

# St. William Parish

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SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

As we gather on this beautiful day in September, we're embraced by a season of change. The winds are cooler, the leaves are turning, and the world around us reminds us of the cyclical nature of life. September is a bridge between the warmth of summer and the cool of autumn, teaching us lessons about the ebb and flow of our spiritual journey. In many cultures, September is the month of harvest. After months of tending to crops, now is the time to reap what has been sown. This harvest isn't just about the crops in fields, but it's a metaphor for our own lives. We too, throughout the year, have planted seeds of faith, hope, and love. Now, we must ask ourselves: what have we harvested in our spiritual journey? Just as farmers take stock of their yield, let us also reflect on our spiritual harvest. Have we nurtured our faith and relationships, or have we allowed the weeds of doubt and distraction to choke our spiritual growth? September invites us to an introspection, to evaluate our actions, choices, and their repercussions. Yet, the beauty of our Catholic faith lies in renewal. Even if our spiritual harvest has been less than we hoped for, God's mercy is boundless. Every confession, every Mass, every prayer is a chance for a new beginning. As September is a bridge between two seasons, it also serves as a reminder that we are always in transition, always growing, and always called to deeper conversion. This month, let us also invoke the intercession of Our Lady. September 8th marks the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a day when we celebrate the birth of the Mother of God. Through her unwavering faith and her "Yes" to God, Mary brought forth the Savior into our world. In her



humility and trust, she models for us the virtues we should cultivate in our own lives. May we, inspired by Mary, say "Yes" to God's plan, embracing both the joys and challenges that come our way. In closing, let us remember that every season, every moment in our lives is graced by God's presence. As we transition through September, may we harvest the fruits of our faith, learn from our past, and walk confidently into the future, hand in hand with Christ and his Blessed Mother. Amen.

*Have a good week,*  
Fr. Ryan

~ September 3, 2023 ~

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2023**

Sat 4:00 p.m. † **NANCY MERCANDINO/** Andrea & Brian Kochunas  
 Sun 10:30 a.m. † **DONALD LEE TITCHNELL/**  
 Donnie & Marilynn Titchnell

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **NO SERVICE**  
 Tues 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
 Wed 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
 Thur 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
 Fri 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**

Sat 4:00 p.m. † **MILLIE HANCHIN/** Bob & Marcia Kane  
 Sun 10:30 a.m. † **DEACON BOB MINTUS/** 15<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary  
 †= In Memoriam √= Special Intention ♥= Birthday/Anniversary/Celebration

*Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:*

~ September 10, 2023 ~

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Jeremiah 20:7-9**

*You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed...*

**Romans 12:1-2**

*I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice...*

**Matthew 16:21-27**

*Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders...*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

September 10, 2023

**Lectors**

4:00 p.m. Christine DePascale, Ed Runyan  
 10:30 a.m. Kristin Freudenrich, Woody Pealer

**Servers**

4:00 p.m. Joe DePascale, Nathan Goldner  
 10:30 a.m. Sophia Garito

**Eucharistic Ministers**

4:00 p.m. Carole Baniak, Bob Hardman,  
 Karen Hardman, Felicia Mooney  
 10:30 a.m. Karen Daugherty, Dave Lucanski,  
 Renita Mintus, Melanie Shoaf



*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 ~ August 27, 2023 (WK 8)**

	LAST WK	YTD
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 6,779.00*	\$ 56,886.00
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 58,152.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$ (490.00)	\$ (1,266.00)
<b>Performance</b>	93%	98%

\*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 1,130.00 LAST WK — \$ 6,648.00 YTD  
 Envelopes ~ 166 out of 507  
 Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 5.00 (5 out of 41)

**POT-OF-GOLD**

# 65 drawn on 8/30/2023  
**!!!NO WINNER!!!**  
 Amount: \$752.00



**MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND**

Mass attendance last weekend was:

**132**

4:00 p.m.

**174**

10:30 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **306**

Average: **153**

**DONUTS WITH THE DEACON**

*Congratulations* Deacon Bob and Renita invite you to coffee and donuts next Sunday, September 10, in honor of the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Ordination to the Diaconate.

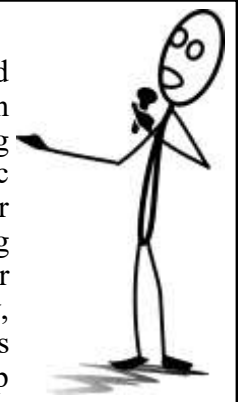
**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

The Diocese is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass on Sunday, October 15, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Canton honoring couples observing their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, and over wedding anniversaries in 2023. The celebration includes Mass with Bishop Bonnar, renewal of marriage vows, and a personalized certificate for each couple. Following the Mass, there will be a reception in the parish hall. Advance reservations are required and can be made by contacting the Parish Office before September 15, 2023.



**MUSIC MINISTRY**

Enjoy singing? Currently playing and practicing an instrument? Then consider leading the assembly in sung prayer with St. William Music Ministry! Come to rehearsals for our "Folk Group" beginning this Wednesday, September 6 and/or "Adult Choir" meeting Thursday, September 7, both at 7:00 p.m. Give us a try! We are a very welcoming group of disciples! Please contact our music director Pat at the parish office or after any Mass. A yearly schedule is posted in the vestibule.



**WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS**

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"-Matthew 16:26*

St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

## COFFEE & DONUTS

A two member volunteer team is needed to complete the yearly schedule. Date open is April 7, 2024. If interested please notify Keith at 330-847-0747 or Bob at 330-307-6249.



## NAIM CLUB

The next NAIM club meeting will be held at Buena Vista Cafe on Thursday September 14 at 12:30 p.m. Call Barbara at 330-847-8375 with questions.

## 2023 Parish Pictorial Directory

St. William is 60 years old and to commemorate this milestone, our parish will be producing a new Parish Pictorial Directory. Our last directory was five years ago and much has changed since then. This new directory is FREE to all who have their picture taken for it and all those included receive a FREE 8 x 10 portrait with the option to purchase other prints, however, there is no obligation to make any purchase. Photography sessions are scheduled for October 26-27-28 and November 14-15. Beginning next weekend sign up appointments will be available after Mass on weekends or on-line during the week.



### **Special Bonus:**

Get your picture taken for the directory and be entered to win 1~\$100.00 or 1 of 2~\$50.00 gift certificates to purchase picture packages just for saying "cheese!"

## THE PARISH CALENDAR

Sept 4 ~ Labor Day  
Sept 4 ~ Office Closed  
Sept 5 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.  
Sept 6 ~ Women's Guild 6:00 p.m.  
Sept 6 ~ Folk Group Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.  
Sept 6 ~ Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.  
Sept 7 ~ Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

*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



*Attention! All women of the parish! Come join us on September 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to discover what events the women of St. William have planned for this coming year! Join us for food, fun, and fellowship!*

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #7491



### **Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

*The Wednesday, September 06 meeting will be held at the Bella Women's Center at 1192 North Road, Warren. We will be presenting a check to them and a tour of the facility is scheduled. The Bella Center will be providing refreshments. If planning to go, be at St. William Church at 6:30 p.m. and we will car pool.*

## R(ite) of C(hristian) I(nitiation) of A(dults)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults seeking answers in their lives are brought into full union with our parish community and the Catholic Church. The RCIA assists in the spiritual journey to learn, discuss and live the faith of the Catholic faith and its practices. If you know of someone....a spouse, family member, friend, relative that has...



- ...been worshipping with us but never officially took the step to become Catholic?
  - ...been away from the Church...and now have returned but want to know more?
  - ...yet to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or Eucharist?
- ...joined us from a different background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church?*

If any of the above applies to you, or if you know of anyone who could answer YES to any of these questions please invite them to consider joining the RCIA journey of faith. Interested in learning more? Please contact Fr. Furlong at the Parish Office.

## NEWS FROM ST. THOMAS

You are invited to join the St. Thomas Women's Guild meeting for fellowship and food. Let's get to know our Christian sisters on Sunday, September 17, 2023 after 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center. Please sign up by on the sheet, in your parish vestibule. Or you can email [Vseaborn965@gmail.com](mailto:Vseaborn965@gmail.com). We are looking forward to meeting our Christian sisters!

## MEN FELLOWSHIP BBQ

by Fr. Ryan Furlong

On October 8, 2023 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Vienna, OH. Come join the 'Men of Trumbull County' for a fun day of fellowship. Bring your favorite cigars to smoke. Football will be on the TV and food and drink will be provided. Call Andy Kainich at 330-398-7640 and RSVP by September 23.



## WOMEN'S GUILD ~ CHANCE AUCTION

St. William Social Hall  
Tuesday, October 10, 2023

The Women's Guild will be selling chance auction tickets after Mass on September 9 and 10. The cost is \$8.00 admission which includes a paddle and free coffee bar. Please come prepared to bid on a large variety of items.

*Thank you for your continued generosity and support to all Women's Guild Functions that benefit the church.*

## SAVE THE DATE

### Friends of the Poor Walk/Run

Join St. Vincent de Paul on September 16 for a day of fun and fellowship as we raise awareness and funds for those living in poverty in Trumbull County. Register by September 8 to secure your t-shirt! \$15 for Adults/\$10 for Students includes event t-shirt, lunch, SVdP Swag Bag and Live Music! Register Now at [www.SVdPtrumbull.org](http://www.SVdPtrumbull.org).

## PSR NEWS

PSR registrations have been sent to families whose children attended class last year. If you did not receive one or if you are a new family, please contact Carol Timko at 330-847-8677. Classes begin Sunday, September 17 at 9:00 a.m. with our annual Parent Meeting.

## 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 such as a birthday, anniversary or other special moments. 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.

## 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!*

## ~Contact~

Church Office 330-847-8677

[www.stwilliamchampion.org](http://www.stwilliamchampion.org)  
[parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org](mailto:parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org)

**Rev. Ryan Furlong**, Pastor

**Robert Mintus**, Deacon

**Tina McCue**, Pastoral Associate

**Patricia Maciejewski**, Music Director

**Carol Timko**, Religious Education

**Bernadette Sartor**, Young Adult & Family Ministry

**Therese Tuttle**, Business Manager

**Dan Robinson**, Office Manager

**Jackie Loges**, Receptionist

**Chuck Poponak**, Maintenance Manager

## ~Celebrate~

### Mass Times

Saturday – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday – 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays - 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Holydays - Check weekly bulletin

Liturgy of the Word Service -

Monday, Friday 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 Evening Gr. 9-12 ~ 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

**RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sunday Mornings ~ 9:00-10:15 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.