

St. William Parish

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April 30, 2023 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter



“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.”

On this Fourth Sunday of the Easter season we hear the familiar story of Christ the Good Shepherd. In fact, this day is often referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. On Easter morning, Mary Magdalene heard the one most personal word – her own name, “Mary!” – called by the risen Shepherd, and she responded to the One who called her by naming him: “Master!” We need to familiarize ourselves with the voice of Jesus our Shepherd in order to hear him calling our own name. That call comes in our daily prayer, in our study of Scripture, and in our attentive and mindful listening to the words and actions of our liturgical celebration. In today’s gospel, we are told Jesus came so that we *“might have life and have it more abundantly.”* Now is a good time to take stock of our circumstances and consider if we are living life to the fullest. And, if we determine we are not, then what is preventing us from doing so. Our lesson today urges us to consider how we can live more deeply Christ’s call to new life. Too often, unjust distinctions between who is “in” and who is “out” plague us. People are welcomed or cast aside based on who they voted for, the amount of money in their bank account, the color of their skin, and countless other distinctions. In today’s gospel, Christ the Good Shepherd establishes a boundary for his sheep, doing so for the sake of drawing all people toward the fullness of life. The Good Shepherd’s fence is ever-expanding and our Lord longs to welcome all of creation into his pasture calling each of us into the sheepfold by name. God is constantly present to us as we wade through the darkness of life. Like a shepherd who tends his flock, God does not leave us to face our fears alone. No matter what happens, we can be assured that goodness and kindness will always follow us. The Risen Lord is our way and path to all that is good and real. It is through him that we enter safety and rest. It is with a hopeful spirit and a grateful heart that we can know that dwelling in the flock of the Lord is our destiny.

This weekend we bring to a close our PSR and Youth Ministry year. I would like to offer my thanks to our entire staff of catechists for their dedication, care, and support shown to our young people during this past year. I also offer my thanks and appreciation to our parents for their commitment to growing their child’s faith and understanding of the Lord in their life. It is the duty of parents to continually be a role model of truthful living according to the faith we profess. It is not always an easy job, but it remains one of the more vital and important responsibilities of parenthood. Even though our year is completed, I hope that all of us will continue our good faith and commitment to the church during the upcoming summer months.

Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash

~ April 30-May 7, 2023 ~
Fourth Sunday of Easter

APRIL 30, 2023

Sat 5:00 p.m. † MURPH GELET/ Carl & Gloria Karafa
Sun 8:30 a.m. † ALBERT FRANEK/ Judy Franek
Sun 11:00 a.m. † REBECCA BAYUK/ John & Cindy Salerno

Mon 8:30 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE
Tues 8:30 a.m. † DEBBIE MORVAY/ Joan Krivanek
Wed 8:30 a.m. † EDWARD BANIAK, SR./ Baniak Family
Thur 8:30 a.m. † SHIRLEY MAICHROWICZ/ Women's Guild
Fri 8:30 a.m. √ SPECIAL INTENTION/ Anonymous

MAY 7, 2023

Sat 4:00 p.m. † MARGARET O'BRIEN/ Mary Pytlik
Sun 10:30 a.m. † RON SPRAGUE/ Ann Sprague

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

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ May 7, 2023 ~
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows...

1 Peter 2:4-9

Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God...

JOHN 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me..."

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

May 7, 2023 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

Lectors

4:00 p.m. Andrea Kochunas, Viviane Watson
10:30 a.m. Taylor Kuhn, Cathy Poponak

Servers

4:00 p.m. Tim Timko
10:30 a.m. Milania Shaker

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 p.m. Ruth Bubba, Ted Bogan,
Judy Jaskiewicz, Carol Timko
10:30 a.m. Scott Freer, Eddie Kuhn,
Chuck Poponak, Regina Speaker



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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ April 23, 2023 (WK 43)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,301.00*	\$ 305,982.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 312,567.00
Difference	\$ 32.00	\$ (6,584.00)
Performance	100%	98%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 800.00 LAST WK — \$ 33,113.00 YTD
Envelopes ~ 172 out of 510
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 7.00 (6 out of 41)
Easter: \$5,779.00

POT-OF-GOLD

#139 drawn on 4/26/2023

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$1,986.00



MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

105 **103** **105**
5:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **313** Average: **104**

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

NEW MASS TIMES BEGIN NEXT WEEKEND

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



Thank you to our catechist/teachers for a great PSR year.

Maria Butcher
Christina Pacurar
Christine DePascale
Steve Prebonick
Pamela Herriman
Marilyn Shay
Jennifer Kusmierck
Bette Lloyd
Melanie Zappia
Tina McCue
Erin Lee
Carol Timko

PSR will be looking for a few catechist/teachers for next year. If you are interested, contact Carol Timko.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE ~ LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For the next few weeks and until the new summer schedule is released, please refer to the weekly bulletin for weekly assignments for lectors, eucharistic ministries, and servers. If you are scheduled and cannot make your assignment, please find your own replacement. The new schedule beginning on July 2 will reflect your new Mass time preference.



WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Fourth Sunday of Easter

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...'"

~Acts 2:38

The word "repent" means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within - a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God's help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

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

Today, we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter, more commonly called "Good Shepherd Sunday". Each year, we hear a different Gospel centered on the role of the Shepherd. Our responsorial psalm refrain also reminds us that with the Lord as our Shepherd, there is nothing we shall want. Yet we know that there are many who want – not lavish things, but the basic necessities of life. The challenge is for many of us to recognize the wants that have been fulfilled in our lives and extend Christ's love to others by sharing those blessings with them. Through the **Annual Diocesan Appeal: *One in Hope, One in Mission***, we are afforded the opportunity to share our blessings with those in need. If you have not yet made a prayerful response to the Appeal, please take some time to reflect on your ability to participate using either a pledge card available at our Church or by visiting www.doy.org. To date, the members of our parish have pledged \$34,861.00 toward our parish goal of **\$46,200.00**. *Remember! All donation about our parish goal are rebated 100% to the parish!* On behalf of Bishop Bonnar and all who are served by the Annual Diocesan Appeal – **THANK YOU!**



THE PARISH CALENDAR

May 1 ~ Small Christian Communities 9:30 a.m.
May 1 ~ Youth Ministry Flower Pick Up 2-6 p.m.
May 1 ~ Small Christian Communities 6:30 p.m.
May 1 ~ PSR Catechist Meeting 6:30 p.m.
May 2 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
May 2 ~ Finance Committee 7:00 p.m.
May 3 ~ Women's Guild @ Enzo's 6:00 p.m.
May 3 ~ Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.
May 4 ~ All Music Ministry Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
May 5 ~ Fish Dinner Worker Appreciation 6:30 p.m.
May 7 ~ Women's Guild Marian Devotion 11:30 a.m.
May 7 ~ Youth Ministry 12:00 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.

Dinner is on your own, but dessert is provided. If you would like to attend, but did not sign up yet, call Cathy Poponak at 330-675-9467 for details.

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.



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. Deadline to sign-up is this weekend.



Thank You! Thank you for all the well wishes and warm welcome on the occasion of my Profession of Faith on Saturday, April 22. ~DarLena Tuttle

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #7491

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 3, 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



MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MISCARRIED OR STILLBORN CHILDREN

The Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life and Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services will offer a special Memorial Service for anyone who has suffered the loss of a child through miscarriage or stillbirth on Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel at Calvary Cemetery, 248 Belle Vista Ave. in Youngstown. All are welcome to attend.

FISH DINNER VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION!



THIS FRIDAY! ~ 6:30 p.m.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration!!!

**This weekend ~ Last Chance to
make reservations**

SEMINARIAN COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This weekend's Second Collection is the new annual special collection for Vocations and Seminarians. With the number of vocations and ordinations this year, we are in the midst of a good problem, however there is also an increase in education expenses and opportunities to participate in important ministry experiences. Your generosity to this special collection will help ensure that our future priests receive the very best formation and education. Thank you for your generosity. For more information about seminarians visit <https://doy.org/vocations/seminarians/>

VBS: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God



We will be On a Roll with God at Vacation Bible school! This party includes exciting new music, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories that will help children turn to God for all they need and join God in providing for the needs of others.

VBS Food Truck Party is for children ages 5 through 11. The Party Runs from June 12 – 16, 2023 9:15 a.m. – Noon at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 3020 Reeves Road, Warren

Registration deadline June 1, 2023. Cost \$10.00 payable to Blessed Sacrament Parish. Children in grades 6-12 are encouraged to apply to be part of the VBS team! See Mrs. McCue for an application.

Congratulations

Congratulations Women's Guild on a successful Purse Bingo!

Thank you to the amazing volunteers who worked countless hours throughout the past several months and during the event. Thank you to the kitchen volunteers who prepared a wonderful meal. A big shout out to the Knights of Columbus who manned the dishwashing and of course, our outstanding maintenance manager, Chuck Poponak.

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