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March 10, 2019 ~ First Sunday in Lent



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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** rkane@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.

Pastor's COLUMN

"With grace and gladness..."

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. This holy season is a time in the Church for all of us to examine and reflect upon our lives and to see where we might need improvement and growth as we anticipate celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord and our resurrection as well. In today's gospel Jesus is led out into the desert filled with the Holy Spirit. He remains there for forty days, all the while experiencing temptation by the devil. As we begin this Lenten season let us ask for God's grace to sustain us and for pardon and mercy for the times we have given into temptations. The hallmarks of Lent are **prayer, sacrifice and almsgiving**. Hopefully, we will take advantage of the many opportunities before us to grow deeper in prayer, to become more holy through our sacrificing and fasting, and to reach out to those in need by giving of our time, talent and treasure. Our Lenten theme this year is "**With grace and gladness ...**" It is an appropriate theme during this season as we attempt, *with grace and gladness*, to turn our hearts and lives back to the message and mission of the gospel.

This year there are two important opportunities to make this Lenten journey special and meaningful to our lives. Our Parish Mission, "*Our Lenten Journey ~ With Grace and Gladness*" is just three weeks away. It will feature Emmy Nominated TV Star Frank Runyeon and will be held on Sunday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m., and on Monday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m. Each evening will be 90 minutes long filled with prayer, song, stories and humor! Babysitting and children's activities will be available each evening. The second event will take place on Wednesday, March 20. "The Light is ON for YOU," is a special evening of reconciliation throughout the diocese. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in many parishes in the Diocese. This opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation is in addition to our Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service that will be on Sunday, March 24 at Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Finally, today we begin the in-church opportunity to make a pledge to this year's Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities. Support of the appeal offers us a chance to respond to Jesus' teaching that we serve Him by serving those in need. You are kindly asked to make a response in the coming weeks towards our parish goal of \$43,636.00. To date over \$10,000.00 has already been pledged by our parish to this year's Appeal. Thank you for your kindness and generosity to this important and vital part of our mission and ministry in the Church.

Have a great week! Fr. Balash



Mass Intentions for the Week

~ March 10 - March 17, 2019 ~
First Sunday of Lent

MARCH 10, 2019

Sat 5:00 p.m. † KAREN BOGAN/ Vince & Rita DeSalvo
Sun 8:30 a.m. † MARY FRENCHIE/ Daughter, Judy Franek
11:00 a.m. † NANCY CIMBANIN/ JoAnne Stassin

Mon 8:30 a.m. † COMMUNION SERVICE
Tues 8:30 a.m. † DONNA CRAIGER/ Theresa Craiger
Wed 8:30 a.m. † MICHAEL HART/ Tom & Janet Hart
Thur 8:30 a.m. † JOHN VALENTINO/ Wife, Lynn
Fri 8:30 a.m. † MIKE SAWAYDA/ Mary Pytlik

MARCH 17, 2019

Sat 5:00 p.m. † CHRIS COPE/ The Kochunas Family
Sun 8:30 a.m. † TED PYTLIK/ Mary Pytlik
11:00 a.m. † HEIDI SEITZ/ Bernadette

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

~ March 16/17, 2019 ~
Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. Ruth Bubba, Theresa Petrosky
8:30 a.m. Linda Horm, Frank DePascale
11:00 a.m. Dominic Kuhn, Renita Mintus

Servers

5:00 p.m. Alexa Szykulski, Kiley Karafa
8:30 a.m. Nathan Goldner, Grace Kufchak
11:00 a.m. Nathan McCue, Scott Mintus

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Linda Ozanich, Tom Ozanich, Gloria Karafa
8:30 a.m. Mary Pytlik, Carole Baniak, Penny Hudak,
Gloria Mintus, Dave Lucanski, Nancy Lucanski
11:00 a.m. Brian Lenhart, Jennifer Kusmierek, Eddie Kuhn,
Marcia Kane, Bob Kane, Jeanette Jaskiewicz



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ March 3, 2019 (WK 36)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 9,940.17 *	\$ 262,262.44 *
Holy Day	\$ 20.00	\$ 28.00
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 255,600.00
Difference	\$ 2,860.17	\$ 6,690.44
Performance	141%	103%

* Includes MyEoffering of \$ 1,266.82 - \$ 6,987.64 YTD

Envelopes ~ 224 out of 540

Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 7.50 (7 out of 62)

>> RECENT DEATHS <<

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed please remember

Ruth Burggraf, sister of Barb Kufchak

Robert Dugic, brother of Marie Dye

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



Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ March 16/17, 2019 ~
Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:5 -12, 17-18

The Lord God took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can . . ."

Philippians 3:17-4:18-13

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves . . .

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying . . .

>> RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS <<

Marie Dye ~ Trumbull

Please keep our homebound, hospitalized and nursing home parishioners and all those in need, in your prayers.

Special Announcement

After a combined total of 49 years...32 as Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper and 17 as Bulletin Editor...Marcia and Bob Kane have decided to retire from "daily active duty" this April. Bob and Marcia have served our parish faithfully and devotedly in these roles for many years. I am sincerely grateful and most appreciative for all the help and assistance they have provided me in the last 10 years and for their total service to the needs of all of you. Please join me in Congratulating and sending our Best Wishes to them as they begin this new chapter of enjoying retired life! *Thank you Marcia and Bob!!!*

Fr. Balash

In 3 Weeks!

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

Our Lenten Journey ~ With Grace and Gladness

Sunday ~ March 31, 2019 ~ 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

"LUKE: Stories on the Road

and

Monday ~ April 1, 2019 ~ 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

The Sermon on the Mount"

"Hollywood vs. Faith: The Struggle to Live Faithfully in the Media Age"

Featuring:

Emmy Nominated TV Star ~ **Frank Runyeon**

Frank has won national acclaim for his work as a translator and performer of Biblical texts over the past 25 years. He is a graduate of Princeton University and has studied at Yale Divinity School and General Theological Seminary.



Fish Dinners Update!

~574 Dinners Sold on March 1

~Hourly Raffle Winners:

5:00 p.m.: Gary Kuszmaul

6:00 p.m.: Carol Barrett

7:00 p.m.: Ella Farmer

~50/50 Winner: *Ryan Freudenrich \$161.00*

~50/50 Second Chance Winners:

Linda Stepanic, Ernie Long, and Marge McCummins

FRIDAY'S DURING LENT: ~ 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

~ Adults and Carry-Out ~ \$12.00

~ Children (5-10 years) ~ \$6.00

~ "Haluski" Only Dinner! Adults ~ \$10.00

~ Children \$6.00

Parish Council:

The Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Office Conference Room.

Parish Life Committee:

The Parish Life Committee will meet on Thursday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Office Conference Room.

>>>> THE PARISH CALENDAR <<<<

MAR 11 ~ LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY 9:30 AM & 7:00 PM

MAR 12 ~ QUILTERS 9:00 AM

MAR 12 ~ PARISH COUNCIL 7:00 PM

MAR 13 ~ WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING 6:30 PM

MAR 13 ~ FOLK GROUP REHEARSAL 7:00 PM

MAR 14 ~ NAIM CLUB 12:30 PM

MAR 14 ~ ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 PM

MAR 14 ~ PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING 7:00 PM

MAR 16 ~ FOLK GROUP SINGS AT 5:00 MASS

MAR 17 ~ K OF C CORPORATE COMMUNION 8:30 AM

MAR 17 ~ K OF C BREAKFAST 9:30 AM

MAR 17 ~ PSR 9:30 AM

MAR 17 ~ YOUTH MINISTRY 9:30 AM

MAR 17 ~ ADULT CHOIR SINGS AT 11:00 AM MASS



Our Parish APP NOW Available!

Text APP to 88202 to download myParish App and select our parish. Visit our website: www.stwilliamchampion.org for easy instructions

and our App Navigation guide.

App Features of the Week...



Groups

Join a parish group to receive notices, information and updates for particular to your group. Groups include: Choir/Cantor; Liturgical Ministers; Women's Guild; Knights of Columbus, PRS Families; PSR Teachers; Parish Council; Youth Ministry and Prayer Chain. (You must create your account and submit an email address to join a group.)

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Our annual Easter Food Drive has begun. The box will be in the vestibule for food donations of non perishable, *non expired* food items. e.g. cereal, boxed potatoes, sauces, pasta, tuna fish, canned chicken and ham, vegies, peanut butter, mac & cheese, dessert items, etc. **Request forms for those in need** are on the bulletin board, please return forms by April 1. **Monetary donations** for Sparkle Gift Certificates can be given to Darlene Frantz, Ray Mercandino, or turned in at the office by April 1. Checks should be made out to St. William Parish. Thank you for your continued support!

The NAIM CLUB will meet in the church parking lot on March 14 at 12 Noon and car pool to Buena Vista Café for lunch at 12:30 p.m.



Saint William Parish Youth Ministry will host Warren Area Catholic Teens to pray the Stations of the Cross on March 22, 2019 at 7:15pm. Following our Lenten Fish Dinner, all are invited to pray as we adore our Lord, Jesus Christ.

LAST CHANCE to be Included ~
2019 Parish Pictorial Directory

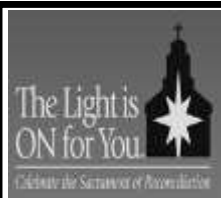
Please contact the Parish Office THIS WEEK to let us know if you would be interested in a "picture make-up date" or if you will be submitting a photograph for the Directory. If you weren't able to schedule an appointment to get your picture taken and still want to be part of it, please let us know THIS WEEK. If there are a number of people wanting to get photographed, we might be able to schedule a "make-up" date in late Spring.

2019 Bishop's Appeal
for Catholic Charities and Church.

Every day in Trumbull County people who are hungry look for food; people who are homeless look for shelter; and people who feel forgotten look for care and compassion. Catholic Charities provides help and creates hope for thousands of individuals and families each year. Your support to the Annual Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church makes this work possible. Here is how your donation to Catholic Charities is used:

- 43% is dedicated to basic needs assistance;
- 20% is dedicated to services for older adults;
- 18% is dedicated to social, educational and support services;
- 9% is dedicated to homeless outreach and prevention services;
- 10% is dedicated to administration.

The Bishop's Appeal is the primary funding source for Catholic Charities in our six-county diocese. There continues to be an ever-increasing number of needy persons coming to Catholic Charities for help and they depend on our support of the Bishop's Appeal. There are many ways in which all of us can participate: **PRAY** for the Appeal's success; **DONATE** by using the response card you received in the mail OR use an envelope found in Church; **VOLUNTEER** your time and talents to any of the ministries of the Church. Please make your pledge today either in Church or at home. Be sure to include St. William Parish on your response.



"The Light is ON for You"
An Evening of Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

"How good it feels to come back to Him whenever we are lost," Pope Francis tell us. Please join us for "The Light is On for You ~ An Evening of Reconciliation," on Wednesday, March 20 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the Diocese during this time. If you know of family members or friends who have been away from the Church, please invite them to come home this Lent - *the light will be ON for them.*



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL 7491

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m.

K OF C CORPORATE COMMUNION

March 17 ~ 8:30 AM

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

MARCH 13, 2019

6:00 PM - SOCIAL

6:30 PM - BUSINESS MEETING

Program: A VERY MERRY UNBIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

(Everyone is asked to bring a wrapped gift worth approximately \$10)



Come and enjoy an evening of fun ... fellowship ... food!

Donations for 'Summer Fun, Children Services' ... including sand toys, bubbles, jump ropes, hula hoops, balls, Frisbees, etc. (items to fill Easter baskets)

"Laughter is timeless, imagination has no age, and dreams are forever."
 ~ Walt Disney

Memories of Elvis

The Das Dutch Village in Columbiana

April 25 at 12 Noon

Performed live by Mike Albert, the country's #1 Elvis tribute artist. This event includes ticket to show, 4 course luncheon (2 meat entrees, sides, soup, salad, dessert & beverage), transportation & tip. Fill out coupon and drop off at office or place in collection basket. Money/Deposit due by March 10, 2019. Only 40 tickets available so please hurry. All are welcome!



Memories of Elvis

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Number Attending _____ x \$75.00 = _____

\$25 deposit due by March 10, 2019.

Balance due by April 1, 2019.

Please make check payable to St. William Golden Agers.

"Pot - of - Gold"

POT-OF-GOLD Raffle Drawing!

Envelope number drawn, Wednesday, March 7, was 493.

There was no winner. The winner would have received \$ 380.00.

Drawings take place every Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. Everyone who receives Church envelopes is eligible to win IF YOU PARTICIPATE. If your envelope number is drawn and you participated... YOU WIN the Pot-of-Gold!

GOOD LUCK!!

