

St. William Parish

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August 23, 2020 ~ Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me!”

In today’s gospel Jesus asks his disciples to report on the rumors and gossip of the crowd that follows him. He wants to know what they are saying about his identity. While the crowds posit that Jesus might be Elijah or John the Baptist or one of the prophets come back to life, they haven’t made the startling conclusion that Peter has come to: that this person is in fact the anointed one that they have been waiting for, the Messiah, *“the Son of the living God!”* It is interesting to note, that after Peter makes this confession, Jesus makes his own profession about Peter. *“You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church.”* Despite Jesus’ elevation of Peter, he is not the perfect disciple by any means! In only a few more verses, after he protests Jesus’ prediction of his passion and death, Jesus will issue a startling rebuke: *“Get behind me Satan! You are an obstacle to me.”* Never in the gospels has Jesus’ proverb that the exalted shall be humbled taken effect so quickly! Despite denying Jesus three times during his passion, Peter is forgiven and restored by the risen Lord. In many ways, the story of Peter should bring us hope. We are not perfect disciples. We, too, will stumble and fall at times, and yet if remain faithful Jesus can use our lives to build up and strengthen his church. The question of “faith” remains one that is asked of us often. The strength, depth, and commitment to our faith allow us to determine who Jesus is. Nevertheless, as we continue to meet Jesus in the word of God, in the sacraments, and in the course of everyday life, Jesus still wants to know, *“who do you say that I am?”*



These late days of summer have been filled with much activity and change as parents, children, and teachers maneuver through the start of school. While this has been a time of unusual caution and uncertainty, it can also be a time of determination, hopefulness, and anticipation. Our daily life continues to be impacted by the current health circumstances but hopefully we can also approach this time with hope and expectation. May our daily prayer be for grace, hope and strength for all teachers, students and parents during this unusual and challenging time.

Enjoy the week! ~ Fr. Balash

~ August 23-30, 2020 ~

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 23, 2020

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **SHELLY ROGERS/ Liz Dunlap**
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **DARLENE MARANDO/ Anthony Marando**
10:30 a.m. † **JOHN & ROSE MAKOSKY/ Makosky Family**

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **NO SERVICE**
Tue 8:30 a.m. † **NO SERVICE**
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **NO SERVICE**
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **NO SERVICE**
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **NO SERVICE**

**Carpet
Installation**

AUGUST 30, 2020

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **STEPHEN KUBOVICK, JR. / Kitty Kubovick**
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **MICHAEL LANAHAN/ Donald Lanahan**
10:30 a.m. † **GRACE MILLER FAMILY/ Millik Family**

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ August 30, 2020 ~

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20: 7-9

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed...

Romans 12: 1-2

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God ...

Matthew 16: 21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests ...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

August 29/30, 2020

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, _____
8:30 a.m. Christine DePascale, Mike Trunick
10:30 a.m. _____, _____

Servers

5:00 p.m. Theresa Petrosky
8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale
10:30 a.m. Brian Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Bob Hardman, Karen Hardman
8:30 a.m. Penny Hudak, _____
10:30 a.m. _____, _____

**Sign-Up In
Vestibule**



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ August 16, 2020 (WK 7)

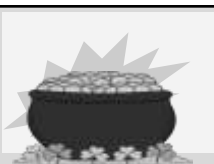
| | LAST WK | YTD |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Sunday Collection | \$ 6,935.00* | \$ 50,268.00* |
| Amount Needed | \$ 7,100.00 | \$ 49,700.00 |
| Difference | \$ (165.00) | \$ 568.00 |
| Performance | 98% | 101% |

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 738.00 LAST WK — \$ 7,865.00 YTD
Envelopes ~ 190 out of 549
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 1.00 (1 out of 62)

POT-OF-GOLD

#151 drawn on 8/19/20

!!Winner!! ~John & Patty Heib~
Amount: \$467.00



DISPENSATION TO ATTEND MASS CONTINUES

In light of the current health circumstance, the temporary dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for all Catholic faithful within the Diocese of Youngstown especially for those who are sick, or at high risk of becoming sick has been extended. Anyone who is symptomatic or who has been exposed to another with the virus within 14 days should not attend Mass in accordance with national, state and local health directives. Live-stream Mass is provided every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for the time being. Access is available through the parish website: www.stwilliamchampion.org

Some Reminders!

- ♦ Face-coverings are to be worn for Mass by all in attendance.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Please maintain a safe distance (at least 1 row in front and behind you) when coming forward to receive Holy Communion.
- ♦ Remember to remove your face covering **before** receiving Holy Communion to ensure proper reverence and avoid the possibility of dropping the host.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS UPDATE

- ♦ We are continuing to explore various options for our PSR classes this year. As a result the start date for classes will be delayed for the time being. Look for some information soon!
- ♦ We are in need of two catechist/teachers for the upcoming year –one for Grade 4-5-6 and Grade 7-8. These openings are paired with another experienced catechist/teacher. If you are interested or have questions please contact Carol Timko.

LIVE-STREAM MASS AND WORSHIP AID

10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass will be live-streamed each week for the time being. The worship aid used during Mass is available on-line to use at home while attending Mass and can be found on the Sunday Mass and News/Events pages on the website. It is a PDF file for you to download and print. Access is available through Facebook or the parish website: www.stwilliamchampion.org

Congratulations!!!

to Addison Goldner and Collin Lee
celebrating their First Communion
this weekend!



CHURCH CARPETING UPDATE

The installation of the new carpeting for the Church begins on Monday. As a result access to the building will be limited. The installation should be complete in time for Mass next weekend. The flooring in the vestibule and hallway will begin on Monday, August 31. Many thanks to all who have volunteered to help remove the chairs and furniture in the Church. Later this week everything will have to be returned in time for the weekend. Calls will be made for help either on Thursday or Friday!

2020-2021 PARISH CALENDAR

The 2020-2021 Parish Calendar has been finalized and is available to Parish Organization leaders. Parish organizations and groups are welcome to consider resuming activities and meetings. Events and activities of a larger group scale will not happen at the present time. Meetings and activities can be held in-person or virtually depending on circumstances. In-person gatherings will follow current health guidelines including the wearing of face-coverings, physical distancing, and proper sanitization procedures.

SUMMER GOES SO QUICKLY!!!

Just a reminder: **Sunday, September 6** is the LAST Sunday for our summer Mass schedule. 11:00 a.m. Mass returns beginning Sunday, September 13.

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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

RCIA....HAVE YOU.....

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults seeking answers in their lives are brought into full union with our parish community and the Catholic Church. The RCIA assists in the spiritual journey to learn, discuss and live the faith of the Catholic faith and its practices. If you know of someone....a spouse, family member, friend, relative that has...

- ...been worshipping with us but never officially took the step to become Catholic?
- ...been away from the Church...and now have returned but want to know more?
- ...yet to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or Eucharist?

...joined us from a different background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

If any of the above applies to you, or if you know of anyone who could answer YES to any of these questions please invite them to consider joining the RCIA journey of faith. Interested in learning more? Please contact Fr. Balash at the Parish Office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #7491



Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting will be held outdoors.

Please bring a lawn chair!

WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting:

September 2, 2020

Wine and Cheese Social

Social at 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting at 6:30 p.m.



BISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE

Many thanks to all who have responded to this year's Bishop's Appeal. Unfortunately the suspension of public worship happened at the height of the Appeal. As a result, support of the Appeal has been challenged this year. Our parish has responded overwhelming to the Bishop's Appeal and there is still time to donate. To date 52% (244 of 467) have responded donating a total of \$41,569.50. Thank you for your generous support!

Spiritual Communion via Televised or On-Line Mass

For those not attending Mass in person the Act of Spiritual Communion is made when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion at Mass. The way to make an Act of Spiritual Communion is listed below and can be adapted based upon personal and family needs:

1. Gather with others in your household and begin a time of prayer with the sign of the cross.
2. Watch Mass on television or on-line, or if unable, take time to read and reflect upon the readings from Sunday Mass. Scripture readings can be found at www.usccb.org. A schedule of televised Mass is available at www.doy.org under Media tab.
3. Share prayer intentions quietly or aloud.
4. Pray the Lord's Prayer.
5. Offer a prayer for healing, strength, or forgiveness or any prayer available during the coronavirus pandemic. If viewing Mass, offer a prayer during the normal time of Communion.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

6. Close with the sign of the cross.

SHOULD I STAND FOR THIS?

Why is it our practice to stand during the distribution of Holy Communion until all present have received and the Blessed Sacrament has been reserved in the tabernacle? Perhaps the answer is best situated by understanding the action and meaning of receiving Holy Communion. When we come forward to receive Holy Communion we are coming forward as an act of faith. The minister says, “*the Body of Christ, (the Blood of Christ),*” and we respond “*Amen.*” This is a profession of our faith; our belief in the true presence of Christ in the bread and wine and of our belonging to one another which is significant, important and sacred! Holy Communion is our “*common union*” with the Lord and with all present. It is *the* moment in Mass when we express most completely and significantly our unity to Christ and to one another. We accomplish this by first joining in the communion procession and secondly by receiving in the same way as everyone else by gesture, posture, and action. As we move to the table of the Lord, we form a single procession --a pilgrim people on the move together. Our procession forward is an action by all at the invitation of Christ remembering that “*blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.*” This unique action, unlike any other line or procession we are ever in during the course of life, leads us to Christ! After receiving the Body and Blood of Christ we continue this sign of unity by returning to our place and standing in unison as others receive until the action is complete. Once all have received and the Blessed Sacrament is returned to the tabernacle, we sit for a brief period of silence and reflection giving thanks to God for giving us his Son before bringing our celebration to a close.

WOMEN’S GUILD LOTTERY BASKET

Women’s Guild is putting together a “Lottery Basket” for their upcoming Basket Raffle. Please consider donating new lottery tickets to be used for a “Lottery Basket.” Lottery tickets can be placed in a basket in the vestibule after every Mass this weekend and next. You can also drop off lottery tickets at the parish office during office hours. Your support is greatly appreciated!

LITURGICAL MINISTER UPDATE

For the time being, liturgical ministers needed for Mass can sign up in the vestibule. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

JOIN THE PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Anyone interested in joining our group of parishioners dedicated to praying for the intentions and concerns of our church family, friends, and community, can do so by contacting the parish office at 330-847-8677 or by emailing parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org. Prayer requests can be made by calling or emailing the parish office.

PARISH APP

Stay up to date on parish news, updates, cancelations and information. Download our FREE Parish APP for smartphones. Simply text **APP** to **88202**. Download **myParish APP** and select our parish. Follow the easy instructions or visit our website for more information. This is the **BEST** way to stay in touch, get updates and remain informed about parish news and events.

~Contact~

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Patricia Maciejewski, Music Director
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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. & 10:30 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