

# St. William Parish

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May 2, 2021 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter



*“He has filled your soul with song!”*

Last week we heard about the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who tenderly cares for his sheep. This week we are given a new image in order to explore our relationship with the Lord, that of a vine and branches. Unlike a shepherd and sheep, a vine and its branches cleave to each other in such a way that it is impossible to say where one ends and the other begins. This is the closeness Jesus desires to have with each of us –that his life-giving Spirit might flow from him to us as effortlessly as the sap of a healthy vine plant flows through the veins of the branch allowing it to produce fruit. Just a branch clings to the vine and is able to bear fruit, the fruit of our own spiritual lives comes about not through our own labor, but from our rootedness in the Lord. Today’s gospel invites us to ponder how we “remain” firmly connected to Jesus, our true vine. Just as Jesus is the vine and we are the branches, we are told that God the Father is “the vine grower.” He tends the vine with compassion, pruning as needed to help it flourish. As we continue to live into the Easter mystery of the Lord who calls us to newness of life in him, let us consider how we are being pruned and how we are called to be disciples of faith.

As we turn the calendar to May our thoughts easily turn to the upcoming Summer season with the hope that this summer will be more active and lively than last summer. Hopefully this will also include remaining faithful to our weekly celebration of Mass. It is good to see so many returning in recent weeks as more are vaccinated. It has been refreshing to see our parish gather to celebrate, pray, and worship! Many thanks for your presence and commitment. Thank you also for your continued cooperation, patience, and spirit of adaptation during these times. It is greatly appreciated.



*Enjoy the week! ~ Fr. Balash*



~ May 2-9, 2021 ~  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**MAY 2, 2021**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **JOSEPH LUCCI**/ Brian & Andrea Kochunas  
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **IDA MAE SWITTER**/ Chuck & Sandy Hudak  
 11:00 a.m. † **EMIL & BERNIECE SOLTIS**/ Gerry Dines

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

**MAY 9, 2021**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **FRANCIS CETINA**/ Sylvia Kuna & Carlson Family  
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **F. WILSON, D. SAIT, F. SAIT**/ Hysen Sait  
 11:00 a.m. † **MICHAEL BALASH**/ Fr. Balash

*Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:*

~ May 9, 2021 ~  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48**

*When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying ...*

**1 John 4: 7-10**

*Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God ...*

**John 15: 9-17**

*Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments ...*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

May 8/9, 2021

**Lectors**

5:00 p.m. Deana Barco, Judy Makosky  
 8:30 a.m. Ed Runyan, Treva Pytlik  
 11:00 a.m. Erin Lee, Melanie Shoaf

**Servers**

5:00 p.m. Theresa Petrosky  
 8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale  
 11:00 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 p.m. Carla Gilronan, Bob Mintus  
 8:30 a.m. Laurie Sitch, Bob Mintus  
 11:00 a.m. Sandy Hudak, Bob Mintus

Sign-Up In  
 Vestibule



**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, June 13 at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Columba Cathedral, honoring couples observing their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and over wedding anniversaries in 2021. The Wedding Anniversary Celebration includes Mass with Bishop David J. Bonnar, renewal of marriage vows and a personalized certificate for each couple. Couples may opt to attend this event in person or participate remotely via live-stream on the diocesan website at [www.doy.org](http://www.doy.org). Limited space is available for couples at the cathedral. Contact the Parish Office for information and to make a reservation. Deadline is May 13.



**LIVE STREAM UPDATE**

Pentecost Sunday, May 23 will be the last weekly live-stream of 11:00 a.m. Mass for the time being. For the summer months, 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass will be live-streamed only on the first Sunday of the month.

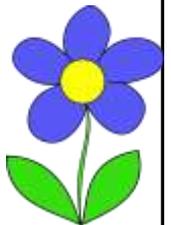
**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**for Miscarried or Stillborn Children**

If you know of someone who has suffered the loss of a child through miscarriage or stillbirth, please invite them to the following Memorial Service on Sunday, May 23 at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel at Calvary Cemetery, 248 Belle Vista Ave. Youngstown. Parents, family, grandparents and others are encouraged to attend. Sponsored by the Office of Worship and Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life. For more information call 330-744-8451

**YOUTH MINISTRY FLOWER SALE**

Flower Sale pick-up date is Thursday, May 6 from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the main parking lot. Didn't have a chance to pre-order? No worries, there will be a limited amount of hanging baskets for sale after each Mass the weekend of May 8/9.



**WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." - 1 JOHN 3:18*

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

**OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ April 25, 2021 (WK 43)**

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,341.00*	\$ 314,651.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 305,300.00
Difference	\$ 241.00	\$ 9,351.00
Performance	103%	103%

\*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 1,160.00 LAST WK — \$ 42,520.00 YTD  
 Envelopes ~ 199 out of 533  
 Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 5.00 (5 out of 45)

**POT-OF-GOLD**

#36 drawn on 4/21/2021

!!No Winner!!

Amount: \$160.00



**SO CLOSE! Only \$130.00 from our goal!!**  
**2021 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL**  
*for Catholic Charities and Church*

Our parish is ever so close to reaching this year's Bishop's Appeal goal but more importantly we continue to generously respond enabling Catholic Charities to serve those in need. Thank you for your generosity and support of the Church's mission to reach out to those less fortunate than others. To date our parish has pledged \$43,370.00 towards our goal of \$43,500.00 from 202 parishioners. *Thank you to all who have made a commitment to this year's Appeal.*



**THE PARISH CALENDAR**

- May 3 ~ Adult Faith Formation 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- May 4 ~ Primary Election Day
- May 4 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
- May 5 ~ Women's Guild 6:00 p.m.
- May 5 ~ Knights of Columbus 6:30 p.m.
- May 6 ~ YM Flower Sale Pick Up 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- May 6 ~ Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.
- May 9 ~ Mother's Day
- May 11 ~ Adult Choir 11:00 a.m.

*Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events*

**ROSARY RALLY**

May is the month of Our Lady and the Rosary Makers will lead a rally in the Warren City Square at the gazebo at 12:00 noon on Saturday, May 15, 2021. On May 13, 1917, Our Lady appeared to the three children at Fatima. To commemorate this apparition, we wish to increase devotion to her Immaculate Heart by reciting the Rosary as she requested in her apparitions while bringing her message of prayer, repentance, devotion to the Holy Trinity, and recitation of the Rosary daily for world peace. All are welcome to join us! Pray the Rosary daily!

**SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL 2021**

Blessed Sacrament Parish  
June 14-17, 2021 9:30am-Noon

\$20.00 per child (Payable to Blessed Sacrament Parish). Children who just completed grades K-5 are invited to attend this fun time of learning about the Bible while also learning to be peacemakers. Registration forms and volunteer forms are available in the vestibule. Space is limited so please register early!!



**WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH**

**Next Meeting:**  
*Wednesday, May 5, 2021*  
Social: 6:00 p.m.  
Meeting: 6:30 p.m.



*Installation of Officers will take place at this meeting.*

**WOMEN'S GUILD BASKET RAFFLE**

The Women's Guild is hosting a basket raffle. Twenty-eight fantastic and unique gift baskets are on display in the social hall. Tickets are: 6 for \$5.00 or 26 for \$20.00. The Basket Raffle Committee will be selling tickets after Mass through May 5, 2021.



**Live Facebook Drawing: May 5 at 6:00 p.m.**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
COUNCIL #7491

**Next Meeting:**  
*Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.*



**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

Bereavement Support: Prayer and Fellowship  
Tuesday, May 25, 2021  
6:30pm - 8:00pm  
Wednesday, May 26, 2021  
9:30am - 11:00am



We gather to support each other in our loss and to celebrate the lives of our loved ones. You are encouraged to bring a picture of your loved one. You are most welcome to bring a friend. Please contact Tina McCue at 330-883-2044 if you would like transportation.

**FISH DINNER RESULTS!!!**

Many thanks to all who worked and supported this year's Fish Dinners. Our "drive-thru carry out" option proved to be a huge success in so many ways! We served 4217 meals (602 weekly average) which is just 431 less meals than the last time we had a full year (2019) including in-person dining. The total income this year was \$53,554.00. This includes \$2,020.00 from the 50/50 drawings and \$1,064.00 in donations and tips! The total expenses were \$23,246.27 and our total profit this year is **\$30,307.73!!!** A full Financial Report is available in the vestibule or on the parish website. Again many thanks for a job well done this year! And in case you're wondering Fish Dinners begin February 25, 2022!

## 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.



## 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](mailto:parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org). Prayer requests can be made by calling or emailing the parish office.

## 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 during the summer. 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.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS???

Out of Town? Temporarily? Seasonally? Are you a Snowbird? Remember to let the Parish Office know ahead of time. We can send mail directly to a temporary or seasonal address. Mail returned to us incurs a hefty charge. Help keep our costs down by letting us know your address changes!



## 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

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**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