

# St. William Parish

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December 12, 2021 ~ Third Sunday of Advent



## “Together We Wait”

As we mark the Third Sunday of Advent this weekend, we reach the halfway point of our season with just two weeks left before Christmas. The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as *GAUDETE* (gow-da-tay) Sunday – a Latin term meaning “Rejoice!” Our readings today are filled with images of rejoicing! The prophet Zephaniah tells us to shout for joy, for the Lord is in our midst. Likewise, Saint Paul insists that the Lord is near and exhorts us to rejoice in the Lord. And although it takes a more somber tone, even the gospel reading speaks of rejoicing as John the Baptist warns his followers that there is still time to turn to God before the wheat is gathered and the chaff is burned. The readings of Advent emphasize an important element of discipleship. The kingdom of God is both “here” and “not yet.” God is present in our lives, yet we still look for the time when God’s kingdom will come to full fruition. We are never not in the presence of God, yet we know there will be a time when war and poverty, injustice and division will be no more. For this promise we can joyfully *rejoice* as we wait in hope and commit ourselves to spreading the reign of God.



John comes to us this third week of Advent as the awakener of our sense of justice. It is not easy to hear prophetic voices over the outer noise of the shopping centers or the inner noise of what still needs to be done by Christmas. Yet these are the days when we are encouraged to take some time each day to be mindful of what Advent should be about in our lives. In a few moments of prayer, sacred reading, and quiet time, we can reach into our inner depths and discover God’s grace within us. Now is the time before Christmas to spend a few moments each day contemplating the voice of God in our hearts; to listen to where God might be calling us and to what he is calling us to. *Together we wait...*

*Have a great week! ~ Fr. Balash*



~ December 12-19, 2021 ~  
Third Sunday of Advent

**DECEMBER 12, 2021**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **THOMAS GROSS**/ Marygrace & Ron Clark  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **PETE SEXTON**/ Brian & Andrea Kochunas  
11:00 a.m. † **RON SPRAGUE**/ Ann Sprague

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **ANGELA NATURALE**/ Mary Pytlik  
Wed 8:30 p.m. † **MO THUMAN**/ Carl & Gloria Karafa  
Thur 8:30 a.m. ♥ **JOE & KAREN KUSMIEREK 55<sup>th</sup>**  
**ANNIVERSARY**/ Family  
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **DAVID BAILEY**/ Brittany Purcell

**DECEMBER 19, 2021**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **CAMELLA & WALTER POWELL**/ Family  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **Y'BARBO FAMILY**/ Helen Y'Barbo Snyder  
11:00 a.m. † **MURPH GELET**/ Knights of Columbus #4791

*Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:*

~ December 19, 2021 ~  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Micah 5: 1-4**

*Thus says the LORD: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me ...*

**Hebrews 10: 5-10**

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire ..."

**Luke 1: 39-45**

*Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah ...*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

December 18/19, 2021

**Lectors**

5:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Viviane Watson  
8:30 a.m. Christine DePascale, Ed Runyan  
11:00 a.m. Eddie Kuhn, Dominic Kuhn

**Servers**

5:00 p.m. Therese Tuttle  
8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale  
11:00 a.m. Marianne Babnik

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 p.m. Ted Bogan, Bob Mintus  
8:30 a.m. Carole Baniak, Bob Mintus  
11:00 a.m. Sandra Hudak, Bob Mintus



**OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ December 5, 2021 (WK 23)**

	LAST WK	YTD
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 8,783.00*	\$ 166,905.00*
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 167,187.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$ 1,514.00	\$ (282.00)
<b>Performance</b>	121%	100%

\*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 605.00 LAST WK — \$ 18,685.00 YTD  
Envelopes ~ 194 out of 531  
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 11.00 (9 out of 40)

**POT-OF-GOLD**

#110 drawn on 12/8/2021

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$1,326.00



**CONGRATULATIONS  
CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE WINNERS!!!!**

December 5: Gary & Ellie Gates  
December 7: Draper Eltman  
December 9: Rachel Joseph



**THE WINNING CONTINUES THIS  
WEEK and the GRAND PRIZE  
DRAWING IS NEXT SUNDAY DECEMBER 19!**

**2021 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS**

Wednesday, December 29, 2021 is the last day to make a contribution to the church for the 2021 tax year. All contributions made after December 29 will be credited to the 2022 tax year. All donations to the Parking Lot Renovation Project made before December 29 will be included on your Parish Donation Statement for 2021.

**PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE**

The Parish Life Committee meeting scheduled for this Thursday, December 16 is postponed. It will now be held on Thursday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m.

**NEW MEMBERS**

**Fredericka Family**

James & Lou Ann



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

**WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS**

**First Sunday of Advent**

*"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)*

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

†† RECENT DEATH ††

**Our Sincere Sympathy**

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

**Phyllis Conner**

Mother of Patty Hovanic

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

## KOLACHI BAKE

### *Rescheduled Date!*

Kolachi Bake: December 16, 2021 @ 8:00 a.m.

Prep Work - 8:00 am

Rolling - 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Baking - 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Wrapping 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm

**Nut, Apricot, Poppy Kolachi - \$10 each**  
Available for pick-up from 5:00 - 6:00 pm only

## FISH DINNER NEWS!

Our Fish Dinners are tentatively scheduled to begin on Friday, February 25, 2022. We are anticipating returning to in-house dining and take-out. The Fish Dinner Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. to work out details and particulars to insure an efficient and smooth process for ordering, purchasing, and receiving Fish Dinners. The annual Fish Dinner Worker Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Interested in helping with this year's dinners? Call the Parish Office to get on the list.

## HELP NEEDED

PSR is in need of someone to help in Grades 7 & 8. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Carol Timko or call the parish office.

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

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

## Power UP → Reconnect

### PARKING LOT PROJECT UPDATE

Goal: \$380,000.00

Parish Funds \$100,000.00

Total Pledged \$ 77,850.00

*Total Collected \$45,920.00*

Goal Balance: \$202,150.00

**THANK YOU** to all who have responded with a commitment to our Parking Lot Renovation Project.

There is still time to make a pledge to this effort. Please turn in your pledge cards as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

## THE PARISH CALENDAR

Dec 13 ~ Christmas Cash Raffle #10

Dec 13 ~ RCIA at Mt. Carmel Niles 7:00 p.m.

Dec 14 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.

Dec 15 ~ Christmas Cash Raffle #11

Dec 15 ~ K of C Christmas Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Dec 15 ~ Folk Group Practice 7:00 p.m.

Dec 16 ~ Women's Guild Kolachi Bake 8:00 a.m.

Dec 16 ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

Dec 17 ~ Christmas Cash Raffle #12

Dec 18 ~ Youth Choir Practice 10:00 a.m.

Dec 19 ~ Christmas Cash Raffle Grand Prize Drawing

Dec 19 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.

Dec 19 ~ Instrument Practice 1:00 p.m.

*Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events*

## 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, December 15, 2021 at 6:00 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)

## CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA!

Looking for the perfect gift for family members? Consider gifting them with the Word of God. We have a limited number of Catholic Children's Bibles and Catholic Family Bibles for a discounted sale price of \$15.00. Bibles will be available for sale after Masses, or you can contact the parish office.

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### Christmas Weekend ~ Friday-Sunday December 24-26

Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 25 – Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m.

*No 5:00 p.m. Evening Mass on Saturday, Christmas Day*

Sunday, December 26 – Feast of the Holy Family 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

### New Year Weekend ~ Saturday – Sunday January 1-2

Saturday January 1 – New Year's Day 10:00 a.m.

*New Year's Day is a holy day but the obligation to attend Mass for New Year's is dispensed this year.*

*No 5:00 p.m. Evening Mass on Saturday, New Year's Day*

Sunday, January 2 – Feast of Epiphany 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

## THANK YOU

PARISH DINNER. It was wonderful to see all the parishioners together...visiting with others while sharing a great meal and enjoying Santa's visit and the reading of 'Follow the Star.' Thank you to all those who lent their nativity sets to the event and to the committee's hard work. Thank you to the Youth Ministry for helping prepare food throughout the week, and most importantly, THANK YOU PARISHIONERS for attending and sharing an early Christmas! Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas Season. *The Parish Dinner Committee.*



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

"Rejoice in the Lord always, I shall say it again, rejoice!" As we come to this Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday, let us discover ways in which we can share the joy of our faith. As missionary disciples on a journey, we are called to joyfully proclaim our love of God. What better way to do that than to come together with others of like faith and rejoice in our blessings from God. *Consider joining a small faith sharing group here in the parish to rejoice always in the Lord. As you gather with friends and family over the Advent and Christmas season, begin to think about who you might want to invite to be part of a small faith sharing group.*

## FIRST FRIDAY CLUB OF GREATER YOUNGSTOWN

The speaker for January 6, 2022 is Ms. Tina Whitehead, UMC Missionary in the Holy Land. We will carpool from Saint William promptly at 10:45 a.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. followed by the speaker at 12:00 Noon and ending at 1:00 p.m. Register by Wednesday, December 22. Cost is \$18.00. Please make checks payable to St. William Parish.

## 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