

## The Week of December 14<sup>th</sup> – December 20<sup>th</sup>



Monday	7:30 a.m.	Rev. Gerald Weymes
	9:00 a.m.	Bohumil and Antonia Benisek †
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of J. Bradley Kennedy
	9:00 a.m.	Lee Bacon †
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Julie Greco †
	6:30 p.m.	Mary Suwinski †
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Rafaela Marengo †
	9:00 a.m.	Adam Bielarczyk †
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Evelyn S. Stamborski †
	7:00 p.m.	Anita Siervo †
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Rafaela Marengo †
	5:00 p.m.	Florence Barry †
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of J. Bradley Kennedy
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Vernon Brincks †
	9:00 a.m.	Aimee Davis
	10:30 a.m.	Col. Paul Kelly †
	12:15 p.m.	Michael & Eileen Cosgrove †
	5:00 p.m.	People of St. William of York

There will be no 6:30 p.m. Mass this Friday. Instead Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. for the Filipino Simbang Gabi.

## † Confession Schedule † December 14<sup>th</sup> – December 20<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday:	9:30 a.m.
Thursday:	9:30 a.m.
Saturday:	9:30 a.m.
Saturday:	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.*
Saturday:	6:30 p.m. (Spanish)
Saturday:	8:15 p.m.
Sunday:	6:15 p.m.

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

## Sunday Collection for 12/6/09

Offertory:	\$16,467.00
Debt:	\$ 5,233.00
Total:	\$21,700.00
November Electronic Giving	\$15,954.00

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

## 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.

## Bulletin Announcements

Due to the upcoming holidays anyone interested in submitting a bulletin announcement for the weekend of December 27<sup>th</sup> will need to submit it no later than Wed., December 16<sup>th</sup>. Also anyone interested in submitting an announcement for the weekend of January 3<sup>rd</sup> will need to submit it no later than December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please send your announcement to [parishoffice@swoycc.org](mailto:parishoffice@swoycc.org).

## Angel Ornaments

Little wax angel ornaments will be sold at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Free Clinic Concert today at 2:00 p.m. 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.



## Advent Benefit Concert



This year the Fifth Annual Advent Benefit Concert for the Guadalupe Free Clinic of Colonial Beach will be here at St. William of York **today** at 2 p.m. The concert is free and proceeds from a collection taken will support the Guadalupe Free Clinic of Colonial Beach. Refreshments will follow the concert in the parish center.

## Religious Education

The office will be closed at 12:00 p.m. on December 23<sup>rd</sup> thru January 4<sup>th</sup>.

There will not be any classes on December 27<sup>th</sup> and January 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## St. William of York Catholic School

### St. William of York Host Virtus Training Seminar

Protecting God's Children is a seminar that is mandatory, for all volunteers who have substantial contact with children and for all employees of the Arlington Diocese. To be compliant with Diocesan policy you need to have gone to the seminar within 6 months of turning in your Virtus paperwork. St. William of York is hosting a seminar on Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9 a.m. in the parish center. To register for the seminar go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). For more information call the parish office at (540) 659-1102.

## 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. We need volunteers to help with distribution on December 19<sup>th</sup> (no deliveries).

### An Hour a Day ~ An Hour a Week

Parishioners of Saint William of York are challenged to lift their hearts and minds in prayer to The Lord for at least one hour a day. We also are asked to donate at least the equivalent of one hour's wages per household to the regular offertory collection each week.

*Have I prayed for at least one hour a day this week?  
Was our weekly offertory donation equivalent to at least one hour's wages?*

## Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class in English will be held on **Wednesday, January 27<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.

### 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 thru December 14<sup>th</sup>. Drop off location will be in the main lobby of the school.



## 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, Lt. Col. Richard G. de Guzman, Lt. Col. Tina Marie G. de Guzman, Lt. Kevin Fallon, John Ferry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Brian Flanagan, Jason Freed, Richard Garver, Specialist John Gentile, 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*

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.

## **This Week in our Parish**

### **Sunday, December 13**

8:00 a.m. Spanish Apostolate Breakfast (Center)  
8:45 a.m. RE Class  
10:00 a.m. Choir (Church)  
10:45 a.m. RE Class  
2:00 p.m. Advent Concert (Church/Center)  
6:30 p.m. Adult Ed. (Brent Room)  
6:30 p.m. RE Class  
6:45 p.m. CYO (Gym)  
7:00 p.m. Venture Crew (K of C Hall)

### **Monday, December 14**

4:00 p.m. Basketball (Gym)  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (K of C Hall)

### **Tuesday, December 15**

9:30 a.m. Confessions (Church)  
9:30 a.m. Rosary Makers (Brent Room)  
3:30 p.m. Fiat Group (Brent Room)  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Brent Room/Center)

### **Wednesday, December 16**

9:30 a.m. Liturgy Prayer Group (Brent Room)  
4:00 p.m. Basketball (Gym)  
7:30 p.m. R.C.I.A. (Center)

### **Thursday, December 17**

8:30 a.m. Health/Wellness Clinic (Raphael Min.)  
9:30 a.m. Confessions (Church)  
1:00 p.m. Knitting for the Needy (Brent Room)  
4:00 p.m. Basketball (Gym)  
6:00 p.m. Cantor (Church)  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Art Room)  
7:00 p.m. Choir (Church)  
7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (Brent room)  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Center)

### **Friday, December 18**

6:00 p.m. CYO (Gym)  
7:00 p.m. Simbang Gabi (Church/Center)

### **Saturday, December 19**

8:30 a.m. Spanish Baptism Class (Brent Room)  
9:30 a.m. Confessions  
10:00 a.m. Distribution of food/gifts (Center/Gym)  
3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)  
4:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (Center)  
5:45 p.m. Spanish Choir (Brent Room)  
6:30 p.m. Spanish Confessions (Church)  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Fire Ring)  
7:00 p.m. K of C Meeting (K of C Hall)  
8:15 p.m. Confessions (Church)

## **Help After Abortion**

Are you experiencing feelings of shame, guilt, regret and sadness? Have you lost a child to abortion? Contact Project Rachel post-abortion healing ministry for confidential referrals to trained clergy, professional counselors, retreats and/or aftercare gatherings at (703) 841-2504 or [www.arlingtondiocese.org/rachel](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/rachel).

## **St. Raphael Ministry**

Important Calendar Dates...for December

**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>.

### **Health & Wellness Up-date on FLU**

The following info comes from the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Health: CDC (Center for Disease Control) guidelines for seasonal/H1N1 Flu information can be found on following web site: <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/>. Also, we strongly suggest that **all our parishioners** here at St. William of York Catholic Church and School continue to take prudent precautions with regard to decreasing risks of infections during the flu season, until next April by recalling these 3 simple steps:

#### **Wash Hands often.**

**Cover your cough/sneeze** with a tissue (not your hands, then dispose of the tissue properly) or cough into the sleeve of your clothing so as to avoid contact with hands.

If you are experiencing any influenza-like illnesses i.e. fever, cough, sore throat etc. and you do not feel well, **PLEASE call your doctor and STAY HOME**. Do not come to the parish or school until you have been seen by a doctor and you have taken steps to determine if screening for H1N1 flu with diagnostic testing is necessary.

By being pro-active and mindful of the above precautions especially during flu season, we can perhaps decrease the incidence of spreading infectious disease within our Faith Community.

## **Parish Pilgrimage**

Parish Pilgrimage to France: May 9-16, 2010 with Fr. Magat and the parish choir. Stops will include Paris; Nevers (St. Bernadette); Ars (St. John Vianney); Paray-Le-Monial (Sacred Heart apparitions); and Lisieux (St. Therese). Cost before taxes and departure fees: \$1980. Please stop by parish office to pick up a brochure. Questions? Email Fr. Magat at [fathermagat@gmail.com](mailto:fathermagat@gmail.com)

## 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.*

## 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).

## Simbang Gabi Mass

Join us for this Filipino tradition of a novena of Masses in preparation for Christmas. Mass will be celebrated on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., followed by a reception in the parish center.

## Second Collection

The diocesan-wide second collection this weekend will benefit Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. All money donated will go to support the programs of Catholic Charities: soup kitchen, food pantry, shelter, emergency assistance, transitional housing, adoption, foster care, pregnancy counseling, family services counseling, elderly services, immigrant services, prison ministry, parish social ministry, and services for the disabled.



## Third Sunday of Advent December 13, 2009

### First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Zephaniah urges the people of Jerusalem to rejoice because the Lord is in their midst. He conveys the message that God will love and protect those who have remained faithful to Him.

### Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Paul encourages the Philippians to be ready for Christ. He tells them not to worry about their concerns, but to instead ask God's help and allow His peace to fill their hearts and minds.

### Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist answers people who ask him what they should do, leading some to believe he was the Messiah. John clearly states that he will be followed by One so powerful that "I am not fit to loosen His sandal strap."

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## Pray for a Priest Each Day...

This week please pray for

December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Chaplain Rev. George Ridgeway
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Chaplain Rev. Gerald McManus
December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Chaplain Rev. Joseph Tran
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Chaplain Rev. Leonard
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Chaplain Rev. William Charboneau
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Msgr. Roy Cosby
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Msgr. Frank Hendrick

*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.*

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## Vocations

"All were questioning in their hearts." Are you considering a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Rev. Brian Bashista (703) 841-2514, or write: [b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).