

St. William Parish

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February 5, 2023 ~ Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time



“When I was happy you shared in my joy!”

This week our light imagery shifts a bit. We’ve been hearing for the past weeks about God being light for those who walk in darkness. Today Jesus draws on the images of salt and light to call his disciples to a life of service. Neither element exists just for itself. Salt helps people taste. Light helps people see. Jesus tells us that we, too can become light and salt for others. Our participation in God’s will – in enacting justice and compassion – allows us to also participate in the beauty of God. We don’t create anything new here; the light is not our own. Rather, we reflect God’s light out to the world, amplifying it and making it more visible. The first reading shares the light imagery of the gospel and give us more explicit instructions for becoming light to the world. We are to provide food, shelter, and clothing for those in need. In the readings from previous weeks, this has been identified as God’s work, as God’s special area of interest. When we perform these deeds, we participate in God’s love for those who are poor. We share in the beauty that God continuously bestows on the world. We spread God’s goodness to the corners of life it may have not yet reached. We see this image clearly at baptism when a light from the paschal candle is handed to the newly baptized. Performing works of mercy does not always look or feel good. This work is very often thankless, unglamorous, and inconvenient. The light we become is not the literal kind others can see; it takes practiced eyes of faith to see this sort of light. Yet each time we give of our resources, time, and of our very selves, the light of the Lord breaks forth like the dawn. We might consider, in these last weeks before Lent, how we are being of service to others. How are we being salt to those in need? We have been assured that good deeds, beautiful in the eyes of God, are worthy of our time. We have been charged with carrying Christ’s light into the world wherever we go, thus giving us all reason to glorify God each and every day. May we fulfill this mission with soaring spirits and giving hearts.



Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash

~ February 5-12, 2023 ~
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **BRIANNA HEIB/** Kochunas Family
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **CAROL DRABEK/** Bob & Marcia Kane
 Sun 11:00 a.m. † **DARLENE MARANDO/** Marando Family
 Mon 8:30 a.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE**
 Tues 8:30 a.m. † **MURPH GELET/**
 Wanda Robinson & Pamela Herriman
 Wed 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
 Thur 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
 Fri 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **JOHN MAKOSKY/** Makosky Family
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **PHIL DECAPITO/** Gary & Ellie Gates
 Sun 11:00 a.m. † **RON SPRAGUE/** John & Cindy Salerno

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

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ February 12, 2023 ~
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15-20

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live ...

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Brothers and sisters: We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age...

Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill ..."

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

February 12, 2023

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Kathy Rogel
 8:30 a.m. Nancy Lucanski, Rachael Zigarovich
 11:00 a.m. Eddie Kuhn, Renita Mintus

Servers

5:00 p.m. John Barco
 8:30 a.m. William McCready
 11:00 a.m. Nathan Goldner

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Ted Bogan, Brian Lenhart,
 Donna Runtas, Nola Tunnicliff
 8:30 a.m. Ellie Gates, Pamela Kuebler,
 Treva Pytlík, Jamie Taneri
 11:00 a.m. Barb Bickford, Dave Bickford,
 Dan Gelet, Melanie Shoaf



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ January 29, 2023 (WK 31)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 6,415.00*	\$ 219,628.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 255,339.00
Difference	\$ (854.00)	\$ (5,711.00)
Performance	88%	97%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 1,101.00 LAST WK — \$ 24,352.00 YTD

Envelopes ~ 165 out of 511

Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 10.00 (8 out of 41)

POT-OF-GOLD

#331 drawn on 1/31/2023

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$152.00



MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

84

5:00 p.m.

94

8:30 a.m.

118

11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **296**

Average: **99**

LOOKING AHEAD!

Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday ~ February 22, 2023

Mass with the Distribution of Ashes will be at 8:30 a.m. and **6:30 p.m.** Our Lenten Theme this year: *A Path in the Wilderness*

ANNUAL WHITE MASS FOR ALL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

The annual White Mass – celebrating and recognizing the ministry and work of those in health professions – will be held on Sunday, February 19, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Columba Cathedral. All are welcome to attend. Bishop Bonnar will preside.

SUPER CASH BONANZA RAFFLE WINTER GALA

Invitations have been sent to all those who have purchased Super Cash Bonanza Raffle tickets to our "Winter Gala" on March 4, 2023. Please be sure to respond by February 20, 2023. The evening will begin with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 p.m.; Basket Raffle Drawing at 7:30 p.m.; and the Super Cash Bonanza Raffle Drawing at 8:00 p.m.

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

Women's Guild is now taking reservations for Designer Purse Bingo on Thursday, April 20, 2023. Each ticket includes dinner and 10 rounds of bingo. Door Prizes, Basket Raffles, and 50/50. For more information call Maria at 330-360-1568.



WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." ~MATTHEW 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

FEBRUARY CONTRIBUTIONS

As announced last week, contribution envelopes and Pot-of-Gold envelopes for the month of February were mailed directly from the Parish Office this past week. The company that usually sends Weekly Contribution envelopes had to suspend February's mailing. Please use the envelopes received from the Parish Office for your weekly contribution on February 12 – 19 – Ash Wednesday – and 26 and the Pot-of-Gold envelopes. **Be sure to verify your NAME and ENVELOPE NUMBER (if you know it) and DATE each week especially if you participate in the Pot-of Gold.** Thank you for your kind cooperation, patience and understanding. Regular Contribution envelopes will resume and be delivered by the first Sunday in March.

FISH DINNER NEWS!



FISH DINNER VOLUNTEER MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 – 6:30 p.m.

2 Weeks and Counting Until Our "FABULOUS FISH DINNERS" RETURN!!!

Fish Dinners begin on Friday, February 17, 2023

"New This Year!"

New Times for Dinners: 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

New Price: \$13.00 (First price increase since 2019. Our price of fish increased over \$30.00 per case this year.)

New Desserts: Desserts needed only for Weeks 1, 3, 5, & 7. On Weeks 2, 4, & 6 sheet cake will be the dessert. Also monetary donations for desserts will be accepted every Sunday during Fish Dinners. Just drop your donation in the weekly collection basket marked "FISH DINNER DESSERTS"

CALLING ALL FISH DINNER VOLUNTEERS

It is not too late to volunteer to work the Fish Dinners. Please call Linda Horm at 330-889-9854.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

St. William Youth Minister will be collecting non-perishable goods and monetary donations Super Bowl weekend as part of the nationwide Souper Bowl of Caring.



Non-Perishable goods will be given to the St. Vincent DePaul food pantries at St. Mary & Joseph Parish and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. *Monetary Donations* will be given to the Second Harvest Food Bank. Teens will collect donations after every Mass next weekend. Please give generously on Super Bowl weekend.

THE PARISH CALENDAR

Feb 6 ~ Small Christian Communities 9:30 a.m.
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Feb 7 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Feb 7 ~ Cantor Practice 7:00 p.m.
Feb 8 ~ Fish Dinner Volunteer Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Feb 9 ~ Naim Club Luncheon 12:30 p.m.
Feb 9 ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
Feb 11 ~ Parish Retreat 11:00 a.m.
Feb 12 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.
Feb 12 ~ Stories & Scripture 9:30 a.m.
Feb 12 ~ 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: March 1, 2023

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #7491



Next Meeting:

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 @ 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

PRAYER PARTNERS

As a reminder: please do not seal the envelopes for your prayer partners. Each letter must be read and approved before passing it on. Thank you~ Mrs. Timko

NAIM CLUB

Luncheon Meeting, Thursday, February 9 at 12:30 p.m. Meet at Pueblo Viejo at 4447 Mahoning Ave. NW (Handyman Plaza) Questions: Call Barb at 330-847-8375



2022 Contribution Tax Statements

If you are in need of a copy of your 2022 Contributions ***for itemizing deductions on your tax return,*** please fill out the following coupon and return it to the Parish Office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Statements will be available in the vestibule.

MUSIC MINISTRY

CANTORS remember we have practice this Tuesday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. The new cantor schedule will be available along with the Lenten Music Schedule. Please note there is a **CHANGE IN DAY** for our next cantor rehearsal for Holy Week and Easter Sunday to **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8** at 7:00 p.m.



Youth of the parish interested in singing for Easter Sunday, April 9 at 11:00 a.m. Mass please turn in your participation permission form given to you at the last FFC gathering. If you need one please see Mrs. Maciejewski or Mrs. Timko. All are welcome! We have two rehearsals Saturday's April 1 and 8 in church 10:00-11:30 a.m. to prepare for the great Easter Sunday Liturgy.

A reminder to all before Mass begins to quiet ourselves for a few moments to prepare to celebrate the sacred liturgy. Please respect and listen to the cantor as the welcome is read and the Gathering Song is announced. Thank you!

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

COME TO THE TABLE

How does Jesus Christ, present in the Eucharist, transform you? What responsibility do believers bear for one another as members of the eucharistic community? These are a few of the questions that we will discuss as we set time apart for ourselves and for God during the parish retreat, **Come to the Table!** on Saturday, February 11, 2023. Check-in begins at 10:45am and the day will conclude with the celebration of Mass at 5:00pm. Lunch will be provided.



Registration after Mass through February 5. Cost: \$20.00.
 Come to the Table! ~Saint William Parish Retreat
 Saturday, February 11, 2023 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

SUPER CASH BONANZA RAFFLE UPDATE

~**AND THE WINNER IS!** Congratulations to Ron & Marilyn Shay who won the Second Early Bird Raffle of \$250.00

~We continue to inch towards the 400 ticket sold mark! Remember if we hit 400 sold tickets the Prize Pool jumps to \$32,000.00 in prizes!

~Exclusive Seller's Raffle: Sell 3 tickets to be entered in the exclusive Seller's Raffle. 57 people have already qualified for this drawing!



"Super Cash Bonanza Raffle Summary"

Tickets Sold	331	100-399 tickets sold
Seller Entries	63	
Total Collected	\$82,450.00	Grand Prize - \$10,000.00
Tier 1 Prize Level	<u>\$19,000.00</u>	2 nd Prize - \$3,000.00
Total (applied to Loan)	\$63,450.00	3 rd Prize - \$2,000.00
		4 th Prize - \$1,000.00
		Four Prizes - \$500.00 ea.
		Seller Prize - \$1,000.00

~Contact~

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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