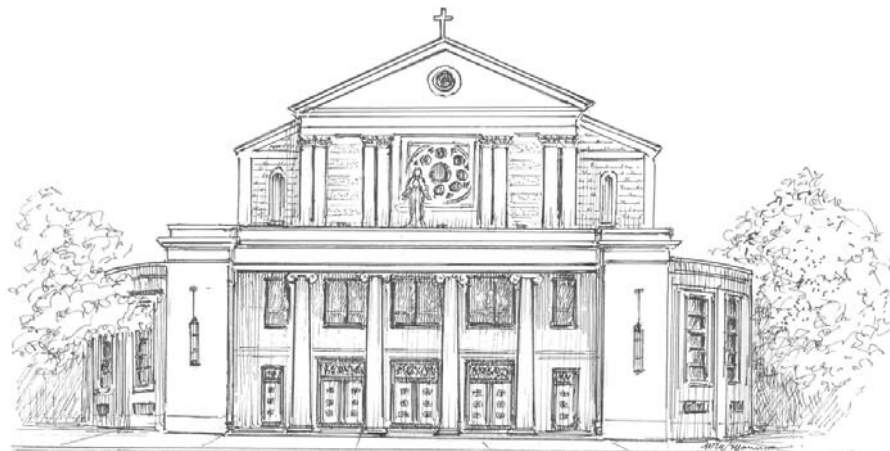


The Church of St. William

6200 Rising Sun Avenue ✦ Philadelphia, PA. 19111



1920 "Ninety Four Years of Serving The Community"

"A WELCOMING COMMUNITY"

"CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS"

Rev. Joseph G. Watson, M.A., M.Div., Pastor
Rev. Msgr. James E. Mortimer, M.Ed., Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Dominic Ishaq, JCD, M.B.A., Parochial Vicar
And Coordinator of Catholic Pakistani Community
Padre Augusto Concha, M. Div., Parochial Vicar (Part-Time)
Rev. Alfred Lauricien, O.M.I., Resident (Haitian Community)
Deacon Lou Malfara, Permanent Deacon
Deacon Felipe Cruz, Permanent Deacon

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

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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 regularly due to illness may call the Rectory to make arrangements to receive Communion in their

March 30, 2014 ✦ Fourth 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.*

Our New Website is Now Live!

www.churchofstwilliam.com

I invite you to take our new website for a test drive. I am very happy with where it is now but it is not yet complete. Although some of it is still under construction, I wanted it to be launched so that you can see it and put forth some ideas on how to improve it. I cannot guarantee that the volunteers who are building the website will be able to incorporate all your ideas but we all are willing to hear them.

There is one important feature to the website and that is the Google Translator that is built into the site. This will allow the reader to choose the language that they view the site in. I don't know how accurate the translation is but it is an attempt to serve the needs of the various communities who call Saint William their church home.

For the first time since I have been pastor, we have an email address that can be accessed by the parishioners. It is my hope that in this age of technology we can begin to communicate some information electronically. Our email address is:

rectory@churchofstwilliam.com

I thank those that helped in getting us to this point in our technology upgrade and I look forward to trying to use our new website as an evangelization tool.

Sunday, Mar. 30, Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00 (Vigil) Deceased members of the Cassidy family
7:30 Parishioner's of Saint William
9:00 Dorothy Kucera
10:30 L.C. Edwin Medina
12:00 Noon Myrlaine Cherazard (*God's Mercy*)
8:00PM Bernard and Marion McAleer

Monday, Mar. 31, Lenten Weekday

6:30 Myrlaine Cherazard (*God's Mercy*)
12:00 Noon Kathryn Penzohoffer

Tuesday, Apr. 1, Lenten Weekday

6:30 Myrlaine Cherazard (*God's Mercy*)
12:00 Noon Mary Bruntrager

Wednesday, Apr. 2, Lenten Weekday

6:30 Myrlaine Cherazard (*God's Mercy*)
12:00 Noon Anthony Nguyen's family (*living*)

Thursday, Apr. 3, Lenten Weekday

6:30 Alma Voigt
12:00 Noon The Devlin family

First Friday, Apr. 4, Lenten Weekday

6:30 Joseph Allen
12:00 Noon Paul Corbett (*1st Anniversary*)

First Saturday, Apr. 5, Lenten Weekday

8:00 Special Intention
5:00 (Vigil) Deceased members of the Carroll Family



**Remember
Those who
Have Died**

SODALITY
April 1, 2014
Mass

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

You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord.

- (Ephesians 5:8-14)

Fourth Sunday of Lent

It's in our nature and our society to look for the miraculous or something sensational when we speak or hear of God or holy things. Yet, God never reveals Himself in the ways we expect or hope for. Today's readings are perfect examples of the fact that God uses the very ordinary to reveal himself to us in our lives.

God tells Samuel to go to Jesse to anoint one of Jesse's sons as king. Jesse presented seven sons and none of them was to be king. Samuel asked if he had any more sons. Jesse said his youngest was still tending the sheep. When this son came in it was clear to Samuel God had chosen the youngest, David, to be this king. Both Samuel and Jesse made the mistake of thinking it had to be one of the elder sons - how could God pick the youngest? Yet, that is exactly what he did.

In the gospel, a man born blind is cured by Jesus, not with thunder and lightning or some great event but by Jesus using his spit and making mud to put on the man's eyes. Not exactly the material we would think of for miracles and yet that is what he used - spit and dirt. The Pharisees and leaders refused to believe in Him. It was all too ordinary.

God reveals himself to us every single day - in the things that happen, in the people we meet, in the thoughts we have. It is good for us to use this time of Lent to spend some extra time in prayer so we can begin to recognize when God is revealing himself to us. It will rarely be in spectacular ways but rather in the ordinary events of everyday. We cannot see him unless we come to know him. Don't miss God while waiting for something spectacular to happen!

If there is such a thing as a Catholic "trademark" it is the sign of the cross, first traced on the senses of catechumens as they begin the journey to baptism, or on the forehead of an infant who is brought to the doors of the church at baptism.

As early as the third century, Christians were tracing the sign of the cross on their bodies. At first, the cross was traced on the forehead during times of prayer and daily occupations. We use a similar small cross today as we trace the cross over on the forehead, lips, and heart at the Gospel during Mass. Much later, the full-body sign traced from forehead to heart to shoulders took shape, perhaps copying the priest's gesture of blessing with the consecrated host during Mass.

Today, this superb baptismal gift is a sign of belonging to Christ and the community, a way of focusing our attention, of asking for God's blessing, of tracing on our shoulders a willingness to find meaning in life's burdens. In the sign of the cross, we have an ever-available means of expressing gratitude for our baptism.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED

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

**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!

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.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS:

- * The next General Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 9th at 1:30PM 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.

EL REGALO DE DIOS DE LA CONCIENCIA

Dios nos creó con perfecto orden y muchas capacidades necesarias para poder vivir la vida humanamente; Entre otros dones nos regaló el don de la CONCIENCIA.

El hombre tiene una ley inscrita por Dios en su corazón. La conciencia es el núcleo más secreto y el sagrario del hombre.

Es aquí donde escuchamos la voz de Dios que resuena en nuestro corazón.

Esa "voz interior" que nos dice si lo que hacemos es bueno o es malo, esa es la conciencia.

Nuestra obligación consiste en fortalecer o formar nuestra propia **consciencia**, pero no podemos hacerlo solos.

Como formar nuestra consciencia?

Hay que abrir la puerta al Espíritu Santo.

La mayoría de los hombres no estamos conscientes de su acción, ni respondemos a sus inspiraciones.

El Espíritu Santo llegó a nuestra alma el día de nuestro Bautismo.

Llegó de la misma manera que llegó sobre los Apóstoles el día de Pentecostés.

Es el Espíritu Santo quien nos recuerda en momentos de oscuridad interior; quien nos trae a la memoria el amor que Dios nos tiene. Hacerle caso al Espíritu Santo es escuchar a un guía seguro, que conoce el camino más corto hacia la perfección, y que nos ayuda en nuestras acciones y nuestras

DECISIONES.



Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

Curación del ciego de nacimiento. Jesús, la Luz del mundo, vino a curar la ceguera de el corazón. "El que me sigue, no anda en tinieblas." Es una página extraordinaria! El ciego pasa de la ceguera a la visión. Y los fariseos, de la visión a la ceguera. Nos puede suceder a nosotros.

Estamos llamados a caminar como hijos de la luz, no de las tinieblas. Jesús, Luz del mundo, ayúdanos a ver el camino que nos señalas con tú Palabra y con tú ejémplo.