was in power at the time, which helped historians to figure out the exact dates of certain events, including Jesus' birth.

## **Pray for a Priest Each Day...**

This week please pray for

December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Chaplain Rev. Gregory D'Emma
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Chaplain Rev. Robert Burt
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Immaculate Conception Pope Benedict XVI
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Chaplain Rev. Alan Baker
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Chaplain Rev. James Leibold
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Chaplain Rev. Joseph Carlos
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Our Lady of Guadalupe Bishop Loverde

*Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the Priest of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and Holiness of your Son, Jesus, The Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

## **Angel Ornaments**

Little wax angel ornaments will be sold after Mass today, December 6<sup>th</sup>. They will also be available at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Free Clinic Concert. These blessed angels are lovingly recycled from the stubs of the candles that are used during Mass. They sell for \$1.00 and all proceeds go to our debt reduction.

## **Giving Tree Ornaments**

Please help those less fortunate this Christmas by taking an ornament or two from the giving trees located in the church. Please return the new, wrapped gift(s) with the ornament tag attached by December 16<sup>th</sup>. Gifts can be dropped off in the Religious Education office. For more information, contact Gillian Ramsel at (540) 659-5705 ext. 31 or [youthgroup@swoycc.org](mailto:youthgroup@swoycc.org).



December 3, 2009

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In *Deus Caritas Est* (*God is Love*), our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, writes, “The exercise of charity became established (as one of her (Church) essential activities, along with the administration of the sacraments and the proclamation of the word: love for widows and orphans, prisoners, and the sick and needy of every kind, is as essential to her as the ministry of the sacraments and preaching of the Gospel. The Church cannot neglect the service of charity any more than she can neglect the Sacraments and the Word” (Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*, no. 22). In that spirit, Catholic Charities administers its work to all in need of food, shelter, counseling, clothing, and emergency assistance; and in so doing, provides (more importantly) the gifts of hope, faith and charity to the least of our brothers and sisters.

Amazingly, the agency receives 5,000 calls a month and directly assisted more than 40,000 people last year alone. Your continued support is vital, and on **December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>**, the annual second collection for Catholic Charities will provide an opportunity for you to impart hope and love to someone in great need within the community. As a witness to Catholic Charities’ faith in action, I know that we are often the last, best hope for those in need of food, shelter, a safe place from emotional or physical abuse, and financial assistance. Your support of our diocesan Catholic Charities enables it to provide services to many suffering and distressed individuals and families in our community who have nowhere else to turn.

With your contributions, Catholic Charities will continue its efforts to expand programs and services throughout our diocese. Last year, it initiated the diocesan-wide **Christ House on Wheels** program that delivers needed food, household items, and school supplies to low-income families. In March 2009, we founded **St. Margaret of Cortona Transitional Residences** based in Woodbridge for homeless families. We also have an office in Leesburg, named our **Western Regional Office**, to serve our most vulnerable in the outlying areas.

Your support will enable the agency to operate soup kitchens, food pantries and shelters for the homeless and hungry; provide rent and utilities assistance to the poor; care for the elderly who are alone; offer mental-health counseling for the afflicted; promote life to women in crisis pregnancies, adoption and foster care programs; and aid immigrants and the disabled. Please help keep these programs strong and vibrant through your support during the **December 12-13** second collection for Catholic Charities.

“Within the community of believers there can never be room for a poverty that denies anyone what is needed for a dignified life” (cf: *Deus Caritas Est*, no. 20). I ask you to be generous with your sacrificial gift this season so that all our needy brothers and sisters in Christ may experience His love made visible through us.

Joining you in this outreach to the least of our brothers and sisters, I remain,

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde  
Bishop of Arlington