

# St. William Parish

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June 25, 2023 ~ Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*“All that is hidden will be made clear!”*

”But the LORD is with me, like a mighty *champion*”

Dear friends of Champion, the Lord is with us, like a mighty champion. Pardon the pun, but I couldn't help myself. Now you have a glimpse into my humor.

However, this weekend does give us cause to reflect on the might of God in our lives. Particularly as we celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Diocese of Youngstown, we remember that the Holy Spirit has been guiding our Church from its birth in 1943.

One of my favorite classes from this past school year was about the history of the Dioceses of Youngstown and Cleveland. It boggled my mind to read about the priests of the 19th century who went from church to church on horseback. They would find a community of Catholics, celebrate the sacraments for them, offer catechesis, and then go on to the next community. No matter the season those priests would keep traveling to serve the needs of the Catholic people in Ohio. It further amazed me how dedicated those early Catholics were to practicing their faith even when they could not get a priest for months at a time.

Priests were stretched thin then, and priests are stretched thin now, so what got them through? Anti-Catholicism was present in the United States then and anti-Catholicism is present in our country now, so what got them through? For one, they had history on their side. Tracing back to the beginning of the Church, there have been many times the Church has faced decreasing numbers and persecution. For us today, we rest in the hope that Jesus gives us when he says in today's Gospel, “And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul...” The faithfulness we show toward God now will bear fruit in ways that we cannot imagine. I wonder what the early founders of the Church in Youngstown imagined for the Church. Have we lived up to that dream?



To you founding members of our diocese, thank you for your faithfulness to the Church, which has borne great fruit in our area. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit would renew the Church in Youngstown and fill all with the joy of the Gospel.

Have a great week! ~  
Arthur Bodenschat  
(Seminarist)

~ June 25-July 2, 2023 ~  
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**JUNE 25, 2023**

Sat 4:00 p.m. † **BRIANNA HEIB/** Pat & Ron Augustinsky  
Sun 10:30 a.m. † **TED PYTLIK/** Mary Pytlik

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **EDWARD BANIAK SR./** Baniak Family  
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **PYTLIK FAMILY/** Mary Pytlik

**JULY 2, 2023**

Sat 4:00 p.m. † **SHIRLEY MAICHROWICZ/** Keith & Jeanette Bower  
Sun 10:30 a.m. † **ALBERT FRANEK/** Judy Franek

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

*Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:*

~ July 2, 2023 ~

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16**

*One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her...*

**Romans 6:3-4, 8-11**

*Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?...*

**Matthew 10:37-42**

*Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me..."*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

July 2, 2023 ~ Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Lectors**

4:00 p.m. Andrea Kochunas, Viviane Watson  
10:30 a.m. Kristen Freudenrich, Rachael Zigarovich

**Servers**

4:00 p.m. Nathan Goldner  
10:30 a.m. Brian Wilson

**Eucharistic Ministers**

4:00 p.m. Judy Jaskiewicz, Gloria Mintus,  
Linda Trunick, Mike Trunick  
10:30 a.m. Karen Daugherty, Scott Freer,  
Frank Pytlik, Treva Pytlik

*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 ~ June 18 2023 (WK 50)**

	LAST WK	YTD
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 5,347.00*	\$ 362,318.00*
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 370,719.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$ (1,922.00)	\$ (8,401.00)
<b>Performance</b>	74%	98%

\*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 570.00 LAST WK — \$ 39,12300 YTD  
Envelopes ~ 150 out of 507  
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 1.00 (1 out of 41)

**POT-OF-GOLD**

#346 drawn on 6/21/2023

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$598.00



**MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND**

Mass attendance last weekend was:

**95**

4:00 p.m.

**174**

10:30 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **269** Average: **134**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the installation of Father Furlong as the 10<sup>th</sup> pastor of Saint William Parish. Saturday, July 8, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. Mass. See this week's insert for more details!

**2023-2024 PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Parish Organizations are reminded the deadline to turn in their calendar of events for July 2023-June 2024 is **THIS WEEK!** Please return your completed calendar to the Parish Office by Friday so the Parish Master Calendar can be completed. Thank you!

**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)

**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.



†† RECENT DEATH ††

*Our Sincere Sympathy*

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

**Joseph Soukenik, brother of Barbara Mendik**  
*May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

**WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS**

Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

*"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."*

~MATTHEW 10:32

Would others know that you are Catholic by the way you act and speak? Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith when the situation arises or do you remain silent? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself. Let us become the radiant light and bold witness that we are called to be!

## 2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

### *Closing In on Our Parish Goal!*



THANK YOU to everyone who has made a gift to the **2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal – One in Hope, One in Mission.** To date, **146** parishioners have made a

contribution to the appeal totaling **\$39,401.00 (85%).** Our parish portion of the \$4,000,000 diocesan goal is **\$46,200.00.** Our parish is truly blessed as we share the Word of God and the nourishment of the Eucharist. As we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity, we, like the first disciples, are called to go out and witness to our faith. Part of that witness is how we help support the incredible work of Catholic Charities and the many ministries of the Church through support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Once again, thank you to those who have made a gift, and thank you to everyone prayerfully considering how they may be able to respond in support of all these worth-while activities in the Church. Pledge cards are available after Mass or at the Parish Office or visit [www.doy.org/appeal](http://www.doy.org/appeal) to make a gift.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS “PLAY BALL!!!”

Mahoning Valley Scrappers baseball game & fireworks at Eastwood Field on July 21, gates open at picnic stands at 5:30 p.m. Food to be served: hot dogs, ribs, pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad, cookies, water and soft drinks. Tickets for upper box seats \$28.00 per person. Checks made out to: K of C Council 7491. Money due by July 16.



*This event is for KofC members and families of St. William.*

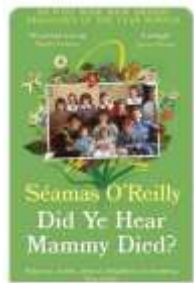
## NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Beginning Monday, July 3, 2023 the Parish Office will be open from **8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Monday through Thursday. The office will be closed on Friday's.

## SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION

Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. William Courtyard

***Did Ye Hear Mammy Died?*** by Seamus O'Reilly is a book about an Irish Catholic family of loud, argumentative, musical, sarcastic, grief-stricken siblings shepherded into adulthood by their widowed father.



### **THIS WEDNESDAY at 6:00 p.m.**

- ~Sign up in the vestibule
- ~Bring a lawn chair in case the weather is favorable
- ~Please bring a snack to share and your own beverage
- ~Pizza will be provided
- ...All are welcome!

## THE PARISH CALENDAR

June 25 ~ St. William Feast Day  
June 27 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.  
June 28 ~ Summer Book Club 6:00 p.m.  
June 30 ~ 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, July 5, 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)*

## PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

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



## 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](mailto:ctimko@stwilliamchampion.org).

## JULY FOURTH HOLIDAY

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 for the Fourth of July holiday. Have fun and stay safe!

## COMING IN SEPTEMBER

If you know of someone who has been worshipping with us but never officially took the step to become Catholic...or someone who has been away from the Church...or someone who has joined us from a different background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church...let them know we would love to help them on their spiritual journey! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way in which adults seeking answers in their lives are brought into full union with our parish community and the Catholic Church. The RCIA provides a spiritual opportunity to learn and discuss various aspects of the Catholic faith and its practices. If you or someone you know might be interested in learning more, please contact Fr. Furlong at the Parish Office for more information. The journey begins in September!



## A SPECIAL DAY:

Today, June 25, is our Parish Patronal Feast Day ~  
**Saint William of Vercelli (1085-1142)**



He was born in 1085 in northern Italy. When he was an infant, both of his parents died and he was raised by extended family. He must have had an uncommon connection to the divine because at the age of 14 he left his home and family and set out on pilgrimage to the Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

St. William of Vercelli is honored as a saint who was a leader in monastic life—both because he established a number of monasteries and because his rigorous discipline, prayer, and fasting was an example for many monks.

Not much else of his youth is known. As an adult he returned to Italy and lived as a hermit on a mountainside where he became locally famous for healing a blind man. To escape the acclaim, he left the area and went to stay with another hermit, St. John of Matera, and the two became close friends.

William intended to continue on to Jerusalem as a poor pilgrim but John had a sense that God was calling William to something else. William departed but was mugged by robbers and took that event as a sign that his friend was right.

He went to live on a mountain named after the ancient poet Virgil and a number of priests and lay men joined him. He formed them into a community and built a church there, naming it after Mary in 1124. The mountain became known as Monte Vergine after that—and still is called that today. The monastery is still there as well, part of the Benedictine congregation.

A colorful legend tells of William building the church on Monte Vergine by himself with only a donkey to help him. One night a wolf killed and ate the donkey. William scolded the wolf and ordered it to take the donkey's place. Sensing it had interfered with a divine plan the wolf obeyed and began hauling loads of stone for the saint.

After forming the community on Monte Vergine, William appointed an abbot and left with a few followers and his friend, John. He established another monastery in a nearby region. Again, after it had taken root, he appointed an abbot and went on to found other communities. Roger I of Naples took him under his patronage, and the saint founded many monasteries. So edified was the king with the saint's sanctity of life and the wisdom of his counsels that in order to have him always near him, he built a monastery opposite his palace at Salerno. Knowing by special revelation that his end was at hand, William retired to his monastery of Gugieto where he died and was buried in the church.

## JOIN THE PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Anyone interested in joining our group of parishioners dedicated to praying for the intentions and concerns of our church family, friends, and community, can do so by contacting the parish office at 330-847-8677 or by emailing [parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org](mailto:parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org).



## ~Contact~

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**Rev. Ryan Furlong**, Pastor

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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 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 ~ 9:00 - 10:15 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