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December 22, 2019 ~ Fourth 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”

On this Fourth and final Sunday of Advent we hear a story about Joseph. The angel’s message for Joseph affects his life not only practically but also spiritually. In Joseph we find a model for living life in Christ in ways big and small. The appearance of an angel in a dream is enough to change Joseph’s mind. He takes his wife into his home caring for her and her soon-to-be-born Son. A discreet and quiet man does what is right in sight of God. Joseph may not speak a word in the gospels, but his actions say it all: *Yes, Lord, thy will be done!* As we bring to a close our Advent Season, may we become like Joseph and allow the will of God to be done in our lives so that the *wonders of His love* might shine forth in us not only this Christmas but in the coming days, weeks and months.

For those traveling to be with family for the holiday...travel to and return home safely. Know of our best wishes for you and your family to have a blessed and holy Christmas holiday. For those of you celebrating with us, I look forward to sharing the holiday with you and your family this coming week! Be assured of my prayers and best wishes as we experience the joy of Christmas and thank you for all your kindness and support to our parish over this past year and during this holiday season. I will remember all of you at Mass in the coming days.

Merry Christmas! Father Balash



~ December 22-29, 2019 ~
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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**
Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
Tues 5:00 p.m. † **PEOPLE OF ST. WILLIAM**
10:00 p.m. † **PEOPLE OF ST. WILLIAM**
Wed 10:00 a.m. † **PEOPLE OF ST. WILLIAM**
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **NO MASS**
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **KAREN BOGAN / John & Cynthia Barbour**

DECEMBER 29, 2019

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **MR. & MRS. FELIX Y'BARBO/ Helen Snyder**
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **REV. MICHAEL SMAR/ Fordeley Family**
11:00 a.m. † **NANCY CIMBANIN/ Dolores Gourley, Arlene Johnson, Florence Maxwell**

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ December 15, 2019 (WK 24)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 6,309.84*	\$ 174,358.63*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 170,400.00
Difference	\$ (790.16)	\$ 3,958.63
Performance	89%	102%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 641.27 LAST WK — \$ 15,818.19 YTD
Envelopes ~ 189 out of 548
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 9.57 (10 out of 62)

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ December 28/29 ~

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons ...

Colossians 3: 12-21

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness ...

Mathew 2: 13-15, 19-23

When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said ...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

~ December 28/29 ~

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Deana Barco, Donna Runtas
8:30 a.m. Sandy Frantz, Ed Runyan
11:00 a.m. Bob Kane, Melanie Shoaf

Servers

5:00 p.m. John Barco, Theresa Petrosky
8:30 a.m. Linda Trunick, Olivia Zigarovich
11:00 a.m. Bethany Wilson, Brian Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Gloria Karafa, Felicia Mooney, Nola Tunnicliff
8:30 a.m. Carole Baniak, Michelle Jeffers, Dave Lucanski, Christina Pacurar, Laurie Sitch, Jamie Taneri
11:00 a.m. Marianne Babnik, Dan Gelet, Karen Daugherty, Sandy Hudak, Jennifer Kusmierek, Brian Lenhart



~ December 24/25 2019 ~
Christmas

Lectors

5:00 p.m. John Robinson, Tim Timko
10:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Donna Runtas
10:00 a.m. Theresa Petrosky, Melanie Shoaf

Servers

5:00 p.m. Luke Zigarovich, Olivia Zigarovich
10:00 p.m. Kaylynn Abbey, John Barco
10:00 a.m. Therese Tuttle, Nancy Tuttle

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Barb Brdek, Barb Robinson, Dan Robinson, Ruth Bubba, Carla Gilronan, Ron Gilronan
10:00 p.m. Jennifer Kusmierek, Jeanette Jaskiewicz, Joe DePascale, Gloria Mintus, Maureen Thuman, Dan Gelet
10:00 a.m. Frank Pytlik, Treva Pytlik, Mary Pytlik

PARISH HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed December 24-26 for the Christmas holiday and will be opened for limited hours on Friday this coming week.



CONGRATULATIONS CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE WINNERS!!!!

December 14: Anastasia Bowser
December 16: Mary Lou Osborn
December 18: Draper Eltman
December 20: Diane Canatsey

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

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

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.

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!



THE PARISH CALENDAR

DEC 24 ~ Office Closed
DEC 24 ~ Christmas Eve Mass 5:00 and 10:00 p.m.
DEC 24 ~ Folk Group/Youth Choir 5:00 p.m.
DEC 24 ~ Adult Choir 10:00 p.m.
DEC 25 ~ Christmas Day Mass 10:00 a.m.
DEC 25 ~ Office Closed
DEC 26 ~ Office Closed
DEC 29 ~ No PSR/Youth Ministry

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events



It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone.

SOME HELPFUL REMINDERS

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.*

Anointing of the Sick — If you are anticipating surgery or a hospital stay remember to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick any time after Mass. Please contact Fr. Balash to receive the sacrament.

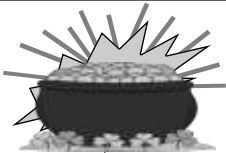
Receiving Communion While Recovering — If you or a family member become homebound, even if only for a short recovery time, please call the parish office so arrangements can be made for visitation and reception of Holy Communion.

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.


“Pot - of - Gold” WE HAVE A WINNER !!!

*This week's winning envelope number drawn December 18 was 329.
Congratulations to Kathleen Johnson winner of the \$184.00 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.

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.

Remember to Save Pop Tabs

Continue to save pop tabs for the seventh and eighth graders' service project. The pop tabs may be placed in the container in the vestibule.

Thank you for supporting this service project.

 Thank you to the women and teens who worked to prepare and serve the food for the Women's Guild annual Craft Show. Your hard work and dedication is very much appreciated! It was wonderful to see several generations of parishioners working together to bring joy to others and the community.

WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #7491



Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

COLD AND FLU SEASON REMINDERS

During the cold and flu season, please remember the following helpful and healthy reminders:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze (or cough/sneeze into your elbow) and discard the tissue when finished. Please do not leave it on the chairs, in the hymnal slots, or on the floor of the Church.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

SIGN OF PEACE

• Please do not be offended if someone chooses not to shake your hand at the sign of peace. If you are ill (and are present for Mass), the appropriate response to someone extending a sign of peace might be to bow to them and say, "*Peace of Christ be with you,*" to avoid bodily contact or, one might wave slightly to the person.



RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

• While it is the teaching of the Church that the fullness of the Body and Blood of Christ is contained in the Holy Eucharist under the form of the host that is distributed at Mass, the Church has also extended the privilege to receive Holy Communion in the form of wine. However, if you are feeling ill, please receive communion in the hand, and refrain from receiving under the form of the Blood of Christ until you are returned to good health.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

