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March 1, 2020 ~ First Sunday of Lent



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CELEBRATING TOGETHER



Parish Ministries

Please call the Parish Office for Mass and Prayer Intentions, Homebound and Hospitalized Ministry, Funerals, The Catholic Exponent, Family Information Changes, New Parishioner Registration and details about any Parish Organization and Ministry.

Celebrating the Sacraments:

Baptism: Call Parish Office to make arrangements.

First Eucharist: Celebrated in the 2nd grade with parents and children participating in preparation program.

Confirmation: Celebrated with the Bishop biannually for 8th graders (or older) who have attended preparation classes.

Reconciliation: Celebrated Saturday at 4:00 p.m. or by appointment. Communal Reconciliation Services are held during Lent and Advent.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office to inform us of anyone who is sick (at home or in the hospital) for visitation and anointing.

Marriage: Couples should contact the Parish Office/Priest before making any arrangements for marriage (at least 6 months in advance). Couples must be registered in the parish and participate in the marriage preparation program.

Holy Orders: For information on religious life, contact Diocese of Youngstown Vocation Office at 330-744-8451.

Christian Formation and Education

Parish School of Religion (PSR)
Sunday Morning Gr. K-8
9:30-10:45 a.m.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):
Sunday Mornings
9:30-10:45 a.m.

Adult and Teen Enrichment Programs:
Offered periodically throughout the year.
Consult the weekly bulletin.

John F. Kennedy Catholic School
www.warrenjfk.com

Lower Campus—Grades K-5
330-372-2375

Upper Campus—Grades 6-12
330-369-1804

Hall Rental/Catering:

Contact the Parish Office for details.

Catholic Charities Regional Agency:

Trumbull County 330-393-4254

Bulletin Deadline: Articles must be submitted to the Parish Office *or emailed to* drobinson@stwilliamchampion.org by Wednesday prior to the weekend they are to appear.

Visit our website at

www.stwilliamchampion.org



CELEBRATION OF THE LITURGY

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Winter - Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Summer - Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays - 8:30 a.m. Tuesday - Friday

Holydays - Check weekly bulletin

Communion Service - Monday 8:30 a.m.

“Lenten Blessings Await”



Temptations can be difficult to avoid! Even the Lord's Prayer concludes with the exhortation to “lead us not into temptation.” In today's gospel we learn that Jesus, himself, faced temptation. It may seem strange that Jesus would be tempted by the devil; however 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 endure similar circumstances. As believers, we strive to imitate Christ, yet sometimes this might seem impossible. How we emulate the divine that is in each one of us is our constant challenge. Jesus shows us the way by living out and struggling with his own humanity; much in the same way we do, so that the divine might shine forth. 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 each other. 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. 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 and lives bring us back to the message and mission of the gospel as we look to celebrate the “*Lenten Blessings that Await.*”

This weekend we congratulate our two catechumens, William McCready and Nicole Ullinsky who celebrate the Rite of Sending at the 8:30 a.m. Mass and the Rite of Election at Saint Columba Cathedral this Sunday afternoon. We continue to hold Bill and Nicole in our prayers and thoughts as they enter this immediate preparation time before receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil this year.

Have a Good Week! Father Balash



~ March 1-8, 2020 ~
First Sunday of Lent

MARCH 1, 2020

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **RON SPRAGUE**/The Kochunas Family
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **MICHAEL BALASH**/ Son
11:00 a.m. † **NOREEN SHAGNOT**/ Denise Butcher

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **DENISE TOMBAR FOX**/ Claudia Valimont
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **ANN SAMPLE**/ Jim & Therese Tuttle
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **CARLEA MARIE ANGELO**/ Brugler Family
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **DECEASED FAMILY OF DWIGHT DUTTRY**/
Jane & Tim Johns

MARCH 8, 2020

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **SR. PATRICIA GANNON**/Notre Dame Associates
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **MARY JO DECHRISTAFARO**/ Mary Pytlik
11:00 a.m. † **SAVANNAH SMITH**/ Youth Ministry

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ February 23, 2020 (WK 34)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,558.13*	\$ 246,032.88*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 241,400.00
Difference	\$ 458.13	\$ 4,632.88
Performance	106%	102%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$363.12 LAST WK — \$22,092.93 YTD
Envelopes ~ 205 out of 545
Children's Envelopes ~ \$14.01 (14 out of 62)

ADOPT-A-FISH COLORING CONTEST

St. William is looking for a few fishermen and fisherwomen to help decorate the social hall with colorful schools of fish! Have your fishing poles ready for this fun new contest! Join us at the Fabulous Fish Dinners for more information and to “catch” a prize! Contest is open to children and adults!



LITURGICAL MINISTRY

~ March 8, 2020 ~

Second Sunday of Lent

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Ann Coursen, John Robinson
8:30 a.m. Ed Runyan, Rachel Zigarovich
11:00 a.m. Margie McCummins, Renita Mintus

Servers

5:00 p.m. Kaycie Martinko, Mary Prebonick
8:30 a.m. Sophia Garito, Nathan Goldner
11:00 a.m. Theresa Craiger, Scott Mintus

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Ted Bogan, Ruth Bubba, Bob Mintus
8:30 a.m. Penny Hudak, Michelle Jeffers, Dave Lucanski,
Frank Pytlik, Mary Pytlik, Bob Mintus
11:00 a.m. Bob Kane, Roy Mercandino, Marianne Babnik,
Marcia Kane, Ann Sprague, Bob Mintus



Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ March 8, 2020 ~

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12: 1-4

The LORD said to Abram: “Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you ...

2 Timothy 1: 8-10

Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God ...

Matthew 17: 1-9

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

Fish Dinners Have Started!!!

~449 Dinners Sold on February 21
~50/50 Winner: Mrs. Barbara Bayus -- \$191.00
Fish Dinners served every Friday until April:
~4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
~Adults and Carry-Out \$12.00
~Children (5-10 years) \$6.00
~“Haluski” Only Dinner! (\$10.00 Adult / \$6.00 Children)



Special Lenten Event

The Journey Begins Monday — March 2: 6:00 p.m.

"Pasta and Prayer Night"

Join us this evening and receive your Lenten Blessings Await Journey Journal. Each week (at your own pace!) spend a moment praying, reflecting and pondering your thoughts.

~Week of March 2: *"The Healing Rosary"*

~Week of March 9: *"Connecting with God ~ March 7, 1848"*

~Week of March 16: *"The Last Supper ~ Our Supper"*

~Week of March 23: *"Prayer and Sacrifice"*

The Journey Ends Monday — March 30: 6:00 p.m.

"Soup Supper and Prayer Night"

Join us as we conclude our Lenten Blessings Await Journey!

Lenten Blessings Await Journey

This Lent be part of our 4-week Lenten Journey: *Lenten Blessings Await!* Receive your own personal journal on Monday, March 2 at our Pasta and Prayer Night event. Each week (at your own pace!) spend some quiet time in prayer, reflection and pondering your thoughts. Return on Monday, March 30 as we conclude our Lenten Blessings Await journey with a Soup Supper and Prayer Night.

2020 RCIA CATECHUMENS

Please write a card of welcome and greeting to our RCIA catechumens. Cards can be returned to the baskets in the vestibule any time before Palm Sunday — April 5, 2020. The following Catechumens will be Baptized, Confirmed and receive their First Communion at the Easter Vigil on April 11, 2020.

William McCready: Bill has been married to Sandra for 15 years. He has three children and two step-children. Bill is an office manager and enjoys cooking (and eating!). His wife, Sandra will be his sponsor.

Nicole Ullinsky: Nicole is single and works as a mental health therapist. She enjoys family, sports, reading and travel. Deanna Barco will be her sponsor.

REMEMBER — ALL CARDS ARE DUE PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND!

THE PARISH CALENDAR

MAR 2 ~ Parish Lenten Program "Pasta and Prayer" 6:00 p.m.

MAR 3 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.

MAR 3 ~ RCIA at St. Rose 6:30 p.m.

MAR 4 ~ Women's Guild 6:00 p.m.

MAR 4 ~ Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.

MAR 6 ~ Fish Dinner #3 4:00 p.m.

MAR 8 ~ Daylight Savings Time Begins

MAR 8 ~ PSR/RCIA 9:30 a.m.

MAR 8 ~ PreK Scripture and Story 9:30 a.m.

MAR 8 ~ Youth Ministry 12:00 Noon

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The next Liturgical Minister schedule (including Lent - Holy Week - and Easter Sunday weekend) is currently being worked on. Many thanks to all who signed up for **Holy Thursday, Good Friday, The Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday**. **There are still a few openings left.** If you are able to serve at any of these services please sign up in the vestibule today. "Special Requests" for the new schedule can also be indicated on the sheets in the vestibule. **TODAY IS THE DEADLINE TO MAKE SPECIAL REQUESTS.**

"The Light is ON for You"

AN EVENING OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday — March 11, 2020

"How good it feels to come back to Him whenever we are lost," Pope Francis tells us. Please join us for *"The Light is ON for You ~ An Evening of Reconciliation"* on Wednesday, March 11. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the Diocese. If you know of family members or friends who have been away from the Catholic Church, please invite them to come home this Lent — *the light will be ON for them.*

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY

Panorama of the New Testament

Beginning with the Gospels and Acts and continuing through the letters and final book of the Bible, Panorama of the New Testament invites us into familiar scenes but with a wide-angle lens to capture the big picture.

Sessions are offered on Monday's beginning

March 9 at 9:30 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m. Cost \$10.00

Registration information can be found in the vestibule.

"Pot - of - Gold"

Envelope number drawn, Wednesday, February 26 was #363

There was no winner! The winner would have received \$774.00

Drawings take place every Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. Everyone who receives Church envelopes is eligible to win IF YOU PARTICIPATE. If your envelope number is drawn and you participated... YOU WIN the Pot-of-Gold!

GOOD LUCK!!

2020 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL for Catholic Charities and Church

Every 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 work 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. There continues to be an ever-increasing number of needy persons coming to Catholic Charities for help and they depend on our support of the Bishop's Appeal. There are three ways to participate:

~**PRAY** for the success of the Annual Bishop's Appeal. Your prayers are meaningful and critical to our success.

~**DONATE** to the Appeal. Use the response card you received in the mail OR use an envelope found in Church to respond.

~**VOLUNTEER** your time and talents to any of the ministries of the Church and our parish.

We ask every family 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. Your completed response counts toward our parish participation goal. Help us reach 100% response this year!

WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 4

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

6:00 p.m. Social ~ 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting

A VERY MERRY UN-BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Join in the fun by bringing a wrapped \$10 gift



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #7491

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.



The Knights of Columbus #7491 would like to thank those participating in the 2020 Sweetheart Reverse Raffle on February 15. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Proceeds from this event will provide financial support to many organizations! Thank you!

Money raised will benefit:

- ♦ St William Youth Ministry
- ♦ Fairhaven Workshop
- ♦ March for Life & Bella Women's Center
- ♦ Diocesan Vocations & Seminarians
- ♦ Our Veterans
- ♦ St William Church Projects
- ♦ Boy Scouts

REMEMBER TO SAVE POP TABS

Continue to save pop tabs for the seventh and eighth graders' service project. The pop tabs may be placed in the container in the vestibule.

REMINDERS AT MASS

Now and then it is good to be reminded of some common practices we all should be aware of when attending Mass each week:

~Reverence Receiving Communion: When approaching to receive Holy Communion it is proper to make a slight bow or nod of the head before receiving. Furthermore, if you choose not to receive Communion from the cup, rather than simply passing by, it would be appropriate to stop and also make a small bow or nod of the head to the cup as a sign of reverence and respect for the Real Presence of our Lord in the wine.

~Children's Area in Church: Please remember that the special seating area near the choir is primarily for families with small children who might need some extra space and need to be close to the restrooms. Please be considerate and refrain from sitting in this area unless there is a special need.

~Song Books: Please refrain from putting the front cover of the songbook under the plastic in the hymnal hard covers. This breaks the binding on the book and lessens the life of the song book and the hard covers.

Thanks for your understanding and cooperation!

News Around Town

Saturday, March 14, 2020, **St. Patrick Church**, in Hubbard will have an event feature the Foods of the annual St. Patrick Festival: Steak Hoagies, Stuffed Cabbage, Haluski, Sausage & Peppers Sandwich, Ribs, French Fries, Corn Dogs, Super Dogs, Cavatelli & Meatball, Avalon Pizza, Pizza Fritte, Lemon Shakes, Beer, and Apple Dumplings/Ice Cream. County Mayo Band will perform during the event. Free admission. Time: 4-8 pm in the church hall. For more information, call 330-534-1928

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (SS. Cyril & Methodius Church), 175 Laird NE, Warren is sponsoring a pirohy sale on Friday, March 6. Four varieties will be offered: potato, sweet cabbage, sauerkraut, and lekvar (prune). The cost is 5.50 doz. Haluski (cabbage and noodles) \$3.75 qt. bag. Advanced orders can be placed by calling 330 393-0781 before date of sale. Pick up is Friday, March 6 from noon to 4 PM.