

St. William Parish Council
March 13, 2018

- **Opening Prayer:** The meeting opened with prayer entitled “*Saint Patrick Day Prayer.*”
- **Welcome:** Fr. Balash welcomed the members to the meeting and the minutes from the January 9, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.
- **Ministry/Organization Reports:**
 - **Parish Life -- Penny Hudak:** The Parish Mission Movie Night was held on Saturday, February 24, 2018 in preparation for the Lenten Mission. The movie “*The Wizard of Oz*” was shown with approximately 180 adults and 30 children attending. Dinner and movie snacks were served along with dessert. Gift baskets, donated by various parish organizations, were raffled to conclude the evening. Tickets have been reserved for the August 3, 2018 Cleveland Indians game against the Los Angeles Angels. This year seats are in the mezzanine family section. Reservation information will be available in late Spring. The Champion Pride Council met on January 17, 2018 to review the Thanksgiving Food and Winter Clothing Drive. The Spring Food Drive is being held from February 14-March 22, 2018 and food will be distributed from Otterbein United Methodist on Saturday, March 24, 2018. The Council will also be collecting School Supplies from July 1 – August 2 with distribution on August 4, 2018 at Champion Christian Church. The Parish Life Committee will meet next on Thursday, March 15, 2018 to discuss upcoming Summer events.
 - **Liturgy Committee -- Donna Runtas:** The Liturgy Committee met on February 6, 2018 and prior to this Parish Council meeting. Plans were made for the Lenten season and environment. The Lenten theme will be “*Finding Hope.*” During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Friday morning following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Lenten Communal Reconciliation will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at Blessed Sacrament Parish at 7:00 p.m. This will include all of the parishes in Warren. The committee will meet next on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 to review Lent and Easter.
 - **Women’s Guild -- Patricia Scanlon:** The Guild officers met on February 8, 2018 to reorganize the Guild archives. Materials older than 7 years will be discarded. Photographs and other historical items are being cataloged and organized. The Guild also coordinated a building clean up to organize supplies and materials into a central area. This project will be fully completed after the Fish Dinners. The Guild voted to sponsor one new seat at the Trumbull New Theater for \$200.00. The Guild provided a gift basket for the Lenten Movie Night and Friar Johnpaul’s stipend for the Lenten Mission. Upcoming events include: Kolachi Bake (March 14); and Annual Card Party (April 8). Plans are currently being made for the installation of officers in May and the August Rummage Sale.
 - **Finance -- Bob Hardman:** The Parish Finance committee met on February 6, 2018 and reviewed the current financial status of the parish. Through January the parish remains on budget with income and expenses. The Parish was recently required to surrender 200 shares of Bob Evans stock at \$77.00 per share resulting in a payment of \$15,400.00. This money will be put into savings for future projects. Fr. Balash will provide a summary of the Building Loan in his report. (See below.) The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 1, 2018.
 - **Religious Education -- Jennifer Kusmierek:** Students from Saint William received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at Saint Columba

Cathedral. Second Grade Students will celebrate First Communion on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Mass. This will also be the last PSR session of the year.

- **Youth Ministry** -- **Chase Kufchak:** The Warren Area Catholic Teens sponsored a Kairos Retreat on March 3-4, 2018 at Villa Marie Spirituality Center. One teen from Saint William attended. The Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive, held on February 3-4, 2018 resulted in 109 non-perishable food items being donated and \$436.12. Several parishioners participated in the CRS Helping Hands event held on March 11, 2018 at JFK School. 15,552 meals were packaged for Burkina Faso in Western Africa. Graduating Seniors will be honored on April 28, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Mass followed by dinner. The annual Flower Sale will be held in May and plans are underway for a Summer Movie Night.
- **Knights of Columbus:** -- **Dan Gelet:** The Knights of Columbus Valentine's Day Reverse Raffle was held on Saturday, February 10, 2018. The Knights sponsored a Free-Throw Competition on January 13, 2018. The Knights are currently selling Super Cash Bonanza Tickets. They will also celebrate their Corporate Communion Mass on Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. followed by a free breakfast in the Social Hall. The newly confirmed along with their families and sponsors will be in attendance. The Knights will hold a Spaghetti Dinner on April 20, 2018.
- **Pastor's Report:**
 - **Building Project Loan:** Fr. Balash provided members with an update on the Building Project Loan. Currently the loan balance is \$193,904.72. Additional costs to the loan include: Electrical Work (\$7,680.00); New Chairs for Church (\$55,590.80); and house destruction costs (\$10,000.00). The draw period for the loan has also been extended until September 30, 2018.
 - **New Chairs for Church:** Fr. Balash informed member that 400 new chairs for the church have been ordered at a cost of \$55,590.80. The chairs will be arriving in early May.
 - **Election Site:** The Social Hall is now a polling location for the Primary and General elections. The first election will be on Tuesday, May 8, 2018.
 - **Maintenance Position:** Fr. Balash announced that Mr. Ross Lenhart has been hired to replace Gary Gates who is retiring on March 31, 2018.
 - **Front Walkway:** The new front walkway is going to need to be replaced because of defective concrete. This will be done as soon as weather permits at no cost to the parish.
 - **Old Office Building Update:** After Easter, a committee will be formed to begin plans for the sale of items from the old office building and eventual destruction of the building this summer.
 - **Eagle of the Cross:** Fr. Balash congratulated Chase Kuchak, Youth Parish Council Representative for receiving 2018 Eagle of the Cross Award from the Diocese. The Eagle of the Cross is bestowed upon young people recognizing their leadership, character and moral integrity. Chase will receive his reward on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Youngstown.
 - **Parish Council Member Terms:** Fr. Balash informed the council that the following member terms are coming to completion in May 2018. According to Parish Council By-Laws, those completing their second complete term are not eligible to return to Council for one year. Those completing their first term are eligible for a second term and were asked to inform Fr. Balash of their intentions before the next Parish Council meeting. Members who terms are ending include: Donna Runtas (2nd term Liturgy Representative); Penny Hudak (1st term Parish Life Representative); Jennifer

Kusmierek (1st term Religious Education Representative); Mo Thuman and Eddie Kuhn (1st term At-Large Members); and Deanna Barco and Edward Baniak (2nd term Appointed Members).

- **Member Comments:** None

The next meeting of Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.