

St. William Parish

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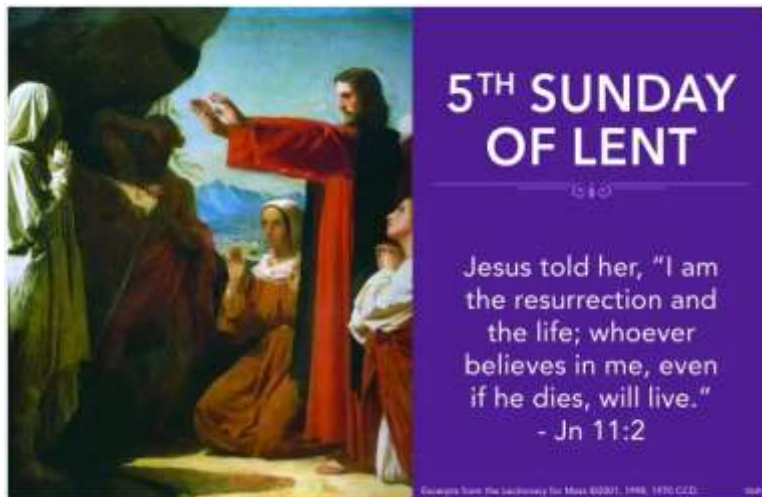
March 26, 2023 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent



“With Him is plenteous redemption!”

On this last Lenten weekend before Palm Sunday we are told the story of Lazarus along with Martha and Mary. The raising of Lazarus surfaces difficult questions about life and death. In their grief, Martha and Mary speak bluntly to Jesus: *“Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”* They know Jesus to be the Son of God and they know of his healing powers. They cry out, and Jesus weeps with them. Moved with compassion, Jesus commands the dead Lazarus to come out of the cave – and behold he does! It is interesting to note that Mary and Martha reverse their roles in today’s story. Where Mary once sat at the feet of Jesus, she now sits at home in her grief. Martha, however, the one who was too busy to listen, comes to him as interlocutor, intelligently and faithfully interacting with him. Wonderful as this miracle is, it is a jarring one; this simply does not happen. People who have been dead for four days do not come back to life. We know nothing of Lazarus’s experience but whatever his experience was of death, it must have been unsettling to be jolted back to life. Jesus brings forth life but does so in ways that disrupts the order of things to which we have grown accustomed. We may hear this story and rejoice while also feeling a bit jealous. Lazarus receives a second chance; Martha and Mary get some extra time with their brother. Such an event begs big questions: Why does Jesus not raise all our loved ones to new life on this earth immediately after their death? Why does suffering exist if our Lord is all-powerful? What might our resurrection look like? While these questions have no easy answers, they point us to some of the most profound truths of our faith. When Jesus calls us to fuller life in him, it is not always comfortable or easy. There are demands and sacrifices.

While Lazarus stands alone as the first called forth from the tomb, we are never left alone with our challenges; it is Christ’s own life that we share and he accompanies us always. We can grieve the earthly death of loved ones and be confident that they are enjoying new life in Christ; choosing to live each day with trust in Christ’s abiding love for us. This we must do as we continue our Lenten path in the wilderness and prepare for the celebration of Easter. In these last weeks of Lent may this be our prayer and hope.



5TH SUNDAY
OF LENT

Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live.”
- Jn 11:2

Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash

~ March 26~April 2, 2023 ~
Fifth Sunday in Lent

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
Mon 8:30 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE
Tues 8:30 a.m. † MURPH GELET/ Jim & Theresa White
Wed 8:30 a.m. † AL HERRMANN/ Ron Koren
Thur 8:30 a.m. † ANDREA GABRIELSON/ John & Sharon Bradburn
Fri 8:30 a.m. † BOB COONS FAMILY/ Tim & Jane Johns

APRIL 2, 2023

Sat 5:00 p.m. ♥ JIM & THERESE TUTTLE/ 27th Anniversary
Sun 8:30 a.m. † YVONNE VASTAG/ Lucanski Family
Sun 11:00 a.m. † ANTHONY MARANDO/ Tim & Linda Ozanich
†= In Memoriam √= Special Intention ♥= Birthday/Anniversary/Celebration

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ April 2, 2023 ~
Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary...

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped...

Matthew 26:14-27:66

One of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me..."

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

April 2, 2023 ~ Palm Sunday

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Theresa Petrosky
8:30 a.m. Margaret Foster, Marilyn Nicolaus
11:00 a.m. Eddie Kuhn, Renita Mintus

Servers

5:00 p.m. Nola Tunnicliff
8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale
11:00 a.m. Dan Gelet

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Bob Hardman, Karen Hardman,
Felicia Mooney, Bob Mintus
8:30 a.m. Dave Lucanski, Treva Pytlik,
Jamie Taneri, Bob Mintus
11:00 a.m. Scott Freer, Patty Heib,
Jeannette Jaskiewicz, Bob Mintus



MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

82 **90** **110**
5:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **282** Average: **94**

HOLY WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTRY

April 6, 2021 ~ Holy Thursday

Lectors

6:30 p.m. Deanna Barco, Donna Runtas

Servers

6:30 p.m. John Barco, Joe DePascale

Eucharistic Ministers

6:30 p.m. Renita Mintus, Jeannette Jaskiewicz,
Laurie Sitch, Dan Gelet



April 7, 2021 ~ Good Friday

Lectors

6:30 p.m. Linda Horm, Deanna Barco

Servers

6:30 p.m. John Barco

Eucharistic Ministers

6:30 p.m. Judy Jaskiewicz, Pam Kuebler



April 8, 2021 ~ Easter Vigil

Lectors

8:00 p.m. Renita Mintus, Linda Horm,
Donna Runtas, Deanna Barco

Servers

8:00 p.m. John Barco, Dan Gelet

Eucharistic Ministers

8:00 p.m. Carla Gilronan, Barb Robinson,
Dan Robinson, _____



April 9, 2021 ~ Easter Sunday

Lectors

8:30 a.m. Rachael Zigarovich, Melanie Zappia
11:00 a.m. Kathy Rogel, _____

Servers

8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale, _____
11:00 a.m. Theresa Craiger, _____

Eucharistic Ministers

8:30 a.m. Dave Lucanski, Treva Pytlik,
Frank Pytlik, Pam Kuebler
11:00 a.m. Sandy Hudak, Jeannette Jaskiewicz,
Judy Jaskiewicz, _____



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ March 19, 2023 (WK 38)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,084.00*	\$ 269,111.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 276,222.00
Difference	\$ (185.00)	\$ (7,110.00)
Performance	97%	97%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 845.00 LAST WK — \$ 29,773.00 YTD
Envelopes ~ 161 out of 507
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 7.00 (4 out of 41)

POT-OF-GOLD

#327 drawn on 3/22/2023

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$1,191.00



WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Fifth Sunday of Lent

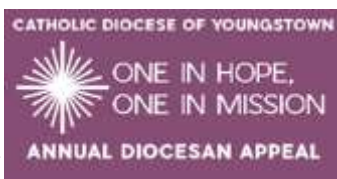
"...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." (PHILIPPIANS 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts - our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.

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 92 parishioners have responded totaling \$26,571.00. 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. For more information about the work of the appeal or to make a gift online, please visit www.doy.org.



IT'S A "RED" WEEKEND!!!!

Next weekend, Palm Sunday is a RED DAY. Be part of our environment by wearing something RED to Mass next weekend. We will begin Mass in the Social Hall.

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.



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.

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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

Fish Dinners CONTINUE!



- ◆ Every Friday until March 31st
- ◆ 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Last week 530 Meals Sold
- ◆ 50/50 Winner – Sandy Hudak

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS OF THE WEEK

Millik Insulating
330-638-9979

Peter Rossi and Family
330-372-4211

THE PARISH CALENDAR

Mar 27 ~ Caregiver Ministry Meeting 10:00 a.m.
Mar 28 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Mar 28 ~ Cantor Practice 7:00 p.m.
Mar 29 ~ Folk Group Practice 7:00 p.m.
Mar 30 ~ Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.
Mar 31 ~ Fish Dinner #7
April 1 ~ Youth Choir Practice 10:00 p.m.
April 2 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.
April 2 ~ Youth Ministry 9:30 a.m.
April 2 ~ Instrument Practice 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



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

NEW MASS TIMES BEGIN MAY 6-7, 2023

4:00 p.m. Saturday // 10:30 a.m. Sunday

DAILY MASS: MAY 15 - JUNE 30

Daily Mass will be celebrated Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. between May 15 - June 30. Liturgy of the Word with Communion Services will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 8:30 a.m. until a permanent weekday Mass schedule is announced in July.



Thank You!

St. William Staff, Music Ministry, and parishioners ~ For all the kindness you have shown, we thank you very much, For sympathy in sorrowing days, for friendship's healing touch, With gratitude our hearts are full, though words cannot convey, The tender thoughts of thankfulness we hold for you today. By the family of Yvonne Vastag

HOLY WEEK AT SAINT WILLIAM

Palm Sunday – April 2

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Blessing and Procession of Palms at all Masses

Holy Tuesday – April 4

Chrism Mass, 10:30 a.m. St. Columba Cathedral

Holy Thursday – April 6

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6:30 p.m.
REMEMBER YOUR RICE BOWLS!!
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 p.m.
Night Prayer, 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday – April 7

Good Friday Passion and Veneration of the Cross Service, 6:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday – April 8

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets 12:00 noon
The Easter Vigil, 8:00 p m

Easter Sunday – April 9

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass

ST. WILLIAM PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY



Invites you to "Praying the Stations with Teenagers" as we walk the Stations of the Cross with Jesus. Sunday, April 2 at 6:00pm.

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 **This Wednesday** – space is limited. Contact the Parish Office for details.

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