

St. William Parish

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March 21, 2021 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent



“O charity come, dwell in me!”

Welcome to Spring! The gospel of this Sunday proclaims the wisdom of emptying in order to become full, of dying so that we may be raised to new life. It is a fitting message as we welcome the spring season into our midst when soon everything will also come back to life. Today, Jesus tells the parable of the grain of wheat. When it is dropped into the earth, the seed shrinks, empties itself and dies. But in the warmth and moisture of the earth new life breaks out of the husk and bears much fruit. “Fruit” in John’s gospel means “life” and the hour is at hand when Jesus will be buried in the heart of the earth and rise from there to transform life. If we wish not only to see but also to follow Jesus, we must choose to empty ourselves as well. From seeds buried in the warm love and service of others, and watered by fidelity to our baptismal commitment, we grow into the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus. At times this is not easy; it was painful for Jesus, and it is painful for us. However the power and authority of God over evil and death can be seen in the simple power of a seed, which planted in the ground eventually bears *“much fruit.”* In these last days of Lent may we become like those seeds, *mending our hearts* from all that causes pain and

burden, dying to all that prevents us from following Jesus, so that planted into the ground we might burst forth with *a new hope* on Easter Sunday bearing the fruit and joy of Christ’s resurrection!

Next weekend we begin our liturgy of Holy Week with the celebration of Palm Sunday. It is a RED day! Please consider wearing something “red” to mass next weekend as we begin this great time of remembrance and celebration in the church. It will be such a joy to actually celebrate Palm Sunday and events of Holy Week in Church this year following last year’s unusual circumstances. Receiving and blessing palms in person will be so more meaningful than having them handed out in cars!

Finally, this coming Friday is our LAST fish dinner. I would like to thank all who have generously supported our dinners this year and most especially to all who have worked so hard each week to make this year’s dinners a great success. Our dinners have gone better than was anticipated thanks to hard work and dedication of so many. Let’s hope that next week’s final dinner of the year will be just as successful!

How to recognize when Jesus has been in your grocery store.



Have a good week! ~ Fr. Balash

~ March 21-28, 2021 ~
Fifth Sunday in Lent

MARCH 21, 2021

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **ROBERT JACUBEK**/ Brian & Andrea Kochunas
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **IDA MAE SWITTER**/ Fr. John Lody
11:00 a.m. † **DONALD TITCHNELL**/ Donald Titchnell

Mon † **NO SERVICE**
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **EILEEN SOLTESZ**/ Ron & Donna Runtas
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **DAVID BAILEY**/ Chris & Rich Bailey
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **MICHAEL BALASH**/ Family
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **RUTH ANN MCCRACKEN**/ Tim & Jane Johns

MARCH 28, 2021

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **BILL SAUER**/ Chuck & Linda Black Family
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **SANDRA & CHARLES DUNAVANT**/
Dunavant Family
11:00 a.m. † **MICHAEL ABENANTE**/ Maciejewski Family

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ March 28, 2021 ~
Palm Sunday

Mark 11: 1-10

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives ...

Isaiah 50: 4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary ...

Philippians 2: 6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped ...

Mark 14: 1-15: 47

The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were to take place in two days' time. So the chief priests and the scribes ...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

March 27/28, 2021
PALM SUNDAY

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Judy Makosky
8:30 a.m. Woody Pealer, Christine DePascale
11:00 a.m. Cathy Poponak, Erin Lee

Servers

5:00 p.m. John Barco
8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale
11:00 a.m. _____

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Carla Gilronan, _____
8:30 a.m. Laurie Sitch, Melanie Shoaf
11:00 a.m. _____, _____

**Sign-Up In
Vestibule**



HOLY WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTRY

April 1, 2021 ~ Holy Thursday

Lectors

7:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Ruth Bubba

Servers

7:00 p.m. Joe DePascale

Eucharistic Ministers

7:00 p.m. Bob Hardman, Karen Hardman



April 2, 2021 ~ Good Friday

Lectors

7:00 p.m. Tim Timko, Christine DePascale

Servers

7:00 p.m. John Barco

Eucharistic Ministers

7:00 p.m. Donna Runtas, Bob Mintus



April 3, 2021 ~ Easter Vigil

Lectors

8:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Mike Trunick
Donna Runtas, Ruth Bubba

Servers

8:00 p.m. John Barco

Eucharistic Ministers

8:00 p.m. Carla Gilronan, Linda Trunick



April 4, 2021 ~ Easter Sunday

Lectors

8:30 a.m. Ed Runyan, Rachel Zigarovich
11:00 a.m. Renita Mintus, Margie McCummins

Servers

8:30 a.m. Olivia Zigarovich
11:00 a.m. Brian Wilson, Sophia Garito

Eucharistic Ministers

8:30 a.m. Dave Lucanski, Bob Mintus
11:00 a.m. Sandy Hudak, Regina Speaker



WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Fifth Sunday of Lent

*"I will be their God and they shall be my people." -
JEREMIAH 31:33*

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

LENTEN RICE BOWLS

Lenten Rice Bowls may be returned on Holy Thursday evening at the Mass of the Lord's Supper or at any time during Holy Week.



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ March 14, 2021 (WK 37)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,397.00*	\$ 269,144.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 262,700.00
Difference	\$ 297.00	\$ 6,444.00
Performance	104%	102%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 1,091.00 LAST WK — \$ 36,195.00 YTD
Envelopes ~ 205 out of 536
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 5.00 (5 out of 45)

POT-OF-GOLD

#189 drawn on 3/17/2021
!!Winner!! Tim & Jane Johns
Amount: \$309.00



2021 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL for Catholic Charities and Church

The 2021 Annual Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church continues! Please respond with your gift as soon as possible. Pledge envelopes are available in the vestibule.



To date our parish has already pledged \$17,459.00 towards our goal of \$43,500.00 Thank you for your commitment to the 2021 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church 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. *Thank you to all who have made a commitment to this year's Appeal.*

IT'S A "RED" WEEKEND!!!!

Next weekend, Palm Sunday is a RED DAY. Be part of our environment by wearing something RED to Mass next weekend. We will begin Mass next weekend in the SOCIAL HALL

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

A part-time as needed position is available for a person to deep clean the kitchen after all parish and catering events. The position involves cleaning and sanitizing the kitchen after it has been used for major parish events or caterings. Hours are flexible. For more information and a job description, contact the parish office.

Last chance...

MENDING OUR HEARTS A New Kind of Hope

You are reminded to put your weekly need or intention in the jar near the baptismal font that will cause you to "mend your heart" or offer a "new kind of hope" for the coming week. There are cards and pens in the vestibule for you to write your intention or you can bring it from home.



NEW MEMBERS

Brugler Family

Christine, Eric, Haley, & Faith

Welcome to our parish family. May you find warmth and spiritual growth in our parish.



THE PARISH CALENDAR

Mar 23 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
 Mar 23 ~ Cantor Practice 7:00 p.m.
 Mar 24 ~ Women's Guild Kolachi Bake 9:00 a.m.
 Mar 24 ~ Folk Group Practice 7:00 p.m.
 Mar 25 ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
 Mar 26 ~ Spring Newsletter Articles Due
 Mar 26 ~ Fish Dinner #7 4:00 p.m.
 Mar 27 ~ Rene's Closet 9:00 a.m.
 Mar 27 ~ Youth Choir 10:00 a.m.
 Mar 28 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.
 Mar 28 ~ Holy Thursday Rehearsal 12:00 p.m.
 Mar 28 ~ Youth Ministry 12:00 p.m.
 Mar 28 ~ Instrument Practice 2:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Social: 6:00 p.m.

Meeting: 6:30 p.m.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #7491

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.



CHRISM MASS

The annual Chrism Mass will be held on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at Saint Columba Cathedral. Due to pandemic restrictions and limited seating, the Chrism Mass is closed to the public and attendance is by invitation only. You are invited to watch the Chrism Mass via live stream at: [www.doy.org/Media/Cathedral Live Stream](http://www.doy.org/Media/CathedralLiveStream). It will rebroadcast on ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel on Tuesday, March 30 at 8:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, March 31 at 10:00 a.m.

KOLACHI BAKE

Wednesday — March 24, 2021

Prep Work: 8:00 a.m.

Rolling: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Baking: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wrapping: 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Available 5:00-6:00 p.m. Wednesday.

No prior sales to 5:00 p.m.

Help is always needed, *especially for rolling.*

Please bring your favorite rolling pin.

Remaining rolls sold at the Fish Dinner Drive-thru or after weekend Mass.

Questions? Please contact Gloria - 330-847-8555



HOLY WEEK AT SAINT WILLIAM

Palm Sunday – March 28

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Blessing and Procession of Palms at all Masses

Holy Tuesday – March 30

Chrism Mass, 10:30 a.m. St. Columba Cathedral
Closed to the public
View at www.doy.org/Media/Cathedral Live Stream

Holy Thursday – April 1

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.
REMEMBER YOUR RICE BOWLS!!
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 p.m.
Night Prayer, 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday – April 2

Good Friday Passion and Veneration of the Cross Service, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday – April 3

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets 12:00 noon
The Easter Vigil, 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday – April 4

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass

ADULT FAITH FORMATION – THE MASS

We will walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. *The Mass* will help you understand how to fully, consciously and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life.

April 19: A Privileged Encounter
April 26: Called Out of the World
May 3: God Speaks Our Story
May 10: Responding to God
May 17: Preparing for Sacrifice
May 24: The Real Presence Creates Communion

Cost is \$22.00
Registration information can be found in the vestibule.
Kindly register by March 28.



NEEDED

The Liturgy Committee is in need of an ironing board. If you have one that is not being used, is in good condition, and you would like to donate, please call the Parish Office.

FISH DINNER UPDATE!

~627 Dinners Sold on March 12
~50/50 Winner: Grace Woodling -- \$290.00

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS OF THE WEEK

Sprague Cleaners ~ www.johnspraguecleaning.com/
Karafa's Services ~ 330/ 507-6139

~Contact~

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Carol Timko, Religious Education
Therese Tuttle, Business Manager
Dan Robinson, Office Manager
Ross Lenhart, Maintenance

~Celebrate~

Mass Times

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Summer - Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays - 8:30 a.m. Tuesday - Friday
Holydays - Check weekly bulletin
Liturgy of the Word Service - Monday 8:30 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 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 ~ 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Afternoon Gr. 9-12 ~ 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sunday Mornings ~ 9:30-10:45 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.

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday 12:00 noon