

St. William Parish

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February 28, 2021 ~ Second Sunday of Lent



“Shall we journey with you and share your paschal road?”

We continue on this Second Sunday of Lent with the story of the Transfiguration of Christ. Our Lenten theme *“mending our heart...a new kind of hope”* is reflected in today’s reading. Peter, James, and John are given a glimpse of what is to come in the resurrection as Jesus appears before them with his face shining like the sun and clothes as white as light. This is a peak moment in the lives of his disciples who are present for this event. Peak experiences do not come often and they do not last, but they can be a touchstone to which we may return often through memories. The birth of a child; falling in love; a special day; or an encounter in nature; may all be peak experiences we want to preserve, remember and cherish. Perhaps like Peter we may even want to *“build a tent”* to memorialize this event. Today’s gospel story is meant to motivate us to continue our Lenten journey as we keep looking for God’s presence amid the storms and sin of daily life. Our Lenten journey will lead us to the foot of the cross and then on to the joy of the empty tomb and the waters of baptism that bring us to new birth and a life in Christ that will never end. The disciples today are offered a new kind of hope as they, like Jesus, are transfigured in their belief and faith. May the repentance and forgiveness we seek this Lent transfigure us as we mend our hearts and lead us to a new hope in our faith and one another.

This weekend we continue the 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 in the coming weeks towards our parish goal. Thank you for your kindness and generosity to this important and vital part of the mission and ministry of the Church.

Finally, this weekend we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with the young people of our parish. Originally they were to receive this sacrament at the Cathedral this weekend, however due to the ongoing circumstances of the pandemic, Bishop Bonnar has delegated pastors to minister this sacrament at the parish. It is truly an honor to be able to celebrate this sacrament with the young people of our parish this weekend.



Have a good week! ~ Fr. Balash

~ February 28 - March 7, 2021 ~
Second Sunday in Lent

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
Mon † **NO SERVICE**
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **DON LESH**/ Clementine LaPorta
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **ROSCOE GAUTSCHI**/ Knight of Columbus
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **TOMMY CHURA**/ Ron & Donna Runtas
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **MICHAEL BALASH**/ Dana Balash

MARCH 7, 2021

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **MAUREEN THUMAN**/ Kochunas Family
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **DANIEL VALIMONT**/ Claudia Valimont
11:00 a.m. † **FRANCIS THEIS**/ Mary Pytlík

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ March 7, 2021 ~

Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20: 1-17

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt ...

1 Corinthians 1: 22-25

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified ...

John 2: 13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

March 6/7, 2021

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Theresa Petrosky
8:30 a.m. Christine DePascale, Rachel Zigarovich
11:00 a.m. _____, _____

Servers

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

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Carla Gilronan, Bob Mintus
8:30 a.m. Carole Baniak, Bob Mintus
11:00 a.m. Jeanette Jaskiewicz, Bob Mintus

Sign-Up In
Vestibule



CONGRATULATIONS!

This weekend at 11:00 a.m. Mass we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation of our young parishioners and their families. This ceremony was to take place at Saint Columba Cathedral this weekend however due to space limitations, Bishop Bonnar has delegated pastors to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this year at their parish. We congratulate the following young people, their sponsor and family on this happy occasion.



Nathan Goldner Joseph Kusmierek
Dominic VanNiel Alexa Szykulski
Kate Wineland

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.

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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS
Second Sunday of Lent

"Here I am!" he answered." - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ February 21, 2021 (WK 34)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,861.00*	\$ 247,810.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 241,400.00
Difference	\$ 761.00	\$ 6,410.00
Performance	111%	103%

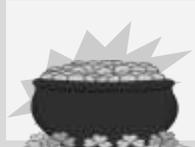
*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 743.00 LAST WK — \$ 34,164.00 YTD
Envelopes ~ 189 out of 536
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 14.25 (13 out of 45)

POT-OF-GOLD

#404 drawn on 2/24/2021

!!No Winner!!

Amount: \$149.00



†† RECENT DEATH ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Stanley Rolf

Brother-in-law of Pam Dillon

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

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.

FISH DINNERS UPDATE!

~592 Dinners Sold on February 19
~50/50 Winner: Yvonne Vastag -- \$311.50
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

Emerine's Towing ~<http://emerinestowinginc.com>
Sparkle Market ~ <https://www.sparklemarkets.com/>

THE PARISH CALENDAR

- Mar 2 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
- Mar 2 ~ Cantor Practice 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 3 ~ Women's Guild 6:00 p.m.
- Mar 3 ~ Knights of Columbus 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 4 ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 5 ~ Fish Dinner #4
- Mar 7 ~ Confirmation Breakfast 9:30 a.m.
- Mar 7 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.
- Mar 7 ~ K of C Corp Communion 11:00 a.m.
- Mar 7 ~ Youth Ministry 12:00 p.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 hygiene products: toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, feminine products, etc.* Thank you for your support.

ATTENTION!!

Registration Open for Walsh University Physical Therapy Community Clinics

Register now for one of Walsh University's Physical Therapy Community Clinic on April 14, April 15 and April 16. Participants must be 14 years or older (anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian). Sessions are open to the public and are offered at no charge. **Registration is required.** Performed by the dedicated students in the Walsh Doctoral Physical Therapy program and supervised by licensed Physical Therapists, this annual physical therapy examination will include a movement system screen, health screening, posture assessment, balance and fall prevention assessment, individualized home exercise program and referrals to other health care professionals, if needed. Clinics will be held at Walsh University with Telehealth and in-person appointments available.



Register for your one-hour assessment by calling 330.490.7566, or visit our website at www.walsh.edu/dptclinic.

For your safety, social distancing policies, such as isolated rooms, will be in place. Masks required according to CDC guidelines. In-car COVID-19 screenings will be performed by Walsh nursing students before participants enter the building.

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.

St. William Parish Community Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

e-Mail Address: _____

Check One:

- I am interested in membership, please send registration form
- Moving out of the parish
- Change of address / phone number

Drop this form in the collection basket, USPS mail, or send us an email!

~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