

St. William Parish

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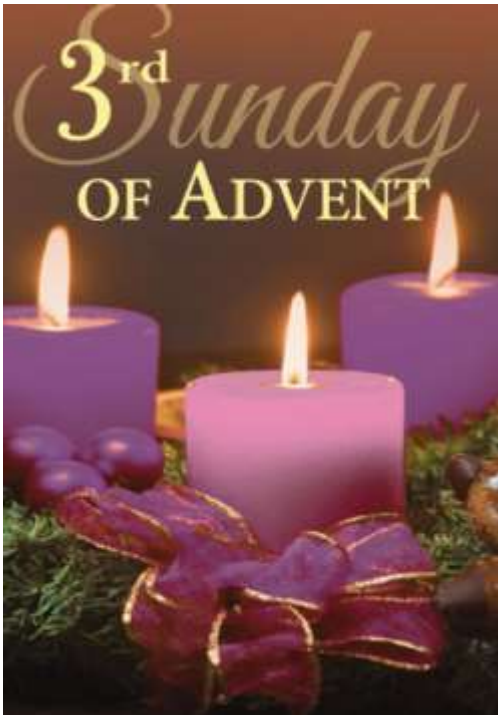
December 11, 2022 ~ Third Sunday of Advent



“God Is With Us as We Journey to the Manger”

As we mark the Third Sunday of Advent this weekend, we reach the halfway point of our season with just two weeks left before Christmas. The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as *GAUDETE* (*gow-da-tay*) *Sunday* – a Latin term meaning “*Rejoice!*” The readings of Advent emphasize an important element of discipleship. The kingdom of God is both “here” and “not yet.” God is present in our lives, yet we still look for the time when God’s kingdom will come to full fruition. We are never not in the presence of God, yet we know there will be a time when war and poverty, injustice and division will be no more. For this promise we can joyfully rejoice as we wait in hope and commit ourselves to spreading the reign of God.

In today’s gospel, Jesus instructs John’s disciples to serve as witnesses. Witnesses are people who have seen something firsthand and who share what they have seen for the benefit of others. Witnesses are important; we trust what they say. Today we hear Jesus instructing the witnesses what to say; most are familiar aspects of ancient prophecies, but he throws a twist in at the end. He brings healing not only to those who are blind, lame deaf or ill; he restores to life even those who have died. This call to “*witness*” is also our call as members of the Body of Christ. John the Baptist has often been described as the awakener of justice and faith. It is not easy to hear prophetic voices over the outer noise of the shopping centers or the inner noise of what still needs to be done by Christmas. Yet these are the days when we are encouraged to take some time each day to be mindful of what Advent should be about in our lives. In a few moments of prayer, sacred reading, and quiet time each day, we can reach into our inner depths and discover God’s grace within us. This is how we become a witness to our faith. In the time before Christmas may we spend a few moments each day contemplating the voice of God in our hearts; listening to where God might be calling us and to what he is calling us to –to be a witness of our faith to ourselves and others.



Make it a great Advent week! ~ Fr. Balash

~ December 11, 2022 ~
Third Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 11, 2022

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **DARLENE & HYSEN SAIT/** Ron & Donna Sait
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **BOB ROGEL/** Gilda Stigliano
11:00 a.m. † **MURPH GELET/** Diane Gelet

Mon 8:30 a.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE**
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **RON MOONEY/** Theresa Craiger
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **BOB & ANGIE MUSIL/** Kathy Rogel
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **ROSE MAKOSKY/** McCue Family
Fri 8:30 a.m. ♣ **BRIANNA HEIB/** Special Intention

DECEMBER 18, 2022

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **EUGENE PETROSKY/** Carl & Gloria Karafa
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **FELIX & LAURA Y'BARBO/** Helen Snyder
11:00 a.m. † **DWAYNE BOWSER/** Carl & Gloria Karafa

†= In Memoriam ♣= Special Intention ♥= Birthday/Anniversary/Celebration

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ December 18, 2022 ~
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7: 10-14

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying: Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep as the netherworld...

Romans 1: 1-7

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised previously...

Matthew 1: 18-24

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

December 18, 2022

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Kathy Rogel, Donna Runtas
8:30 a.m. Sandy Frantz, Woody Pealer
11:00 a.m. Erin Lee, Catherine Poponak

Servers

5:00 p.m. Therese Tuttle
8:30 a.m. Eric Sitch
11:00 a.m. Brian Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Carla Gilronan,
Ron Gilronan, Bob Mintus
8:30 a.m. Dave Lucanski, Pamela Kuebler,
Laurie Sitch, Bob Mintus
11:00 a.m. Scott Freer, Eddie Kuhn,
Chuck Poponak, Bob Mintus



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ December 4, 2022 (WK 23)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,387.00*	\$ 162,696.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 167,187.00
Difference	\$ 118.00	\$ (4,491.00)
Performance	102%	97%

* Includes MyEoffering: \$ 1,227.00 LAST WK — \$ 18,650.00 YTD

Envelopes ~ 193 out of 510

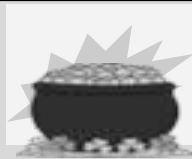
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 17.00 (13 out of 41)

POT-OF-GOLD

#478 drawn on 12/7/2022

!!WINNER!! Stephen Flask

Amount: \$319.00



MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

78

5:00 p.m.

118

8:30 a.m.

150

11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **346**

Average: **115**

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE!

Gifts are **DUE BACK TODAY**. Please return your gift by Monday morning so that they can be picked up and delivered. *Thank you for your generous and kind response!*



ADVENT COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated at an Advent Communal Reconciliation Services for all Trumbull County Parishes this coming Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in McDonald. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available every Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. and on Monday, December 21 at 6:30 p.m. for Christmas.

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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

BISHOP BONNAR TO VISIT

Bishop Bonnar will visit Saint William Parish on Sunday, January 8, 2023 to celebrate the Feast of Epiphany with us. Bishop Bonnar will preside at 11:00 a.m. Mass and there will be a light reception after Mass. Plan to join us and meet the Bishop!

**WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS
Second Sunday of Advent**

"You too must be patient. Make you hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." ~JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

†† RECENT DEATH ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Theresa Banic

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

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY

Little Rock Scripture Study is a weekly bible study consisting of daily personal study along with weekly group sharing.



Participants spend time prayerfully reading and reflecting on an assigned section of the Scriptures. We gather every Monday, morning (9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.) OR evening (7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.) for group sharing. Sessions will be held January 9, 23, 30; February 13, 27; and March 13.

We start the New Year with the study the “time of Abraham to the unfolding of his family in the stories of Isaac and Jacob, as well as the story of Joseph and his brothers and their clans” in Genesis-Part Two.

Cost is \$11.00 which covers the cost of the commentary and personal study guide. Kindly register by January 1. Registration information can be found on the bulletin board.

FISH DINNER NEWS!

Our Fish Dinners are tentatively scheduled to begin on Friday, February 17, 2023. The Fish Dinner Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to work out details and particulars for this year’s Fish Dinners. We are anticipating the same smooth process for ordering, purchasing, and receiving Fish Dinners used last year. The annual Fish Dinner Worker Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Interested in helping with this year’s dinners? Call the Parish Office to get on the list.



2022 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Please note, Friday, **December 30, 2022** is the last day to make a contribution to the church for the 2022 tax year. All contributions made after December 30 will be credited to the 2023 tax year.

HELP NEEDED

PSR is in great need of two people to help in the classroom this school year. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Carol Timko in the parish office.

THE PARISH CALENDAR

Dec 13 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Dec 14 ~ Advent Communal Reconciliation 7:00 p.m.
Dec 14 ~ Folk Group Practice 7:00 p.m.
Dec 15 ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
Dec 17 ~ Youth Choir Practice 10:00 a.m.
Dec 18 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.
Dec 18 ~ Youth Ministry 6:00 p.m.

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

WOMEN’S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting:

Meeting: January 4, 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.

PARISH FAMILY DINNER



It was wonderful to see all the parishioners together, visiting with others while sharing a great meal and enjoying Santa’s visit. Thank you parishioners for attending and sharing an early Christmas!

Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas Season. *The Women’s Guild Parish Dinner Committee.*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #7491



Next Meeting:

Wednesday, December 21, 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

FIRST FRIDAY CLUB OF GREATER YOUNGSTOWN

The speaker for January 5, 2023 will be Charles E. Wilkins, MD, Gerontologist, Mercy Health Physician speaking on “The Baby Boomer Generation aka the Alzheimer's Generation.” We will carpool from Saint William promptly at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$18.00. Please make checks payable to St. William Parish. Reservation deadline to Linda Horm by 12/28/2022.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Weekend ~ Saturday-Sunday December 24-25

Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m. ONLY

New Year Weekend ~ Saturday – Sunday December 31-January 1

(Regular Weekend Schedule)

Saturday December 31 – New Year’s Eve: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1 – New Year’s Day: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



SUPER CASH BONANZA RAFFLE UPDATE

~GIVE THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT ~ \$25,000.00!!!!

Super Cash Bonanza Raffle tickets make the perfect gift!!!! Just imagine giving someone your care about \$25,000.00!!!!



~Nest Drawing!

The next Early Bird Raffle Drawing will be on January 30, 2023 for all tickets paid in FULL or are 75% paid (\$200.00). Win \$250.00

~JUST 100 TICKETS AWAY!

We are just 100 tickets away from Tier 2 Prize Level and jumping from \$19,000 in prizes to \$32,000 in prize!! We need to reach **400** sold tickets for the Tier 2 Prize Level. Our goal is **500** sold tickets for the top tier!!!

~Exclusive Seller's Raffle

Don't FORGET ~ every 3 tickets you sell, you are entered in the exclusive Seller's Raffle for \$2000.00!!!! 54 people have already qualified for this drawing!

~Remember!

100% of all proceeds will go towards our parking lot loan. Tickets can be purchased at any time and monthly payments can be made. As soon as you have a ticket committed to a buyer, please turn the stub with any payment into the Parish Office so the ticket can be counted among the 500.

"Super Cash Bonanza Raffle Summary"

Tickets Sold	290	100-399 tickets sold
Seller Entries	54	Grand Prize - \$10,000.00
Total Collected	\$70,275.00	2 nd Prize - \$3,000.00
Tier 1 Prize Level	\$19,000.00	3 rd Prize - \$2,000.00
Total (applied to Loan)	\$51,275.00	4 th Prize - \$1,000.00
		Four Prizes - \$500.00 ea.
		Seller Prize - \$1,000.00

YOUNG ADULT ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION

Saturday, December 17 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Cyril Center-Lower Level
2532 Burton St SE, Warren

All young adults (19-39) are invited to attend this evening of prayer, reflection and spiritual sharing as we prayer for the coming of the Christ Child! Light refreshments will be provided.



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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Very 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