

# St. William Parish

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May 10, 2020 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day



This unusual yet blessed season of Easter continues to unfold in our midst. Today, the opening words of the Gospel are addressed to the disciples and we can imagine to us as well:

*“do not let your hearts be troubled...have faith in God; have faith also in me.”* Then in response to Thomas' protest Jesus tells us that *“he is the way, and the truth and the life!”* This is another appropriate message for us as we continue to cope with these extraordinary circumstances and as we anticipate resuming Mass later this month. For quite some time now perhaps our hearts have been troubled, our faith has been tested and our way has been confused. However, through all of this we have known that God has always been with us making us strong, resilient and courageous. Often we might hear this passage read at a funeral or memorial liturgy. It is consoling to think that there is a place prepared for us in eternity yet while we wait for this perfect unity with God it is also comforting to know we also have a place here on earth to be with God and each other. These past few weeks have certainly been a time for all of us to remember the loving care and place of God in our heart, lives and world.

I am anxiously awaiting the opportunity to hopefully *“welcome”* all of you back to Church on May 30/31 – the feast of Pentecost. When this happens, it will be a joyful blessing for all of us and a great day! Currently we are awaiting specific details, recommendations and considerations that will need to be in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all of us. As soon as these details become available they will be posted on our website and included in the bulletin.

Finally, on this Mother's Day we offer congratulations and best wishes to all those who are mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, and for all who take care of someone in a special way...*HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all!*

*Have a Good Week and Stay Safe!*  
Fr. Balash

## ***Mother's Day Prayer & Blessing***

On this Mother's Day we say *Thank You* for the many blessings you have bestowed on us. Motherhood is a precious gift freely given for the care of all. In honor of all Mothers, Grandmothers, Stepmothers, Godmothers, and Great Grandmothers we offer this special prayer and blessing.

*Loving God,  
as a mother gives life and nourishment  
to her children, so you watch over your  
Church.*

*Bless all women this day, that they may  
be strengthened as Christian mothers.*

*Let the example of their faith and love  
shine forth.*

*Grant that we, their sons and  
daughters, may honor them always  
with a spirit of profound respect.*

*May God bless all mothers this day, in  
the name of the Father, and the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit.*

*Amen*

## WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE...

Many thanks to all who continue mail, drop off, or use myEoffering to make their current weekly contribution. Your response in these unusual circumstances has been overwhelming and most generous. I very much appreciate and am grateful for your support in helping us to meet our financial obligations.

THANK YOU!  
Fr. Balash

*With limited office hours, if you plan to drop off your offering, you can place it in the mailbox at the main entrance. It is checked daily at 12:00noon, 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.*

## OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ May 3, 2020 (WK 44)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,106.00*	\$ 316,461.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 312,400.00
Difference	\$ 6.00	\$ 4,061.00
Performance	100%	101%

\*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 1,077.00 LAST WK — \$ 31,084.00 YTD  
Envelopes ~ 152 out of 552  
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 4.00 (3 out of 62)  
Final Easter Collection ~ \$ 7,301.55

**Pot-of-Gold: #475 drawn on 5/6/20.**  
**No Winner: \$358.00**

## OHIO BISHOPS EXTEND SUSPENSION OF MASS

The Bishops of Ohio extended the temporary suspension of all Masses and liturgies through May 29, with the hope of publicly celebrating together the Solemnity of Pentecost on the weekend of May 30/31. All are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass during this period and are encouraged to view Mass on television or on-line. As details become available regarding initiatives for welcoming back everyone to Sunday Mass and other gatherings they will be posted on our parish website and published in the bulletin.

## LIVE-STREAM MASS FROM ST. COLUMBA EVERY SUNDAY

Every Sunday Mass is live-streamed for from Saint Columba Cathedral at 10:30 a.m. on WFMJ-TV's website. Go to [www.wfmj.com](http://www.wfmj.com) and click on "Weekly Faith Services."

## "SHEPHERDING ONE ANOTHER"

In anticipation of returning to Church on May 30/31, our "shepherds" are reaching out this week to all parishioners as your "contact" to provide updates and information about parish happenings and to also make sure everyone is doing OK in these unusual circumstances. These courtesy phone calls are just another way to stay in touch as we physically distance!!

*Scripture that will be proclaimed THIS WEEKEND*  
or visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) for the Readings

~ May 10, 2020 ~  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

### Acts 6: 1-7

*As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows ...*

### 1 Peter 2: 4-9

*Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God ...*

### John 14: 1-12

*Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me ...*

## Online Mass

Daily Mass is available at [www.CatholicTV.org](http://www.CatholicTV.org)

## PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM teleconference.

## Spiritual Communion via Televised or On-Line Mass

The Act of Spiritual Communion is made when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion at Mass. The way to make an Act of Spiritual Communion is listed below and can be adapted based upon personal and family needs:

1. Gather with others in your household and begin a time of prayer with the sign of the cross.
2. Watch Mass on television or on-line, or if unable, take time to read and reflect upon the readings from Sunday Mass. Scripture readings can be found at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org). A schedule of televised Mass is available at [www.doy.org](http://www.doy.org) under Media tab.
3. Share prayer intentions quietly or aloud.
4. Pray the Lord's Prayer.
5. Offer a prayer for healing, strength, or forgiveness or any prayer available during the coronavirus pandemic. If viewing Mass, offer a prayer during the normal time of Communion.

### **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,*

*come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.*

*Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

6. Close with the sign of the cross.

## THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION...

Remember that the Church building remains closed and it is asked that no one enter the building without checking at the office first. The Parish Office is open on Monday and Friday ONLY from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, however you are encouraged to conduct any business by phone or mail. The office door handles and other surfaces are sanitized often for your safety. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

## EAGLE OF THE CROSS CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Mr. Frank DePascale from our parish who was recently chosen to receive the Eagle of the Cross award. The Eagle of the Cross, created by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry and introduced to the diocese in 1999, is given each year to a group of extraordinary high school juniors and seniors who model the dedication, integrity, values and promise for Church and society. The award is presented to teens in the six counties of the Diocese of Youngstown who model Christian discipleship and exemplify the qualities of moral integrity, prayer, good works and Christian leadership in their school and parish communities. Unfortunately due to current circumstances the Mass and Award Ceremony has been postponed. *Congratulations Frank!*



## SCAVENGER HUNT RESULTS!



Last Sunday over 40 cars filled with "hunters and searchers" participated in our "Scavenger Hunt by Car" event! It was a great day to solve clues...find the "X" and take some pictures! Congratulations to all who participated and to our three winners:

- Joseph, Kimberly & Milania Shaker
- Eric, Christine & Faith Brugler
- Wanda Robinson & Bob Jennings

Thanks to all who enjoyed this fun activity and to our PSR catechists for their creativity and effort in putting this event together!

## myEoffering?

### PARTICIPANTS INCREASE

 Many thanks to those who have recently signed up for *myEoffering*! There has been an increase in parishioners taking advantage of this opportunity. This is an easy and convenient way to remain current on your weekly offerings. Electronic giving is safe and secure. Sign up for *myEoffering* today! Follow the easy sign-up registration and instruction steps found on the parish website: [www.stwilliamchampion.org](http://www.stwilliamchampion.org) to establish your account. Questions??? Call the Parish Office.

## PARISH APP

### SEEING MORE ACTIVITY...

Missing out on news, updates and information? Put your smartphone to good use and sign up for our Parish APP. It's FREE and EASY! Simply text **APP** to **88202** to download **myParish APP**. Select our parish and follow the easy instructions or visit our website for more information. During this time it is important to stay connected. Circumstances change daily and the **BEST** way to stay in touch, get news, and keep you informed is through the Parish APP. Questions??? Call the Parish Office.



## A PRAYER FOR ALL OF US DURING THIS TIME

by Pat Maciejewski

Lord, God,  
creator of all good things,  
help us in these days of concern and unrest,  
of the unknown and maybe even panic.  
Be with all medical personnel,  
and all in charge of keeping us safe and calm.

We trust in you, O Lord,  
to give us the strength and courage,  
words and actions,  
that we might need in the days and weeks ahead.

Keep us prudent in caring for ourselves,  
our loved ones, and all others,  
We implore you, O God, to send  
your healing and spirit into the whole world.  
Remain with us, grant us peace.

AMEN





## “The Meanest Mother in the World”

I had the meanest mother in the world!!! That’s right! While all the other kids had candy for breakfast, I had to eat my cereal, eggs and toast. While other kids had cakes and candy for lunch, I ended up with a sandwich. And, as you might guess, my supper was *different* from other kid’s supper as well!

My mother *was so mean* that she insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You would have thought we were prisoners rather than children. She had to know who my friends were and what I was doing *always!* I am ashamed to admit this, but my Mother actually had the nerve to break the child labor laws. She made me do work all the time!! I had to wash dishes, make the bed, learn how to cook and clean the house. I think my mother must have stayed awake at night thinking of things for me to do!! And she *insisted* that I always tell the truth, *the whole truth, and nothing but the truth!!!* She never let me get away with anything!

By the time, I was a teenager my mother was even wiser and my life became even more unbearable. She would embarrass me by insisting that my friends come to the door instead of tooting the car horn for me to come running. She always insisted that I be home early on school nights and never let me stay out late on weekends like all of my other friends. I missed out on so much fun!

My mother *was so mean* that she refused to let me date at the mature age of 13 or 14, like so many of my friends did. Instead I had to wait until I was 16! She kept telling me that there was a lot of time to do that – and that I needed to grow up a bit first. I was never arrested for shoplifting or busted for drugs, and I never got in trouble with the law. And who do I have to thank for this --- you’re right – *my mean old mother!!!!*

She always was telling me to stand a little straighter, to behave, and to act polite -- to say thank you, and be kind, comb my hair, brush my teeth, tuck in my shirt and wear my boots. Yup...she definitely was the meanest mother in the world....and now today....as I am all grown up I thank God that I was lucky enough to have the meanest mother in the world!!

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY

