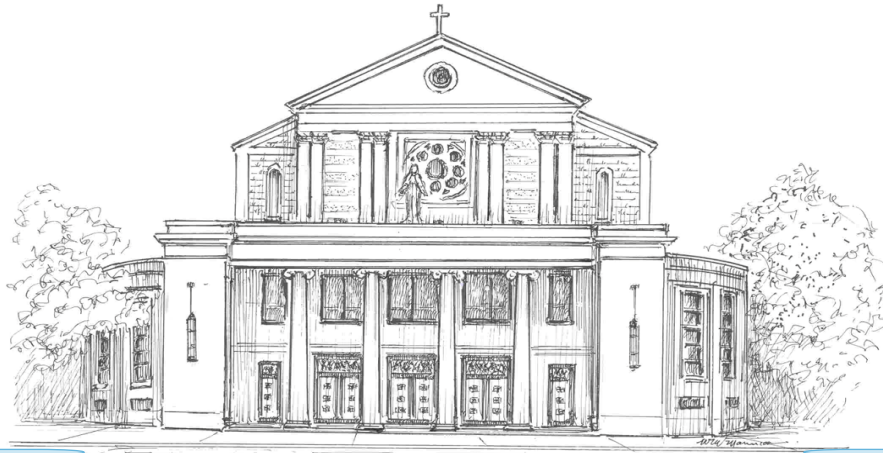


The Church of St. William

6200 Rising Sun Avenue ✠ Philadelphia, PA. 19111



1920 "Ninety Four Years of Serving The Community"

"A WELCOMING COMMUNITY"

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"CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS"

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays: 6:30 AM and 12:00 Noon
Saturday: 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 12:00, 8:00 PM - Lower Church
10:30 AM - Lower Church (*Spanish*)
4:00 PM - Lower Church (*Pakistani Urdu*)
5:30 PM - Haitian Mass - Upper Church

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated in English and Spanish. The normal time for Baptism is Sunday afternoon at 1:00PM in the Lower Church. Please contact the rectory office to begin the process of scheduling your child's Baptism.

PRE- BAPTISMAL CLASSES

Arrangements will be made to register for class after consulting with Deacon Lou (215) 745-1389.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:45 PM
Eve of Holy Days: 4:00 - 4:45 PM
Eve of First Fridays: After 12:00 Noon Mass Only.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Weddings may be scheduled for Saturdays at 11:00AM, 1:00 or 3:00PM in the Upper Church; at 2:00PM in Lower Church. Couples intending marriage are asked to contact our Parish Priest at least six months prior to the intended date of marriage. Participating in a Marriage Preparation Program is a requisite for the reception of this holy sacrament.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In case of serious illness, please contact one of our parish priests. Anyone unable to attend Mass due to illness may call the Rectory to make arrangements to receive Communion in their homes.

April 6, 2014 ✠ Fifth Sunday of Lent

God's Plan for Giving

*Thank you! Tithing is God's plan to support His Church.
Full tithing means 10% of income to God.
We ask half of this, or 5% for your Parish Church.*

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday collection: March 23, 2014	\$9,650.52
Sunday collection: March 30, 2014	\$7,431.43
Penny Angels	\$60.00

The Tree Across the Street

I cannot remember the exact year this happened but when I was a kid in CYO I was a part of a team of people who dragged an enormous evergreen tree from the "Five and Ten" area of Rising Sun Ave. (Van Kirk St.) to the Middle School parking lot. After it arrived at the parking lot, a parishioner who had access to heavy equipment drilled a hole in the lot and hoisted the tree and set it in the hole. At least this is how I remember it. It was our first Saint William Christmas Tree. That space in the Middle School Lot has had a tree in it ever since. However, the tree that is there now is the second or third tree if I have my story correct.

So why am I writing about that tree now? Well, unfortunately, the tree is starting to die. I had it looked at and it is pretty obvious that it is not flourishing like it once did. With the heavy winter snows and high winds that we are having there is a danger that limbs will begin to break off and possibly injure someone.

Also, the recent winter did considerable damage to that parking lot and it has to be resurfaced before someone gets hurt. With all this happening at once, it just makes sense to remove the tree. I am sorry that the tree will be removed in my time as pastor but it is for the greater good of the parish.

The City of Philadelphia has already come and taken down the huge tree directly in front of the rectory. Unfortunately, many of those trees on Rising Sun Avenue are dead and will eventually be removed by the city. As that happens, I will look into replacing them so that we can continue to light up the Avenue at Christmas time. Although the trees are dying, I hope the tradition of Saint William's Christmas lives on for many years.

Sunday, Apr. 6, Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00 (Vigil)	Deceased members of the Carroll family
7:30	Florence Schneider (<i>B'day Memorial</i>)
9:00	Herman Bauer
10:30 L.C.	Amparo Flores
12:00 Noon	Parishioner's of Saint William
8:00PM	James J. Curran (<i>B'day Memorial</i>)

Monday, Apr. 7, Lenten Weekday

6:30	William McCammitt
12:00 Noon	M. Frances and Wm. P. Gillard

Tuesday, Apr. 8, Lenten Weekday

6:30	Special Intention
12:00 Noon	Blessings on Karen and Regina O'Reilly

Wednesday, Apr. 9, Lenten Weekday

6:30	Holy Souls
12:00 Noon	Clare McCabe

Thursday, Apr. 10, Lenten Weekday

6:30	Richard Kurth (<i>1st Anniversary</i>)
12:00 Noon	Ed Krause (<i>B'day Memorial</i>)

Friday, Apr. 11, Lenten Weekday

6:30	Deceased members of the Coghlan Family
12:00 Noon	Daniel C. Enz (<i>Living</i>)

Saturday, Apr. 12, Lenten Weekday

8:00	Jacqueline Coghlan (<i>Healing</i>)
5:00 (Vigil)	Renate G. Koreck



**Remember
Those who
Have Died**

**Virginia Denicolo
James J. Nicolo
Lillian Malen**

**SODALITY
April 8, 2014
Rosary**

A Will can be a final expression of one's love and concern for family, friends, and the Parish Community.


*Remember
Our Sick*


Madge Adair
Michael Adams
Josephine Agozzino
Beatrice Barnes
Joseph Bradley
John Byrne
Florence Caputo
Teresa (Cathy) Carey
Delia Cassidy
Adele Censky
Catherine Clark
Jacqueline Coghlan
Joanne Coleman
Margaret Donahue

Ralph Dercole
Tim Edwards
Joseph Fenuto
John Flannery
Gilda Ford
Rita and Steve Garry
Anne Guinan
Joseph Hearn, Jr.
Elizabeth Heasley
Frankie & Bob Herbert
John Herbert
Christopher Higgins
Jeffrey Hill
Peggy Hoffner

Denise Horgan
Luke Kehoe
Ellen Kelly
Mark Lewis
Teresa Mac Bride
Eileen McBride
Jeanne Mace
Jerry and Gale Mahoney
Lisa Mathews
Charles McLaughlin
Lindsey McManus
Emma Miller
Anne Nyce
Debbie Parks

Keith Parks
Ruth A. Paules
Verna Quigley
Linda Richardson
Martha Schmid
Ethel Thomas
Phyllis Thompson
Betty Thompson
Kathleen Thompson
James Trainor
Angela Walsh
Betty Wilson
Elizabeth Wismer

A well-spent life is the only passport to heaven.

...Pope Leo XIII

We see Jesus today in a situation that many of us have experienced. His friend Lazarus has died. Jesus' friends, Martha and Mary, are in mourning, grieving for their dead brother. Jesus' reaction is described in the gospel today. He is perturbed, deeply troubled and he cries. Yes, Jesus cries when he comes to the tomb of Lazarus. His reaction causes people to say: "See how much He loved him." Some of the other bystanders wonder why if Jesus could cure a blind man, why couldn't he stop his friends from dying.

Don't we have the same reactions when someone we care about and love deeply dies. We cry and we mourn. We pray and at times, wonder why the Lord couldn't have had things end differently. Our faith tells us death is not the end but the birth to a new life in the kingdom of God. So, is our mourning or questioning a sign of unbelief. No, it is our humanity speaking. What Jesus does for Lazarus gives our humanity the hope that is so needed in our world today.

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. In doing so, he says to the people gathered: "Did I not tell you that if you believe you would see the glory of God?" In a very dramatic way, Jesus demonstrates what belief in him means. Belief in Christ will mean joy but it will also mean sorrow, it will mean death but it will also bring life. In raising Lazarus, Jesus gives us the promise and hope of eternal life and teaches us that all things are possible when we believe in Him.

Lent is a time to die a little more to ourselves, our wants, our desires and to allow the life of Christ to grow stronger and rise within us. It is a time to strengthen our belief in Him so that no matter what burdens or challenges life brings us, we can respond as Martha did: "Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God..."

St. William CYO & Saint John's Hospice

...need your support this Lent!

The St. William CYO will be collecting the following items to help the residents and day services guests of Saint John's Hospice:

Men's T-shirts: Sizes M, L, XL & 2X

Men's Underwear (boxers or briefs): sizes M, L, XL, (no 2X)

All donations can be dropped off at Church April 3rd through the 6th.

Thank you for your generosity!

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED

Saint William CYO General Meeting
Monday, April 7, 2014
7PM in Memorial Hall

Aid for Friends

Thanks to those of you who have provided meals/soups for our Aid for Friends recipients, some within our own parish. Additional trays are available at the rectory and in the vestibule and meals can be dropped off during rectory hours.

If anyone would like to volunteer or receive services from Aid for Friends please contact: ***Aid for Friends: 215.464.2224*** or ***Caroline Guy: 215.342.5065*** - Parish Coordinator.

News from the Office of Religious Education

RITE of Christian Initiation for Adults

Congratulations to our two RCIA Candidates

Denise Fletcher and Christopher Albino who will be welcomed into full communion with the catholic church when they are Confirmed and receive their First Holy Communion next Sunday, April 13th at the 9:00 o'clock mass.

Also,

Congratulations to 7 of our young adults Victoria Jiminez, Jennifer Folly, Yezid Lafauruie, Guiseppie Lafauruie, Kelvin Regaldo, Bruno Vargas and Derrick Var who will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, April 10th and receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 13th at the 9:00 o'clock mass.



Father Judge/St. Hubert JUNIOR NIGHT

The Guidance Departments of Fr. Judge & St. Hubert will host a Junior Night on **Wednesday, April 9, 2014, 7:00-9:00P.M.** in the auditorium of Fr. Judge.

A panel of College Admissions Officers and guest speakers will be on hand to provide information and answer questions. Anyone is welcome, but all 11th grade students and their parents are encouraged to attend.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

- * The trip to the **Showboat** casino is scheduled for **April 7th, 2014 and leaves promptly at 9:00AM.**
- * The bus leaves from the parking lot across the street from the Rectory on Rising Sun Avenue. For those who have already signed-up, should get their by **8:45AM.**
- * The next General Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 9th at 1:30 PM in Memorial Hall. Information on new trips will be provided at the general meeting; *all non-members are welcome.*
- * The Executive Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 9th at 11:30AM in the Rectory.

Por qué Veneramos a Mariá?

Nosotros Católicos no pensamos que María sea una diosa pero sí que la veneramos, es decir, Que la honramos por su fe y su bondad, por su ejemplo y cooperación con el plan de Dios.

María nos enseña y nos ayuda a seguir a Jesús. Ella trajo a Jesús al mundo y lo entregó a toda la humanidad.

Por esta razón, ella es la imagen más pura de la Iglesia.

Dios no necesitó la ayuda de ningún hombre Para la creación del mundo, tampoco la necesitó para formar el cuerpo de Jesucristo en el seno de María. Por el poder de Dios, María es virgen y madre a la vez.

El primer libro de la Biblia nos dice que Abrahan y Lot Eran tío y sobrino, aunque ellos entre sí se llamen "hermanos."

María es grande...no por sí misma Sino porque Dios la hizo así. Ella "**creyo**" y por eso es dichosa.

María como Madre de Jesús, Nos lleva a El, Nuestro unico Salvador.

Ella hace crecer en nosotros la presencia salvadora de Jesús...

Y esto es lo que debemos pedirle en nuestra oración.

María en el cielo sique intercediendo por los hermanos de Jesús,

Por nosotros, también sus hijos.



Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

"Yo soy la Resurrección y la vida." "Si hubieras estado aqui" es a la vez un reproche al amigo y una confesión de fe en Jesús. Jesús es más fuerte que la muerte. Su vida termina dando vida! Jesús es la Resurrección y la Vida! Jesús libera del miedo a la muerte, a sus discípulos y a nosotros. Y nos invita a "creer."

"El que cree, no morirá." El creyente que comulga con la fuente de vida debe cambiar, "pasar de la muerte a la vida." Señor Jesús, te agradecemos por el "don" de la vida que nos regalas gratuitamente.

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