

# St. William Parish

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March 8, 2020 ~ Second Sunday of Lent



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## CELEBRATING TOGETHER



### Parish Ministries

Please call the Parish Office for Mass and Prayer Intentions, Homebound and Hospitalized Ministry, Funerals, The Catholic Exponent, Family Information Changes, New Parishioner Registration and details about any Parish Organization and Ministry.

### Celebrating the Sacraments:

**Baptism:** Call Parish Office to make arrangements.

**First Eucharist:** Celebrated in the 2nd grade with parents and children participating in preparation program.

**Confirmation:** Celebrated with the Bishop biannually for 8th graders (or older) who have attended preparation classes.

**Reconciliation:** Celebrated Saturday at 4:00 p.m. or by appointment. Communal Reconciliation Services are held during Lent and Advent.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the Parish Office to inform us of anyone who is sick (at home or in the hospital) for visitation and anointing.

**Marriage:** Couples should contact the Parish Office/Priest before making any arrangements for marriage (at least 6 months in advance). Couples must be registered in the parish and participate in the marriage preparation program.

**Holy Orders:** For information on religious life, contact Diocese of Youngstown Vocation Office at 330-744-8451.

### Christian Formation and Education

**Parish School of Religion (PSR)**  
Sunday Morning Gr. K-8  
9:30-10:45 a.m.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):**  
Sunday Mornings  
9:30-10:45 a.m.

**Adult and Teen Enrichment Programs:**  
Offered periodically throughout the year.  
Consult the weekly bulletin.

**John F. Kennedy Catholic School**  
[www.warrenjfk.com](http://www.warrenjfk.com)

**Lower Campus—Grades K-5**  
330-372-2375

**Upper Campus—Grades 6-12**  
330-369-1804

### Hall Rental/Catering:

Contact the Parish Office for details.

### Catholic Charities Regional Agency:

Trumbull County 330-393-4254

**Bulletin Deadline:** Articles must be submitted to the Parish Office *or emailed to* drobinson@stwilliamchampion.org by Wednesday prior to the weekend they are to appear.

Visit our website at

[www.stwilliamchampion.org](http://www.stwilliamchampion.org)



## CELEBRATION OF THE LITURGY

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Winter - Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Summer - Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays - 8:30 a.m. Tuesday - Friday

Holydays - Check weekly bulletin

Communion Service - Monday 8:30 a.m.

## “Lenten Blessings Await”

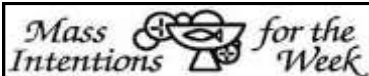


“Lenten Blessings Await” as we continue this Second Sunday of Lent with the story of the Transfiguration of Christ. Peter, James, and John are given a glimpse of what is to come in the resurrection as Jesus appears before them with his face shining like the sun and clothes as white as light. This is a peak moment in the lives of his disciples. Peak experiences do not come often and they do not last, but they can be a touchstone to which we may return often through memories. The birth of a child, falling in love, a special day, or an encounter in nature may all be peak experiences we want to preserve, remember and cherish. Perhaps like Peter we may even want to “*build a tent*” to memorialize a special event. Today’s gospel story is meant to motivate us to continue our Lenten journey so that we may keep looking for God’s presence amid the storms and sins of life. May the repentance and forgiveness we seek this Lent help us to find hope in our faith and one another.

This weekend we continue the opportunity to make a pledge to this year’s Bishop’s Appeal for Catholic Charities. Support of the appeal offers us a chance to respond to Jesus’ teaching that we serve Him by serving those in need. You are kindly asked to make a response in the coming weeks towards our parish goal of 100% participation. Thank you for your kindness and generosity to this important and vital part of our mission and ministry in the Church.

On Wednesday of this coming week our parish will participate in “*The Light is ON for YOU.*” This special evening of reconciliation throughout the diocese will take place from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in many parishes. This opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation is in addition to our Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service that will be on Sunday, March 22 at Saint Thomas Parish in Vienna.

*Have a Good Week! Father Balash*



~ March 8-15, 2020 ~  
Second Sunday of Lent

### MARCH 8, 2020

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **SR. PATRICIA GANNON**/ Notre Dame Associates  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **MARY JO DECHRISTAFARO**/ Mary Pytlik  
11:00 a.m. † **SAVANNAH SMITH**/ Youth Ministry

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **RICHARD HUDAK**/ Penny Hudak  
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **GLORIA DANKO**/ Joe & Pat Maciejewski  
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **DONNA CRAIGER**/ Theresa Craiger  
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **KAREN BOGAN**/ Chuck & Sandy Hudak

### MARCH 15, 2020

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **GEORGE & PEARL BERISH**/ Family  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **MARY FRENCHIE**/ Judy Franek  
11:00 a.m. † **BETTY PETROSKY**/ Butch & Denise Butcher

### OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ February 23, 2020 (WK 34)

	LAST WK	YTD
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 9,185.73*	\$ 255,218.61*
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 248,500.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$ 2,085.73	\$ 6,718.61
<b>Performance</b>	129%	103%

\*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 1,192.73 LAST WK — \$ 23,285.66 YTD  
Envelopes ~ 209 out of 546  
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 16.00 (18 out of 62)

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY

~ March 15, 2020 ~  
Third Sunday of Lent

### Lectors

5:00 p.m. Deana Barco, Andrea Kochunas  
8:30 a.m. Sandy Frantz, Gina Swiger  
11:00 a.m. Eddie Kuhn, Melanie Shoaf

### Servers

5:00 p.m. Theresa Petrosky, Therese Tuttle  
8:30 a.m. James Swiger, Luke Zigarovich  
11:00 a.m. Marianne Babnik, Cathy McCauley

### Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Barb Robinson, Dan Robinson, Nancy Tuttle  
8:30 a.m. Carole Baniak, Pam Kuebler, Gloria Mintus, Christina Pacurar, Laurie Stich, Jamie Taneri  
11:00 a.m. Karen Daugherty, Scott Freer, Jeanette Jaskiewicz, Brian Lenhart, Regina Speaker, Janice Ventling



*Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:*

~ March 15, 2020 ~  
Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17: 3-7

*In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? ...*

Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

*Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ ...*

John 4: 5-42

*Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph ...*

## †† RECENT DEATH ††

*Our Sincere Sympathy*

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

**Judith Dinko**

*Sister of Sandy Frantz*

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

## NAIM CLUB LUNCHEON

Members will meet at Stone Bridge Tavern Restaurant in Niles at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 12. If you need a ride, meet in the church parking lot at 12:00 p.m.



## CORONAVIRUS/FLU CONCERNS

In response to concerns about the Coronavirus and flu, Bishop Murry is instructing that the following prudent steps and liturgical adaptations be implemented beginning this weekend. These are temporary measures that will be reviewed before Holy Week:

- 1) If you are sick, do not come to Mass. Mass can be watched on television until you are restored to health.
- 2) Cover your mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or cough/sneeze into your elbow.
- 3) Use hand sanitizer if you cough or sneeze at any time.
- 4) Exchange the sign of peace by simply bowing to those around you and say "Peace be with you," without shaking hands.
- 5) All ministers of Holy Communion must use hand sanitizer before distributing Holy Communion.
- 6) The distribution of the Precious Blood from the cup is temporarily suspended with the exception of those who must receive the cup due to severe cases of celiac disease.
- 7) Consider receiving Holy Communion in the hand. For those still desiring to receive on the tongue, make every effort not to come in contact with the minister's hand or fingers.
- 8) Intinction (*the practice of dipping the host into the wine*) is not to be utilized as a means of distributing Holy Communion.
- 9) Holy Water fonts are to be drained, cleaned, and disinfected regularly.

Both the Coronavirus and flu are serious health hazards. Everyone has the responsibility to take common sense steps to prevent the spread of these diseases. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

## THE JOURNEY HAS STARTED!

*Journals were distributed this past Monday evening.  
Some are still available after Mass this weekend.*

### THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

*"Connecting with God ~ March 7, 1848"*

Access Music for Reflection on our Parish Website:  
[www.stwilliamchampion.org/lenten-blessings-  
-await-week2.html](http://www.stwilliamchampion.org/lenten-blessings-await-week2.html)

## EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Our Easter Food Drive has begun. We are in need of nonperishable, NON EXPIRED food items. Ex: peanut butter, jelly, tuna, Manwich, boxed potatoes, cereal, mac-and-cheese, pasta, pasta sauce, canned soup, fruit, vegetables, and desserts.

Monetary donations can be given to Darlene Frantz, Roy Mercandino, dropped off at the parish office, or put in the pouch on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Checks should be made out to St. William Parish. These donations are used to buy gift certificates at Sparkle Market.

REQUESTS FOR FOOD BASKETS ARE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD. These must be turned in by Sunday March 22. Thank you for your support.

## THE PARISH CALENDAR

MAR 9 ~ Little Rock Scripture Study 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

MAR 9 ~ SND Associates Faith Sharing 6:00 p.m.

MAR 10 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.

MAR 10 ~ Eucharist Parent Meeting 5:30 p.m.

MAR 10 ~ RCIA at St. Rose 6:30 p.m.

MAR 10 ~ Cantor Practice 7:00 p.m.

MAR 11 ~ Light is On Reconciliation 6:30 p.m.

MAR 12 ~ NAIM Club Luncheon 12:30 p.m.

MAR 12 ~ Parish Life Committee 7:00 p.m.

MAR 12 ~ Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.

MAR 13 ~ Fish Dinner #4 ~ 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

MAR 14 ~ Folk Group Rehearsal/Mass 3:30 p.m.

MAR 15 ~ Confirmation Rite of Sending 11:00 a.m.

MAR 15 ~ Youth Ministry

*Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events*



Saint William Parish Youth Ministry will host Warren Area Catholic Teens to pray the Stations of the Cross on March 27, 2020 at 7:15 p.m. following our Lenten Fish Dinner. All are invited to pray as we adore our Lord, Jesus Christ.

## "Pot - of - Gold"

*Envelope number drawn, Wednesday, March 4 was #308  
There was no winner! The winner would have received \$963.00*

Drawings take place every Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. Everyone who receives Church envelopes is eligible to win IF YOU PARTICIPATE. If your envelope number is drawn and you participated... YOU WIN the Pot-of-Gold!

**GOOD LUCK!!**

## 2020 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL for Catholic Charities and Church

Your commitment to the 2020 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church allows you to show your concern for others, while expressing your gratitude to God for the many blessings you have received. Without the generosity of people like you who faithfully support the Bishop's Appeal, Catholic Charities would never be able to serve the poor among us as we are called to do by Jesus. To date our parish has achieved 11% towards our goal of 100% participation. Please respond today by: **PRAYING** for the success of the Annual Bishop's Appeal. Your prayers are meaningful and critical to our success. **DONATE** to the Appeal using the response card you received in the mail OR an envelope found in Church. **VOLUNTEER** your time and talents to any of the ministries of the Church and our parish. We ask every family to prayerfully make a gift to this year's Appeal. Please submit your response directly to the Diocese or by dropping it off in the collection basket at the parish. **Your completed response counts toward our parish participation goal.** Help us reach 100% response this year!

## LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY

*Panorama of the New Testament*

Beginning with the Gospels and Acts and continuing through the letters and final book of the Bible, Panorama of the New Testament invites us into familiar scenes but with a wide-angle lens to capture the big picture.

Sessions are offered on Monday's beginning  
**March 9 at 9:30 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m. Cost \$10.00**  
Registration information can be found in the vestibule.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

St. William Parish Youth grades 2+ are getting ready to sing Easter Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. Mass with the Adult Choir. Please plan to attend two rehearsals: SATURDAY, APRIL 4 at Noon and SATURDAY, APRIL 11 at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome! Registration form is available in the vestibule for parents to fill out and return. Get ready to sing Alleluia!

Cantors will meet this Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. to prepare for Holy Week masses.



## Fish Dinners Have Started!!!

~806 Dinners Sold on February 28  
~50/50 Winner: Stacy O'Malley -- \$200.00

**Fish Dinners served every Friday until April 3**

~4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

~Adults and Carry-Out \$12.00

~Children (5-10 years) \$6.00

~“Haluski” Only Dinner! (\$10.00 Adult / \$6.00 Children)

**REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR DECORATED FISH SO THEY CAN BE HUNG IN THE SOCIAL HALL!!!!**



## WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

*Next Meeting:*

**Wednesday, April 15**

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

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

*\*Please Note Special Date\**



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #7491

*Next Meeting:*

Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.



## “The Light is ON for You”

### AN EVENING OF RECONCILIATION



*“With infinite mercy, He forgives all of our sins as soon as we show the smallest sign of repentance.” —Pope Francis.* The Sacrament of

Reconciliation offers to us the healing grace of God. During this Lenten Season all Catholics are reminded to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of their Lenten observance in preparation for Easter. This opportunity provides us with an awareness of God's deep abiding love through His forgiveness and mercy. Be part of this special event on Wednesday at our parish and throughout the Diocese. Local parishes that are participating: St. Mary, Warren; St. Thomas, Vienna; St. Robert, Cortland; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Niles, St. Rose, Girard. **Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service: Sunday, March 22, 2:00 p.m. St. Thomas, Vienna.**

## PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Parish Life Committee will meet on Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. to review the Parish Appreciation Event held in January and to plan a summer event for the parish. New members are always welcomed!

## 2020 RCIA CATECHUMENS

Please write a card of welcome and greeting to our RCIA catechumens. Cards can be returned to the baskets in the vestibule any time before Palm Sunday – April 5, 2020. The following Catechumens will be Baptized, Confirmed and receive their First Communion at the Easter Vigil on April 11, 2020.

William McCready: Bill has been married to Sandra for 15 years. He has three children and two step-children. Bill is an office manager and enjoys cooking (and eating!). His wife, Sandra will be his sponsor.

Nicole Ullinskey: Nicole is single and works as a mental health therapist. She enjoys family, sports, reading and travel. Deanna Barco will be her sponsor.

**REMEMBER – ALL CARDS ARE DUE PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND!**