

# St. William Parish

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December 6, 2020 ~ Second Sunday of Advent



*“Glory and splendor will fill the land!”*

## *“Now Is the Time”*

Our season of Advent *“Now Is the Time”* 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 appears at the Jordan River proclaiming a baptism of repentance in anticipation of 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 of the Messiah...both at Christmas and at the end of time.

Advent has often been characterized at *“patient waiting.”* That characterization is quite indicative of our current circumstances and situation. All of us are patiently waiting for the coming of Christmas and an end to the current pandemic. The status of the vaccine remains positive and encouraging. The preparation for the holiday is underway. The outside world quickly getting decorated with lights and music, hope and anticipation! However, within the Church this season is 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 our God who became human for us, who is present in our lives now, and whose future reign we await with joyful hope. *Now is the time* to make an effort 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 the wonders of His love this coming Christmas!



*Have a good week! ~ Fr. Balash*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

~ December 6-13, 2020 ~  
Second Sunday of Advent

**DECEMBER 6, 2020**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † PAUL HATCH/ Ron & Felicia Mooney  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † VERONICA EVANS/ S.N.D. Associates  
11:00 a.m. † STEVE MILLIK/ Millik Family  
Mon † NO SERVICE  
Tues 7:00 p.m. † JOSEPH LUCCI/ Carl & Gloria Karafa  
Wed 8:30 a.m. † DUGIC FAMILY/ Marie Dye  
Thur 8:30 a.m. † RICHARD LENHART/ Ross & Gayle Lenhart  
Fri 8:30 a.m. † SHELLEY ROGERS/ Dunlap Family

**DECEMBER 13, 2020**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † ANN NAPPI/ Cindy Nappi Piras  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † VERONICA EVANS/ White Family  
11:00 a.m. † MARY TOMBOR/ Steve Tombor

*Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:*

~ December 13, 2020 ~  
Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11

*The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor ...*

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

*Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus ...*

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

*A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him ...*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

December 12/13, 2020

**Lectors**

5:00 p.m. Donna Runtas, \_\_\_\_\_  
8:30 a.m. Rachel Zigarovich, \_\_\_\_\_  
11:00 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Servers**

5:00 p.m. Therese Tuttle  
8:30 a.m. Olivia Zigarovich  
11:00 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 p.m. Bob Hardman, Karen Hardman  
8:30 a.m. Penny Hudak, \_\_\_\_\_  
11:00 a.m. Melanie Shoaf, Sandy Hudak



Sign-Up In  
Vestibule

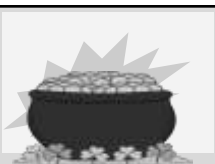
**OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ November 29, 2020 (WK 22)**

	LAST WK	YTD
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 7,432.00*	\$ 158,734.00*
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 156,200.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$ 332.00	\$ 2,534.00
<b>Performance</b>	105%	102%

\*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 1,238.00 LAST WK — \$ 22,310.00 YTD  
Envelopes ~ 186 out of 539  
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 1.00 (1 out of 62)

**POT-OF-GOLD**

#447 drawn on 12/2/2020  
!!Winner!! Mark & Sandy Frantz  
Amount: \$295.00



**CONGRATULATIONS  
CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE WINNERS!!!!**

November 26: Barb Steinbeck  
November 28: Dana Balash  
November 30: Jean Kittle  
December 2: Dana Balash  
December 4: Margaret Foster



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

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

Christmas Giving Tree Gifts are due back on **TODAY - December 6**. Please attach the tag directly to the gift. Do not wrap or use a gift bag. Thank you for your generous and kind response!

**2021 PARISH CALENDARS**

2021 Parish Calendars are available after Mass this weekend. Many thanks to Mr. Peter Rossi, Jr. of Peter Rossi and Son Funeral Home for providing our parish calendars this year.

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

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

*Not Only for the Deceased*

Have you ever thought of memorializing a special event – birthday, anniversary, or any other special happening? Mass intentions are not limited to only remembering loved ones who have passed away; they can also be offered to commemorate a special event such as a birthday, anniversary or other special moments. In addition, Mass can also be offered for other causes as well – the sick, lonely, unemployed, less fortunate etc. We are currently in need of Mass Intentions for upcoming weekday Masses for 2021. Please contact the parish office or drop your requests in the collection basket. If you are remembering a special event please be sure to include that with your request. The customary offering is \$10.00 for each intention.

**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](http://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.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING PSR

To be aligned with Trumbull County Schools, we are moving to remote religious education beginning this weekend, December 6 through the end of the calendar year. We anticipate in person religious education to resume on January 10, 2021.

We continue our current Mass schedule and building protocols to ensure a safe environment to gather and give praise to our God. In a time when we are faced with so many unknowns and disruptions to our normal schedule and activities, we can take comfort that one thing remains unchanged ~ our gathering to worship. Each week we have the opportunity to gather and be strengthened by the steady tradition and familiar sound of scripture, music and prayer as we feast at the table of the Lord. We hope you will celebrate this sacred time as we continue to deal with these unusual circumstances and hope for a quick resolution.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Timko or Mrs. McCue should you have any questions regarding remote learning or need assistance in navigating the Pflaum website.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

Please continue with your journal and the journal homework. The Confirmation retreat is scheduled for Sunday, January 10. Please mark your calendars for that date.

## CHRISTMAS YARD SIGN SALE

The Knights of Columbus Champion Council 7491 will hold a "Keep Christ in Christmas" fundraiser. Yard signs are \$10.00 with the theme "Keep Christ in Christmas." 100% of the profit is distributed to local charities. Sign is 18" x 24", printed on both sides of waterproof corrugated plastic board and comes with wire stand. Contact Brian McCue.



## FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your faithful support of the food pantry. The pantry is in need of the following items: **breakfast cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned pasta (ravioli, etc.), small packages of toilet paper.** We are currently overstocked with **canned vegetables.** Any food donation will gladly be accepted! However, we cannot accept expired food. Donations can be dropped off in the vestibule. Thank you for your support!



## THE PARISH CALENDAR

- Dec 8 ~ Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 8 ~ Christmas Cash Raffle Drawing #7
- Dec 9 ~ Folk Group 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 10 ~ Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 10 ~ Christmas Cash Raffle Drawing #8
- Dec 12 ~ Women's Guild Craft Show 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Dec 12 ~ Christmas Cash Raffle Drawing #9
- Dec 12 ~ Adult Choir 5:00 p.m.
- Dec 13 ~ Folk Group 11:00 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.



## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is this coming Tuesday, December 8. It is a holy day however the obligation to attend Mass is part of the general dispensation in place due to the pandemic. For those wishing to celebrate this patronal feast day of the United States, Mass will be held at 7:00 p.m. on December 8.

## 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](http://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.



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.

## St. William Parish Community Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Check One:

- I am interested in membership, please send registration form  
 Moving out of the parish  
 Change of address / phone number

*Drop this form in the collection basket, USPS mail, or send us an email!*

### ~Contact~

**Church Office** 330-847-8677

www.stwilliamchampion.org  
parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org  
Church Building 330-847-7026

**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](http://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