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FEBRUARY 22, 2009 ~ SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Please call the School Offices for more information

Parish School of Religion (PSR):

Sunday Morning Gr. 5-8 9:30-10:45 am

Monday Afternoon Gr. 1-4 3:30-5:00 pm

Tuesday Evening Gr. 1-6 6:00-7:15 pm

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

Sunday Mornings 9:30-10:45 am Sept-Apr

Contact the Parish Office for details.

Adult and Teen Enrichment Programs:

Offered periodically throughout the year. Consult the weekly bulletin.

Parish Ministries

Please call the Parish Office for Mass and Prayer Intentions, Homebound and Hospitalized Ministry, Funerals, The Catholic Exponent, Family information Changes, New Parishioner Registration and details about any Parish Organization and Ministry.

Celebrating the Sacraments:

Baptism: Celebrated the Third Sunday of each month. Baptism Preparation Sessions held quarterly each year in September, November, March and June. Call the Parish Office for details.

First Eucharist: Celebrated in the 2nd grade with parents and children participating in preparation program.

Confirmation: Celebrated with the Bishop biannually for 8th graders (or older) who have attended preparation classes.

Reconciliation: Celebrated Saturday at 4:00 pm or by appointment. Communal Reconciliation Services are held during Lent and Advent.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office to inform us of anyone who is sick (at home or in the hospital) for visitation and anointing.

Marriage: Couples should contact the Parish Office/Priest before making any arrangements for marriage (at least 6 months in advance). Couples must be registered in the parish and participate in the marriage preparation program.

Holy Orders: For information on religious life, contact Diocese of Youngstown Vocation Office at 330-744-8451.

Hall Rental/Catering: Contact the Parish Office for details.

Bulletin Deadline: Articles must be submitted to the Parish Office by Wednesday prior to the weekend they are to appear **or emailed to:** rkane@stwilliamchampion.org.

CELEBRATION OF THE LITURGY

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Weekdays 8:30 am Tuesday—Friday

Holydays 8:30 am & 7:00 pm



This coming Wednesday we begin the holy season of Lent – a period of 40 days of preparation for Holy Week and Easter. This season allows us to reflect and renew ourselves and our faith. The hallmarks of Lent are: fasting, sacrifice, and prayer. In today's bulletin is a special insert outlining all of the activities and opportunities that are planned for Lent in our parish. In addition to these, there are Lenten booklets for adults and children that contain meditations, activities and prayers for the season and Rice Bowls are also available for our use. The Rice Bowls will be part of the collection on Holy Thursday evening and can be returned then. Finally, beginning next week and continuing throughout the season, each Sunday as you leave church there will be baskets at the entrance with slips of paper that will have various Lenten tasks. Each week you will be asked to take a task and perform it in the coming week as part of our Lenten sacrifice and works of charity.

Next weekend at the 8:30am Mass we will celebrate the Rite of Sending of our Catechumens and Candidates. We will "send" them to the cathedral later that day for the Rite of Election as they prepare for their Baptism, Reception into the Church, Confirmation and First Communion at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them in prayer in the coming weeks.

Have a great week! Fr. Balash

MASS SCHEDULE

Feb 21, 2009 ~ Mar 1, 2009

February 21, 2009

SAT 5:00 pm † PETE OZANICH/ Tom & Linda Ozanich
 SUN 8:30 am † PEARL BERISH/ Janice & Raymond Bates
 11:00 am † HERMINA GLAVACH/ Hermina Joy Church

Mon 8:30 am † NO MASS

Tues 8:30 am † DECEASED OF THE JOHN M. LUTZ FAMILY

Thu 8:30 am † DECEASED MEMBERS OF
 THE FRANK F. O'BRIAN FAMILY

ASH WEDNESDAY

8:30 am † THE PEOPLE OF ST. WILLIAM
 7:00 pm † CHERYL FOLEY/ Helen Snyder

Fri 8:30 am † JIM NOCERA/ Vince Nocera

February 28, 2009

SAT 5:00 pm † MARY C. FORDELEY/ Leonard Jacztnski

SUN 8:30 am † IDA URCHEK/ Angie Morabijo
 11:00 am † JIM NOCERA/ Tucker Family



>>>> 2009 PARISH CALENDAR <<<<

FEB 22 ~ SQUIRES MEETING after the 11:00 Mass
 FEB 24 ~ QUILTERS MEET 9:00 AM
 FEB 25 ~ ASH WEDNESDAY Masses—8:30 AM & 7:00 PM
 FEB 26 ~ YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL 5-6 PM
 FEB 26 ~ ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 PM
 FEB 27 ~ FISH DINNER 4-7 PM
 FEB 27 ~ STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:30 PM
 MAR 3 ~ K of C MEETING 7:00 PM in rectory
 MAR 4 ~ FOLK GROUP REHEARSAL 7:30 PM
 MAR 4 ~ WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING 7:00 PM
 MAR 8 ~ SQUIRES MEETING after the 11:00 AM Mass
 MAR 14 ~ K of C CASINO TRIP

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend

First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him . . .

1 Peter 3:18-22

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once . . .

Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert . . .

Please take time to prepare together as a family the above readings. By families sharing God's Word, His Word will become part of family life and not just words that are heard in church.

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ February 15, 2009 (WK 33)

Amount Needed	\$ 6,650.00	\$ 212,800.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 5,447.50	\$ 204,221.09
Difference	(\$ 1202.50)	(\$ 15,228.91)
Performance	81%	93%

Envelopes Returned ~ 210 out of 565
 Church Overseas \$1801.55



Baptism Congratulations

February 15, 2009

Bruno Axel Garcia-Mendoza



>> RECENT DEATHS <<

In your prayers for the departed, please remember **Sabina Bonacci, mother of Felicia Mooney**. May her soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

LITURGICAL ROLES

February 28-March 1, 2009

First Sunday of Lent

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Linda Horm & Jean DuBois
 8:30 a.m. Nancy Lucanski & Margaret Foster
 11:00 a.m. Erin Lee & Judy Makosky



Servers

5:00 p.m. Jordan Gilronan & Tyler Cameron
 8:30 a.m. Morgan Nichols & Marianne Babnik
 11:00 a.m. Anna McCue & Sammy Adya



Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Ron & Carla Gilronan, Barb Brdek, Gloria Karafa, Tom & Linda Ozanich
 8:30 a.m. Treva & Frank Pytlik, Dave Lucanski, Lillian Kalman, Rich & Penny Hudak
 11:00 a.m. Pat Livingston, Melanie Shoaf, Marianne Babnik, Ann Sprague, Jean Kiepper & Linda Reese



from Ann Sprague . . .

February 22, 2009

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lent begins this Wednesday. Today's readings help us to look ahead to the season of repentance, which is also a season of hope as we are given the chance to begin anew.

Now Is The Time . . . *Who needs ashes? Why fast and prepare on this day?* The joys of last year's Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion and Easter are now just a memory. Ashes point out our fragility as we wait for salvation in Christ Jesus. We must start again to prepare the way of the Lord in our lives. Now is the acceptable time and the day of our salvation. We are lifted up from our weakness and we hope to enter into a share in his divine life. **Are you ready — and willing?**

A good Lent can really make you miserable. You give up things you enjoy. You do without excesses. You practice charity to people you'd rather ignore. You might cut back on sweets or caffeine, nicotine or alcohol. Or meat. Or dairy. You break your routine and the results are usually the same. Within 48 hours after Lent begins, you get grumpy. **Although . . . a good Lent can really make you happy.** You find out what your cravings are. You strongly put them aside because your craving for God is deeper. God responds to your search and rewards you with a closer union. You end the season more comfortable at prayer, more giving to others, less attached to material things. This great season is not for wimps, it is Lent for the faithful. There is another Lent for those not yet baptized. Catechumens chosen for baptism at the Easter Vigil start their Lent at the Rite of Election. This season goes right along with their preparation for baptism. They model for the faithful what Lent is all about; dying to false gods, and rising with Christ. Everyone is encouraged to make Lent a season of self-denial and spiritual preparation.

Although we each pursue a personal path of penance, the involvement of the community enriches the season and leads us to greater spiritual growth. You will be offered various opportunities to come together to pray and worship as community during the season.

Lay Ministers and Cantors . . . Your schedules are ready and may be picked up this weekend. Please remember that if you are unable to fulfill your ministry that it is your responsibility to get a replacement. *If you are unable to find someone,* you may call me and I will get someone to take your place.

Anyone in a health care facility or homebound due to illness and would like to be visited by a Care Giver to receive communion while they are confined, may call: Ann Sprague at 440.685.4652 or email asprague@stwilliamchampion.org.

Meditation . . . *Take some time to think how you would like to start over.*

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

Craft Night

The Women's Guild will meet Wednesday, March 4, at 7:00 pm. Bob Kane will help us create a Garden Angel for our Spring Garden. **DON'T MISS THIS ONE LADIES!** Consult the bulletin board for more details. Cost for the craft is \$8.00—due at the meeting. Please sign-up for the meeting **AND note whether you will craft or not.** Remember: all lady parishioners, 18 years of age and older, are members of the Women's Guild and are welcome, even if you have never attended before! *Please come join us!*

See example on bulletin board when you sign up.

CHURCH OVERSEAS

COMBINED COLLECTION

Last weekend the Diocese of Youngstown sponsored the Church Overseas Combined Collection for ministries to needy people. Thank you for your participation in this important collection. If you did not have the opportunity to respond last week, there is still time to contribute to this combined collection. If you would like more information on these collections, call the Office of the Chancellor, the Office of Social Action or the Office of Missions at the Diocesan offices— 330-744-8451.

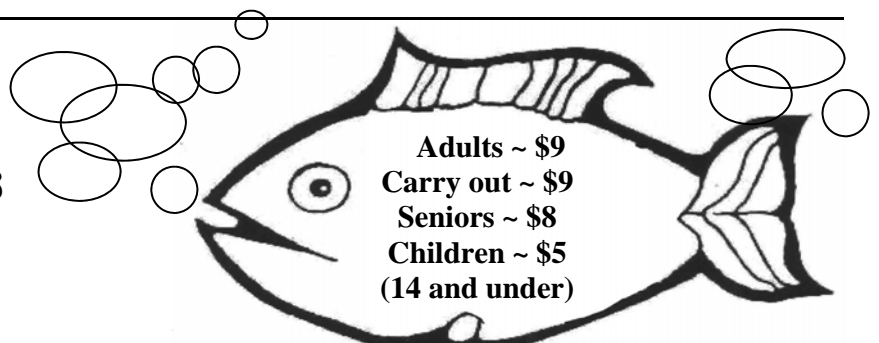
All you can eat

FISH DINNERS

Every Friday, February 13 ~ April 3
4:00 to 7:00 pm

Three Dinner Discount Tickets

Adults \$25.00 Seniors \$22.00



708 dinners sold last week!



from Pat . . .

Adult Choir rehearsals to prepare for Ash Wednesday, Lent, Holy Week and Easter are at 7:00pm every Thursday evenings until Holy Week. Dates and times are posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule. *Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass voices are needed!*

A Cantor class is forming and will be held Tuesday evenings from 7:00–8:30pm in the church. Please contact Pat Maciejewski if you are interested in being a leader of sung prayer at our liturgies.

from the Women's Guild . . .

Mark your calendar:

**St. William Women's Guild
Annual Card Party**

**SUNDAY
APRIL 19, 2009
1:00 P.M.**

"The Giving Tree"

Featuring our famous Grand Salad Bar
50/50 Raffle ~ **CASH RAFFLE** ~ Craft Raffle

Doors open at 12:30 pm

Ticket price \$7.00

*A portion of the proceeds will benefit
the Warren Family Mission*

Blessed Events and Milestones

Congratulations to Chandler Shoaf, an eighth grader at JFK, who won the Trumbull County Spelling Bee.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

All requests for prayer may be made by emailing asprague@stwilliamchampion.org or calling Ann Sprague at 440-685-4652.



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ENROLL NOW~GRADES PK-6

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL 7491

K of C KORNER

Next meetings:

Knights, March 3, 2008

7:00 pm at the Rectory

Squires Meeting, March 8

after the 11:00 am Mass

CASINO TRIP ~ Seneca Allegany Casino

Salamanca, New York

March 14

Depart: 7 am from St. William and return 8:30 pm

\$35 per person

(Receive \$30 in credit + \$5 food voucher)

Only 47 seats available

Questions, contact Keith Bowser at 330-847-0747

**Join us in saying the Rosary every Sunday morning
at 8:00 am in the Adult meeting room.**

STILL LOOKING FOR HELP!! We are still looking for some additional people to assist with the monthly coffee and donuts on the first Sunday of the month. This is part of the activities of the Evangelization and Family Life committee of Parish Council. Those interested in helping out would be responsible for set-up and clean-up on coffee and donut weekend. If you are interested in volunteering for this activity please see Fr. Balash or call the Parish Office.

Rene's Closet . . . Open Saturday, February 28, from 9 am to 1 pm If you know someone who could use some assistance, please tell them about our outreach program. No questions asked – all visits confidential.

For questions or concerns, please contact:

Mary @ 330-847-9739 or Debi @ 330-885-0885.

Income Tax Help

Every Wednesday from 9 to Noon
on a first come first serve basis.

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2008 CONTRIBUTION RECORDING FORM.**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

**COMPLETED FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE
IN THE VESTIBULE**