

St. William Parish

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May 29, 2022 ~ Ascension Sunday



“Take the Word and go out to every land!”

Endings are never easy. Think about some of the times in your own life when you experienced something good coming to an end. Perhaps you were nearing the end of a wonderful family vacation. Maybe you were ending a job or possibly retiring after a long career. You might even remember the moments when you were saying goodbye to a loved one who was dying. While there is certainly sadness and perhaps some fear and anxiety, those endings also signal the start of something new. Although Jesus was departing from the disciples, a new stage of their relationship with Christ was just beginning. Being a witness to Christ certainly means emulating what we have seen Jesus do in the gospels. It involves standing with people who are marginalized or ignored. It means forgiving people who have hurt us and it includes giving of ourselves for the good of others. But today’s celebration of the ascension reveals another important aspect of giving witness to Christ. The ascension celebrates not so much Jesus leaving earth as it does the depth of his relationship with the Father. Jesus, fully God and fully human, enters the glory of heaven. The last line of today’s gospel highlights our call as disciples of Christ. Luke writes: *“they did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy.”* After their encounter with Christ, the disciples returned to the places where they lived and worked full of the joy of Christ. We might ask if we are filled with this same joy in our own lives? Does our relationship with God the Father and Christ the Son translate to joyful witness? If not, perhaps we need to ask God for the grace to grow in relationship with him so that we might better know the joy he promises. When that happens, along with following the words of Jesus and living with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we bring about Christ’s kingdom here on earth!



Our Easter season is quickly coming to an end. Next week we will celebrate Pentecost and bring to a close the 50 days of Easter. Remember it is a RED day as we commemorate the bestowal of the Holy Spirit. Equally hard to believe is the fast-approaching summer season. On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember with great reverence all those who lost their lives serving our country and the freedoms we hold so dear. We continue to give thanks to all those currently serving in our Armed Forces. Enjoy this holiday weekend and Happy Memorial Day!

Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash



~ **May 29 - June 5, 2022** ~
Ascension of the Lord

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
 Mon 8:30 a.m. † **NO SERVICE**
 Tues 8:30 a.m. † **MIKE KUFCHAK/** Barb Kufchak
 Wed 8:30 a.m. † **RUTH ANN MCCRACKEN/** Tim & Jane Johns
 Thur 8:30 a.m. † **HOWARD YOUNGS/** Brian & Tina McCue
 Fri 8:30 a.m. † **GENE PETROSKY/** Roy & Nancy Mercandino

JUNE 5, 2022

- Sat 5:00 p.m. † **PAULINE LESH/** Carl & Gloria Karafa
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **SALLY HOERIG/** Joanne Ferkany
10:30 a.m. † MURPH GELET/ Gelet Family

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

90

5:00 p.m.

97

8:30 a.m.

88

11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **275**

Average: **91**

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE
NEXT SUNDAY!!

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

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ **June 5, 2022** ~
Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2: 1-11

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky...

Ephesians 1: 17-23

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh...

Luke 24: 46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father..."

THANK YOU

Thank you to Jim and Bobette Cicchillo of "Chick's Nursery" for their kind donation of flowers for the outside walkway of the Church Building.



FEAST OF PENTECOST
IT'S A RED DAY!

Be part of our Pentecost environment next weekend. Remember to wear something **RED** to celebrate the Holy Spirit in our midst!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

June 5, 2022

Lectors

- 5:00 p.m. Ruth Bubba, Tom Shepker
 8:30 a.m. Linda Horm, Rachael Zigarovich
 10:30 a.m. Eddie Kuhn, Melanie Shoaf

Servers

- 5:00 p.m. Alexa Szykalski
 8:30 a.m.
 10:30 a.m. Theresa Craiger

Eucharistic Ministers

- 5:00 p.m. Ted Bogan, Bob Mintus
 8:30 a.m. Pamela Kuebler, Bob Mintus
 10:30 a.m. Regina Speaker, Bob Mintus



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.

WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Sixth Sunday of Easter

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (REVELATIONS 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ May 22, 2022 (WK 47)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,927.00*	\$ 343,742.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 341,643.00
Difference	\$ 658.00	\$ 2,099.00
Performance	109%	103%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 855.00 LAST WK — \$ 40,115.00 YTD
 Envelopes ~ 186 out of 523
 Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 10.00 (6 out of 41)

POT-OF-GOLD

#281 drawn on 5/25/2022

!!!NO WINNER!!!

Amount: \$1,458.00



†† RECENT DEATH ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Philip DeCapito

May his soul 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 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL *Closing In on Our Parish Goal!*

THANK YOU to everyone who has made a gift to the **2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal – One in Hope, One in Mission.** To date, 173 parishioners have made a contribution to the appeal totaling \$37,540.00 (82%.) Our parish portion of the \$4,000,000 diocesan goal is \$45,700.00. Our parish is truly blessed as we share the Word of God and the nourishment of the Eucharist. As we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, we, like the first disciples, are called to go out and witness to our faith. Part of that witness is how we help support the incredible work of Catholic Charities and the many ministries of the Church through support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Once again, thank you to those who have made a gift, and thank you to everyone prayerfully considering how they may be able to respond in support of all these worth-while activities in the Church. Pledge cards are available after Mass or at the Parish Office or visit www.doy.org/appeal to make a gift.

COFFEE & DONUTS

Next Sunday
after the 8:30 and the 10:30 Masses.



HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE CUP Returns Next Sunday

The Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds states: *"by reason of sign value, sharing in both Eucharistic species reflects more fully the sacred realities that the Liturgy signifies."* (#11). The practice of offering the Precious Blood of the Lord at Mass during Holy Communion will return on the Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022. This decision was made after consulting with the appropriate medical professionals. 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). See today's bulletin insert about receiving the Precious Blood from the chalice.

THE PARISH CALENDAR

May 30 ~ Memorial Day
May 31 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
June 1 ~ Folk Group Practice 7:00 p.m.
June 1 ~ Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.
June 2 ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

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

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.

CHURCH AT HOME COMBINED COLLECTION

Next weekend will be the annual Church at Home combined collection. This three-in-one collection supports the national and local work of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the Catholic Communications Campaign, and the Catholic University of America/Newman Campus Ministries. Thank you for your generosity next weekend.

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.



PRAYERS PLEASE

Sister Mary Cora Skrivan had foot surgery on Thursday, May 19. Please pray for a full and speedy recovery!



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!

MASS INTENTIONS NOT ONLY FOR THE DECEASED

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.

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



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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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