

St. William Parish

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June 21, 2020 ~ Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Happy Birthday, Father Balash!

It is hard to believe that it is nearly the end of June already! Today we celebrate the beginning of “Ordinary Time” with the Twelfth Sunday of the Church year. Easter is over; Pentecost and the feasts that follow have concluded and now we enter the liturgical period wherein we will hear primarily from the Gospel of Matthew until the beginning of Advent. While called “ordinary,” this time of year doesn’t mean *regular*, *routine* or *commonplace*; rather “ordinary” in this sense means “*counted*.” From now until the beginning of Advent our weeks will be “counted” Sundays. This season is one of living and growing in our faith. Today’s readings point to two great truths of discipleship. The first is that we are greatly loved. Our creator has counted all of the hairs on our heads and we are infinitely precious to him. The second great truth is that sometimes, because of our belief and discipleship to one another, we will be in “bonds.” Being a follower of Jesus does not entitle us to comfort, luxury and safety; in fact sometimes it will lead us in the opposite direction. Jesus warns the twelve apostles before sending them on mission that they will very likely be met with derision, challenge and opposition. For this reason, Jesus tells them not to be afraid. Fearlessness ought to be a mark of discipleship. It is a quality that motivated Jesus throughout his earthly ministry and allowed him to face threats and violence. Not many of us will be called to make the ultimate sacrifice required for being a disciple of Jesus, however our own attitude of fearlessness can manifest itself in caring for those in need or on the margins of society. When we overcome our own prejudices and implicit biases, it is then that we allow the spirit of Christ to rise up within us. As we enter into this time of living and growing in Christ, let us do so in a fearless manner, knowing that we are worth a great deal in the sight of our loving God.

This weekend holds special significance for me as I celebrate two milestones in two days. This Saturday marks my 33rd Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. It is hard to believe that on June 20, 1987, I along with my classmate Msgr. Zuraw walked into Saint Columba Cathedral to begin our ministry to God’s people. I have truly been fortunate over these years to be involved in the lives of so many. Through baptism, first communion, confirmation, marriage, illness and death along with everyday life, I have been blessed and touch by the faith, trust and confidence of so many people. It has been an absolute joy to serve and be with so many good people over these past 33 years. The second milestone happens this Sunday as I reach the grand, great, and good, --big 6-0! Another year older, a new decade, and most importantly, a year closer to retirement! As I enter the golden age of life I am sincerely grateful and most appreciative of your support, encouragement, kindness and friendship for these past 12 years. It remains my joy and privilege to be part of such a wonderful and vibrant parish!

Finally, on this Father’s Day weekend, we congratulate and offer best wishes to all Fathers, Grandfathers, and Step-fathers, and to all who give and nurture life. Happy Father’s Day weekend!

Enjoy the week! ~ Fr. Balash

~ June 14 - June 21, 2020 ~
Body and Blood of the Lord

JUNE 21, 2020

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **33rd ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY**/ Fr. Balash
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **MARLENE CEROLI**/ Darlene & Tom Blessing
 10:30 a.m. † **60th BIRTHDAY**/ Fr. Balash

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **NO SERVICE**

Tues 8:30 a.m. † **DECEASED FAMILY OF LEWIS DANVER**/
 Jane & Tim Johns

Wed 8:30 a.m. † **RON SPRAGUE**/ Felicia & Ron Mooney

Thur 8:30 a.m. † **ST. WILLIAM FEAST DAY**/ People of St. William

Fri 8:30 a.m. † **GEORGE & PEARL BERISH**/ Family

JUNE 21, 2020

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **SHELLY ROGERS**/ Liz Dunlap

Sun 8:30 a.m. † **ALBERT FRANEK**/ Judy Franek

10:30 a.m. † **WILLIAM CUPP, SR.**/ Mary Pytlik

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ June 28, 2020 ~

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her...

Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ...

Matthew 10: 37-42

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me..."

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Lectors

5:00 p.m.

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Servers

5:00 p.m.

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m.

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Sign-Up In Vestibule



DISPENSATION TO ATTEND MASS CONTINUES

In light of the current health circumstance, the temporary dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for all Catholic faithful within the Diocese of Youngstown especially for those who are sick, or at high risk of becoming sick has been extended. Anyone who is symptomatic or who has been exposed to another with the virus within 14 days should not attend Mass in accordance with national, state and local health directives. Live-stream Mass from St. William will be provided every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for the time being. Access is available through the parish website: www.stwilliamchampion.org or on the parish Facebook.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROTOCOLS

As we continue our efforts to continue to provide a safe environment for worship you are kindly reminded of the following:

- ♦ When finding your seat for Mass, please move into the center of the row so that others can fill in the same row without having to pass by.
- ♦ Remember to keep a safe-distance between you and the person in front of you when coming forward for Holy Communion.
- ♦ Please remove your face covering before receiving Holy Communion to ensure proper reverence and avoid the possibility of dropping the host.

New Changes this Week:

- ♦ The family area (cry area) has been reopened with limited seating. Please use this area only if necessary.
- ♦ Seating near the music area has been incorporated into the center section.
- ♦ An additional Eucharistic Minister has been added for those sitting in the section near the tabernacle. Please come forward down the aisle nearest the tabernacle and return to your seat in the intermediate aisle thus maintaining a one-way traffic pattern.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and patience! Together help us maintain a safe environment for all attending!

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ June 14, 2020 (WK 50)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,175.00*	\$ 359,891.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 355,000.00
Difference	\$ 75.00	\$ 4,891.00
Performance	101%	101%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 1,032.00 LAST WK — \$ 36,847.00 YTD
 Envelopes ~ 190 out of 545
 Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 1.50 (2 out of 62)

ONLINE MASS WORSHIP AID

The worship aid used during Mass at St. William is available online to use at home while watching Mass online. The worship aid can be found on the Sunday Mass page and the News/Events page on the parish website as a PDF for you to download and print.

LITURGICAL MINISTER UPDATE

For the next couple weeks, liturgical ministers needed for Mass can sign up in the vestibule. A new schedule will be issued sometime later this coming summer. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

POT-OF-GOLD

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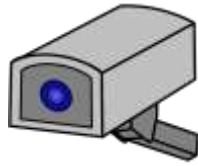
No Winner!

Amount: \$571.00



LIVE-STREAM MASS FROM ST. WILLIAM

Mass will be live-streamed from St. William every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Access will be available through Facebook or the parish website: www.stwilliamchampion.org



PARISH UPDATES

Building and Improvements

Church Building: In an effort to keep the building clean and sanitized it remains closed for the time being. It is asked that no one enter without checking-in at the office first. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Main/Short Hallway: The painting of the short and main hallway is scheduled to begin next weekend June 27th. Many thanks to all who volunteered to help. Please be mindful of this project in the coming weeks when coming to Mass.

Church Carpeting/Vestibule Flooring: Carpet and flooring choices have been made and ordered. They are on display in the vestibule this weekend. Once the materials arrive and installation date will be given and the project will begin. Both of these projects are possible because of our successful Fish Dinners! Our hard work is paying off!!!

PARISH GIFT TO FATHER BALASH

In honor of Fr. Balash's Ordination Anniversary and Birthday we are proud to give him a picture of our Church Building. It is on display in the vestibule. Look closely and see that it is made up of all of us! Anyone who had their picture in the latest Church Directory is in the picture! It is a gift from us, of us!

Congratulations and Blessings Fr. Balash!

PARISH APP

Stay up to date on parish news, updates, cancellations and information. Download our FREE Parish APP for smartphones. Simply text **APP** to **88202**. Download **myParish APP** and select our parish. Follow the easy instructions or visit our website for more information. This is the **BEST** way to stay in touch, get updates and remain informed about parish news and events.

myEoffering?

Sign up today for an easy and convenient way to remain current on your weekly offerings. Electronic giving is safe and secure and easy! Sign up, registration and simple instructions can be found on our parish website. Questions??? Call the parish office.

DID YOU LOSE?...

An earring was found in church after Mass last weekend. Please call the parish office!



Spiritual Communion via Televised or On-Line Mass

The Act of Spiritual Communion is made when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion at Mass. The way to make an Act of Spiritual Communion is listed below and can be adapted based upon personal and family needs:

1. Gather with others in your household and begin a time of prayer with the sign of the cross.
2. Watch Mass on television or on-line, or if unable, take time to read and reflect upon the readings from Sunday Mass. Scripture readings can be found at www.usccb.org. A schedule of televised Mass is available at www.doy.org under Media tab.
3. Share prayer intentions quietly or aloud.
4. Pray the Lord's Prayer.
5. Offer a prayer for healing, strength, or forgiveness or any prayer available during the coronavirus pandemic. If viewing Mass, offer a prayer during the normal time of Communion.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

6. Close with the sign of the cross.



SUMMER BOOK CLUB 2020

This year we will be reading "*The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*" by Kim Michele Richardson. Book discussion will be held Tuesday, July 7, 2020. Kindly register by July 4, 2020. Paperback and E-Books are available on Amazon. Each participant is responsible for getting their own book.

Please bring a comfortable outdoor chair, a personal snack, and beverage. We are planning to meet in the outdoor courtyard between the office building and the social hall. In the case of inclement weather, we will meet in the social hall.

We will be practicing physical distance according to current CDC/State guidelines. See the bulletin board or parish website for additional information and registration.



A SPECIAL DAY:

This Thursday, June 25, is our Parish Patronal Feast Day ~
Saint William of Vercelli (1085-1142)



He was born in 1085 in northern Italy. When he was an infant, both of his parents died and he was raised by extended family. He must have had an uncommon connection to the divine because at the age of 14 he left his home and family and set out on pilgrimage to the Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

St. William of Vercelli is honored as a saint who was a leader in monastic life—both because he established a number of monasteries and because his rigorous discipline, prayer, and fasting was an example for many monks.

Not much else of his youth is known. As an adult he returned to Italy and lived as a hermit on a mountainside where he became locally famous for healing a blind man. To escape the acclaim he left the area and went to stay with another hermit, St. John of Matera, and the two became close friends.

William intended to continue on to Jerusalem as a poor pilgrim but John had a sense that God was calling William to something else. William departed but was mugged by robbers and took that event as a sign that his friend was right.

He went to live on a mountain named after the ancient poet Virgil and a number of priests and lay men joined him. He formed them into a community and built a church there, naming it after Mary in 1124. The mountain became known as Monte Vergine after that—and still is called that today. The monastery is still there as well, part of the Benedictine congregation.

A colorful legend tells of William building the church on Monte Vergine himself with only a donkey to help him. One night a wolf killed and ate the donkey. William scolded the wolf and ordered it to take the donkey's place. Sensing it had interfered with a divine plan the wolf obeyed and began hauling loads of stone for the saint.

After forming the community on Monte Vergine, William was appointed an abbot and left with a few followers and his friend, John. He established another monastery in a nearby region. Again, after it had taken root, he appointed an abbot and went on to found other communities. Roger I of Naples took him under his patronage, and the saint founded many monasteries. So edified was the king with the saint's sanctity of life and the wisdom of his counsels that in order to have him always near him, he built a monastery opposite his palace at Salerno. Knowing by special revelation that his end was at hand, William retired to his monastery of Gugieto where he died and was buried in the church.

EAGLE OF THE CROSS

This weekend we congratulate Mr. Frank DePascale from our parish who receives the Eagle of the Cross award. The Eagle of the Cross was created by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry and introduced to the diocese in 1999. It is given each year to a group of extraordinary high school juniors and seniors who model discipleship and exemplify the qualities of moral integrity, prayer, good works and Christian leadership in their parish and school. The award originally was to be given in April at a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Murry. Under the circumstances we are happy to award it to Frank this weekend at our parish. *Congratulations Frank!*

~Contact~

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Ross Lenhart, Maintenance

~Celebrate~

Mass Times

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Summer - Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 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.

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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