

St. William Parish

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August 16, 2020 ~ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Sing a joyful song to the Lord!”

In today’s gospel story, a Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and asks for his mercy, not for her but for her daughter. It was easy to look down on a Canaanite as they were not considered part of God’s chosen people. And that is exactly what happens! Jesus’ behavior, like that of the disciples, can seem a bit shocking. He initially refuses to acknowledge her and the disciples seek to have her dismissed. Jesus finally does speak, only to say that he was “sent only to the lost sheep of Israel,” indicating that he was not sent for her or her suffering daughter. Even so, the woman persists not backing away until Jesus relents and with a word her daughter is healed. This passage can be difficult to reconcile with the Jesus we know from the rest of the Scriptures. Perhaps at the outset, we find it startling that Jesus would refuse someone who is begging for healing. Yet the woman’s persistence leads Jesus to not only heal her daughter but to exclaim “O woman, great is your faith!” The lessons of this reading are numerous. No longer is God’s chosen people limited to one group. Instead, by what God has done in Christ, all are chosen and called to be children of God! Furthermore, the “faith” of the woman resulted in the healing of her daughter. Perhaps we might ask ourselves how great is our faith? Would we remain just persistent as the woman if faced with similar circumstances? In a very real sense, our faith --the strength and depth of it-- is certainly being tested these days as we continue to be challenged in all aspects of life. Given all that we have dealt with over the past months it would be easy to give up,

however just like the woman in today’s story, we continue to be called to remain resilient, strong, and determined so that Jesus will also proclaim to us...*great is your faith!*

With summer winding down, we are beginning to look towards the resumption of many of the groups and activities that have been on hiatus over the past few months. The parish staff is currently discussing how this all might happen given the ever-present challenges we continue to deal with. The safety and well-being of everyone remains at the forefront of our planning and protocols. This may result in some meetings being held virtually on-line while others may be held in-person. As soon as we finalize plans they will be passed on. Be sure to check our parish website often and the weekly bulletin for further information. Until then continue to enjoy these last few days of summer!

One very important and significant program is RCIA – the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The RCIA is a process that provides an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith and the Church for those who are interested. If you know of anyone who has ever expressed a desire to learn more about the Catholic faith, please extend an invitation for them to join us. RCIA explores possibilities with no commitment, no obligation or pressure. Rather, it provides an opportunity to search and discover God’s path in our life. If you are interested or know of someone who would benefit from exploring RCIA, please call the parish office.



Enjoy the week! ~ Fr. Balash

~ August 16-23, 2020 ~

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 16, 2020

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **LOUIS & CATHERINE CHURA**/ Ron & Donna Runtas
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **SUSAN M. TIMKO**/ Greg & Margaret Foster
10:30 a.m. † **RICHARD WOLFE**/ Wolfe Family

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **NO SERVICE**
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **RON SPRAGUE**/ Mo & Skip Thuman
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **WILLIAM CUPP, SR.**/ Mary Pytlík
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **ELLA LUHANEY**/ Joanne Luhaney
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **MARY ANN PREBONICK**/ SND Associates

AUGUST 24, 2020

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **SHELLY ROGERS**/ Liz Dunlap
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **DARLENE MARANDO**/ Anthony Marando
10:30 a.m. † **JOHN & ROSE MAKOSKY**/ Makosky Family

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ August 23, 2020 ~

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22: 19-23

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace: "I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station ..."

Romans 11: 33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways ...

Matthew 16: 13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is? ..."

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

August 22/23, 2020

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Ruth Bubba, Donna J. Runtas
8:30 a.m. Rachel Zigarovich, _____
10:30 a.m. Cathy Poponak, _____

Servers

5:00 p.m. Therese Tuttle
8:30 a.m. Olivia Zigarovich
10:30 a.m. Brian Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Gloria Karafa, _____
8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale, Pam Kuebler
10:30 a.m. _____, _____

**Sign-Up In
Vestibule**



DISPENSATION TO ATTEND MASS CONTINUES

In light of the current health circumstance, the temporary dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for all Catholic faithful within the Diocese of Youngstown especially for those who are sick, or at high risk of becoming sick remains. Anyone who is symptomatic or who has been exposed to another with the virus within 14 days should not attend Mass in accordance with national, state and local health directives. Live-stream Mass from St. William will be provided every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for the time being. Access is available through the parish website: www.stwilliamchampion.org or on the parish Facebook.

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 finding your seat, 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.

LITURGICAL MINISTER UPDATE

For the time being, liturgical ministers needed for Mass can sign up in the vestibule. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

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

SUMMER GOES SO QUICKLY!!!

Just a reminder: **Sunday, September 6** is the LAST Sunday for our summer Mass schedule. 11:00 a.m. Mass returns beginning Sunday, September 13th.

LIVE-STREAM MASS AND WORSHIP AID

10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass will be live-streamed each week for the time being. The worship aid used during Mass is available on-line to use at home while attending Mass and can be found on the Sunday Mass and the News/Events pages on the website. It is a PDF file for you to download and print. Access is available through Facebook or the parish website: www.stwilliamchampion.org

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ August 9, 2020 (WK 6)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 6,989.00*	\$ 43,333.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 42,600.00
Difference	\$ (111.00)	\$ 733.00
Performance	98%	102%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 1,153.00 LAST WK — \$ 7,127.00 YTD
Envelopes ~ 187 out of 549
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 4.00 (3 out of 62)

POT-OF-GOLD
#245 drawn on 8/12/20
!!No Winner!!
Amount: \$317.00



CHURCH CARPETING

The new carpeting for the Church will be installed beginning on Monday, August 24th and the new flooring for the vestibule will be installed beginning on Monday, August 31st. During this time access to the building will be limited. Help will be needed on Sunday, August 23 immediately after 10:30 a.m. Mass to remove all the chairs from the Church and other furniture. Help will also be needed one night later in the week to return the chairs. Many thanks to all who have signed-up to help!

MUSIC MINISTRY

Attention all cantors! Rehearsal for the fall music schedule is Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00 p.m. Please bring your own breaking bread, R & A book, and your music folder. We will observe social distancing and please wear a face covering. Thank you for your continued service and ministry at this most unusual time.



WOMEN'S GUILD LOTTERY BASKET

Women's Guild is putting together a "Lottery Basket" for their upcoming Basket Raffle. Please consider donating new lottery tickets to be used for a "Lottery Basket." Lottery tickets can be placed in a basket in the vestibule after every Mass the weekend of August 23 and August 30. You can also drop off lottery tickets at the parish office during office hours. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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. If you know of someone....a spouse, family member, friend, relative that has...

- ...been worshipping with us but never officially took the step to become Catholic?
- ...been away from the Church...and now have returned but want to know more?
- ...yet to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or Eucharist?
- ...joined us from a different background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

If any of the above applies to you, or if you know of anyone who could answer YES to any of these questions please invite them to consider joining the RCIA journey of faith. Interested in learning more? Please contact Fr. Balash at the Parish Office

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #7491



Next Meeting:

Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting will be held outdoors.
Please bring a lawn chair!

WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting:

September 2, 2020
Social at 6:00 p.m.
Business Meeting at 6:30 p.m.



WOMEN'S GUILD UPDATE

The Women's Guild officers and chairpersons met recently to discuss and plan the 2020-2021 year with the understanding that changes or cancelations may occur. Meetings or events that do take place will be done so with necessary safety measures. We want everyone to feel safe in the church environment and seeing you back in the 'swing of things' when you feel comfortable. We kick off the 2020-2021 year with a 'Basket Raffle' and our September 2 'Wine and Cheese Social' meeting.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

- ◆ We are anticipating having PSR classes this year. Currently we are exploring various options and models that we might use to ensure the safety of our children and catechists. As soon as our plans are finalized information will be sent to all families.
- ◆ We are currently looking for a catechist/teacher for the upcoming year. If you are interested or have questions please contact Carol Timko.
- ◆ Our current 8th grade PSR class will be preparing for the celebration of Confirmation this coming year. Currently we are working on plans for the Confirmation sessions. As soon as things are finalized information will be sent to parents of our 8th grade candidates.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS/EVENTS

We are hoping to resume some parish meetings and activities in the coming weeks. Most parish organizations and groups are welcome to consider resuming activities and meetings. Events and activities of a larger group scale will not be resuming at the present time. Meetings and activities can be held in-person or virtually depending on circumstances. In-person gatherings will follow current health guidelines including the wearing of face-coverings, physical distancing, and proper sanitization procedures.

JOIN THE PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Anyone interested in joining our group of parishioners dedicated to praying for the intentions and concerns of our church family, friends, and community, can do so by contacting the parish office at 330-847-8677 or by emailing parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org. Prayer requests can be made by calling or emailing the parish office.

POP TABS

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



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. & 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