

St. William Parish

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February 6, 2022 ~ Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time



“Your faith will give you strength!”

As we continue our journey through Ordinary Time, we meet Jesus beginning his public ministry. Today, we hear about his call to the first disciples to follow and companion him in his ministry. All three of the readings for this Sunday contain a story of a “call” to different people, in different circumstances, with different social and religious status, yet all are touched by the divine initiative. In the gospel, Jesus reaches out to a fisherman. His choice of a common profession that is not particularly glamorous exemplifies his commitment to everyone, not just kings and priests. In doing so, we are drawn closer to Jesus. We hear of him standing on the lakeside with a crowd pressing in to hear the word of God. Significantly, Peter and his companions are not part of this crowd. They are tending to their nets after an unprofitable night’s fishing. Then Jesus, himself becomes a “fisherman.” He gets into Simon’s boat and puts out away from the shore to continue teaching the crowd. After that, Jesus addresses his words to Simon only, telling him to launch out into the deep and put down his net for a catch. Then a great reversal happens, as it does so often in the gospel and as it will for all those who are obedient to Jesus. Empty nets become full to the breaking point, and Peter’s personal encounter with Jesus leads to the call of James and John to help with the catch; emptiness becomes fullness. If we are honest with ourselves, we often tend to operate out of one of two mindsets, where the daily decisions we make are influenced by either what we have or what we do not have. Simply put, do we act with a mindset of scarcity or abundance? While we may rightly fluctuate between the two, our gospel today reminds us that Jesus provides us with more than enough, more than we can possibly ever imagine. As a result, we have the opportunity each day to choose to see what God has given us, rather than lamenting what we do not have. How have we responded to God’s generosity? Both Isaiah and Peter respond in fear and trepidation until they see God’s marvelous works. Jesus tells Peter and each of us, “*do not be afraid*” especially when we are doubtful or unsure. While fear is a natural and necessary part of life, with prayer, confidence, and trust in the Lord Jesus we *can* become who we are called to be – people of awe, gratitude, wonder, and faith!

Next weekend we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at all Masses. We believe that through this sacrament, the healing power of Jesus Christ comes to those in need. In the anointing of the sick, the whole person is helped through the grace of the Holy Spirit. Please see the announcement in today’s bulletin for more details.

Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash



~ **February 6-13, 2022** ~
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 6, 2022

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **ANGELA TOMBAR/** Carl & Gloria Karafa
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **DAVE FRITZMAN & FAMILY/** Kochunas Family
 11:00 a.m. † **MURPH GELET/** Mary Pytlik

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
 Tues 8:30 a.m. † **KATHERINE SHELLHAMMER/** Womens Guild
 Wed 8:30 a.m. † **MILLIE MURRAY/** Theresa & Jim White
 Thur 8:30 a.m. † **RUTH & ARTHUR KUSZMAUL/** Anonymous
 Fri 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**

FEBRUARY 13, 2022

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **CHRISTINA & WILLIAM HICKS/**
 Ron & Donna Runtas
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **ANGELO NATURALE/** Claudia Valimont
 11:00 a.m. † **ANGELO & VIVIAN FLAMINI/**
 Brian & Andrea Kochunas

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ **February 13, 2022** ~
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 17: 5-8

Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh...

1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

Brothers and sisters: If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead...

Luke 6: 17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

February 13, 2022

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Donna Runtas
 8:30 a.m. Sandy Frantz, Melanie Zappia
 11:00 a.m. Bob Kane, Dominic Kuhn

Servers

5:00 p.m. Alexa Szykulski
 8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale
 11:00 a.m. Taylor Kuhn

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Carol Timko, Bob Mintus
 8:30 a.m. Penny Hudak, Bob Mintus
 11:00 a.m. Jennifer Kusmierek, Bob Mintus



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ January 31, 2022 (WK 31)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 6,609.00*	\$ 222,987.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 225,339.00
Difference	\$ (660.00)	\$ (2,352.00)
Performance	91%	99%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 785.00 LAST WK — \$ 25,245.00 YTD
 Envelopes ~ 176 out of 527
 Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 9.00 (8 out of 40)

POT-OF-GOLD

#129 drawn on 2/2/2022

!!WINNER!! Michael & Christy Graham
Amount: \$454.00



LOOKING AHEAD!

Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday ~ March 2, 2022. Mass with the Distribution of Ashes will be at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Our Lenten Theme this year: **A Season of Fresh Hope!**



JOINT PARISH COUNCIL/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Parish Council and Finance Committee will meet jointly on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss final plans for the Parking Lot Renovation project this summer.

CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH
The Catholic Exponent

February is Catholic Press Month! The Catholic Exponent remains an important source of adult faith formation for our diocese. More than 25,000 homes already receive the Exponent. Through its coverage of local, national and world-wide events and news, the Exponent remains a fundamental resource for Catholics. Interested in subscribing??? To subscribe call the Parish Office for details or call the Catholic Exponent directly 330-744-5251 or email exposubscriptions@youngstowndiocese.org.

WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (ISAIAH 6:8)

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."

†† RECENT DEATHS ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Ann Marie Palcich

and

Gerald "Jerry" Terlep

Brother of Cathy Stocz

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

FISH DINNER NEWS!

FISH DINNER VOLUNTEER MEETING THIS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10 – 6:30 p.m.

Please plan to attend to learn about
“what’s new!” for this year!!!

**Our “FABULOUS FISH
DINNERS” RETURN!!!
In 3 Weeks!**



THE PARISH CALENDAR

Feb 7 ~ RCIA at Mount Carmel, Niles 7:00 p.m.
Feb 7 ~ Parish Council/Finance Committee 7:00 p.m.
Feb 8 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Feb 10 ~ NAIM Group 12:30 p.m.
Feb 10 ~ Fish Dinner Volunteer Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Feb 10 ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
Feb 13 ~ Stories & Scripture 9:30 a.m.
Feb 13 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.
Feb 13 ~ Youth Ministry 12:00 noon

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at all Masses next weekend. We believe that Christ acts in and through his Body -the Church- to exercise his healing power in our world today, much the same as when he walked the streets of the earth. We pray always for total healing – physical, emotional, and spiritual – of the person through this sacrament. Those who should be anointed include:

- ❖ The sick – those who have an illness that could become serious;
- ❖ Senior Citizens – because of age;
- ❖ Those who are to undergo surgery because of serious illness;
- ❖ Children who are ill, whose illness could become serious;
- ❖ Those who have been previously anointed, but whose sickness continues, or who have been considered in a new danger from sickness.

By the anointing of the sick, the whole person is helped through the grace of the Holy Spirit. This sacrament enables us to participate, in a deeper way, in the Paschal Mystery, and so to live and accept our life circumstances in the light of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Please encourage those in need of healing to receive this sacrament and let us all continue to pray for those who suffer in any way, that God will manifest His healing power upon them

NAIM CLUB

Luncheon Meeting, Thursday, February 10 at 12:30 p.m.
Meet at Enzo’s Restaurant at 2918 Elm Rd. NE
(Not meeting at Church)
Questions?: Call Barb at 330-847-8375



ANNUAL WHITE MASS FOR ALL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

The annual White Mass – celebrating and recognizing the ministry and work of those in health professions – will be held on Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Columba Cathedral. All are welcome to attend. Bishop Bonnar will preside.

WOMEN’S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting:

Meeting: March 9, 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, February 16, 2022 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

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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

Power UP → Reconnect

PARKING LOT PROJECT UPDATE

Make your February Pledge Payment today! Our pledge campaign ends in April! Payments can be made to the Parish Office or dropped in the Sunday collection. Thank you!

~Special Request~

Please do not include Pledge Payments as part of your Sunday weekly donation. A separate check for Pledge Payments is much appreciated.



PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Call the parish office at 330-847-8677 or email parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org

BULLETINS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you know of a parishioner who is homebound or in a nursing home or assisted living and would like to receive a weekly bulletin, please notify the office with their name and address.



2021 Contribution Tax Statements

If you are in need of a copy of your 2021 Contributions **for itemizing deductions on your tax return**, please fill out the following coupon and return it to the Parish Office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Statements will be available in the vestibule.

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 March 3, 2022 is Reverend John Jerek, Diocesan Director of the Permanent Deacon Formation. We will carpool from St. William promptly at 10:45 a.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. followed by the speaker at Noon and ending at 1:00 p.m. Kindly register by Friday, February 18. Cost is \$18.00. Please make checks payable to St. William Parish.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

St. William Youth Minister will be collecting non-perishable goods and monetary donations Super Bowl weekend as part of the nationwide Souper Bowl of Caring.



Non-Perishable goods will be given to the St. Vincent DePaul food pantries at St. Mary & Joseph Parish and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. *Monetary Donations* will be given to the Second Harvest Food Bank. Teens will collect donations after every Mass Super Bowl weekend, February 12 - 13. Please give generously on Super Bowl weekend.

SHARE THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL!

Small Christian Communities will be getting together the first and third Monday of the month to discuss and share thoughts on the Sunday scripture readings. Groups will begin on Monday, February 21 with the option of meeting from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. You are encouraged to bring a friend along with you. Sign up sheets are posted in the vestibule to help us with planning. Please contact Tina McCue at 330-883-2044 with any questions that you may have. *“It is my dream that parishes will form small groups for people to share their faith and support one another as they become disciples.”*
Bishop David Bonnar

SENIOR CITIZEN PASTA DINNER hosted by Trumbull County Catholic Teens!

It's back! Members of the parish over the age of 55 are cordially invited Saturday, March 12, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH (*new location!*) While there is no cost, tickets are required. Tickets will be available after weekend Masses beginning February 13 - February 27.

~Contact~

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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.

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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