

St. William Parish

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March 6, 2022 ~ First Sunday of Lent



“My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”

Every year on the First Sunday of Lent, the gospel proclaimed is the wilderness temptation of Jesus. Temptations can be difficult to avoid! Even the Lord’s Prayer concludes with the exhortation to *“lead us not into temptation.”* Jesus endures his time in the desert, facing the temptations of humanity, to model for us the way we should live as we endure similar circumstances. The temptations we hear of today are quite extraordinary, which is exactly the point. Not many of us would necessarily be tempted by the ability to turn stones into bread or jump from high precipices. These are not the types of temptations we encounter every day, yet they are especially significant because the devil knows and proclaims Jesus as the Son of God. Jesus makes it abundantly clear that he will not take the easy way out. Rather than succumbing to the temptations of comfort, convenience, and power, Jesus shows us that the path of life is through the cross. As believers, we strive to imitate Christ, yet sometimes this might seem impossible. How we emulate the divine that is in each one of us is our constant challenge. Jesus shows us the way by living out and struggling with his own humanity; much in the same way we do, so that the divine might shine forth. Our liturgical year offers us the rhythm for living out our life of faith. Each year we are blessed with the season of Lent that beckons us to reflect on the struggle of human weakness and become aware of our divine care.



We are invited to take up the practices of prayer, sacrifice, and almsgiving to bring us back into a right relationship with God and one another. This holy season is a time for all of us to examine and reflect upon our lives and to see where we might need improvement and growth as we anticipate celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord and our resurrection as well. This Lent we are given the opportunity to accept Jesus’s invitation to *“repent and believe in the gospel.”* This invitation echoes our parish theme *“A Season of Fresh Hope!”* As we begin this Lenten season, let us ask for God’s grace to sustain us; and for pardon and mercy for the times we have given into temptation. In doing so, may our hearts be mended so that we can offer a new kind of hope that brings us back to the message and mission of the gospel.

It has been some time since we have had two catechumens who are preparing to join the Church at Easter this year. This year we will return to the practice of offering cards of welcome and support to our “soon-to-be” new members of the Church. (*See today’s bulletin insert for more information.*) This weekend our catechumens celebrate the Rite of Sending at 8:30 a.m. Mass and the Rite of Election at Saint Columba Cathedral later Sunday afternoon. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they enter their immediate preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil this year!

Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash



~ **March 6-13, 2022** ~
First Sunday of Lent

MARCH 6, 2022

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **ROBERT & ROBERT, JR. CHURA/**
Donna & Ron Runtas
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **CAROLE RUNYAN/** Don & Martha Urchek
11:00 a.m. † **MURPH GELET/** Chuck & Sandy Hudak
Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **STEPHEN WASH/** Claudia Valimont
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **LARRY GRIFFIN/** Family
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **PAULINE LESH/** Theresa & Jim White
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **DONNA CRAIGER/** Theresa Craiger

MARCH 13, 2022

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **JOSEPH JENYK/** Family
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **KATHERINE SHELLHAMMER/**
Vince & Rita DeSalvo
11:00 a.m. † **ANN MARIE PALCICH/** Women's Guild

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ **March 13, 2022** ~
Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

The Lord God took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so..."

Philippians 3: 17—4:1

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves...

Luke 9: 28-36

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

March 13, 2022

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Theresa Petrosky, Donna Runtas
8:30 a.m. Christine DePascale, Linda Horm
11:00 a.m. Margie McCummins, Catherine Poponak

Servers

5:00 p.m. Therese Tuttle
8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale
11:00 a.m. Theresa Craiger

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Bob Hardman, Karen Hardman
8:30 a.m. Frank Pytlik, Treva Pytlik
11:00 a.m. Dan Gelet, Chuck Poponak



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ February 27, 2022 (WK 35)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,411.00*	\$ 252,713.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 254,415.00
Difference	\$ 142.00	\$ (1,702.00)
Performance	102%	99%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 235.00 LAST WK — \$ 28,715.00 YTD
Envelopes ~ 181 out of 523
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 16.00 (10 out of 41)

POT-OF-GOLD

#219 drawn on 3/2/2022

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$219.00



LITURGY COMMITTEE

The Parish Liturgy Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 8 at 5:30 p.m. to finalize plans for Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

SHARE THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL!

Small Christian Communities gather the 1 and 3 Monday of the month to discuss and share thoughts on the Sunday scripture readings. Groups meet from 9:30am-11:00am and again at 6:30pm – 8:00pm. You are encouraged to bring a friend along with you.

"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

ST. WILLIAM RECOGNIZED!

Our parish has been recognized with a 2021 Angel Tree Award from the Salvation Army for our participation this past Christmas is donating gifts to those in need. This past Christmas the Salvation Army was able to provide toys and clothing items to 2062 children (871 families). Our parish provided 100 gifts through our Christmas Giving Tree. The commendation letter from the Salvation Army states, *"We count you as one of our special blessings, not just for your willingness to help, but because of your generous spirit and giving heart to want to make a difference."*

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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

First Sunday of Lent

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." (DEUTERONOMY 26:10)

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer, or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

†† **RECENT DEATHS** ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Charlotte White

Sister of Charles and Judy Jaskiewicz
Sister-in-law of Jeannette Jaskiewicz

and

August Bukovi

Brother of Kitty Kubovick

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

FISH DINNER UPDATE!

- ❖ Every Friday until April 8
- ❖ Last week 470 Meals Sold
- ❖ 50/50 Winner – Shawn Garito
- ❖ 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Dine In / Take Out ~ \$12.00
- ❖ Choice of Baked or Fried Fish
- ❖ 3 Sides – *Mac and Cheese/Haluski ~ French Fries ~ Coleslaw
- ❖ Surprise Dessert!!!
- ❖ Still interested in being part of the *Fish Dinner Crew*? Call the Parish Office.
**Mac & Cheese and Haluski alternate each week.*



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS OF THE WEEK

Emerine's Towing

<http://emerinestowinginc.com/>

Brokers Realty - Lynanne Woodling-Superak
330/883-0829

REVISED LITURGICAL GUIDINES

Following recently updated guidance and directives from the CDC and State of Ohio along with the rapid decline in COVID cases the Diocese has issued the following Revised Liturgical Guidance:

- ❖ Those who are ill or have serious health risks should make prudent decisions about attending Mass.
- ❖ Every effort is to be made to return Sunday/weekday worship to a style that promotes the full, active, and conscious participation of all in attendance as called for by the liturgy and expected by the People of God while maintaining a reasonably safe and comfortable environment.
- ❖ Face coverings are no longer required or mandated. It remains a personal option.
- ❖ The spoken invitation to the offer a Sign of Peace continues. Because transmission of the virus is not touch-based, the gesture of shaking hands can be reintroduced, however attention and respect should be afforded to those who, at this time, remain uncomfortable doing so. The gesture of bowing to others and offering words of peace to those nearby remains acceptable. Those from the same household can also offer a more expressive gesture.
- ❖ At the present time, the current environment suggests that reintroducing the reception of the Precious Blood from the chalice by the assembly is not prudent. However gradual reintroduction of offering the Chalice might be considered at this time on special occasions. It is hoped, soon and with improving circumstances, an appropriate and proper reintroduction of the regular reception of the Precious Blood by the faithful will be possible.

THE PARISH CALENDAR

- Mar 7 ~ Small Christian Communities 9:30 a.m.
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- Mar 7 ~ RCIA at Mt. Carmel Niles 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 8 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
- Mar 8 ~ Liturgy Committee 5:30 p.m.
- Mar 9 ~ Women's Guild 6:00 p.m.
- Mar 10 ~ NAIM Group 12:30 p.m.
- Mar 10 ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 11 ~ Stations of the Cross 8:45 a.m.
- Mar 11 ~ Fish Dinner #3 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 12 ~ Senior Pasta Dinner 12:00 p.m.
- Mar 13 ~ Daylight Savings 2:00 a.m.
- Mar 13 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.
- Mar 13 ~ Stories & Scriptures 9:30 a.m.
- Mar 13 ~ K of C Corporate Communion 11:00 a.m.

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

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, March 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

SUPER CASH BONANZA RAFFLE

The Knights of Columbus annual raffle to provide funding for many charitable donations given to the Catholic Church, local school systems, and communities is now underway. This year there are 25 chances to win part of the \$108,000 prize pot. Council #7491 is currently selling tickets for \$5.00 per ticket. Contact Mike Kirkwood at 704-999-1741 to purchase tickets.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

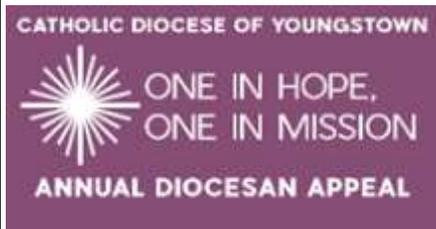
The new Liturgical Minister schedule is now available. Be sure to pick it up in the vestibule after Mass this weekend.

HELP NEEDED ~ WE ONLY HAVE TWO!!

Altar Servers are needed for the Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. Any adult interested in helping is encouraged to contact the parish office for more information.

2022 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

One in Hope, One in Mission



This weekend we are being called upon to support the work of our Lord Jesus made possible through the Annual Diocesan Appeal. As followers of Jesus, we make sacrifices that will bring His love and hope to the less fortunate served by

Catholic Charities. Our support also enables our Church to provide programs which meet the pastoral needs of the diocese and enhance Jesus' mission in our time and place. Each day in Trumbull County people who are hungry look for food; people who are homeless look for shelter; and people who feel forgotten look for care and compassion. Catholic Charities provides help and creates hope for thousands of individuals and families each year. Your support to the Annual Diocesan Appeal ~ *One in Hope, One in Mission* makes this work possible. Here is how your donation to Catholic Charities is used:

- ◆ 43% is dedicated basic needs assistance;
- ◆ 20% is dedicated to services for older adults;
- ◆ 18% is dedicated to social, educational and support services;
- ◆ 9% is dedicated to homeless outreach and prevention services
- ◆ 10% is dedicated to administration

The Diocesan Appeal is the primary funding source for Catholic Charities in our six-county diocese. Every parishioner is being asked to prayerfully make a gift to this year's Appeal. Please submit your response directly to the Diocese or by dropping it off in the collection basket at the parish office and help us reach our parish goal of \$45,700.00. Donation envelopes are 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 April 7, 2022 is Ms. Nancy Bird, RCL Benzinger Director, Training and Development. 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.



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.

K OF C ~ CORPORATE COMMUNION

On Sunday, March 13th, the Knights of Columbus Council #7491 welcome all of our brothers and their families to attend the 11:00 AM Mass for Corporate Communion at St. William Catholic Church. A section of chairs will be reserved for the council to sit together. Please arrive by 10:45am. Dress is white logo shirt, blue tie and khaki pants. Following the mass, the council will be serving coffee and donuts and invite all parishioners to join us. Please make every effort to attend.

~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

~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