

St. William Parish

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December 20, 2020 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent



“People, look east. The time is near!”

“Now Is the Time”

As we celebrate this Fourth Sunday of Advent our season of preparation and anticipation is coming to a close. Today’s gospel begins the enchanting story of how the birth of Christ came about. In the words of Gabriel we see a pattern for God’s action and invitation in our lives. Being faithful to God’s call will very likely lead us to places of discomfort, hardship and perhaps fear. This happens to Mary in today’s reading. Every Advent we are challenged to have the same attentiveness of Mary to our faith that stirs in the womb of our complacency. So often our world seems starved of bright stars; we watch or participate in rituals of mourning for acts of terrorism, natural disaster, local tragedies or other dark events. Obviously this year, the pandemic is such an event. Usually in these rituals candles are lighted; small pieces of wax and flame that say light has more right to exist in our world than darkness. This is the message of Advent as we light the last of our four candles this weekend reminding us that it is up to us, disciples of the Light of the World, to catch fire from Christ’s mystery and bring something of this fire and light into our own lives and,

especially, into the lives of those for whom Christmas may not be a feast of joy but a time of darkness that stirs painful memories of those with whom they can no longer celebrate because of death or other circumstances, most notably the conditions of the this year’s pandemic. The fire we catch from Christ, our readiness to be consumed like him in the flame of service and faith is what Christmas should be all about. In these last days that are left, and as we ponder the message to a young girl named Mary, we might ask in our own lives of faith how have we responded to God’s invitation to be disciples of Christ to one another not only at this time of year but throughout the coming months.



Have a good week! ~ Fr. Balash

Mass for the Intentions  *for the Week*

~ **December 20-27, 2020** ~
Fourth Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 20, 2020

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **FRANK BARCO**/ Brian & Andrea Kochunas
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **LEROY & FLORENCE WILSON**/ Hysen Sait
 11:00 a.m. † **SANDRA MACKEY**/ Maria Butcher

Mon † **NO SERVICE**
 Tues 8:30 a.m. † **RICHARD & JEAN BRUGLER**/ Brugler Family
 Wed 8:30 a.m. † **SHELLY ROGERS**/ Dunlap Family
 Thur 5:00 p.m. † **PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**
 Thur 10:00 p.m. † **PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**
 Fri 10:00 a.m. † **PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

DECEMBER 27, 2020

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **ROSE MAKOSKY**/ Makosky Family
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **DAVID BAILEY**/ Joe & Pat Maciejewski
 11:00 a.m. † **HELEN CIPOLLA**/ Mary Pytlak

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ **December 27, 2020** ~
The Holy Family

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, humility, gentleness...

Luke 2: 22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem ...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

December 26/27, 2020

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Ruth Bubba, Deanna Barco
 8:30 a.m. Rachael Zigarovich, Ed Runyan
 11:00 a.m. _____

Servers

5:00 p.m. Nathan Goldner
 8:30 a.m. Mike Trunick
 11:00 a.m. Brian Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Bob Hardman, Bob Mintus
 8:30 a.m. Laurie Sitch, Bob Mintus
 11:00 a.m. Pam Kuebler, Bob Mintus

Sign-Up In Vestibule



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ December 13, 2020 (WK 24)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,952.00*	\$ 174,569.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 170,400.00
Difference	\$ 852.00	\$ 4,169.00
Performance	112%	102%

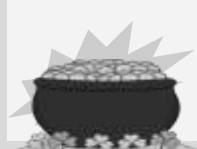
*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 838.00 LAST WK — \$ 23,921.00 YTD
 Envelopes ~ 182 out of 540
 Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 0.00 (0 out of 62)

POT-OF-GOLD

#616 drawn on 12/16/2020

!! No Winner!!

Amount: \$135.00



CONGRATULATIONS CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE WINNERS!!!!

December 12: Denny Durno
 December 14: Jean Kittle
 December 16: Jim Henson
 December 18: Margie McCummins



THE WINNING CONTINUES THIS WEEK and the GRAND PRIZE DRAWING IS SUNDAY DECEMBER 20!

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the November 10, 2020 Parish Council meeting are available on the parish website and a copy is posted in the vestibule.

PARISH HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 24-25 and Monday, December 28 for the Christmas holiday and open for limited hours the week between Christmas and New Year's.

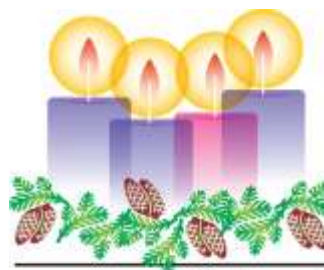


RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation for Christmas will be available on Tuesday, December 22 at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Face coverings and safe distancing will be observed.

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

www.stwilliamchampion.org



On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward All."

†† RECENT DEATH ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Francis Theis

and

Ronald Utz

Son-in-law of Terry and Judith Troyan

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

ORDINATION MASS–BISHOP BONNAR

On November 17, 2020, Pope Francis appointed Rev. David J. Bonnar the 6th Bishop of Youngstown. The Mass of Ordination and Installation will be Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Due to limitations imposed by the current pandemic, the number of invitations has been severely restricted. You are invited to watch the ceremony via live-stream on the diocesan website: www.doy.org/media/cathedral beginning at 2:00 p.m. A rebroadcast on ETC-Ecumenical Television is scheduled on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 12:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 8:00 p.m., and on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 12:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 8:00 p.m.



2020 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Wednesday, December 30, 2020 is the last day to make a contribution to the church for the 2020 tax year. All contributions made after December 30 will be credited to the 2021 tax year.

ONLINE GIVING

myEoffering is an easy and safe way to give your weekly financial gift to the church, sign up for *myEoffering* today. Information can be found on the parish website: www.stwilliamchampion.org/egiving.html Follow the easy sign-up registration and instruction steps to establish your accounts. Questions??? Call the Parish Office for assistance.



LIVE STREAM CHRISTMAS MASS

Due to the anticipated high volume use of the Internet, Facebook, and YouTube on Christmas Eve, Christmas Mass will be available for viewing on the parish website, Facebook, and YouTube beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

FISH DINNER NEWS!

Our Fish Dinners are tentatively scheduled to begin on Friday, February 12, 2021. This year the dinners will be DRIVE-THRU carry out only. The Fish Dinner Committee is continuing to meet to work out details and particulars to insure an efficient and smooth process for ordering, purchasing, and receiving Fish Dinners. The annual Fish Dinner Worker Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. Interested in helping with this year's dinners? Call the Parish Office to get on the list. Safety protocols will be in place for all working at the dinners.



THE PARISH CALENDAR

Dec 21 ~ Church Christmas Decorating 12:00 Noon
Dec 21 ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
Dec 22 ~ Christmas Reconciliation 6:30 p.m.
Dec 22 ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
Dec 24 ~ Christmas Eve
Dec 24 ~ Office Closed
Dec 24 ~ Mass 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
Dec 25 ~ Christmas Day
Dec 25 ~ Office Closed
Dec 25 ~ Mass 10:00 a.m.

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #7491

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.



WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Social at 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting at 6:30 p.m.



THANK YOU

Thank you to Women's Guild, Youth Ministry, and all the volunteers who helped in any way to make the Christmas Craft Show safe and successful. It could not have been done without you! 229 patrons, 25 volunteers, and 30 vendors enjoyed the event.

Christmas Craft Show Chairwomen

ATTENDING MASS DURING THIS TIME...

- ♦ As the current health circumstances continue, the temporary dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for all Catholic faithful within the Diocese of Youngstown remains. It is intended primarily for those of a vulnerable age or with compromised health concerns.
- ♦ Anyone who is symptomatic, at high risk of becoming sick, or who has been exposed to another with the virus within 14 days should not attend Mass or any other parish function in accordance with national, state and local health directives
- ♦ Face-coverings are to be worn for Mass
- ♦ Please remember to maintain a safe distance (at least 2 empty seats) between you and others when attending Mass.
- ♦ When finding your seat for Mass, please **move to the center of the row** so others can fill in the same row without having to pass by.
- ♦ Live-stream Mass is available every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on the parish website and Facebook along with the weekly Worship Aid. www.stwilliamchampion.org
- ♦ For those not attending Mass in person the Act of Spiritual Communion is made when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion at Mass. Directions can be found on the parish website

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Due to the pandemic the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass for Christmas remains, however all are encouraged to mark the Feast of Christmas by attending Mass once over the four day weekend. All masses this weekend will feature Christmas music, festive decorations and scripture readings of the season.

Christmas Weekend ~ Thursday-Sunday December 24-27

Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.
Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 26 – Feast of the Holy Family: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 27 – Feast of the Holy Family: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

New Year Weekend ~ Friday–Sunday January 1-3

Friday January 1 – New Year’s Day 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, January 2 – Feast of Epiphany 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 3 – Feast of Epiphany 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

DROPPING OFF WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Many thanks to all who continue to drop off their weekly contributions to the parish. Your continued support, generosity, and commitment are greatly appreciated. It is kindly asked that if you are dropping off contributions that you DO NOT USE the mailbox any longer. Postal regulations do not allow for this. Contribution envelopes can be brought into the parish office during regular hours or they can be sent via regular mail. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

RENE’S CLOSET “THANK YOU”

This December, Debi Hayes will retire from coordinating Rene’s Clothes Closet. Since 2007 Debi has served in this capacity for our parish to help others in need. Rene’s Closet began on the third floor of the previous parish office/rectory building and is currently located near the kitchen entrance in the Church building. It was established to provide free clothing and small household items for those most in need. Through the abundant donations of parishioners, Rene’s Closet has been stocked with clothing items for every season for the past 13 years. Rene’s Closet is open every month and/or by appointment. It assists approximately 30 patrons per month and sometimes more when the need is great.

Rene’s Closet is listed in the 2-1-1 book for Trumbull/Mahoning County and is also connected to Children’s Services, Valley Counseling along with other local agencies as an organization available to provide help for various clients. Debi writes: *As I reflect on this passionate journey I had of providing free clothing, it gives me a sense of satisfaction to know that close to 4000 people walked through the doors of the Closet looking for assistance. It has been a very rewarding experience for me and I am grateful for this opportunity.* We offer thanks and gratitude to Debi for her ministry and congratulations on a job well done!

Mrs. Jeannette Jaskiewicz will be taking over Rene’s Closet in January as Saint William Parish continues this outreach service. Rene’s Closet is open on the last Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by appointment. If you would like to help with Rene’s Closet please contact the Parish Office.



~Contact~

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Rev. Michael D. Balash, Pastor

Robert Mintus, Deacon

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