

St. William Parish

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March 20, 2022 ~ Third Sunday of Lent



“All good things will come to those who love!”

There is nothing quite like an unambiguous warning, especially when it forces a reality check! This is exactly what happens in Paul’s letter to the Corinthians. He writes, *“whoever thinks they are standing secure should take care not to fall.”* Confidence is important; overconfidence can be hurtful. As we celebrate this Third Sunday of Lent, in what ways, we might ask, have we become complacent in confidence? In today’s parable we see that complacency is unacceptable. Jesus gives us two choices: grow or die. While this may sound overly dramatic, we encounter this very choice every single day. The choices we make either bring us life or throw us into anxiety. After years of not bearing fruit, it makes sense that the owner of the garden would want to stop wasting resources on something that was not producing. The gardener’s words are just as foreboding as Paul’s: *“leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not, you can cut it down.”* Fortunately, our God is a God of second chances. We see this often throughout the ministry of Jesus. However, there will come a time when we will have to answer before God for all that we have done and all that we have failed to do. Today’s gospel is a good checkpoint as we enter this third week of our Lenten journey. It might do us good to reflect if we have used the resources God has given us to bear fruit in the world? Have we been using the time we have to cultivate our relationship with God and others? Have we generously and selflessly shared our gifts and resources? Are we making the most of each day?



In many senses the pandemic over the last months has provided a breeding ground for complacency. In some instances, it has become a convenient excuse to stray from our obligations and commitments to family, work, faith, and Mass. Jesus tells us, however, that we have another chance to step it up. Repentance and God’s life-giving forgiveness are always possible. In the remaining weeks of Lent and as we prepare for the celebration of Easter this is *a season of fresh hope!* With the arrival of Spring, the coming of Easter, and the joy of new life let us not squander this opportunity!

Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash



~ **March 20-27, 2022** ~
Third Sunday of Lent

MARCH 20, 2022

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **ANGELA TOMBAR/** Carl & Gloria Karafa
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **JOHN & ROSE MAKOSKY/** Tina & Brian McCue
 11:00 a.m. † **JEREMY LAPMARADO/**
 David & Georgana Lapmarado

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
 Tues 8:30 a.m. † **VIVIAN FLAMINI/** Joan Krivanek
 Wed 8:30 a.m. † **MURPH GELET/** Gloria Mintus
 Thur 8:30 a.m. † **CAROLE RUNYAN/** Cub & Karen Sprague
 Fri 8:30 a.m. † **MO THUMAN/**Naim Club

MARCH 27, 2022

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **LARRY GRIFFIN/**North West Neighborhood Assoc.
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **HYSEN SAIT/** Jim & Theresa White
 11:00 a.m. † **NANCY MEYER/** Women's Guild

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ **March 27, 2022** ~
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5: 9, 10-12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." While the Israelites were encamped...

2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

Brothers and sisters: Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come...

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

March 27, 2022

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Ruth Bubba, Judy Makosky
 8:30 a.m. Sandy Frantz, Rachael Zigarovich
 11:00 a.m. Eddie Kuhn, Margie McCummins

Servers

5:00 p.m. Therese Tuttle/Nola Tunnicliff
 8:30 a.m. Olivia Zigarovich
 11:00 a.m. Taylor Kuhn

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Ted Bogan, Felicia Mooney
 8:30 a.m. Carol Baniak, Ellie Gates
 11:00 a.m. Barbara Bickford, Dave Bickford



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ March 13, 2022 (WK 37)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,131.00*	\$ 267,672.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 268,953.00
Difference	\$ (138.00)	\$ (1,281.00)
Performance	98%	99%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 565.00 LAST WK — \$ 29,915.00 YTD
 Envelopes ~ 175 out of 524
 Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 10.00 (6 out of 41)

POT-OF-GOLD

#322 drawn on 3/16/2022
!!NO WINNER!!
 Amount: \$475.00



RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

As our Catechumens begin their final preparation to be welcomed into our community and receive the Sacraments of Initiation, please continue to pray for them. We also ask that you write a card of welcome.

Maria Hardman: *Maria is an account manager who enjoys crafts, decorating and being with family. She is married to Brian who is her sponsor.*

Nicole McIntyre: *Nicole is a pharmacy technician who enjoys the outdoors, crafting and reading. Her sponsor is Chad Karafa.*



Cards can be returned to the basket in the vestibule any time before Palm Sunday ~ April 10
Thank you!

Power UP → Reconnect

PARKING LOT PROJECT UPDATE

ENDING SOON! Our Parking Lot Campaign ends in April. To date \$127,360.00 has been pledged - \$114,330.00 has been collected – **Only \$13,030.00 remains!** *Another great job!* March Pledge Payments can be made to the Parish Office or dropped in the Sunday collection. *Many thanks to all who are keeping current with pledge payments!*

NEW MEMBERS

Petersal Family

John & Ruby

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



WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Third Sunday of Lent

"...He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (LUKE 13:7)

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts, and return them with increase. Remember, we are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

FISH DINNER UPDATE!

- ❖ Every Friday until April 8
- ❖ Last week 776 Meals Sold
(483 take-out – 283 dine-in)
- ❖ 50/50 Winner – *Lisa Wensel*



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS OF THE WEEK

Petrosky Brothers
330-637-7627

Philips-Sekanick Architects, Inc
<https://phillips-sekanick.com/>

MEAT ON FRIDAY DURING LENT???

This coming Friday, March 25 is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. When a solemnity happens to fall on a Friday in Lent abstinence from meat is dispensed. Therefore this coming Friday the precept to abstain from meat on this day is dispensed...*however, with our "delicious" Fish Dinners available why would this even matter!!!*



LENTEN COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

A Trumbull County Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service including individual confession will be held next Sunday, March 27 at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Stephen Church in Niles. Another service will be on Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Thomas the Apostle Church in Vienna. Reconciliation is also available at St. William every Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and on Monday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. Please consider receiving this sacrament in preparation for Easter.

PSR NEWS

PSR FAMILIES - If you have not turned in your RSVP for the March FFC (Family Faith Celebration) please let Carol Timko know how many from your family will be attending by Tuesday, March 22.

FFC will take place Sunday, March 27 beginning at 9:30. Please be here by 9:15 so we can go over some special instructions. We will all attend the 11:00 Mass. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Carol Timko at 330-847-8677.

SECRET PRAYER PARTNERS (ADULTS) - If you have not turned in your RSVP for the March 27 FFC (Family Faith Celebration) SECRET PRAYER PARTNER REVEAL, please let Carol Timko know how many will be attending by Tuesday, March 22. We will begin the FFC at 9:30 a.m. Please meet in the church (after Mass is over) so we can give you your prayer partner number.

THE PARISH CALENDAR

- Mar 21 ~ Small Christian Communities 9:30 a.m.
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- Mar 21 ~ RCIA at Mt. Carmel Niles 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 22 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
- Mar 23 ~ WG Kolachi Bake 8:00 a.m.
- Mar 23 ~ Folk Group Practice 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 24 ~ Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 25 ~ Stations of the Cross 8:45 a.m.
- Mar 25 ~ Fish Dinner #5
- Mar 26 ~ Rene's Closet 9:00 a.m.
- Mar 27 ~ PSR - FCC 9:15 a.m.
- Mar 27 ~ 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: April 6, 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.

KOLACHI BAKE

This Wednesday, March 23
Nut, Apricot & Poppyseed
Kolachi \$12 each

Prep Work - 8:00 a.m.
Rolling - 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Baking - 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Wrapping 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.



Limit FOUR per order. For orders or questions call Gloria Karafa at 330-507-4580. Kolachi may be picked up March 23 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Orders not picked up will be sold unless paid in advance.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #7491



Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 7:00 p.m.

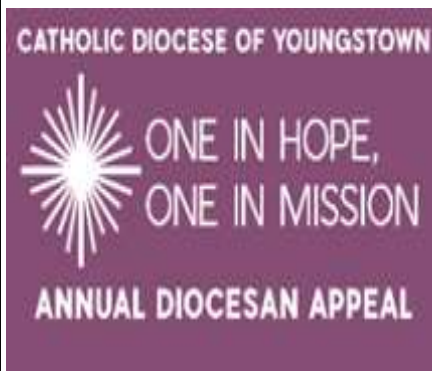
Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. If interested in joining, please visit our web site at www.knights7491.org

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, May 8, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Columba Cathedral, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries in 2022. The Mass will include a renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate and reception. Reservations are needed and can be made at the parish office. Deadline to register is April 6, 2022.

2022 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

One in Hope, One in Mission



Last year Catholic Charities in Trumbull County provided 606 people with emergency food vouchers and assistance; 533 people with homeless outreach; 437 pregnant women and families with assistance; 525 seniors with support service; 1375 with utility assistance through Keep Kids Warm; 501 nights of shelter for victims of domestic violence; and 14,529 on-site and

home delivered hot meals. Your commitment to the 2022 Diocesan Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church gives Catholic Charities the support it needs to continue these needed services. Without your generosity, Catholic Charities would never be able to serve the poor among us as we are called to do by Jesus in the Gospel. The Diocesan Appeal is the primary funding source for Catholic Charities in our six-county diocese. During the pandemic there has been an ever-increasing number of people coming to Catholic Charities for help. Every parishioner is being asked to prayerfully make a gift to this year's Appeal. Please make your response directly to the Diocese or by dropping it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. Help us reach our parish goal of \$45,700.00 and THANK YOU to all who have already made their response.

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.

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

~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