

St. William Parish

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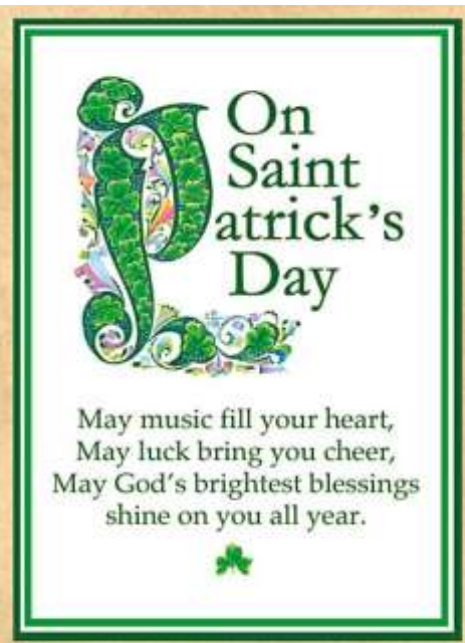
March 19, 2023 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent



“We will show our compassion and care!”

As we enter this fourth week of Lent our gospel reading today, like many of our Lenten readings play with the themes of light and darkness, seeing and blindness. In today’s reading, Jesus makes clear that it is easier for God to heal physical blindness than the willful refusal to see God at work. Jesus uses the gifts of the earth to heal the man born blind. He doesn’t summon a chorus of angels or other worldly tools. He simply rubs saliva and dirt together and heals the blindness of the man. Being made in the image of Christ, in our own ways, we too can use the gifts we have been given to help ourselves and others on the path of healing. Most of us struggle with some level of blindness in our own lives. God does not always operate in ways that are easy for us to perceive. As we hear, the Pharisees were comfortable with their blindness, unable to recognize how much they don’t see. Sometimes we, too, are often content to remain in ignorance, especially when God’s light reveals truth that is uncomfortable. Having their eyes opened challenged the power of the Pharisee’s they had grown comfortable with. What God reveals is not always comfortable or easy. We are often called to sacrifice our comfortableness so that God can heal our blindness. This is the work of Lent. Through our prayers, fasting, sacrifice, and almsgiving we are called to illumine the places in our lives that keep us from God and to turn away from them. We may not be able to physically restore someone’s sight, but by our Christian discipleship we can bring the healing presence of Christ into our world.

I would like to offer my sincerest thanks and gratitude for the many kind words and sentiments expressed to me over this last week regarding my announcement to accept a new position in the Diocese. Change is not easy and it is never simple to leave an assignment that you have enjoyed so much for so many years. However, as with any moment of change in life, we rely on the working of the Spirit to lead and be with us as a chapter closes and a new one opens. I am confident that the Spirit is at work in this new beginning for our wonderful parish and for myself. I am very happy to welcome Father Furlong and Father Johnson as the new shepherds of Saint William Parish and I hope you will embrace them in the same welcoming spirit that is the hallmark Saint William Parish!



Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash

~ March 19-26, 2023 ~
Fourth Sunday in Lent

MARCH 19, 2023

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

Mon 8:30 a.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE**
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **LYNN KUNOVICH/** Theresa Craiger
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **ANNA MARIE CHULIK/** Women's Guild
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **ANN HUFFMAN/** Sylvia Kuna
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **ANGIE MUSIL/** Kathy Rogel

MARCH 26, 2023

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **ANGELA TOMBAR/** John & Lori Kiepper
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **TED PYTLIK/** Mary Pytlik
Sun 11:00 a.m. † **JOE BAYUK/** John & Cindy Salerno

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

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ March 26, 2023 ~
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them...

Romans 8:8-11

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary...

John 11:1-45

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

March 26, 2023

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Andrea Kochunas, Viviane Watson
8:30 a.m. Christine DePascale, Nancy Lucanski
11:00 a.m. Margie McCummins, Melanie Shoaf

Servers

5:00 p.m. Therese Tuttle
8:30 a.m. Ellie Gates
11:00 a.m. Karen Daugherty

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Carla Gilronan, Ron Gilronan,
Brian Lenhart, Carol Timko
8:30 a.m. Ellie Gates, Pamela Kuebler,
Gloria Mintus, Frank Pytlik
11:00 a.m. Karen Daugherty, Dan Gelet,
Christina Pacurar, Regina Speaker



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ March 12, 2023 (WK 37)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 6,857.00*	\$ 262,027.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 268,953.00
Difference	\$ (412.00)	\$ (6,924.00)
Performance	94%	97%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 756.00 LAST WK — \$ 28,925.00 YTD

Envelopes ~ 168 out of 507

Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 68.00 (7 out of 41)

POT-OF-GOLD

#122 drawn on 3/14/2023

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$1,035.00



MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

96

5:00 p.m.

75

8:30 a.m.

124

11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **295**

Average: **98**

GOLDEN AGERS NEWS

St. William Golden Ages will meet Tuesday, March 21 at 12:30 p.m. in room 103.

Door prizes donated by Ed and Clara Hillman. Refreshments will include pizza, "pot luck" and coffee and ice water. *Bring a friend to the meeting.*



Amish Dinner, Thursday, March 23, 2023 1:00 p.m., 7595 St Rt 534 West Farmington, OH We will carpool from the church parking lot promptly at 12:30 p.m. Payment of \$25 to be paid at the dinner.

NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Beginning Monday, March 20, 2023 the Parish Office will be open from **8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** Monday through Thursday; and **8:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.** on Friday.

CHANGING PHONE NUMBERS???

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

WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Fourth Sunday of Lent

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart."

~ 1 Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

†† RECENT DEATH ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Deacon Ted Heutsche

Father of Susan Lenhart

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

DIOCESAN APPEAL

One in Hope, One in Mission

The 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal continues. Many thanks to all who have already responded towards our parish goal of \$46,200.00. To date 82 parishioners have responded totaling \$24,571.00 (over 50% of goal.) Your support is greatly appreciated and needed! If you have not yet offered your gift please do so as soon as possible. Every parishioner is being asked to prayerfully to support this year's Appeal. You can make your response directly to the Diocese or by dropping it in the collection basket on Sunday. If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider doing so between now and Palm Sunday. [For more information about the work of the appeal or to make a gift online, please visit \[www.doy.org\]\(http://www.doy.org\).](#) Thank you and God bless you. Together, we pray, "That all may be one!" Your generosity last year helped to provide the following in Trumbull, Mahoning and Columbiana County:



- ~1598 people with emergency food vouchers and assistance;
- ~780 people with homeless outreach;
- ~338 pregnant women and families with assistance;
- ~525 seniors with support service;
- ~2339 with utility assistance through Warm Hearts for Warm Homes;
- ~459 nights of shelter for victims of domestic violence

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.

LENTEN RICE BOWLS

Lenten Rice Bowls may be returned on Holy Thursday evening at the Mass of the Lord's Supper or at any time during Holy Week.

Fish Dinners CONTINUE!



- ◆ Every Friday until March 31st
 - ◆ 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Last week 610 Meals Sold
50/50 Winner – Shawn Garrito

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS OF THE WEEK

Brokers Realty
330-883-0829

Ventling Memorials
330-847-8500

THE PARISH CALENDAR

- Mar 20 ~ Small Christian Communities 9:30 a.m.
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- Mar 21 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
- Mar 21 ~ Golden Agers 12:30 a.m.
- Mar 22 ~ Women's Guild Kolachi Bake 8:00 a.m.
- Mar 22 ~ Folk Group Practice 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 23 ~ Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 24 ~ Fish Dinner #6
- Mar 25 ~ Rene's Closet 9:00 a.m.
- Mar 25 ~ Adult Choir Practice 3:30 p.m.
- Mar 25 ~ Adult Choir 5:00 p.m.
- Mar 26 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.
- Mar 26 ~ Folk Group Practice 9:45 a.m.
- Mar 26 ~ Instrument Practice 2:00 p.m.
- Mar 26 ~ Lent Communal Reconciliation at Blessed Sacrament Church 2:00 p.m.
- Mar 26 ~ Youth Ministry Stations of the Cross 6:00p.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



April 12 Meeting: Have you ever thought about the Women of the Titanic? A guest speaker will present on the women of the Titanic; from the crew, to the nurses, to the passengers who were in attendance on the famous luxury passenger liner. Hope to see you there on the 111th anniversary of that fateful voyage!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #7491



Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 5, 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

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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

We extend congratulations to: Kyle Haynie, Ty Horm, and Mario Humenik who celebrated and received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend at Saint Columba Cathedral.

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.



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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

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~

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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