# St. William Parish

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### February 26, 2023 ~ First Sunday of Lent



# "He will raise you up on eagle's wings!"

Every year on the First Sunday of Lent, the gospel proclaimed is the wilderness temptation of Jesus. Temptations can be difficult to avoid! Even the Lord's Prayer concludes with the exhortation to "lead us not into temptation." Jesus endures his time in the desert, facing the temptations of humanity, to model for us the way we should live as we endure similar circumstances. The temptations we hear of today are quite extraordinary, which is exactly the point. Not many of us would necessarily be tempted by the ability to turn stones into bread or jump from high precipices. These are not the type of temptations we encounter every day, yet they are especially significant because the devil knows and proclaims Jesus as the Son of God. Jesus makes it abundantly clear that he will not take the easy way out. Rather than succumbing to the temptations of comfort, convenience, and power, Jesus shows us that the path of life is through the cross. As believers, we strive to imitate Christ, yet sometimes this might seem impossible. How we emulate the divine that is in each one of us is our constant challenge. Jesus shows us the way by living and struggling with his own humanity; much in the same way we do, so that the divine might shine forth. Our liturgical year offers us the rhythm for living the life of faith. Each year we are blessed with the season of Lent



that beckons us to reflect on the struggle of human weakness and become aware of our divine care. We are invited to take up the practices of prayer, sacrifice, and almsgiving, to bring us back into a right relationship with God and one another. This holy season is a time for all of us to examine and reflect upon our lives and to see where we might need improvement and growth as we anticipate celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord and our resurrection as well. This Lent we are given the opportunity to accept Jesus's invitation to journey on our "path in the wilderness." As we begin this Lenten season, let us ask for God's grace to sustain us; and for pardon and mercy for the times we have given into temptation. In doing so, may our hearts be mended so that we can offer a new kind of hope that brings us back to the message and mission of the gospel.

Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash



### ~ February 26-March 5, 2023 ~ First Sunday in Lent

#### **FEBRUARY 26, 2023**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **ED RADNOTHY**/ Barb & John Robinson

Sun 8:30 a.m. † CARMELLA POWELL/ Family

Sun 11:00 a.m. † DAN GELET, SR./ Family

Mon 8:30 a.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE** 

Tues 8:30 a.m. † JIM MCNEILL/ Mercedes Sutyak

Wed 8:30 a.m. † NOREEN SHAGNOT/ Butcher Family

Thur 8:30 a.m. † BRIANNA HEIB/ Theresa & Jim White

Fri 8:30 a.m. † **DWIGHT DUTTRY FAMILY**/ Tim & Jane Johns

#### **MARCH 5, 2023**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **BOB & ANGIE MUSIL**/ Kathy Rogel

Sun 8:30 a.m. † JANET & JERRY OTT/ Ann & Roy Plant

Sun 11:00 a.m. † WALTER DWAYNE BOWSER/Bob & Marcia Kane

### Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

### ~ March 5, 2023 ~ **Second Sunday of Lent**

### **Genesis 12:1-4**

The LORD said to Abram: "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you...

Beloved: Bear your Share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God...

### Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them ...

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY

March 5, 2023

### Lectors

5:00 p.m. Theresa Petrosky, Viviane Watson

8:30 a.m. Sandy Frantz, Treva Pytlik

11:00 a.m. Erin Lee, Melanie Shoaf

#### Servers

5:00 p.m. Tim Timko 8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale

11:00 a.m. Milania Shaker

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 p.m. Ruth Bubba, Brian Lenhart,

Carol Timko, Bob Mintus

8:30 a.m. Ellie Gates, Pamela Kuebler,

Mike Trunick, Bob Mintus

11:00 a.m. Scott Freer, Jeannette Jaskiewicz,

Regina Speaker, Bob Mintus

### OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ February 12, 2023 (WK 34)

LAST WK

YTD

**Sunday Collection** 240,403.00\* \$ \$ 6,232.00\*

**Amount Needed** \$ 7,269.00 \$ 247,146.00 \$

Difference \$ (1,037.00) (6.743.00)Performance 86% 97%

\*Includes MyEoffering: \$646.00 LASTWK = \$25,530.00 YTD

Envelopes ~ 147 out of 508

Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 3.00 (3 out of 41)

### POT-OF-GOLD

#404 drawn on 2/22/2023 !!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$590.00



### MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

5:00 p.m.

8:30 a.m.

119 11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance: 286

Average: 95

### "THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU"

### ~ An Evening of Reconciliation Wednesday – March 8, 2023

"How good it feels to come back to Him whenever we are lost," Pope Francis tells us. The The Light is Light is ON for You ~ An ON On Evening of Reconciliation" will



be on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in Church. If you know of family members or friends who have been away from the Catholic Church, please invite them to come home this Lent —the light will be ON for them.

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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

### JOIN THE PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Anyone interested in joining our group of parishioners dedicated to praying for the intentions and concerns of our church family, friends, and community, can do so by contacting the parish office at 330-847-8677 or by emailing parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org.



### WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS First Sunday of Lent

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." ~Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other 'gods" we have put before God.

### \*\* RECENT DEATH \*\*

Our Sincere Sympathy

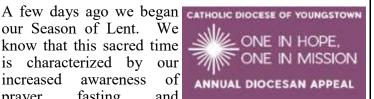
In your prayers for the departed, please remember

### **Amelia Knapick**

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

### DIOCESAN APPEAL One in Hope, One in Mission

our Season of Lent. We know that this sacred time is characterized by our increased awareness of prayer, fasting, and



almsgiving. We unite closer to God in our daily conversations with him; we examine those things that keep us from placing him at the center of our lives; and we focus on the ways we can extend God's blessings in our own lives to the lives of others in need. wonderful way to do just that is through our support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal: One in Hope, One in Mission. 60 cents of every dollar raised goes to the service of our brothers and sisters in need through the compassionate ministry of Catholic Charities in our six counties. The remaining 40 cents is used to enhance a wide variety of ministries in our parishes, schools, and other institutions throughout the diocese. Together, we are working to raise \$4,000,000 to fulfill our mission. Our parish share of that goal is \$46,200.00. To date 10 pledging parishioners have already responded \$4,913.00. Please complete and return your pledge card, either received in the mail or picked up at Church, as soon as possible. Your support is invaluable in our reaching our goal. For more information about the work of the appeal or to make a gift online, please visit www.doy.org. On behalf of Bishop Bonnar, and all who will be ministered to by your generosity – thank you. Through our shared commitment to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we hope, "That all may be one!".

Saint William Parish has met or surpassed our parish goal for the last 14 years! Help us continue for a  $15^{th}$ year by making your donation TODAY!

### Fish Dinners HAVE STARTED!



- Every Friday until March 31st
- 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
- Last week 454 Meals Sold
- 50/50 Winner Donna Runtas
- Dine In / Take Out  $\sim$  \$13.00
- Choice of Baked or Fried Fish
- 3 Sides \*Mac & Cheese or

Haluski ~ French Fries ~ Coleslaw

- Surprise Dessert!!!
- Still interested in being part of the Fish Dinner Crew? Call the Parish Office.

\*Mac & Cheese and Haluski are served on alternate weeks

### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS OF THE WEEK

Phillips Sekanick Architects, Inc.

https://phillips-sekanick.com/

Warren Olympic Club 330-399-4048

### THE PARISH CALENDAR

Feb 27 ~ Little Rock Scripture 9:30 a.m.

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Feb 28 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.

Mar 1 ~ Women's Guild 6:00 p.m.

Mar 1 ~ Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.

Mar 2 ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

Mar 3 ~ Fish Dinner #3

Mar 4 ~ Super Cash Bonanza Raffle 6:30 p.m.

Mar  $5 \sim PSR-FFC 4:00 \text{ p.m.}$ 

Mar 5 ~ Youth Ministry 4:00 p.m.

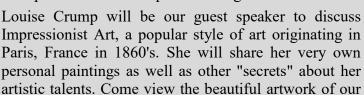
Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

### WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting:

Meeting: March 1, 2023

6:00 p.m. Social ~ 6:30 p.m. Meeting



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #7491

talented parishioner.



Wednesday, March 1, 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

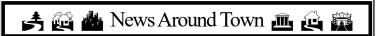
### BULLETINS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

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.



### **CHANGING PHONE NUMBERS???**

Has your phone number changed recently? Eliminated your land line? If so, please let us know you 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



### Blessed Sacrament & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parishes ~ Lenten Soup & Bread Series~

Eucharist—Discovering the Mass in the Bible will be held on Wednesdays, March 1-April 5 from 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Church Reagan Hall. Bring your bible!

# PARISH GALA and SUPER CASH BONANZA RAFFLE NEXT SATURDAY!!

March 4, 2023 ~ 6:00 p.m. \$19,000.00 in PRIZES!

- 6:00 p.m. cocktails and hor d'oeuvres
- ♦ 7:30 p.m. Basket Raffle Drawing
- 8:00 p.m. Super Cash Bonanza Raffle



## "Super Cash Bonanza Raffle Summary"

Tickets Sold 367 Seller Entries 69

Total Collected: \$91,600.00 Tier 1 Prize Level: \$19,000.00

Total (applied to Loan): \$72,600.00

Grand Prize - \$10,000.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$3,000.00 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$2,000.00 4<sup>th</sup> Prize - \$1,000.00 Four Prizes - \$500.00 ea. Seller Prize - \$1,000.00

### RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Trumbull County Catholic Parishes are working together with Rise Against Hunger for a meal packaging event. This experience is open to people of all ages.



- Sunday, March 12, 2023
- John F. Kennedy Catholic School Upper Campus
- 2550 Central Parkway SE, Warren
- ◆ Register online for either of these shifts <a href="http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/DOYRISE2023">http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/DOYRISE2023</a>
- 2pm-3pm or 3:15pm-4:30pm

Online registration is required. For families, please register every person in the family. Please contact Tina McCue if you need assistance with online registration. We ask that each participant consider donating \$10.00 (family maximum of \$25.00) to help offset the cost of the meals. If you are unable to participate in the meal packing experience, please consider donating through the online registration site. Teens will also be available after all Masses next weekend to receive your donations.



# St. William Parish Community Membership Form

	Membership Porm
Nam	e:
Addr	ress:
City/	Zip: Phone:
e-Ma	ail Address:
Chec	ck One:
	I am interested in membership, please send registration form
	Moving out of the parish
	Change of address / phone number

### ~Contact~

### **Church Office**

330-847-8677

www.stwilliamchampion.org parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org Church Building 330-847-7026

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

### ~Celebrate~

Chuck Poponak, Maintenance Manager

### **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