

St. William Parish

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December 13, 2020 ~ Third Sunday of Advent



“Be near, hear our prayer, O God!”

“Now Is the Time”

As we mark the Third Sunday of Advent this weekend we reach the halfway point of our season with less than two weeks left before Christmas. The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as *GAUDETE* (*gow-da-tay*) *Sunday* – a Latin term meaning “*Rejoice!*” This year we “*rejoice*” at the goodness of God even in the midst of the pandemic. There is reason to celebrate and be hopeful with the good news of a vaccine and the coming of the Lord into our midst during this holy and blessed season. We rejoice also because we hear of the coming of the Kingdom in our Gospel reading today. The story of our salvation and the coming of our Savior continues with the actions, words, and appearance of John the Baptist. In John the Baptist we find the ultimate prophet. He points to Jesus in all that he says and does. Today’s gospel tells us that John the Baptist was born into the world for the singular purpose “*to testify to the light.*” And not just any light, but --the light of the human race-- the light that shines in the darkness that can never be overpowered. At times we may feel as if there is plenty of darkness to be encountered

these days: poverty, war, violence, hatred, greed, evil, and now the presence of the pandemic. It is easy to become discouraged and disillusioned. However, as believers, we could say that we have all been born into the world with the same vocation as John the Baptist: to testify to the light and to give hope by fully living our belief in and relationship with Jesus Christ. This is the source of our gladness and the reason Saint Paul urges us to “*rejoice always!*” As the feast of Christmas draws near, we might pause to ask how are we living our vocation to joy these days? How are we being called, at this moment, to testify to the light that no darkness can overcome? As we continue to cope and deal with these unusual circumstances may we never lose sight, strength, and the courage to be a beacon of light to others! For *now is the time* for all of us to share our resolve with one another and to be the voice crying out in the desert! As we journey toward Christmas may we always remember the life of Jesus and the kingdom of God in our words and actions especially in these coming days.



Have a good week! ~ Fr. Balash

~ December 13-20, 2020 ~
Third Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 13, 2020

Sat 5:00 p.m. † ANN NAPPI/ Cindy Nappi Piras
Sun 8:30 a.m. † VERONICA EVANS/ White Family
11:00 a.m. † MARY TOMBOR/ Steve Tombor

Mon † NO SERVICE
Tues 8:30 a.m. † STEVE KREJEI/ Sylvia Kuna
Wed 8:30 a.m. † RICHARD MILLER/ Mary Pytlík
Thur 8:30 a.m. † MARUEEN THUMAN/ St. William Women's Guild
Fri 8:30 a.m. † JUDY WOLFE/ Sandy & Chuck Hudak

DECEMBER 20, 2020

Sat 5:00 p.m. † FRANK BARCO/ Brian & Andrea Kochunas
Sun 8:30 a.m. † LEROY & FLORENCE WILSON/ Hysen Sait
11:00 a.m. † SANDRA MACKEY/ Maria Butcher

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ December 20, 2020 ~
Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side...

Romans 16: 25-27

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ ...

Luke 1: 26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed ...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

December 19/20, 2020

Lectors

5:00 p.m. _____,
8:30 a.m. Melanie Shoaf, _____
11:00 a.m. _____,

Servers

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

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. _____, Bob Mintus
8:30 a.m. Gloria Mintus, Bob Mintus
11:00 a.m. Sandy Hudak, Bob Mintus

**Sign-Up In
Vestibule**



**CONGRATULATIONS
CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE WINNERS!!!!**

December 6: Keith Bowser
December 8: Judy Franek
December 10: Bill Manusakis



**THE WINNING CONTINUES THIS WEEK
and the GRAND PRIZE DRAWING IS
SUNDAY DECEMBER 20!**

2021 PARISH CALENDARS

2021 Parish Calendars are available after Mass this weekend. Many thanks to Mr. Peter Rossi, Jr. of Peter Rossi and Son Funeral Home for providing our parish calendars this year.

CAR-O-LING SUCCESS!

Hats off to the Women's Guild and Youth Ministry for the wonderful and delicious "Car-o-ling" event last Sunday! It was a great time to spread some of the Christmas spirit in light of the pandemic and challenges we face. Special thanks to Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to lead us in our "car-o-ling singing!" A big thank you to Youth Ministry and parents for delivering meals to those unable to attend.



FISH DINNER NEWS!

Our Fish Dinners are tentatively scheduled to begin on Friday, February 12, 2021. This year the dinners will be DRIVE-THRU carry out only. The Fish Dinner Committee is continuing to meet to work out details and particulars to insure an efficient and smooth process for ordering, purchasing, and receiving Fish Dinners. The annual Fish Dinner Worker Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. Interested in helping with this year's dinners? Call the Parish Office to get on the list. Safety protocols will be in place for all working at the dinners. **The Fish Dinner Committee meets this Thursday, December 17, at 6:45 p.m.**



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ December 6, 2020 (WK 23)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,883.00*	\$ 166,617.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 163,300.00
Difference	\$ 783.00	\$ 3,317.00
Performance	111%	102%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 773.00 LAST WK — \$ 23,083.00 YTD
Envelopes ~ 188 out of 540
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 4.00 (3 out of 62)

POT-OF-GOLD

#119 drawn on 12/8/2020
!!Winner!! Denise Kufchak
Amount: \$143.00



NEW MEMBERS

Campbell Family
Jim, Therese & AJ

Jacobson Family
Timothy & Bonnie

Welcome to our parish family. May you find warmth and spiritual growth in our parish.



ORDINATION MASS–BISHOP BONNAR

On November 17, 2020, Pope Francis appointed Rev. David J. Bonnar the 6th Bishop of Youngstown. The Mass of Ordination and Installation will be Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Due to limitations imposed by the current pandemic, the number of invitations has been severely restricted. You are invited to watch the ceremony via live-stream on the diocesan website: www.doy.org/media/cathedral beginning at 2:00 p.m. A rebroadcast on ETC-Ecumenical Television is scheduled on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 12:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 8:00 p.m., and on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 12:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 8:00 p.m.



THE PARISH CALENDAR

Dec 14 ~ Christmas Cash Raffle Drawing #10
Dec 15 ~ Cantor Practice 7:00 p.m.
Dec 16 ~ Folk Group 7:00 p.m.
Dec 16 ~ Christmas Cash Raffle Drawing #11
Dec 17 ~ Fish Dinner Committee Meeting 6:45 p.m.
Dec 17 ~ Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.
Dec 18 ~ Christmas Cash Raffle Drawing #12
Dec 20 ~ Christmas Cash Raffle Grand Drawing
Dec 20 ~ PSR (Remote)
Dec 20 ~ Church Christmas Decorating 12:00 Noon

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

2020 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Please note, Wednesday, December 30, 2020 is the last day to make a contribution to the church for the 2020 tax year. All contributions made after December 30 will be credited to the 2021 tax year.

GOLDEN AGERS NEWS

Due to the pandemic, the Golden Agers next meeting will be January 19, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. in room 103. Best wishes to everyone for a healthy and joyous Christmas and a very Happy New Year!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #7491

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.



WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Social at 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting at 6:30 p.m.



CHANGE OF PERSONAL STATUS

Have you changed your telephone number? Has your personal status changed? Please notify the parish office and help us keep our records current.



The pink or rose candle is called the Gaudete candle, from the Latin word meaning "rejoice." The third Sunday of Advent is also known by some as Gaudete Sunday. Having focused on the somber readings of the first two Sundays of Advent about our reliance on God and the need to repent and practice righteousness, the readings on Gaudete Sunday include the promise of healing, freedom, and comfort.

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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE UPDATE

Many thanks to the overwhelming and generous response to our Christmas Giving Tree this year. All but 2 gifts were returned! The gifts were delivered to Salvation Army this past week. Thanks to Diana Kirkwood for taking charge of this important activity. *Thanks to all for your generous and kind response!*

ATTENDING MASS DURING THIS TIME...

- ♦ As the current health circumstances continue, 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.
- ♦ Anyone who is symptomatic, at high risk of becoming sick, or who has been exposed to another with the virus within 14 days should not attend Mass or any other parish function in accordance with national, state and local health directives
- ♦ Face-coverings are to be worn for Mass
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Live-stream Mass is available every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on the parish website and Facebook along with the weekly Worship Aid. www.stwilliamchampion.org
- ♦ For those not attending Mass in person the Act of Spiritual Communion is made when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion at Mass. Directions can be found on the parish website

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Due to the pandemic the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass for Christmas remains, however all are encouraged to mark the Feast of Christmas by attending Mass once over the four day weekend. All masses this weekend will feature Christmas music, festive decorations and scripture readings of the season.

Christmas Weekend ~ Thursday-Sunday December 24-27

Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.
Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 26 – Feast of the Holy Family: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 27 – Feast of the Holy Family: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

New Year Weekend ~ Friday–Sunday January 1-3

Friday January 1 – New Year’s Day 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, January 2 – Feast of Epiphany 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 3 – Feast of Epiphany 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

DROPPING OFF WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Many thanks to all who continue to drop off their weekly contributions to the parish. Your continued support, generosity, and commitment are greatly appreciated. It is kindly asked that if you are dropping off contributions that you **DO NOT USE** the mailbox any longer. Postal regulations do not allow for this. Contribution envelopes can be brought into the parish office during regular hours or they can be sent via regular mail. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

CHRISTMAS YARD SIGN SALE

The Knights of Columbus Champion Council 7491 will hold a “Keep Christ in Christmas” fundraiser. Yard signs are \$10.00 with the theme “Keep Christ in Christmas.” 100% of the profit is distributed to local charities. Sign is 18” x 24”, printed on both sides of waterproof corrugated plastic board and comes with wire stand. Contact Brian McCue.



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