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March 4, 2018 ~ Third 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...”



This Sunday marks the midway point of our Lenten Season. Our first reading from the Book of Exodus recalls the giving of the Ten Commandments. Of all the numerous laws and guidelines of our faith, these remain the most familiar. The first three commandments focus on our relationship to God –having only God before us; keeping his name holy; and remembering to honor Him each week. The other seven commandments urge us to establish and maintain our right relationship with one another. Jesus simplifies the Ten Commandments into two when He tells us to love God with all your heart, soul and mind and your neighbor as yourself. This timeless message continues to apply to us today in all circumstances and events. Our quest of “finding hope” is rooted in maintaining our right relationship to God and each other. This season of Lent provides us the means to make this come true in our lives...don’t let this opportunity slip away!

This weekend is the last “in-church” opportunity to make a pledge to this year’s Bishop’s Appeal for Catholic Charities. Support of the appeal offers us a chance to respond to Jesus’ teaching that we serve Him by serving those in need. You are kindly asked to make a response this week towards our parish goal of \$41,558.00. Thank you for your kindness and generosity to this important and vital part of our mission and ministry in the Church.

Finally, my sincerest thanks and appreciation to all who helped make our Lenten Mission a great success! I hope you enjoyed Friar Johnpaul Cafiero and his special surprise that he brought on Tuesday! Many thanks to all who planned, participated and attended this inspiring event. Friar’s message provided much food for thought as we look to “finding hope” this Lent. A special word of thanks to the Parish Life Committee for their hard work in planning our Parish Movie Night; to the Liturgy Committee and Parish Staff for their help in preparing the mission; to our Music Ministry for their wonderful and prayerful contribution each night; and to the Women’s Guild for providing hospitality each evening. Once again the spirit and faith of Saint William Parish made this an “over the rainbow” event!!!!

Make it a great week, Fr. Balash



Mass for the Intentions Week

~ March 4 to March 11, 2018 ~
The Third Sunday of Lent

MARCH 4, 2018

Sat 5:00 p.m. † VIRGIL SELLARS/ Carl & Gloria Karafa
Sun 8:30 a.m. † PAUL F. GATES/ Bernie & Sandy Lucas
11:00 a.m. † BETTY BUYDOS/ Martin & Beverly Letscher

Mon. 8:30 a.m. † COMMUNION SERVICE
Tue 8:30 a.m. † JOHN VALENTINO/ Lynn
Wed 8:30 a.m. † DANIEL GELET/ Skip & Mo
Thu 8:30 a.m. † LEX PRINDLE/ The Kufchak Family
Fri 8:30 a.m. † JERRY LAMARCO/ Mary Pytlik

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

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ February 25, 2018 (WK 35)

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,108.25	\$ 255,628.76
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 248,500.00
Difference	\$ (991.75)	\$ 7,128.75
Performance	86%	103%

Envelopes ~ 190 out of 547

Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 13.00 (12 out of 65) **Thank You!**



>> RECENT DEATHS <<

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed please remember

Donald Kane,
brother of Bob Kane

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

~ March 10/11, 2018 ~

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Donna Runtas, Therese Petrosky
8:30 a.m. Margaret Foster, Christine DePascale
11:00 a.m. Melanie Shoaf, Renita Mintus

Servers

5:00 p.m. Kyle Butcher, Kaylynn Abbey
8:30 a.m. Nathan Goldner, Bridget DePascale
11:00 a.m. Brian Wilson, Bethany Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, John Barco, Ann Coursen
8:30 a.m. Frank Pytlik, Treva Pytlik, Rebekah Struthers,
Ellie Gates, Gloria Mintus, Mary Pytlik
11:00 a.m. Bob Kane, Marcia Kane, Eddie Kuhn,
Roy Mercandino, Dan Gelet, Murph Gelet



Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ March 10/11, 2018 ~

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

*The Lord said to Samuel: “Fill your horn with oil,
and be on your way . . .*

Ephesians 5:8-14

*Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but
now you are light in the Lord . . .*

John 9:1-41

*As Jesus passed by He saw a man blind from birth.
His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned . . .*



Parish Council News: The minutes from the January 9, 2018 Parish Council Meeting are posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule and can also be found on the parish website.



REMEMBER to turn your clocks ahead NEXT weekend, Saturday, March 11. (Check your batteries!)

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 be sure to do so as soon as possible. Today ends the "in-church" phase of this year's appeal. Remember to include St. William Parish on your pledge so that we are given proper credit. 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. If you have already made a gift to the 2018 Appeal, thank you! If you have not yet made your gift please consider doing so TODAY by either taking an Appeal donation envelope from church or using the one you received in the mail. To date our parish has already pledged \$11,385.00 towards our goal of \$41,558.00. Please pray for the success of the 2018 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church and thank you for your generous support!

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.

Keep in prayer!

Please keep in prayer our Confirmation candidates, sponsors and families as they celebrate and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Saturday, March 10 at Saint Columba Cathedral.

The NAIM CLUB will meet Thursday, at the church at 12 Noon and car pool to Enzo's Restaurant for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

>>>> THE PARISH CALENDAR <<<<

MAR. 5 ~ BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY 6:30 PM
MAR. 6 ~ QUILTERS 9:00 AM
MAR. 6 ~ A/C F/G REHEARSAL 7:00 PM
MAR. 7 ~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING 6:30 PM
MAR. 7 ~ WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING 6:30 PM
MAR. 8 ~ NAIM CLUB 12:30 PM
MAR. 8 ~ A/C F/G REHEARSAL 7:00 PM
MAR. 9 ~ FISH DINNER 4—7 PM
MAR. 10 ~ CONFIRMATION AT CATHEDRAL 11:00 AM
MAR. 11 ~ PSR 9:30 AM
MAR. 11 ~ RCIA 9:30 AM
MAR. 11 ~ PRE-K STORIES & SCRIPTURE 9:30 AM

Living as Missionary Disciples Catholic Relief Services Helping Hands Sunday, March 11

John F. Kennedy Catholic School
2550 Central Parkway SE, Warren, OH
Come and help pack 15,120 meals to be sent to the hungry in Burkina Faso in western Africa.

Two Shifts Available:

2:00 to 3:30 p.m. ~ 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Donations are being accepted to cover the cost of packaging the meals. Register and/or donate online at <http://helpinghands.crs.org/events/diocese-youngstown/>. You may also register by using the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Donations can also be placed in the offertory basket, mailed or brought to the parish office. Make checks payable to St. William Parish or Catholic Relief Services. For additional information, please contact Tina McCue at tmccue@stwilliamchampion.org

Thanks for A Wonderful Mission!!!!

Many thanks to all who attended and participated in our Lenten Mission this past week and to all those who helped in all of the planning:

- ~ to the Parish Life Committee for a wonderful and fun Movie Night!
- ~ to those who provided the delicious chili!
- ~ to those who donated and provided the wonderful gift baskets!
- ~ to our technical and picture crew!
- ~ to our Music Ministry!
- ~ to the Women's Guild!



“Pot - of - Gold”

WE HAVE A WINNER !!!

*This week's winning envelope number drawn, February 28, was 219.
Congratulations to Ellen Millik-Jones, winner of the \$ 722.00 Jackpot!!!
... one-half of the amount collected.*

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





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL 7491

Next Meeting

Wednesday ~ March 7, 2018 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Oops!

This past week we were informed that the new front walkway to the Church will need to be replaced due to deficient concrete that is causing it to pit and chip. This will be done as soon as the weather is favorable at no cost to the parish . . . just some minor inconvenience.

from a Parishioner . . .

Thank you to Father Balash for the beautiful Mass; Pat and the choir for the lovely music and songs; the Golden Agers for the prayers and cards; the Knights of Columbus for the Masses and prayers and the Women's Guild for the delicious luncheon and prayers.

The Lex Prindle Family

Fish Dinner Update!



744 Dinners Sold on February 23
50/50 Winner was Sandra Foster \$199.00
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

EASTER FOOD BASKETS FOR THOSE IN NEED



A box for non-perishable food donations will be in the vestibule. Suggested items: cereal, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, boxed potatoes, macaroni and sauces, soups and stews, etc. **PLEASE NO FOOD PAST THE EXPIRED DATE.** Any monetary donations can be dropped off at the office or given to Darlene Frantz or Roy Mercandino; these are used for gift certificates from Sparkle to purchase perishable food. Checks should be made out to St. William Parish. Anyone in need of assistance, please fill out a request form on the bulletin board. The request forms and monetary donations must be turned in by March 11.

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

MARCH 7, 2018 6:30 PM

Program

A Very Merry Unbirthday Celebration!



(Everyone is asked to bring a wrapped gift worth approximately \$10.)

"Some people are old at 18 and some are young at 90 . . . time is a concept that humans created." Yoko Ono

Donations are being accepted for:

Summer Fun, Children Services

Suggested donations include: Sand toys, bubbles, jump ropes, hula hoops, balls, Frisbees, etc. (items to fill Easter baskets).

Thank You!

Bereavement Support Prayer and Fellowship

Monday, March 5, 2018

6:30pm-8:00pm

Room 103

We gather to support each other in our loss and to celebrate the lives of our loved ones.

We encourage you to bring a picture of your loved one.

You are welcomed to bring a friend.

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.



News Around Town

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Easter Pirohy Sale: Friday, March 9. Potato & cheese, sweet cabbage, sauerkraut or prune. \$5.50/dozen. Haluski plain. \$3.50/bag, with cabbage \$3.75. Call 330-393-0781 on Wed. or Thurs. **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 Laid 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.