

# St. William Parish

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SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Gospel reading for this Sunday is taken from Matthew 20:1-16a, the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard. In this parable, Jesus tells the story of a landowner who hires laborers at different times throughout the day but gives each of them the same wage – a full day's pay. At a glance, this story might seem to be about fairness. Those who worked the longest hours feel they deserve more than those who worked only an hour. Yet, the landowner's response, "Are you envious because I am generous?" invites us to reflect on the nature of God's grace and the Kingdom of Heaven. The central message here is not about economic justice but rather about the boundless and unexpected generosity of God. The Kingdom of Heaven operates on principles different from our worldly expectations. God's grace is not earned but given, and often in ways that may confound our human understanding.



The 25th Sunday's readings remind us to approach our spiritual journey not with a sense of entitlement, but with gratitude for the unmerited gifts God bestows upon us. They challenge us to rejoice in God's generosity to others, rather than comparing or feeling we deserve more. In the end, God's love and mercy are not limited commodities but boundless gifts offered to all.

## *~Trumbull North~* MASS TIMES

### SATURDAY

- ◆ St. William ~ 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ St. Thomas ~ 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ St. Robert ~ 6:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY

- ◆ St. William ~ 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ St. Thomas ~ 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ St. Robert ~ 8:30 a.m.

### WEEKDAYS

- ◆ St. William  
8:30 a.m. ~ T, W, & Th
- ◆ St. Thomas  
8:30 a.m. ~ T & F  
6:00 p.m. ~ Th
- ◆ St. Robert  
8:30 a.m. ~ M, W, & F

*Have a good week,*  
Fr. Ryan

~ September 24-October 1, 2023 ~  
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**

Sat 4:00 p.m. † NANCY MERCANDINO/ RCIA Team  
 Sun 10:30 a.m. † IANNIZZARO FAMILY/ Mary Pytlik  
 Mon 8:30 a.m. † COMMUNION SERVICE  
 Tues 8:30 a.m. † FRANK & CATHY AIELLO/Margaret Prebonick  
 Wed 8:30 a.m. † EDWARD BANIAK/ Baniak Family  
 Thur 8:30 a.m. † LOUISE & BOB FITZGERALD/ Daughter  
 Fri 8:30 a.m. † COMMUNION SERVICE

**OCTOBER 1, 2023**

Sat 4:00 p.m. † RON CLARK/ Mary Jenyk  
 Sun 10:30 a.m. † GEORGE & CARMELLA POWELL/ Family

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

*Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:*

~ October 1, 2023 ~

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ezekiel 18:25-28

*Thus says the LORD: You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!" Hear now, house of Israel...*

Philippians 2:1-11

*Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit...*

Matthew 21:28-32

*Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons..."*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

October 1, 2023

**Lectors**

4:00 p.m. Andrea Kochunas, Melanie Zappia  
 10:30 a.m. Erin Lee, Rachel Zigarovich

**Servers**

4:00 p.m. Nola Tunnicliff  
 10:30 a.m. Milania Shaker

**Eucharistic Ministers**

4:00 p.m. Carole Baniak, Carla Gilronan,  
 Gloria Mintus, Laurie Sitch  
 10:30 a.m. Dan Gelet, Jeanette Jaskiewicz,  
 Dave Lucanski, Chuck Poponak

*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 ~ September 17, 2023 (WK 11)**

	LAST WK	YTD
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 6,106.00*	\$ 78,268.00
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 79,959.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$ (1,163.00)	\$ (1,691.00)
<b>Performance</b>	84%	98%

\*Includes MyOffering: \$ 1,225.00 LAST WK — \$ 9,043.00 YTD

Envelopes ~ 154 out of 507

Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 6.00 (5 out of 41)

**POT-OF-GOLD**

# 427 drawn on 9/20/2023

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$1,206.00



**MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND**

Mass attendance last weekend was:

**102**

4:00 p.m.

**187**

10:30 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **289**      Average: **145**

**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.

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2023**

The Annual financial report for St. William Parish is available on the parish website at <https://stwilliamchampion.org/news-events>. Hard copies of the report can be found in the vestibule.

**COFFEE & DONUTS**

Next Sunday  
after the 10:30 Mass



**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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last".*

~ Matthew 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

†† RECENT DEATHS ††

***Our Sincere Sympathy***

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

**Margaret "Peg" Poponak**

*and*

**Joseph Sustersic**

Husband of Emma Sustersic

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

## 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 23 and 24. 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.*

## PSR MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Apple Dumpling FUNdraiser. PSR families will be making Apple Dumplings to raise funds for Bella Women's Center and Catholic Charities Walking with Moms in Need.



- ◆ Orders will be taken after weekend Mass through October 15
- ◆ Orders can be picked up after Mass October 21 and October 22

## 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.

## 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 TODAY, September 23.



## THE PARISH CALENDAR

Sept 25 ~ Little Rock 9:30 a.m.  
Sept 25 ~ Caregiver Meeting 12:00 p.m.  
Sept 25 ~ Town Hall Meeting 5:30 p.m.  
Sept 25 ~ Little Rock 6:30 p.m.  
Sept 26 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.  
Sept 27 ~ Consolation Ministry 6:30 p.m.  
Sept 28 ~ Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.  
Sept 30 ~ Welcome Dinner 5:00 p.m.  
Oct 1 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.  
Oct 1 ~ Coffee & Donuts 11:30 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.

All Women of St. William are invited to the Women's Guild Meeting on Wednesday, October 4, 2023  
Social Time 6:00 p.m. and Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
Food, Fun, and Fellowship! Don't forget your "White Elephant Gift" for Bingo!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #7491

### Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 4, 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)

## 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!"*

## News Around Town

### PIROHY SALE ~ST. CYRIL KITCHEN

New Location: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. James Hall, 2532 Burton St., Warren. Friday October 6~12-4pm.  
Potato, Sweet Cabbage \$8/Doz. Haluski Plain or w/ Cabbage \$5/Qt. Pre-order Mon. & Tue. 330-393-0781  
NO CASH SALES

## 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.

## 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 during the fall. 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.

## CHAMPION PRIDE COUNCIL COAT DRIVE

The annual Champion Pride Council coat drive begins at St. William on September 25. The collection box will be in the vestibule until October 22. Items to be included this year: new or gently worn winter coats, hats, gloves, leggings, jeans, sweatshirts, and athletic pants.



## 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

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**Rev. Ryan Furlong**, Pastor

**Robert Mintus**, Deacon

**Tina McCue**, Pastoral Associate

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**Carol Timko**, Religious Education

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

**Therese Tuttle**, Business Manager

**Dan Robinson**, Office Manager

**Linda Horm**, Receptionist

**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.