

St. William Parish

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May 14, 2023 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter



“Sing a joyful song to the Lord!”

Today’s gospel reading continues the theme introduced last week as Jesus is preparing his disciples to live without him for a time, or at least without the bodily presence they have come to know and which will depart earth at the ascension. This week adds a foreshadowing of the upcoming Pentecost feast; Jesus’s presence will remain in the Holy Spirit, who will accompany the disciples and the church beyond their lifetime in their remaining work on earth. For us, too, the Holy Spirit is a promised companion, providing continuity with these earliest of Jesus’s followers. Like the disciples, we are not left alone in the struggle. In today’s gospel Jesus assures us that God’s Spirit *“remains with you and will be in you.”* There have always been and will always be struggles that accompany a life of faith, and we might wonder why Jesus does not make his presence more visible and obvious to us and to those who would criticize us. But God is not about “winning” in the way we would sometimes choose; the “win” here is not that we will never struggle or suffer but that we will never be left alone in our struggles. As we approach the celebration of Pentecost, let us be ever more mindful of the Spirit’s lasting presence in our lives.

On this Mother’s Day weekend we congratulate, thank, and honor all those who are mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, godmothers and all who take care of, nurture and foster life. We remain ever grateful to our mothers for their care and concern shown to us and we remember in a special way all our mothers who have embraced eternal life. *Happy Mother’s Day to All!*

Finally, this weekend marks my last weekend as pastor of Saint William Parish. Since 2008 I have had the joy and pleasure to be with you through times of celebration, joy, sorrow, and sadness. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as pastor and remain ever thankful for all that we have been able to accomplish together. I have been humbled, proud, grateful, and blessed by your trust, support, confidence, and friendship. I am pleased to pass the reigns to Fr. Furlong and Fr. Johnson with the belief and faith that they will lead our parish with enthusiasm and grace. I ask that you show them the same kindness and support you have shown me over the years knowing that God will continue to bless our parish and all of you. With joy, I welcome Fr. Furlong as pastor this week. He will be here next weekend celebrating Mass and to introduce himself to all of you. *Welcome Father Furlong!*

Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash



~ May 14-21, 2023 ~
Sixth Sunday of Easter

MAY 14, 2023

Sat 4:00 p.m. † **CAROL HOVANIC/** Gates Family
Sun 10:30 a.m. † **DON TITCHNELL/** Marilyn & Donnie Titchnell

Mon 8:30 a.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE**
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **BRIANNA HEIB/** Vastag Family
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
Fri 8:30 a.m. √ **SR. MARY CORA SKRIVAN/** Tim & Jane Johns

MAY 21, 2023

Sat 4:00 p.m. † **RON MOONEY/** Felicia Mooney
Sun 10:30 a.m. † **MURPH GELET/** Barb Mendik

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

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ May 21, 2023 ~
The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up...

Ephesians 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom...

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

May 21, 2023 ~ The Ascension of the Lord

Lectors

4:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Donna Runtas
10:30 a.m. Margie McCummins, Melanie Shoaf

Servers

4:00 p.m. Therese Tuttle
10:30 a.m. Theresa Craiger

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 p.m. Ted Bogan, Carla Gilronan
Ron Gilronan, Bob Mintus
10:30 a.m. Patty Heib, Eddie Kuhn,
Regina Speaker, Bob Mintus



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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ May 7, 2023 (WK 45)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,294.00*	\$ 320,656.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 327,105.00
Difference	\$ 25.00	\$ (6,449.00)
Performance	100%	98%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 735.00 LAST WK — \$ 34,458.00 YTD
Envelopes ~ 198 out of 510
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 7.00 (5 out of 41)

POT-OF-GOLD

#62 drawn on 5/10/2023

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$2,345.00

(16 weeks with no winner!)



MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

112

4:00 p.m.

172

10:30 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **284** Average: **142**

THIS WEEK

~The **Liturgy Committee** will meet on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

~The **Parish Council** will meet on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the March 7, 2023 Parish Council meeting are posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule and are available on the parish website.

GOLDEN AGERS NEWS

St. William Golden Ages will meet Tuesday, May 16 at 12:30 p.m. in room 103. Plans for the June meeting cookout will be discussed. Door prizes donated by Martha Peters and Regina Speaker. Refreshments will include pizza, "pot luck," and coffee. Always a good assortment of food. Bring a friend to the meeting.

PARKING LOT

Work continues and progress is being made on our new parking lot. This coming week will see the new light poles installed and other preliminary work completed before the final paving. The final paving will be done next week (week of May 22). It's looking good!!!!

WELCOME WEEKEND!

Join us next weekend after Mass *Welcome!* to welcome our new pastor, Father Ryan Furlong! Fr. Furlong will celebrate his first weekend Masses with us and there will be a light reception in the Social Hall after Mass on Saturday and Sunday. Be sure to stop in to meet and greet our new pastor!

WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Sixth Sunday of Easter

"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." 1 PETER 3:17

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

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

We are just a few weeks away from the end of Phase One of the **Annual Diocesan Appeal: *One in Hope, One in Mission***. When we celebrate the end of the Easter season on Pentecost, we hope that the fire of the Spirit will have enkindled in many of us a strong desire to offer a share of our resources to bring both help and hope to those in need, as well as extending the mission and ministry of the Church. To date, our parish family has pledged \$37,286.00 toward our parish goal of \$46,200.00. This is our share of the **\$4,000,000** total goal of the Diocese of Youngstown in support of the work of Catholic Charities and the many ministries throughout our diocesan community. 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. *Remember! All donation above 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**



A NOTE OF THANKS FROM YOUTH MINISTRY

Thank you to everyone who supported the Youth Ministry Flower Sale. We had hail, wind and rain on flower pick up day, but the 217 bright and beautiful hanging baskets sure did boost our spirits!

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.

PSR NEWS

PSR will be looking for a few catechist/teachers for next year. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Carol Timko - ctimko@stwilliamchampion.org.

APPRECIATION WEEKEND!

Thank you Please plan to join Father Balash on the weekend of May 27-28 as he celebrates with us! Father Balash will preside at weekend Masses and afterwards join us in the Social Hall in appreciation of his 15 years as our pastor. We will also wish him well as he answers God's call to serve the Diocese of Youngstown. A reception will be held after Mass on Saturday and Sunday.

THE PARISH CALENDAR

May 15 ~ Small Christian Communities 9:30 a.m.
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May 16 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
May 16 ~ Golden Agers 12:30 p.m.
May 16 ~ Liturgy Committee 5:30 p.m.
May 16 ~ Cantor Practice 7:00 p.m.
May 16 ~ Parish Council 7:00 p.m.
May 17 ~ Prayer Shawl 6:30 p.m.
May 17 ~ Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.
May 20 ~ Welcome Reception after 4:00 p.m. Mass
May 20 ~ Welcome Reception after 10:30 a.m. Mass

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM

Next Meeting:

Meeting: September 6, 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.



Thank You!

Thank you to the Women's Guild Members and the Knights of Columbus for your support throughout

this past year. Together we accomplished many wonderful things that made a difference in our parish. During our last meeting, installation of the officers took place. The officers of the Women's Guild of St. William Parish for 2023-2024 are: President-Christine DePascal, Vice-President-Theresa Craiger, Secretary-Cathy Poponak, and Treasurer-Gloria Karafa.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #7491



Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 17, 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.

**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.

FIRST STEP FOR CHANGE

Catholic Charities will hold its annual First Step for Change campaign from Mother's Day through Father's Day, honoring the faith, humility and love it takes to raise a child, and recognizing that many parents lack adequate financial resources for their children. Funds raised through this campaign assist low-income pregnant women and families with food, formula, clothing, diapers and other items essential to a child's health, safety and well-being. Each family interested in participating in this pro-life effort is asked to pick up a FIRST STEP PACKET after Mass. Take the FIRST STEP PACKET home, learn about the program, complete the participation card and return it to our parish by June 30. All money collected by our parish will help to meet the need in our own community. Thank you for your support of families!



ATTENTION

Copies of the Catholic Echo can be found on the counter in the vestibule for those who did not receive the first edition in the mail.

***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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Patricia Maciejewski, Music Director
Carol Timko, Religious Education
Therese Tuttle, Business Manager
Dan Robinson, Office Manager
Chuck Poponak, Maintenance Manager

~Celebrate~

Mass Times

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Weekdays - 8:30 a.m. Wednesday & Friday
Holydays - Check weekly bulletin
Liturgy of the Word Service -
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 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