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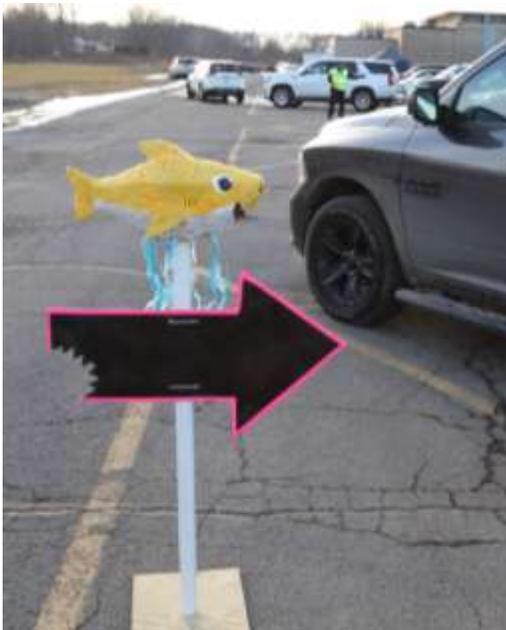
March 14, 2021 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent



“Let us be servants to one another.”

Today we hear one of the most well-known verses in the whole of John’s gospel, a verse that proclaims “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” These words are quickly followed by another often quoted verse about light and darkness. “The light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to the light...” These startling words happen during an exchange between Jesus and Nicodemus and both instances point to God’s unfailing mercy. Furthermore, the first and second readings also echo this theme. In the first reading from the Book of Chronicles we hear that early and often God sent messengers to his wayward people. Though they had been unfaithful, God still had “compassion on his people and his dwelling place.” And from Ephesians, Paul writes “God is rich in mercy.” The common theme is God’s abiding and abundant mercy bestowed on his people. The second theme associated with God’s mercy is revealed in the image of light

and darkness. Jesus does not come to judge, but just as turning on a light exposes what is hidden in darkness, so it is when the light of Christ shines upon us exposing both good and evil. Sadly we often prefer the false safety of darkness to the light of Christ. We all have our own caves that we need to name and Lent is designed to drag us out of our darkness into the Easter light of Christ through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In Lent we experience a time of purification and penance. It is an apt time to ask in what ways have we preferred the cover of darkness to the illuminating power of the light? The cross that will be raised up and venerated on Good Friday will give way at the Easter Vigil to the raised Easter candle from which we catch fire and rekindle our commitment to Jesus. How might we prepare ourselves for this new rebirth in these last weeks of Lent? In the end, God’s grace is a gift offered freely and abundantly to each of us. We need only to accept it and this time of *mending our heart...a new kind of hope...* gives us the courage and strength to do just that!



Have a good week! ~ Fr. Balash

~ March 14-21, 2021 ~
Fourth Sunday in Lent

MARCH 14, 2021

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **MARTHA & VINCENT KOCHUNAS & JOSEPH JENYK**/ Kochunas Family
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **STEVE MILLIK**/ Millik Family
11:00 a.m. † **BARB BRDEK**/ Bob & Marcia Kane
Mon † **NO SERVICE**
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **SPECIAL INTENTION**/ Gene & Theresa Petrosky
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **TOM LUCAS**/ Gary & Ellie Gates
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **BINA LARSON**/ Dom & Sue Larocci
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **CLIF, CHERYL & KELLI FOLEY**/ Helen Snyder

MARCH 21, 2021

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **ROBERT JACUBEK**/ Brian & Andrea Kochunas
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **IDA MAE SWITTER**/ Fr. John Lody
11:00 a.m. † **DONALD TITCHNELL**/ Donald Titchnell, Jr.

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ March 21, 2021 ~
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah ...

Hebrews 5: 7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears ...

John 12: 20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee ...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

March 20/21, 2021

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Judy Makosky
8:30 a.m. Christine DePascale, Margaret Foster
11:00 a.m. _____, _____

Servers

5:00 p.m. Therese Tuttle
8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale
11:00 a.m. _____

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. _____, Bob Mintus
8:30 a.m. Gloria Mintus, Bob Mintus
11:00 a.m. _____, Bob Mintus

**Sign-Up In
Vestibule**



MENDING OUR HEARTS
A New Kind of Hope

You are reminded to put your weekly need or intention in the jar near the baptismal font that will cause you to “mend your heart” or offer a “new kind of hope” for the coming week. There are cards and pens in the vestibule for you to write your intention or you can bring it from home.



LENTEN RICE BOWLS

Lenten Rice Bowls may be returned on Holy Thursday evening at the Mass of the Lord’s Supper or at any time during Holy Week.



CHRISM MASS

The annual Chrism Mass will be held on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at Saint Columba Cathedral. Due to pandemic restrictions and limited seating, the Chrism Mass is closed to the public and attendance is by invitation only. You are invited to watch the Chrism Mass via live stream at: www.doy.org/Media/Cathedral Live Stream. It will rebroadcast on ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel on Tuesday, March 30 at 8:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, March 31 at 10:00 a.m.

PSR NEWS

The Spring FFC will be held next weekend Sunday, March 21 at 9:30 a.m. A fun morning has been planned and we will attend 11:00 a.m. Mass as a group. Prayer Partners will meet during this FFC. If you have not turned in your RSVP, please do so as soon as possible or email Carol Timko at ctimko@stwilliamchampon.org.



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ March 7, 2021 (WK 36)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,468.00*	\$ 261,747.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 255,600.00
Difference	\$ 368.00	\$ 6,147.00
Performance	105%	102%

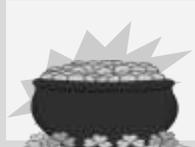
*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 455.00 LAST WK — \$ 35,104.00 YTD
Envelopes ~ 168 out of 535
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 17.00 (11 out of 45)

POT-OF-GOLD

#277 drawn on 3/10/2021

!!NO Winner!!

Amount: \$151.00



WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS
Fourth Sunday of Lent

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son”-

JOHN 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

2021 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL for Catholic Charities and Church

The 2021 Annual Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church continues. Many thanks to all who have already responded towards our goal of \$43,500.00. To date 37 parishioners have responded totaling \$ 7,656.00. Your support is greatly appreciated and needed! If you have not yet offered your gift please do so as soon as possible. Every parishioner is being asked to prayerfully to support this year's Appeal. You can make your response directly to the Diocese or by dropping it in the collection basket on Sunday. Your generosity last year helped to provide the following in Trumbull County:



- ~735 people with emergency food vouchers and assistance;
- ~888 people with homeless outreach;
- ~338 pregnant women and families with assistance;
- ~506 seniors with support service;
- ~2046 with utility assistance though Keep Kids Warm;
- ~820 nights of shelter for victims of domestic violence;
- ~16,034 on-site and home delivered hot meals.

Your commitment to the 2021 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church gives Catholic Charities the support it needs to continue these needed services. Without your generosity, Catholic Charities would never be able to serve the poor among us as we are called to do by Jesus in the Gospel. During the pandemic there has been an ever-increasing number of people coming to Catholic Charities for help. *Thank you to all who have made a commitment to this year's Appeal.*



FISH DINNER WORKERS

The fish dinner workers schedule has been updated for the week 6 and 7. It has been posted on the parish website at stwilliamchampion.org/fishdinnerworkers. If you have any questions call Linda Horm at 330-540-1464.



FISH DINNER UPDATE!

~629 Dinners Sold on February 26
~50/50 Winner: Janet Goranitis -- \$332.00

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS OF THE WEEK

Holko Roofing ~ www.holko.com/
King Brothers ~ www.king-bros.com/

THE PARISH CALENDAR

- Mar 16 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
- Mar 16 ~ Golden Agers 12:30 p.m.
- Mar 17 ~ St. Patrick's Day 
- Mar 17 ~ Knights of Columbus 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 17 ~ Prayer Shawl Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 17 ~ Folk Group Practice 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 18 ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 19 ~ Fish Dinner #6 4:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 21 ~ PSR - FFC 9:30 a.m.
- Mar 21 ~ Youth Ministry 12:00 p.m.
- Mar 21 ~ Instrument Practice 2:00 p.m.

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Social: 6:00 p.m.

Meeting: 6:30 p.m.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #7491

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.



SUPER CASH BONANZA RAFFLE

The Knights of Columbus annual raffle to provide funding for many charitable donations given to the Catholic Church, local school systems, and communities is now underway. This year there are 25 chances to win part of the \$108,000 prize pot. Council #7491 is currently selling tickets for \$5.00 per ticket. Contact Ted Bogan at 330-507-2841 or Mike Kirkwood at 704-999-1741 to purchase tickets.

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.



CHANGE OF PERSONAL STATUS

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

NEEDED

The Liturgy Committee is need of an ironing board. If you have one that is not being used, is in good condition, and you would like to donate, please call the Parish Office.



FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH

~ Friday March 19 ~

In his Apostolic Letter *Patris corde*, Pope Francis declared the Year of Saint Joseph from December 8, 2020 through December 8, 2021. The Holy Father explained that this proclamation was motivated by two reasons. First, it is a celebration of the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church. Second, Pope Francis hopes that Saint Joseph may serve as an inspiration and guide to all as we undergo the crisis of the ongoing pandemic. Since the Solemnity of Saint Joseph (March 19) falls on a Friday during Lent this year, Bishop Bonnar reminds us that in accord with canon 1251 of the Code of Canon Law the obligation to abstain from eating meat or partake in any other usual penances is lifted in honor of Saint Joseph. The Solemnity of St. Joseph, as with any other Solemnity during the year, is a time to celebrate. *So.....let's celebrate with a delicious baked or fried Fish Dinner this coming Friday!*



GOLDEN AGERS NEWS

The Golden Agers will meet Tuesday, March 16 at 12:30 p.m. in room 103. Door prizes will be provided by **Barb Kufchak** and **Nola Tunnicliff**. Pizza will be served. Social distancing and safety protocols will be observed. We hope to see you there! New members are always welcome! Bring a friend.



Check the parish website from time to time for information about what is happening at the parish...

www.stwilliamchampion.org

ADULT FAITH FORMATION – THE MASS

We will walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. *The Mass* will help you understand how to fully, consciously and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life.



April 19: A Privileged Encounter
April 26: Called Out of the World
May 3: God Speaks Our Story
May 10: Responding to God
May 17: Preparing for Sacrifice
May 24: The Real Presence Creates Communion

Morning session will be held from 9:30am-11:00am.
Evening session will be held from 6:30pm – 8:00pm.

Cost is \$22.00

Registration information can be found in the vestibule.
Kindly register by March 28.

~Contact~

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Tina McCue, Pastoral Associate
Patricia Maciejewski, Music Director
Carol Timko, Religious Education
Therese Tuttle, Business Manager
Dan Robinson, Office Manager
Ross Lenhart, Maintenance

~Celebrate~

Mass Times

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Summer - Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays - 8:30 a.m. Tuesday - Friday
Holydays - Check weekly bulletin
Liturgy of the Word Service - Monday 8:30 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.
Communal Reconciliation Services are held during Lent and Advent.

Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage, Holy Orders ~ Contact the Parish Office.

~Christian Formation~

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Sunday Morning Gr. K-8 ~ 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Afternoon Gr. 9-12 ~ 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sunday Mornings ~ 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Adult and Teen Enrichment

Offered throughout the year. Consult the bulletin.

John F. Kennedy Catholic School

www.warrenjfk.com

~Service~

Please call the Parish Office for Mass and Prayer Intentions, Homebound and Hospitalized Ministry, Funerals, The Catholic Exponent, Family Information Changes, New Parishioner Registration, Hall Rental/Catering, and details about any Parish Organization and Ministry.

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday 12:00 noon