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December 8, 2019 ~ Second Sunday of Advent



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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.



“Wonders of His Love”

Our season of Advent “Wonders of His Love” continues this weekend as we prepare for the coming of our God in glory. Our readings today are woven with the theme of preparation, most notable being our Gospel in which John the Baptist proclaims the coming of the Messiah. As the forerunner of Jesus, John’s work was to prepare the people to receive the one who was coming – “the salvation of God.” May we continue to do all that we can to prepare ourselves for the coming Messiah...both at Christmas and at the end of time. In the midst of our busy lives, this Season of Advent promotes a very different tone from what is taking place in the world around us. While the outside world is decorated with lights and music, festive gatherings and hectic days, we celebrate a time within the Church marked by simplicity, calmness, and quiet – a season in which we can prepare with humble hearts. The challenge of Advent is for us to get in touch with the God who became human for us, who is present in our lives now, and whose future reign we await with joyful hope. Please make an effort sometime this week to spend some quiet time reflecting on how Jesus has made all the difference in our lives so that our hearts can be filled with the *wonders of His love* this Christmas!

Have a great week! Father Balash



~ December 8 - 15, 2019 ~
Second Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 8, 2019

Sat 5:00 p.m. † PAM SOEHNLEN/ Notre Dame Assoc. of Warren
Sun 8:30 a.m. † JOSEPH MINTUS/ Mercedes Sutyak
11:00 a.m. † CHARLENE BOUCHER/ Mintus Family

Mon 8:30 a.m. † COMMUNION SERVICE
Tues 8:30 a.m. † JUDY WOLFE/ Women’s Guild
Wed 8:30 a.m. † JOE & BARB HART/ Steve & Margaret Prebonick
Thur 8:30 a.m. † ROSELLA DUTTRY/ Mary Pytlik
Fri 8:30 a.m. † MARY TOMBOR/ Tombor Family

DECEMBER 15, 2019

Sat 5:00 p.m. † JOHN VALENTINO/ Wife Lynn
Sun 8:30 a.m. † PEALER FAMILY/ Andrea & Brian Kochunas
11:00 a.m. † JOHN & ROSE MAKOSKY/
Steve & Theresa Craiger

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ December 1, 2019 (WK 22)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 8,909.74*	\$ 160,346.12*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 156,200.00
Difference	\$ 1,809.74	\$ 4,146.12
Performance	125%	103%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 1,038.74 LAST WK — \$ 14,681.25 YTD
Envelopes ~ 195 out of 548
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 7.50 (9 out of 62)



This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God’s salvation.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

~ December 14/15 ~
3rd Sunday of Advent

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Andrea Kochunas, Donna Runtas
8:30 a.m. Linda Horm, Gina Swiger
11:00 a.m. Erin Lee, Cathy Poponak

Servers

5:00 p.m. Kiley Karafa, Theresa Petrosky
8:30 a.m. John Barco, James Swiger
11:00 a.m. Bethany Wilson, Brian Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Tod Bogan, Karen Hardman, Bob Hardman
8:30 a.m. Ellie Gates, Michelle Jeffers, Dave Lucanski,
Christina Pacurar, Laurie Sitch, Jamie Taneri
11:00 a.m. Bob Kane, Barb Bickford, Dave Bickford,
Marcia Kane, Regina Speaker, Maureen Thuman



Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ December 14/15 ~
3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers ...

James 5: 7-10

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth ...

Matthew 11: 2-11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question ...

Christmas Giving Tree



Christmas Giving Tree
Gifts are due back
TODAY - December 8.
Please place gifts in a gift bag with the tag attached.
Thank you for your generous and kind response!

CONGRATULATIONS CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE WINNERS!!!!

December 2: Dorothy Balash
December 4: Dennis Frantz
December 6: Margaret Foster
December 4: Anthony Pacurar
December 6: Dorothy Balash

***THE WINNING CONTINUES THIS WEEK and the
GRAND PRIZE DRAWING IS SUNDAY DECEMBER 22!***

CONGRATULATIONS!

~ To William McCready and Nicole Ullinskey who celebrated the "Rite of Welcome" last weekend. They were welcomed into the Period of the Catechumenate. This is their period of formation and instruction as they prepare to join the Church in faith at the Easter Vigil this coming April. Please keep William and Nicole in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith.

MASS INTENTIONS NOT ONLY FOR 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 winter. 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.



"A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS" Thank You!

~To all who attended and participated... especially our wonderful and talented Music Ministry Choir and Musicians...at our annual Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols this past week. It was truly a prayerful and wonderful night of scripture and song!



THE PARISH CALENDAR

DEC 8 ~ Santa Social 12:00 Noon
DEC 9 ~ SND Associates Faith Sharing 6:00 p.m.
DEC 9 ~ Cantor Practice 7:00 p.m.
DEC 10 ~ Quilters 10:00 a.m.
DEC 10 ~ RCIA at St. Rose 6:30 p.m.
DEC 10 ~ Folk Group Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
DEC 11 ~ Advent Communal Reconciliation 7:00 p.m.
DEC 12 ~ Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
DEC 14 ~ Christmas Craft Show 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
DEC 14 ~ Youth Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m.
DEC 14 ~ Adult Choir 5:00 p.m.
DEC 15 ~ Folk Group 11:00 a.m.
DEC 15 ~ Youth Ministry 12:00 Noon
DEC 15 ~ Instrument Rehearsal 2:00 p.m.

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

ADVENT COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (*Penance*) for Advent will be celebrated on **THIS WEDNESDAY, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament.** This celebration will be combined effort of all the Warren area parishes.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The meeting minutes from the November 5, 2019 Parish Council Meeting are posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule and on the parish website for review.

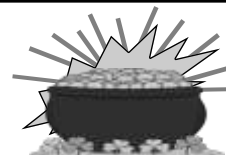
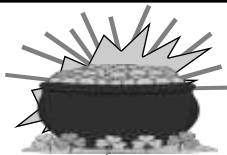
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION December 9, 2019

This year the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, normally on December 8, falls on a Sunday. However this year, Sunday, December 8 is to be celebrated as the Second Sunday of Advent, therefore, in accordance with the *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, the observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be transferred to Monday, December 9. The obligation to attend Mass remains attached to the day itself (December 8), and therefore does not transfer. As a result, the obligation to attend mass on December 9 for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is dispensed for this year.

"Pot - of - Gold" WE HAVE A WINNER !!!

*This week's winning envelope number drawn December 4 was 326.
Congratulations to Mary Pytlik winner of the \$381.00 Jackpot! ...one-half of the amount collected.*

A new Pot-of Gold Jackpot begins this weekend!!!!



PRAYER WALL

On the Bulletin Board outside of Room 103 is a Parish Community Prayer Wall for everyone in the parish to add prayer requests or pray for the prayers on the wall. If you or someone you know is in need prayer support, simply write the intention and insert it into the prayer wall.



Instructions for the Prayer Wall:

1. Write your intentions and/or a short prayer on a post-it note or small piece of paper.
2. Roll the post-it to make sure the sticky side holds it closed or tape the paper into a small tube.
3. Place the paper in any hole on the Prayer Wall.
4. Say a prayer for all of the intentions on the wall.


POP TABS NEEDED!

Our seventh and eighth graders are collecting pop tabs as a service project. We are asking parishioners to start saving the pop tabs and place them in the container in the vestibule. If you would like more information about Sr. Rosemary and Saint Monica's Tailoring Center, please visit their website: sewinghopefoundation.com.



Thank you for supporting this service project.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED myEoffering?

 Sign up for *myEoffering* today and simplify your weekly contribution. Electronic giving is safe, secure and easy! Information can be found on the parish website: www.stwilliamchampion.org. Follow the easy sign-up registration and instruction steps to establish your account. Questions??? Call the Parish Office.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

A limited number of church directories are available for purchase for \$10. Please stop by the parish office Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Volunteers to help string lights on trees are needed. If you are willing to lend a hand, join us in the church social hall on Thursday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m.



WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Christmas Craft Show

December 14 ~ 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #7491

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m.



CHRISTMAS AT ST. WILLIAM

The Liturgy Committee has begun planning for our upcoming Christmas environment. We are in need of regular, non-LED, clear mini Christmas tree lights, strands of 100, green wire and preferably with end-to-end connections. Lights can be dropped off in the vestibule or parish office.

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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

FOOD PANTRY

The pantry is getting bare. We are running low or are out of some of the staple food items we try to always have on hand. **The pantry is in need of: peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, spaghetti, canned pasta, breakfast cereal, canned meat such as chicken or tuna, canned meals such as beef stew, soup, and side dishes such as rice mixes or potato mixes and Kraft mac-n-cheese.** If everyone picked up an extra item while at the grocery store this week to share with the pantry, our shelves would be overflowing! Thanks so much for your faithful giving.



PARISH APP

Have you signed up for Our Parish APP?

Our Parish APP is still available. Don't miss out on news, updates, reminders **and weather cancelations!** This easy and convenient APP keeps you in touch and up-to-date on parish happenings, events and news! Text APP to **88202** to download **myParish APP** and select our parish. Visit our website: www.stwilliamchampion.org for easy instructions or call the Parish Office.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Tuesday Dec. 24 / Wednesday Dec. 25

Tuesday Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
Wednesday Dec. 25 – Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m.

New Year's Tuesday Dec. 31 / Wednesday Jan. 1

Tuesday Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Jan. 1 – New Year's Day: 10:00 a.m.

*Note: New Year's Day is a holy day of obligation. Both New Year Masses will be held at Saint William this year.

