

St. William Parish

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February 21, 2021 ~ First Sunday of Lent



“May your presence be felt in the whisper of your voice!”

Every year on the First Sunday of Lent, the gospel proclaimed is the wilderness temptation of Jesus. Temptations can be difficult to avoid! Even the Lord's Prayer concludes with the exhortation to *“lead us not into temptation.”* Jesus endures his time in the desert, facing the temptations of humanity, in order to model for us the way we should live as we experience similar circumstances. As believers, we strive to imitate Christ, yet sometimes this might seem impossible. How we emulate the divine in each one of us is our constant challenge. Jesus shows us the way by living and struggling with his own humanity; much in the same way we do, so that the divine might shine forth. Our liturgical year offers us the rhythms for living our life of faith. Each year we are blessed with the season of Lent that beckons us to reflect on the struggle of human weakness and become aware of our divine care. We are invited to take up the practices of prayer, sacrifice, and almsgiving to bring us back into a right relationship with God and one another. This holy season is a time for all of us to examine and reflect upon our lives and to see where we might need improvement and growth as we anticipate celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord and our resurrection as well. This Lent we are given the opportunity to accept Jesus's invitation to *“repent and believe in the gospel.”* This invitation echoes our parish theme of *“mending our hearts...a new kind of hope.”* As we begin this Lenten season, let us ask for God's grace to sustain us and for pardon and mercy for the times we have given into temptations. In doing so, may our hearts be mended so that we can offer a new kind of hope that brings us back to the message and mission of the gospel.



Have a good week! ~ Fr. Balash

~ February 21-28, 2021 ~
First Sunday in Lent

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Sat 5:00 p.m. † RUTH & JOHN Y'BARBO/ Helen Snyder
Sun 8:30 a.m. † STEVE MILLIK/ Millik Family
11:00 a.m. † JUDY WOLFE/ Jerry & Marilyn Kolar

Mon † NO SERVICE
Tues 8:30 a.m. † DAVID MENDIK/ Makosky Family
Wed 8:30 a.m. † BINA LARSON/ Dom & Sue Iarocci
Thur 8:30 a.m. † JANE & WALT MAYHEW/ Ann Coursen
Fri 8:30 a.m. † DAVID BAILEY/ Elizabeth Carson

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

Sat 5:00 p.m. † BARB BRDEK/ St. William Women's Guild
Sun 8:30 a.m. † IDA MAE SWITTER/ Helen Snyder
11:00 a.m. † THE NEWLY CONFIRMED/ Confirmation Team

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ February 28, 2021 ~
Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 22: 1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac..."

Romans 8: 31-34

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son ...

Mark 9: 2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves ...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

February 27/28, 2021

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Ruth Bubba
8:30 a.m. Woody Pealer, Sandy Frantz
11:00 a.m. Nathan Goldner, Alexa Szykulski

Servers

5:00 p.m. John Barco
8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale
11:00 a.m. _____

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Carla Gilronan, Donna Runtas
8:30 a.m. _____
11:00 a.m. Carol Timko, Sandy Hudak



Sign-Up In
Vestibule

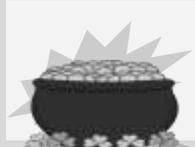
OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ February 14, 2021 (WK 33)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,838.00*	\$ 239,949.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 234,300.00
Difference	\$ 738.00	\$ 5,241.00
Performance	110%	102%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 988.00 LAST WK — \$ 33,421.00 YTD
Envelopes ~ 175 out of 536
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 3.25 (2 out of 45)

POT-OF-GOLD

#311 drawn on 2/17/2021
!!Winner!! Jeffrey Nelson
Amount: \$289.00



2021 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL
for Catholic Charities and Church



This weekend we are being called upon to support the work of our Lord Jesus made possible through the Annual Bishop's Appeal. As followers of Jesus, we make sacrifices that will bring His love and hope to the less fortunate served by Catholic Charities. Our support also enables our Church to provide programs which meet the pastoral needs of the diocese and enhance Jesus' mission in our time and place.

Each day in Trumbull County people who are hungry look for food; people who are homeless look for shelter; and people who feel forgotten look for care and compassion. Catholic Charities provides help and creates hope for thousands of individuals and families each year. Your support to the Annual Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church makes this possible. Here is how your donation to Catholic Charities is used:

- ♦ 43% is dedicated basic needs assistance;
- ♦ 20% is dedicated to services for older adults;
- ♦ 18% is dedicated to social, educational and support services;
- ♦ 9% is dedicated to homeless outreach and prevention services
- ♦ 10% is dedicated to administration

The Bishop's Appeal is the primary funding source for Catholic Charities in our six-county diocese. During the pandemic there has been an ever-increasing number of people coming to Catholic Charities for help. Every parishioner is being asked to prayerfully make a gift to this year's Appeal. Please submit your response directly to the Diocese or by dropping it off in the collection basket at the parish and help us reach our parish goal of \$43,500.00.

Check the parish website from time to time for information about what is happening at the parish...

www.stwilliamchampion.org

WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS
First Sunday of Lent

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God" - Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

FISH DINNERS UPDATE!

~444 Dinners Sold on February 12
~50/50 Winner: MARY KLASS -- \$224.50
This year "Drive-Thru Carry Out ONLY!"

\$12.00 Dinners INCLUDE:

~Choice of baked or fried fish (2 pieces)
~Three Sides: French Fries and Coleslaw and Macaroni & Cheese / Haluski (on alternate weeks)

~Tartar Sauce and Surprise Dessert

Drive Thru: Place Orders near the kitchen entrance...pick-up at the entrance of the church

50/50 Drawing: Tickets will be available for purchase between the Ordering and Pick-Up stations \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS OF THE WEEK

Lazy B Trailer Sales ~ <http://lazybtrailers.com>
O'Rourke Electric ~ 330/372-5366

MENDING OUR HEARTS A New Kind of Hope

You are reminded to put your weekly need or intention in the jar near the baptismal font that will cause you to "mend your heart" or offer a "new kind of hope" for the coming week. There are cards and pens in the vestibule for you to write your intention or you can bring it from home.



2020 CONTRIBUTION TAX STATEMENTS

If you are in need of a copy of your 2020 Contributions for itemizing deductions on your tax return, please contact the Parish Office at 330/847-8677.

BULLETINS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you know of a parishioner who is homebound or in a nursing home or assisted living and would like to receive a weekly bulletin, please notify the office with their name and address.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

A full-time maintenance position at Saint William will be available beginning in May 2021 due to the upcoming retirement of Ross Lenhart. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, maintenance of physical property, grounds keeping, and event and parish activities setup. Some responsibilities require physical ability and labor. Salary and benefits negotiable. Interested parties are asked to contact the parish office for a job description, employment application, and to submit a resume. **Deadline to submit an application is February 26, 2021.**

THE PARISH CALENDAR

Feb 23 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Feb 24 ~ Folk Group Practice 7:00 p.m.
Feb 24 ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
Feb 26 ~ Fish Dinner #3
Feb 27 ~ Rene's Closet 9:00 a.m.
Feb 27 ~ Adult Choir 5:00 p.m.
Feb 27 ~ New Member Luncheon 6:00 p.m.
Feb 28 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.
Feb 28 ~ Confirmation 11:00 a.m.
Feb 28 ~ Folk Group 11:00 a.m.

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Social: 6:00 p.m.

Meeting: 6:30 p.m.



Come join the fun of "A Very Merry Unbirthday Celebration!" If you would like to participate in the celebration after the business meeting, bring a wrapped gift worth approximately \$10.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #7491

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.



CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH The Catholic Exponent

February is Catholic Press Month! The Catholic Exponent remains an important source of adult faith formation for our diocese. More than 25,000 homes already receive the Exponent. Through its coverage of local, national, and world-wide events and news, the Exponent remains a fundamental resource for Catholics. Interested in subscribing??? Call the Parish Office.



Food Pantry

In an effort to keep our food pantry stocked with the items "most needed," we are starting our target item of the week again. We will list an item or items needed and would greatly appreciate a donation of that item the following week. Of course, we will gladly accept any and all donations to our pantry. *This week's target items are paper products such as: single roll or 4-pk toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, individual pack tissues, brown lunch bags, single roll paper towels, baby wipes, antiseptic wipes, etc.* Thank you for your support.

“GIVE UPS” FOR LENT

~Author Unknown~

GIVE UP COMPLAINING - FOCUS ON GRATITUDE

Philippians 2:14-15 – Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 – Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Jesus Christ.

GIVE UP BITTERNESS - TURN TO FORGIVENESS

Ephesians 4:31 – Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

Ephesians 4:32 – Be kind and compassionate to one another forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

GIVE UP WORRY - TRUST IN GOD

Matthew 6:25 – “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, who by worrying can add a single hour to his life?”

Matthew 6:33 – But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

GIVE UP DISCOURAGEMENT - BE FULL OF HOPE

Deuteronomy 31:8 – The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you: he will never leave you or forsake you.

Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

Isaiah 40:31 – But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

GIVE UP HATRED - RETURN GOOD FOR EVIL

1 John 2:9 – Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness.

Luke 6:27 – “But I tell you who hear me; Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.”

GIVE UP ANGER - BE MORE PATIENT

Matthew 5:22 – But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment.

Proverbs 15:18 – A hot tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.

GIVE UP GOSSIPING - CONTROL YOUR TONGUE

Psalms 34:13 – Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies.

Proverbs 21:23 – He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from calamity.

MASS INTENTIONS NOT ONLY FOR THE DECEASED

Have you ever thought of memorializing a special event – birthday, anniversary, or any other special happening? Mass intentions are not limited to only remembering loved ones who have passed away; they can also be offered to commemorate a special event such as a birthday, anniversary or other special moments. In addition, Mass can also be offered for other causes as well – the sick, lonely, unemployed, less fortunate etc. We are currently in need of Mass Intentions for upcoming weekday Masses during the summer. Please contact the parish office or drop your requests in the collection basket. If you are remembering a special event please be sure to include that with your request. The customary offering is \$10.00 for each intention.

~Contact~

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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. & 11:00 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