

St. William Parish

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May 21, 2023 ~ The Ascension of the Lord



Welcome, Fr. Ryan Furlong!

Dear St. William Parishioners,

I am filled with joy to be named your new pastor. Before I tell you a little bit about myself, I want to take this opportunity to thank Fr. Balash for all the years of love and service he poured into this parish. His presence here will be sorely missed. It is an honor and a privilege to follow in his footsteps and I thank him from the bottom of my heart for the great foundation he laid for me here at St. William.

I was born August 4, 1982, and grew up in Boardman, Ohio. My father and sister are deceased and my mother resides in Youngstown. I have a large extended family and still have great friends from my high school and college days. I graduated from YSU in 2006 with a degree in Education and I was a social studies teacher for Youngstown City Schools and Austintown Schools for several years. In 2013 I entered the seminary and was stationed in Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati. I graduated in 2020 and was ordained a priest on August 8, 2020 at St. Columba Cathedral.



My first assignment was as parochial vicar at St. Charles Borromeo in Boardman. In 2022 I was named pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle in Vienna. On May 15 I officially became pastor of St. William and I will become pastor of St. Robert Bellarmine in Cortland on July 1. In addition to my pastoral duties, I am also the chaplain of JFK Upper Campus in Warren, diocesan director for youth and young adult ministry, co-coordinator for the Eucharistic Revival, member of the diocesan presbyteral council, and member on the diocesan lay ecclesial ministry board. I like to eat good food, drink coffee with friends, watch movies, read books, and spoil my cats Murry and Malone.

I cannot wait to get to work!

God Bless! ~ Fr. Ryan

~ May 21-28, 2023 ~
The Ascension of the Lord

MAY 21, 2023

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

Mon 8:30 a.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE**
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **MIKE KUFCHAK, SR**/ Family
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **SHIRLEY MAICHROWICZ**/Kevin & Jeanette Bower

MAY 28, 2023

Sat 4:00 p.m. † **YVONNE VASTAG**/ Women's Guild
Sun 10:30 a.m. † **BRIANNA HEIB**/ John & Patty Heib

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

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ May 28, 2023 ~
Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky...

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Brothers and sisters: No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit...

John 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

May 28, 2023 ~ Pentecost Sunday

Lectors

4:00 p.m. Ruth Bubba, Tom Shepker
10:30 a.m. Eddie Kuhn, Renita Mintus

Servers

4:00 p.m. Nola Tunnicliff
10:30 a.m. Sophia Garito

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 p.m. Ted Bogan, Judy Jaskiewicz,
Barb Robinson, Dan Robinson
10:30 a.m. Barb Bickford, Dave Bickford,
Dan Gelet, Jeanette Jaskiewicz



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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ May 14, 2023 (WK 46)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,051.00*	\$ 327,706.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 334,374.00
Difference	\$ 218.00	\$ (6,668.00)
Performance	97%	98%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 675.00 LAST WK — \$ 35,133.00 YTD
Envelopes ~ 175 out of 508
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 4.00 (4 out of 41)

POT-OF-GOLD

#316 drawn on 5/10/2023

!!WINNER!! Dane & Stephanie Brugler
Amount: \$2,514.00



MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

133

4:00 p.m.

199

10:30 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **332** Average: **166**

PARKING LOT

Work on the parking lot continues! Installation of the new poles and lights and landscaping will take place this coming week. The lot will then be prepared for the final paving and striping. This will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday after Memorial Day. It was decided to wait until after the holiday due to the lot being the staging area for the Champion Memorial Day parade.

FEAST OF PENTECOST

IT'S A RED DAY!

Be part of our Pentecost environment next weekend. Remember to wear something RED to celebrate the Holy Spirit in our midst!

THANK YOU

Thank you to Jim and Bobette Cicchillo of "Chick's Nursery" for their kind donation of flowers for the outside walkway of the Church Building.



BULLETINS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you know of a parishioner who is homebound or in a nursing home or assisted living and would like to receive a weekly bulletin, please notify the office with their name and address.



WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Sixth Sunday of Easter

"I am praying for them..." JOHN 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

†† RECENT DEATH ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Martha "Millie" Hanchin

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

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

As we gather and celebrate the Ascension of our Lord, we are counted among those who have been baptized as disciples of the Lord, and we recall that the greatest commandment given is to love one another as he has loved us. We are reminded that this level of love will offer very little recompense. Rather, we are called to offer abundant love and compassion wherever and whenever possible. One of the ways in which are invited to share God's love to those in need is through the Annual Diocesan Appeal: *One in Hope, One in Mission*. This combined effort of the People of God across our six counties not only serves the poor but provides necessary funds to further the mission of the Church. This past week, the collective efforts of over 9,000 families in the diocese has generated pledges totaling more than \$3,000,000 (75%) of the total goal. To date, our parish family has pledged **\$37,286.00 (81%)** toward our parish goal of **\$46,200.00**. This week, letters went out to 4,000 diocesan households who made a gift last year but have yet to do so this year. If you receive one of those letters, please take some time to prayerfully reflect on your ability to contribute. Every gift of any amount helps put us closer to the goal. On behalf of Bishop Bonnar and those served by the Appeal, thank you to everyone who has already made a gift and to those who are prayerfully considering their gift. God bless you all.



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.

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 23 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
May 24 ~ Folk Group Practice 7:00 p.m.
May 24 ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
May 27 ~ Rene's Closet 9:00 a.m.
May 29 ~ Memorial Day
May 29 ~ Office Closed

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #7491



Next Meeting:

Wednesday, June 7, 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 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.

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



Villa Maria-thon 5-K Run and 2-Mile Walk

Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center will sponsor its 13th annual Villa Maria-thon 5-K Run and 2-Mile Walk on Saturday, June 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at Villa Maria Community Center in Villa Maria, PA. The event includes activities for the entire family! Go to www.vmesec.org for registration and additional information. All proceeds from this event benefit the Center's youth and adult programs.

**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!



~Contact~

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- Rev. Ryan Furlong**, 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 - 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 3:00 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

***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

Drop this form in the collection basket, USPS mail, or send us an email!

~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