

# St. William Parish

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December 9, 2018 ~ 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](http://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** rkane@stwilliamchampion.org by Wednesday prior to the weekend they are to appear.

### Visit our website at

[www.stwilliamchampion.org](http://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.

# Pastor's COLUMN

## "Hearts Full of Hope and Joy."

Our season of Advent "Hearts Full of Hope and Joy" 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 hope and joy* this Christmas!

Have a good week, Fr. Balash



### Mass Intentions for the Week

~ December 9-16, 2018 ~  
Second Sunday of Advent

#### DECEMBER 9, 2018

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **ROBERT BANIC**/ Wife, & Family  
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **JOE MAKOSKY**/ The SND Associates  
 11:00 a.m. † **DANIEL GELET**/ Tom & Louise Crump  
 Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
 Tues 8:30 a.m. † **JOSEPH & DOROTHY POHMURSKI**/  
 Dorann Russell  
 Wed 8:30 a.m. † **STEVE MILLIK**/ Knights of Columbus 7491  
 Thur 8:30 a.m. † **FRANK NAPPI**/ Cindy Piras  
 Fri 8:30 a.m. † **TIMOTHY KUEBLER**/ Wife, Pam

#### DECEMBER 16, 2018

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **JOHN VALENTINO**/ Lynn  
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **FRANCES & LYNN GRIFFITH**/ Mary Pytlik  
 11:00 a.m. † **GEORGE & CARMELLA POWELL**/  
 Ron & Carole Stanford

### OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ December 2, 2018 (WK 23)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,762.00	\$ 160,513.00
Christmas	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Immaculate Concept	\$ 29.00	\$ 29.00
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 163,300.00
Difference	\$ 701.00	\$ ( 2,787.00)
Performance	110%	98%

Envelopes ~ 229 out of 540

Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 18.33 (16 out of 62)

### Parish Council News:

The minutes from the November 13, 2018 Parish Council meeting are now posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule and on the parish website.

### Advent Communal Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (*Penance*) for Advent will be celebrated on **Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament**. This celebration will be a combined effort of all the Warren area parishes. A number of priests will be available to celebrate the sacrament. Here at St. William, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at 4:00 p.m. every Saturday afternoon and will also be available on Thursday, December 20 at 6:30 p.m.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY

~ December 15/16, 2018 ~  
Third Sunday of Advent

#### Lectors

5:00 p.m. John Robinson, Donna Runtas  
 8:30 a.m. Sandy Frantz, Linda Horm  
 11:00 a.m. Cathy Poponak, Melanie Shoaf

#### Servers

5:00 p.m. Therese Tuttle, Kaycie Martinko  
 8:30 a.m. Luke Zigarovich, Olivia Zigarovich  
 11:00 a.m. Theresa Craiger, Cathy McCauley

#### Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Theresa Petrosky, Barb Robinson, Dan Robinson  
 8:30 a.m. Jamie Taneri, Linda Trunick, Carole Baniak, Ellie Gates, Penny Hudak, Michele Jeffers  
 11:00 a.m. Bob Mintus, Scott Freer, Renita Mintus, Maureen Thuman, Marianne Babnik, Jennifer Kusmierek



Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ December 15/16, 2018 ~

### Third Sunday of Advent

#### Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel!  
 Be glad and exult with all your heart . . .

#### Philippians 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice, . . .

#### Luke 3:10-18

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, . . .

**2019 Parish Calendars:** 2019 Parish Calendars are now available in the vestibule. Many thanks to Mr. Ray Sinchak of Sinchak and Son's Funeral Home for providing the calendars once again this year.

### Fish Dinner Committee:

The Fish Dinner Planning Committee will meet this coming Thursday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Office Conference Room.





**Congratulations**

**Christmas Ca\$h Raffle Winners!!!!**

December 2: Louise Crump  
December 4: Sharon Gilmore  
December 6: Judy Franek



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

**>>>> THE PARISH CALENDAR <<<<**

DEC 10 ~ ADULT FAITH FORMATION 6:30 PM  
DEC 11 ~ QUILTERS 9:00 AM  
DEC 11 ~ CANTOR PRACTICE 7:00 PM  
DEC 12 ~ FOLK GROUP REHEARSAL 7:00 PM  
DEC 13 ~ FISH DINNER MEETING 6:30 PM  
DEC 13 ~ ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 PM  
DEC 15 ~ STW YOUTH CHOIR 1:00 PM TO 2:00 PM  
DEC 16 ~ PSR 9:30 AM  
DEC 16 ~ YOUTH MINISTRY 9:30 AM  
DEC 16 ~ INSTRUMENT PRACTICE 12 NOON  
DEC 16 ~ COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION 3:00 PM AT BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH



**Coming in January!!!!**

~ **On-Line Giving** –  
*myEoffering will begin in January for those interested in on-line giving!*

~ **New Parish Pictorial Directory** –  
*Be a part of our new parish pictorial directory and win \$100.00 just for saying “cheese!”*

~ **Parish Appreciation Event** –  
*Mark your calendars now for our annual night of fun and frolic!! Saturday, January 26.*

**Look for Details about All These Events Coming Soon!**



Drivers are needed to help deliver the Angel Giving Tree gifts on Monday, Dec 10. We will meet at the church at 3:30 p.m. to load the gifts and deliver them to Catholic Charities in Warren.



The Candy Cane’s origin can be traced back to Europe circa 1670, but it didn’t appear in the U.S. until the 1800’s. They were generally all white until the 1900’s, when they took on a shape representing Jesus’ hook for shepherding his lambs and colors representing purity (white) and Christ’s sacrifice (red).

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**CHANGE OF PERSONAL STATUS**

*Are you moving? Have you changed your telephone number? Has your personal status changed? Please notify the parish office and help us keep our records current.*



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.

**“Pot - of - Gold”**

**POT-OF-GOLD Raffle Drawing!**

**Envelope number drawn, Wednesday, December 5, was 330  
There was no winner. The winner would have received \$ 373.00**

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!!**

**MUSIC MINISTRY:**

LAST CALL! Parish youth grades 2 + are encouraged to come sing with music ministry at Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. Mass! PLEASE NOTE these REHEARSAL TIME CHANGES:

**SATURDAY, December 15 at 1:00 p.m. and SATURDAY, December 22 at 9:00 a.m.** If you plan on having your child sing, please contact Mrs. Maciejewski so a music folder may be prepared or sign up in the vestibule this weekend. Thanks!

**REMINDER TO Folk Group:**

Rehearsal this Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00p.m. for Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. Mass and also Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m.

**Thank you** to everyone who participated in our *Advent Lessons and Carols* service. We are all so blessed to begin this season of hope and joy together. Let us share the true "Love of God" this Christmas with our families and friends and our parish community.

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

**Adult Faith Formation Opportunity**

*The Four Signs of A Dynamic Catholic*  
The Second Sign ~ Study

Monday, December 10 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Adult Meeting Room

You are most welcome to bring a friend!  
Please register on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule

**Remember to Save Pop Tabs**

The seventh and eighth graders are collecting pop tabs as a service project. The pop tabs may be placed in the container in the vestibule.



*Thank you for supporting this service project.*



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

COUNCIL 7491

*Next Meeting*

***Council Christmas Dinner***

Wednesday, December 19, 6:30 pm, room 102



Families invited. Bring a covered dish to share. Signup sheet on Council Bulletin Board across from adult meeting room.

Contact Brian McCue at 330-307-6024 with questions.



**44-Hours of Non-Stop**  
Beginning Christmas Eve at 8 AM  
**Christmas Music**  
89.5 FM AM 1060 94.5 FM  
*Thompson - Cannon - Alton - Cleveland - Canton - Wooster*

We'll celebrate the birth of Jesus with most beautiful, sacred and traditional carols, both new and old! Tune in for the Bible Story of Christmas narrated by Bing Crosby at 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. You can listen on air, online, on our free App. Or ask Alexa or Google devices to play our station.

**Bulletins for the Homebound:**

If you know of a parishioner who is homebound or in a nursing home or assisted living and would like to receive a weekly bulletin, please notify the office with their name and address.

**News Around Town**

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton PIROHY SALE** Friday, December 14 and January 18. Potato, sweet cabbage, sauerkraut, and lekvar (prune), \$5.50 doz. Haluski, \$3.75. Advanced orders may be placed by calling 330-393-0781 on Wednesday and Thursday. Pick up is Friday, December 14 and January 18 from noon until 4:00 pm.

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Christmas Monday December 24 / Tuesday Dec. 25**

Sunday Dec. 23 – 4th Sunday of Advent: 5:00 p.m. Saturday  
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Monday Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.  
Monday Dec. 25 – Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m.

**New Year's Monday December 31 / Tuesday Jan. 1**

Sunday Dec. 30 – Feast of the Holy Family: 5:00 p.m. Saturday  
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Monday Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve: 5:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church  
Tuesday Jan. 1 – New Year's Day: 10:00 a.m. at St. William Church



*\*Note: New Year's Day is a holy day of obligation. You are invited to attend Mass most convenient to your schedule. St. William envelopes given at Blessed Sacrament will be returned to our parish.*