

St. William Parish

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DECEMBER 17, 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear friends,

As we enter the third week of Advent we are at the halfway point of our wait for the birth of Jesus Christ. This week we light the pink candle. I tend to turn purple like the other advent candles with the exertion and stress of buying gifts and decorating and planning celebrations. So on Gaudete (gow-DA-tay) Sunday, the color rose comes as a reminder that Christian joy is another thing altogether. As Pope Francis put it,

“What is this joy? Is it to be happy? No, it is not the same. To be happy is good, yet joy is something more. It’s another thing. It is something which does not depend on external motivations, or on passing issues: it is more profound. It is a gift. To be ‘happy’ at all moments at all cost, can at the end turn into superficiality and shallowness. This leaves us without Christian wisdom, which makes us dumb, naive, right? All is joy... no. Joy is something else; it is a gift from the Lord.”



Lord,
come
and
save us.

The rose candle reminds me that the happiness I get from the season (from seeing lights and trees and mangers ... from giving and receiving gifts ... from being with friends and family) — as wonderful as all that might be, it’s only a picture of joy. Two weeks into

Advent, I see the color rose and push the reset button, make time in my schedule and in my heart to enter that still place where I can ponder the true meaning of Christmas. I try to open a space inside myself where the Lord can enter and be born in a new way. I encourage you to take some time each day to be mindful of what Advent should be about in our lives.

~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 great Advent week,
Fr. Ryan

~ December 17-24, 2023 ~
Third Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 17, 2023

Sat 4:00 p.m. † **RONALD MOONEY**/ Felicia Mooney
Sun 10:30 a.m. † **NANCY MERCANDINO**/ Roy & Ann Plant

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **PEG POPONAK**/ Barb Mendik
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **MURPH GELET**/W. Robinson & P. Herriman
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **JIM MCNEILL**/ Mary Pytlik
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **NO SERVICE**

DECEMBER 24, 2023

Sat 4:00 p.m. † **BRIANNA HEIB**/ John & Patty Heib
Sun 4:00 p.m. † **PEOPLE OF ST. WILLIAM**

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

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ December 23, 2023 ~
Fourth Sunday of Advent

W Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side...

Romans 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ...

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

December 23, 2023

Lectors

4:00 p.m. Donna Runtas, Melanie Zappia
10:30 a.m.

Servers

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

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 p.m. Joe DePascale, Carla Gilronan,
Gloria Mintus, Laurie Sitch
10:30 a.m.



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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ December 10, 2023 (WK 24)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,064.00*	\$ 171,273.00
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 174,456.00
Difference	\$ (205.00)	\$ (3,183.00)
Performance	97%	98%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 660.00 LAST WK — \$ 17,478.00 YTD

Envelopes ~ 176 out of 507

Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 6.00 (6 out of 51)

POT-OF-GOLD

#388 drawn on 12/13/2023

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$605.00



MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

103

4:00 p.m.

184

10:30 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **287** Average: **144**

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

A communal penance service will be held at St. Thomas for all of Trumbull North Catholic Community TOMORROW Monday, December 18 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

2024 PARISH CALENDARS

2024 Parish Calendars are available after Mass this weekend. Many thanks to Mr. Peter Rossi, Jr. of Peter Rossi and Son Memorial Chapel for providing our parish calendars once again this year.

2023 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Please note, Friday, **December 31, 2023** is the last day to make a contribution to the church for the 2023 tax year. All contributions made after December 31 will be credited to the 2024 tax year.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Lectors

4:00 p.m. Linda Horm, Deanna Barco
10:30 a.m. Renita Mintus, _____

Servers

4:00 p.m. John Barco, Nola Tunnicliff
10:30 a.m. Theresa Craiger, _____

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 p.m. Bob Hardman, Karen Hardman,
Barb Bickford, Dave Bickford
10:30 a.m. Regina Speaker, Pam Kuebler,
Frank Pytlik, Treva Pytlik



WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Third Sunday of Advent

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." – 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

THANK YOU!!!



The Women's Guild would like to give an extra thank you to Santa, the Knights of Columbus, and everyone who stayed to help with cleaning up after the Christmas dinner. A special thanks to Chuck Poponak for helping with the set up and decorations. The committee hopes you had a wonderful time and greatly appreciated the 110 items and monetary donations to Harriet's Cupboard.

OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will close on Tuesday, December 19 from 10:00 - 3:00 for a staff meeting and a Christmas Luncheon. The office will open Wednesday for regular business hours.

GOLDEN AGERS' NEWS

Congratulations! Vikki Pavis won the Money Tree Raffle of \$150.00. Thank you to everyone who supported our raffle. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



FISH DINNER NEWS!

Our Fish Dinners are tentatively scheduled to begin on Friday, February 9, 2024. The Fish Dinner Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. to work out details and particulars for this year's Fish Dinners. We are anticipating the same smooth process for ordering, purchasing, and receiving Fish Dinners used last year. The annual Fish Dinner Worker Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 31, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Interested in helping with this year's dinners? Call the Parish Office to get on the list.



THE PARISH CALENDAR

Dec 18 ~ Small Christian Communities 10:00 a.m.
Dec 18 ~ Communal Penance at St. Thomas 6:00 p.m.
Dec 18 ~ Small Christian Communities 6:30 p.m.
Dec 19 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Dec 19 ~ Office Closed 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Dec 19 ~ Folk Group/Youth Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Dec 20 ~ Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.
Dec 21 ~ Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Dec 23 ~ Youth Choir Rehearsal 10:00 a.m.
Dec 23 ~ Fourth Week of Advent Mass 4:00 p.m.
Dec 24 ~ No Sunday Morning Mass
Dec 24 ~ Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 p.m.
Dec 25 ~ Christmas Day Mass 10:30 a.m.

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting:

Meeting: January 3, 2024

6:00 p.m. Social ~ 6:30 p.m. Meeting



Please note that the January 3 meeting will be off site at El Torero on Elm Road. Please call or text Renita Mintus if you plan on attending. 330-507-8298. We hope you start the New Year off by joining us!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #7491

Next Meeting:

Thursday, December 20, 2023 at 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



ONLINE GIVING

myEoffering is an easy and safe way to give your weekly financial gift to the church, sign up today. Questions??? Call the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Weekend ~ December 23-24-25

Saturday, December 23 - Fourth Sunday of Advent:

4:00 p.m. ONLY St. William and St. Thomas ~ 6:00 p.m. ONLY St. Robert

Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve:

4:00 p.m. St. William and St. Thomas and St. Robert ~ 10:00 p.m. St. Robert

Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day:

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

New Year Weekend ~ December 30-December 31-January 1

Saturday, December 30 - Feast of the Holy Family:

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

Sunday, December 31 – Feast of the Holy Family:

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

Monday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary:

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



SECRET PRAYER PARTNERS

- ◆ PLEASE make sure to put your number on the cards for your secret prayer partners. I have a few cards without numbers and do not know to whom they go.
- ◆ Remember, if you put your card in an envelope, DO NOT seal the envelope. I have to read EVERYTHING before I give it to the children and I read everything before I forward it to you.
- ◆ If you are sending your prayer partner a gift, WHICH IS NOT NECESSARY, please make sure I can open it and see what you are giving them.
- ◆ If you have any questions, or you do not remember if you numbered your cards, please contact Carol Timko.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped with the Kolachi Bake on Wednesday, November 29. We could not do this

without your help. We had a large team of workers throughout the day to make the day go smoothly. Thank you to all who continue to support us in purchasing our Kolachi.



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~

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parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org

Rev. Ryan Furlong, Pastor

Very Rev. Michael Balash,
Sacramental Minister

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

Linda Horm, Receptionist/Secretary

Jackie Loges, Receptionist/Finance

Chuck Poponak, Maintenance Manager

~Celebrate~

Mass Times

Saturday – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday – 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays - 8:30 a.m. T, W, & Th

Holydays - Check weekly bulletin

Liturgy of the Word Service – 8:30 a.m. M & F

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.