

# St. William Parish

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April 16, 2023 ~ Second Sunday of Easter



*“Peace be with you...my Lord and my God!”*

As we gather on this Second Sunday of our Easter season, we recall two dramatic scenes in this week’s gospel episode. Jesus’s friends are terrified and afraid of the religious authorities looking for them. While they are hiding, Jesus comes and stands in their midst telling them, *“Peace be with you.”* It is a rather surprising greeting considering that the disciples were exhausted. They had watched the brutal execution of one of their own, found his body stolen, and are now in hiding. They were likely at the peak of despair and the first thing Jesus offers them is *“peace.”* He doesn’t enter and immediately gives an explanation, or an escape plan. He gives them *“peace.”* Perhaps our take-a-way from this lesson is that

when our own anxiety is high and we do not understand a situation, instead of constantly seeking a solution, we can, as Jesus offers, focus our energy on finding *“peace”* in the midst of our turmoil. The second scene of this episode is the confession of faith by Thomas. This passage is generally considered the conclusion of John’s gospel account. From the very beginning of John’s version, we know that Jesus is the Son of God, the Word from the beginning. Today’s gospel puts that reality in a lived context. In his profession of faith, Thomas makes a clear and concise statement of belief: *“My Lord and my God!”* What an incredibly powerful “end” to the story! As we continue to experience the new life offered by the resurrection of the Lord may we also, through our words and actions, announce the same profession of faith as Thomas every day of our lives.



**Parking Lot Light Poles  
have arrived!!!!**

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

~ April 16-23, 2023 ~  
Second Sunday of Easter

**APRIL 16, 2023**

Sat 5:00 p.m. ♥ **JOHN & BARB ROBINSON/** 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **CAROL DRABEK/** Helen Snyder  
Sun 11:00 a.m. † **JIM MCNEILL/** Don & Martha Urchek

Mon 8:30 a.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **ANN HUFFMAN/** Sylvia Kuna  
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **TED PYTLIK/** Mary Pytlík  
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **ELRY TAYLOR FAMILY/** Tim & Jane Johns

**APRIL 23, 2023**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **GRACE BENNETT/** Brian & Andrea Kochunas  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **JANE DUDA/** Theresa & Steve Craiger  
Sun 11:00 a.m. † **BARB BAILEY/** Women's Guild

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

*Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:*

~ April 23, 2023 ~

**Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

*Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "You who are Jews..."*

1 Peter 1:17-21

*Beloved: If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially according to each one's works...*

Luke 24:13-35

*That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem...*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

April 23, 2023 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

**Lectors**

5:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Donna Runtas  
8:30 a.m. Linda Horm, Ed Runyan  
11:00 a.m. Erin Lee, Melanie Shoaf

**Servers**

5:00 p.m. Nola Tunnicliff  
8:30 a.m. Eric Sitch  
11:00 a.m. Theresa Craiger

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 p.m. Bob Hardman, Karen Hardman,  
Brian Lenhart, Felicia Mooney  
8:30 a.m. Carole Baniak, Michele Jeffers,  
Marilyn Nicolaus, Jamie Taneri  
11:00 a.m. Karen Daugherty, Sandra Hudak,  
Chuck Poponak, Bob Mintus



**OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ April 9, 2023 (WK 41)**

	LAST WK	YTD
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 7,275.00*	\$ 290,861.00*
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 298,029.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$ 6.00	\$ (7,168.00)
<b>Performance</b>	100%	98%

\*Includes MyEoffering: \$870.00 LASTWK — \$31,588.00 YTD  
Envelopes ~ 182 out of 510  
Children's Envelopes ~ \$12.00 (7 out of 41)  
Easter: \$4,984.00

**POT-OF-GOLD**

#153 drawn on 4/12/2023

!!!NO WINNER!!!

Amount: \$1,667.00



**MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND**

Mass attendance last weekend was:

**95**

5:00 p.m.

**147**

8:30 a.m.

**207**

11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **449**

Average: **150**

*Thank You!*

Thank you to all who made last week's celebration of Easter and Holy Week leading up to

Easter the joyful, prayerful, and spirit-filled moments they were. Thank you to our Music Ministry, Parish Liturgy Committee, Liturgical Ministers, and Parish Staff for their wonderful efforts and help. As we continue the 50 days of Easter, may the Risen Lord bless and enrich each of us and our parish of Saint William.

**GOLDEN AGERS NEWS**



St. William Golden Ages will meet Tuesday, April 18 at 12:30 p.m. in room 103. Door prizes donated by Kitty Kubovick and Joyce Radomski. Refreshments will include pizza and "pot luck." Always a good assortment of food. Bring a friend to the meeting.

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

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

**NEW MEMBERS**

**Christa Grabowski**

**Jean Japuncha**

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



**NEW MASS TIMES BEGIN MAY 6-7, 2023**

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

**WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

*"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"* ~John 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.

## 2023 DIOCESAN APPEAL *One in Hope, One in Mission*

This Sunday, we hear in the Acts of the Apostles that all who believed held everything in common and divided everything according to one's need. We know that isn't exactly how the world works, however, as missionary disciples, we are called to recognize our blessings, and work to extend those blessings to others. Through the **Annual Diocesan Appeal: *One in Hope, One in Mission***, we are invited to do just that. If you have not yet made a prayerful response to the Appeal, please take some time to reflect on your ability to participate and make your response today. Pledge cards are available in the vestibule or at [www.doy.org](http://www.doy.org) and click on the *Diocesan Appeal* button. To date, 114 members of our parish have pledged \$33,911 toward our parish goal of **\$46,200.00**. *Remember! All donations above our parish goal are rebated back to the parish!* On behalf of Bishop Bonnar and all who will be served by the Annual Diocesan Appeal – THANK YOU!



## THE PARISH CALENDAR

Apr 17 ~ Small Christian Communities 9:30 a.m.  
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Apr 18 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.  
Apr 18 ~ Golden Agers 12:30 p.m.  
Apr 19 ~ Youth Ministry Flower Orders Due  
Apr 19 ~ Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.  
Apr 20 ~ WG Purse Bingo 5:30 p.m.  
Apr 22 ~ Rene's Closet 9:00 a.m.  
Apr 23 ~ First Communion 8:30 a.m.  
Apr 23 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.  
Apr 23 ~ Youth Ministry 6:00 p.m.

*Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events*

## WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM

**Next Meeting:** May 3, 2023  
Installation of Officers at  
Enzo's Restaurant 6:00 p.m.



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.

## FISH DINNER VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION!



SAVE THE DATE!  
FISH DINNER VOLUNTEER  
APPRECIATION GATHERING!  
May 5, 2023 ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ Cinco de  
Mayo Celebration!!!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #7491



**Next Meeting:**  
Wednesday, April 19, 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)

## SAVE THE DATES ...FAREWELLS AND NEW BEGINNINGS

### Farewell Weekend May 27 - 28

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend "farewell weekend with Father Balash." In true Saint William spirit, we come together to wish Father Balash all the best as he answers God's call to serve the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown. Celebrate Mass with Father Balash on May 27 - 28 followed by a farewell reception after each Mass.

### Welcome Weekend May 20 - 21

Welcome our new pastor, Father Ryan Furlong, on May 20 - 21. There will be a light reception after each Mass.

## YOUTH MINISTRY SPRING FLOWER SALE

Orders are being accepted until April 19 and pick up is May 1 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the parish parking lot. The hanging baskets are provided by Bernard's Garden Center. Order forms can be found on the parish website and in the parish office.

Contact Tina McCue at [tmccue@stwilliamchampion.org](mailto:tmccue@stwilliamchampion.org) with any questions.



## MUSIC MINISTRY

ALLELUIA! We will be singing songs from our Easter Season insert found in the front cover of our music books. Please leave this tucked in under the parish prayer. Thank you to all St. William Music Ministry - Cantors, Folk Group, Adult and Children Choirs, and our Instrumentalists for your talents and dedication to our Holy Week and Easter Sunday liturgies. Thank you for sharing your time in preparation. May you and your families be blessed with Easter Blessings.



## MARIAN DEVOTION BANQUET AND "CAKE WALK"

Sunday, May 7 at 11:30 a.m.

A Marian Devotion Prayer Service will be held at 11:30 a.m. in the Worship Area followed by a luncheon and cake walk in the social hall. Sign up sheets are available on the bulletin board in the vestibule beginning this weekend. Deadline to sign-up is April 30.



## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. It serves as an annual reminder of the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. The Catholic Church remains dedicated to being at the forefront of raising awareness about the scourge of child abuse, implementing the best policies and procedures to protect children from potential abusers, and working with professionals to bring healing to those who have been abused.

Please take time this month to pray *A Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse*, which is provided by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

*God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your only Son to save us by his blood on the cross. Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them. Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters who have been gravely harmed, and the cries of those who love them. Soothe their restless hearts with hope, steady their shaken spirits with faith. Grant them justice for their cause, enlightened by your truth. Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*



## Warren Olympic Club presents: A Night at the Races

Friday, April 28, 2023 at St William Catholic Church  
Doors open 6:30 p.m. ~ Races start at 7:00 p.m.  
Tickets are \$20.00 BYOB event  
Horses are \$10 each or 3 for \$25  
Contact :Margaret Foster at 330-720-0908 for more information.  
All are welcome!

## 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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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

**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