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February 25, 2018 ~ Second Sunday of Lent

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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.

♦ Christian Formation and Education

John F. Kennedy Catholic School

www.warrenjfk.com

Lower Campus—Grades K-5

330-372-2375

Upper Campus—Grades 6-12

330-369-1804

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.

♦ 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: Celebrated the Third Sunday of each month.

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.

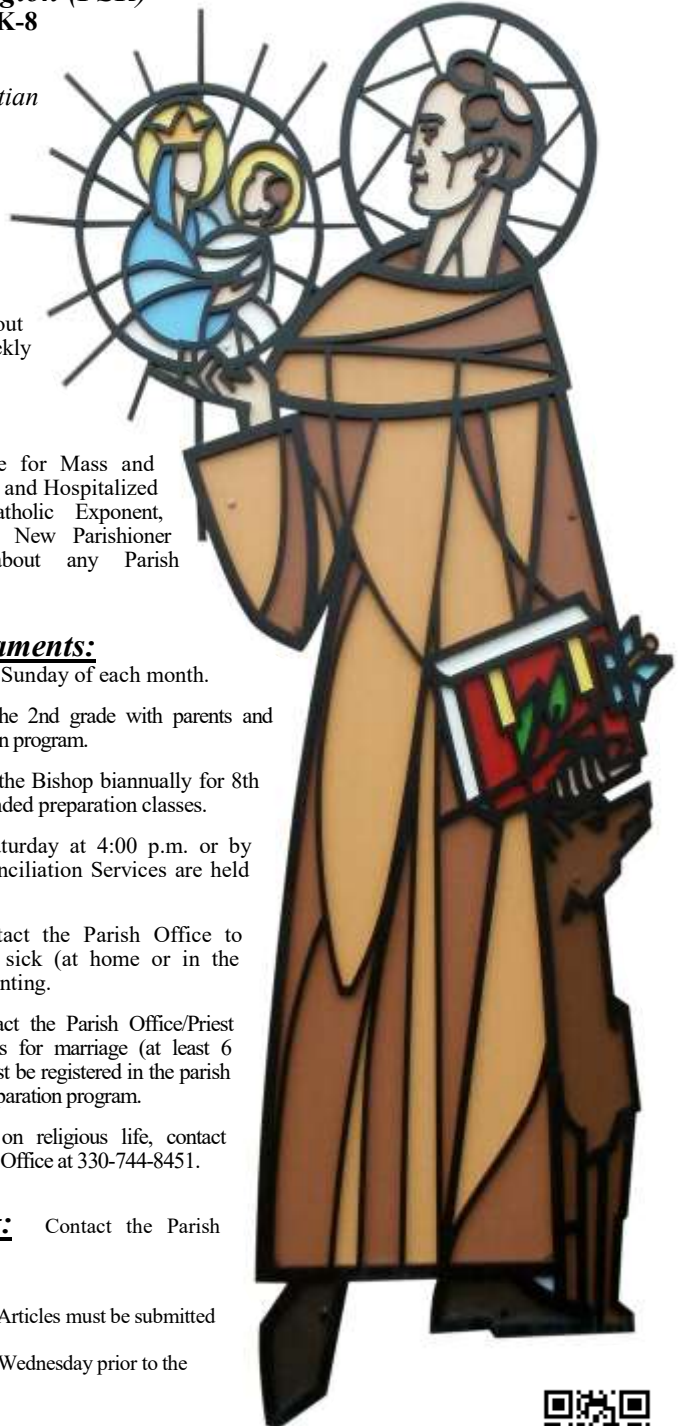
Marriage: Couples should contact the Parish Office/Priest before making any arrangements for marriage (at least 6 months in advance). Couples must be registered in the parish and participate in the marriage preparation program.

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

♦ Hall Rental/Catering: Contact the Parish Office for details.

♦ BULLETIN DEADLINE: Articles must be submitted to the Parish Office *or emailed to:* rkane@stwilliamchampion.org by Wednesday prior to the weekend they are to appear.

♦ Catholic Charities Regional Agency: Trumbull County 330-393-4254



“Finding Hope...”



Our Lenten Season of “*Finding Hope*” continues on this Second Sunday of Lent as we hear the story of the Transfiguration of Christ. It is a familiar and appropriate Gospel lesson as we try to “*find hope*” in our lives and turn back to God; becoming a new, different people through our Lenten journey of sacrifice, prayer and works of charity. The message of today’s Gospel is about the change Christ makes in us. It is meant to motivate us to continue our Lenten journey, so that we keep looking for God’s rainbow present amid the storms and sin of daily life. May the repentance and forgiveness we seek in to our lives this Lent help us to “*find hope*” in our faith and in one another.

This weekend, we welcome Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM to our parish as we begin our Parish Lenten Mission... “*Finding Hope...Reflections from the Wizard of Oz!*” I hope to see many of you at our mission over the next three days. Remember, the Mission begins at **6:30 p.m.** on Sunday evening and 7:00 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday.

This weekend, we continue the in-church 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 of \$41,558.00. To date \$10,984.00 has been pledged by our parish to this year’s Appeal. Thank you for your kindness and generosity to this important and vital part of our mission and ministry in the Church.

On Wednesday of this coming week, February 28, our parish will participate in “*The Light is ON for YOU.*” This special evening of reconciliation throughout the diocese will take place from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in many parishes in the Diocese. This opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation is in addition to our Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service that will be held Tuesday, March 20 at Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Finally, if you didn’t receive a Lenten cross last weekend, you are asked to take one home today from the Lenten Cross near the baptismal font. See the additional announcement in today’s bulletin. This cross should be returned on Palm Sunday weekend.

Make it a great week, Fr. Balash



Mass Intentions for the Week

~ February 25 - March 4, 2018 ~
The Second Sunday of Lent

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **GEORGE SHEFFAR**/ Jean DuBois
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **JEAN KIEPPER**/ Tom & Louise Crump
11:00 a.m. † **VICTOR BUYDOS**/ Wife, Helen

Mon. 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
Tue 8:30 a.m. † **DANIEL GELET**/ Knights of Columbus
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **GERALD GOGAN**/ Ann Coursen
Thu 8:30 a.m. † **AGNES MARY NOVAIL**/ Sister, Peg
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **BETTE CHAMP**/ Mary Pytlík

MARCH 4, 2018

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **VIRGIL SELLARS**/ Carl & Gloria Karafa
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **PAUL F. GATES**/ Bernie & Sandy Lucas
11:00 a.m. † **BETTY BUYDOS**/ Martin & Beverly Letscher

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ February 18, 2018 (WK 34)

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,809.00	\$ 249,520.51
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 241,400.00
Difference	\$ (1,291.00)	\$ 8,120.51
Performance	81.8%	103%

Envelopes ~ 197 out of 547

Children's Envelopes ~ \$23.00 (10 out of 65) **Thank You!**

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

~ March 3/4, 2018 ~

The Third Sunday of Lent

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Jean DuBois, Andrea Kochunas
8:30 a.m. Hannah Foster, Sandy Frantz
11:00 a.m. Margie McCummins, Elizabeth Mintus

Servers

5:00 p.m. John Barco, Kiley Karafa
8:30 a.m. John Barco, Kyle Butcher
11:00 a.m. Marianne Babnik, Scott Mintus

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Karen Bogan, John Salerno, Theresa Petrosky
8:30 a.m. Dave Evans, Phyllis Evans, Kim Pealer,
Woody Pealer, Penny Hudak, Christina Pacurar
11:00 a.m. Scott Freer, Sandra Hudak, Regina Speaker,
Janice Venting, Brian Lenhart, Ann Sprague



Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ March 3/4, 2018 ~

The Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses . . .

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord . . .

John 4:5-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son . . .



>> RECENT DEATHS << Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed please remember
Emidio DiGiacobbe
Carmella Powell

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



NEW MEMBERS

Stephen & Sarah Boyle

Welcome to our parish family.

2018 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church

Your commitment to the 2018 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church allows you to show your concern for others, while expressing your gratitude to God for the many blessings you have received. Without the generosity of people like you who faithfully support the Bishop's Appeal, Catholic Charities would never be able to serve the poor among us as we are called to do by Jesus in the Gospel. If you have already made a gift to the 2018 Appeal, thank you! If you have not yet made your gift please consider doing so as soon as possible by either taking an Appeal donation envelope from church or using the one you received in the mail. To date our parish has already pledged \$10,984.00 towards our goal of \$41,558.00. Please pray for the success of the 2018 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church and thank you for your generous support!

Finding hope...

What gives you hope this Lent?



Remember your wooden cross for Lent. The purpose of this cross is to remind us of our Lenten theme... *Finding hope...* During this season put this cross in a prominent place in your home and reflect on "*what gives you hope this Lent?*" Over the course of Lent,

write on the cross a word or two that gives you hope. On Palm Sunday weekend bring the cross back and place it in our Lenten Parish Cross. It will be part of our Palm Sunday procession.

Many Thanks: to the Women's Guild and their volunteers who spearheaded the reorganization and general cleaning of the Adult Meeting Room and storage cabinets throughout the building and for organizing the central supply center in the Kitchen.



For the second Sunday in Lent, we hear the story of the Transfiguration, when Jesus took Peter, James, and John to the mountaintop and revealed His glory. How many of us would love to be with Jesus on the mountaintop and see His glory? Perhaps we can't go to the mountain, but we can take a little time apart from the hectic nature of our lives to reflect on God, His presence and His glory. Our diocesan newspaper, the Catholic Exponent, helps nudge us back to our awareness of God's presence. In addition to offering news about the Church right here in our diocese and around the world, the Exponent brings commentary, Scripture reflection, and adult faith formation – all nourishing food for your faith and life. Your support for the Exponent nurtures not only you but also your fellow Catholics who are in need of encouragement as well. Read and support the Catholic Exponent by dropping "The Catholic Exponent" envelope from your parish packet into the collection basket. Remember God's presence in your life.

>>>> THE PARISH CALENDAR <<<<

FEB. 25-27 ~ PARISH LENTEN MISSION check for times
 FEB. 27 ~ QUILTERS 9:00 AM
 FEB. 28 ~ THE LIGHT IS ON 6:30-8:00 PM
 MAR. 1 ~ LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY 6:30 PM
 MAR. 2 ~ FISH DINNER 4—7 PM
 MAR. 4 ~ COFFEE & DONUTS after Sunday Masses
 MAR. 4 ~ PSR 9:30 AM
 MAR. 4 ~ RCIA 9:30 AM
 MAR. 4 ~ YOUTH MINISTRY 9:30 AM
 MAR. 4 ~ CONFIRMATION MEETING 9:30 AM
 MAR. 4 ~ CONFIRMATION RITE OF SENDING 11:00 AM



A LENTEN MISSION
Finding Hope...
Reflections from the
Wizard of Oz"

Lenten Mission

Sunday — February 25: 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 Monday — February 26: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
 Tuesday — February 27: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Presented by: Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM

Our mission is a special time to nourish our spirit and relationship to God. It will consist of three-evenings of inspirational reflections within a service of prayer, scripture and song. Plan to join us for this special and enlightening Lenten opportunity.

Babysitting and young children activities available each night.

“Pot - of - Gold”

POT-OF-GOLD Raffle Drawing!

Envelope number drawn, Wednesday, February 21, was # 139.

There was no winner. The winner would have received \$ 543.

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!

If the envelope number drawn was a non-participating number, the pot rolls over to the following week!

GOOD LUCK!!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL 7491

Next Meeting

Wednesday ~ March 7, 2018 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Welcome!

Welcome to Ross Lenhart who will become our new parish maintenance person beginning April 1, upon the retirement of Gary Gates.



Fish Dinner Update!



778 Dinners Sold on February 16
50/50 Winner was Bill Tombar \$176.00

Every Friday until March 23

~ 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

~ Adults and Carry-Out \$10.00

~ Seniors (65 and up) \$9.00

~ Children (5-10 years) \$5.00

Confirmation Reminder: The next Confirmation Session is next Sunday, March 4 at 9:30 a.m. The Rite of Sending will be celebrated at the 11:00 a.m. Mass followed by a brief rehearsal. Confirmation is Saturday, March 10 at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Columba Cathedral.

EASTER FOOD BASKETS FOR THOSE IN NEED

A box for non-perishable food donations will be in the vestibule. Suggested items: cereal, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, boxed potatoes, macaroni and sauces, soups and stews, etc. **PLEASE NO FOOD PAST THE EXPIRED DATE.** Any monetary donations can be dropped off at the office or given to Darlene Frantz or Roy Mercandino; these are used for gift certificates from Sparkle to purchase perishable food. Checks should be made out to St. William Parish. Anyone in need of assistance, please fill out a request form on the bulletin board. The request forms and monetary donations must be turned in by March 11.



WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

MARCH 7, 2018 6:30 PM

Program

A Very Merry Unbirthday Celebration!



(Everyone is asked to bring a wrapped gift worth approximately \$10.)

"Some people are old at 18 and some are young at 90 . . . time is a concept that humans created." **Yoko Ono**

Donations are being accepted for:

Summer Fun, Children Services

Suggested donations include: Sand toys, bubbles, jump ropes, hula hoops, balls, Frisbees, etc. (items to fill Easter baskets).

Thank You!

~ "The Light is ON for You" ~

An Evening of Reconciliation

This Wednesday – February 28 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

"With infinite mercy, He forgives all of our sins as soon as we show the smallest sign of repentance."

—Pope Francis.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation offers to us the healing grace of God. During this Lenten Season all Catholics are reminded to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of their Lenten observance in preparation for Easter. This opportunity provides us with an awareness of God's deep abiding love through His forgiveness and mercy. Be part of this special event on Wednesday from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at our parish and throughout the Diocese. Other parishes in the area who will be participating include: Blessed Sacrament, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Saint Thomas the Apostle, Vienna and Saint Robert, Cortland.

Bereavement Support Prayer and Fellowship

Monday, March 5, 2018

6:30pm-8:00pm

Room 103

We gather to support each other in our loss and to celebrate the lives of our loved ones.

We encourage you to bring a picture of your loved one. You are welcomed to bring a friend.

2018 RCIA CATECHUMEN AND CANDIDATE

As our catechumen and candidate begin their final preparation to be welcomed into our community and receive the Sacraments of Initiation, please continue to pray for them. We also ask that you write a card of welcome and drop it in the basket provided before Palm Sunday.

Catherine Morton: *Catherine is a free-lance graphics designer who enjoys gardening, jewelry making, photography and art. Her sponsor is Mark Gundic.*

Kristen Freudenrich: *Kristen is married to Ryan and mother to Cole, Logan and Caleb. She is a teacher and enjoys reading and gardening. Her sponsor is her husband, Ryan.*

PLEASE WRITE A CARD OF WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR RCIA CATECHUMEN AND CANDIDATE. CARDS CAN BE RETURNED TO THE BASKET IN THE VESTIBULE ANY TIME BEFORE PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 25