

St. William Parish

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SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FORGIVENESS: A DIVINE CALL

In today's Gospel, Matthew 18:21-35, Peter poses a question to Jesus that might have once crossed our minds: "Lord, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus's response is both profound and challenging: "Not seven times, but seventy-seven times." In our human nature, forgiving once, let alone multiple times, can be a tall order. But Jesus doesn't just ask for forgiveness; He offers the parable of the unforgiving servant to emphasize its importance. This servant, after being forgiven a large debt, could not find it within himself to forgive a minor debt owed to him. The lesson is clear. God's mercy towards us is infinite, and we are called to mirror that mercy in our relationships with others. To harbor resentment and anger only imprisons our spirit. True freedom and peace come when we let go, forgive, and allow God's love to heal our wounds. In our daily lives, there will be times when forgiveness seems impossible. Remember, the path to forgiveness doesn't mean forgetting or condoning wrongs, but rather freeing ourselves from the chains of bitterness. Just as our Heavenly Father forgives us time and time again, let us strive to be instruments of His mercy to those around us. Let's take a moment today to reflect: Who in our lives are we being called to forgive? And, are we open to seeking forgiveness when we are the ones at fault? May our hearts be ever open to the grace and strength that comes from the Lord, helping us to forgive and be forgiven.



Have a good week,
Fr. Ryan

~ September 17-24, 2023 ~

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Sat 4:00 p.m. † **RON CLARK/** Andrea & Brian Kochunas
 Sun 10:30 a.m. † **ANTHONY MARANDO/** Theresa Craiger

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
 Tues 8:30 a.m. † **EUGENE PETROSKY/** Theresa Petrosky
 Wed 8:30 a.m. † **JOEL NICHOLS/** Margaret Prebonick
 Thur 8:30 a.m. † **AL HERRMANN/** Tim & Jane Johns
 Fri 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

Sat 4:00 p.m. † **NANCY MERCANDINO/** RCIA Team
 Sun 10:30 a.m. † **IANNIZZARO FAMILY/** Mary Pytlik

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

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ September 24, 2023 ~

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way...

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ...

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire..."

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

September 24, 2023

Lectors

4:00 p.m. Judy Makosky, Viviane Watson
 10:30 a.m. Eddie Kuhn, Taylor Kuhn

Servers

4:00 p.m. Eric Sitch
 10:30 a.m. Collin Lee

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 p.m. Joe DePascale, Pam Kuebler,
 Donna Runtas, Nola Tunnicliff
 10:30 a.m. Scott Freer, Christina Pacurar,
 Chuck Poponak, Regina Speaker



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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ September 10, 2023 (WK 10)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 6,933.00*	\$ 72,162.00
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 72,690.00
Difference	\$ (336.00)	\$ (528.00)
Performance	95%	99%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 210.00 LAST WK — \$ 7,818.00 YTD
 Envelopes ~ 173 out of 507
 Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 4.00 (3 out of 41)

POT-OF-GOLD

325 drawn on 9/13/2023

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$1,054.00



MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

112

4:00 p.m.

193

10:30 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **305** Average: **153**

TOWN HALL MEETING

"Pride in our past, Investment in our future!"

Come and share your questions and concerns on important issues at St. William Parish. This open discussion with Fr. Furlong will include refreshments. Come join us on September 25 at 5:30 p.m. for refreshments and 6:00 p.m. for town hall.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Today is Catechetical Sunday and we congratulate and recognize all those involved in Religious Education and Formation programs in our parish. As we begin our religious education and formation programs this year, we honor, thank, and congratulate our catechists, team members, and staff who remain committed to providing the best opportunity possible for our young and old to learn, live, and love our Catholic faith. We congratulate the following who are assisting this year:

PSR Catechists:

Carol Timko, Christine DePascale, Pamela Herriman, Jennifer Kusmierek, Erin Lee, Bette Lloyd, Tina McCue, Christina Pacurar, Steve Prebonick, Melanie Zappia, Maria Butcher, Linda Horm

Youth Ministry:

Maria Butcher, Tina McCue, Robert Mintus

RCIA Team:

Deanna Barco, Gloria Mintus, Mike and Linda Trunick, Donna Runtas

Adult Faith Formation:

Bette Lloyd, Tina McCue, Felicia Mooney

CHANGE OF PERSONAL STATUS

Have you changed your telephone number? Has your personal status changed? Please notify the parish office and help us keep our records current.

WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

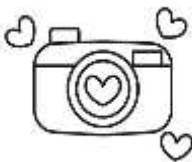
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."
 ~ Romans 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to the live the life that He intended for you.

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 this weekend sign up appointments will be available after Mass on weekends or on-line during the week. Online scheduling is available Monday-Friday only. Any questions call Gloria at 330-507-4580.



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!"

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Young adult ministry is hosting a cornhole tournament fundraiser. \$15 per person, \$25 per team. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place! Don't have a teammate? We will pair you up with someone. Come and have some fun! Tournament will be held at St. William Church on Saturday, September 23 at 2:00 p.m. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Bernadette Sartor at bsartor@youngstowndiocese.org



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 on the sheet, in your parish vestibule. Or you can email 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.



THE PARISH CALENDAR

Sept 18 ~ Small Christian Communities 9:30 a.m.
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Sept 19 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Sept 19 ~ Golden Agers 12:30 p.m.
Sept 20 ~ Welcome Ministry 6:00 p.m.
Sept 20 ~ Knights of Columbus Picnic 6:30 p.m.
Sept 20 ~ Folk Group Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Sept 21 ~ Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Sept 23 ~ Cornhole Tournament 2:00 p.m.
Sept 24 ~ PSR 9:00 a.m.

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting:

Meeting: October 4, 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, September 20, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

The K of C council picnic will be held on Wednesday, September 20 at 6 p.m. and installation of officers for 2023 - 2024 year takes place. Cockeyes BBQ pulled pork and chicken, potato salad, Bushes Baked Beans, and beverages will be served. Please bring a dessert to share. If interested in attending, please call or email Keith ASAP at 330-847-0747 or keithbowser327@aol.com

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Coffee & Donuts Committee: The schedule for the year is on the counter in the vestibule .

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. Prayer requests can be made by calling or emailing the parish office.



News Around Town

PIROHY SALE ~ST. CYRIL KITCHEN

New Location: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. James Hall, 2532 Burton St., Warren. Friday September 22~12-4pm. Potato, Sweet Cabbage \$8/Doz. Haluski Plain or w/ Cabbage \$5/Qt. Pre-order Mon. & Tue. 330-393-0781
NO CASH

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.

FIRST THURSDAY CLUB OF GREATER YOUNGSTOWN



First Thursday Club of Greater Youngstown hosts a Catholic Speaker Luncheon series the first THURSDAY of every month. The speaker for October 5, 2023, Bishop David Bonnar, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown will speak on "You've Got Mail: My Pastoral Letter." We will carpool from St. William promptly at 10:30 a.m. Kindly register by September 28. Cost is \$20.00. Please make checks payable to St. William Parish.

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY

Little Rock Scripture Study is a weekly bible study consisting of daily personal study along with weekly group sharing. Participants spend time prayerfully reading and reflecting on an assigned section of the Scriptures. We gather every Monday, morning OR evening for group sharing.

This fall we will study "the central event of the Old Testament, giving meaning to everything else we find in its pages" in Exodus-Part One. Sessions will be held September 25, October 9, 23, 30, November 13 and 27. Morning Session is 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. and evening session is 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Cost is \$11.00 which covers the cost of the commentary and personal study guide. Kindly register by September 24. Registration information can be found on the bulletin board.

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~

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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

~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.