

St. William Parish

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DECEMBER 31, 2023

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

My Friends,

As we begin the new year of 2024, let's reflect on the many blessings God has bestowed upon us this past year. How did God bless you? When did you feel the warmth of the Lord's face shining upon you? When did you experience the Lord's graciousness, kindness, and peace? Strengthened by these memories we enter this new year with renewed hope and promise.

I would like to express to you how many "thanks" need to be offered to everyone who helped with, planned, participated, and created such joyous and beautiful Christmas celebrations last weekend. Thank you to all who donated to our Christmas Flower Fund, to all liturgical ministers, to our

music ministry, to our parish liturgy committee, and to all who helped in any way to bring our celebrations together. I would also like to offer my sincerest and grateful thanks to you for making Christmas at Saint William Parish such a wonderful time. My thanks to all who sent cards and best wishes to myself and Father Balash and the staff during this holiday season and to all of you who continue to give and support the parish and our many activities through your time, talent, and treasure so generously.

May this New Year be filled with many blessings and may it be a time of great joy and happiness for you and our parish!



~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

*Happy New Year!,
Fr. Ryan*

~ December 31, 2023-January 7, 2024 ~
THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

DECEMBER 31, 2023

Sat 4:00 p.m. † TIM PARK/ Church Ladies
Sun 10:30 a.m. † PEOPLE OF ST. WILLIAM

Mon 10:30 a.m. † PEOPLE OF ST. WILLIAM
Tues 8:30 a.m. † JIM MCNEILL/ Mary Ann Poli
Wed 8:30 a.m. † PEG POPONAK/ Jane & Tim Johns
Thur 8:30 a.m. † MURPH GELET/ Diane Gelet
Fri 8:30 a.m. † COMMUNION SERVICE

JANUARY 7, 2024

Sat 4:00 p.m. † CHARLES GALLOWAY/ Andrea & Brian Kochunas
Sun 10:30 a.m. † TED PYTLIK/ Mary Pytlik

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

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ January 7, 2024 ~
The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth...

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit...

Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

January 7, 2024

Lectors

4:00 p.m. Christine DePascale, Tim Timko
10:30 a.m. Linda Horm, Rachel Zigarovich

Servers

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

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 p.m. Carole Baniak, Theresa Petrosky,
Donna Runtas, Carol Timko
10:30 a.m. Barbara Bickford, David Bickford,
Michele Jeffers, Melanie Shoaf



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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ December 24, 2023 (WK 26)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 6,766.00*	\$ 184,594.00
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 188,994.00
Difference	\$ (503.00)	\$ (4,400.00)
Performance	93%	98%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 390.00 LAST WK — \$ 18,819.00 YTD
Envelopes ~ 162 out of 507
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 47.00 (9 out of 51)
Christmas Offering: \$9,271.00

POT-OF-GOLD

#441 drawn on 12/27/2023
!!WINNER!! James & Catherine Williams
Amount: \$903.00



MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

157

365

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 4:00 p.m.

Last week's attendance: 522

Average: 261

COFFEE & DONUTS

Next Sunday
after 10:30 a.m. Mass.



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.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

Monday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary:
8:30 a.m. St. Robert
10:30 a.m. St. William and St. Thomas

PARISH HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed Friday, December 29 through Tuesday, January 2.

WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Third Sunday of Advent

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."
~ Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

†† RECENT DEATHS ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Anthony Gundic
and
Bill Hostetler

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

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER 2024

*Know, dear faithful,
As we have rejoiced at the
Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,
so by leave of God's mercy
we announce to you also the joy of
his Resurrection, who is our Savior.*

*On the fourteenth day of February
will fall Ash Wednesday,
and the beginning of the fast
of the most sacred Lenten season.*

*On the thirty-first day of March,
we will celebrate with joy Easter Sunday,
the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*On the twelfth day of May
will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*On the nineteenth day of May,
the feast of Pentecost.*

*On the second day of June,
the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.*

*On the first day of December,
the First Sunday of Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to whom is honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.*

GOLDEN AGERS' NEWS

Yearly dues of \$10 are due for the year. The Golden Agers will meet Tuesday, January 16 at 12:30 p.m. in room 103. Bring your favorite dessert or side dish. Pizza and beverages will be provided. Door prizes donated by Theresa and Jim White Hope to see everyone there! New members are always welcome! Bring a friend.



NAIM CLUB

The NAIM club will hold their annual pizza party on Thursday, January 11 at 12:30 p.m. in room 103. Pizza and beverages will be provided. Please bring dessert or salad to share. Call Barbara with questions at 330-847-8375.

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

Jan 1 ~ New Year's Day
Jan 1 ~ Solemnity of Mary Mass 10:30 a.m.
Jan 1 ~ Office Closed
Jan 2 ~ Office Closed
Jan 3 ~ Fish Dinner Committee Meeting 5:00 p.m.
Jan 3 ~ Women's Guild 6:00 p.m. @ El Torero
Jan 3 ~ Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.
Jan 6 ~ Music Ministry Rehearsal 2:45 p.m.
Jan 7 ~ PSR 9:00 a.m.
Jan 7 ~ 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: 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:

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
in room 103. Dues for the year will be collected.

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

REMINDER

If your family has requested a weekend Mass intention and you are present at the Mass, we invite you to bring up the offertory gifts. Please inform an usher **before** Mass begins.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Beginning January 7, the bulletin will now be printed by LPi and shipped to the church weekly. As a result the deadline for submitting materials to the bulletin will change. The new deadline for submitting materials will now be Thursday at 12:00 noon the week before the material is to be printed. For example, if you want something printed in the January 7 bulletin, it must be turned in to the office no later than December 28 or if you want something in the January 14 bulletin the deadline is January 4 (that is a full 10 days!) If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

Sip & Paint Event

JANUARY 20 @ 5:30 PM

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS & PAINTING IMAGE

TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE DECEMBER 31ST @
WWW.STAYBEAUTIFULARTSTUDIO.COM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

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.

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

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.