

St. William Parish

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September 13, 2020 ~ Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“The Lord is kind and merciful!”

We continue the “parable chapter” of Matthew’s gospel today with yet another episode of Peter and Jesus. Today Peter comes to Jesus with a question about forgiveness. He seems to have already figured out an answer that might satisfy his query about how many times to forgive and suggests seven as a reasonable number. In Peter’s scenario, forgiveness is abundant but limited. Jesus does away with Peter’s carefully doled out justice by responding, *“not seven times but seventy times seven!”* In doing so, Jesus isn’t offering an arbitrary number but more so he is indicating that forgiveness has to be limitless. We know that Jesus came to bring forgiveness and fullness of life to his followers. But it seems that this forgiveness and fullness cannot be received if we are caught up in thoughts of revenge, bitterness, and resentment. Grudges are awful things. They can gnaw away at the one harboring them. And so, today’s gospel calls us to a higher standard. The forgiveness we experience from God should motivate us to be free with our forgiveness when others wrong us. As a result, we must die to the grudges, slights, rudeness, and other transgressions we’ve suffered and rise to a sense of freedom that comes through forgiving as we have been forgiven. All of this is not to suggest that forgiveness is easy! Some hurts are so deep that the path of forgiveness is long and twisty instead of the work of a moment. In these instances, simply getting on the path to forgiveness is a triumph that requires prayer to ask God to even plant the desire for forgiveness within our hearts. When this is the case we need not despair nor give up. God’s strength is made perfect in human weakness and it is that strength that will lead us again to the fullness of life. In the end, the final words of today’s gospel are a haunting reminder that our forgiveness needs to *“come from the heart.”*



Enjoy the week! ~ Fr. Balash

~ September 13-20, 2020 ~
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **MARY MILLIK LITZ**/ Millik Family
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **ED BUNDY**/ Liz Dunlap
 11:00 a.m. † **JOE HUDAK**/ Theresa Craiger

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **NO SERVICE**
 Tues 8:30 a.m. ♥ **DANIEL SURKALA**/ Barb & David Bailey
 Wed 8:30 a.m. † **DAVID RABLE**/ Roger, Diane & Rachel Canatsey
 Thur 8:30 a.m. † **GAIL BYERS**/ Helen Snyder
 Fri 8:30 a.m. † **STEVE MILLIK**/ Millik Family

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **ELEANOR STOLTZ**/ Barbara & John Robinson
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **DARLENE MARANDO**/ Ned Schmizzi
 11:00 a.m. † **DONALD L. TITCHNELL**/ Titchnell Family

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ September 20, 2020 ~
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55: 6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts...

Philippians 1: 20-24, 27

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain...

Matthew 20: 1-16

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers..."

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

September 19/20, 2020

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Ruth Bubba, Theresa Petrosky
 8:30 a.m. Woody Pealer, _____
 11:00 a.m. Erin Lee, _____

Servers

5:00 p.m. Therese Tuttle
 8:30 a.m. Mike Trunick
 11:00 a.m. _____

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Felicia Mooney, Bob Mintus
 8:30 a.m. Linda Trunick, Bob Mintus
 11:00 a.m. Barb Bickford, Bob Mintus



Sign-Up In Vestibule

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ September 6, 2020 (WK 10)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 6,465.00*	\$ 72,523.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 71,000.00
Difference	\$ (635.00)	\$ 1,523.00
Performance	91%	102%

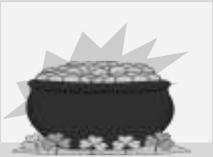
*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 863.00 LAST WK — \$ 10,714.00 YTD
 Envelopes ~ 178 out of 544
 Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 8.00 (5 out of 62)

POT-OF-GOLD

#540 drawn on 9/9/2020

!!No Winner!!

Amount: \$462.00



**DISPENSATION CONTINUES
 LIVE-STREAM MASS INFO**

As the current health circumstance continues, 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. It is vitally important that anyone who is symptomatic, at high risk of becoming sick, or who has been exposed to another with the virus within 14 days not attend Mass or any other parish function in accordance with national, state and local health directives.

- ♦ Live-stream Mass is available every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. for the time being on the parish website and Facebook. www.stwilliamchampion.org
- ♦ The Worship Aid for the live-stream Mass is available on the News/Events page of the website or Facebook. It is a PDF file for you to download and print.
- ♦ For those not attending Mass in person 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 can be found on the parish website

Some Reminders!

- ♦ Face-coverings are to be worn for Mass by all in attendance.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Please maintain a safe distance (at least 1 row in front and behind you) when coming forward to receive Holy Communion.
- ♦ Remember to remove your face covering **before** receiving Holy Communion to ensure proper reverence and avoid the possibility of dropping the host.

Congratulations!!!

to **Beckett Robert Abbey**
 son of Matthew and Kaylynn Abbey,
 who was baptized this weekend



†† RECENT DEATH ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Richard Lenhart

Brother of Ross Lenhart

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

PSR / YOUTH MINISTRY BEGINS

- ◆ PSR classes begin on **Sunday, September 27 at 9:30 a.m.** and Youth Ministry at **12:00 noon.** A letter and information regarding safe environment protocols was sent to all PSR/ Youth Ministry families. New families to our program should contact the Parish Office for information.
- ◆ **Help Needed:** Two catechist/teachers are needed for the upcoming year –one for Grade 4-5-6 and Grade 7-8. These openings are paired with another experienced catechist/teacher. If you are interested or have questions please contact Carol Timko.

WOMEN'S GUILD BASKET RAFFLE

Women's Guild is hosting a basket raffle. The baskets may be viewed in the social hall after Mass. It is asked that you enter the social hall from the door in the hallway across from room 103, follow the traffic pattern as indicated by arrows on the carpet, wear your face covering and maintain 6' physical distance from others. Ticket are on sale after Mass today! 6 Tickets for \$5.00; 26 Tickets for \$20.00. A ticket form is also available on our parish website that can be mailed to the office with payment. The Basket Raffle committee will place your tickets as indicated on your ticket order form.

POP TABS

PSR is **NOT** accepting any more pop tabs for right now. Thank you to everyone who has donated them.



FOOD PANTRY

At the start of the pandemic a large quantity of food from the pantry was donated to Champion Local Schools. As a result, the pantry is in great need of food. The following items are especially needed: Canned soups, specifically chicken noodle and ready to serve soups; canned fruit or single serve "lunch pack" fruit cups; single serve pudding cups; cake mixes; instant oatmeal; and breakfast cereal. Any food donation will gladly be accepted! However, we cannot accept expired food. Donations can be dropped off in the vestibule beginning next weekend. Thank you for your support!



RCIA....HAVE YOU.....

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults seeking answers in their lives are brought into full union with our parish community and the Catholic Church. The RCIA assists in the spiritual journey to learn, discuss and live the faith of the Catholic faith and its practices. Interested in learning more? Tentative start date is Monday, October 12 at St. Thomas Church, Vienna.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #7491

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting will be held outdoors if weather permits!
Please bring a lawn chair!



WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Social at 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting at 6:30 p.m.



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT:

PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

6:30PM - 8:00PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

9:30AM - 11:00AM

We gather to support each other in our loss and to celebrate the lives of our loved ones. You are encouraged to bring a picture of your loved one. Please contact Tina McCue at 330-883-2044 if you would like transportation.



BEREAVEMENT
SUPPORT

SECRET PRAYER PARTNER

We have decided to keep the same prayer partners for the upcoming school year 2020-2021 to make up for the abbreviated 2019-2020 school year. Please write a card of encouragement/good luck to your prayer partner for the new school year by Sunday, September 20. No gifts, just cards at this time. If you do not remember your number or if you have any questions, please contact Carol Timko.



GOLDEN AGERS NEWS

Monthly meetings will resume on Tuesday, September 15 at 12:30 p.m. Door prizes will be provided by Bob and Marcia Kane. Pizza will be served. The meeting will take place in room 103 where physical distancing and safety protocols will be in place. We hope to see you there! New members are always welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

On Saturday, September 26 the Knights will be holding a Sausage with Peppers & Onions Sandwich drive-thru from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. \$6 each.

Enter the kitchen parking lot. Knights will be there to direct traffic.



DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Diocese of Youngstown will sponsor a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, October 18, 2:00 p.m. at St. Columba Cathedral honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries in 2020. The celebration will include Mass with Monsignor Robert J. Siffrin, renewal of marriage vows, and a personalized certificate for each couple. Couples may opt to attend the Wedding Anniversary Mass in-person or participate remotely via live-stream on the diocesan website: www.doy.org. Space is limited for those attending in-person. Reservations are required and due before September 16. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

RENE'S CLOSET ~ HELP NEEDED

Rene's Closet began in 2007 as a social outreach effort to provide clothing to those in need. Donated clothing items such as pants, shirts, dresses, coats, and other items for adults and children have been available to those who need them on the last Saturday of the month. On average, 25-35 people come to the Closet each month for assistance. For the past 13 years Debi Hays has been coordinating Rene's Closet and she will be retiring this December. We are now looking for someone to serve as the coordinator so that Rene's Closet might continue. Responsibilities include maintaining the Closet, rotating clothes in season, and staffing the Closet on the day of operation. The monthly time commitment is 10-12 hours including the day of operation. If anyone is interested in more details about serving as coordinator, please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE ~ NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

The Parish Council serves as the main consultative body of the parish to aid the pastor in the planning, guiding and administration of the parish. The main purpose of Parish Council is to collaborate with the pastor in promoting the Gospel message of Christ. The make-up of the Council consists of Parish Ministry Representatives, At-Large Members and Appointed Members. Parish Ministry Representatives are elected or chosen from parish ministries and organizations. These include: Parish Life Committee, Liturgy Committee, Finance Committee, Women's Guild, Religious Education, Youth Ministry and Knights of Columbus. At-Large members represent the parish community. Any registered, confirmed, active member of the parish is eligible to serve. Appointed members are chosen by the Pastor. At this time we are seeking **two At-Large members for the Council**. If you are interested in being considered, or if you would like to nominate someone, please fill out the form below or submit your name via email (parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org) by September 30. Those nominated will be notified and selection to the council will be by spiritual discernment. Thank you for considering this important ministry in our parish.

PARISH COUNCIL AT-LARGE MEMBER NOMINATION

I would like to submit the following name(s) for nomination to Parish Council

Your Name: _____

~Contact~

Church Office 330-847-8677

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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. & 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.

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