

St. William Parish

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March 5, 2023 ~ Second Sunday of Lent



“You light the path before us!”

We begin this second week of Lent with the story of the transfiguration. In the gospel, Jesus reveals to his disciples that he is the Son of God. The revelation is extraordinary, but this event is not one of passivity. We, too, are invited into a life of transformation as we strive to become the people we are called to be. Part of our transformation, just like that of the disciples, is our awareness and alertness of the presence of God. Peter, James and John experience an incredibly intense moment as they witness Jesus’s transfiguration atop the mountain. They see a great light. They hear the voice of God and they feel the movement of the Spirit washing over them. Then, in a matter of moments, the intensity ends. The three friends make their way down the mountain awakened to the presence and promise of God. We might ask, as we journey this Lent, what is keeping our own minds from being fully awake? Do our experiences, prejudices, and biases keep us from encountering God? Do we have difficulty recognizing the kindness of others? Our lesson today is a great opportunity to reflect on our own self-awareness as we look to better ourselves and prepare for Easter. The transfiguration of Jesus gives Peter, James, and John and us a glimpse of what is to come in the resurrection. Jesus appears before them with his face shining like the sun and clothes as white as light. This is a peak moment in the lives of his disciples. Peak experiences do not come often and they do not last, but they can be a touchstone to which we may return often through memories. The birth of a child; falling in love; a special day; or an encounter in nature; may all be peak experiences we want to preserve, remember, and cherish. Today’s gospel story is meant to motivate us, as we continue our Lenten journey through our path in the wilderness, to look for God’s presence amid the storms and sin of daily life. Our Lenten journey will

lead us to the foot of the cross and to the joy of the empty tomb. The disciples today are offered a new hope as they, like Jesus, are transfigured in their belief and faith. May the repentance and forgiveness we seek this Lent, transfigure us as we continue our path in the wilderness in anticipation our Easter joy bringing us fresh hope in faith and one another.



Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash

~ March 5-12, 2023 ~
Second Sunday in Lent

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

Mon 8:30 a.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE**
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **BOB ROGEL/** Claudia Ogan
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **DELORES HUNCHERICK/** Women's Guild
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **CAROL DRABEK/** Gilda Stigliano
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **ADRIAN HOVANIC/** Gates Family

MARCH 12, 2023

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **DONNA CRAIGER/** Theresa Craiger
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **BARB BAILEY/** Gerry Dines
Sun 11:00 a.m. † **ALBERT JASKIEWICZ/** Jaskiewicz Family

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

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ March 12, 2023 ~
Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?..."

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...

John 4:4-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

March 12, 2023

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Kathy Rogel
8:30 a.m. Kristin Freudenrich, Ed Runyan
11:00 a.m. Taylor Kuhn, Renita Mintus

Servers

5:00 p.m. Nola Tunnicliff
8:30 a.m. William McCready
11:00 a.m. Brian Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Bob Hardman, Karen Hardman,
Barb Robinson, Dan Robinson
8:30 a.m. Carole Baniak, Dave Lucanski,
Marilyn Nicolaus, Linda Trunick
11:00 a.m. Barb Bickford, Dave Bickford,
Sandra Hudak, Melanie Shoaf



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ February 19, 2023 (WK 35)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,500.00*	\$ 247,903.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 254,415.00
Difference	\$ 231.00	\$ (6,512.00)
Performance	103%	97%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 696.00 LAST WK — \$ 27,226.00 YTD

Envelopes ~ 176 out of 508

Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 18.00 (16 out of 41)

POT-OF-GOLD

#80 drawn on 3/1/2023

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$732.00



MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

90

5:00 p.m.

91

8:30 a.m.

130

11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **311**

Average: **104**

"THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU"

~ An Evening of Reconciliation

This Wednesday – March 8, 2023

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

"With infinite mercy, He forgives all of our sins as soon as we show the smallest sign of repentance." —Pope Francis.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation offers to us the healing grace of God. During this Lenten Season all Catholics are reminded to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of their Lenten observance in preparation for Easter. This opportunity provides us with an awareness of God's deep abiding love through His forgiveness and mercy. Be part of this special event on Wednesday at our parish and throughout the Diocese.

THIS WEEK

Liturgy Committee Meeting: The Liturgy Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. to finalize plans for Holy Week and the Easter Season.

Parish Council: The Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The Parish Council January 10, 2023, meeting minutes are available on the parish website and are posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Second Sunday of Lent

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

~Genesis 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

†† RECENT DEATH ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Carol Hovanic

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

DIOCESAN APPEAL

One in Hope, One in Mission

Each year on the Second Sunday of Lent, we hear the story of the Transfiguration of the Lord. In that account, Peter says to the Lord, "It is good that we are here," as they witness the transfiguring power of God. We are called to respond in the same way, as we strive to bring that radiant light of Christ into the hearts and homes of those in need. Indeed, it is good that we are here – ready and willing to make a difference for so many in need. We continue to join with parishes throughout the diocese in response to the **Annual Diocesan Appeal: One in Hope, One in Mission**. Thank you to those who have already made a prayerful response to the Appeal so far helping us to reach our goal of \$46,200.00. To date 45 parishioners have responded pledging \$14,213.00. If you did not receive information in the mail and have not made your response, please take a brochure from Church today and consider making a gift commitment to the Appeal this week. Your support is essential in continuing to bring the light of hope and the mission of the Church into our world. 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. During this holy season, we pray, "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 15th year by making your donation TODAY!*



THE PARISH CALENDAR

- Mar 6 ~ Small Christian Communities 9:30 a.m.
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- Mar 7 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
- Mar 7 ~ Liturgy Committee 5:30 p.m.
- Mar 7 ~ Parish Council 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 8 ~ Reconciliation-The Light is ON 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 8 ~ Cantor Practice 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 9 ~ Naim Club 12:30 p.m.
- Mar 9 ~ Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 10 ~ Fish Dinner #4 4:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
- Mar 11 ~ Folk Group Rehearsal 3:30 p.m.
- Mar 12 ~ Coffee & Donuts
- Mar 12 ~ Confirmation Session 9:30 a.m.
- Mar 12 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.
- Mar 12 ~ Stories & Scripture 9:30 a.m.
- Mar 12 ~ Confirmation Rite of Sending 11:00 a.m.
- Mar 12 ~ K of C Corporate Communion 11:00 a.m.
- Mar 12 ~ Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing 2:00 p.m.

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting:

Meeting: April 12, 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, March 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

GOLDEN AGERS NEWS

Memories of Elvis. Friday, March 10, 2023 @ 12:00 noon. We will carpool from the church parking lot promptly at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$60.00. make checks payable to St. William Golden Agers.



COFFEE & DONUTS

Next Sunday

after the 8:30 and the 11:00 Masses.



Fish Dinners CONTINUE!



- ◆ Every Friday until March 31st
- ◆ 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Last week 683 Meals Sold
- ◆ 50/50 Winner – Judy Phelps
- ◆ Dine In / Take Out ~ \$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

Sorrento Restaurant & Banquet Hall

330-393-4076

Champion Ace Hardware

330-847-6999

News Around Town

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is having a **Cabin Fever Dinner** on Saturday, March 18 beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the St. Cyril Hall, 175 Laird Ave. NE, Warren. Tickets are being sold in advance for \$20 per adult and \$10 children under 12. We will have great food, musical entertainment, and cash raffles. BYOB. Come to the parish office at 2532 Burton St., SE weekdays 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to purchase tickets.

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
<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/DOYRISE2023>
- ◆ 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.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY – FRIDAY THIS YEAR

The current Lenten discipline is that those age 14 and over are required to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday during the Season of Lent. This year, however Saint Patrick's Day (March 17) falls on Friday of the third week of Lent. Taking into consideration both past practices and present circumstances, and having judged that it would serve the spiritual good of the faithful, Bishop Bonnar has granted a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence from meat on March 17, 2023. ***Note we will be serving Fish Dinners this night...so this dispensation really doesn't apply to our parish!!!*** Those taking advantage of the dispensation are urged to make a special additional act of Lenten sacrifice, prayer or charity this week

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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Diocese of Youngstown will sponsor a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, May 7, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in St. Columba Cathedral, to honor couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th *and over* wedding anniversaries in 2023. Mass will be celebrated with Bishop Bonnar, and include a renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate, and a light reception in the cathedral hall. Couples must make reservations in advance. Deadline to register is March 29, 2023 – space is limited. Contact the Parish Office for details. .

CHAMPION PRIDE COUNCIL SPRING FOOD DRIVE

The Champion Pride Council is sponsoring a Spring Food Drive from March 1 – April 1, 2023. Suggested items include: canned tuna, canned pastas, dry cereal, mac & cheese dinners, peanut butter, soups, spaghetti and sauce. Please place your items in the box in the vestibule. Thank you for your support.

~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