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"Your reward will be great in Heaven"

*Blessed Are
the Clean
of Heart*



*For they
will see
God!!*

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays: 6:30 AM and 12:00 Noon
Saturdays: 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM (*Vigil Mass*)
Sundays: 7:30; 9:00; 12:00; 8:00PM
10:30AM - **Spanish**
4:00PM - **Pakistani**
5:30PM - **Haitian (Upper Church)**

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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Pre-baptismal classes

Spanish: 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 PM (*Rectory Basement*)
English: 1st Sunday at 1:00 PM - Church.

Baptism (Lower Church)

Spanish: 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM
English: 2nd or 4th Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM

Reconciliation

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

Matrimony

Weddings may be scheduled for Saturdays at 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM or 3:00 PM in the Upper Church; and 2:00 PM in the 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 requirement for the reception of this holy sacrament.

Anointing of the sick is a Sacrament of God's Blessings for those who are sick.

Parishioners in *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.

29 January 2017



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, cycle A

Sunday Collection
Sunday January 22, 2017- 7,557.50
Thank you for your contribution, God Bless!!



January 29, 2017
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE CHOSEN REMNANT

Zephaniah is one of the least-known of the Old Testament prophets. He speaks in today's first reading of impending judgment. But the Lord will leave a "remnant" in Israel. This image of a remnant, or remainder, was to become vital to both Judaism and Christianity.

Paul's letter to Corinth makes obvious his deep concern for the Christians there. They are too self-confident, he says, too sure of themselves. He admonishes them to remember that Christ has given them all they have.

Today's Gospel comprises the opening of Jesus' "Great Sermon." As God gave Moses the law on Sinai, so now Jesus gathers his disciples on a hillside to teach them the new law. Each of these Beatitudes contrasts the humiliation of the present with the glory of the future: poverty vs. the riches of God's kingdom, hunger for holiness vs. fulfillment in the Spirit, persecution vs. the reign of God. Jesus is here speaking to God's chosen "remnant."

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

Psalm -Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading -God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

Gospel -Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5: 1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32;
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a;
Mk 6: 1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23: 1-6;
Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;

**Pope Francis message for World Day of Sick
2017**

“Amazement at what God has accomplished: ‘The Almighty has done great things for me...’ (Lk 1:49)”.

Pope Francis said the commemoration “gives the Church renewed spiritual energy for carrying out ever more fully that fundamental part of her mission which includes serving the poor, the infirm, the suffering, the outcast, and the marginalized.”

The Pope also expressed his **“closeness to all of you, our suffering brothers and sisters, and to your families, as well as my appreciation for all those in different roles of service and in healthcare institutions throughout the world who work with professionalism, responsibility, and dedication for your care, treatment and daily well-being.”**

He said all the infirm and those who help them should look to Mary, “Health of the Infirm, the sure sign of God’s love for every human being and a model of surrender to his will.” Mary’s apparition at Lourdes to the “poor, illiterate, and ill” Bernadette, he said, reminds us “that every person is, and always remains, a human being, and is to be treated as such. The sick and the those who are disabled, even severely, have their own inalienable dignity and mission in life.”

In his message, the Holy Father said God’s solicitude for “the world of suffering and sickness” is revealed in Jesus.

Finally, Pope Francis invited the sick, healthcare workers, and volunteers to turn to Mary in prayer. He said, “May her maternal intercession sustain and accompany our faith, and obtain for us from Christ her Son hope along our journey of healing and of health, a sense of fraternity and responsibility, a commitment to integral human development, and the joy of feeling gratitude whenever God amazes us by his fidelity and his mercy.”

He concluded the message with a prayer to Our Lady: Mary, our Mother, in Christ you welcome each of us as a son or daughter. Sustain the trusting expectation of our hearts, succor us in our infirmities and sufferings, and guide us to Christ, your Son and our brother. Help us to entrust ourselves to the Father who accomplishes great things.

**MASS AND ANOINTING
OF THE SICK**

**St. William Church
Saturday Feb 11 at
8 am and 5 pm**



Pray for our sick

Michael Adams	Brandon Fuscia	Emma Miller
Josephine Agozzino	Rita <i>and</i> Steve Garry	Anne Nyce
Olga Andrijischijn	Ann Geiges	Annamarie O'Donnell
Luis Ariza	Nellie Grady	Keith Parks
Dot Aubrey	Barbara Harris	Renee Pontuti
Beatrice Barnes	James Hamilton	Verna Quigley
Gertrude Boyes	Joseph Hearn, Jr.	Charlie Rehr
Joseph Bradley	Elizabeth Heasley	Thomas E. Reilley
John Byrne	Marte Heil	Linda Richardson
Florence Caputo	Frankie <i>and</i> Bob Herbert	Christopher Rodgers
Regina Carberry	John Herbert	Sally Rodgers
Jared David Carrasco	Christopher Higgins	Martha Schmid
Teresa (<i>Cathy</i>) Carey	Jeffrey Hill	Mary Smith
Patricia Cassidy	Peggy Hoffner	Gerri Sukan
Adele Censky	Denise Horgan	F. Joseph Sullivan
Patricia Cirone	Kathleen Boyle Houseman	Ethel Thomas
Catherine Clark	Sheranne Shea-Jubelirer	Betty Thompson
Marguerite Clauss	Luke Kehoe	Kathleen Thompson
Emilio Colon	Ellen Kelly	Phyllis Thompson
Joanne Coleman	Kathy Kilroy	James Trainor
Shannon Coley	Josephine Kohute	Guillermo Velasquez
Charlotte Corcoran	Anne Krause	Angela Walsh
Anna Creniti	Loretta LaBarge	Betty Wilson
Caroline Darpino	Marcial Leon	Catherine Wimsey
Alaya Diggs	Mark Lewis	Elizabeth Wismer
Carol DiMaggio	Teresa Mac Bride	
Margaret Donahue	Jeanne Mace	
Tim Edwards	Jerry <i>and</i> Gale Mahoney	
John Flannery	William Marshall, Sr.	
Gilda Ford	Lisa Mathews	
Vicki Francis	Lindsey McManus	

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday: St. John Bosco

Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord;
Groundhog Day

Friday: St. Blase; St. Ansgar ; First Friday ;
Blessing of throats

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

Epiphany, Sunday, January 29, 2017

5:00PM (Vigil) Helen Handley
7:30 Parishioners of St. William
9:00 Maria Insolina Gomez
10:30 Maria Deleon (1st anniversary Memorial)
12:00 Noon Frank Corcoran (25th Anniversary Memorial)
8:00 P.M. Nieves Odar

Monday, January 30

6:30 Joanne Corsbee
12:00 Noon Philip Robertson

Tuesday, January 31

6:30 Elizabeth Kyryluk
12:00 Noon Ricardo Tadeo

Wednesday, February 1

6:30 Olga Nicholas
12:00 Noon Patricia Sobel

Thursday, February 2

6:30 Ralph Nicholas
12:00 Noon Philomena Finn

Friday, February 3

6:30 Palmenia Peralta
12:00 Noon Special Intention

Saturday, February 4

8:00 A.M. John Dodd
5:00PM (Vigil) Helen Handley

Would you like to sponsor a child in Catholic School?
 St William students attend St. Cecilia and Presentation BVM schools. Education for faith and for life. For information contact Fr. Al: pastor@churchofstwilliam.com

Don't Forget the Scrip Program!!

You receive credit towards tuition at Catholic grade schools, high schools, Catholic colleges or universities. SCRIP is available at Presentation BVM Church, located at 100 Old Soldiers Rd., Cheltenham, PA 19012. For more information on the SCRIP program and a list of stores, you can visit their website at www.presentationbvm.org, contact Evelyn Nicoletti at Presentation (215-725-4248) or Judi Schein (215-725-2201).

LENT PROGRAMS 2017

Ash Wednesday 1 March: 6:30, 12 noon, 7 pm Masses

Additional Lent Daily Masses Mon, Tues, Wed at 7pm

Confessions: Weds 3/29 & 4/5, 6-6:50 pm (4 Priests) LC; Saturdays 4/1 & 4/8, 4-4:45 pm. (4 Priests) lower church

Stations of the Cross: Wed English, 6:30 pm, Fridays Urdu 5:30 LC, Haitian 7pm UC, Spanish 7 pm LC.

Mission (English) TBD

Mission (Spanish) March 17 and 18 Lower Church

A summer kids' event called Passport to Peru VBS will be hosted at **St. Williams** from **June 26th to June 30th**. Passport to Peru is like taking an adventurous trip to Peru! Kids will sing catchy songs, play high-energy games, dig into tasty Peruvian treats, experience cool Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies, and explore what daily life is like for kids in Peru. Plus, kids get to watch short, captivating videos each day that provide a peek into Peru and the everyday life of kids who live there! Every day concludes with a Closing Celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

Passport to Peru VBS is for kids from **Kindergarten** to **5th Grade** and will run from **9:00 am to 12:00 pm** each day.

We need many volunteers to make this week work. Please contact

S. Bernadette at sbernadette@churchofstwilliam.com or **267-499-6376** to volunteer for either a day, few days or the whole week.

Religious Ed (Prep) News!!!

Confirmation classes for teenagers, 8th to 12th grades, begins on Sunday, Feb. 12th, 9 am in the convent basement. Adult Confirmation classes begin on Sunday, March 12th, 10:30 am in the convent basement. Please have anyone who needs these classes to contact me quickly. Thank you. Sister Bernadette 267-499-6376

***The Presentation of the Lord is celebrated
February 2, 2017***

The Presentation occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy.

Today's first reading gives us an important insight to understand profoundly the mystery of the Lord's Presentation in the Temple by Mary and Joseph, in accordance with the canons of Mosaic Law. The text, taken from the Prophet Malachi says, 'I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; and suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord who you seek' (Mal 3:1).

The Gospel of Luke 2:22-32 introduces us to different people and events that in themselves provide numerous lessons and themes for further reflection. First of all, Mary and Joseph respect the Mosaic Law by offering the sacrifice prescribed for the poor: a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

Blessing of Throats

The Blessing of the Throats is a sacramental of the Roman Catholic Church, celebrated on February 3, the feast day of Saint Blaise of Sebaste. Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His cult spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.

Blessing of Throats prayer: "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

This blessing will be offered at St William Church on Thursday Feb 2 after the 6:30 am and 12 noon Masses. Also the weekend of Feb 4 and 5, the blessing will be offered after mass at the back of the church.

***Senior Citizens News
Trips- Open to All***

March 9, 2017- Rainbow Comedy Theater & Buffet

June 27, 2017- Toms River Cruise & Lunch

For more information please contact

Betty Harding- 215-745-7199

Social Media

St. William is now on Twitter and Instagram!

Follow us for news, inspiration, and more:



Twitter: @stwilliamphila
Instagram: stwilliamphila



"DICHOSOS LOS POBRES DE ESPÍRITU, PORQUE DE ELLOS ES EL REINO DE LOS CIELOS !!!"

Es la Carta Magna del Evangelio. Jesús no se limitó a proclamar las BIENAVENTURANZAS sino que lo vivió y lo practicó en su propia vida. Jesús fue el primer Bienaventurado ! Es la Carta cristiana más importante que todo cristiano está llamado a practicar. Nadie es más feliz que el que vive y practica las Bienaventuranzas y que le lleva la verdadera santidad. Que descubramos la profunda sabiduría de estas enseñanzas de Jesús para transformar nuestras vidas de acuerdo con el Evangelio.

CONFESIONES: Todos los Domingo: 10:00 - 10:20AM

BAUTISMO: Coordina con Diácono Felipe o Hermana Rosa.
2º Miércoles del mes a las 7:00 PM - **Charla**
3º Domingo del mes a la 1:00 PM - **Bautismo**

RICA: Preparación Sacramental para Adultos domingos a las 9:00 AM en la Rectoría. Hable con Diácono Felipe o Hna Rosa.

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA: PREP Los Martes, 6:15-7:45 PM
JÓVENES DE SECUNDARIA: Los domingos, 9:00-10:00 AM en el convento.

Visitas y Comunión a los ENFERMOS y ANCIANOS:
Coordina con Fr. Al.. Asistente Ida Jimenez.

CÍRCULO de ORACIÓN: Los viernes a las 7:00 PM en el sótano de la Rectoría.

ESCUELAS CATOLICAS:

St. Cecilia: "Open House" el 29 de enero

Presentación BVM: "Open House" el 29 de enero

CELEBREMOS CON NUESTROS AMIGOS de las Honduras en su Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Suyapa el 3 de febrero.

V Encuentro Nacional de Pastoral Hispana

Meta: Discernir maneras en las que la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos pueda responder mejor a la presencia de los hispanos y potenciarlos para que respondan como discípulos misioneros al llamado a la Nueva Evangelización, sirviendo a toda la Iglesia.

Presentación del V Encuentro en la Arquidiócesis

Presentador: Obispo Nelson Pérez

6 de febrero del 2017: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Centro Pastoral: 222 N. 17th Street.

(This event will take place in English on Feb.7 at St. Charles Seminary, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm)

El evento es gratuito pero es necesario registrarse con anticipación (antes del 1 de febrero).

Para registrarse o para más información contactar: 215-667-2820 o rbarrios@archphila.org

TODOS están invitados.

Consultas sobre la INMIGRACIÓN

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