

St. William Parish

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January 9, 2022 ~ Feast of the Baptism of the Lord



“Let us proclaim all the wonders we’ve seen!”

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – the final feast day of our Christmas season and in doing so we bring to a close Christmas in our church. This feast is the culmination of our Christmas season, but more importantly, it also reminds us of our continual call and challenge to live our baptism as members of the Body of Christ. At the time of John the Baptist, baptism was performed as a ritual of cleansing and repentance. The one who entered into the waters was publicly proclaiming their sin and desire to be washed clean of its effects. In today’s gospel, John identifies the difference between the baptism he performs and the one that will be offered by Jesus. In Jesus, there is not only the cleansing from sin but also the newness of life. When Jesus comes out of the waters, he witnesses *“the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.”* In the dove we find the symbol of peace, hearkening back to the dove that brought Noah an olive branch to signal the end of the great flood and a new covenant between God and us. This is an affirmation of Jesus’ identity as God’s beloved Son who is anointed to bring God’s spirit of peace to all people. This event also inaugurates Jesus’ mission to preach the Good News and proclaim the kingdom. At our baptism, we received the same call to share in the mission of the Gospel and that call remains ever present in each one of us today. Baptism is not only for repentance but also an entry into the death and resurrection of Jesus. We have been called to bear the light and life of God to all. As we close this season of



Christmas, we are invited to reflect on what we have experienced throughout this holy season. What have we encountered in the gospels of Christmas, the Holy Family, Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord that has touched us in a new and different way? What might we need to do in the coming months to cast away our anxiety, fear, and doubt? Today, as we celebrate the baptism of the Lord may the grace of our own baptism be stirred anew within us so we might continue to be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit prompting us to do what is good, bring forth justice, and seek the lost.

The conclusion of the Christmas season also means the disassembling of our Christmas environment. I would like to thank all who helped in anyway with this year’s decorations, those who generously donated towards our Christmas flowers and to everyone who participated in our wonderful Christmas celebrations. They were truly celebrations of good faith and filled with the spirit of Christmas. I also offer my sincerest thanks and gratitude to all of you for your kindness, trust, support, and generosity shown to the parish during this Christmas and during the past year.

Have a great week! ~ Fr. Balash



~ January 9-16, 2022 ~
Baptism of the Lord

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
Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **JANICE KUNOVICH**/ Theresa Craiger
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **BILL SAUER**/ Mary Pytlik
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **ANGELA TOMBAR**/ Maryann & Jerome Drabek
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **LOU KRIVANEK**/ Joan Krivanek

JANUARY 16, 2022

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **LARRY GRIFFIN**/ St. John Paul Prayer Circle
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **DOROTHY JOHNSON**/ JoAnn & Arnold Beller
11:00 a.m. † **MO THUMAN**/ Church Ladies & Friends

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ January 16, 2022 ~
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62: 1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn...

1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

Brothers and sisters: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service...

John 2: 1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

January 16, 2022

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Theresa Petrosky, Donna Runtas
8:30 a.m. Treva Pytlik, Mike Trunick
11:00 a.m. Eddie Kuhn, Dominic Kuhn

Servers

5:00 p.m. Alexa Szykulski
8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale
11:00 a.m. Marianne Babnik

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Felicia Mooney, Bob Mintus
8:30 a.m. Frank Pytlik, Bob Mintus
11:00 a.m. Dan Gelet, Bob Mintus



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ January 5, 2022 (WK 27)

| | LAST WK | YTD |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Sunday Collection | \$ 7,340.00* | \$ 195,821.00* |
| Amount Needed | \$ 7,269.00 | \$ 196,263.00 |
| Difference | \$ 71.00 | \$ (442.00) |
| Performance | 101% | 100% |

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 1,440.00 LAST WK — \$ 22,275.00 YTD
Christmas YTD \$9,614.00
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 6.00 (3 out of 40)

POT-OF-GOLD

#461 drawn on 1/5/2022

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$156.00



LITURGY COMMITTEE

The Parish Liturgy Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. (Note: Special Day and time!) to begin planning the Lenten Season.

NAIM CLUB

Pizza Party!!! Luncheon Meeting,
Thursday, January 13 at 12:30
p.m. in Room 103. Questions?:
Call Barb at 330-847-8375.



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.

WARM HEARTS FOR WARM HOMES

Catholic Charities created the Warm Hearts for Warm Homes campaign in 2008 in response to the economic recession impacting many local families. Unfortunately, the need for this annual campaign still exists 14 years later. Warm Hearts for Warm Homes aims to provide utility assistance during the cold winter months to families with children, working poor adults, and older adults on fixed incomes. More information, including ways to support this campaign with you prayers and financial support, can be found at www.ccdoy.org. Donate online; give today in your parish; or, mail checks to Catholic Charities, 144 Wood St. Youngstown, OH 44503. Thank you for your generosity.

WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

The Baptism of the Lord

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...' " (LUKE 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that *"Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will."* In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

†† RECENT DEATHS ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Katherine Shellhammer

and

Lorraine Herbert

Sister of Helen Cavalcante

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

FISH DINNER NEWS!

- ❖ Worker Sign-Up Sheets Available NEXT WEEKEND!
- ❖ Fish Dinner Worker Meeting: Thursday, February 10 – 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ **OUR “FABULOUS FISH DINNERS”** begin on Friday, February 25, 2022
- ❖ This year “Dine-In* and Carry Out”
(*Subject to change)



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 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!

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| Goal: | \$380,000.00 |
| Parish Funds | \$100,000.00 |
| Total Pledged | \$116,240.00 |
| Total Collected \$ | 78,385.00 |
| Goal Balance: | \$163,760.00 |

MASS FOR LIFE

Each year the Diocese hosts a Mass for Life as a prayerful reminder that we must protect and nurture human life at every stage of existence. This year the annual Mass for Life will be held on **Sunday, January 23, 2022** at 4:00 p.m. at Saint Columba Cathedral. Included at Mass will be a Blessing of Children in the Womb for all who are pregnant. A reception follows and all are welcome to attend.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Thank you to all cantors, singers, youth choir, alumni, and musicians for helping to celebrate our Christmas Masses. May God bless you in your ministry.

New for Winter Ordinary Time will be a new Mass setting: Mass of St. Mary Magdalene. We will learn and practice before Mass next weekend: the Holy, the Mystery of Faith/When We Eat this Bread, the Amen, and the Lamb of God. This setting is by Sarah Hart who has composed several of our songs in Breaking Bread. Her melodies are simple and beautiful and in a good range for singing. Let us enjoy this Mass setting, pick up our music books and join the heavenly hosts in praise and thanksgiving.



THE PARISH CALENDAR

- Jan 10 ~ RCIA at Mount Carmel Niles 7:00 p.m.
- Jan 11 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
- Jan 11 ~ Cantor Practice 7:00 p.m.
- Jan 12 ~ Liturgy Committee 6:00 p.m.
- Jan 13 ~ NAIM Club 12:30 p.m.
- Jan 16 ~ RCIA 9:30 a.m.
- Jan 16 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.
- Jan 16 ~ Youth Ministry 12:00 p.m.

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting:

Meeting: February 2, 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 19, 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



FIRST FRIDAY CLUB OF GREATER YOUNGSTOWN

First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown hosts a Catholic Speaker Luncheon series the first THURSDAY of every month. 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 make checks payable to St. William Parish.

JOIN THE PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Anyone interested in joining our group of parishioners dedicated to praying for the intentions and concerns of our church family, friends, and community, can do so by contacting the parish office at 330-847-8677 or by emailing parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org. Prayer requests can be made by calling or emailing the parish office.

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.

ONLINE GIVING

myEoffering is an easy and safe way to give your weekly financial gift to the church, sign up today. Questions??? Call the Parish Office.



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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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

~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