

The Epiphany of the Lord January 4, 2009

Monday	7:30 a.m.	Martin Betts†
	9:00 a.m.	George Kinback†
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Rosie Betts
	9:00 a.m.	George Kinback†
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Shannon Ghormley
	No 6:30 p.m. Mass	
Thursday	No 7:30 a.m. Mass	
	9:00 a.m.	Christian Breeding
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Sara Breeding
	No 6:30 p.m. Mass	
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Martin Betts†
	5:00 p.m.	Rosie Betts
	7:00 p.m.	Michael Richard Bradley†
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Stanley Bednasz†
	9:00 a.m.	Mildred Bednasz†
	10:30 a.m.	People of St. William of York
	12:15 p.m.	Priest Intentions
	5:00 p.m.	David Stafford

This week, Wednesday thru Friday, we will have a Modified Mass Schedule while one of the priests is away.

†Confession Schedule January 5th – January 10th:

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)

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

Sunday Collection for 12/21/08

Offertory:	\$14,740.00
Debt Collection:	\$ 3,928.00
Total:	\$18,668.00

Baptismal Preparation Class

The Baptismal Preparation Class for January will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. The Spanish Baptismal Preparation Class will be held on Saturday, Jan. 10th 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.

Fr. Eric Albertson, John Allison, Ralph Allison, Caesar Camacho, Daniel Castanon, Shawn Cunningham, Mike D'Eredita, Jason Freed, Richard Garver, Lt. Col. Richard G. de Guzman, Lt. Col. Tina Marie G. de Guzman, Keirsten Hage, Ryan Kraft, Nicholas Kubick, Shane Lambert, Kent Larson, Michael Luther, Robert Mills, Timothy Noonan, Derek Rinaldo, Thomas Ryan, Christopher Schap, Justin Smarr, Daniel Stehm, Capt James Stoltz, Bobby Stone, Adam Stoyanac, Col. Rick Swengros, Capt. Richard Swengros, Chris Tolliver, Vincent Torney, Adam Wright, & Eric Wright.

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.

Theology Courses at Christendom Graduate School

The Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College is accepting registrations for the spring term (Jan. 12 – May 2). In honor of the Jubilee Year of St. Paul, we are offering “The Life and Letters of St. Paul” in Fredericksburg on Tuesday evenings. Professor Sal Ciresi will be teaching at St. Michael the Archangel High School, 6301 Campus Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22407 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. We have low tuition, a friendly, welcoming community, and discounts for catechists and seniors. For more information, please visit www.christendom.edu/grad or call 703-658-4304.

Employment Opportunities

Are you interested in working with stimulating colleagues and supportive management in a faith-driven organization? The Catholic Diocese of Arlington may be the workplace for you. The Catholic Diocese of Arlington has positions available in their Administrative Office in Arlington. To review current openings please visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org

Religious Education Notes

There will be no RE classes today, January 4th. Classes will resume on January 11th.

The catechist meeting has been changed from January 14th to January 13th from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Kindergarten catechists are not required to attend.

The Religious Education Office is in need of used televisions and DVD players that are in good working condition. If you are interested in donating a television or DVD player, please call 659-5705 or email at reoffice@stwilliamofyork.org

Catholic Underground is Back! Sat., January 31st

All young adults are invited to Catholic Underground, a 2-part evening of adoration followed by a Coffee House with live music. Sung vespers and adoration begin at 7:30 p.m. in St. Charles Borromeo church (3304 Washington Boulevard, Arlington) with live praise & worship and confession. Afterward, join us in the parish center for fellowship, snacks, and live music by Stella Schindler and The Understudies. The evening closes with sung Compline around 10:30 p.m. Catholic Underground takes place near Clarendon for easy metro access and plenty of fellowshipping opportunities afterward! Want to volunteer? Contact Kateri Schmidt at k.schmidt@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841.2550.

Volunteers Needed To Teach ESL Classes

Hogar Immigrant Services, a program of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, is seeking volunteers to teach English once a week for two hours. Our fun-loving team of over 275 volunteers taught survival English to nearly 3,000 immigrants last year. We are now recruiting volunteers for our ESL classes that will be held at various parishes throughout the diocese, starting in January. Classes are held on weekday nights or weekends, and volunteers teach just once a week. You don't need foreign language proficiency or previous experience. Just bring your smile, talents and compassion for others. Hogar volunteers attend a one-hour orientation and six hour training, and are given a teacher's toolbox of games, activities and resources, our own text, and an easy to follow teacher's guide. If you are interested, please contact Sheila Sullivan at (703) 534-9805 ext 238 or ssullivan@ccda.net



St. William of York Catholic School News

Did you know Saint 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 further information please contact the school at (540) 659-5207.

The Kindergarten class got into the holiday spirit by making Christmas trees for their families; creating Nativity Scene posters as part of their Religion class; and participating in the Little Acts of Kindness activity in which they got to place an ornament on the class tree each time they display kindness. The class would also like to announce that their efforts to collect money to buy some ducks for a village in an under developed country was successful. They collected so much money for the cause that the remaining balance of \$40 was donated to Catholic Charities.

First grade had an international feast on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 to celebrate their social studies unit of Christmas around the world. Everyone had a chance to taste foods from around the world and learn about different customs. First and Fifth grades worked together to wrap gifts that were donated by parents, which went into the stockings for Catholic Charities project. Once stuffed, Catholic Charities donated the stockings to families in need, while our children learned about the true meaning of giving at this blessed Christmas season.

The 7th grade translated advent ornaments for Spanish class that were placed in the front of the school for viewing. In addition, they ran errands around the house to earn \$1 to purchase shoes for a 13-year-old girl from the Parish. Their teacher and the Religious Education office would like to send out a big thank you for the generosity!



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, January 4

8:00 a.m. Knight of Columbus Coffee & Donuts(Center)
 1:30 p.m. Youth Basketball (Gym)
 6:00 p.m. Sunday Supper (Center)
 6:30 p.m. R.E. Class
 6:45 p.m. Youth Group (Gym)
 7:00 p.m. Venture Crew (K of C Hall)

Monday, January 5

3:10 p.m. Girl Scouts (Art Room & Brent Room)
 5:30 p.m. Basketball (Gym)
 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (K of C Hall)

Tuesday, January 6

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic (Brent Room)
 9:30 a.m. Confessions (Church)
 9:30 a.m. Rosary Makers (Brent Room)
 2:00 p.m. Basketball (Gym)
 7:15 p.m. Finance Council Meeting (Brent Room)

Wednesday, January 7

5:30 p.m. Basketball (Gym)
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Brent Room)
 7:30 p.m. RCIA (Center)

Thursday, January 8

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic (Brent Room)
 9:30 a.m. Confessions (Church)
 3:30 p.m. Basketball (Gym)
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Art Room)
 6:30 p.m. Cantor Practice (Church)
 7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (Brent Room)
 7:30 p.m. Choir (Church)

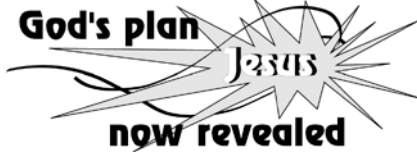
Friday, January 9

Saturday, January 10

8:00a.m. Basketball (Gym)
 8:30 a.m. Spanish Baptism Class (Brent Room)
 9:30 a.m. Confessions (Church)
 2:00 p.m. Baseball (Gym)
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
 5:45 p.m. Spanish Choir (Brent Room)
 6:30 p.m. Spanish Confessions (Church)

Resources for Seniors

Catholic Charities' Elderly Services invites seniors to take advantage of Virginia's new easy access website: www.easyaccess.virginia.gov. This easy-to-use website links seniors, adults with disabilities, and caregivers to agencies that can provide assistance. The website lists information about services and resources available in different areas of the state. For information, call Catholic Charities' Elderly Services at 703-751-2766.



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First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah speaks poetically of the coming of the Lord. He describes how "darkness covers the earth" but light and glory appear over God's chosen people.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Jews and Gentiles are now co-heirs of the promises God has made. He explains that both groups are now members of one body through Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus' birth, three astrologers from the east came to Jerusalem and inquired about the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod became greatly angered, and asked the astrologers to bring him more information about the child once they had found him, so that he too could pay homage to the infant. However, Herod's true plan was to kill Jesus. The wise men were warned in a dream not to return to him and they took a different route to return home.

Proposed Bill Could Thwart Hundreds of Pro-Life Laws

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Pro-Life Secretariat has urged clear, vigilant, and persistent advocacy against an extremely dangerous bill being considered by Congress called the "Freedom of Choice Act" (or FOCA). The Pro-Life Secretariat has expressed grave concern to state Catholic conferences that FOCA would, if enacted and signed into law, sweep away hundreds of pro-life laws and policies at the state and federal levels! You are highly encouraged to respond to the USCCB-approved alert at the internet link listed below, and to forward it to as many other people as possible who may share your concerns:

<http://www.nchla.org/actiondisplay.asp?ID=263>

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them..." We so often see signs and messages, but do not heed or follow them to what the Lord wants for us. The next local Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is Feb 27- Mar 1, 2009. 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/>

Electronic Giving Program

For your convenience, we offer the opportunity for you to participate in an electronic giving program. Instead of placing an offertory envelope into the collection basket each week, you can authorize us to debit your checking or savings account each month for a specified amount. This practice will save you the effort of writing a check each week and helps us to manage our cash flow more effectively. If you wish to participate in this program, complete the form below and return it to the parish office or place it in the collection basket. If you have any questions please call or stop by the parish office.

I authorize Saint William of York Catholic Church to debit my ___ checking ___ savings account at the financial institution listed below

Bank Draft (Electronic Funds Transfer)

Bank Name: _____

Routing Number: (9 digits on the bottom of your check or deposit slip) _____

Account Number: _____

Name of Account Holder (PRINT) _____

Monthly Donation Amount: _____

Day of Month for Donation (Choose One): 3rd ___ 15th ___ 25th ___

Date of First Donation: _____

Please attach a voided check with this form.

I understand that St. William of York Catholic Church will withdraw funds directly from my bank account as indicated above. I also understand that these donations will continue until I notify the parish to discontinue them. I understand that if I want to make any changes to my donation amount or account information, I must notify the parish office,

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (Print): _____