

The Week of December 21st–December 27th



Monday	7:30 a.m.	Juan Alicea†
	9:00 a.m.	Joseph Pasymowski†
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Sr. Maria Luisa Tricca†
	9:00 a.m.	Richard Vincent Long†
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Rafaela Marengo†
	6:30 p.m.	Mary Pasola†
Thursday	5:00 p.m.	People of St. William of York
Christmas Eve	7:30 p.m.	Rose DeMartino†
	9:30 p.m.	Priest Intentions
	12:00 a.m.	Priest Intentions
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Linda DeMartino
Christmas Day	9:00 a.m.	Priest Intentions
	10:30 a.m.	Joseph DeMartino
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Agnes Purdie†
	5:00 p.m.	John & Sydney Snyder†
	7:00 p.m.	Burson & Tunison Families
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Muriel Wimmer†
	9:00 a.m.	John McNulty†
	10:30 a.m.	Martin Betts†
	12:15 p.m.	Priest Intentions
	5:00 p.m.	People of St. William of York

On Thursday and Friday of this week we will be on a Modified Mass Schedule for Christmas.



Mary

*By Maria Davis
Parishioner at our Parish*

Mary, my mother, how sweet thou art!
Virgin of Virgins with purest of heart!
Mary Immaculate, my sweet mother true,
Help me in this life to be just like you.
Lady of Fatima! Lady of Lourdes!
Along with the angels, with the flaming swords.
Lady of Guadalupe! Heavenly Queen!
Your beauty and love we have seen.
Regina Maria! Virgin Mother!
Through God you made Jesus our brother.
Full of Grace! My Lady of Heaven,
Have mercy on us the least of your brethren.
And now I say to you,
The words that God made true:
Hail Mary full of grace,
The world rejoices to see thy face.
The Lord is with thee.
And always shall be.
Blessed are thou amongst women.
For you shall enter the kingdom of Heaven.
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus, who has risen from his tomb.
Holy Mary, Mother of our Lord.
Lead us forever forward.
Pray for us sinners,
And turn our takers to givers.
Now, and at the hour of our death, amen.
For you are blessed amongst women.



†Confession Schedule†

December 20th–December 26th

Sunday:	6:15 p.m.
Monday:	10:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday:	9:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Saturday:	9:30 a.m.
Saturday:	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.*
Saturday:	6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

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

Sunday Collection for 12/13/09

Offertory:	\$15,891.00
Catholic Charities:	\$ 4,480.00
Debt:	\$ 658.00
Total:	\$21,029.00

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

Winter Weather

With winter weather upon us, we want to remind everyone that when St. William of York School is closed due to inclement weather, all scheduled parish activities will be canceled.

Parish office Notes

The parish office will be open till noon on December 23rd and will be closed on December 24th and 25th for Christmas.

Religious Education

The office will be closed at 12:00 p.m. on December 23rd thru January 3rd. The office will reopen January 4th.

There will not be any classes on December 27th and January 3rd.

On November 28th, 101 students were Confirmed. We would like to thank all who helped with Confirmation. We could not have done it without you. We appreciate your time and effort. Thank you.

Calling All Middle School Instrumentalists!

The band at Pope John Paul the Great high school is hosting a Middle School Band Day on January 9, 2010, for all students in 7th and 8th grade. If you play any instrument and would like to be part of a fun-filled day of music which will end with a group performance, please contact Miss Dorothy Logan, Band Director, at (703) 445-0316 or Dorothy.logan@jpthegreat.org. Early registration is only \$20 and includes meals and a special Band Day t-shirt!

Blood Drive

Both the Knights of Columbus and the American Red Cross would like to thank all the dedicated individuals who came out, despite inclement weather conditions, to donate blood on Sunday December 6th. As a result of your efforts, we were able to collect 64 pints of blood, which surpassed our goal for the day (total of 254 for the year). These wonderful people took time from their busy lives, to help sustain the regional blood supply, for those in need. Their contributions are deeply appreciated by all. We look forward to seeing more enthusiastic people at our next blood drive on March 7th, in the parish center.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help your marriage/holy orders remain Christ-centered. The next local Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 19th-21st. Early registration is highly recommended, as dates fill up quickly. For more information call John and Lorie Scali (703) 631-5289 or visit <http://wwme-nova.org/> (en español <http://www.seccion16emm.com/>)



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.

Seeking Young Adult Volunteers

The Old World Auction and Dinner (a fundraiser for St. William of York Catholic School) is in need of young adults (at least 18 years old) who would be willing to volunteer their time to staff and wait on tables for the dinner portion of this event. It will take place Saturday, February 6, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Lisa Morrison at r_morrison7@comcast.net or (540) 720-9784.

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. 23rd at 9 a.m. in the parish center. To register for the seminar go to www.virtus.org. For more information call the parish office at (540) 659-1102.

Angel Ornaments

Our little wax angel ornaments will continue to be available in the parish office. 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.

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, December 20

8:00 a.m. K of C Coffee & Donuts (Center)
8:45 a.m. RE Class
10:00 a.m. Choir (Church)
10:45 a.m. RE Class
1:30 p.m. Baptism (Church)
3:00 p.m. CYO Basketball (Gym)
6:15 p.m. Confessions
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 21

10:30 a.m. Confessions
3:10 p.m. Girl Scouts (Art/Brent/Preschool Rooms)
7:00 p.m. Choir (Church)
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts(K of C Hall)
7:30 p.m. Confessions

Tuesday, December 22

9:30 a.m. Confessions (Church)
9:30 a.m. Rosary Makers (Brent Room)
1:00 p.m. Brain Train (Brent Room)
3:30 p.m. Fiat Group (Brent Room)
6:00 p.m. Basketball (Gym)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Brent Room/Center)
7:30 p.m. Confessions

Wednesday, December 23

Parish Offices Closing at Noon
½ Day of School
9:30 a.m. Liturgy Prayer Group (Brent Room)

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve
Parish Offices Closed
School Closed
10:30 p.m. Choir (Church)

Friday, December 25

Christmas Day
Parish Office Closed
School Closed

Saturday, December 26

9:30 a.m. Confessions
3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
6:30 p.m. Spanish Confessions (Church)

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class in English will be held on **Wednesday, January 27th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Library. The next Spanish Baptismal Preparation Class will be held on **Saturday, January 9th 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.



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, 2nd 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.

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.



Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve Vigil	Christmas Day
Thurs., December 24 th	Fri., December 25 th
5:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m.
7:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
9:30 p.m. (Spanish)	10:30 a.m.
12:00 a.m. (midnight)	



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Friday, Jan. 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. On Dec. 31st, a Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m. There also will be a Holy Hour at 11:00 p.m. followed by midnight Mass. On Friday, Jan. 1st Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

Interested in adopting?

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington will hold adoption information meetings at 5294 Lyngate Court in Burke. The meetings will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on January 14th, February 11th, and March 11th. There is no meeting scheduled in December. The presentation will cover Catholic Charities' Domestic, International, Interstate and Parental Placement Adoption Programs with emphasis on the home study, placement and supervision of children as well as adoption resources. Please call (703) 425-0100 to register as space is limited. (The meeting will be conducted in English but for those who speak only Spanish, please call the office and ask for the Latina social worker.)

Getting Married?

Have you started your Marriage Preparation (Pre-Cana) yet? Part of your requirement is to attend a Conference for the Engaged. They fill up quickly, so please sign up in advance! For more information please call the Office for Family Life at (703) 841-2550 or visit:

www.arlingtondiocese.org/familylife/marriage_engaged.php. Before registering, please get approval from your marriage prep priest or deacon.



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2009

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

Micah speaks of the ruler who will come from Bethlehem. He discusses how the people of Israel will be saved from corruption and live in peace.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Paul describes to the Hebrews how Jesus came into the world and offered to do God's will. We were saved through his sacrifice, the only offering sufficient for the sins of the world.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Mary paid a visit to Elizabeth, whose baby stirred in her womb upon hearing Mary's greeting. Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth was deeply overjoyed that the words God had spoken to Mary had now been fulfilled.

Pray for a Priest Each Day...

This week please pray for

December 20 th	Rev. Cornelius O'Brien
December 21 st	Rev. Joseph Loftus
December 22 ⁿ	Rev. Msgr. Thomas Cassidy
December 23 rd	Rev. Frank Ready
December 24 th	Rev. Francisco Mendez De Dios
December 25 th	All Deceased Priests
December 26 th	Rev. Robert Brooks

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.

Will you be traveling over the Holidays?

Please make sure that Sunday remains the Lord's Day!
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