



St. William Church

St. John Mission

6 Church Street
Williamstown, KY
41097

December 6, 2020



Clergy Pastor, Rev. Benton Clift, Sr. 859-824-5381

Celebration of the Eucharist

St. William

Saturday Vigil Mass..... 4:30 pm
Sunday Mass..... 10:30 am
Daily Mass (Tues, Thurs, Fri)..... 8:30 am
Wednesday Evening Mass 6:00 pm

Adoration of the Holy Eucharist is offered Friday after the 8:30 am Mass until 11:00 am.

St. John Mission

Sunday Mass..... 8:30 am
Wednesday Mass 10:30 am

The Rosary is prayed each Sunday at 8:00 am and each Thursday at 6:00 pm

~Mass Intentions ~

Saturday 4:30 pm	December 5, 2020 Vigil †Bobbie O'Hara
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	December 6, 2020 Members of our Parishes †MacKenzie Merz
Monday	December 7, 2020 No Mass
Tuesday 4:30 pm 6:00 pm	December 8, 2020 †Luvenia O'Hara Members of the Parish
Wednesday 10:30 am 6:00 pm	December 9, 2020 Members of our Parishes †Mark Rohret
Thursday 8:30 am	December 10, 2020 †Margie Webb Mullins
Friday 8:30 am	December 11, 2020 Rod Null
Saturday 4:30 pm	December 12, 2020 Vigil Alanna Sininger
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	December 13, 2020 †Tom Guthrie Marilyn Paporone

† - denotes deceased person



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FORGIVENESS

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. - MK 1:4



“For the great human family it is necessary to renew always the common horizon toward which we are journeying. The horizon of hope! This is the horizon that makes a good journey,” Pope Francis said on Dec. 1 to the crowds in St. Peter’s Square.

The season of Advent is always a season of hope, a season of renewal. Just as the Israel nation was awaiting nearly a full millennium for God’s presence to again be felt in the world, we may understandably feel a bit of abandonment ourselves. The continuous presence of a pandemic causing virus in our lives, disrupting our lives, Creating many sad stories of aloneness, depression, our inability to experience the neighborliness in which our culture is so dependent.

In the Second Sunday of Advent’s Isaiah Reading we see the beginning of a miracle that is to come about:

“Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end...”

This message to a people who have been oppressed for so long, who had little reason for hope had to be such an exciting one for those believers. The believers were told what the miracle is going to look like: we know as the announcement of John the Baptist’s ministry:

*“A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low;
the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley.
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”*

The message for us is that God, Emmanuel (God with us) has become incarnated into the human experience. He was a God that would be with us from Bethlehem and through to eternity. The challenge for us in these crazy times is to look for those miracles, look for community members coming together for the benefit of others. It may require us to look at new ways or old practices in new ways so to grow despite the oppression of the present challenges from the COVID virus.

We are as a Church going to look at new ways to doing things. The current situation means that many are more dependent on each other for our corporal needs of food, housing, utility payments. The shutdown is forcing many parishioners and neighbors to make adjustments as their personal incomes are being affected. You may notice as the Advent season progresses we will change the decorations in the Church, in the sanctuary a lessening of flower arrangements. We decided the amount of money in the past to provide an excessively opulent display would be out of place in the current economic climate. We will reduce the financial outlay by 60 to 80% and we will use those savings to supply more money for ministering to the poor in our neighborhood. It will be dignified and, as Vatican II calls it, a “Noble Simplicity” so that we can enjoy God’s precious gifts of beauty in our sanctuary and help to relieve those who have had to make such a major disruption in their financial lives. That, brothers and sisters, is the miracle that maybe we should be looking for. Maybe the help we can provide to our neighbors may be the 2020 version of the “voice crying out in the desert.”

Blessings!

Father Benton Clift Sr.



Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

Thursdays from 5:00 - 6:00 pm.

Saturdays before Vigil Mass from 4:00 to 4:20 pm.

Also available upon request. Please contact Fr. Clift.

**Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and
Sacrament of Anointing: Please contact Fr. Clift.**

**Marriage: Please contact the Rectory at least six
months in advance.**

Parish Secretary, Carol Rector crector@saint-william.org

Coordinator of Religious Education, Suzi Noel
859-760-1376 snoel@saint-william.org

Prayer Line Roberta Poole 859-824-4198

Society of St. Vincent de Paul 859-341-3219

10:00 am–2:00 pm

Knights of Columbus David White 859-801-5338

Website: saint-william.org

Mass Intentions - please give to Carol Rector

Ministry Schedule - contact Pat McDonough

pkmed1989@gmail.com

Bulletin - Jenny Breeden jennybree054@yahoo.com

Worship Music — Songs for the weekend Masses:

Saturday

PROCESSIONAL : “Ready the Way”
 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Lord, let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation.**
 OFFERTORY: “A Voice Cries Out”
 COMMUNION: “I Have Loved You”
 RECESSIONAL: “City of God”

Sunday

“Christ Circle Round Us”
 “Beyond the Moon and Stars”
 “Ubi Caritas”
 “People Look East”

Weekly Mass Schedule

Our weekly Masses will resume on Tuesday per the new liturgical schedule including moving the Wednesday 8:30 Mass to the evening at 6:00 PM at St William.

Organization News

Parish Ministries

The monthly ministry schedule will be published on the back of the new monthly calendar which will be distributed by or on the first weekend of each month. It will also be available on the stand at the front entrance to the church and on the saint-william.org website. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Pat McDonough at pkmcd1989@gmail.com.

Parish Pastoral Council

Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month.

Worship Committee

Meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month after the 6 PM Mass. All are welcome to participate.

Bible Study is on Thursday evenings at 7 PM.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule for that day has changed. There will be a 4:30 PM Mass at St William and a 6:00 PM Mass at St. John.

Advent Penance Service

We will have an Advent Penance Service on Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 PM at St William. There will be two visiting priests along with Father Benton to hear confessions that evening. The service will begin at 7:00. Advent's theme of preparation is most complete for us individually through the personal confessions of our sins.

Giving Tree

Please take a tag from the giving tree for the gifts for the Jonesville Center residents. Gifts are due back on Sunday December 13. Please fill out the information on the clipboard to help us keep track.

Mass Intentions

We need mass intentions, especially for weekdays. Please contact the office to schedule one. If you requesting a specific date, please submit at least three (3) weeks in advance. Dates are assigned on a “first come, first served” basis. Please indicate the church and if the person is living or deceased.

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**Parish Treasure
 November 28-29, 2020**

<u>General Collection</u> (St. William)	\$2097.00
<u>General Collection</u> (St. John)	\$265.00
<u>Building Maintenance</u>	\$20.00
<u>Thanksgiving</u>	\$214.00
<u>Seminary</u> (St. William)	\$20.00



Leanna Atwell	Patricia Bowman	Kendall Burke
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Sally DeJaco	Ellie Hammons	Andrea Kirk
Connie & Wayne Link	John Northcutt	Dennis Pettit
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