

# St. William Parish

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March 31, 2019 ~ Fourth Sunday in 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** rkane@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.

# Pastor's COLUMN

*"With grace and gladness..."*

Our Lenten season moves on today with the familiar story of what is often called the "Prodigal Son." However, this might be a bit of a misnomer because the term "prodigal" actually means "wastefully extravagant," whereas this story focuses more on the son being "lost." Ultimately, the story is not so much about the lost or prodigal son. It's not even so much about his brother, but rather the true message comes from the loving and forgiving father. The father is the personification of God, and the kind of love and forgiveness God has for us. Jesus tells this parable to illustrate God's abundant and forgiving mercy given to each of us. It is particularly meaningful in this time of Lent when we might be recalling our own regrets or reflecting on the shame we might have caused to others or experienced ourselves. As we look for forgiveness and compassion, we need not look further than at the actions of the father towards his son, realizing that we too need to express the same mercy and loving kindness with others. This season of Lent is the prime time for us to do just that!

This weekend I am happy to welcome Mr. Frank Runyeon to our parish for our Parish Lenten Mission. We will gather on Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. and on Monday at 7:00 p.m. to enjoy Frank's presentation of the Stories of Luke and the Sermon on the Mount. Frank will conclude the Mission on Monday evening with a reflection on the "struggle to live faithfully in the media age." I hope you will plan to attend this inspiring and enlightening event as part of your Lenten prayer and sacrifice both evenings! You will not be disappointed!!

*Have a great week!*

*Fr. Balash*



## Mass Intentions for the Week

~ March 31 - April 7, 2019 ~

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

### MARCH 31, 2019

- Sat 5:00 p.m. † VERNON ROHR/ Pat & Joe Maciejewski
- Sun 8:30 a.m. † MAMIE GOUGH/ Heikkila Family
- 11:00 a.m. † STEVE MILLIK/ Knights of Columbus 7491
- Mon 8:30 a.m. † COMMUNION SERVICE
- Tues 8:30 a.m. † ANGIE HARCARIK/ Lynn Valentino
- Wed 8:30 a.m. † ROSE WATSON/ Helen Snyder
- Thur 8:30 a.m. † SUSAN M. TIMKO/ Mary Pytlik
- Fri 8:30 a.m. † IN THANKSGIVING FOR LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE GROUPS/ Anonymous

### APRIL 7, 2019

- Sat 5:00 p.m. † KAREN BOGAN/ Carl & Gloria Karafa
- Sun 8:30 a.m. † ALBERT FRANEK/ Wife, Judy
- 11:00 a.m. † INTENTION OF 7TH AND 8TH GRADE ST. MARY AND ST. JOSEPH CHURCH PRS STUDENTS/ St. William PRS Students

### OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ March 24, 2019 (WK 39)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,157.08 *	\$ 283,539.55 *
Holy Day	\$ 59.70	\$ 1,909.40
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 276,900.00
Difference	\$ 116.78	\$ 8,548.95
Performance	102%	103%

\* Includes MyEoffering \$ 516.08 LASTWK - \$ 8,191.80 YTD

Envelopes ~ 227 out of 540

Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 18.00 (12 out of 62)



## Marriage Congratulations

Congratulations to  
**Mr. and Mrs. James and Melissa (Sobocinski) Toth**  
who were married this weekend.



NEW MEMBERS  
**John and Agnes Crock**  
*Welcome to our parish family.*  
May you find warmth, and spiritual growth  
in our parish.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY

~ April 6/7, 2019 ~

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

- 5:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Ruth Bubba
- 8:30 a.m. Ed Runyan, Linda Horm
- 11:00 a.m. Renita Mintus, Margie McCummins

### Servers

- 5:00 p.m. Therese Tuttle, Kiley Karafa
- 8:30 a.m. Frank DePascale, Bridget DePascale
- 11:00 a.m. Theresa Craiger, Cathy McCauley

### Eucharistic Ministers

- 5:00 p.m. Donna Runtas, Carla Gilronan, Ron Gilronan
- 8:30 a.m. Ellie Gates, Linda Trunick, Jamie Taneri, Treva Pytlik, Mary Pytlik, Frank Pytlik
- 11:00 a.m. Dave Bickford, Barb Bickford, Janice Ventling, Maureen Thuman, Regina Speaker, Melanie Shoaf



*Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:*

~ April 6/7, 2019 ~  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Isaiah 43:16-21**

*Thus says the LORD, who opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters, . . .*

**Philippians 3:8-14**

*Brothers and sisters: I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ . . .*

**John 8:1-11**

*Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, . . .*

*Please take time to prepare together as a family the above readings.  
By families sharing God's word, His word will become part of family life and not just words that are heard in church.*

## >> RECENT DEATHS <<

### Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed please remember

**Leonard Sikes**

Son of Theresa Sikes

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

*Our Lenten Parish Mission BEGINS TONIGHT!  
Our Lenten Journey ~ With Grace and Gladness*

**TONIGHT**  
**“LUKE: Stories on the Road”**  
**6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.”**

**&**

**TOMORROW NIGHT**  
**“The Sermon on the Mount” and**  
**“Hollywood vs. Faith”**  
**7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.**



**Featuring Emmy Nominated Television Personality  
FRANK RUNYEON**

*Frank has won national acclaim for his work as a translator and performer of Biblical texts for 25 years. He is a graduate of Princeton University and has studied at Yale Divinity School and General Theological Seminary. He has appeared on many television series including All My Children, the Young and the Restless, L.A. Law, Falcon Crest and many more!*

**PLAN TO ATTEND ~ BE INSPIRED!!**

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

**Rejoice and Sing this Easter  
Sunday, April 21 at 11 a.m.!**

All youth of the parish grades 2+ are welcomed to come and help the Adult Choir sing Easter Sunday. We will have **TWO rehearsals, SATURDAY, April 13 & 20 in church from 10 - 11 a.m.**

Sign up in vestibule at the Music Ministry spot or contact Mrs. Maciejewski after any Mass or email: [pmaciejewski@stwilliamchampion.org](mailto:pmaciejewski@stwilliamchampion.org). Looking forward to hearing your beautiful voices! The solemn and high Holy Week celebrations are quickly approaching! Music Ministry will rehearse: **Tuesday April 2 for Good Friday, and Wednesday, April 10 for Easter Vigil all at 7:00 p.m.**



**>>>> THE PARISH CALENDAR <<<<**

- MAR 31 ~ LENTEN MISSION Luke, Stories on the Road 6:30 pm
- APR 1 ~ LENTEN MISSION Sermon on the Mount and Hollywood vs. Faith 7:00 PM
- APR 2 ~ QUILTERS 9:00 AM
- APR 2 ~ LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING 5:00 PM
- APR 2 ~ FOLK GROUP/ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 PM
- APR 3 ~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING 6:30 PM
- APR 3 ~ WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING 6:00 PM
- APR 4 ~ ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 PM
- APR 5 ~ SIXTH FISH DINNER 4 -7:00 PM
- APR 6 ~ CARD PARTY SET-UP 8:00 AM
- APR 7 ~ COFFEE & DONUTS
- APR 7 ~ WOMEN'S GUILD CARD PARTY 12:30 PM
- APR 7 ~ INSTRUMENT PRACTICE 2:00 PM

**EASTER FOOD DRIVE:**

Our annual Easter Food Drive has begun. The box will be in the vestibule for food donations of non-perishable, *non-expired* food items. e.g. cereal, boxed potatoes, sauces, pasta, tuna fish, canned chicken and ham, veggies, peanut butter, mac & cheese, dessert items, etc. **Request forms for those in need** are on the bulletin board. Please return forms by April 1. **Monetary donations** for Sparkle Gift Certificates can be given to Darlene Frantz, Roy Mercandino, or turned in at the office by April 1. Checks should be made out to St. William Parish. Thank you for your continued support!



**St. William Women's Guild Annual  
CARD PARTY**

**April 7, 2019**

**Doors open at 12:30 p.m.**

**DOOR PRIZES AND ITEMS FOR THE BASKET RAFFLE ARE NEEDED.  
(ACCESSORIES FOR BASKETS WITH A KITCHEN THEME OR  
LOTTERY TICKETS / GIFT CARDS ARE REQUESTED.)**

You may leave your donations in the adult meeting room  
~ *be sure to mark your donation "Card Party."*  
~ *be sure to record your name on the Donation List.*

*Thank you for your continued generosity  
and support of the Card Party.*

If you have questions call Ellie at 330-219-5318.

**“Pot - of - Gold”**

**POT-OF-GOLD Raffle Drawing!**

**Envelope number drawn, Wednesday, March 27, was 267.**

*There was no winner. The winner would have received \$ 973.00.*

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!!**



## 2019 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church

If you have not yet responded to this year's Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church, please do so as soon as possible. Pledge envelopes are available in the vestibule. Remember to include St. William Parish on your pledge so that we are given proper credit. There are many ways in which all of us can participate: **PRAY** for the Appeal's success; **DONATE** by using the response card you received in the mail OR use an envelope found in Church; **VOLUNTEER** your time and talents to any of the ministries of the Church. Thank you for your commitment and for sharing your concern for others, while expressing your gratitude to God for the many blessings you have received. Without your generosity Catholic Charities would never be able to serve the poor among us as we are called to do by Jesus in the Gospel. To date our parish has already pledged \$32,275.00 towards our goal of \$43,636.00. Thank you for your kind and generous support!

**The JFK Speech and Debate Team** will be holding a **SHOE DRIVE** through April 14 to raise money for the Speech and Debate Team. *Bring your gently used or new donations next week and drop in the box provided in the vestibule.* The amount of money raised is determined by the total weight of the shoes collected. All donated shoes will be redistributed to microenterprise partners through Funds2Orgs, a for profit social enterprise, and used in developing nations for impoverished people to start their own businesses. In the U.S. over 600 million pairs of shoes are thrown away per year. The materials used to manufacture a pair of shoes are created from chemical compounds that will create health hazards if left to disintegrate openly or in landfills. By donating your gently worn, used and NEW shoes to the Warren JFK Speech and Debate Team, your shoes are given a second chance to make a difference. Thank You!



### ***Fish Dinners Update!***

**771 Dinners Sold on March 22**

Hourly Raffle Winners:  
5:00 p.m.: Kathy Muntz  
6:00 p.m.: Mary Pytlik  
7:00 p.m.: Mitchell Paxson

~50/50 Winner: *Gayle Lenhart ~ \$247.00*

~50/50 Second Chance Winners:

*Crystal Hatch, Susan Weaver, Brian Wilson*

**FRIDAY'S DURING LENT:** ~ 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- ~ Adults and Carry-Out ~ \$12.00
- ~ Children (5-10 years) ~ \$6.00
- ~ "Haluski" Only Dinner! Adults ~ \$10.00
- ~ Children \$6.00

**COFFEE & DONUTS**

Next Sunday

after the 8:30 and the 11:00 Masses.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

COUNCIL 7491

**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m.

**Liturgy Committee Meeting Reminder:** The Parish Liturgy Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 2 at **5:00 p.m. (note special time)** to review the Lenten Mission and finalize plans for Holy Week and Easter.

### ***Our Parish APP NOW Available!***



Text APP to **88202** to download **myParish App** and select our parish. Visit our website: [www.stwilliamchampion.org](http://www.stwilliamchampion.org) for easy instructions and our App Navigation guide.

### ***App Features of the Week...***

*Read Fr. Balash's Homilies and hear Bishop Robert Barron's Word On Fire Homilies.*



Homilies



Parish Info

*Contact the Parish Office Staff by tapping Directory at the bottom of the screen.*

### **Employment Opportunity**

The positions of Parish Bookkeeper (3 days a week) and Parish Secretary (3 days a week) will be available beginning in May. The primary responsibility of the Parish Bookkeeper is to maintain the financial status of the parish. Eligible candidates should be proficient in accounting, payroll and budgeting procedures and computers. The Parish Secretary is responsible for secretarial duties pertaining to the parish office. Eligible candidates should be proficient in computer word processing and general secretarial responsibilities. Interested parties should contact the parish office for an employment application, job description and to submit a resume. Deadline to apply is April 5, 2019.

### **ANNUAL DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

The Diocese of Youngstown will sponsor a **Wedding Anniversary Celebration** on **Sunday, June 2 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Columba Cathedral**, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th *and over* wedding anniversaries in 2019. The celebration will include Mass celebrated by Bishop George V. Murry, S.J., renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for the couples and their families. You must make reservations in advance for this event by contacting the parish office by **April 29**.



**News Around Town**



**The Ladies Aid of Champion Christian Church Annual Spring Rummage Sale** at the church, 152 Center St W, Friday, April 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and \$2.00 bag day Saturday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Soup, sandwiches and pie will be available throughout the sale.