

Saint William Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF

Lent

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From the cloud came a voice:
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Mark 9:7



Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen.

Our prayers and deep sympathies are for the victims of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida and their families. Our commitment is to love God and love and respect every human life.

Saint William Catholic Church

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Rectory Office Hours: 8:45 AM to 11:45 AM and 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Convent Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Tel.) 215-745-3513

Parochial Religious Education Program (PREP) (Tel.) 267-831-8046

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Alfonso J. Concha (Fr. Al), Pastor
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Deacon William Moser
Deacon Felipe Cruz

CONVENT

Sr. Rose Patrice, Superior & Hispanic Ministry
Sr. Bernadette Taraschi, Dir. Religious Education PREP

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM (Lower Church)

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

Pre-Baptismal Instructions:

Spanish: 2nd Wednesday 7:00PM Rectory basement
English: 1st Sunday at 1:00PM (Church)

For information or scheduling a Baptism, please email Deacon Bill Moser (English) or Sister Rose (Spanish) at the following:

deaconmoser@churchofstwilliam.com
s.rose@churchofstwilliam.com

CONFIRMATION

Bishops are Ordinary ministers of Confirmation. On special occasions priests can do the same.

RECONCILIATION IN CHURCH

Saturday: 4:00—4:45PM
Eve of Holy Days: 4:00—4:45PM
Eve of First Fridays: After 12:00 Noon Mass only
For personal request, contact the Rectory.

MATRIMONY

Weddings are scheduled on Saturdays at 11:00AM, 1:00PM, or 3:00PM in the Upper Church; 2:00PM in the Lower Church.

Couples intending marriage must contact our parish priest at least six months prior to the intended date of marriage.

To reserve a wedding please contact :
pastor@churchofstwilliam.com.

For required marriage preparation contact the rectory or
PhillyCatholicMarriagePrep.com

For wedding music contact Ken Houser, Church Organist at
music@churchofstwilliam.com.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Sacrament of healing and God's blessings for those who are sick or in serious condition. Parishioners in serious illness, please contact our parish priests. Anyone unable to attend Mass due to illness may call the Rectory to make arrangements to receive Communion in their home.

LENTEN SERVICES

MONDAYS (Feb. 26; March 5, 12, 19, 26)
7:00PM—Mass in LOWER CHURCH (English)

TUESDAYS (Feb. 27; March 6, 13, 20, 27)
7:00PM—Mass in LOWER CHURCH (Bi-lingual)

WEDNESDAYS (Feb. 28; March 7, 14, 21, 28)
6:30PM—Confessions
7:00PM—Stations of the Cross/Benediction in LC
7:00PM—Shadow Stations of the Cross on March 21

THURSDAYS (March 1, 8, 15, 22)
6:30PM—Poor Man's Supper in Rectory Basement

FRIDAYS (March 2, 9, 16, 23)
6:30PM—Confessions
7:00PM—Stations of the Cross/Benediction in LC (Spanish)
7:00PM—Stations of the Cross in UC (Creole)



God bless our newly baptized

Jayden G. Rodriguez

Ava Camille Candelario

Isabella Cruz

Denzel Ortiz

Eduardo David Garcia-Torres

Liam Jose Solano-German

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Vigil 5:00PM (Saturday)

7:30AM, 9:00AM,

12:00PM, 8:00PM (Upper Church)

10:30AM - Spanish

4:00PM - Pakistani

5:30PM - Haitian (Upper Church)

Monday through Friday

6:30AM and 12:00 Noon

Saturday

8:00AM

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2018

FOCUS: God's love for us is limitless.

Today, we hear the familiar passage from Saint Paul when he says, *If God is for us, who can be against us?* Since we have been called by name, by virtue of our baptism, we know that we are God's children; we are his instruments in the world.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Abraham is willing to make the ultimate sacrifice of surrendering his son to the Lord. Saint Paul reminds the Romans that having God with them will allow them to face any challenge. In the Gospel, the disciples realize that Jesus is the fulfillment of the law after he is transfigured before them.

REFLECTION: It is Lent, and we are praying for our own spiritual transfiguration in God's love. In obedience to God may our lives reflect more deeply that of Jesus, who consistently showed, through his words and actions and finally through his death, God's love for all.

So I ask myself:

Where in my life do I need a spiritual transfiguration to better reflect God's love?

Job Opportunity

Cook/Supervisor—PT—providing meals for Sisters and special event meals for retreatants at Spirituality Ctr. Require experience in cooking, leadership and supervisory. Send resume to jobs@msbt.org or call 215-335-7576.

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)

Adult Confirmation classes will begin on Sun., March 4 at 10:30AM in the Convent Basement. Please contact Sister Bernadette at 267-831-8046 or email at sbernadette@churchofstwilliam.com.

Celebrating our Centennial

In the year 2020, Saint William Parish will celebrate its 100th anniversary. We would like to begin the planning process for activities and invite you to join us. If you are interested in volunteering to be on the planning committee, please call the rectory at 215-745-1389.

Sunday Collection

Ash Wednesday - \$2,169

Retired Priests - \$2,357

Sunday, February 18 - \$6,998

Thank you and God Bless you! Fr. Al, Pastor

Special Lenten Events

- ◆ **LENT FOR LADIES**—Saturday, March 10 after the 8:00AM Mass in the lower church. All **LADIES** are welcome. Speaker will be Sister Judith Ann Geschke.
- ◆ **HISPANIC RETREAT**—Saturday, March 10 with Father Thomas Viviano (8:30AM-2:00PM) in Parish Hall and Lower Church. All are welcome.
- ◆ **LATTE FOR LENT**—Saturday, March 17—All **MEN** are invited to the Country Club Restaurant (Cottman Ave) for coffee at 8:30AM and a spiritual message at 9:15AM. You pay for whatever you order.
- ◆ **SEARCHING FOR JC**—Saturday, March 24—All Hispanic children and parents are invited to this special Lenten reflection and will gather at the rectory basement at 9:30AM for refreshments and then proceed to Church until 12:00PM.

Please contact the rectory at 215-745-1389 if you will be attending any of the above.

Novena to St. Francis Xavier

During March 4th through March 12th, a novena will be prayed to St. Francis after the daily Mass at Noon and on Saturday after the 8:00AM Mass.



Marion Day

All are welcome to join St. Charles Borromeo Seminary's Legion of Mary for *Marion Day* on Saturday, March 17 (9:00AM-4:00PM). Day includes presentations, Mass, box lunch and Holy Hour. Donation request for box lunch is \$10. RSVP advancement@scs.edu or call 610-785-6270.

Saint William Seniors

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 28 at Wesley Gathering Room beginning 12:00PM.

Upcoming Trips:

- **May 10**—Pines Dinner Theater in Allentown—Lunch and Comedy Show
- **September 9-13**—Wildwood, NJ
- **November 8**—American Music Theater Christmas Show and Lunch at Shady Maple

New members are always welcome and you do not have to be a member of the parish to join. For more information about the Seniors, please contact Betty Harding at 215-745-7199.

40 Days for Life

You are invited to join other Christians during the *40 Days for Life Campaign* by praying and fasting for an end to abortion. We stand vigil and peacefully pray at the following locations:

Planned Parenthood at 2751 Comly Rd. & Roosevelt Blvd
Planned Parenthood at 12th & Locust Streets
Phila. Women's Center at 777 Appletree St. (8th & Arch)

For more info contact Anita 267-456-4582 or Monique 469-231-9084.

Masses for the week of February 25, 2018

Sunday, February 25

5:00 PM (*Vigil*) Evelyn Woltemate
7:30 AM Julianna Suermann
9:00 AM Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School
10:30 AM Giovanna Diaz Ramos
12:00 PM Dec'd members Kenny Family
8:00 PM Special Intention

Monday, February 26

6:30 AM Richard A. Genoni, Jr. (*living*)
12:00 PM Eliza Lopez Delosantos (*special intention and thanksgiving*)
7:00 PM Mass of Thanksgiving

Tuesday, February 27

6:30 AM Dec'd mbrs Lopez & Rodriguez families
12:00 PM Special Intention
7:00 PM Mass of Thanksgiving

Wednesday, February 28

6:30 AM Marguerite C. Dick
12:00 PM Mass of Thanksgiving

Thursday, March 1

6:30 AM Bertha Allen
12:00 PM Barnel Francois & family

Friday, March 2

6:30 AM For all St. William Parishioners
12:00 PM Special Intention

Saturday, March 3

8:00 AM Special Intention
5:00 PM Olga Desiderio

Registration for Schools (2018-2019)

SAINT CECILIA SCHOOL

Saint Cecilia Auditorium 9-11AM & 6:30-7:30PM

Monday, Feb. 26 (New Pre-K4 & Kindergarten)

Tuesday, Feb. 27 (New students in Grades 1-8)

These dates are for St. William & St. Cecilia parishioners only. Others may call 215-725-8588 for an appointment.

Please bring the following to registration:

1. State Birth Certificate (NOT the hospital certificate)
2. Baptismal Certificate
3. Immunization Records
4. Non-refundable fee: \$325 (K-Grade 8); \$200 (Pre-K)

PRESENTATION BVM SCHOOL

Registration is on-going on a first come, first serve basis

Open House - February 21 (6-8PM); March 21 (5-7PM); April 19 (6-8PM)

Touring Tuesdays - 9AM-2PM

Please call 215-379-3798 to tour school or for appointment.

AGES: By September 1, 2018, Pre-K students must be 4; Kindergarten students must be 5; First Graders must be 6

Please keep the sick of our parish in your prayers.

Gertrude Boyes	Livia Genobel
Loretta LaBarge	Catherine Winsey
Carmella Dick	Sally Masorli
Linda Richardson	Jeremiah Butler
Bob Edmonds	Peter Feledick
John Dick	James Trainor
River Fisher Ritter (10 months)	

Please pray for the souls of the faithful departed, especially those in our parish.

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students on the First Semester Report. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.



ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Richard Nguyen ranked #9 in his class
First Honors: Richard Nguyen, Matthew Guy
Second Honors: Christopher Polanco

LITTLE FLOWER HIGH SCHOOL

First Honors: Celeste O'Neill

SAINT BASIL ACADEMY

Honors: Brionna Grimaldi

FATHER JUDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Second Honors: Sergio Hincaple-Abelardy

Cultural Heritage Mass

DATE: Saturday, March 17

TIME: 2:00PM Procession; 2:30PM Mass

PLACE: Cathedral Basilica SS Peter & Paul
18th St. & Benjamin Franklin Pkwy.

Share the journey with migrants and refugees. Native Americans, Asians, Africans, Europeans, Caribbeans, and Brazilian Catholics are welcome to join Archbishop Charles Chaput in celebration. For more info call 215-587-3540 .

Man-Up Spirituality Conference—March 3

This year's conference will be held at Neumann University's Mirenda Center and will be more exciting and spiritually enlightening than ever. Visit www.manuphilly.com to register. Cost is \$55.

Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for a few extra hands to help clean the lower church on Monday afternoons at 12:30PM. It should take less than one hour to dry mop the church, dust statues and altars, straighten up hymnals, and vacuum. If you can help with this ministry, please see John Meehan, Arcides DeJesus, or Ken Houser. You supply the hands, we supply the equipment.

CONFESIONES: Todos los Domingos: 10:00-10:20AM.

BAUTISMO: Coordina con Diácono Felipe o Hna. Rosa

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

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

Visitas y Comunión a los ENFERMOS y ANCIANOS:

Consulta con Padre Al. Asistente: Ida Jiménez

CÍRCULO de ORACIÓN:

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

ROSARIO: Están invitados a rezar el Rosario cada domingo a las 10:00, antes de la Misa.

PREP: grados 1 - 7

Clases: los martes 6:15 - 7:45 PM.

SACRAMENTOS PARA ADULTOS:

Charlas los domingos: 9:00-10:15 AM en el sótano de la Rectoría

YOUTH GROUP / PASTORAL JUVENIL

Jóvenes quienes han hecho la Confirmación están invitados al grupo juvenil los martes en el Middle School, 6:15 - 7:45 PM.



Celebremos con nuestros amigos de la República

Dominicana en el día de su Independencia: 27 de febrero

¿Le gustaría mantener nuestra iglesia acogedora y limpia?

Cuándo: los lunes 12:30 p.m.

Dónde: En el primer piso de la iglesia

Qué: Limpiar los pisos, las bancas, las estatuas, etc.

Consultar: John Meehan, Arcides de Jesús o

Ken Houser para obtener más información.



Colegio St. Cecilia : Registros

Habrán registros para los feligreses de St. Cecilia y de St. William:

Lunes, 26 de febrero: Pre-K y Kinder

9:00 - 11:00 AM y 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Martes, 27 de febrero: grados 1° hasta 7°

9:00 - 11:00 AM y 6:30 - 7:30 PM



INMIGRACION:

Llame a sus legisladores para hacerles saber su opinión sobre **DACA:** Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals y **TPS:** Temporary Protected Status

Senator Robert Casey: 202-224-6324

Senator Patrick Toomey: 202-224-4254

Representative Brendan Boyle: 202-225-1904

TPS re-registración hasta el 19 del marzo del 2018

(www.cliniclegal.org)

Consultas sobre la INMIGRACIÓN

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

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

FEBRERO 25, 2018

SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

"JESUS SE TRANSFIGURÓ DELANTE DE ELLOS!"

"ESTE ES MI HIJO MUY AMADO. ESCÚCHENLO!"

La Transfiguración de Jesús se sitúa después de la confesión de Pedro en Casárea de Filipo. Ahora Jesús se revela a sus tres discípulos Pedro, Santiago y Juan para confirmarlos en la fe. Se descubren dos aspectos de la personalidad de Jesús, una, dolorosa: su camino hacia Jerusalén, y su entrega a la muerte, incomprendible para sus discípulos, y otra, gloriosa, un anticipo de la gloria futura, su Resurrección. La Transfiguración es una teofanía, revelación y experiencia mística de Dios. La experiencia de Dios nos transfigura, nos transforma, en cambio, el pecado, la ruptura con Dios y con nuestros hermanos, nos desfigura. Durante la Transfiguración no se oye la voz de Jesús sino la del Padre. Cuando se termina esta experiencia maravillosa, se oyen las palabras de aliento de Jesús: "levántense, no tengan miedo"! Este mensaje se dirige a todos nosotros. No debemos vivir en el miedo. Los planes de Dios no pueden ser anulados por los planes de los poderosos del mundo. Al temor solo lo vence la fe y el amor de Jesús, la presencia de Dios entre nosotros. Danos, Señor, la fortaleza del espíritu para bajar la montaña y enfrentar la pasión de cada día.

CUARESMA 2018

Misa diaria durante Cuaresma:

Lunes ~ viernes: 6:30 AM y 12:00 mediodía en inglés

Lunes: 7:00 PM en inglés

Martes: 7:00 PM bilingüe

Rosario Cuaresmal

Invita a los Misioneros de nuestra parroquia para rezar el rosario en su hogar durante la Cuaresma.

Vía Crucis / Adoración / Circulo de Oración

Los viernes a las 7:00 PM

"Poor Man's Supper"

Charla en inglés / sopa / donación para los pobres

Los jueves: 6:30 PM en el sótano de la rectoría



RETIRO CUARESIMAL

Predicador: Padre Tomas Viviano

Cuándo: Sábado, 10 de marzo. 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Dónde: Hall Parroquial de St. William (Argyle y Robbins)

Te esperamos en el Retiro Cuaresmal para prepararnos y recibir la Semana Santa

Oración, dinámicas, predicación, reflexiones, Adoración al Santísimo, almuerzo

COVER SHEET

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