

St. William Parish

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September 25, 2022 ~ Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Your faith will give you strength!”

This week’s gospel continues with variations on a theme of poverty above riches. The story of Lazarus is a simple dichotomy: the rich man has separated himself from love and reaps the result, and the poor man receives the mercy of God upon death. The twist here is that the rich man realizes his mistake and, in an act of selflessness that’s too late, asks to warn his family, so they might not come to his fate. But God points out the obvious: *“if they will not listen to Moses and the prophet, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.”* This may seem unfair. The rich man has repented and so why not allow him to warn his brothers? But Jesus reminds us that we have received warning and road signs for life over and over through the prophets and through his own ministry. Throughout the gospels, Jesus does not necessarily condemn people who are wealthy simply for having wealth. Rather, as we have seen in the readings for the past several Sundays, Jesus denounces people who have an excess of resources that they are unwilling to share with others. Care for the people who are poor or marginalized is the essence of Jesus’s mission and ministry. The rich man had the opportunity to be in relationship with Lazarus but chose not to share his time or treasure with him. We also have the opportunity to grow in relationship with people who are hurting and lonely, sick, and hungry. How do we choose to respond? We must try to bridge the chasm in whatever way we can: through personal generosity, individual and group advocacy, information that stirs the heart to outreach, ethical business dealings and in responsible voting. We are called to respond to the word of God in this life always in our daily actions and deeds. May we continue to strive to do so with soaring spirits and awakening hearts!

This week I am happy to present our current financial report for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2022. We continue to thrive as a parish and through your continued generosity and support we have been able to remain in a healthy financial position. We continue to meet all of our obligations and loan payments on the money raised through the weekly collections. Fish Dinner proceeds continue to be banked for future projects and our buildings and grounds remain maintained and in good shape. For a full financial report of the parish visit our parish website. This weekend I also announced our new initiative to reduce the loan for the parking lot – *The Saint William Super Cash Bonanza Raffle*. 100% of the proceeds from this raffle to go directly towards the loan for the parking lot. The raffle will be held on March 4, 2023 with a potential of over \$45,000.00 in prizes IF all 500 tickets are sold. I hope you consider, not only purchasing a ticket but also make every effort to sell as many tickets possible to help us reach our goal of 500 sold tickets. Thank you once again for your kind generosity and support given to St. William Parish during the last year and for your continued support in the coming year. Together we continue to make Saint William Parish a great and wonder place!

Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash

~ September 25 - October 2, 2022 ~
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

- Sat 5:00 p.m. † **VICKI VALARIA**/ Ron & Donna Runtas
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **REG HOERIG**/ Jeanne Ferkany
 11:00 a.m. † **MURPH GELET**/ Wanda Robinson & Pamela Herriman
 Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
 Tues 8:30 a.m. † **EUGENE PETROSKY**/ Jim & Therese White
 Wed 8:30 a.m. † **SONNY HOSTETLER**/ Brian & Tina McCue
 Thur 8:30 a.m. † **MARJORIE SOFTIS**/ Silvia Kuna
 Fri 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**

OCTOBER 2, 2022

- Sat 5:00 p.m. † **LEROY & DELORES HARDMAN**/
 Bob & Karen Hardman
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **JANET OTT**/ Carl & Gloria Karafa
 11:00 a.m. ♥ **40th Wedding Anniversary**/ Chuck & Cathy Poponak
 †= In Memoriam √= Special Intention ♥= Birthday/Anniversary/Celebration

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ **October 2, 2022** ~

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4

How long, O LORD? I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not intervene...

2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14

Beloved: I remind you, to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands...

Luke 17: 5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed..."

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

October 2, 2022

Lectors

- 5:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Tom Shepker
 8:30 a.m. Margaret Foster, Rachael Zigarovich
 11:00 a.m. Margie McCummins, Renita Mintus

Servers

- 5:00 p.m. Nola Tunnicliff
 8:30 a.m. William McCready
 11:00 a.m. Nathan Goldner

Eucharistic Ministers

- 5:00 p.m. Ted Bogan, Judy Jaskiewicz,
 Felicia Mooney, Donna Runtas
 8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale, Penny Hudak,
 Dave Lucanski, Marilyn Nicolaus
 11:00 a.m. Barb Bickford, Dave Bickford,
 Jeanette Jaskiewicz, Regina Speaker



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ September 18, 2022 (WK 12)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 6,568.00*	\$ 83,408.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 87,228.00
Difference	\$ (701.00)	\$ (3,820.00)
Performance	90%	96%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 661.00 LAST WK — \$ 10,350.00 YTD
 Envelopes ~ 186 out of 512
 Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 27.00 (7 out of 41)

POT-OF-GOLD

#222 drawn on 9/21/2022
!!WINNER!! Joan Krivanek
Amount: \$152.00



MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

91
5:00 p.m.

118
8:30 a.m.

93
11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **302** Average: **101**

BLESSING OF PETS

Our annual Blessing of Pets will take place next Saturday, October 2 at 10:00 a.m. October 4 is the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron of pets and animals. Join us next Saturday in front of the Social Hall at 10:00 a.m. in honor of his feast and in thanksgiving for the companionship, love, and devotion our pets give us.



MASS FOR LIFE

On Saturday, October 1, 2022, a Mass for Life will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel on the campus of Walsh University in North Canton. Bishop Bonnar will be the main celebrant and a reception including an "Expo" of Respect Life information will be held. All are welcomed to attend.

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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." Luke 16:25-26

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

†† **RECENT DEATH** ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Anthony Marando, Jr.

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

PARKING LOT PROJECT - HAPPENING SOON!

SELL!!!...SELL!!!...SELL!!! Be sure to sell those tickets for our Saint William Super Cash Bonanza Raffle on March 4, 2023. Over \$45,000.00 in potential prizes if we SELL 500 tickets! 100% of all proceeds will go towards our parking lot loan. We are now down to just a number of days before the project begins! While under construction access to the Church building will be maintained however the available parking area will be limited. **During the construction period the north driveway will be the only access to the property and serve as both the entrance and exit.** Please be mindful that the driveway will become one way in both directions once construction has started.



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT:

PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2022
6:30PM - 8:00PM

Days turn into weeks ~ weeks turn into months ~ months turn into years ~ and still, we remember!

Whether our grief is fresh like the morning dew, or has endured season after season, we gather to support each other in our loss and to celebrate the lives of our loved ones. You are encouraged to bring a picture of your loved one.

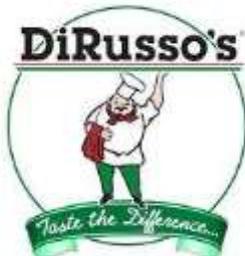


SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults will be held on Sunday, November 20, at 4:00 p.m. at Saint Columba Cathedral. This is a special opportunity for anyone (age 18 and older) who has not received the sacrament to join with others of the diocese. Candidates must register with our parish and be eligible to receive the sacrament by verifying baptism and marital status. A preparation program will be held at our parish and sponsors must be a baptized, confirmed, practicing Catholic. A sponsor may not be the candidate's parent. Contact the parish office for more details to register and verify eligibility to receive the sacrament.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SAUSAGE SANDWICH DRIVE THRU

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Sausage, Peppers & Onions Sandwich Drive Thru on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. (or until sold out!). DiRusso's Sausage will be featured and each sandwich is \$7.00. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Bella Woman's Center.



THE PARISH CALENDAR

Sept 26 ~ Little Rock Scripture Study 9:30 a.m.
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Sept 27 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Sept 29 ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
Oct 1 ~ Blessing of Pets 10:00 a.m.
Oct 2 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.
Oct 2 ~ Youth Ministry 9:30 a.m.
Oct 2 ~ Coffee & Donuts

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting:

Meeting: October 5, 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.

The Women's Guild will be hosting a craft night on October 5, 2022 at 7:00 pm *Painting Ceramic Christmas Ornaments*. This event is OPEN to our church families.

Cost: \$10 per Adult ~ Includes 3 Ornaments
\$5 for ages 9-16 ~ Includes 2 Ornaments
Free for ages 0-8 ~

A variety of ornaments will be provided to choose from and paints and brushes will be provided. Sign up sheets will be available after Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #7491



Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 5, 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

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

The Parish Financial Report for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 is now available. Copies can be found in the vestibule or the report can be found on the parish website: www.stwilliamchampion.org

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 16, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of Saint John the Baptist in Canton, honoring couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries in 2022. The Mass includes a renewal of marriage vows and a personalized certificate for each couple. Bishop Bonnar will be the main celebrant and following Mass there will be a reception for couples and their families. Deadline to make a required reservation is this Monday. Contact the Parish Office.

WOMEN'S GUILD

CHANGE AUCTION

St. William Social Hall
Tuesday, October 11, 2022

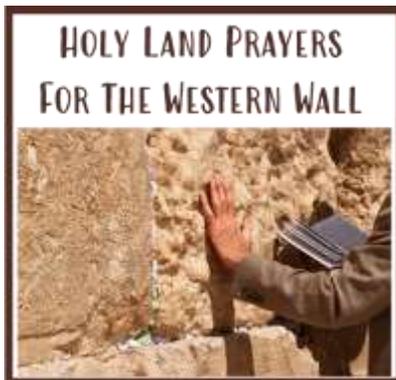
Tickets are on sale after Mass or call the parish office at 330-847-8677. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

ANNOUNCEMENT

Western Wall, also called Wailing Wall, is a place of prayer and pilgrimage sacred to the Jewish people. The **Western Wall** is the only remains of the retaining wall surrounding the Temple Mount, the site of the First and Second Temples of Jerusalem, held to be uniquely holy by the ancient Jewish people. It has long been a custom to push slips of paper with wishes or prayers on them into the wall's cracks.

The Western Wall is now open for all people to place their prayers.

Parishioner, Bette Lloyd will be traveling to the Holy Land and has offered to bring your prayers to the **Western Wall**. Prayers should be written on pieces of paper no larger than 4"x5". Please fold and seal the paper with tape for privacy. Prayers can be placed in the basket marked "Holy Land Prayers for the Western Wall" located in the vestibule. You are welcome to use paper that is provided near the box. Prayers will be accepted until October 9.



CHANGING PHONE NUMBERS???

Has your phone number changed recently? Eliminated your land line? If so, please let us know your new contact or primary phone number so that we can keep our parish record and **your registration record** up to date! Call or email the Parish Office at parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.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

~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