

# St. William Parish

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January 2, 2022 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord



*“Endless song of thankful praise!”*

Today we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany and in doing so our Christmas season in the Church continues. The visitation of the Three Wise Kings to the infant child serves as a reminder to us of God’s presence in our world. Through his humble birth, Jesus enters our world and lives as the manifestation and revelation of the living God. Our readings today are excellent reminders that we encounter God in a variety of people, places, circumstances, and situations. In the letter to the Ephesians, Paul explicitly states that both Jews and Gentiles are welcome in God’s kingdom. This statement of welcome and inclusivity reminds us that all people bear God’s image. Likewise, the magi travel from their home country to the home of Jesus where they meet the Savior and Lord. They were outsiders with different beliefs, customs, and culture. Even so, God transcends these differences, and the magi warmly interact with Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. Rather than fearing people who were different, Mary and Joseph warmly welcome them into their home, and show them hospitality, remaining open to a sharing of words and gifts. Just as God is encountered through people, the feast of Epiphany is a prime celebration of God present and active in nature. The magi notice God’s presence in the beauty and wonder of a star in the night sky. On this day, we might

ask how do we encounter God in our lives? May we, like the magi, be willing to see God’s presence in all people, places, and things. Our celebration today --knowing that Jesus Christ lives among us each day of our lives-- should give us a sense of hope and fulfillment in this New Year. As we begin 2022 may we realized and remember the presence of the Lord in one another in the coming weeks and months and may our hope and courage gain in strength and our fear and insecurity vanish away.

Traditionally today is also a day to bless our homes asking that God will continue to watch over and guide us in the coming year. In today’s bulletin there is a special house blessing prayer for you to use to bless your home.



*Have a great week! ~ Fr. Balash*



~ January 2-9, 2022 ~  
Epiphany of the Lord

**JANUARY 2, 2022**

Sat 10:00 a.m. † **PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **MARY ELLEN HOOLIHAN/ Barb Kufchak**  
11:00 a.m. † **VIVIAN FLAMINI/ Bob & Marcia Kane**  
Mon 8:30 a.m. † **NO COMMUNION SERVICE**  
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **FOLEY & SWAIN FAMILY/ Helen Snyder**  
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **HELEN CEROLI/ James & Lisa Peluso**  
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **STEVE MILLIK/ Tula Oneal**  
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **DAVID BAILEY/ Maryann Hodson**

**JANUARY 9, 2022**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **RON MOONEY/ John & Barbara Robinson**  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **ROSALINE & TONY IANARO/ Rita & Vince DeSalvo**  
11:00 a.m. † **MURPH GELET/ Ted Bogan**

*Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:*

~ January 9, 2022 ~  
**The Baptism of the Lord**

**Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11**

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem...

**Titus 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7**

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires ...

**Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22**

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ...

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

January 9, 2022

**Lectors**

5:00 p.m. Judy Makosky, Viviane Watson  
8:30 a.m. Linda Horm, Rachael Zigarovich  
11:00 a.m. Bob Kane, Erin Lee

**Servers**

5:00 p.m. Tim Timko  
8:30 a.m. Olivia Zigarovich  
11:00 a.m. Daniel Gelet

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 p.m. Carla Gilronan, Ron Gilronan  
8:30 a.m. Ellie Gates, Jamie Taneri  
11:00 a.m. Scott Freer, Regina Speaker



**OFFERTORY SUMMARY~December 26, 2021 (WK 26)**

	LAST WK	YTD
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 7,280.00*	\$ 188,481.00*
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 188,994.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$ 11.00	\$ (513.00)
<b>Performance</b>	100%	99%

\*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 725.00 LAST WK — \$ 20,835.00 YTD  
Christmas YTD \$9,159.00  
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 38.00 (16 out of 40)

**POT-OF-GOLD**

#461 drawn on 12/29/2021

**!!WINNER!! James & Kathy Funtulis**  
Amount: \$145.00



**IT ALL COMES DOWN NEXT SUNDAY!**

Next Sunday, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord brings to a close our Christmas season in church. Because of the way Christmas and New Year fell this year it is one of the shortest Christmas seasons in church...only 15 days! We will be disassembling the environment after 11:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday. You are welcomed to help if you can.

**PSR / YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE**

PSR and Youth Ministry sessions resume next Sunday at their regular time.

**COFFEE & DONUTS**

Next Sunday  
after the 8:30 and the 11:00 Masses.



*Check the parish website from time to time for information about what is happening at the parish...*

[www.stwilliamchampion.org](http://www.stwilliamchampion.org)



**PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS**

Call the parish office at 330-847-8677 or email [parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org](mailto:parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org)

**WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS**

**Epiphany of the Lord**

*"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." (MATTHEW 2:11)*

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

**NEW MEMBERS**

**Malone Family**

Nelson & Angela (Flamini)

*Welcome to our parish family.*  
May you find warmth and spiritual growth in our parish.



†† RECENT DEATH ††

**Our Sincere Sympathy**

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

**Wayne Lenhart**

*Father of Ross Lenhart*

*May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*



## FISH DINNER NEWS!

- ❖ Fish Dinner Committee meets Tuesday, January 4 at 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ Fish Dinner Worker Meeting: Thursday, February 10 at 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ **OUR "FABULOUS FISH DINNERS"** begin on Friday, February 25



This year "Dine-In and Carry Out"

## THE PARISH CALENDAR

- Jan 3 ~ Parish Office Closed
- Jan 3 ~ RCIA at Mount Carmel Niles 7:00 p.m.
- Jan 4 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
- Jan 4 ~ Fish Dinner Committee 6:30 p.m.
- Jan 5 ~ Women's Guild 6:00 p.m.
- Jan 5 ~ Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.
- Jan 9 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.
- Jan 9 ~ Youth Ministry 12:00 noon

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

## Power UP → Reconnect PARKING LOT PROJECT UPDATE

January Pledge Payments can be made to the Parish Office or dropped in the Sunday collection. *Thank you!*

**THANK YOU** to all who have made a commitment to our Parking Lot Renovation

Goal:	\$380,000.00
Parish Funds	\$100,000.00
Total Pledged	<b>\$110,490.00</b>
Total Collected	\$ 73,435.00
Goal Balance:	\$169,435.00

Project. You can still make a pledge and/or donation to this project. The more funds collected NOW the less that will have to be borrowed. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

## GOLD, FRANKINCENSE & MYRRH

Gold reveals that the babe in the manger is actually a king; frankincense tells us that HE is God incarnate; myrrh tells us that he has come to die. That someone would redeem God's people through suffering and death was foretold by Isaiah.

## WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

### Next Meeting:

Meeting: January 5, 2022  
6:00 p.m. Social ~ 6:30 p.m. Meeting



Membership in the Women's Guild is open to women 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. If interested in joining, join us at a regularly scheduled meeting.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #7491



### Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. If interested in joining, please visit our web site at [www.knights7491.org](http://www.knights7491.org)

## CHANGE OF PERSONAL STATUS

Have you changed your telephone number? Has your personal status changed? Please notify the parish office and help us keep our records current.

## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING PRAYER

The Feast of Epiphany is traditionally a day to bless our homes for the upcoming year. As the Holy Family welcomed the three wise astrologers, we too, pray for blessings to come upon our homes and all who visit in the coming year. The family is asked to gather at the doorway of the home and say the following prayer:

*May we who live in this home guard  
the sacredness of this doorway.*

*May God protect all who enter and  
leave through this door.*

*May we welcome all to this home in the name of Christ.*

*May the blessing of God and His peace and grace  
rest upon all who pass this threshold. AMEN.*

After the prayer, the following mark is written above the doorway in chalk

**20 + C + M + B + 22**

These letters represent the three initials of the Magi's names, Casper, Melchoir and Balthazar. The numbers at the beginning and end represent the year and are separated by four crosses. The letters are also the Latin abbreviation for "Christus mansionem benedicat," which means "Christ blesses this house."

**Power UP→Reconnect with the Word  
SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS**

“They were overjoyed at seeing the star”. Gathered with the Magi as we stand at the beginning of a new year, let us resolve to enter this year of God’s grace by sharing our joy at seeing the star of God’s love shining upon our hearts and homes. What better way to do this than to join with others in our parish community and share the joyful journey that, like the Magi, has you discovering the presence of Christ among us. *Sign-up begins next weekend for our small faith sharing group opportunities.*

**FIRST FRIDAY CLUB OF GREATER YOUNGSTOWN**

The speaker for February 3, 2022 is Mr. Jesse McClain, Deacon, Saint Patrick Youngstown. We will carpool from Saint William promptly at 10:45am. Lunch is served at 11:30 am followed by the speaker at noon and ending at 1:00pm. Kindly register by Friday, January 21. Cost is \$18.00. Please makes checks payable to St. William Parish.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

Have you ever thought of memorializing a special event – birthday, anniversary, or any other special happening? Mass intentions are not limited to only remembering loved ones who have passed away; they can also be offered to commemorate a special event such as a birthday, anniversary or other special moments. In addition, Mass can also be offered for other causes as well – the sick, lonely, unemployed, less fortunate etc. We are currently in need of Mass Intentions for upcoming weekday Masses during the summer. Please contact the parish office or drop your requests in the collection basket. If you are remembering a special event please be sure to include that with your request. The customary offering is \$10.00 for each intention.

***St. William Parish Community  
Membership Form***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check One:**

- I am interested in membership, please send registration form
- Moving out of the parish
- Change of address / phone number

*Drop this form in the collection basket, USPS mail, or send us an email!*

**~Contact~**

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**Rev. Michael D. Balash**, Pastor  
**Robert Mintus**, Deacon  
**Tina McCue**, Pastoral Associate  
**Patricia Maciejewski**, Music Director  
**Carol Timko**, Religious Education  
**Therese Tuttle**, Business Manager  
**Dan Robinson**, Office Manager  
**Chuck Poponak**, Maintenance Manager

**~Celebrate~**

**Mass Times**

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Weekdays - 8:30 a.m. Tuesday - Friday  
Holydays - Check weekly bulletin  
Liturgy of the Word Service - Monday 8:30 a.m.

**Reconciliation**

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

**Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage, Holy Orders** ~ Contact the Parish Office.

**~Christian Formation~**

**Parish School of Religion (PSR)**

Sunday Morning Gr. K-8 ~ 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Afternoon Gr. 9-12 ~ 12:00 -1:30 p.m.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

Sunday Mornings ~ 9:30-10:45 a.m.

**Adult and Teen Enrichment**

Offered throughout the year. Consult the bulletin.

**John F. Kennedy Catholic School**

[www.warrenjfk.com](http://www.warrenjfk.com)

**~Service~**

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

**Bulletin Deadline:** Wednesday 12:00 noon