

Saint William Catholic Church

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LENT

— 40 Days Of Renewal —

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Alfonso J. Concha (Fr. Al), Pastor
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Rev. Alfred Lauricien, O.M.I., Resident
Rev. Mr. Felipe Cruz, Permanent Deacon
Rev. Mr. Bill Moser, Permanent Deacon

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

LENT BEGINS MARCH 1ST

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: 8:44 - 4:45 PM

Eve of First Fridays: After 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.

February 26, 2017



God's Plan for Giving

Tithing is the Lord's plan to support His Church. I am grateful to our parishioners and visitors for their gracious support. Full tithing means 10% of income to God. We ask half of this, or 5% for your parish church

Sunday Collection

Sunday February 19, 2017- 8,205.50

Utilities Collection- 1,548.00

Thank you for your contribution, God Bless!!

From the desk of Fr. Al...

Since my arrival at St. William in June 2016, I have encountered a wonderful Catholic community. Parishioners have consistently provided spiritual, moral and financial support. For this, I am extremely grateful. May the Lord God reward you for your generous commitment to Him and His Church.

As our Parish prepares to celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2020, I would like to share with you some current highlights:
Christmas 2016 - We welcomed over 1,300 people in our beautifully decorated churches.

Ministries – We are blessed with 27 extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, 16 lectors, 40 hospitality members, and 20 altar servers (both children and adults).

Faith and Spirituality – Over 60 meet in prayer groups, and another 40 attend our Bible studies.

Catholic Education - About 100 students attend St. Cecilia and Presentation BVM schools.

Multiculturalism – Our parish family includes Haitian, Pakistani, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Filipino members. An average of 700 people from these communities attend our Church each week.

Activities – Our facilities are used for about 300 hours per month for various events.

The heart of our Parish is its sacramental life, and ours is strong at St. William:

Masses – We celebrate 2 daily Masses and 8 Sunday Masses. We also celebrate a weekly Mass at Philadelphia Protestant Home (PPH) for an average of 65 Catholic residents.

Sacraments – We had 87 Baptisms, 42 Confirmations, 38 First Communicants, 16 weddings, and 67 funerals. In addition, 68 individuals received the Anointing of the Sick in church.

Children's Faith Formation – We are currently educating 134 students in the Catholic faith.

Ministry to the Sick – Every week, our Eucharistic ministers bring Holy Communion to 16 homebound parishioners. Our clergy visit Fox Chase, Jeanes and Kindred Hospitals every week.

We have many new opportunities for deepening our faith this Lenten season:

Lent retreats – We will host Fr. Rafael Vargas (March 17-18) and Fr. Steve DeLacy (March 27-29).

Additional Masses – We will also have a new daily Mass for Lent on Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

We have prepared a parish survey to gather your ideas and recommendations. A strategic planning meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2017 for the Parish and Financial Councils. We are fixing our Church's steam heating system, and seeking support for new carpets in the Upper and Lower Church.

I ask for your generous support of our Block Collection in March 2017, and your continued weekly contributions. Thank you.

May God bless each one of you. Your priests, sisters and staff are ready to offer you our prayerful support. I ask you to continue to pray for our Parish.

Sunday, February 26, 2017

5:00PM (*Vigil*) James V. Elwell Sr. (Birthday Memorial)

7:30 Parishners of St. William

9:00 Sister Mary Eustace

10:30 Ivon Cruz

12:00 Noon Margaret Heil

8:00 P.M. Mary Brady

Monday, February 27, 2017

6:30 Bertha Allen

12:00 Noon Milagros Damico

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

6:30 Maria Insolina Gomez

12:00 Noon Marguerite C. Dick

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

6:30 Gerry Foley

12:00 Noon Deceased members of Edward Conran Family

Thursday, March 2, 2017

6:30 Most Rev. Martin N. Lohmuller

12:00 Noon Special Intention

Friday, March 3, 2017

6:30 Monsignor Richard J. Skelly

12:00 Noon Palmenia Peralta

Saturday, March 4, 2017

8:00 A.M. Patrick McFadden

5:00PM (*Vigil*) Ann & Joseph Davino

We Remember those who have died- Ann Walsh, Francis Gerhardt, Ellen Kelly, Martha Schmid, Catherine Piazzola, and Susan McGoldrick

Pray for our sick

Michael Adams
Josephine Agozzino
Olga Andrijischijn
Luis Ariza
Dot Aubrey
Beatrice Barnes
Gertrude Boyes
Joseph Bradley
John Byrne
Florence Caputo
Regina Carberry
Jared David Carrasco
Teresa (Cathy) Carey
Patricia Cassidy
Adele Censky
Patricia Cirone
Catherine Clark
Marguerite Clauss
Emilio Colon
Joanne Coleman
Shannon Coley
Charlotte Corcoran
Anna Creniti
Caroline Darpino
Alaya Diggs
Carol DiMaggio
Margaret Donahue
Tim Edwards
John Flannery
Gerry Foley
Gilda Ford
Vicki Francis

Brandon Fuscia
Rita *and* Steve Garry
Ann Geiges
Nellie Grady
Barbara Harris
James Hamilton
Joseph Hearn, Jr.
Elizabeth Heasley
Marte Heil
Frankie *and* Bob Herbert
John Herbert
Christopher Higgins
Jeffrey Hill
Peggy Hoffner
Denise Horgan
Kathleen Boyle Houseman
Sheranne Shea-Jubelirer
Luke Kehoe
Ellen Kelly
Kathy Kilroy
Josephine Kohute
Anne Krause
Loretta LaBarge
Marcial Leon
Mark Lewis
Teresa Mac Bride
Jeanne Mace
Jerry *and* Gale Mahoney
William Marshall, Sr.
Lindsey McManus
Emma Miller
Anne Nyce

Annamarie O'Donnell
Keith Parks
Renee Pontuti
Verna Quigley
Charlie Rehr
Thomas E. Reilley
Linda Richardson
Christopher Rodgers
Sally Rodgers
Martha Schmid
Mary Smith
Gerri Sugan
F. Joseph Sullivan
Ethel Thomas
Betty Thompson
Kathleen Thompson
Phyllis Thompson
James Trainor
Guillermo Velasquez
Angela Walsh
Betty Wilson
Catherine Wismer
Elizabeth Wismer

February 26, 2017

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

DON'T BE ANXIOUS

People have, it seems, a natural penchant for misplaced emphasis on unimportant things. They can easily get caught up with what they're having for dinner or what they will wear.

Often it is a tragedy that helps people to refocus on what is really important. What I shall wear is an irrelevant question when I am facing surgery or chemotherapy. What's for dinner is immaterial to those living through grief or unemployment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry. He doesn't say, "Don't eat. Don't cook. Don't buy clothes." He says, "Don't worry." Jesus asks us not to relinquish our responsibilities but to let go of our anxiety. Anxiety betrays a lack of trust and Jesus reminds us that "Your heavenly Father knows" all that you need (Matthew 6:32).

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God will never forget you (Isaiah 49:14-15)

Psalm — Rest in God alone, my soul (Psalm 62).

Second Reading — Make no judgments; the Lord will judge (1 Corinthians 4:1-5).

Gospel — God feeds the bird and clothes the flowers. Do not be anxious; God knows all your needs (Matthew 6:24-34).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence
Friday: St. Katharine Drexel; Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer
Saturday: St. Casimir; First Saturday

Masses in the Upper Church will begin Lent 2017 on Sunday March 5th for the 10:30 Am Spanish & the 12:00 PM Masses. All are welcome.



Ash

Wednesday

LENT PROGRAMS 2017

ASH WEDNESDAY

MASSES:

March 1st - 6:30, 12 noon, 7 pm Mass and distribution of ashes.

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

Four priests avail for Confessions: Weds 3/29 & 4/5, 6-6:50 pm LC; Saturdays 4/1 & 4/8, 4-4:45 pm LC

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

Mission (English) March 27,28 and 29 Lower Church
Mission (Spanish) March 17 and 18 Lower Church

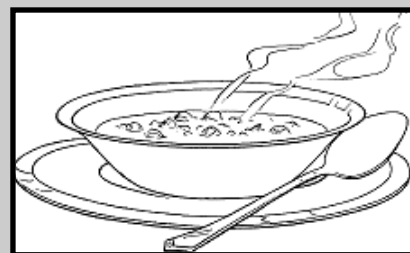
The Lenten fast on Ash Wednesday requires eating only one full meal that day. One or two smaller meals may be taken, but may not total one full meal. No more eating between meals.

Abstinence: NO MEAT on Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent.

Encourage everyone to attend daily mass and

Soup for souls...Thursdays beginning March 9 at 6:30 pm in the school hall. We gathered for soup, bread and water.

A speaker or video will be presented after the meal.
Welcome



Congratulations

Father Judge Student: Christian Grimaldi class of 2018 for achieving 2nd honors.

Roman Catholic High School Students: John B.Meehan for ranking 8th of their respective classes and for achieving 1st Honors. And , Richard D. Nguyen for ranking 9th of their respective classes and for achieving 1st Honors.

We are Proud of You!!!!

Legion of Mary's "Marian Day" at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary- Sat March 11 from 9am-4pm
Donation request for box lunch is \$10. R.S.V.P. at www.scs.edu or call 610-785-6270

Lenten Food Drive

We will be collecting nonperishable food for the St. Helena Food Pantry on --

March 24, 25, 26. at church

Thank You for your Support



Man up Philly Spirituality Conference

Saturday March 4, 2017

St. Joseph University - Hagan Arena
Philadelphia, PA

MenUpPhilly.com to register

Vacation Bible School-theme is PERU

There will be sign-ups for volunteers after Masses on **March 4th-5th**. Come and sign up to have a great time with us this summer!

First Communion Any parents who have children in Catholic School (St. Cecelia's, Presentation, St. Martin of Tours) who need to make their First Communion, please contact

SisterBernadetteat sbernadette@churchofstwilliam.com to make sure you have registered.

Sister Marie Bernadette, IHM
Director of Religious Education

St. Williams Parish, Philadelphia, PA. 267-499-6376

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

Domingo Febrero 26,2017

"Ama a tus enemigos". El amor cristiano no tiene limite. Se desborda. Es un amor a toda prueba. Es exigente. No da cabida al odio, rencor y venganza. Este es el verdadero amor Cristiano que Jesus exige a todos. Que Jesus nos regale su gracia para practicar El mandamiento del Señor.

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

BAUTISMO: Coordina con Diácono Felipe o Hermana Rosa.

2° Miércoles del mes a las 7:00 PM - **Charla**

3° Domingo del mes a la 1:00 PM - **Bautismo**

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA: PREP Los Martes, 6:45-7:45

PM **JÓVENES DE SECUNDARIA:** Los domingos, 9:00-10:00

AM en el convento. Adultos: Los domingos a las 9:00 AM en el sótano de la Rectoría

PRIMERA COMUNIÓN para niños en los colegios católicos: (St. Cecilia, Presentación, San Martín) : Favor de contactar a Sister Bernadette para registrar.

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.

CELEBREMOS CON NUESTROS AMIGOS de la Republica Dominicana en su Día de Independencia, el 27 de febrero.

NECESITAS AYUDA EN SALUD: PHMC y HPC te pueden ayudar **DIA:** 25, 26 de febrero **HORA:** Después de la Misa **LUGAR:** Vestíbulo de la Iglesia

COLEGIO ST. CECILIA: Registros

Registración para **hermanos de los alumnos** de St. Cecilia:

Martes, 21 de febrero: 9:00am-11:00am y 6:30pm-7:30pm

CUARESMA 2017

Miércoles de Ceniza: Misa a las 6:30am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm

Misa en ingles: los lunes, martes, miércoles a las 7:00 pm

Confesión: Miércoles, 3/29 y 4/4, 6-6:50 pm y Sábado 4/1 y 4/8, 4-4:45 pm **Vía Crucis:** los viernes 7:00pm

Retiro: 17 y 18 de marzo: P. Vargas

Rosario Cuaresmal en los hogares con misioneros

¿QUE ES EL V ENCUESTRO?

Es un proceso de evangelización, comunión y consulta que conecta a la comunidad Hispana local con una iniciativa nacional. **Información:** www.vencuentro.org

Consultas sobre la INMIGRACIÓN

HIAS: 2100 Arch St. 3rd floor; 215-832-0900

Servicios Sociales Católicos: 222 N. 17th St.; 215-854-7004

EN CASO DE UNA REDADA DE INMIGRACIÓN

Movimiento Nuevo Santuario está preparado para apoyarte.

Conozca sus derechos y en caso de emergencia llama este número: 267-333-9530

No abra la puerta – Manténgase callado – No firme documentación

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