

St. William Parish

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January 3, 2020 ~ Epiphany of the Lord



“Behold throughout the heavens there shines a holy light!”

Today we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany and in doing so our Christmas season in the Church continues. The visitation of the Three Wise Kings to the infant child serves as a reminder to us of God’s presence in our world. Through his humble birth, Jesus entered into our world and lives as the manifestation and revelation of the living God. The magi undertake an extraordinary journey in search of the Savior. In a way, the journey is foretold in the first reading from the prophet Isaiah where the people of Israel are told, *“nations shall walk by your light.”* Jesus, the light of the world, is revealed by the brightness of a star. This story helps us to understand how Jesus brings hope to our world. The three kings place their whole journey on the *“hope”* that they would find the new king. During these times we too are basing our future on *“hope.”* We have *hope* that the current circumstances of the virus will begin to fade. We have *hope* that soon life will return to normal. And, we have *hope* that our fear, anxiety, and uncertainty will soon turn into dancing, joy and relief! All of us are invited to walk in the light of the star of Bethlehem - *our star of hope*. While our journey of faith may take us along different routes, our loving God, manifested to us in his Son Jesus, awaits us with arms stretched wide to gather the entire world to himself. Our celebration today -knowing that Jesus Christ lives among us each day of our lives- should give us a sense of hope and fulfillment in this New Year. As we begin 2021 may we realized and remember the presence of the Lord in each another in the coming weeks and months. May our hope and courage gain in strength and our fear and insecurity vanish away.



Traditionally today is also a day to bless our homes asking that God will continue to watch over and guide us in the coming year. In today’s bulletin there is a special house blessing prayer for you to use to bless your home.

Have a good week! ~ Fr. Balash

~ January 3-10, 2021 ~
The Epiphany of the Lord

JANUARY 3, 2021

Sat 5:00 p.m. † ROSCOE GAUTSCHI/ Alyce & Gary Baker
Sun 8:30 a.m. † VERONICA EVANS/ Carl & Gloria Karafa
11:00 a.m. † CHRISTOPHER KIEPPER/ His Children

Mon † NO SERVICE

Tues 8:30 a.m. † ELIZABETH & DANIEL KOLOSKY/
Gene & Theresa Petrosky

Wed 8:30 a.m. † MAUREEN THUMAN/ Golden Agers

Thur 8:30 p.m. † RON SPRAGUE/ Chuck & Sandy Hudak

Fri 8:30 a.m. † STEVE MILLIK/ Barb Nageotti

JANUARY 10, 2021

Sat 5:00 p.m. † LEONARD & LILLIAN KALMAN/ Letscher Family

Sun 8:30 a.m. † IDA MAE SWITTER/ Vince & Rita DeSalvo

11:00 a.m. † JANICE KUNOVICH/ Theresa Craigier

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ January 10, 2021 ~
The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 55: 1-11

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat ...

1 John 5: 1-9

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father ...

Mark 1: 7-11

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen ..."

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Sign up for January 10 & 17, 2021 is located in the vestibule.

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ December 20, 2020 (WK 25)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,404.00*	\$ 181,973.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 177,500.00
Difference	\$ 304.00	\$ 4,473.00
Performance	104%	103%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 878.00 LAST WK — \$ 24,799.00 YTD

Envelopes ~ 184 out of 539

Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 5.00 (2 out of 62)

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ December 27, 2020 (WK 26)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 8,732.00*	\$ 190,705.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 184,600.00
Difference	\$ 1,632.00	\$ 6,105.00
Performance	123%	103%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 948.00 LAST WK — \$ 25,747.00 YTD

Envelopes ~ 196 out of 539

Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 26.00 (6 out of 62)

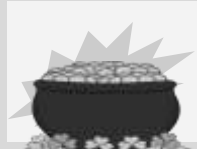
Christmas Offering to Date: \$ 8,665.00

POT-OF-GOLD

#237 drawn on 12/29/2020

!! No Winner!!

Amount: \$417.00



**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
House Blessing Prayer**

The Feast of Epiphany is traditionally a day to bless our homes for the upcoming year. As the Holy Family welcomed the three wise astrologers, we too, pray for blessings to come upon our homes and all who visit in the coming year. The family is asked to gather at the doorway of the home and say the following prayer:

*May we who live in this home
guard the sacredness of this doorway.*

*May God protect all who enter and
leave through this door.*

May we welcome all to this home in the name of Christ.

*May the blessing of God and His peace and grace
rest upon all who pass this threshold. AMEN.*

After the prayer, the following mark is written above
the doorway in chalk
20 + C + M + B + 21

These letters represent the three initials of the Magi's names, Casper, Melchoir and Balthazar. The numbers at the beginning and end represent the year and are separated by four crosses. The letters are also the Latin abbreviation for "Christus mansionem benedicat," which means "Christ blesses this house."



ONLINE GIVING

myEoffering is an easy and safe way to give your weekly financial gift to the church, sign up for *myEoffering* today. Information can be found on the parish website: <http://www.stwilliamchampion.org/egiving.html> Follow the easy sign-up registration and instruction steps to establish your accounts. Questions??? Need Assitance??? Call the Parish Office 330-847-8677.

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. Prayer requests can be made by calling or emailing the parish office.

†† RECENT DEATHS ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Carole Runyan

Mother of Ed Runyan

and

Terry Troyan

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

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER 2021

*Know, dear faithful,
As we have rejoiced at the Nativity of
our Lord Jesus Christ,
so by leave of God's mercy
we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection,
who is our Savior.*

*On the seventeenth day of February
will fall Ash Wednesday,
and the beginning of the fast of the
most sacred Lenten season.*

*On the fourth day of April,
we will celebrate with joy Easter Sunday,
the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*On the sixteenth day of May
will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*On the twenty-third day of May,
the feast of Pentecost.*

*On the sixth day of June,
the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.*

*On the twenty-eighth day of November,
the First Sunday of Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to whom is honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.*

In Case You Are Wondering...It's Almost Fish Dinner Time!!!

This year "Drive-Thru" Carry Out ONLY
**Fish Dinners begin Friday,
February 12, 2021**

*Fish Dinner Worker
Meeting – Thursday,
January 28 – 6:30 p.m.*



ORDINATION MASS–BISHOP BONNAR

On November 17, 2020, Pope Francis appointed Rev. David J. Bonnar the 6th Bishop of Youngstown. The Mass of Ordination and Installation will be Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Due to limitations imposed by the current pandemic, the number of invitations has been severely restricted. You are invited to watch the ceremony via live-stream on the diocesan website: www.doy.org/media/cathedral beginning at 2:00 p.m. A rebroadcast on ETC-Ecumenical Television is scheduled on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 12:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 8:00 p.m., and on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 12:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 8:00 p.m.



THE PARISH CALENDAR

Jan 4 ~ Office Closed
Jan 5 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Jan 6 ~ Women's Guild 6:00 p.m.
Jan 10 ~ Confirmation 9:30 a.m.
Jan 10 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.
Jan 10 ~ Youth Ministry 12:00 p.m.

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #7491

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.



WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Social at 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting at 6:30 p.m.



CHANGE OF PERSONAL STATUS

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Not Only for the Deceased

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 for 2021. 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.

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your faithful support of the food pantry. The pantry is in need of the following items: Canned tuna/chicken, hygiene products, energy bars, and single serve "lunch pack" fruit/pudding cups. **We are currently overstocked with canned vegetables.** Any food donation will gladly be accepted! However, we cannot accept expired food. Donations can be dropped off in the vestibule. Thank you for your support!



ATTENDING MASS DURING THIS TIME...

- ◆ As the current health circumstances continue, the temporary dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for all Catholic faithful within the Diocese of Youngstown remains. It is intended primarily for those of a vulnerable age or with compromised health concerns.
- ◆ Anyone who is symptomatic, at high risk of becoming sick, or who has been exposed to another with the virus within 14 days should not attend Mass or any other parish function in accordance with national, state and local health directives
- ◆ Face-coverings are to be worn for Mass
- ◆ Please remember to maintain a safe distance (at least 2 empty seats) between you and others when attending Mass.
- ◆ When finding your seat for Mass, please **move to the center of the row** so others can fill in the same row without having to pass by.
- ◆ Live-stream Mass is available every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on the parish website and Facebook along with the weekly Worship Aid. www.stwilliamchampion.org
- ◆ For those not attending Mass in person the Act of Spiritual Communion is made when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion at Mass. Directions can be found on the parish website

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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

2020 Contribution Tax Statements

If you are in need of a copy of your 2020 Contributions **for itemizing deductions on your tax return**, please fill out the following coupon and return it to the Parish Office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Statements will be available in the vestibule.

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~

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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

~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