

# St. William Parish

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March 7, 2021 ~ Third Sunday of Lent



*“Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.”*

This weekend we reach the halfway point of Lent...*already!* The scripture readings today from the Book of Exodus and Gospel of John are straightforward, clear-cut and direct. After leading the people out of captivity in Egypt, Moses greets God on Mount Sinai and is given the Ten Commandments. The first three of these commandments explore what we are called to in our relationship with God, while the following seven lay out how we are to interact with each other. To God, we are called to give fidelity, reverence, and time. To others, we are asked to engage and relate in a spirit of honesty, righteousness, and honor. To the surprise of some, the Ten Commandments still apply and perhaps are even more relevant for today's world. Then in the Gospel, we come across an angry Jesus armed with a corded whip, driving traders and moneychangers out of the temple and overturning their tables. We find it easy to admire a compassionate Jesus, but an angry one may shock us! After upsetting the tables, surprisingly Jesus does not disappear from the scene; he has more “table turning” to do. He stays to answer the criticism of his opponents who refuse to imagine or tolerate any alternatives to the religious practices and institutions they consider faultless and unchangeable. For those of us who are living stones in the temple of Christ's Body, Lent is a time for cleansing the deep personal sanctuary of our hearts, for driving out of our lives whatever clutters our discipleship, blocks our ears to the word of God, and distracts us from trading justly and lovingly with the gifts God has given us. Perhaps in the time that is left this Lent, in which we have been urged to *mend our heart and offer a new kind of hope*, we might take advantage of this opportunity to reconnect with God, to cleanse ourselves of all that prevents us from living the Ten Commandments, and keeps us from living a full life in the spirit of Christ.



*Have a good week! ~ Fr. Balash*

~ March 7-14, 2021 ~  
Third Sunday in Lent

**MARCH 7, 2021**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † MAUREEN THUMAN/ Kochunas Family  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † DANIEL VALIMONT/ Claudia Valimont  
11:00 a.m. † FRANCIS THEIS/ Mary Pytlík

Mon † NO SERVICE  
Tues 8:30 a.m. † MARGARET JOHNS/ Stephen & Theresa Craiger  
Wed 8:30 a.m. † JERRY OTT/ Bob & Marcia Kane  
Thur 8:30 a.m. † JOSEPH BABNIK/ Mary Pytlík  
Fri 8:30 a.m. † ELRY TAYLOR FAMILY/ Tim & Jane Johns

**MARCH 14, 2021**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † MARTHA & VINCENT KOCHUNAS & JOSEPH JENYK/ Kochunas Family  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † STEVE MILLIK/ Millik Family  
11:00 a.m. † BARB BRDEK/ Bob & Marcia Kane

*Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:*

~ March 14, 2021 ~  
Fourth Sunday in Lent

2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23

*In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity...*

Ephesians 2: 4-10

*Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead...*

John 3: 14-21

*Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up..."*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

March 13/14, 2021

**Lectors**

5:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Donna Runtas  
8:30 a.m. Ed Runyan, Gina Swiger  
11:00 a.m. Erin Lee, Cathy Poponak

**Servers**

5:00 p.m. John Barco  
8:30 a.m. Mike Trunick  
11:00 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 p.m. Bob Hardman, Karen Hardman  
8:30 a.m. Laurie Sitch, Linda Trunick  
11:00 a.m. Sandy Hudak, \_\_\_\_\_



Sign-Up In Vestibule

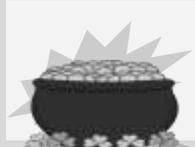
**OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ February 28, 2021 (WK 35)**

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 6,469.00*	\$ 254,279.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 248,500.00
Difference	\$ (631.00)	\$ 5,779.00
Performance	91%	102%

\*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 485.00 LAST WK — \$ 34,649.00 YTD  
Envelopes ~ 180 out of 536  
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 9.00 (8 out of 45)

**POT-OF-GOLD**

#365 drawn on 3/3/2021  
!!Winner!! Joseph & Marea Holko  
Amount: \$325.00



**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.



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS ~ HOLY WEEK**

Sign-up sheets for Holy Week Services ~ Palm Sunday – Holy Thursday – Good Friday – Easter Vigil – Easter Sunday ~ are available in the vestibule. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers are invited to sign up for these services.



**CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLARS!**

Congratulations to Jack O'Shaughnessy and Lauren Haynie of our parish who were recently inducted into the Champion High School National Honor Society!



**2020 CONTRIBUTION TAX STATEMENTS**

If you are in need of a copy of your 2020 Contributions for itemizing deductions on your tax return, please contact the Parish Office at 330/847-8677.

**LITURGY COMMITTEE**

The Liturgy Committee meets this coming Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 103 to continue plans for Holy Week and Easter.

*Check the parish website from time to time for information about what is happening at the parish...*

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

**WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS**  
Third Sunday of Lent

*"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - EXODUS 20:4*

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

## 2021 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL for Catholic Charities and Church

Last year Catholic Charities in Trumbull County provided 606 people with emergency food vouchers and assistance; 533 people with homeless outreach; 437 pregnant women and families with assistance; 525 seniors with support service; 1375 with utility assistance through Keep Kids Warm; 501 nights of shelter for victims of domestic violence; and 14,529 on-site and home delivered hot meals. Your commitment to the 2021 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church gives Catholic Charities the support it needs to continue these needed services. 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. The Bishop's Appeal is the primary funding source for Catholic Charities in our six-county diocese. During the pandemic there has been an ever-increasing number of people coming to Catholic Charities for help. Every parishioner is being asked 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 and help us reach our parish goal of \$43,500.00.

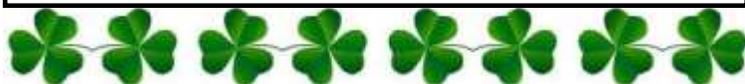


## THE PARISH NEWSLETTER

We are searching for pictures of any events held here at St. William in past years. Specifically, images that show ANY portion of our church buildings from 1963—today. If you, or someone you know, has pictures that we could put in upcoming newsletters, please call the parish office at 330-847-8677. All pictures will be safely returned.

## DEADLINE FOR THE SPRING EDITION

Articles, ideas, pictures, poems, stories, etc. are now being accepted for consideration for the upcoming April 2021 edition ~ the deadline is March 26.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Have you ever thought of memorializing a special event – birthday, anniversary, or any other special happening? Mass intentions are not limited to only remembering loved ones who have passed away; they can also be offered to commemorate a special event such as a birthday, anniversary or other special moments. In addition, Mass can also be offered for other causes as well – the sick, lonely, unemployed, less fortunate etc. We are currently in need of Mass Intentions for upcoming weekday Masses during the summer. Please contact the parish office or drop your requests in the collection basket. If you are remembering a special event please be sure to include that with your request. The customary offering is \$10.00 for each intention.

## THE PARISH CALENDAR

Mar 8 ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.  
Mar 9 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.  
Mar 9 ~ Liturgy Committee 5:30 p.m.  
Mar 10 ~ Folk Group Practice 7:00 p.m.  
Mar 11 ~ NAIM Group 12:30 p.m.  
Mar 12 ~ Fish Dinner #5  
Mar 13 ~ Folk Group 5:00 p.m.  
Mar 14 ~ First Communion Parent Meeting 9:30 a.m.  
Mar 14 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.  
Mar 14 ~ Adult Choir 11:00 a.m.  
Mar 14 ~ Youth Ministry 12:00 p.m.

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

## 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, March 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.



## TIME CHANGE NEXT WEEKEND

Don't experience the horror of arriving to Mass as everyone is leaving! Set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour next Sunday, March 14 at 2:00 a.m.



## FISH DINNER UPDATE!

~730 Dinners Sold on February 26  
~50/50 Winner: Donated to St. William -- \$235.00  
This year "Drive-Thru Carry Out ONLY!"

### \$12.00 Dinners INCLUDE:

~Choice of baked or fried fish (2 pieces)  
~Three Sides: French Fries and  
Coleslaw and Macaroni & Cheese /  
Haluski (on alternate weeks)  
~Tartar Sauce and Surprise Dessert

**Drive Thru:** Place Orders near the kitchen entrance...  
pick-up at the entrance of the church

**50/50 Drawing:** Tickets will be available for purchase  
between the Ordering and Pick-Up stations \$1.00 each  
or 6 for \$5.00



## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS OF THE WEEK

**Best Furnace** ~ <https://www.bestfurnaceltd.com/>  
**Petrosky Brothers** ~ 330-637-7627

## 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

Morning session will be held from 9:30am-11:00am.  
Evening session will be held from 6:30pm – 8:00pm.

Cost is \$22.00

Registration information can be found in the vestibule. Kindly register by March 28.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS???

Out of Town? Temporarily? Seasonally? Are you a Snowbird? Remember to let the Parish Office know ahead of time. We can send mail directly to a temporary or seasonal address. Mail returned to us incurs a hefty charge. Help keep our costs down by letting us know your address changes!



## JOIN THE PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Anyone interested in joining our group of parishioners dedicated to praying for the intentions and concerns of our church family, friends, and community, can do so by contacting the parish office at 330-847-8677 or by emailing [parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org](mailto:parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org). Prayer requests can be made by calling or emailing the parish office.

## *St. William Parish Community Membership Form*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Check One:

- I am interested in membership, please send registration form  
 Moving out of the parish  
 Change of address / phone number

*Drop this form in the collection basket, USPS mail, or send us an email!*

## ~Contact~

**Church Office** 330-847-8677

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[parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org](mailto:parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org)  
Church Building 330-847-7026

**Rev. Michael D. Balash**, Pastor  
**Robert Mintus**, Deacon  
**Tina McCue**, Pastoral Associate  
**Patricia Maciejewski**, Music Director  
**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](http://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