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December 16, 2018 ~ Third Sunday of Advent



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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

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



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

"Hearts Full of Hope and Joy."

Today marks the halfway point of our Advent Season with the Third Sunday of Advent. This Sunday is traditionally known as *GAUDETE* (*gow-da-tay*) Sunday – a Latin term meaning "Rejoice!" In our gospel reading, the story of our salvation and the coming of our Savior continues with the John the Baptist. Three times we hear the question, "what should we do?" from the crowds, the tax collectors, and finally the soldiers. John replies telling the crowds to share their excess with those who have nothing, the tax collectors to practice fairness, and the soldiers to exercise prudence. His message requires us to also act in our lives today as we prepare for the coming of Christ. We can rejoice because our covenant with God is expressed in the great gift of Jesus, who saves us from our sins.

Next weekend brings a close to this Advent season. I realize that it is a busy and hectic time for everyone, especially as we prepare all of the last minute details that need to be done along with trying to make time to celebrate and be with friends. Don't allow the "busyness" of life overshadow the true meaning of this special time. I hope this has been a holy and prayerful time for you and your family, so that at Christmas our hearts can be full of hope and joy.

Have a good week, Fr. Balash



Mass Intentions for the Week

~ December 16-23, 2018 ~
Third Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 16, 2018

Sat 5:00 p.m. † JOHN VALENTINO/ Lynn
Sun 8:30 a.m. † FRANCES & LYNN GRIFFITH/ Mary Pytlik
11:00 a.m. † GEORGE & CARMELLA POWELL/
Ron & Carole Stanford

Mon 8:30 a.m. † COMMUNION SERVICE
Tues 8:30 a.m. † BILL MC GRAW/ Prebonick Family
Wed 8:30 a.m. † JOANNE DE JUTE/ Mary Pytlik
Thur 8:30 a.m. † ANN NAPPI/ Cindy Piras
Fri 8:30 a.m. † STEVE MILLIK/ Millik Family

DECEMBER 23, 2018

Sat 5:00 p.m. † KAREN BOGAN/ Dan & Murph Gelet
Sun 8:30 a.m. † NANCY CIMBANIN/ Betty Lesho
11:00 a.m. † RICHARD WOLFE/ Wolfe Family

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

~ December 22/23, 2018 ~
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Ann Coursen
8:30 a.m. Treva Pytlik, Ed Runyan
11:00 a.m. Erin Lee, Bob Kane

Servers

5:00 p.m. Therese Tuttle, Kaycie Martinko
8:30 a.m. Luke Zigarovich, Olivia Zigarovich
11:00 a.m. Theresa Craiger, Cathy McCauley

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Theresa Petrosky, Barb Robinson, Dan Robinson
8:30 a.m. Jamie Taneri, Linda Trunick, Carole Baniak,
Ellie Gates, Penny Hudak, Michele Jeffers
11:00 a.m. Bob Mintus, Scott Freer, Renita Mintus,
Maureen Thuman, Marianne Babnik, Jennifer Kusmierek



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ December 9, 2018 (WK 24)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 9,417.00	\$ 169,930.00
Christmas	\$ 240.00	\$ 250.00
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 170,400.00
Difference	\$ 2,317.00	\$ (470.00)
Performance	119%	99.7%

Envelopes ~ 225 out of 540

Children's Envelopes ~ \$16.00 (14 out of 62)

Advent Communal Reconciliation

This Sunday

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (*Penance*) for Advent will be celebrated this **Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament**. This celebration will be a combined effort of all the Warren area parishes. A number of priests will be available to celebrate the sacrament.

Last Opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Christmas

This Thursday, December 20 at 6:30 p.m. and next Saturday, December 22 at 4:00 p.m.



Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ December 22/23, 2018 ~

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:1-4

Thus says the Lord: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah . . .

Hebrews 10:5-10

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire. . .

Luke 1:39-45

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah . . .

2019 Parish Calendars: 2019 Parish Calendars are now available in the vestibule. Many thanks to Mr. Ray Sinchak of Sinchak and Son's Funeral Home for providing the calendars once again this year.

>> RECENT DEATHS <<

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed please remember
Joann DeJute, sister of Mary Pytlik

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

Congratulations

Christmas Ca\$h Raffle Winners!!!!

December 8: Alyce Baker
December 10: William Manusakis
December 12: Bob Kane
December 14: Tom Cooney



GRAND PRIZE DRAWING IS THIS SUNDAY! GOOD LUCK!!!

>>>> THE PARISH CALENDAR <<<<

DEC 18 ~ QUILTERS 9:00 AM
DEC 18 ~ FOLK GROUP REHEARSAL 7:00 PM
DEC 19 ~ K OF C CHRISTMAS DINNER 6:30 PM
DEC 20 ~ RECONCILIATION 6:30 PM
DEC 20 ~ ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 PM
DEC 22 ~ STW YOUTH CHOIR 9:00 AM TO 10:00 AM
DEC 22 ~ RENEE'S CLOSET 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

myEoffering Coming Soon

Beginning in January "myEoffering" will be available for on-line weekly and special contributions. myEoffering provides a safe, secure and compliant web-based platform to make on-line donations to the parish. This service employs the most current and strict security measures to insure your data is safe, secure and protected. You will be able to customize your individual method of giving based on choice and preference – weekly, monthly, or semi-monthly and you can also choose which contributions you would like to make electronically – Sunday, Special Second Collections, Building Fund, Flower Fund etc. If you choose this service you will still receive your usual contribution envelope packet in the mail. *Please note that the weekly "Pot-of-Gold" 50/50 raffle will not be included as part of the on-line giving option.* Sign-up and registration instructions will be mailed to all parishioners immediately after Christmas.

Mark your calendars
PARISH APPRECIATION EVENT

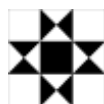
"The Roaring Twenties!"

January 26, 2019

Our Annual Parish Appreciation Event will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for all adult parishioners who have volunteered their time and efforts during the past year. Join us for this enjoyable and fun-filled evening! This year's event will feature a Delicious Dinner, Chance Raffle and Prizes, 50-50 Raffle and ***"a dastardly deed that will require the solving of a mystery!!!"*** Mark your calendars now to experience "The Roaring Twenties" and ***"solve a mystery!"*** *Costumes Welcomed!!*

Reservation coupons and sign-up sheets will be coming soon

QUILT AND MONEY TREE WINNERS!:



Quilt ~ Alan Patrick

Golden Agers Money Tree ~ Natalie Baker

Thank you for your support!



2019 Parish Pictorial Directory

In 2019, our parish will be producing a new Parish Pictorial Directory. Our last directory was five years ago and much has changed since then. This new directory is FREE to all who have their picture taken for it and all those included receive a FREE 8 x 10 portrait with the option to purchase other prints, however, there is no obligation to make any purchase. Photography sessions are scheduled for February 7-8-9 and 14-15-16. Beginning in January, sign up appointments will be available after Mass on weekends or on-line during the week. *Special Bonus: Get your picture taken for the directory and be entered to win \$100.00 just for saying "cheese!"*



Third Sunday of Advent

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

Join the Prayer Chain Ministry:

Anyone interested in joining our Ministry of Prayer that prays for the intentions on our Prayer Chain is asked to contact Ann Sprague by phone at 216-789-7204 or email asprague@stwilliamchampion.org. Also, contact Ann for any requests for prayers.

PRAYER CHAIN



"Pot - of - Gold"

POT-OF-GOLD Raffle Drawing!

Envelope number drawn, Wednesday, December 12, was 220. There was no winner. The winner would have received \$ 560.00

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!!



MUSIC MINISTRY:

LAST CALL! Parish youth grades 2 + are encouraged to come sing with music ministry at Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. Mass! PLEASE NOTE this **REHEARSAL TIME CHANGE:**

SATURDAY, December 22 at 9:00 a.m.

Parents: If you plan on having your child sing, please contact Mrs. Maciejewski so a music folder may be prepared or sign up in the vestibule this weekend. Thanks!

REMINDER TO Folk Group:

Rehearsal this Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our *Advent Lessons and Carols* service. We are all so blessed to begin this season of hope and joy together. Let us share the true "Love of God" this Christmas with our families and friends and our parish community.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

CHANGE OF PERSONAL STATUS

Are you moving? Have you changed your telephone number? Has your personal status changed? Please notify the parish office and help us keep our records current.



A huge 'thank you' to all the women, men and youth who helped with the Christmas Craft Show in any way... helping to make it a great success! We could not have done it without you!

The Christmas Craft Show Committee

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

Remember to Save Pop Tabs

The seventh and eighth graders are collecting pop tabs as a service project. The pop tabs may be placed in the container in the vestibule.



Thank you for supporting this service project.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL 7491

Next Meeting

Council Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, December 19, 6:30 p.m. room 102



Families invited. Bring a covered dish to share. Signup sheet on Council Bulletin Board across from adult meeting room.

Contact Brian McCue at 330-307-6024 with questions.

Some helpful reminders:

Hospital and Nursing Home Stays — Because of Patient Privacy Laws, hospitals and nursing homes no longer call when a parishioner has been admitted unless **you specifically request notification at the time of admission.** Therefore, if you or a family member is admitted to the hospital or nursing home, please have someone in your family call the parish office so a visit can be arranged. *If you wish your name published in the bulletin as recently hospitalized you must also let us know.*

Anointing of the Sick — If you are anticipating surgery or a hospital stay remember to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick any time after Mass. Please contact Fr. Balash to receive the sacrament.

Receiving Communion While Recovering — If you or a family member become homebound, even if only for a short recovery time, please call the parish office so arrangements can be made for visitation and reception of Holy Communion.

Please do not assume we are aware of your health circumstances... to insure that we can minister to you and family members remember to call the parish office.



News Around Town



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton PIROHY SALE Friday, January 18. Potato, sweet cabbage, sauerkraut, and lekvar (prune), \$5.50 doz. Haluski, \$3.75. Advanced orders may be placed by calling 330-393-0781 on Wednesday and Thursday. Pick up is Friday, January 18 from noon until 4:00 pm.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Monday December 24 / Tuesday Dec. 25

Sunday, Dec. 23 – 4th Sunday of Advent: 5:00 p.m. Saturday
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 25 – Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m.

New Year's Monday December 31 / Tuesday Jan. 1

Sunday, Dec. 30 – Feast of the Holy Family: 5:00 p.m. Saturday
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve: 5:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church
Tuesday, Jan. 1 – New Year's Day: 10:00 a.m. at St. William Church



**Note: New Year's Day is a holy day of obligation. You are invited to attend Mass most convenient to your schedule. St. William envelopes given at Blessed Sacrament will be returned to our parish.*