

# St. William Parish

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December 23, 2018 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent



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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](http://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](mailto:rkane@stwilliamchampion.org) by Wednesday prior to the weekend they are to appear.

### Visit our website at

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

## "Hearts Full of Hope and Joy."

The gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Advent each year focuses on Mary, the Mother of God. Today's passage from Luke gives us a Marian set of beatitudes: "Blessed are you among women"; "blessed is the fruit of your womb"; and "blessed are you who believe..." What an overwhelming and powerful way to bring to a close our Season of Advent as we anxiously await the celebration of Christmas in just a few hours. I hope this has been a holy and prayerful season for you and your family in the midst of a busy and exciting time. In these last hours, be sure to take a moment to reflect and dwell on the true meaning of this season...of how truly blessed we are that *our heart is filled with hope and joy* as we celebrate Christmas this year.

For those traveling to be with family over the holiday...be safe and return home safely as well. Know of our best wishes for you and your family to have a blessed and holy Christmas holiday. For those of you celebrating with us, I look forward to sharing the holiday with you and your family! Be assured of my prayers and best wishes as we experience the joy of Christmas and thank you for all your kindness and support to our parish over this past year and during this holiday season. I will remember all of you at Mass in the coming days.

*Merry Christmas,  
Fr. Balash*



### Mass Intentions for the Week

~ December 23-30, 2018 ~  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

#### DECEMBER 23, 2018

Sat 5:00 p.m. † KAREN BOGAN/ Dan & Murph Gelet  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † NANCY CIMBANIN/ Betty Lesho  
11:00 a.m. † RICHARD WOLFE/ Wolfe Family

#### Christmas Eve

Mon 5:00 p.m. † PEOPLE OF ST. WILLIAM  
10:00 p.m. † PEOPLE OF ST. WILLIAM

#### Christmas Day

Tues 10:00 a.m. † PEOPLE OF ST. WILLIAM  
Wed 8:30 a.m. † NO MASS  
Thur 8:30 a.m. † JOE MAKOSKY/ Mo & Skip Thuman  
Fri 8:30 a.m. † NANCY CIMBANIN/ JoAnne Stassin

#### DECEMBER 30, 2018

Sat 5:00 p.m. † BETTE CHAMP/ Jerry & Marilyn Kolar  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † STEVE MILLIK/ Barbara Nageotte  
11:00 a.m. † KAREN BOGAN/ Roy & Nancy Mercandino

#### OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ December 16, 2018 (WK 25)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 8,787.00	\$ 178,717.00
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 177,500.00
Difference	\$ 1,687.00	\$ 1,217.00
Performance	124%	101%

Christmas \$410 YTD \$660

Envelopes ~ 226 out of 540

Children's Envelopes ~ \$17.38 (16 out of 62)

### Congratulations!!!

to **Caden Joseph Rowland** and  
**Jayce Allen Rowland**,  
sons of Robert and Crystal Rowland,  
who were baptized this weekend.



### LITURGICAL MINISTRY

~ December 29/30, 2018 ~

#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

##### Lectors

5:00 p.m. Tim Timko, Andrea Kochunas  
8:30 a.m. Linda Horm, Ed Runyan  
11:00 a.m. Dominic Kuhn, Erin Lee

##### Servers

5:00 p.m. Alexa Szykulski, Therese Tuttle  
8:30 a.m. Luke Zigarovich, Olivia Zigarovich  
11:00 a.m. Marianne Babnik, Michael Murphy

##### Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Carol Timko, Donna Runtas, Felicia Mooney  
8:30 a.m. Jamie Taneri, Linda Trunick, Carole Baniak,  
Gloria Mintus, Penny Hudak, Michele Jeffers  
11:00 a.m. Brian Lenhart, Patty Heib, Dan Gelet,  
Murph Gelet, Ann Sprague, Jeanette Jaskiewicz



Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ December 29/30, 2018 ~

#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28**

*In those days Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel . . .*

**1 John 3:1-2, 21-24**

*Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God . . .*

**Luke 2:41-52**

*Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old . . .*

### Parish Holiday Office Hours:

The Parish Office will be closed December 24-26 for the Christmas holiday and will be opened for limited hours on Thursday and Friday this coming week.

### >> RECENT DEATHS <<

#### Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed please remember  
**Donald Suttelle**, uncle of Mandi Kuhn

*May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

### 2018 Church Contributions:

Please note next Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> is the last day to make any normal contributions to the Church for the 2018 tax year. All contributions made afterwards will be credited to 2019 tax year.

**Christmas Ca\$h Grand Prize Winner:**

Congratulations to Geri Pascute who was the Grand Prize Winner of \$500.00 in our Christmas Cash Raffle. Congratulations to all our winners and to all who bought tickets for this year's raffle. *Thank you for your support!*



THE PARISH CALENDAR

DEC 24 ~ FOLK GROUP SINGS AT 5:00 PM MASS  
DEC 24 ~ ADULT CHOIR SINGS AT 10:00 PM MASS  
DEC 25 ~ CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES 5:00 & 10:00 PM  
DEC 25 ~ CHRISTMAS DAY MASS 10:00 AM

**myEoffering Update:**

Information regarding sign-up and registration instructions for "myEoffering" will be mailed this coming week. myEoffering is our new service for on-line giving of your weekly and special contributions to the parish. myEoffering provides a safe, secure and compliant web-based platform employing the most current and strict security measures to insure your data is safe, secure and protected. You will be able to customize your individual method of giving based on choice and preference – weekly, monthly, or semi-monthly and you can also choose which contributions you would like to make electronically – Sunday, Special Second Collections, Building Fund, Flower Fund etc. If you choose this service you will still receive your usual contribution envelope packet in the mail. *Please note that the weekly "Pot-of-Gold" 50-50 raffle will not be included as part of the on-line giving option.*

**Mark your calendars  
Parish Appreciation Event  
"The Roaring Twenties!"**

**January 26, 2019**

Our Annual Parish Appreciation Event will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for all adult parishioners who have volunteered their time and efforts during the past year. Join us for this enjoyable and fun-filled evening! This year's event will feature a delicious dinner, Chance Raffle and Prizes, 50-50 Raffle and "a dastardly deed that will require the solving of a mystery!!! Mark your calendars now to experience "The Roaring Twenties" and "solve a mystery!" *Costumes Welcomed!!*

**Reservation coupons and sign-up sheets will be available next weekend.**

**2019 Parish Pictorial Directory:**

In 2019, our parish will be producing a new Parish Pictorial Directory. Our last directory was five years ago and much has changed since then. This new directory is FREE to all who have their picture taken for it and all those included receive a FREE 8 x 10 portrait with the option to purchase other prints, *however, there is no obligation to make any purchase.* Photography sessions are scheduled for February 7-8-9 and 14-15-16. Beginning in January sign up appointments will be available after Mass on weekends or on-line during the week.



**Special Bonus:**

*Get your picture taken for the directory and be entered to win \$100.00 just for saying "cheese!"*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

~ December 24, 2018 ~  
**Christmas Vigil**

**Lectors**

5:00 p.m. Ruth Bubba, John Robinson  
10:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Christine DePascale

**Servers**

5:00 p.m. Michael Murphy, Marissa Murphy  
10:00 p.m. John Barco, Theresa Craiger

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 p.m. Barb Robinson, Sandy Hudak, Jamie Taneri, Barb Brdek, Carla Gilronan, Dan Robinson  
10:00 p.m. Dan Gelet, Murph Gelet, Melanie Shoaf, Donna Runtas, Barb Bickford, Dave Bickford

**Christmas Day**

**Lectors**

10:00 a.m. Theresa Petrosky, Treva Pytlik

**Servers**

10:00 a.m. Nathan Goldner, Grace Kufchak

**Eucharistic Ministers**

10:00 a.m. Gloria Mintus, Marianne Babnik, Frank Pytlik, Mary Pytlik, Patty Heib, Theresa White



**"Pot - of - Gold"**

**POT-OF-GOLD Raffle Drawing!**

**Envelope number drawn, Wednesday, December 19, was 480  
There was no winner. The winner would have received \$ 756.00**

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!!**



## MOVIE NIGHT

YOU are invited to dinner and a movie along with fellowship.

For Ages  
18 and  
older



Saturday,  
January 19,  
2019

following the 5:00pm Mass.

Paul was an apostle of Christ – and today, we are disciples.

At their darkest moment, Paul reminds Luke that, “Love is the only way.”

What does it look like to cultivate Christ-like love?

A light supper of soup and salad will be shared.

You are most welcome to bring a friend and a comfortable chair!

Kindly register by January 13, 2019

## Little Rock Scripture Study

“Letters from Prison”

In these letters of encouragement, correction, and instruction written from prison, Paul lovingly inspires and challenges us to greater discipleship.

**Mondays:**

January 28

February 4, 11, 25

March 4, 11, 18, 25

April 8, 15

9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Cost \$16.00 payable to St. William Parish

Kindly register by January 13

## Remember to Save Pop Tabs

Continue to save pop tabs for the seventh and eighth graders’ service project. The pop tabs may be placed in the container in the vestibule.



Thank you for supporting this service project.

Check the parish website from time to time for information about what is happening at the parish . . .  
[www.stwilliamchampion.org](http://www.stwilliamchampion.org)



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL 7491

Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 2, 6:30 p.m. room 102

## Some helpful reminders:

**Hospital and Nursing Home Stays** — Because of Patient Privacy Laws, hospitals and nursing homes no longer call when a parishioner has been admitted unless you specifically request notification at the time of admission. Therefore, if you or a family member is admitted to the hospital or nursing home, please have someone in your family call the parish office so a visit can be arranged. If you wish your name published in the bulletin as recently hospitalized you must also let us know.

**Anointing of the Sick** — If you are anticipating surgery or a hospital stay remember to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick any time after Mass. Please contact Fr. Balash to receive the sacrament.

**Receiving Communion While Recovering** — If you or a family member become homebound, even if only for a short recovery time, please call the parish office so arrangements can be made for visitation and reception of Holy Communion.

Please do not assume we are aware of your health circumstances... to insure that we can minister to you and family members remember to call the parish office.

**2019 Parish Calendars:** 2019 Parish Calendars are now available in the vestibule. Many thanks to Mr. Ray Sinchak of Sinchak and Son’s Funeral Home for providing the calendars once again this year.

## Join the Prayer Chain Ministry:

Anyone interested in joining our Ministry of Prayer that prays for the intentions on our Prayer Chain is asked to contact Ann Sprague by phone at 216-789-7204 or email [asprague@stwilliamchampion.org](mailto:asprague@stwilliamchampion.org). Also, contact Ann for any requests for prayers.



## Christmas / New Year’s Mass Schedule

Christmas Monday December 24 / Tuesday Dec. 25

Monday Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Monday Dec. 25 – Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m.

### New Year’s Monday December 31 / Tuesday Jan. 1

Sunday Dec. 30 – Feast of the Holy Family: 5:00 p.m. Saturday  
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Monday Dec. 31 – New Year’s Eve: 5:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church

Tuesday Jan. 1 – New Year’s Day: 10:00 a.m. at St. William Church



\*Note: New Year’s Day is a holy day of obligation. You are invited to attend Mass most convenient to your schedule. St. William envelopes given at Blessed Sacrament will be returned to our parish.