

# St. William Parish

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## March 11, 2018 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

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### 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.

#### ♦ Christian Formation and Education

##### John F. Kennedy Catholic School

Lower Campus—Grades K-5

Upper Campus—Grades 6-12

www.warrenjfk.com

330-372-2375

330-369-1804

##### 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.

#### ♦ 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:** Celebrated the Third Sunday of each month.

**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.

#### ♦ Hall Rental/Catering: Contact the Parish Office for details.

#### ♦ 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.

#### ♦ Catholic Charities Regional Agency: Trumbull County 330-393-4254





## “Finding Hope...”

Our Lenten Season continues as we enter into this fourth week of Lent. It is with anticipation and joy that we begin to look toward Holy Week, the celebration of Easter and the awakening of our landscape from its winter slumber. Our Gospel reading today, once again, points us towards our Lenten theme of “finding hope.” The familiar passage from John reminds us that God is rich in mercy, reaching out to us over and over again, even after we choose darkness rather than light. God continues to raise us up even when we fall. However, seeing the light and finding hope requires us to name the darkness of our lives. Becoming whole requires naming our brokenness. God meets us where we are, so invite God into your life whether in light or darkness and remember, “*God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.*” In these last weeks of Lent, allow God to give you the opportunity of “finding hope” by coming from darkness to light. The Sacrament of Reconciliation can make this happen. Often many of us shy away from receiving this Sacrament because we feel a bit apprehensive having to confess what we’ve done wrong; however, a true understanding of this Sacrament is really not about what we have done wrong but rather our desire to become the better. Whenever we receive God’s forgiveness for our sins, our true desire is to move on, improve our life, and enhance our relationship to God and one another. God’s forgiveness is always there for us to accept and embrace. Consider receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter as your way of “finding hope” this Lent!

Make it a great week, Fr. Balash



### Mass Intentions for the Week

~ March 11 to March 18, 2018 ~  
The Fourth Sunday of Lent

#### MARCH 11, 2018

Sat 5:00 p.m. † JAMES MC DOWELL/ Kochunas Family  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † JOSEPH JENYK/ Kochunas Family  
11:00 a.m. † DONNA CRAIGER/ Theresa Craiger

Mon. 8:30 a.m. † COMMUNION SERVICE  
Tue 8:30 a.m. † DONALD A. KANE/ Kane Family  
Wed 8:30 a.m. † LEX PRINDLE/ Skip & Mo Thuman  
Thu 8:30 a.m. † MARY ANN PAQUET/ Lynn Valentino  
Fri 8:30 a.m. † DWIGHT DUTTRY FAMILY/  
Tim & Jane Johns

#### MARCH 18, 2018

Sat 5:00 p.m. † GEORGE & PEARL BERISH/ Jennifer McVicker  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † JOHN MAKOSKY/ George & Donna Bodajlo  
11:00 a.m. † ROGER STONE/ Knights of Columbus

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY

~ March 17/18, 2018 ~

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

#### Lectors

5:00 p.m. Linda Horm, John Robinson  
8:30 a.m. Ed Runyan, Mike Trunick  
11:00 a.m. Roy Mercandino, Cathy Poponak

#### Servers

5:00 p.m. Kiley Karafa, John Barco  
8:30 a.m. John Barco, Kyle Butcher  
11:00 a.m. Nathan McCue, Scott Mintus

#### Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Gloria Karafa, Carla Gilronan, Ron Gilronan  
8:30 a.m. Dave Evans, Phyllis Evans, Patty Heib,  
Linda Trunick, Kim Pealer, Carole Baniak  
11:00 a.m. Barb Bickford, Dave Bickford, Scott Freer,  
Sandy Hudak, Jennifer Kusmierek, Chuck Poponak



### OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ March 4, 2018 (WK 36)

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,941.00	\$ 263,569.76
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 255,600.00
Difference	\$ 841.00	\$ 7,969.76
Performance	112%	103%

Envelopes ~ 234 out of 547

Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 28.00 (12 out of 65) **Thank You!**



Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ March 17/18, 2018 ~

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

*The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel . . .*

**Hebrews 5:7-9**

*In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications . . .*

**John 12:20-33**

*Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, . . .*

### NEW MEMBERS



**Michael Bender and children  
Makayla, Madison and Miles  
Anna Cook**

**Jeffrey & Rose Nelson  
Jared & Samantha Northup**

*Welcome to our parish family.*



### >> RECENT DEATHS <<

**Our Sincere Sympathy**

In your prayers for the departed please remember

**Lawrence Skrivan,**

Nephew of Sr. Mary Cora Skrivan

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

## 2018 Bishop's Appeal for

### Catholic Charities and Church

If you have not yet responded to this year's Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church please do so as soon as possible. Pledge envelopes are available in the vestibule. Remember to include St. William Parish on your pledge so that we are given proper credit. To date our parish has already pledged \$21,873.00 towards our goal of \$41,558.00 Thank you for your commitment to the 2018 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 the generosity of people like you who faithfully support the Bishop's Appeal, Catholic Charities would never be able to serve the poor among us as we are called to do by Jesus in the Gospel.

### Finding hope...

#### What gives you hope this Lent?



Remember your wooden cross for Lent. The purpose of this cross is to remind us of our Lenten theme... *Finding hope...* During this season put this cross in a prominent place in your home and reflect on "*what gives you hope this Lent?*"

Over the course of Lent, write on the cross a word or two that gives you hope. On Palm Sunday weekend bring the cross back and place it in our Lenten Parish Cross. It will be part of our Palm Sunday procession.



**PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS**  
Call Ann Sprague at 440-685-4652  
or email  
asprague@stwilliamchampion.org

### Meetings This Week:

#### Liturgy Committee:

The Liturgy Committee meets on Tuesday, March 13, at 5:30 p.m. in the Office Conference Room.

#### Parish Council:

The Parish Council meets on Tuesday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Office Conference Room.

#### Parish Life Committee:

The Parish Life Committee meets on Thursday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Office Conference Room.

## >>>> THE PARISH CALENDAR <<<<

MAR. 13 ~ QUILTERS 9:00 AM  
MAR. 13 ~ LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING 5:30 PM  
MAR. 13 ~ PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 PM  
MAR. 13 ~ CANTOR PRACTICE 7:00 PM  
MAR. 14 ~ KOLACHI BAKE 8:00 AM  
MAR. 15 ~ ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 PM  
MAR. 15 ~ PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING 7:00 PM  
MAR. 16 ~ FISH DINNER 4-7 PM  
MAR. 17 ~ RENE'S CLOSET 9 AM TO 1 PM  
MAR. 18 ~ K OF C CORPORATE COMMUNION 8:30 AM  
MAR. 18 ~ PSR 9:30 AM  
MAR. 18 ~ RCIA 9:30 AM  
MAR. 18 ~ CONFIRMATION MEETING 9:30 AM  
MAR. 18 ~ INSTRUMENTAL REHEARSAL 2:00 PM  
MAR. 18 ~ YOUTH MINISTRY 6:00 PM

### Congratulations!

We congratulate our newly confirmed young people of our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday at Saint Columba Cathedral.

Frank DePascale  
Madilyn Dutton  
Lauren Haynie  
Dominic Kennedy-Snodgrass  
Grace Kufchak

Nicholas Mahan  
Kaycie Martinko  
Jack O'Shaughnessy  
Zachary Toth  
Olivia Zigarovich

### Congratulations!

We congratulate Chase Kufchak, son of Michael and Danielle Kufchak, on receiving the Eagle of the Cross Award. This award is given in our diocese to high school juniors and seniors who distinguish themselves as a Catholic-Christian leader among their peers. Chase will receive his award on April 18. Congratulations!

### *Lenten Communal Reconciliation*

Our Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service will be held on Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church. This joint effort of all of the parishes in Warren will celebrate a communal prayer service with individual confession as part of our Lenten journey of "*finding hope.*" Other times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation are Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Monday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. here at St. William. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to experience God's healing forgiveness as part of your Lenten preparation for Easter.



## **"Pot - of - Gold"** **WE HAVE A WINNER !!!**



*This week's winning envelope number drawn, March 7, was 374.  
Congratulations to Larry & Maureen Scott, winner of the \$ 197.00 Jackpot!!!  
... one-half of the amount collected.*

**A new Pot-of Gold Jackpot begins this weekend!!!!**

## WOMEN'S GUILD ANNUAL CARD PARTY

April 8, 2018 at 1:00 pm  
Tickets \$8.00



*Please consider being a part of this fundraiser!*

**DOOR PRIZES AND  
ITEMS FOR THE BASKET RAFFLE ARE NEEDED.**  
(ACCESSORIES FOR BASKETS WITH A KITCHEN THEME OR  
LOTTERY TICKETS/GIFT CARDS ARE REQUESTED)

You may leave your donations in the adult meeting room.

- ♦ *Be sure to mark your donation "Card Party."*
- ♦ *Be sure to record your name on the Donation List.*

*Thank you for your continued  
generosity and support of the Card Party.*

If you have questions call Ellie at 330-847-8296.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL 7491

*Next Meeting*

Wednesday ~ March 21, 2018 ~ 6:30 p.m.

**Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion**  
March 18 8:30 Mass  
Breakfast after Mass  
in Social Hall

Brothers Knights and spouses are urged to attend.

*Also, this invitation goes out to all parishioners.*

## A musical portrayal of the Trial, Execution & Resurrection of Jesus the Messiah.

*Saint Patrick Catholic Church Hubbard*

225 North Main Street

Friday, March 16 at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 17 at 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 18 at 1:00 p.m.

*Free-will donation accepted.*



Please Note:

It is not necessary to tape your contribution envelope shut unless it contains loose coin. Thank you!

## Fish Dinner Update!



722 Dinners Sold on March 2  
50/50 Winner was Arlene Flowers \$200.00

Every Friday until March 23

~ 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

~ Adults and Carry-Out \$10.00

~ Seniors (65 and up) \$9.00

~ Children (5-10 years) \$5.00

## Kolachi Bake

Wednesday, March 14, 2018  
8:30 AM

Rolling - 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Baking - 10:30 am - 4:00 pm

Wrapping - 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm

*Pick up freshly baked Kolachi 4:30-6:00 p.m. that day.*

Remaining Kolachi will be sold after Fish Dinner.

Help is always needed, especially for rolling.

Please bring your favorite rolling pin.

**Questions? Please contact  
Gloria - 330-847-8555**

**Cardinal Mooney High School's Class of 1968**, 50th Anniversary Reunion the weekend of August 10—12. Friday night get together, Mass at Ursuline Motherhouse, dinner at Tippecanoe Country Club, Sunday brunch, golf, bicycling through Mill Creel Park, and visits to various museums in downtown Youngstown. More information can be found at the Facebook page: CMHS'68.



**Easter Bread Sale:** Friday, March 23. Plain or with raisins \$5.00. Call 330-393-0781. Deadline is March 19. **Pick up is at SS. Cyril & Methodius Hall, 175 Laird Ave NE.**

## 2018 RCIA CATECHUMEN AND CANDIDATE

As our catechumen and candidate begin their final preparation to be welcomed into our community and receive the Sacraments of Initiation, please continue to pray for them. We also ask that you write a card of welcome and drop it in the basket provided before Palm Sunday.

**Catherine Morton:** *Catherine is a free-lance graphics designer who enjoys gardening, jewelry making, photography and art. Her sponsor is Mark Gundic.*

**Kristen Freudenrich:** *Kristen is married to Ryan and mother to Cole, Logan and Caleb. She is a teacher and enjoys reading and gardening. Her sponsor is her husband, Ryan.*

**PLEASE WRITE A CARD OF WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR RCIA CATECHUMEN AND CANDIDATE.  
CARDS CAN BE RETURNED TO THE BASKET IN THE VESTIBULE ANY TIME BEFORE PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 25.**