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December 15, 2019 ~ Third 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”

Today marks the halfway point of our Advent Season and brings us even closer to Christmas Day. The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as *GAUDETE (gow-da-tay) Sunday* – a Latin term meaning “Rejoice!” We rejoice today because we hear of the coming of the Kingdom in our Gospel reading. The story of our salvation and the coming of our Savior continue with the John the Baptist. John’s disciples approach Jesus with one of the quintessential questions of life: *is this it?*” How are we supposed to know when we have arrived when we don’t know the signposts for where we are going? So today, Jesus gives them to us. The kingdom is in our midst when *“the blind regain their sight; the lame walk; the sick are cleansed; the deaf hear; the dead are raised; and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them!”* This is the kingdom that Jesus proclaimed in word and deed and to which he invites us. As we journey onward 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.

Next weekend we bring our Advent season to a close. I realize that it is a busy and hectic time, especially as we prepare all of the last minute details that need to be done, along with trying to make time to celebrate and be with friends. Don’t allow the “busyness” of life overshadow the true meaning of this special time. I hope this has been a holy and prayerful time for you and your family so that at Christmas our hearts can be full of the “wonders of His Love.”

Have a great week! Father Balush



~ December 15-22, 2019 ~
Third Sunday of Advent

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

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **ALFOSTER JOHNSON/** Anna Mary Gilanyi
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **MICHAEL SAWAYDA/** John & Irene Sawayda
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **ANN SEKERAK/** Anonymous
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **STEVE MILLIK/** Millik Family

DECEMBER 22, 2019

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **RICHARD WOLFE/** Wolfe Family
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **WILLIAM NEWMILLER/** Wife Norma
11:00 a.m. † **BETTE CHAMP/** Bob & Marcia Kane

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ December 8, 2019 (WK 23)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,702.67*	\$ 168,048.79*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 163,300.00
Difference	\$ 602.67	\$ 4,748.79
Performance	108%	103%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 495.67 LAST WK — \$ 15,176.92 YTD
Envelopes ~ 225 out of 548
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 19.00 (14 out of 62)

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

~ December 21/22 ~
4th Sunday of Advent

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Ann Coursen, John Robinson
8:30 a.m. Woody Pealer, Rachel Zigarovich
11:00 a.m. Eddie Kuhn, Dominic Kuhn

Servers

5:00 p.m. Kaycie Martinko, Mary Prebonick
8:30 a.m. Mike Trunick, Luke Zigarovich
11:00 a.m. Theresa Craiger, Taylor Kuhn

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Barb Robinson, Dan Robinson, Nancy Tuttle
8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale, Penny Hudak, Pam Kuebler,
Gloria Mintus, Mary Pytlik, Treva Pytlik
11:00 a.m. Renita Mintus, Scott Freer, Jeanette Jaskiewicz,
Ann Sprague, Janice Ventling, Bob Mintus



Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ December 21/22 ~
4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7: 10-14

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying: Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky...

Romans 1: 1-7

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised previously...

Matthew 1: 18-24

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph ...

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the seasoned workers who helped make our Kolachi bake go so smoothly. Thank you also to the first timers. This is an all day event and so many willing hands showed up. Once again, we thank all who continue to purchase these rolls. We are truly blessed at St. William.



JOIN THE PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Anyone interested in joining our community of parishioners dedicated to pray for the intentions and concerns of our church family, friends, and community, can do so by contacting the parish office at 330-847-8677 or by emailing parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org. Prayer requests can be made by calling or emailing the parish office.



CONGRATULATIONS CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE WINNERS!!!!

December 8: Margaret Foster
December 10: Steve Tombar
December 12: Dorothy Balash

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

CHRISTMAS HELP NEEDED!!

Help is needed to string lights on the trees for our Christmas environment this Thursday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m. If you are able to help (even for just an hour) you are most welcomed to join us!!

THANKS ALL AROUND!

--To all who helped, prepared and attended last weekend's SANTA SOCIAL!

--A special word of "thanks" to the Women's Guild for hosting this special event for our parish.

--And an extra special word of "thanks" to our special guest – Santa Claus – for taking time from his busy schedule to visit with all the children of the parish!



IN CASE YOU ARE WONDERING...

Due to the closure of a major paper mill that produced and supplied the market with colored paper, the cost of colored paper has drastically increased more than 150% over the past months. As a result, the Parish Council and Finance Committee recommended that the weekly Sunday bulletin be printed on white paper only. This decision will result in a \$900.00 savings to the parish.



FISH DINNER NEWS!

~Fish Dinners begin on Friday, February 21 and continue to Friday, April 3, 2020.

~The Annual Fish Dinner Worker Meeting is Thursday February 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
~Interested in helping with this year's dinners? Call the Parish Office to get on the list!

~Fish Dinner Planning Committee meets this Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m.



THE PARISH CALENDAR

DEC 17 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
DEC 17 ~ Golden Agers 12:30 p.m.
DEC 17 ~ Folk Group Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
DEC 18 ~ K of C Christmas Dinner 6:00 p.m.
DEC 19 ~ Christmas Environment 6:00 p.m.
DEC 19 ~ Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
DEC 20 ~ WACT caroling/bowling 6:00 p.m.
DEC 21 ~ Youth Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m.
DEC 22 ~ Church Environment 12:00 p.m.

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

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!

2019 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Please note, Sunday, December 29, 2019 is the last day to make a contribution to the church for the 2019 tax year. All contributions made after December 29 will be credited to the 2020 tax year.

SAVE THE DATE!

**Parish Appreciation Event
"St. William Derby Night At the Races"
Saturday ~ February 1, 2020**

Our Annual Parish Appreciation Event will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for all adult parishioners who have volunteered their time and effort during the past year. Join us for this enjoyable and fun-filled evening! *It's "Derby Night" at Saint William!!!* This year's event features "cashless" horse racing, a delicious soup and salad grand buffet, great prizes, and maybe some Mint Julips! You might even become a thoroughbred owner and be in the race to the finish line!! Mark your calendars now to experience this "cashless" *St. William Derby Night at the Races!* Derby Dress (and Hats!) Welcomed!!

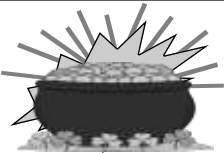


Reservation coupons and sign-up sheets will be coming soon


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

*This week's winning envelope number drawn December 11 was 255.
Congratulations to Dan & Murph Gelet winner of the \$195.00 Jackpot! ...one-half of the amount collected.*

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



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.

GOLDEN AGERS

Golden Agers Christmas Meeting
December 17 at 12:30 p.m.
Refreshments ~ Officer Appointments
Door Prize provided by:
Claudia Valimont & Theresa White



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.

WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting

January 8, 2020 ~ 6:00 p.m.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #7491

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, December 18 at 6:00 p.m.



HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME STAYS

Because of Patient Privacy Laws, hospitals and nursing homes no longer call when a parishioner has been admitted unless **you specifically request notification at the time of admission.** Therefore, if you or a family member is admitted to the hospital or nursing home, please have someone in your family call the parish office so a visit can be arranged. *If you wish your name published in the bulletin as recently hospitalized you must also let us know.*

Please do not assume we are aware of your health circumstances... to insure that we can minister to you and family members remember to call the parish office.

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.** ! 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.

