

Church of Saint William

FIFTH SUNDAY OF

Lent

I will place my law within them
and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

Jeremiah 31:33



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SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday (March 25)

Follow Sunday schedule

Holy Thursday (March 29)

10:00 AM Chrism Mass—Cathedral Basilica

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
Upper Church (Multi-lingual)

After Mass Lower Church—Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament

11:00 PM Lower Church - concludes with
the Night Prayer

Good Friday (March 30)

9:00 AM Morning Prayer—Lower Church

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

12:00 PM Upper Church (English)

2:00 PM Upper Church (Creole)

3:00 PM Lower Church (Urdu)

7:00 PM Upper Church (Spanish)

Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM Lower Church (English)

Holy Saturday (March 31)

9:00 AM Morning Prayer—Lower Church

9:30 AM Blessing of Food (Multi-lingual)

7:00 PM Easter Vigil—Upper Church
(Multi-lingual)

Easter Sunday (April 1)

7:30 AM Lower Church (English)

9:00 AM Lower Church (English)

10:30 AM Upper Church (Spanish)

12:00 PM Upper Church (English)

1:00 PM Lower Church (Urdu)

5:30 PM Upper Church (Haitian)

8:00 PM Upper Church (English)



Holy Week

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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
Rev. Msgr. James E. Mortimer, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Tariq Isaac, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Augusto Concha (Fr. Gus) Retired, Resident
Rev. Alfred Lauricien, O.M.I., Resident
Deacon William Moser
Deacon Felipe Cruz
Deacon Angel Alicea, Retired

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.

St. William Sunday Concert Series ***Stabat Mater***

Presented by the Northeast Oratorio & Orchestra Societies of Philadelphia

Sunday, March 18 at 2:00PM Lower Church

All are welcome—No admission fee

Free will offering graciously accepted

This moving and dramatic work is most appropriate as we follow the Way of the Cross during this Lenten Season.

LENTEN SERVICES

MONDAYS (March 19, 26)

7:00PM—Mass in LOWER CHURCH (English)

TUESDAYS (March 20, 27)

7:00PM—Mass in LOWER CHURCH (Bi-lingual)

WEDNESDAYS (March 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 22)

6:30PM—Poor Man's Supper in Rectory Basement

FRIDAYS (March 23)

6:30PM—Confessions
7:00PM—Stations of the Cross/Benediction in LC (Spanish)
7:00PM—Stations of the Cross in UC (Creole)

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018

FOCUS: Everyone, great and small, will have God's law written on their hearts, and their sins forgiven.

The Lord reaches out once again to his people. God, ever faithful, extends his hand to those who break the covenant. No longer depending on prophets to communicate, under the new covenant each individual will know God's law, his love, his mercy. God's personal invitation calls for a personal response. Will we receive it?

LITURGY OF THE WORD: In today's reading from Jeremiah, the Lord declares a new covenant with his people. The Letter to the Hebrews presents Jesus as the perfect high priest. In today's Gospel, Jesus approaches his passion.

REFLECTION: Jesus and his disciples hadn't preached to these Greeks. They didn't proselytize them, they came of their own free will. What was the attraction? They and we are attracted by the One who, in his hour, is a completely faithful servant to God; who shows total generosity, willing to give up everything for us, without holding back anything in reserve.

So we ask ourselves:

- How have we benefited from the sacrifices others have made on our behalf?
- What sacrifices are we being asked to make for the wellbeing of others?
- How have we experienced the fruits of these sacrifices in our own lives?

From the desk of Fr. Al...

Today, I want to share with you some current events that remind us of the past and invite us to look for a better future, which we have through our faith!

How long ago were you baptized? Have you received the sacraments of Christian initiation - that is, did you receive Confession and Holy Communion? Were you confirmed? If your answer to all these questions is yes, then you have completed the Sacraments of Christian Initiation. You are a "committed Catholic."

As we reflect on Lent, a preparation time for Easter, we are called to renew that early commitment of a full Catholic by attending and truly immersing ourselves in the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord. Simply put, you are invited to participate fully in the Holy Triduum. Our faith becomes enriched by the graces of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday!

Your faith is alive when you participate in Holy Week and believe in the presence of the Lord in your minds and hearts. A happy Lent brings a holier Easter celebration, beginning with your own heart. Celebrate your sacraments today and share them with others. ✝

Sunday Collection

Sunday, March 11, 2018 - \$6,767

Second Collection (Church for Latin America) - \$1,556

Thank you for your continued support of the Parish and all the special collections.

Father Al, Pastor

Food Collection for St. Helena's Cupboard

Thank you for bringing food this weekend. The items most in need are—peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, juice, cereal, rice, canned beans, evaporated milk. May God bless you for thinking of others.



We are also looking for volunteers to help transport the food to St. Helena's on the third Monday of every month at 9:30AM. Volunteers need to be able to carry the packages (some heavy) down stairs to the cupboard. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the rectory at 215-745-1389.

Shadow Stations - March 21

Everyone is invited to the Lower Church this Wednesday, March 21 for Shadow Stations. This was a great experience last year. We are looking for volunteers to participate in this event. Practice will be Tuesday, March 20, at 6:30PM in the Upper Church. Teenagers from 6th grade to High School are needed. Please email Sister Bernadette at sbernadette@churchofstwilliam.com.

Holy Name Society

On Saturday, April 14, the Philadelphia Parish Holy Name Society will visit St. William Church for the 8:00AM Mass. Following Mass we will pray the rosary and venerate the relic of Blessed John Vercelli, founder and promoter of the Holy Name Society.

Medical Mission Sisters Thrift Shop

Serving the local community for over 30 years, the Thrift Shop located at 8400 Pine Road, features quality new and gently used merchandise. Proceeds from sales support the work of the Medical Mission Sisters. For more info, visit www.mmsthiftshop.org or call 215-745-7930.

Masses for the week of March 18, 2018

Sunday, March 18

5:00 PM (*Vigil*) Renate G. Koreck
7:30 AM Mr. & Mrs. Taraschi
9:00 AM Olga Desiderio
10:30 AM Anna Martinez
12:00 PM Helene O'Connor
8:00 PM Sylvain Adia Agnan

Monday, March 19

6:30 AM Stella Maria Sheligo
12:00 PM Richard Costello
7:00 PM St. William Parishioners

Tuesday, March 20

6:30 AM Stella Maria Sheligo
12:00 PM Special Intention for Children
7:00 PM Hispanic Community

Wednesday, March 21

6:30 AM Stella Maria Sheligo
12:00 PM Gillis Family

Thursday, March 22

6:30 AM Kathleen Houseman
12:00 PM Ignatius Kelly

Friday, March 23

6:30 AM Priests of St. William
12:00 PM Olga Desiderio

Saturday, March 24

8:00 AM Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
5:00 PM Eugene J. Burgoon (*anniversary*)

Let it Snow!

Well—maybe not. Since we are getting a lot of snow, especially this year, the parish would like to purchase a snow blower. If anyone would like to contribute toward this purchase, we would be most grateful.



Aid for Friends Fundraiser

Aid for Friends continues to serve the community with home cooked meals for the homebound. They are having a Designer Bag Bingo to support their outreach ministry.

DATE: April 8 TIME: 1:00-4:00PM
PLACE: St. Dominic Church—Marian Hall
8532 Frankford Ave. 19136
COST: \$30 (advance); \$35 (at door)
Incl. 12 games, snacks, beer, wine, soda
TKTS: 215-464-2224

Little Sisters of the Poor Spring Concert Fundraiser

Featuring Irish Groups *Scythian* and *McLean Avenue Band*.

DATE: April 7 TIME: 6:00PM
PLACE: Villanova University's Jake Nevin Field House
800 Lancaster Ave., Villanova
COST: \$50/person; \$20/students;
\$10 ages 12 & under) Incl. food and beverages
TKTS: 215-729-5153

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.

Eleanor Everetts
Maria Auerbach
Michael Walsh

Lenten Activities Around Town

Musica Concordia—Sunday, March 18 (4PM)
St. Cecilia Church, 535 Rhawn St.

Lenten Concert at National Shrine of St. Rita
1166 S. Broad Street (19146)
Thursday, March 22—7:30PM—no charge
Collegiate Choir of Philadelphia

Retreat: Saint Rita and the Art of the Passion
Saturday, March 24 (9:30AM-4:00PM)
National Shrine of St. Rita (1166 S. Broad St.)
\$25 with RSVP 215-546-8333

The Last Seven Words

Good Friday, March 30 - 7:30PM
St. Augustine Parish (4th & Vine)
Scripture readings, reflections, hymns

Blessing of the Food on Holy Saturday at 9:30AM

In many European countries, it is a tradition to have a basket of food blessed on Holy Saturday. Food items have special significance. Basket is lined with cloth and can be filled with items you will eat at Easter dinner, such as, ham, bread, eggs, wine, salt, cakes, candy, along with a candle.

- Ham—meats are symbolic of great joy and abundance in celebration of Christ's Resurrection.
- Bread—the staff of life given by God.
- Eggs—indicate hope, new life and Christ rising from His tomb.
- Wine—the drink of the Passover meal and Last Supper.
- Salt—symbolizes wisdom and preservation from corruption and reminds us that Jesus did not undergo corruption in the grave.
- Sweets—reminds us of the sweetness of the Lord.
- Candle—symbolizes Jesus, the Light of the World.

Bring your basket of food to the Church on Holy Saturday at 9:30AM to be blessed.

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 las 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 : sótano de la Rectoría

YOUTH GROUP: los martes: 6:15 - 7:45 PM

COMPARTIR EXPERIENCIAS MULTICULTURALES

Celebraremos la cultura de Colombia:

Creencias ~ música típica ~ comida ~ estructura social ~ y más
Domingo, 22 de abril, 2:00PM – 4:00PM en el Hall

RECORDATORIO para Asistencia de Matrícula

Con el fin de ser considerados para la asistencia de matrícula, las familias que tienen hijos en las escuelas **St. Cecilia o Presentation BVM** deben ser miembros de la parroquia St. William. Deben asistir a misa dominical, participar en actividades parroquiales y apoyar financieramente a la parroquia. Las cartas y las solicitudes se enviaron por correo a las familias y todas las solicitudes de asistencia para la matrícula deben enviarse a la rectoría a más tardar el 1 de mayo de 2018. Una revisión de sus solicitudes y contribuciones se completará en mayo. La asistencia de matrícula es solo para estudiantes en los grados 1 a 8. Por favor llame a la oficina de la rectoría si tiene alguna pregunta.

INMIGRACIÓN:

Llame a sus legisladores sobre la inmigración:

Senator Robert Casey: 202-224-6324

Senator Patrick Toomey: 202-224-4254

Representative Brendan Boyle: 202-225-1904

Consultas sobre la INMIGRACIÓN:

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

Servicios Sociales Católicos: 222 N. 17th St. 215-854-7019

ACANA 215-729-8225

Welcome Center 215-634-1696

En la Arquidiócesis:

Misa para honra los dones de las personas discapacidades, la comunidad de los sordos, la familia, amigos
Sábado, 24 de marzo a las 10:30 AM

Un día para la familia en el seminario San Carlos Borromeo
22 de abril 11:30–5:30 Info: 215-667-2820

Conferencia de Mujeres Católicas: Santuario de Czestochowa
Sábado, 27 de octubre Info: catholicwomensconference.org

MARZO 18, 2018 - QUINTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

"SI EL GRANO DE TRIGO CAE EN TIERRA Y MUERE, DA MUCHO FRUTO!"

La liturgia de este Domingo nos invita a reflexionar sobre el misterio de nuestra vida hecho fecunda por Cristo. El grano de trigo muere pero después se multiplica. Jesús muere pero a la muerte sigue la Resurrección gloriosa. Jesús es la Resurrección y la Vida, es el Agua que quita la sed, la Vida sobre la muerte! Jesús pone la Cruz como condición para la gloria y la muerte como condición para la fecundidad. Cargar con la Cruz o morir como el grano de trigo es nuestra vocación cristiana. La Cruz es la señal del cristiano! En una sociedad de bienestar la Cruz de Cristo no atrae. San Pablo amaba la Cruz de Cristo, es decir, al Crucificado, y decía que para los cristianos, "es sabiduría y fuerza de Dios"! Ser discípulos de Jesús no dispensa a nadie de las cruces que debemos llevar cada día con fe y amor cristiano. Luego Jesús nos dice: "el que quiera servirme que me siga"! El servicio a Jesús, es el servicio a nuestros hermanos. Y no es buscar nuestros intereses o conveniencias. Señor Jesús, grano de trigo, entregado por nosotros, ayúdanos a servirte, sirviendo a nuestros hermanos.

CUARESMA 2018

Misa:

Lunes: 7:00 PM en inglés

Martes: 7:00 PM bilingüe

Vía Crucis / Circulo de Oración: viernes a las 7:00 PM

"Poor Man's Supper": Jueves: 6:30 PM en la rectoría

Retiro Espiritual para los Servidores del Altar

Sábado, 24 de marzo, 8:30 am ~ 12:30 pm



LA SEMANA SANTA 2018

Domingo de Ramos: 25 de marzo
Procesión / Misa en Español: 10:30 AM

Jueves Santo: 29 de marzo
Misa multilingüe: 7:00 PM

Viernes Santo: 30 de marzo
Pasión y Veneración Solemne de la Cruz
en español : 7:00 PM

Sábado Santo / Vigilia: 31 de abril
Misa multilingüe: 7:00 PM

Domingo de Pascua: 1 de abril
Misa en Español: 10:30 AM



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