

Joy to the world



The Lord has come

Dear Saint William Parishioners,

Today we gather and celebrate the great feast of Christmas – a child is born to us who is Christ the Lord! As the angels heralded the coming of Christ, we greet each other this day with joy and blessings. May the presence of Christ and the peace of Christmas be always in our heart and soul.

This has truly been a special and blessed time for our parish. In the midst of face coverings, physical distance, and sanitizer our parish has continued to prosper and unfold as a vibrant living community of faith and hope. Our ministry, outreach, and service to God's people remain a bright light shining forth in our community. For these rich blessings, we are very grateful to our loving God.

We have welcomed new families and faces and sadly have said good-bye to some familiar and longtime members. During this holiday season, let us rejoice in all our achievements and keep in prayer our loved ones who have embraced eternal life.

As we look towards a New Year may our hope and wish be that our parish will continue to be a beacon of light and joy in our journey to the kingdom of God. During this Christmas season and in the coming months may God's love and presence continue to shine brightly in each of us.

May the Song of the Angels this Christmas fill your heart with peace, hope, and love and may the coming New Year be one of great blessings and joy.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from All of Us at Saint William Parish!*

Rev. Michael D. Balash

Robert Mintus – Tina McCue

Patricia Maciejewski – Carol Timko

Therese Tuttle – Dan Robinson – Chuck Poponak



From the Office of the Bishop, Most Reverend David J. Bonnar

Dear Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Diocese of Youngstown,

First time experiences are always special. These historic moments have a way of lasting forever. Every year at Christmas we as a Church, after much preparation and long-awaited anticipation, celebrate with joy and hope. We rejoice not only over the lasting memory of that first Christmas, but also over the glorious reality of our present experience rooted in the Good News of the Word made flesh that dwells among us.

The sacred crèche of Jesus, Mary and Joseph adorns our homes and churches and brings that first Christmas into our present day. We cannot help but sing that age-old hymn: "O come let us adore Him. O come let us adore Him. O come let us adore Him. Christ the Lord," as we welcome once again the Christ child into our midst.

The celebration of Christmas is so rich that there are four different Masses that include the Vigil, Night, Dawn and Day. In each of these times, the prayers and readings are unique. What is more, the sacredness and depth of this Christmas mystery cannot be confined to one day, and so we traditionally celebrate the Christmas Octave (or eight-day week), which in fact signals one long day that transitions into a season. Indeed, first time experiences are rich and forever!

In the first reading from the Midnight Mass, we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah. He says: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwell in the land of gloom, a light has shone" (Isaiah 9:1). Christmas commemorates the coming of Jesus, the light of the world, into our lives.

In a world riddled with the darkness of sin and suffering, we need this light. With Christians throughout the world, we behold this light that illuminates our darkness. But it is never enough to just look at this light.

The Gospel for the Mass of the Day recounts the role of John the Baptist. We hear these words: "He was not the light, but came to testify to the light" (John 1:8). Like John the Baptist, we too are called through our Christian baptism to testify to the light. This means that we make every effort in our thoughts, words, and deeds to be missionary disciples of Jesus who always exude light and hope especially in moments of darkness. Imagine how much brighter this world could be, not to mention how even richer our celebration of Christmas could be, if only we would welcome and testify to that light.

As I celebrate my first Christmas with you as Bishop of Youngstown, please know how grateful I am for the light and gift that you all are to this local Church and to me. I wish you many blessings and lots of light. Together as we continue our journey let us resolve to testify to the light and never stop praying: *That All May Be One*. Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend David J. Bonnar,
Bishop of Youngstown



We Remember Our Parishioners and Relatives

Terry Troyan	Edward Dillon	Frank Iannizzaro	Eleanor Poland
Carole Runyan	Joseph Badanjek	Susan Tucker	Lawrence Griffin
David Banic	Stanley Rolf	Madonna Jeffers	Ronald Wisniewski
James McQuade	Joann Majersky	James Potts	Charlotte Trunick
Barb Brdek	Franklin Amoline	Douglas Gradishar	Angelo Natural
Donna Jenny	Vincent Pavis	Angela Tombar	Mary Ellen Hoolihan
William Sauer	Elizabeth Petrosky	Bernadette Fox	Shawn Oliver
Millie Bova	Dorothy Johnson	Ethel Weeks	Vivian Flamini
Margaret Johns	Gordon Sanders	Robert Chura	Robert Robison
Helen Gulish	Barry Sturm	Thomas Gross	Mary Ann Schultz
Joseph Emerine	Gerald Gbur	Pete Sexton	Phyllis Connor
Donald Lesh	Ronald Mooney	Amedeo Salvador	Frederick Stosik
Gerald "Jerry" Ott	Julia Albani	Mary Beth Gelet	Maureen Stosik

Saint William Parish ~ Christmas 2021

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

New Year Weekend ~ Saturday-Sunday January 1-2

Saturday, January 1 – 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 2 – 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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.



**They're Back!!!!
OUR "FABULOUS
FISH DINNERS"**
Eat In / Take Out
Fridays: February 25 ~ April 8

Power UP →Reconnect NEW Parking Lot Project

Be a part of our new Parking Lot Renovation Project happening this summer (*hopefully!*) The project includes:

- ~a new boulevard entrance from Mahoning Avenue
- ~the demolition of the current south entrance
- ~installation of new parking lot lighting
- ~green space
- ~complete resurfacing of our existing space including the north exit driveway
- ~storm water management system.

Our **Power UP→Reconnect New Parking Lot Project Campaign is underway!** All parishioners are asked to make \$1,000.00 pledge over the next 5 months (December – April 2022).

To date we have received:

Goal:	\$380,000.00
Parish Funds	\$100,000.00
Total Pledged	\$105,756.00
<i>Total Collected</i>	<i>\$65,650.00</i>
Goal Balance:	\$174,244.00

Many thanks to all who have made a commitment to our Parking Lot Renovation Project. There is still time to make a pledge to this effort! Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Flower Fund Donations

Thank you for your generous offerings in loving honor/memory of your loved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Walker
Douglas Jacobson
Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Podojil
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stanley
Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Podojil Sr.
Frank J Podojil Jr.
Murph Gelet
The Fordeley Family
The Kittle Family
Paul, Clara and Margaret Renfle
Charles and Kay Pascute
Edward J. Kane
Peter Tarr
The deceased members of the Antonelli and Masciangelo Family
The Baniak Family
Vincent G Kochunas
Martha H Kochunas
Allison Lough
Todd P Terlesky
Joseph R. Jenyk Sr.
Paul Jenyk
Thomas Gross
Gertie and Larry Jurezyk
Jean and Dick Brugler
Joseph Babnik
John Valentino
Ron and Brenten Faler
Bob Ashdown
Joseph Mintus
Mary Grace Kellar

Ann Lucanski
Vivian Flamini
The Cirillo Family
Emil and Bernice Soltis
Larry Dines
Paul Hatch
John Maus
Toni Hostetler
Richard Robinson
Albert Franek
Martin and Mary Frenchie
Martin and Mary Franek
Joyce Scott
Nicholas and Catherine Manusakis
The Tunnicliff Family
The Jeffers Family
The Gargano Family
Angela and William Tombar
Pete and Edith Ozanich
Fred and Evelyn Marks
Bob and Ann Letavish
Clarence and Rose Gedeon
Ken Sr. and Fidelia Weeks
Michael Abenante
Mike Abenante Sr.
Ethel Weeks
Joseph and Violet Rubinic
John Termine
Catherine Vistyck
Ann Kolar
Charles M. Poponak Sr.

The William Burns Family
The Donaghy Family
Agnes M. Novik
Bill and Amelia Graham
Nick and Anna Achim
Nick and Clara Graham
Ralph, Danny and Marianna Achim
Vincent and Josephine DiGiacobbe
Emidio and Theresa DiGiacobbe
John, Mary and Janet Bench
Chester and Bernie DiGiacobbe
Edward Dillon
Francis Mendenhall
Stanley Rolf
The Bohovich Family
Michael Balash by Dorothy Balash and Family
The Mercandino Family
The Garito Family
Mary Helen Ketter McKenney
Ronald Mooney
Ray and Rachel Hart
Marvin Perrine
Mike Hart
William Newmiller
Andrew and Anna Furchak
Tony and Anna Jane Ambrose
Bob Furchak
Carol Davis



Christmas 2021

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John Senkowitz Sr.	Angeline and Joseph Lucci	William and Leonard Kalman
Geraldine Shinely	Andy, Anna, and Ralph Karafa	The Karafa Family
The deceased members of the DiTosti Family	The Mercandino Family	The Kiepper Family
The deceased members of the DelGarbino Family	The Conlon Family	Joseph and Ann Groth
The deceased members of the Liberatore Family	The Rogel Family	James and Minie Groth
The deceased members of the Astolfi Family	The Maichrowicz Family	Brenda Groth
Mr. and Mrs. Feliz Y'Barbo and Family	Bowser Family Members	James E. Holko
Lazarine Family	Kusic Family Members	Thomas Holko
Cliff and Cheryl Foley and Family	Arleen and David Frankhart	The Gray Family
Kelli Swain	Thomas Frankhart	Mike, Bertha, Michael, and Dennis Kufchak
The Graham Family	Viktor and Anna Belley and deceased children	George, Dorothy, William, and Richard Miller
Steve Millik	Robert Frankhart	Richard Hudak Sr.
The Deceased members of the Naturale Family	White and Emery Families	Joseph and Margaret Hudak
Lex Prindle	Letscher Family	Ernest and Norma Bender
Louann Prindle	Eskay Family	Donna and Louis Bobos
Gary Prindle	Steve Ulicny	Peg and Tom Snyder
Stephanie Tombor	Bridget Ulicny	Steven Snyder
Denise Tobor Fox	The Mendik Family	Granddaughter Erin Kathleen Shay
Steve and Mary Tombor Sr.	The Daugherty Family	The Teddie Agues Family
Lou Krivanek	Claude Lulek	Walter and Carmella Powell
Richard L. Jones	Mary Drabek	Steve and Lavinia Flask
Lena and Karl Lozner	Andrew Drabek	The Flask Family
John and Eva Vastag	The Koren Family	The Tobacco Family
The Peggy Timko Family	Andrew Majersky	Alice Flask
In honor of Deacon Bob Mintus	JoAnn Majersky	Ruth Burggraf
John and Charlene Boucher	Betty Petrosky	The Russell Family
Paul McCummins	The Hudak and Craiger Family Members	The Kirkwood Family
Suzie Mintus	The Eltman Family	Joe Cicchillo
Tom and Helen Caszatt	The Meleski Family	Robert Ridenour
Frank J. Bubba	Paul McCummins	Mary Ann Lanahan
George and Joanna Palcich Jr.	Suzie Mintus	Michael Lanahan
Barb Brdek	The Humason Family	Jeremy Bynum
Joseph and Helen Gulish	David Mendik	The Kufchak Family
Joseph and Freda Kusmierenk	Paul Mendik	David Hughes II
Regina Kelly	Mo Thuman	Mr. and Mrs. Dom Ceroli
George and JoAnne Holko	Ted Pytlik	Marlene Ceroli
Dale R. Dockery	Ida Mae and Jerry Switter	Mr. and Mrs. Earl Osborne
Charles and Sandra Dunavant	Angela Tombar	Frank Stupar Sr.
Mary Cikra	William Tombar Sr	Dolores A. Stupar
The Deceased members of the Robinson Families	Al and Nancy Moldovan	Andrew J. Durica
The Deceased members of the Hummel Families	Joseph and Ruth Layshock	Susana Durica
Larry Griffin	The Layshock Family	Joseph and Stella Yankle
Stella Ewanish	The Gentis Family	Jean and Carmen Pinti
Rocca, Pearl and Eugene DelGarbino	Karen Bogan	Valeria, Alex, Benny, Viola and Ed Telega
	George and Carmella Powell	In memory of Ted Pytlik
	Matthew and Mildred Laginya	In honor of Mary Pytlik
	Richard Lenhart	In memory of Billie and Don Withens
	Stephen M Timko, Sr.	Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jacobson
	Mary M. Timko	Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jacobson
	Susan M. Timko	
	Veronica Means	