

Our Family News

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NEW BUILDING MOVING FORWARD!

UPDATE! SHARING THE LIGHT FOR TOMORROW

Construction could begin
as early as March 2017!!!!
by Father Balash

This past month has seen significant developments on the status of our Building Project to construct a new office building and storage room and expand the kitchen in our Social Hall. On January 9, 2017, the third round of bids from general contractors was submitted with some revisions to meet projected costs. After consultation with the architects, it was recommended to accept this round of bids and seriously consider awarding the project so that construction can move forward. Over the last two weeks meetings were held with the Building Committee, Finance Committee and Parish Council to review these developments. After a thorough discussion and with their approval and recommendation, it was decided to award the project to a general contractor and begin immediate



preparations for construction. The estimated cost of construction is \$850,000 of which \$668,000 has already been collected through our ongoing "Sharing the Light for Tomorrow" Capital Campaign, additional donations and saved profits from previous Fish Dinners. The Building Committee, Finance Committee and Parish Council also gave approval to secure a loan not to exceed \$300,000 to complete the project, provide furnishings and remove the house that currently serves as the office building in front of the parish. At this time, the necessary requirements and approval by the Diocese are being processed, as well as securing the necessary financing. Upon accomplishing these requirements, construction could start as early as mid-March, with an estimated length of time of construction of 115 days. This is great and significant news for our parish! This exciting and historic accomplishment has been made possible because of the generosity, commitment, dedication and spirit of you – our wonderful

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Nola Tunnicliff
Rachel Canatsey
Denise Kufchak

BAPTISM

Alexander David Kehoe
November 26

IN MEMORIAM

George Sheffar
Norma Medzie
Gloria Dutton
Fran Stuber

...from the Pastor

In just a few short weeks we will begin the holy season of Lent. Ash Wednesday will be on March 1st marking the start of our journey for the next 40 days as we prepare to celebrate Easter and the gift of resurrection. During this season our journey will take on many different features. Our world will begin to awaken from its winter sleep. The days will get longer, the sun will shine brighter and our trees, grass and flowers will begin to arise from their slumber. Likewise, we too will become more active and involved. We will spend more time outside preparing our gardens and flower beds, making ready our yards and homes. Equally, our scripture readings during Lent are also full of journeys, from the first faltering of Adam and Eve departing from paradise, to the determined stride of Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem. Ironically the word *Lent* comes from an Old English word meaning “springtime.” The same root gives us the word *lengthen* and in spring the days certainly get longer! And so, nourished during this season by prayer and meditation on God’s word, strengthened by the discipline of fasting, and stretched by our generous almsgiving and service to others, we get ourselves ready to blossom into the new life of Easter. Indeed...Lent is a holy journey!



These coming weeks and months provide us with a multitude of opportunities to make our Lenten journey one of growth and enrichment in our faith and in God’s goodness to us. This year our parish Lenten theme is “*No Greater Love.*” Our focus will be on the cross of Jesus Christ and how, by his sacrifice of suffering and dying for our sins, he has given us the new life of resurrection and eternal salvation. Our environment and Sunday liturgies will especially focus on the cross of Christ and how through his suffering and death “*no greater love*” has ever been given. Indeed...Lent is a holy journey!

Of particular note is a very special event that will happen in our parish is coming Lent. For the first time in over ten years our parish will hold a Lenten Mission. Entitled “*No Greater Love – Reflections on the Last Words of Jesus,*” the Mission will be held on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday – March 19-21, 2017. A Parish Mission is a special time to nourish our spirit and relationship to God. It consists of three-evening inspirational talks within a service of prayer, scripture readings and songs. The main purpose of a Parish Mission is to renew our faith and broaden our spiritual understanding and relationship to God. Franciscan Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM, will lead our Parish Mission. He is currently a member of the Holy Evangelists Franciscan Friary in Chicago and comes highly recommended by many from local parishes in our diocese where he has done missions before. Prior to joining the

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Reporters & Photographers of all ages are needed!

Spotlight On...

by Incognito

One of the ministries at St. William is a group of specially trained volunteers who are known as *Ministers of Care*. Their mission is to visit the sick and homebound of the parish. These ministers are sent to let the absent sick, elderly in nursing facilities, and their families know that they have not been forgotten. St. William presently has 28 parishioners who receive visits from lay Ministers of Care. For this issue of

“Our Parish News”, one of these parishioners, Rose Ann Radnothy, is in the spotlight!

Rose Ann was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and moved with her family to Palmyra Road when she was 6 months old and they soon after moved to Highland Avenue. At an early age she was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy and has used or worn corrective tools to aid her mobility ever since. Rose Ann stated that she has never let her immobility hinder her enjoyment of life. She learned to adapt to every situation, and was known by many as “the roamin Catholic” because she walked to church, school and work. Her family attended St. Mary Church where she received the sacraments. She graduated from Harding High School and worked at Westside Market where she met her husband Ed Radnothy.

Ed was born in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. With the death of his mother, when he was five months old, his father moved the family to Windham, Ohio. He and his siblings were eventually placed in the County Children’s Home and later into foster care where they lost touch with each other. Because of a profound hearing loss Ed has never been a licensed driver but like Rose Ann, Ed didn’t let this hold him

back. He graduated from Windham High School, was employed at Rockwell International Corp for 10 years, and was an environmental engineer at Trumbull Savings for 21 years. Ed is a regular attendee at the 5pm Saturday Mass with his brother-in-law, Bob Weitzel.

Rose Ann and Ed were married on April 20, 1970 at Christ Our King Church and moved to their present home in Warren. They attended St. Pius Church until its closing. Rose Ann and Ed are the proud parents of two sons, Edward and Joe who live in Mineral Ridge. Ed works at Thomas Steel and Joe at General Motors.

Until a few years ago Rose Ann was very active at her church. She taught religion classes at St. Pius and cooked the meals for Father Sabula. She sang in the choir and cooked for church functions. She also played accordion for many years and loves to write poetry. One of her poems “My Wheelchair” has been published. For the last few years Rose Ann has been unable to leave her home unless it’s for a doctor’s appointment. That does not keep her from contributing her time and talent for St. William. She is a faithful member of the St. William Prayer Chain and also spends many hours helping with our Fish Dinners by calling weekly for dessert donations. Rose Ann is always smiling and has a very “upbeat” personality. Upon entering her immaculate home you immediately feel welcome.

Mother Teresa once said, “I want you to be concerned about your neighbor. Do you know your neighbors?” Rose Ann and Ed are our neighbors! We don’t always see them but we can remember them and others in our thoughts and prayers.



“Let all that you do be done in Love.”

~1 Corinthians 16:14



No Greater Love...

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

"No Greater Love...Reflections on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross"

Sunday, March 19 6:30—8:00 p.m.

Monday, March 20 7:00—8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21 7:00—8:30 p.m.

Presented by Friar Johnpaul Cafiero OFM

WHAT is a Parish Mission?

A mission is a special time to nourish our spirit and our relationship with God. Our parish mission will consist of a three-evening series of inspirational talks given within a service of prayer, scripture readings and song. The theme of the Mission will be "No Greater Love or Mercy: Reflections on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross."

WHY are we having a Parish Mission?

To renew our faith. To contribute to the spiritual life of our parish. To respond to God invitation call to draw ever closer to Him. To grow in our appreciation of God's marvelous love. To learn how to be better instruments of God's kingdom of love, justice, and peace in our troubled world.

WHEN & WHERE is the Parish Mission?

The Mission will take place here at Saint William Church.

~Sunday, March 19, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

~Monday, March 20 & Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

WHO will be leading the Mission?

Franciscan Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, a native of New York/New Jersey, will lead our Parish Mission. Father Johnpaul has doctorates in theology and psychology, and a Master's Degree in Counseling. He is a teacher and retreat director, international preacher, counselor and teacher on both the high school and university levels, and the former Vocation Director for his Order. He currently is a Chaplain of the Illinois State Police. The oldest of five from an Italian/Polish family and he and his siblings are curators of one of the largest collections of Wizard of Oz memorabilia (over 25,000 items) in the country. His life story, storytelling and humor will bring to life the message of Jesus' words for us today.

WHO should attend the Mission?

Every adult parishioner, as well as family, friends, and neighbors, are encouraged to attend.

This Mission will touch the heart of EVERYONE!

Babysitting and Children's Activities available each night.

Women's Guild

by Therese Tuttle

The Christmas and New Year's excitement has come to an end for 2016, and the Women's Guild has resumed its monthly meetings. In January, our meeting was geared toward Women's Health. We learned multiple low key exercise moves (after all the feasts I consumed from November to January, exercise is definitely what my waist needed.)

Our February meeting will explain the significance of Holy Oils; Very fitting, as we prepare ourselves for Lent, and then Easter.

At our March meeting, our program will be "A **VERY MERRY UNBIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**". Every lady who attends is asked to bring a wrapped gift worth \$5 or less. A ticket will be drawn, and the winner will choose a present; but beware, someone else could exchange your gift for theirs. Join in and have some fun.

There are 3 events planned for April. First, is the WG Easter Kolachi Bake, followed by the April monthly meeting, which is our pizza party. The annual Card Party will be held toward the end of April. We hope to see many of you there.

This November, the Women's Guild will host the 2017 **HOLIDAY TOUR OF HOMES**. Volunteers are needed in many areas to make this event a success. We need parishioners willing to decorate their homes for the tour, as well as those willing to help to plan and organize the event. Please consider giving your time and talent. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Linda Horm at 330-889-9854, or e-mail her at l_horm@yahoo.com. You can also contact Therese Tuttle at 330-978-8333 or e-mail her at attuttle@aol.com.

NAIM Club

by Lynn Valentino

Have you ever browsed through the bulletin and wondered, "What the heck is the NAIM Club?" When I first came to St. William, I often did. A few years later, I finally received an invitation to join. It turned out not to be the exclusive club I had imagined. It is a group comprised of widows and widowers. "Just what I need," I thought, "another bereavement group as a constant reminder of my loss." Not so. As it turned out, it was a place to meet new friends, share good food, and get plenty of laughs. We don't sit around talking about our losses. There are no formal meetings, no committees, and no fundraising projects and membership dues are \$5 a year. Our entire purpose consists of having fun and supporting one another.

If you need to talk, we are always willing to listen. If you aren't into sharing, that's okay, too. Whether you are recently widowed or have been alone for many years, we would be happy to welcome you into our group. We meet to eat on the second Thursday of every month. Think about joining us. If you are interested, please call Barbara Mendik at 330-847-8375. Either she or Peg Popanak are kind enough to call each month to see if we are available and to remind us which restaurant we are attending.

The Naim Club started in Chicago in 1956. The name of the club was taken from the town of Naim in Galilee. There, Jesus took compassion on a lonely widow and raised her newly deceased only son from the dead. Although the men and women who started our club could not perform the miracle of Jesus, they wished to instill his peace and consolation on others like themselves. From those humble beginnings, we have today's Naim club.

HOLIDAY TOUR OF HOMES 2017

November 17 and 18

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Marching For Life

by Tina McCue

I was lucky enough to travel to Washington, D.C. along with teens from St. William, St. Mary, Blessed Sacrament, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, John F. Kennedy, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Youngstown to attend the National March for Life. We were also joined by women from Bella Women's Center and students from Kent State Newman Center. Embarking on a 24 hour red eye bus trip with 42 people may sound a little daunting, but in this age of everyone being plugged in with ear buds, the bus trip was truly a joy. It gave my heart much hope to listen

to the college students playing euchre instead of being "plugged in" the entire bus trip. What an honor it is to be entrusted with the care of the young church!

The Archdiocese of Washington sponsors a Youth Rally and Mass for Life the morning of the National March for Life. We were assigned to the D.C. Armory location which holds about 10,000. After high energy worship music, it was amazing to listen to the story of one young man as he shared that he stood for life on behalf of his little sister and how his parents chose life for her knowing that her chance of survival was slim. They fought against the culture of death, they fought for their little girl, and he was amazed how so many people cared for their family so that

the family would be able to spend every minute with her once she was born. "My parents stood for life and I stand for life." We also heard witness of a young woman who, after walking into an abortion clinic decided that she just could not follow through and walked across the street to seek help at a women's clinic. She stood for life that day!

Nourished by God's word and fed at the table of the Lord, we were off to join a few hundred thousand other folks to the National Mall Rally where we were able to hear speakers like Vice President Pence and Cardinal Timothy Dolan. The route for the March for Life begins near the Washington Monument, up Constitution Avenue, Capitol Hill and straight to

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I'm Tired of Winter

by Gloria Alden

I'm tired of dog's muddy footprints.
I don't like to complain and grouse.
Why won't people remove wet shoes
when they're coming into the house?

Instead of just orchids blooming,
and the green leaves of plants inside,
I want to see leaves on the trees
and sunlight and flowers outside.

In time spring and summer will come,
since I know it happens each year,
but I'm so tired of boots and coats
I just wish spring would hurry here.

I browse through garden catalogs,
ordering both plants and seeds, too,
forgetting I'll soon have complaints
of too much gardening to do.

Let's Break Bread Together

by Carol Timko

On January 22, the St. William Parish School of Religion held a Family Faith Celebration. The theme for the evening was "The Living Bread" and focused on the Eucharist. Students and parents began by mixing and kneading loaves of bread. Each family put a small amount of dough from their handmade loaves into one large loaf to share with the group before the end of the evening. While the bread was baking students went to their classrooms to learn about the Eucharist while Father Balash provided parents with a presentation on Eucharist.

Families came back together to create posters titled "Eucharist is..." Using pictures and words, students and parents described what Eucharist meant to them. Each poster reserved a small space to be used at a later time. Everyone then took part in an evening prayer led by Father Balash and afterward everyone met back in the social hall to enjoy a delicious pasta dinner and share the community loaf of freshly baked bread. Each family left for the evening with their own handmade loaf of bread to eat during a family meal sometime during the week. The final assignment was to take a picture of the family "breaking bread" together and bring that picture back to PSR the following Sunday to put on their "Eucharist is..." poster.



They broke bread in their homes & ate together with glad & sincere hearts.
~Acts 2:48



2017 Parish Appreciation Dinner

The 2017 Parish Appreciation Dinner was an evening to say "Thank You!" to all adult parishioners who have volunteered their time and efforts during the past year. This "Night of Magic" was an enjoyable and fun-filled evening of raffles, prizes, and magic. Attendees were treated to a special night of magic by Eric Thompson, a very talented local magician from Newton Falls. A fun time was truly had by all!



A Night of Magic!



FROM NANCY'S KITCHEN:

Happy New Year!

The holidays at my house were lots of fun this year. Many good friends, beautiful decorations, and lots and lots of good food. Lots, trust me! Cakes, cookies, pies you name it and I ate it! So to usher in a new year with a little bit of healthy to counteract all the 2016 year end celebrating here is one of my all time favorite granola recipes. This one is so good you will feel like a hippie with one bite! Enjoy this one, it's yummy!

I wish all of you a very happy and healthy New Year!

Love ~ Nancy Hart

Granola

3 ½ cups old-fashioned oats
½ cup vegetable oil
⅓ cup sliced almonds or chopped pecans
¼ cup packed brown sugar
¼ cup honey
Pinch – cinnamon
Pinch – salt

Preheat oven to 275. Stir together the above ingredients and spread on a foil, or parchment, covered 11 x 17 baking sheet. Bake 35 minutes, stirring occasionally. After baking, turn off the oven and leave the granola to cool in the oven as the oven cools down.

Remove when cool, and stir in ⅓ to ½ cup of dried fruits, such as dried apricots, blueberries, cherries, cranberries, dates....whatever sounds good.

Store in covered container in refrigerator. Keeps about 2 weeks.

This makes a nice topping for a bowl of hot oatmeal.



“GIVE UPS” FOR LENT

~Author Unknown~

GIVE UP COMPLAINING - FOCUS ON GRATITUDE

Philippians 2:14-15 – Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure.
1 Thessalonians 5:18 – Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Jesus Christ.

GIVE UP BITTERNESS - TURN TO FORGIVENESS

Ephesians 4:31 – Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.
Ephesians 4:32 – Be kind and compassionate to one another forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

GIVE UP WORRY - TRUST IN GOD

Matthew 6:25 – “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, who by worrying can add a single hour to his life?”
Matthew 6:33 – But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

GIVE UP DISCOURAGEMENT - BE FULL OF HOPE

Deuteronomy 31:8 – The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you: he will never leave you or forsake you.
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.
Isaiah 40:31 – But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

GIVE UP HATRED - RETURN GOOD FOR EVIL

1 John 2:9 – Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness.
Luke 6:27 – “But I tell you who hear me; Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.”

GIVE UP ANGER - BE MORE PATIENT

Matthew 5:22 – But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment.
Proverbs 15:18 – A hot tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.

GIVE UP GOSSIPING - CONTROL YOUR TONGUE

Psalms 34:13 – Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies.
Proverbs 21:23 – He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from calamity.

PROFESSOR'S BOOKS

By Gloria Alden

[Editor's Note: This is an exciting four part mystery written by Gloria Alden and will be delivered over the course of four newsletters.]

Part 3

The following morning when the Professor came down, the solution came to her. Drowning. Every morning before breakfast, the Professor went out for a walk around the pond behind the house. Sometimes he even did two laps around the pond. Before his heart attack he had done even more. It wasn't a large pond. She had always thought it foolish since she wasn't much for exercising, but now she was glad that he did. After his walk, he'd stop to feed his koi. She couldn't understand why he liked his fish so much, either. It wasn't as if they were furry or affectionate in any way. Not like a cat or a bird.

This morning she watched from the kitchen door until he'd finished his second lap, and then she joined him on the small dock. He glanced up at her in surprise. She hadn't been out here since the first time he had shown her the fish years ago.

"I've come to look at the fish," she said as she walked up behind him.

He grunted in answer, and then let out a yelp as he felt himself falling.

Tilly watched as he struggled and managed to swim the few strokes back to the edge of the dock. He grabbed hold of the edge, sputtering and gasping. She knelt down as if to give him a hand, but instead grabbed his wispy hair, and pushed his head under. It was easier than she thought it would be. He fought for a short while, but soon his efforts became more and more feeble. Finally, he went limp. She waited a few more minutes before letting go and watched as he floated face down in

the water while a few curious koi nibbled at him.

When Tilly was sure he was dead, she went back to the house and started his breakfast. Today instead of his usual oatmeal, she fixed him bacon, eggs and toast. She fixed herself the same breakfast, too. When she had eaten and put her dishes to soak, she went out and pulled his lifeless body from the pond. Then she went in and called 911.

On the day of the funeral, the Professor's great-niece and her husband picked Tilly up to take her to the funeral home. They had chosen to stay at a nearby hotel rather than the Professor's house. Tilly settled in the backseat of their car and felt a little uneasy by the size of it and the soft leather seats. She had never ridden in a car such as this before.

As the car moved smoothly away from the curb, the Professor's great-niece turned around to chat with Tilly about the Professor and his death and what Tilly would be doing now. Tilly's answers were stilted and brief almost to the point of being monosyllabic. The great-niece gave up and turned around and started talking to her husband. She figured Tilly was either shy or dull.

Tilly was feeling shy. She was intimidated by the obvious wealth of the couple in the front seat of the luxurious car she found herself riding in, and she began to think that she was dressed all wrong, too. Maybe she shouldn't have worn the little black hat with a half veil. The great-niece wasn't wearing anything on her styled blond head. She also noticed the Professor's niece wore a stylish light blue dress and not a plain black dress like she wore. The last time Tilly had worn her black dress was at her mother's funeral twenty years before. Actually, it was the last funeral she had attended. Maybe people dressed different at funerals now.

Next Installment: Tilly reaps what she has sown...

LAY LEADERS OF PRAYER

We congratulate the following parishioners who have received a new three year commission (2017-2020) to serve as a Lay Leaders of Prayer for our parish. A Leader of Prayer is a lay person commissioned to lead the faithful in acts of worship which in the past were often led by ordained clergy, but which are not reserved exclusively to them.

In our parish, Lay Leaders of Prayer are asked to preside at our weekly Liturgy of the Word Prayer Service each Monday and, on occasion, other prayer services and devotions. In addition, in an emergency when a priest cannot be present, a Lay Leader of Prayer can also lead a Sunday celebration of the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. We congratulate our Lay Leaders of Prayer for their dedication and enthusiasm with which they have responded to serve in this ministry.

Mr. Dave Evans

Mr. Bob Kane

Mrs. Nancy Lucanski

Mrs. Pat Maciejewski

Mrs. Felicia Mooney

Mr. Woody Pealer

Mrs. Theresa Petrosky

Mrs. Mary Pytlik

Mrs. Donna Runtas

Mrs. Ann Sprague

Mrs. Theresa White



ST. WILLIAM FISH DINNERS

by Ann Sprague

Our Fabulous Lenten Fish Dinners have been served at St. William Parish for 31 years. This event is much more than a moneymaking event for our parish. The friendships and camaraderie are a wonderful part of it all.

Once again, we are preparing to serve fish dinners during Lent from Friday, February 17 through April 7. Last year one hundred and seventy-eight volunteers worked diligently to make a successful event and serve 6009 dinners. I am so proud to say that I am a member of St. William Parish. We have wonderful people who have a high spirit of volunteerism which helps

to make all our endeavors successful. If you were unable to join us at the fish dinner planning meeting on February 2, 2017, it's not too late to offer your services. If you are interested in helping in some way, please contact the office.

Editors Note: Fish Dinner attendance totals and 50/50 winners are posted to the parish website every Friday night at: <http://www.stwilliamchampion.org/fish-dinners.html> and on the parish Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/stwilliamchampion.org/>



CONGRATULATIONS TO . .

Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper and Parishioner

Matthew Abbey

who was selected 2016 Trooper of the Year of the Warren Post. Trooper Abbey was also selected as the Warren District Trooper of the Year, which includes seven counties in Northeast Ohio.



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to the following young members of our parish who celebrated their First Reconciliation on January 18. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

- Kyle Haynie
- Ty Horm
- Mario Humenik
- Michael Murphy
- Danilynne Pealer





Lent 2017

~ Prayer ~ Sacrifice ~ Almsgiving ~

No Greater Love...

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Friday, March 17

Bishop George Murry is granting a dispensation for Catholics in the Diocese of Youngstown from the obligation to abstain from eating meat on March 17th. In granting this dispensation, he is requiring the faithful, if they take advantage of the dispensation to undertake the Friday abstinence on another day that week of their choosing.

This year the holy season of Lent begins Wednesday, March 1, 2017. All Catholics are encouraged to participate in the three traditional Lenten practices of *prayer*, *fasting* and *almsgiving*. May this Lent be filled with many blessings for you and your family.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of ***Fast and Abstinence***. (Limit of one full meal and two smaller meals for persons 18 thru 59 years of age; no meat for persons 14 years of age and older). All Fridays during Lent are days of ***Abstinence***. (No meat for persons 14 years of age and older.)

RECONCILIATION & HEALING

Anointing of the Sick

March 11 and 12 at All Weekend Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday ~ March 15 6:30—8:00 P.M.

Sacrament of Reconciliation available at all parishes in the Diocese of Youngstown.



Lenten Communal Reconciliation

Wednesday ~ March 29, 7p.m.

Every Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Monday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday – April 9

Blessing and Procession of Palms at all Masses

Holy Thursday – April 13

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 p.m.

Solemn Night Prayer, 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday – April 14

"Keep Watch Prayer Vigil" 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Good Friday Passion and Veneration of the Cross Service, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday – April 15

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets 12:00 noon

The Easter Vigil, 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday – April 16

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Mass



Knights of Columbus

by Ed Runyan

The Knights of Columbus council, 7491, which meets at St. William Church, had a very productive year in 2016. We distributed nearly \$5,000 in donations to a wide range of people in need, and at our bimonthly meetings offered many prayers for the ill. Its members unanimously voted to provide financial assistance to a Champion girl named Skylar, who has a rare and aggressive form of cancer.

The Knights stay busy throughout the year organizing Reverse Raffle dinner dances, spaghetti dinners and breakfasts, helping the church and other organizations with events. These include the December St. William Craft Show, the August St. William Rummage Sale and the June St. William Trunk Sale.

Our organization also partnered with the St. William youth and their leaders by donating to the summer mission trip for Champion High School juniors and seniors, the John F. Kennedy High School "K-Day" events that promote service projects among the students, and the "March For Life" trip to Washington, D.C., by the

Catholic Area Teens. The Knights also helped send a St. William teenager to a national youth choir program that inspired and supported her in her music ministry. They also support Champion Boy Scout Troop 25, provide money to help stock the church's Renee's Closet with new coats, and split \$1,000 in donations collected at the Champion Sparkle between the Children's Rehabilitation Hospital in Howland and the Fairhaven School in Niles.

Members of the organization inspire each other with the activities they and their spouses carry out apart from Knights activities. Many volunteer at the St. Vincent DePaul soup kitchen in Warren and deliver food through Mobile Meals. We try to make ourselves known to the St. William community through Corporate Communion, when we wear matching shirts and ties and attend Mass together. In the local community when we march and ride in the annual Champion Memorial Day Parade to honor military veterans. We also support veterans in other ways; we honored 56 men and women from St. William with mementos handed out after Mass in November for Veteran's Day, and by providing food, drink and Knights in Regalia

at the Geauga County Fairground when the fairgrounds hosted the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Traveling Wall.

With all that work, it may seem like there's no time for fun, but Knights, young and old, have shared fellowship and good times at the events they have run and at their annual summer picnic, Scrappers game and casino bus trips. "The Knights are a fraternity of Catholic men whose focus is community service inspired by our faith and our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism," said Dan Gelet, grand knight the last two years. "I'm very proud of our Knights and the positive impact we have on our community." Our council, No. 7491, grew in membership from 94 to 100 from 2015 through 2016. One of our newest members, Zach Shoaf, joined shortly after graduating from John F. Kennedy High School.

The Knights thank all of those people who supported our events throughout the year by attending or helping us. Dan invites any Catholic man interested in becoming a Knight or learning more about the organization, to talk to one of our "brother Knights" or call Dan Gelet at 330-980-0570.



Members of Boy Scout Troop 25 from Champion attended a Knights of Columbus meeting this summer to thank the Knights for a donation

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the Supreme Court. The march itself is both reverent and kind of like a pep rally at the same time. We found ourselves marching with groups of students who start call and response chants, then we would be marching along a group of seminarians chanting the prayers of the rosary in Latin or singing Ave Maria. It took us close to an hour and a half to walk from the Washington Monument starting point to the Supreme Court. Once we arrived there, a member of our group called his sister who was also at the March with St. Mary College. Her group was just finally able to join the March at the Washington Monument! It was wonderful to be part of such a large peaceful protest of Roe vs. Wade.

I leave you with the words of Archbishop Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, "Go forth and be a credible witness of the Gospel of Life."



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parishioners! Once again, you have overwhelmingly responded by your continued support and generosity in meeting your pledge obligations. At present, only \$92,594 remains in outstanding pledges.

As we take this major step forward, our work is just beginning! Remaining faithful to our pledge commitments is vitally important, but equally important is the hope of receiving further support from additional pledge commitments. I would kindly ask that if you have not donated to this effort that you consider offering your support by making a donation or pledge to our Capital Campaign. Our parish website (www.stwilliamchampion.org) and the "Sharing the Light for Tomorrow Capital Campaign" page have complete details on the scope of the project and news on these latest developments. As soon as the contracts are completed and details become more definite additional updates will be provided.

Thank you for your on-going support and interest in securing a bright future for our parish. It is certainly wonderful to share this good news with you. May God continue to bless you, your family and our wonderful parish of St. William!

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Franciscans, he was a former New York City police officer and currently serves as chaplain for the Illinois State Police Chicago District. He is also a licensed counselor and therapist. The oldest of five from an Italian/Polish family, he and his siblings are the curators of one of the largest collection of Wizard of Oz memorabilia (over 25,000 items) in the country. His life story, storytelling and humor bring to life the message of Jesus' words to us today. Please plan to attend this significant event this coming Lent. Indeed...Lent is a holy journey!

Finally, in addition to the traditional hallmarks of Lent – prayer, fasting and almsgiving – another part of our tradition is our annual Fish Dinners. Our Fish Dinners will be held from February 17 through April 7. I hope that you will support this important fundraiser for our parish and even still join in the fun by helping out at the dinners. One of the distinctive characteristics and a frequent comment offered by our guests is the energetic, enthusiastic and friendly workers they encounter. We can always use your help and in the midst of the "work" it is always a lot of fun.

As you can see, many good and exciting things are happening at our parish because of so many enthusiastic and dedicated parishioners. I hope you will take advantage of the many opportunities that make Saint William Parish the friendly and welcoming community that it is. Please know of my sincerest thanks and appreciation for all your support, kindness and dedication shown to our parish and for making Saint William a wonderful parish. May God continue to bless you and your family during this time. Indeed...Lent is a holy journey leading to the joy of Easter!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 17-Apr 7: **FISH DINNERS** 4-7pm
Mar 1: Ash Wednesday Mass 8:30am & 7pm
Mar 15: The Light is ON for YOU
An Evening of Reconciliation 6:30-8pm
Mar 19-21: **PARISH MISSION**
Sunday 6:30pm
Monday & Tuesday 7pm
Mar 29: Lent Communal Reconciliation 7pm
Apr 5: Women's Guild Kolachi Bake
Apr 9: Palm Sunday
Apr 13-15: **Holy Week Triduum**
Apr 16: **Easter Sunday**
Apr 30: First Communion 11am Mass
May 7: May Crowning/Mother-Child Banquet 12:30pm
Jun 10: Annual Summer Trunk Sale



THEY'RE BACK!!

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FISH DINNERS

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A cartoon illustration of a black fish with large, white, wide-open eyes and a small, open mouth showing two small fangs. The fish is swimming to the right, with greenish-blue water splashes around its tail and fins.

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