

# St. William Parish

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May 7, 2023 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter



*“We will not fear, for we know the sun will rise!”*

We are past the midpoint of the Easter season, and the readings start to turn from the immediate aftermath of the resurrection and toward the ongoing work the church will face after Jesus’s bodily presence departs earth. We see that while the work of Easter is complete in one sense –Jesus has conquered death once and for all– it will be an ongoing project to bring it to fullness. Jesus has gone ahead of us in death and has conquered it so that we might participate in his life. In today’s gospel, Jesus tells us that he will go ahead of us to heaven, as well, but it is not to

leave us alone. He goes ahead to open the way for us and prepare our place there. He tells us, *“do not let your hearts be troubled.”* His decree comes on the heels of what anyone would call troubling times for the disciples. Jesus just told the Twelve that he is to die –and that his death will be brought about in part by the betrayal of one of them. Life is about to change drastically for the disciples. Grief looms on the horizon. Jesus knows the challenges to come and still he declares, *“do not let your hearts be troubled.”* He assures the disciples and each of us that the divine dwells with us always. We need not fear. We need not hold all the answers. We need only to believe in God’s great love and power to bring light into the darkest places. Jesus invites us to trust that he indeed is *“the way, the truth, and the life.”* He is inviting us to trust that all will be made well once more when the kingdom finally comes. Jesus affirms his unity with his Father; he already dwells in the Father and the Father in him, and we are called to follow him by proclaiming and announcing the praises of God. In these last weeks of Easter before Pentecost and the start of summer let us continue to rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord and carry this Good News to all we meet in this coming week!



**Construction begins this week!**

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

~ May 7-14, 2023 ~  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

MAY 7, 2023

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

Mon 8:30 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE  
Tues 8:30 a.m. † MURPH GELET/ Diane Gelet  
Wed 8:30 a.m. † JIM MCNEILL/ Runyan Family  
Thur 8:30 a.m. † JANET & JERRY OTT/ Ann & Roy Plant  
Fri 8:30 a.m. † CAROL DRABEK/ Barb Mendik

MAY 14, 2023

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

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

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ May 14, 2023 ~  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention...

1 Peter 3:15-18

Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you...

JOHN 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father..."

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

May 14, 2023 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Lectors**

4:00 p.m. Theresa Petrosky, Kathy Rogel  
10:30 a.m. Erin Lee, Renita Mintus

**Servers**

4:00 p.m. John Barco  
10:30 a.m. Brian Wilson

**Eucharistic Ministers**

4:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Brian Lenhart,  
Felicia Mooney, Bob Mintus  
10:30 a.m. Karen Daugherty, Sandra Hudak,  
Jennifer Kusmierck, Bob Mintus



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

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

**OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ April 30, 2023 (WK 44)**

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,379.00*	\$ 313,361.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 319,836.00
Difference	\$ 110.00	\$ (6,474.00)
Performance	102%	98%

\*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 610.00 LAST WK — \$ 33,723.00 YTD

Envelopes ~ 173 out of 510

Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 10.00 (9 out of 41)

**POT-OF-GOLD**

#185 drawn on 5/3/2023

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$2,170.00



**MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND**

Mass attendance last weekend was:

94

5:00 p.m.

104

8:30 a.m.

106

11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **304** Average: **101**

**NAIM CLUB**

Just a reminder...the NAIM club will meet Thursday May 11th at 1230pm at Sorrento's. Questions call Barbara at 330-847-8375

*Thank You!*

Thank you to **Marilyn Shay** for 24 years of dedicated service teaching St. William Kindergarten and First Grade children about our catholic faith.

**IT STARTS ON MONDAY!**

It's finally here! Work on our new parking lot begins on Monday and will continue through the week...*weather permitting!* Access to the building and parish office will be limited throughout the week but available. Please use caution if coming the parish this week.

**MEETING TIME CHANGES**

Due to work on the parking lot the Liturgy Committee and Parish Council meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2023 will now meet on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. Liturgy Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. and Parish Council at 7:00 p.m.



**PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS**

Call the parish office at 330-847-8677 or email [parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org](mailto:parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org)

**WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."  
~1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

†† RECENT DEATH ††

**Our Sincere Sympathy**

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

**Ola Williams**

Sister of Keith Bowser

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



## 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 \$35,736.00 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](http://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**



## FISH DINNER RESULTS!



Many thanks to all who made this year's Fish Dinners a huge success!!! Our Total Profit for the year was \$21,945.22! A full Fish Dinner Financial Report is available in the vestibule and on the parish website.

## 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](mailto:parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.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.

## THE PARISH CALENDAR

May 11 ~ Naim Club @ Sorrento's 12:30 p.m.  
May 11 ~ Folk Group/Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.  
May 14 ~ Mother's Day

*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, 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](http://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.

## 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.



## RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS

**Ron Gilronan**  
*Cleveland Clinic*

*Please keep our homebound, hospitalized and nursing home parishioners and all those in need, in your prayers.*

## 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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Have you ever thought of memorializing a special event – birthday, anniversary, or any other special happening? Mass intentions are not limited to only remembering loved ones who have passed away; they can also be offered to commemorate a special event. In addition, Mass can also be offered for other causes as well – the sick, lonely, unemployed, less fortunate etc. We are currently in need of Mass Intentions for upcoming weekday Masses. Please contact the parish office or drop your requests in the collection basket. If you are remembering a special event please be sure to include that with your request. The customary offering is \$10.00 for each intention.

**PARISH APP**

Stay up to date on parish news, updates, cancelations and information. Download our FREE Parish APP for smartphones. Simply text **APP** to **88202**. Download **myParish APP** and select our parish. Follow the easy instructions or visit our website for more information. This is the **BEST** way to stay in touch, get updates, and remain informed about parish news and events.

***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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**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