

St. William Parish

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May 22, 2022 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter



“Let not your hearts be troubled!”

One does not need to look far to find division in our world today. As it is true for us today, division and disagreement were not uncommon in the early church. The reading from Acts places us in the middle of a heated conversation about what it takes to be a Christian. And then, after explaining the arrival of the Holy Spirit, Jesus declares that he is giving us peace. Have you ever considered that true peace may be the primary work of the Holy Spirit? It is impossible to grow past division and distinction without embracing the peace offered to us by Jesus Christ. When we are at peace in our relationships, communities, and world, we are making present the kingdom of heaven on earth. We achieve that peace with the aid and guidance of the Holy Spirit, the presence of God on earth. Jesus tells us that even without immediate peace in all areas of our lives we can still let go of our anxiety. The Holy Spirit brings peace, and the Holy Spirit is with us. In these last weeks of our Easter season let us remember that we rest in the warm embrace of the peace of Christ – the Holy Spirit – in our midst and lives.

This weekend I am addressing the future of our parish with regards to Mass attendance and the number of weekend Masses. As we face the reality of a continuing reduced number of available priests and a reduction in the number of people practicing their faith, we will need to adjust the number of weekend Masses offered at St. William. The regionalization plan calls for our parish to collaborate with St. Robert Parish in Cortland and St.



Thomas the Apostle Parish in Vienna with one less priest and three less weekend Masses among the three parishes. A dialogue will begin in the coming weeks to deal with this eventuality. The stark reality is that there will be two priests to serve three parishes. As a result this will be a new opportunity for greater collaboration and sharing of services with the other two parishes in our region. In today's bulletin is a summary information announcement about the current number of people attending weekend Mass along with possible options for Mass times in the future. This is provided to begin preparing for potential changes in the coming year. Your understanding, patience, and adaptability is greatly appreciated.

Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash

~ May 22-29, 2022 ~
Sixth Sunday of Easter

MAY 22, 2022

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **RON MOONEY**/ Felecia Mooney
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **MURPH GELET**/ Gelet Family
 11:00 a.m. † **FRANCES SALVADORE**/ Viviane Watson
 Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
 Tues 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
 Wed 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
 Thur 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
 Fri 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**

MAY 29, 2022

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **ELAINA FERRADINO**/ Kochunas Family
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **ANGIE GALRIELSON**/ Vince & Rita DeSalvo
 11:00 a.m. † **ANGELA MUSIL**/ Barb Mendik

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ May 29, 2022 ~

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1: 1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up...

Ephesians 1: 17-23

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation...

Luke 24: 46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day..."

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

May 29, 2022

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Judy Makosky, Donna Runtas
 8:30 a.m. Christine DePascale, Kristin Freudenrich
 11:00 a.m. Margie McCummins, Renita Mintus

Servers

5:00 p.m. Marianne Babnik
 8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale
 11:00 a.m. Dan Gelet/Nathan Goldner

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Barb Robinson, Dan Robinson
 8:30 a.m. Gloria Mintus, Marilyn Nicolaus
 11:00 a.m. Barbara Bickford, Dave Bickford



**SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE
IN 2 WEEKS!!**

Our Summer Mass Schedule begins SUNDAY, JUNE 5. Mass times for the summer will be 5:00 p.m. Saturday, and 8:30 a.m. and **10:30 a.m.** Sunday beginning June 5 through September 4, 2022.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to the following members of Parish Council who have completed their term of service on Parish Council: Maureen Scott – Liturgy Committee; Lauren Haynie – Youth Representative; Andrea Runyan – Appointed Member; Eric Sitch – Appointed Member. New members will be discerned in September.

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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

PARKING LOT PROJECT UPDATE

This coming week we should be receiving the timetable and date when the parking lot project will take place this coming summer. Miller-Yount will be the contractor for the project. Our Parking Lot Campaign has been very successful and to date we have collected \$128,905.00 (**Only \$5,605.00 remains in pledge payments!**) along with \$100,000.00 from previous Fish Dinner profits. The total estimated cost of the project is \$381,000.00 therefore we will need to borrow approximately \$150,000.00. This amount is what was estimated at the outset of the project. Further updates will be coming soon!

WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Sixth Sunday of Easter

*"...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."
(JOHN 14:27)*

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ May 15, 2022 (WK 46)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,435.00*	\$ 335,815.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 334,374.00
Difference	\$ 166.00	\$ 1,441.00
Performance	102%	100%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 965.00 LAST WK — \$ 39,260.00 YTD
 Envelopes ~ 196 out of 523
 Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 5.00 (5 out of 41)

POT-OF-GOLD

#531 drawn on 5/18/2022

!!!NO WINNER!!!

Amount: \$1,301.00



†† RECENT DEATHS ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Eugene Petrosky

And

Avis Amoline

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

Spring cleaning is under way

As you begin spring cleaning, please remember our **August Rummage Sale!** Please hold onto items no longer needed by your family, but so appreciated for our sale. Once again, we cannot accept computer monitors, appliances, large TV's or large furniture. Thanks for your continued support. **Help is needed to receive items during drop off times and to help out during the sale. If you can spare an hour or two, please contact Theresa Craiger.**

2022-2023 CALENDAR REMINDER

Parish Organizations are reminded to turn in their calendar of events for July 2022-June 2023 by **June 12** so the Parish Master Calendar can be created.

POWER UP CONTINUES

We now have a limited number of LARGE PRINT bibles available. If you are in need of a large print bible, please contact the parish office.

2022 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL *Closing In on Our Parish Goal!*

Saint William Parish continues to, once again, respond to those in need through the generosity of so many who have already made a pledge and donation to this year's 2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal. As of this week our parish has pledged \$37,140.00 (81%) towards our goal of \$45,700.00. **If you have not yet responded, you are asked to do so as soon as possible.** 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. *Thank you to all who have made a commitment to this year's Appeal.*

HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE CUP

After consultation with appropriate medical professionals, Bishop Bonnar is granting permission to return the practice of offering the Precious Blood of the Lord at Mass during Communion beginning on the Feast of Pentecost, June 5, 2022. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal states: *"Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds. For in this form the sign of one Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident."* (#281) Beginning June 5, 2022, the Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday, Saint William Parish will return to offering the Precious Blood at Communion time for those who desire to receive. Please remember that reception of the Precious Blood of the Lord remains an option. *The act of receiving Holy Communion is an act of faith. The person makes this act of faith in the total presence of the Lord whether in receiving Holy Communion under one form or under both kinds.* (#14-15 Norms for the Distribution of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds).

THE PARISH CALENDAR

May 24 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
May 24 ~ Cantor Practice 7:00 p.m.
May 25 ~ Folk Group Practice 7:00 p.m.
May 28 ~ Rene's Closet 9:00 a.m.
May 30 ~ Memorial Day

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting: Wednesday June 8
Program Planning Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. at St. William Church



This group meets to discuss and determine our Annual Programs. Please bring an updated list of names and phone numbers for your event or meeting to be added to the booklet.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #7491



Next Meeting:

Wednesday, June 1, 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

MUSIC MINISTRY

Congratulations to Erika Sitch who graduated from Kent State University with a BS in Chemistry and a BA in Criminology. Erika has served in St. William Music Ministry playing clarinet for many celebrations. She will be attending Penn State to study Forensic Science. Please offer her a word or card of congratulations and encouragement. Good Luck, Erika!

REMINDER: All cantors please attend cantor practice this Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. Bring the music schedule, R & A Psalm book, music folder, and Breaking Bread. We will review and learn any new music scheduled for the summer. Thank you for your service to St. William music ministry, your time in preparation, and your talent.

VBS: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Digging for Treasure: Parables Revealed

Dig into vacation Bible school! Bible stories, games, crafts, snacks, and other activities will help children in grades K-5 dig deeper to reveal the treasures in Jesus' parables. Children in grades 6-12 are encouraged to volunteer to be part of the VBS team!

June 13 – 17, 2022

9:30am – Noon

Blessed Sacrament Parish, 3020 Reeves Road, Warren
Registration deadline June 5, 2022

Cost \$10.00 payable to Blessed Sacrament Parish



FUTURE MASS SCHEDULE AT ST. WILLIAM

In 2018 all parishes in the Diocese were categorized into regions. St. William Parish is part of Trumbull North Region and includes St. Robert Parish, Cortland and St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Vienna. Currently there are 3 priests and 8 weekend Masses (3 each at St. William and St. Robert and 2 at St. Thomas). We have been directed to plan for eventually 2 priests and 6 weekend Masses. Since last November all parishes have been counting the number of people attending weekend Masses. Below is the average attendance from November through April:

	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Dec.	73	96	127
Jan.	79	82	115
Feb.	79	99	123
Mar.	98	95	122
Apr.	111	127	137
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Average Weekly Attendance: 312 Seating Capacity: 380

In the coming year the weekend Mass schedule will need to change with one less Mass on the weekend. Potential Mass schedules include:

	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Option 1:	None	8:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
Option 2:	Between 4:00-5:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m. (PSR follows)
Option 3:	Between 4:00-5:30 p.m.	10:30 a.m. (PSR precedes)

HELPWANTED

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Youngstown seeks a full-time Director of Peace and Justice to promote the themes of Catholic Social Teaching through education, advocacy, and prayer; to provide opportunities for the Catholic faithful to engage with various aspects of the Church's robust social mission; and to coordinate and collaborate with others of good will to influence public policy for the sake of the common good. Interested candidates should send cover letter, resumé, salary requirements and the names and contact information for three professional references to employment@youngstowndiocese.org.

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