

# St. William Parish

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March 12, 2023 ~ Third Sunday of Lent



*“Come unto me and rest.”*

Water emerges as a major player in today’s readings. The Israelites thirst for water and Jesus encounters the Samaritan woman drawing water from a well. In both cases, water serves to meet a basic need and more. Jesus speaks of living water, the kind that satisfies thirst forever. Those who drink of it are promised eternal life. This focus on water midway through Lent draws our attention and prayers. The Lord provides us with the water we need to never thirst again. In her encounter with Jesus, the Samaritan woman begins from a place of defensiveness. She continues with Jesus in a guarded manner and moves to challenge Jesus, asking intelligent questions to probe his wisdom. When he reveals his identity as Messiah, she finally arrives at a place of trust, leaving her water jar behind and becoming a powerful evangelist. Her testimony becomes the cause of many neighbors’ belief! Such is the power of an encounter with Christ; one who is known to be sinful is transformed into one whose testimony is so powerfully true that the same townspeople who would have judged her are transformed. Today’s gospel is a good checkpoint as we enter this third week of our Lenten journey. It might do us good to reflect if we have used the resources God has given to us to bear fruit in the world? Have we been using the time we have to cultivate our relationship with God and others? Have we generously and selflessly shared our gifts and resources? Are we making the most of each day? It has become easy to come up with countless excuses these days resulting in a breeding ground for complacency. In some instances, our excuses have allowed us to stray from our obligations and commitments to family, work, faith, and Mass. Today Jesus tells us, however, that we have another chance to step it up. Repentance and God’s life-giving forgiveness are always possible. Our Lenten journey affords us the chance to return to God and one another in a spirit of dedication, commitment, and truth. In these remaining weeks of Lent and as we prepare for the celebration of Easter may we not squander this opportunity for new life and renewed sense of hope and promise.



*Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash*

~ March 12-19, 2023 ~  
Third Sunday in Lent

**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

Mon 8:30 a.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **AL HERRMAN/** Mary Pytlik  
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **CHARLES LARSON/** Baniak Family  
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **BETTY PETROSKY/** Butcher Family  
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **LEWIS DANVER FAMILY/** Tim & Jane Johns

**MARCH 19, 2023**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **SHIRLEY MAICHROWICZ/** Pat & Joe Maciejewski  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **RICHARD COLES/** Mary Pytlik  
Sun 11:00 a.m. † **BRIANNA HEIB/** Ann Sprague

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

*Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:*

~ March 19, 2023 ~  
Fourth Sunday of Lent

**1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13**

*The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem..."*

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

*Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light...*

**John 9:1-41**

*As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents..."*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

March 19, 2023

**Lectors**

5:00 p.m. Ruth Bubba, Donna Runtas  
8:30 a.m. Linda Horm, Rachael Zigarovich  
11:00 a.m. Erin Lee, Catherine Poponak

**Servers**

5:00 p.m. John Barco  
8:30 a.m. Eric Sitch  
11:00 a.m. Theresa Craiger

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 p.m. Ted Bogan, Bob Hardman,  
Karen Hardman, Bob Mintus  
8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale, Michele Jeffers,  
Laurie Sitch, Bob Mintus  
11:00 a.m. Patty Heib, Jennifer Kusmierak,  
Chuck Poponak, Bob Mintus



**OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ March 5, 2023 (WK 36)**

	LAST WK	YTD
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 7,267.00*	\$ 255,170.00*
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 261,684.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$ (2.00)	\$ (6,514.00)
<b>Performance</b>	100%	98%

\*Includes MyEoffering: \$946.00 LAST WK — \$28,172.00 YTD

Envelopes ~ 176 out of 508

Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 6.00 (6 out of 41)

**POT-OF-GOLD**

#460 drawn on 3/8/2023

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$886.00



**MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND**

Mass attendance last weekend was:

**155**

5:00 p.m.

**78**

8:30 a.m.

**108**

11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **341**

Average: **114**

**PARISH GALA THANK YOU –  
CASH RAFFLE RESULTS!**

Many thanks to all who attended last week's Parish Gala for the Super Bonanza Cash Raffle! A special word of thanks to the Parish Gala Planning Team for all their hard work to make it a



memorable evening. Thank you to the Women's Guild and Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the event and for providing the hors d'oeuvres (Women's Guild) and refreshments (Knights). Because of their generosity minimal cost was incurred by the parish. Thanks to all the parish groups for donating a basket for the basket raffle and finally to all who purchased tickets for the Super Bonanza Cash Raffle! Congratulations to all the winners!

Grand Prize \$10,000: Lillian Schultz  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$3,000: Lillian Schultz  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$2,000: Louise Crump  
4<sup>th</sup> Prize \$1,000: Ronald Koren  
5<sup>th</sup> Prize \$500 each: William Tombar, Sandy & Steve Fenton, Carole Baniak, Dan Leihgeber  
Seller's Raffle \$1000: Kathy Rogel  
50/50 Winner \$762: Michael McCluskey  
Basket Raffle Proceeds: \$1,576.00

*Final Super Bonanza Cash Raffle Results*

Total Tickets Sold 377  
Total Collected: \$94,250.00  
50/50 Basket Raffle \$2,338.00  
Prizes -\$19,000.00  
Additional Expenses: -\$460.00

**Total Profit \$77,128.00** to be applied to Parish Debt!

**NEW MEMBER**

**Lorena Schroeder**

*Welcome to our parish family. May you find warmth and spiritual growth in our parish.*



†† RECENT DEATH ††

***Our Sincere Sympathy***

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

**Hubert McKenney**

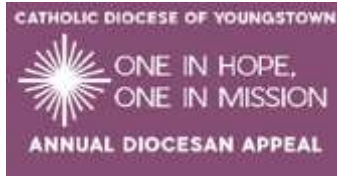
*May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*



## DIOCESAN APPEAL

### *One in Hope, One in Mission*

In the Letter to the Romans this weekend, we are reminded that *"hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts"*. How blessed we are to be endowed with God's ever-present love. Even more so, how incredibly blessed we are to bring that love to others – a love which provides great hope. Last year the regional office of Catholic Charities in Trumbull, Mahoning, and Columbiana Counties provided 1598 food vouchers and emergency assistance; 378 pregnant women and families with young children were served through the First Step program; 2339 people received utility assistance; and over 11,800 hot meals were delivered just to name a few of the many services provided by Catholic Charities and support to the Diocesan Appeal. 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 59 parishioners have responded pledging \$17,383.00. 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. For more information about the work of the appeal or to make a gift online, please visit [www.doy.org](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> year by making your donation TODAY!*



## THE PARISH CALENDAR

Mar 13 ~ Little Rock Scripture Study 9:30 a.m.  
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Mar 14 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.  
Mar 15 ~ Prayer Shawl 6:30 p.m.  
Mar 15 ~ Folk Group Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.  
Mar 15 ~ Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.  
Mar 16 ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.  
Mar 17 ~ St. Patrick's Day!  
Mar 17 ~ Fish Dinner #5  
Mar 18 ~ Confirmation at St. Columba 11:00 a.m.  
Mar 19 ~ Confirmation Breakfast 9:30 a.m.  
Mar 19 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.  
Mar 19 ~ Youth Ministry 12:00 noon

*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](http://www.knights7491.org)

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

[www.stwilliamchampion.org](http://www.stwilliamchampion.org)

## CHAMPION PRIDE 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.

## KOLACHI BAKE

Wednesday, March 22  
Nut, Apricot & Poppyseed  
Kolachi \$14 each

Prep Work - 8:00 a.m.  
Rolling - 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Baking - 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Wrapping 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.



Limit FOUR per order. For orders or questions call Gloria Karafa at 330-507-4580. Kolachi may be picked up March 22 from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Orders not picked up will be sold unless paid in advance.

## *Fish Dinners CONTINUE!*



- ◆ Every Friday until March 31st
- ◆ 4:00 p.m. – **6:30 p.m.**
- ◆ Last week 684 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

**King Brothers**

330-889-3451

**Emerine's Towing**

330-847-6949

## SAINT PATRICK'S DAY – THIS FRIDAY

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. However, this year Saint Patrick's Day (March 17) is this coming Friday. 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 abstaining from meat this coming Friday, 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.

## 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Have you ever thought of memorializing a special event – birthday, anniversary, or any other special happening? Mass intentions are not limited to only remembering loved ones who have passed away; they can also be offered to commemorate a special event. In addition, Mass can also be offered for other causes as well – the sick, lonely, unemployed, less fortunate etc. We are currently in need of Mass Intentions for upcoming weekday Masses. Please contact the parish office or drop your requests in the collection basket. If you are remembering a special event please be sure to include that with your request. The customary offering is \$10.00 for each intention.



## 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~

Church Office 330-847-8677

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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  
**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](http://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