

# St. William Parish

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July 26, 2020 ~ Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*“The God of all grace has blessed us this day!”*

Today’s Gospel reading marks the third Sunday in a row where we hear a series of parables. The reading begins with two parables: the treasure buried in the field and the pearl of great price. Each is a side of the coin so to speak, with Jesus instructing his disciples that the kingdom of heaven is worth such a price. The third parable, the nets cast into the sea which brings a terrific catch, has another message. The net is returned with good fish but also with things that are not so good. The latter is thrown away. This then becomes the image for the end times. The point of today’s selection is to urge us to consider what is the most important, most precious thing, in our lives and what would we be willing to give up for it. While last Sunday’s parables highlighted the growth and spread of the kingdom of God, today’s stories point to the value of the kingdom in our lives. Both the merchant and laborer working in the field go and sell everything they have to buy the object they have found. It seems that Jesus is telling us that when the kingdom of God is found, its value causes all else to diminish in comparison. It is worthy of all our time, effort, and resources. Perhaps the true lesson is to call us to discern what is essential and what is superfluous in our lives. What is our “precious pearl” and what would we be willing to give up to possess it? The Christian life

ought to be a source of joy for us. Some of this joy is reflected in our stories. In each, people sell whatever they can to take possession of a prized object. This is what it ought to be like for us with respect to the kingdom of heaven. Once we realize what it is, what a prize we have, we joyfully reorient all of our priorities in light of it. We should want that one prize above all else. And what’s more, we have it! Thus, our faith is the prize that should be the source of our joy!

It is hard to grasp just how fast the summer is moving along. Even in the midst of all the unusual and different things we have had to cope with, time continues to march on and soon the heat of the summer will begin to fade. Don’t let that happen without enjoying it to the fullest in these last days of July and the opening days of August. There is a lot going on to be concerned with but don’t let the challenges of the pandemic overshadow the joys of summer. Be sure to enjoy these days and let tomorrow take care of itself. Finally, many thanks to all who continue to be mindful of our responsibility to each other by wearing face coverings, washing your hands, and being respectful of space and distance. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!



*Enjoy the week! ~ Fr. Balash*

~ July 26-August 2, 2020 ~  
**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**JULY 26, 2020**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **SHELLY ROGERS/** Liz Dunlap  
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **MARLENE CEROLI/** Darlene & Tom Blessing  
 10:30 a.m. † **RON SPRAGUE/** Ellie & Gary Gates

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **NO SERVICE**  
 Tues 8:30 a.m. † **THOMAS WHITELY/** Barb & David Bailey  
 Wed 8:30 a.m. † **ELLA LUHANEY/** Joanne Luhaney  
 Thur 8:30 a.m. † **RICHARD HUDAK/** Penny Hudak  
 Fri 8:30 a.m. † **BETTE CHAMP/** Bob & Marcia Kane

**AUGUST 2, 2020**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **STEVE MILLIK/** The Millik Family  
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **MARY M. TIMKO/** The Foster Family  
 10:30 a.m. † **BILL CRAIGER/** Theresa Craiger

*Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:*

~ August 2, 2020 ~  
**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Isaiah 55: 1-3**

*Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat...*

**Romans 8: 35, 37-39**

*Brothers and sisters: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine ...*

**Matthew 14: 13-21**

*When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself ...*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

August 1/2, 2020

**Lectors**

5:00 p.m. Andrea Kochunas, \_\_\_\_\_  
 8:30 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
 10:30 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Servers**

5:00 p.m. Therese Tuttle  
 8:30 a.m. Frank DePascale  
 10:30 a.m. Theresa Craiger

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 p.m. Bob Hardman, Bob Mintus  
 8:30 a.m. Dave Lucanski, Bob Mintus  
 10:30 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_, Bob Mintus

**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 has been extended. 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](http://www.stwilliamchampion.org) or on the parish Facebook.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROTOCOLS**

As we continue our efforts to provide a safe environment for worship you are kindly reminded of the following:

- ♦ When finding your seat for Mass, please move into the center of the row so that others can fill in the same row without having to pass by.
- ♦ Remember to keep a safe-distance between you and the person in front of you when coming forward for Holy Communion.
- ♦ Please remove your face covering before receiving Holy Communion to ensure proper reverence and avoid the possibility of dropping the host.

*Thank you for your continued cooperation and patience! Together help us maintain a safe environment for all attending!*

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT UPDATE**

Given the current uptick in virus infection cases and following the direction of the Governor we are asking, for the time being, that all in attendance at Mass wear a face covering. You are kindly asked to cooperate with this new directive.

**LITURGICAL MINISTER UPDATE**

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

**OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ July 19, 2020 (WK 3)**

	LAST WK	YTD
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 6,875.00*	\$ 21,308.00*
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 21,300.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$ (225.00)	\$ 8.00
<b>Performance</b>	97%	100%

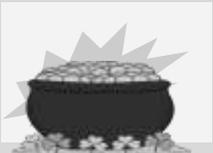
\*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 1,043.00 LAST WK — \$ 3,933.00 YTD  
 Envelopes ~ 182 out of 549  
 Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 7.00 (4 out of 62)

**POT-OF-GOLD**

#391 drawn on 7/22/20

!!No Winner!!

Amount: \$291.00



†† RECENT DEATHS ††

*Our Sincere Sympathy*

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

**Jo Ann Griffith**

and

**Gail Byers**

and

**Paul Hatch**

Son of Nancy Hatch

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

## BUILDING PROJECTS UPDATES

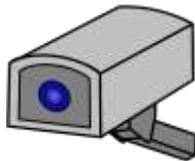
- ◆ Main/Short Hallway Painting: The painting of the main and short hallway is completed! Many thanks to all who assisted with this project. Trim and finishing work will continue.
- ◆ Church Carpeting: All the carpet and flooring is on order and should be in stock in mid-August. Shortly thereafter work will begin on this project. When it does, volunteers will be needed to help remove the chairs from the church so that the new carpet can be installed. More details to follow...

## 2020-2021 PARISH CALENDAR. .LAST CALL

Parish Groups and Organizations are reminded to turn in their calendar dates for the upcoming year through June 2021. We are planning for a normal year of activities and events with the understanding that the current health circumstances may force the postponement or cancelation of some activities. Calendar dates were due July 24 and can be dropped off at the Parish Office or emailed to [parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org](mailto:parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org).

## LIVE-STREAM MASS FROM ST. WILLIAM

Mass will be live-streamed from St. William every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Access will be available through Facebook or the parish website:  
[www.stwilliamchampion.org](http://www.stwilliamchampion.org)



## PSR NEWS:

PSR will be looking for a catechist/teachers for the upcoming school year. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Carol Timko.

*Check the parish website from time to time for information about what is happening at the parish...*  
[www.stwilliamchampion.org](http://www.stwilliamchampion.org)

## ONLINE MASS WORSHIP AID

The worship aid used during Mass at St. William is available online to use at home while watching Mass online. The worship aid can be found on the Sunday Mass page and the News/Events page on the parish website as a PDF for you to download and print.

## SHOW AND TELL 2020

Did you have a project to “keep you busy” during the Covid Pandemic? If you started, worked on, or completed a “Pandemic Project” over the last couple of months, we want to see it! Submit a picture to Dan Robinson ([drobenson@stwilliamchampion.org](mailto:drobenson@stwilliamchampion.org)) for the upcoming newsletter. If you have questions or need assistance getting that picture submitted, call the office at 330-847-8677. We look forward to seeing what big or small projects “kept you busy!”

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #7491



### Next Meeting:

Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting will be held outdoors.  
Please bring a lawn chair!

## 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](http://www.usccb.org). A schedule of televised Mass is available at [www.doy.org](http://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.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS???

Out of Town? Temporarily? Seasonally? Are you a Snowbird? Remember to let the Parish Office know ahead of time. We can send mail directly to a temporary or seasonal address. Mail returned to us incurs a hefty charge. Help keep our costs down by letting us know your address changes!



## PARISH PICNIC...NEXT YEAR!

Given the current circumstances it has been decided in the best interest of all to cancel the annual Summer Parish Picnic that was scheduled for this August. It will be back next summer!



## RCIA....HAVE YOU.....

...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?

...felt God leading you and want to find out where that might be?

If any of the above applies to you, or if you know of anyone who could answer YES to any of these questions, we would love to help you on your journey! 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 provides a spiritual opportunity to learn and discuss various aspects of the Catholic faith and its practices. If you or someone you know might be interested in learning more, please contact Fr. Balash at the Parish Office for more information. RCIA begins in September!



## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of my church friends and my family for a wonderful birthday surprise. A drive-by parade to celebrate my 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 21! It was wonderful surprise!

Joan Krivanek



## 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~

**Church Office** 330-847-8677

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Church Building 330-847-7026

**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](http://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