

St. William Parish

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April 26, 2020 ~ Third Sunday of Easter



Sunday Mass from Saint William

Available On-Line next weekend May 2-3

beginning at 5:00 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday!



This weekend we hear one of the more meaningful and imaginative stories of Jesus appearing to his disciples. (*It is also one of my favorites!*). The gospel story of the road to Emmaus is actually an image of our liturgy. On the road, Jesus, the Word of God, interprets the Scriptures for the unwitting disciples. Then, when they arrive at their destination, he becomes the high priest who takes bread, blesses, breaks, and shares it with his companions. The disciples, nourished and empowered by the Word they heard and the bread they shared, rush out to share the good news of Jesus with others. When we participate in the Eucharist we also meet the risen Lord in the word of God and in the breaking of the bread. This encounter with the Lord is meant to make our own hearts burn with the joy and love of the gospel.



As we continue to cope with the present circumstances we might think that we are on the road to Emmaus as well. Just as the despairing disciples yearned to know the meaning of the events that took place in Jerusalem and what it all meant for them; we are also yearning to understand all that is taking place and what this is all going to mean for us. At the same time, we also desire a return to life, to our parish and most especially to Mass and Eucharist! The good news is that, just as the disciples recognized the Lord in the breaking of the bread as their hearts "*were burning within them,*" so too, one day soon we will return to celebrate Eucharist with one another. In the meantime, our homes have become our Church. While Christ cannot be sacramentally present with us right now, we know that he is present in his Word proclaimed and when we gather in prayer. Let us remain hopeful that this "road we now journey" will soon come to an end and when it does we will joyfully recognize and celebrate the presence of the Lord in each other, in the Eucharist and in our parish home!

This weekend would have been our last weekend of PSR and our First Communion day for our second grade students. Unfortunately these events along with others have had to be canceled or postponed for the time being. However much of our parish life continues through some creative and innovative online ideas. I hope you will take advantage of these many opportunities that provide spiritual guidance, prayer, fun, and relief from these unusual circumstances. Remember to check the parish website and our Facebook page frequently for updates, additions and new ways to be "Church" to one another in this unusual time!

Have a Good Week and Stay Safe!
Fr. Balash

WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE...

Many thanks to all who continue mail, drop off, or use myEoffering to make their current weekly contribution. Your response in these unusual circumstances has been overwhelming and most generous. I very much appreciate and am grateful for your support in helping us to meet our financial obligations.

THANK YOU!
Fr. Balash

With limited office hours, if you plan to drop off your offering, you can place it in the mailbox at the main entrance. It is checked daily at 12:00noon, 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ April 19, 2020 (WK 41)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 6,182.46*	\$ 302,014.60*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 298,200.00
Difference	\$ (917.54)	\$ 3,814.60
Performance	87%	101%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 542.46 LAST WK — \$ 28,902.15 YTD
Envelopes ~ 135 out of 552
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 4.00 (3 out of 62)
Holy Land/Good Friday Collection ~ \$1,171.70
Easter Collection ~ \$6,666.55

Pot-of-Gold: #140 drawn on 4/22/20.
No Winner: \$121.00

SPECIAL PRAYER EVENT FOR THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

Join Archbishop Jose Gomez, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, in prayer as our nation is reconsecrated to the protection of the Blessed Mother under the title, Mary, Mother of the Church for the continued protection of the vulnerable, healing of the unwell, and safety to those who work to cure and care for the sick. This special event will take place on **Friday, May 1, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.** local time and will coincide with Canadian Catholic Bishops doing the same for Canada. Check our parish website for upcoming information on how to view this event on-line and join in prayer.



For more information, please visit:
<http://usccb.org/news/2020/20-65.cfm>

For additional information and a link to the Facebook feed: <https://lacatholics.org/consecration/>

A liturgy guide will be available to assist the faithful who may join in by tuning into the USCCB's social media platforms: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)

Scripture that will be proclaimed THIS WEEKEND
or visit www.usccb.org for the Readings

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Acts 2: 14, 22-33

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "You who are Jews, Jerusalem ...

1 Peter 1: 17-21

Beloved: If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially according to each one's works ...

Luke 24: 13-35

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem ...

SUNDAY MASS FROM ST. WILLIAM NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday Mass from St. William will be available on-line next weekend May 2-3 beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and all day Sunday.



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.

ST. WILLIAM SCAVENGER HUNT BY CAR

SUNDAY, MAY 3 2:00 P.M. ~ 4:00 P.M.



FAMILY FUN from the CAR SCAVENGER HUNT

Be part of a “Scavenger Hunt” without getting out of the car! Figure out the clues and take a picture of the magic “X” at various locations. Solve the puzzle! Submit your pictures! Be entered to WIN a PRIZE!

Directions and Clues can be found on the Parish website at: <http://www.stwilliamchampion.org> and click on **Scavenger Hunt**

Online Mass


Daily Mass is available at www.CatholicTV.org

LIVE-STREAM MASS FROM ST. COLUMBA EVERY SUNDAY

Every Sunday Mass is live-streamed for from Saint Columba Cathedral at 10:30 a.m. on WFMJ-TV's website. Go to www.wfmj.com and click on “Weekly Faith Services.”

myEoffering?

PARTICIPANTS INCREASE

 Many thanks to those who have recently signed up for myEoffering! There has been an increase in parishioners taking advantage of this opportunity. This is an easy and convenient way to remain current on your weekly offerings. Electronic giving is safe and secure. Sign up for myEoffering today! Follow the easy sign-up registration and instruction steps found on the parish website: www.stwilliamchampion.org to establish your account. Questions??? Call the Parish Office.

“SHEPHERDING ONE ANOTHER”

Our “shepherds” continue to reach out to all of you as we continue to cope with circumstances of the pandemic. They have volunteered to be your “contact” with the parish to provide updates and information about parish happenings and to also make sure everyone is doing OK in these unusual circumstances. These courtesy phone calls are just another way to stay in touch as we physically distance!!

†† RECENT DEATH ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Michael Abenate

Brother-in-Law of Pat Maciejewski & Theresa Weeks

John Burns

Brother of Peg Poponak

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

PARISH APP

SEEING MORE ACTIVITY...

Missing out on news, updates and information? Put your smartphone to good use and sign up for our Parish APP. It's FREE and EASY! Simply text **APP** to **88202** to download **myParish APP**. Select our parish and follow the easy instructions or visit our website for more information. During this time it is important to stay connected. Circumstances change daily and the **BEST** way to stay in touch, get news, and keep you informed is through the Parish APP. Questions??? Call the Parish Office.



A PRAYER FOR ALL OF US DURING THIS TIME

by Pat Maciejewski

Lord, God,
creator of all good things,
help us in these days of concern and unrest,
of the unknown and maybe even panic.
Be with all medical personnel,
and all in charge of keeping us safe and calm.

We trust in you, O Lord,
to give us the strength and courage,
words and actions,
that we might need in the days and weeks ahead.

Keep us prudent in caring for ourselves,
our loved ones, and all others,
We implore you, O God, to send
your healing and spirit into the whole world.
Remain with us, grant us peace.

AMEN



MARIAN DEVOTION

Although we had to cancel the Marian Devotion banquet this year, the Women's Guild would still like to honor Mary by putting together a slideshow of statues and/or pictures of the Blessed Virgin Mary in and around your home. If you have a statue or picture of the Blessed Mary in your home please take a picture of it and email it to Theresa Craiger at tcraiger@stwilliamchampion.org or text it to 330-442-1024. Pictures need to be sent no later than Wednesday, April 29.



2020 BISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE

Many thanks to all who have contributed and donated to this year's Bishop's Appeal to assist Catholic Charities in caring for the poor and vulnerable. This important effort will be all the more vital in the days and months to come as more people turn to Catholic Charities for assistance. To date 208 out of 561 parishioners have responded donating \$35,129.00. This represents 38%. If you have not yet responded, look for a follow-up mailing soon that will provide an opportunity to make a donation to this year's Bishop's Appeal.



THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION...

Remember that the Church building remains closed and it is asked that no one enter the building without checking at the office first. The Parish Office is open on Monday and Friday ONLY from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, however you are encouraged to conduct any business by phone or mail. The office door handles and other surfaces are sanitized often for your safety. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

OHIO BISHOPS EXTEND SUSPENSION OF MASS

Following the "Stay at Home Order" the Bishops of Ohio have extended the temporary suspension of all Masses and liturgies through **Sunday, May 3, 2020**. All are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass during this period and are encouraged to view Mass on television or on-line.

St. Wil I iam Youth Ministry Fundraiser

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE

Pick Up In Parish Parking Lot Thursday, May 7, 2020

2:00pm—6:00pm



Orders must be submitted VIA EMAIL by Monday, April 27, 2020

Make Checks Payable to: St. Wil I iam Parish

HANGING BASKETS PROVIDED BY BERNARD'S GARDEN CENTER

1. Complete this order form and email it to tmccue@stwilliamchampion.org
2. **CURB SIDE PICK UP**—when you arrive to pick up your order—please remain in your car

~ roll down your window and drop payment in the basket ~ pop your trunk ~ Tina will load your flowers

Please contact Tina McCue at 330.883.2044 with any questions

10" Hanging Basket	Pink	Purple	Mix	Salmon	White	Red	Yellow	Total Qty	Each	Total Cost
PETUNIA				n/a					\$ 16.00	
CALIBRACHOA	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		\$ 16.00	
GERANIUM			n/a				n/a		\$ 17.00	
BEGONIA		n/a	n/a						\$ 17.00	
DRAGON WING BEGONIA		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a		\$ 17.00	
FUSCHIA		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		\$ 17.00	
BOSTON FERN	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		\$ 17.00	
TOTAL										\$

n/a indicates the type of flower is not available in that particular color