

# St. William Parish

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March 24, 2019 ~ Third 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](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 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

## "With grace and gladness..."

It is hard to believe that today we reach the halfway point of our Lenten Season. The common thread of our readings today highlights the call to repentance. Our first reading recalls the familiar story of Moses at the burning bush. As God called Moses, we too are called each Lent to repent and believe in the Good News. Paul continues this theme by reminding us not to be complacent or overconfident in our relationship to God and each other. Finally, our gospel reading confirms this call to repentance by reminding us that we are to bear good fruit to each other by our words and deeds. May we continue our Lenten journey *with grace and gladness* appreciating what we have and remaining mindful of our need to repent and make amends for our sins.

This weekend is the last for 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 this week towards our parish goal of \$43,636.00. Thank you for your kindness and generosity to this important and vital part of our mission and ministry in the Church.

Finally, we are just one week away from our Parish Lenten Mission. Next weekend we will welcome Mr. Frank Runyeon to our parish on Sunday and Monday evenings. I hope you will plan to attend this inspiring and enlightening event as part of your Lenten prayer and sacrifice!

*Have a great week!*  
**Fr. Balash**



### Mass for the Intentions for the Week

~ March 24 - March 31, 2019 ~  
**Third Sunday of Lent**

#### MARCH 24, 2019

- Sat 5:00 p.m. † **CAPAK & METRO FAMILIES/**  
Martha Lee Peters
- Sun 8:30 a.m. † **PASQUALE LIBERATORE/**  
Ron & Donna Runtas
- 11:00 a.m. † **EMIDIO DI GIACOBBE/** Lee & Judy Wolfe
- Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
- Tues 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
- Wed 8:30 a.m. † **ANTONETTA GUNDIC/** Women's Guild
- Thur 8:30 a.m. † **NANCY CIMBANIN/** Jim & Deanna Dugic
- Fri 8:30 a.m. † **MIKE SAWAYDA/** Knights of Columbus 7491

#### MARCH 31, 2019

- Sat 5:00 p.m. † **VERNON ROHR/** Pat & Joe Maciejewski
- Sun 8:30 a.m. † **MAMIE GOUGH/** Heikkila Family
- 11:00 a.m. † **STEVE MILLIK/** Knights of Columbus 7491

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY

~ March 30/31, 2019 ~

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

- 5:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Ruth Bubba
- 8:30 a.m. Ed Runyan, Linda Horm
- 11:00 a.m. Renita Mintus, Margie McCummins

#### Servers

- 5:00 p.m. Therese Tuttle, Kiley Karafa
- 8:30 a.m. Frank DePascale, Bridget DePascale
- 11:00 a.m. Theresa Craiger, Cathy McCauley

#### Eucharistic Ministers

- 5:00 p.m. Donna Runtas, Carla Gilronan, Ron Gilronan
- 8:30 a.m. Ellie Gates, Linda Trunick, Jamie Taneri,  
Treva Pytlik, Mary Pytlik, Frank Pytlik
- 11:00 a.m. Dave Bickford, Barb Bickford, Janice Ventling,  
Maureen Thuman, Regina Speaker, Melanie Shoaf



*Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:*

~ March 30/31, 2019 ~  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

#### Joshua 5:9-12

*The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." . . .*

#### 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

*Brothers and sisters: Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; . . .*

#### Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

*Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, . . .*

### OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ March 17, 2019 (WK 38)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 5,971.08 *	\$ 276,382.47 *
Holy Day	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,849.70
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 269,800.00
Difference	\$ ( 1,108.92)	\$ 8,432.17
Performance	85%	104%

\*Includes MyEoffering \$ 501.78 LAST WK - \$ 8,191.80 YTD

Envelopes ~ 205 out of 540

Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 16.00 (15 out of 62)

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (LUKE 13:7) We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.

### >> RECENT DEATHS <<

#### *Our Sincere Sympathy*

In your prayers for the departed please remember

**Willis Amolsch, Jr.**

father of Deanna Barco

**Noah Schroder**

relative of Martha Peters

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

## Next Week!

### 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!**

**700 Dinners Sold on March 15**

Hourly Raffle Winners:

5:00 p.m.: Rick Casassa

6:00 p.m.: Paulette Love

7:00 p.m.: Judy Phelps

~50/50 Winner: *Betty Kistler* ~ \$211.00

~50/50 Second Chance Winners:

*Larry Scott, Laurie Sitch, Shawn Garito*

**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

## **Last Chance to Sign Up!**

**Memories of Elvis April 25 Noon**  
**Das Dutch Village Theater, Columbiana**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$75.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Price include 4 course lunch, show and bus.

Due by April 1, 2019

*Please make check payable to St. William Golden Agers.*

*Need at least 15 to 20 more attendees.*



## >>>> THE PARISH CALENDAR<<<<

MAR 25 ~ LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY 9:30 AM & 7:00 PM

MAR 26 ~ QUILTERS 9:00 AM

MAR 26 ~ FOLK GROUP/ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 PM

MAR 28 ~ FOLK GROUP/ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 PM

MAR 29 ~ FIFTH FISH DINNER 4:00—7:00 PM

MAR 31 ~ PSR/FFC 9:00 AM

MAR 31 ~ LENTEN MISSION Luke, Stories on the Road 6:30 pm

APR 1 ~ LENTEN MISSION Sermon on the Mount 7:00 pm  
and Hollywood vs. Faith

## *Lenten Communal Reconciliation*

**TODAY ~ 3:00 p.m. @ Blessed Sacrament**

Our Lent Communal Reconciliation Service will be held this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church. This joint effort of all of the parishes in Warren will celebrate a communal prayer service with individual confession as part of our Lenten journey. Other times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation are Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Monday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to experience God's healing forgiveness as part of your Lenten preparation for Easter.

## **Employment Opportunity**

The positions of Parish Bookkeeper (3 days a week) and Parish Secretary (3 days a week) will be available beginning in May. The primary responsibility of the Parish Bookkeeper is to maintain the financial status of the parish. Eligible candidates should be proficient in accounting, payroll and budgeting procedures and computers. The Parish Secretary is responsible for secretarial duties pertaining to the parish office. Eligible candidates should be proficient in computer word processing and general secretarial responsibilities. Interested parties should contact the parish office for an employment application, job description and to submit a resume. Deadline to apply is April 5, 2019.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

**Rejoice and Sing this Easter Sunday, April 21 at 11 a.m.!**

All youth of the parish grades 2 + are welcomed to come and help the Adult Choir sing Easter Sunday. We will have **TWO rehearsals, SATURDAY, April 13 & 20 in church from 10 - 11 a.m.**

Sign up in vestibule at the Music Ministry spot or contact Mrs. Maciejewski after any mass or email:

[pmaciejewski@stwilliamchampion.org](mailto:pmaciejewski@stwilliamchampion.org).

Looking forward to hearing your beautiful voices!

The solemn and high Holy Week celebrations are quickly approaching! Music Ministry will rehearse: **Tuesday, March 26 for Palm Sunday, Thursday, March 28 for Holy Thursday, Tuesday April 2 for Good Friday, and Wednesday, April 10 for Easter Vigil** all at 7:00 p.m.

## **“Pot - of - Gold”**

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

**Envelope number drawn, Wednesday, March 20, was 102.**

*There was no winner. The winner would have received \$ 774.00.*

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!!**



### Still Want to be included in the Directory?

If you were unable to schedule an appointment to have your picture taken for the updated Parish Family Directory in February, don't despair! We are trying to schedule a make-up day in May. Help us to choose the best date. Here are three potential dates for pictures:

- May 13 - May 20 - May 28

Please contact the parish office by phone or email and let us know which dates would be the best for you and your family. The date with the most interest will be chosen. Appointments will be scheduled at that time. *Thank you!*

### 2019 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church

If you have not yet responded to this year's Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church, do so as soon as possible. Today ends the "in-church" phase of this year's appeal. Remember to include St. William Parish on your pledge so that we are given proper credit. 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. Thank you for your commitment to the 2019 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church and for sharing your concern for others, while expressing your gratitude to God for the many blessings you have received. Without your generosity, Catholic Charities would never be able to serve the poor among us as we are called to do by Jesus in the Gospel. To date our parish has already pledged \$26,450.00 towards our goal of 43,636.00. Thank you for your kind and generous support!

### 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, veggies, 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, Roy 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!



### Let there be light!

This past week new LED lights were installed throughout the Church area of the building. The new high energy efficient LED lighting replaces the current lights in the seating area, perimeter and sanctuary. This was done because the previous light bulbs were no longer available and we were eligible for a rebate on the purchase of the new bulbs. Eventually, all of the lights throughout the entire building will need to be replaced. Phase 2 will include the Social Hall, main hallway, day chapel and children's area in the Church and the classrooms. Phase 3 will be the vestibule and short hallway outside the Adult Meeting Room. We hope to have this project completed by the end of this year.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL 7491

*Next Meeting:*

Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m.

### Why Become a Knight?

The Heartbeat of the Knights of the Columbus is Service. The Knights are one of the largest charitable organizations in the world. Through a variety of fundraisers throughout the year, the Knights raise financial support for many charities, including the Special Olympics and the Global Wheelchair Mission. The service aspect of the Knights encompasses the Church, Community, Council, Family, Pro-Life, and Youth.



### **Our Parish APP NOW Available!**

Text APP to **88202** to download **myParish App** and select our parish. Visit our website: [www.stwilliamchampion.org](http://www.stwilliamchampion.org) for easy instructions and our App Navigation guide.

### *App Features of the Week...*



*List of Common Prayers can be found here.*  
*Prayer Chain requests to the parish can also be submitted from here.*



*Quick Access to current and past Sunday Bulletins can be found here.*

### St. William Women's Guild Annual CARD PARTY April 7, 2019

**DOOR PRIZES AND ITEMS FOR THE BASKET RAFFLE ARE NEEDED. (ACCESSORIES FOR BASKETS WITH A KITCHEN THEME OR LOTTERY TICKETS / GIFT CARDS ARE REQUESTED.)**

You may leave your donations in the adult meeting room  
~ *be sure to mark your donation "Card Party."*  
~ *be sure to record your name on the Donation List.*

*Thank you for your continued generosity  
and support of the Card Party.*

If you have questions call Ellie at 330-847-8296



### News Around Town

**Pirohy Sale** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, (SS. Cyril & Methodius Church), 175 Laird Ave NE, is sponsoring a pirohy sale Friday, March 29. Four varieties offered: potato, sweet cabbage, sauerkraut, and lekvar (prune). Cost is \$5.50 per dozen. Haluski (cabbage and noodles) is \$3.75. (1 1/2 lb. bag is also available.) Advanced orders call 330-393-0781 on Wednesday and Thursday. Pick up is Friday, March 29 from noon to 4 PM.