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December 1, 2019 ~ First 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”

This weekend we begin the great and holy season of Advent. Our theme this year is “Wonders of His Love!” We begin this new church year with a gospel that seems intent upon shocking and startling us out of complacency. Jesus speaks of signs that will accompany the coming of the Son of Man reminding us of the great and glorious light that is coming into our world. To prepare for this, Jesus reminds us to be vigilant in waiting and awake in prayer. This is what the season of Advent is all about...waiting in preparation and being ready for the coming of Christ. Ironically, this season is perhaps one of the more noticeable times when the Church is completely countercultural to our environment and surroundings. While the outside world is getting dressed and ready for Christmas, the Church encourages us to prepare for the coming of Christ in His Glory at the end of time. We are urged to keep this in mind as we prepare to celebrate the holidays with family and friends and ready our hearts for the *wonders of His love!* May this time before Christmas truly be a time of preparation and vigilance so that when the Lord comes we can greet the *wonders of His love* with hearts full of hope and joy!

I hope that many of you will join us this Tuesday evening for our annual Festival of Lessons and Carols. This reflective prayer service is a celebration of Scripture and Song rooted in the meaning of Advent and our preparation for Christmas. Join us on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. for this night of reflection and celebration as we usher in our season of Advent.

Have a great week! Father Balash



~ November 30 - December 1, 2019 ~
First Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 1, 2019

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **MARY ANN & VIRGIL Y'BARBO**/ Helen Snyder
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **TED PYTLIK**/ Mary Pytlik
11:00 a.m. † **HELEN SPANO**/ Ted & Fran Urbach

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **RAY DIDONATO**/ Cindy Piras
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **AUSMER TUTTLE**/ Tuttle Family
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **KAREN BOGAN**/ Marsha Ambrosy
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **VICTOR BUYDOS**/ Helen Buydos

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

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ November 24, 2019 (WK 21)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 9,318.46*	\$ 154,131.38*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 149,100.00
Difference	\$ 2,218.46	\$ 5,031.38
Performance	131%	103%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 529.45 LAST WK — \$ 32,642.51 YTD
Envelopes ~ 202 out of 548
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 14.00 (13 out of 62)

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

~ December 7/8 ~
2nd Sunday of Advent

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Deana Barco, Ruth Bubba
8:30 a.m. Christine DePascale, Sandy Frantz
11:00 a.m. Bob Kane, Roy Mercandino

Servers

5:00 p.m. Kaylynn Abbey, John Barco
8:30 a.m. Frank DePascale, Joe DePascale
11:00 a.m. Marianne Babnik, Cathy McCauley

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Ann Coursen, Donna Runtas, Nola Tunnicliff
8:30 a.m. Carole Baniak, Penny Hudak, Pam Kuebler, Gloria Mintus, Frank Pytlik, Bob Mintus
11:00 a.m. Karen Daugherty, Patty Heib, Sandy Hudak, Jennifer Kusmierek, Ann Sprague, Janice Ventling



Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ December 7/8 ~
2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11: 1-10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom...

Romans 15: 4-9

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance...

Matthew 3: 1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"...



Christmas Giving Tree

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

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.

“A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS”

Tuesday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for this annual Advent celebration of Scripture and Song. Our Advent theme this year is “*Wonders of His Love.*” Start your season off by entering it through prayer, reflection and song as we prepare for a Christ-filled Christmas holiday.



Christmas Ca\$h Raffle!

The Winning Has Started!!

Our first drawing for our Christmas Cash Raffle was held on Thanksgiving morning and continues every other day until December 20th! Grand Prize drawing will be on Sunday, December 22nd...just in time for Christmas! Congratulations to Mary Lou Osborne who was our Top Seller with 32 tickets and is the winner of 5 FREE TICKETS. It is still not too late to take a chance to win some *CASH* just in time for holiday shopping. Tickets are \$10.00 and are still available at the Parish Office. Look for the list of winners next week!



RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS!

“Thank you! hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us,” says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your support and generosity to last week’s collection.



THE PARISH CALENDAR

DEC 3 ~ Quilters Group 9:00 a.m.
DEC 3 ~ Golden Agers/Naim Club Luncheon 12 p.m.
DEC 3 ~ RCIA at St. Rose 6:30 p.m.
DEC 3 ~ Lessons and Carols 7:00 p.m.
DEC 4 ~ Kolachi Bake 9:00 a.m.
DEC 4 ~ Knight of Columbus 7:00 p.m.
DEC 5 ~ Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.
DEC 8 ~ Confirmation Session 9:30 a.m.
DEC 8 ~ PreK Scripture and Story 9:30 a.m.
DEC 8 ~ Santa Social 12:00 p.m.
DEC 8 ~ Music Ministry Instrument Practice 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 Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament. This celebration will be combined effort of all the Warren area parishes. A number of priests will be available to celebrate the sacrament. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available at 4:00 p.m. every Saturday afternoon.

KOLACHI BAKE

Wednesday — December 4, 2018

Prep Work: - 8:30 a.m.
Rolling: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 pm
Baking: 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Wrapping: 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Pick up freshly baked Kolachi 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Nut, Apricot, Poppy Seed Kolachi - \$10 Per Roll

Help is always needed, especially for rolling.
Please bring your favorite rolling pin.

Questions? Please contact Gloria - 330-847-8555



SANTA SOCIAL

On December 8 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, Santa will be arriving to enjoy a social event with the children of the parish. This year, in lieu of the Annual Parish Christmas Dinner, the Women’s Guild will be hosting a Santa social! Cookies and Hot Cocoa will be served in the social hall.



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.

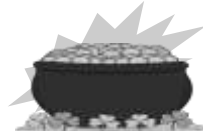
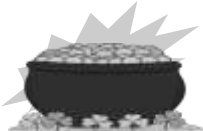
“Pot - of - Gold”

Envelope number drawn, Wednesday, November 27, was #419

There was no winner! The winner would have received \$196.00

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!!



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.

2020 PARISH CALENDARS

2020 Parish Calendars are available after Mass this weekend. Many thanks to Mr. Peter Rossi, Jr. of Peter Rossi and Son Funeral Home for providing our parish calendars this year.

CHRISTMAS YARD SIGN SALE

The Knights of Columbus Champion Council 7491 will hold a "Keep Christ in Christmas" fundraiser at all Masses the weekend of December 7/8. Yard signs are \$10.00 with the theme "Keep Christ in Christmas." 100% of the profit is distributed to local charities. Sign is 18" x 24", printed on both sides of waterproof corrugated plastic board and comes with wire stand.



NAIM CLUB & GOLDEN AGERS

Holiday Luncheon at Café 422
December 3
Leave St. William Parking Lot at 12:00 Noon

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 4 at 7:00 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAY CLUB OF GREATER YOUNGSTOWN Luncheon Speaker Series

Thursday, December 5, 2019 ~ 11:30am – 1:00pm
The speaker is Sr. Carolyn Capuano H.M. She will speak on the topic "Ministry Changed Not Ended: The Mercy-St. Paul Square Story"

Avion on the Water
2177 W. Western Reserve Road, Canfield, OH
Cost \$18.00 ~ Sign up in the vestibule by November 25

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.

