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St. William

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RECTORY HOURS:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Evening Hours Monday—Friday:
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
(Closed Tuesday morning till 12:00)
(Closed daily 1:00—2:00pm -Lunch)
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

RECTORY OFFICE: 773/637-6565

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SCHOOL OFFICE: 773/637-5130

SCHOOL FAX: 773/745-4208

FINANCE: 773/637-6565 x14

SCHOOL WEB: stwilliamschool.org

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome!! Please register at Rectory.

PARISH WEB:

www.stwilliamelmwoodpark.parishesonline.com



December 15, 2013

3rd Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15—3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30am	✠ Frances Penda Forlano ✠ Rose LaRocco
9:00am	✠ Norma Parenti ✠ Edward Rogers ✠ Therese Dykes ✠ Michael Stablein ✠ Daniel Potempa ✠ Gail Koehler
10:30pm Polish	✠ Rev. Boleslaw Kozyra ✠ Wojciech Bukowski Bogu Wiadomej
12:00pm	✠ Evelyn Veronico ✠ Angela Masellis ✠ Aurea Rosario—1st Death Anniv.
2:00pm Polish	✠ Jozef Koszut & Zofia Modla ✠ Janina Rebacz ✠ Wojciech Bukowski

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:15am ✠ Teresa Karnas—Birth Rem.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:15am ✠ Steve Rice

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:15am ✠ Casey Pietryzk
✠ Enrique Medina—Death Anniv.
✠ Daniel Potempa
Marilyn Berry—Good Health

6:00pm ✠ Jozef Koszut & Zofia Modla
Polish ✠ Rev. Lukasz Zoltek

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:15am ✠ Steve Rice

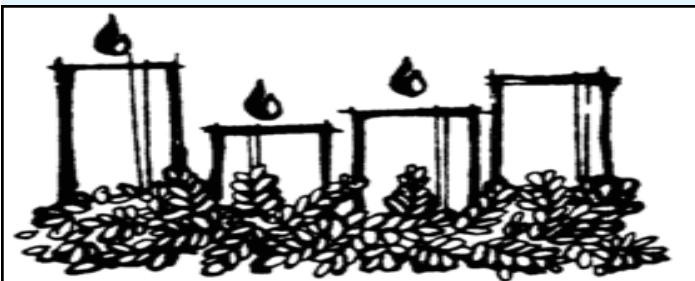
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:15am Marilyn Berry—Good Health

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21—St. Peter Canisius

8:15am ✠ Joseph Healy

4:30pm ✠ Caroline & Joseph Palapoli
✠ Rose & Louis Catalano
✠ Placido Buniao
✠ William Busse
✠ Matthew Rezke
In Thanksgiving



OPLATKI FOR SALE IN THE RECTORY— \$3

LITURGICAL CELEBRATION**EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY:**

Saturday: 8:15 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 (Polish) & 12:00pm

Monday - Saturday: 8:15 a.m. Mass with rosary starting at 7:30 a.m.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Wednesday after English & Polish Mass
Polish Mass: Sunday 10:30a.m.

and Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Civic Holidays: 9:00 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Every Thursday from Noon—5:30p.m.

3:00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy-Polish

5:15pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy-English followed by Benediction

SACRAMENTAL LIFE**BAPTISM:**

One Preparation Class is required. The Class will meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Rectory.

Baptism is celebrated on the second and fourth Sunday of the month, attend Noon Mass then Baptism immediately following.

MARRIAGES:

An appointment should be made with one of the priests or deacons at least six months prior to the wedding. This should be done before a date or banquet hall is reserved.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:30—4:15 p.m.

You may also call the rectory for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

Call the Rectory for a priest. Please do not wait until the person is unconscious or near death.

COMMUNION CALLS:

If you would like to receive Communion, call the rectory to make arrangements. 773/637-6565

RECTORY HOURS:

Daytime: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday 9:00am—4:30pm.

Rectory Closed EVERY TUESDAY MORNING

Tuesday open from Noon—1:00 + 2:00—4:30pm

Mon.—Fri. closed from 1:00—2:00pm for lunch

Evening Hours: Mon.—Fri. 6—8pm, and Saturday 10am—12 (Noon).



Weekly Collections

Amount needed weekly to cover our budgeted expenses is: \$6,625

Budget for Weekly Collection.....	\$6,625
Weekend Collection.....	<u>\$5,851</u>
	Under (-774)
<i>Saturday 4:30pm</i>	\$ 986.00
<i>Sunday, 7:30pm</i>	1,079.74
<i>Sunday, 9:00am</i>	1,223.00
<i>Sunday, 10:30am</i>	1,198.00
<i>Sunday, 12:00pm</i>	1,143.86
<i>Mail In Envelopes</i>	<u>220.00</u>
Total	\$5,850.60

Retirement Fund for Religious.....\$1,139
Immaculate Conception.....\$447

Please Remember St. William Parish In Your Will!

THANK YOU!

We are sincerely grateful to those who give regularly and generously of their treasure as well as those who give of their time and talent to support the work of St. William Parish. May God Bless You!!

FROM DEACON ED:

Forget yourself for others and others will not forget you!

TABERNACLE LIGHTS

Katia & Casey Pietrzyk

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK:

MEDICAL ALERT

Thanks for your sponsorship!
 See ad in the back of the bulletin.

If you have a business and want to advertise here, please call J. S. Paluch at 800/566-6170.

CAREGIVER POSITION WANTED

Experienced woman seeking caregiver/housekeeper job. Excellent references. Seeking come & go or live-in position taking care of an elderly person. Please call 224/616-1291.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 15

2nd Collection: St. William School

9:00am Family Mass –Church
 9:00—10:30am RCIA –School Library

Monday, December 16

10:00am—1:00pm Seniors Group –Liebrich Hall
 6:30—8:00pm Cub Scout Webelos –Rm 315
 6:30—8:00pm Cub Scout 3049 –Rm 316
7:00pm Prayer Service & Reconciliation –Church
 8:00—10:30pm Knights LaSalle –Liebrich Hall

Tuesday, December 17

10:45am—1:00pm Religious Ed –School

Wednesday, December 18

6:30—9:00pm RCIA Confirmation Prep –School Library

Thursday, December 19

Noon—5:30pm Eucharistic Adoration –Church
 3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet/ Polish –Church
 5:15pm Divine Mercy Chaplet/ English –Church
 6:15—9:30pm Girl Scouts -Rm 315
 7:00—8:30pm Cub Scout Webelos I –Rm 316
 7:00—9:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 49 –Liebrich Hall
 7:00—9:00pm Choir Practice –Church

Friday, December 20

8:15am All School Mass –Everyone Invited –Church
 6:00—9:30pm Cub Scout Pack 3049 Pack Nite –Liebrich

Saturday, December 21

10:00am—1:30pm Polish School –Rm 305, 308, 310, 312
 10:00am—3:00pm Polish School Wigilia –Liebrich Hall
 10:30am—Noon Cub Scout Wolves –Rm 315

6:00pm Confessions Polish/English –Church

Questions, please call Sister Patrycja, ext. 11. For Room Reservations & Cancellations, please fill out a form at the Rectory.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Amanda Bert</i> | <i>Mary Balducci</i> |
| <i>Danuta Nowak</i> | <i>Virginia Goggin</i> |
| <i>Lyla Bandy</i> | <i>Norma Bode</i> |
| <i>Marilyn Berry</i> | <i>Kristina Sisson</i> |
| <i>Elzbieta Mital</i> | <i>Mary Rush</i> |
| <i>Mary Ellen Henders</i> | <i>Ruben Arceo</i> |
| <i>Maria Hinojosa</i> | <i>Tony Napolitano</i> |
| | <i>Donna Riccio</i> |

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS

- Fr. Eda Ohm, Chaplin*
William Hayes
Brian Bynes
Mark & Tanya Hansen

PRESCHOOL NEWS

The preschool children are active learners. They learn through observing and exploring the world around them. The preschool classrooms are divided into learning centers that provide the children with many different learning opportunities. These centers include building with blocks, listening to and making music, housekeeping, dress-ups, art, science, library, computer and listening centers.

Our day begins with prayer, pledge of allegiance and songs. We learn about the calendar and record the weather each day. The children enjoy listening to stories, creating works of art, learning new skills and being with their friends. The preschool children attend music and gym classes each week.

Our Religion book is designed to help the children discover and learn about the many gifts God has given them. We just finished our study of God's gift of the five senses. Young children have a natural sense of wonder about God's world and enjoy using their five senses for exploration and discovery.

To celebrate our five senses we made popcorn for snack. This was a great opportunity for the children to use their five senses.

They saw it pop with their eyes.
They heard it pop with their ears.
They could smell it with their noses.
They touched it with their hands.
They tasted it with their mouths.

The preschool children love coming to school. We would like to thank everyone who supports St. William School. May God bless you!

Important Notice:

EARLY BULLETIN ARTICLE CUT-OFFS

The bulletin company has requested an early bulletin schedule for December:

12/15	Articles Due: 12/2
12/22	Articles Due: 12/5
12/29	Articles Due: 12/12
1/5/14	Articles Due: 12/19

These cut off dates apply to Mass requests also.

PROMISE FULFILLED

Today's readings address the faithful one, the one who waits on God but may not feel God's presence. Every person who seeks God has at one time or another experienced the absence of God. Jesus himself cried out during his dark night of the soul.

The Epistle of James speaks to this. The author says that we must be as patient as the silent, fallow earth that awaits the slow, soaking rains of winter and the hard, necessary rains of spring. As the farmer is sure of the precious yield of the land, we can be sure of the precious yield of our patient waiting. God is never far away.

The messengers from John the Baptizer asked Jesus if he was the one whose coming John had announced. The messengers wanted to hear the answer that the imprisoned John already knew. Everything that John said was finally happening: because of Jesus, light shines in eyes; words of promise are received; people leap and dance.

The promise of Isaiah is fulfilled in Jesus. Wobbly knees and feeble hands are strong, the desert blooms, the savanna and steppe flower, the darkness is chased away.

CARITAS FOR CHILDREN—THANK YOU!

Fr Lojek & St. William Parish,
We are grateful for your hospitality at our recent weekend presentation. Thus far, thirteen children have been sponsored by St. William families! We welcome you to the Caritas community and look forward to growing with you in Jesus' love as you get to know your Caritas child. If you are thinking of sponsoring a Caritas child, please visit our website at www.caritas.us to see children waiting to be sponsored. Watch for meeting dates of our Caritas sponsor community. Let's all pray for each other.

**HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL
AT NO COST TO YOU!**

St. William School has an easy program for fundraising. It's called the eScrip Program and you can register online. Please go to www.escrip.com and put in group number 500014674 (that's St. William School). You can register as many charge cards as you wish with this program and the school benefits every time you shop! Thanks!



NEXT BLOOD DRIVE DECEMBER 22nd

Our next Blood Drive is December 22nd. Sign up this weekend. Walk-ins are always welcome. The need for "the gift of life" is great! Hope to see many of you on the 22nd!

BETHLEHEM WOOD FIGURINES

On Sunday, December 22nd, the reps from the Catholic Christian Community from Jerusalem and Bethlehem in the Holy Land will be here to sell hand crafted olive wood religious figurines and articles in St. William church.

Olive wood carving is a tradition that was originally introduced by monks and priests, and later was perfected by centuries of local master carvers. This art form has been handed down from father to son for the last 700 years.

These magnificent works of art are made from the trimmings of the holy land olive trees. The pruning of these trees is essential for the health and proper growth of the trees. In turn there is no tree that has been damaged in the process.

The olive wood has a unique beauty and quality that is not found in other woods. The solidity and fixed color is a result of natural oil in the wood fibers. The beauty of the grain ripples and the difference in color lines make it exquisite and eye-catching. No two pieces look exactly alike.

Today there are only 30 families in the city of Bethlehem that are still perfecting this art. The lack of tourism, due to conflict, forces us to take this art and display it abroad to try to keep this tradition alive. This is to support the Christian community who are dependent on selling these pieces for their main income. [Www.LittleBethlehemOnline.com](http://www.LittleBethlehemOnline.com).

ATTENTION SENIORS

St. William Seniors will hold their next meeting on Monday, December 16th at 10:00am in Liebrich Hall. It will be a Christmas celebration with a prearranged luncheon.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Marek, Anita, Victor Witkowski and
Barbara & Marty Niak
Maria Tellez and Gabriel Arroyo
Cristobal & Rosa, Rocio, Oswaldo,
and Luis Moreano
Tomasz & Marta Nabrzecki
Sam & Mikki Greco
Louis & Frances Guzick
Enrique & Maria, and Enrique, Jr.
Contreras and Janina Capo-Williams
Andrzej & Wieslawa and Beata Witek
Megan Ortiz and Edson Soto

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Advent is a time for renewal. Give your spouse the best Christmas present ever – take them on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to renew your marriage. Sign up today to attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on February 14-16, 2014, April 11-13, 2014 or June 20-22, 2014, all at Burr Ridge, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations or information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through <http://www.wmjeoliet.org>.

Renueva su sacramento profundizando en la comunicación, el fortalecimiento su relación, y reviviendo su romance. Inscríbese hoy para asistir al próximo fin de semana del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial en Chicago. Para más información de los Fines de Semana en español, llamar a Oscar y Luz Delgado al (847) 826-9525 o odelro@aol.com.

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS FROM THE CATHEDRAL - LIVE ON WGN-TV

Cardinal Francis George will be the main celebrant at Christmas Midnight Mass at Holy Name Cathedral. WGN-TV/Channel 9 will broadcast this Mass live on Christmas Eve beginning at 12 a.m. for viewers in Chicago and the suburbs. Fr. Greg Sakowicz will provide commentary. This Mass will be streamed live on WGN TV's web site: wgntv.com

Recycle/Renew/Reuse

Bring all paper products to the green & yellow bins behind school; we get the proceeds! Thanks!

Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of December 21 & 22, 2013

	Saturday 4:30pm 12/21/13	Sunday 7:30am 12/22/13	Sunday 9:00am 12/22/13	Sunday 10:30am Polish 12/22/13	Sunday 12:00pm 12/22/13
PRIEST	Fr. Lojek	Fr. Lojek	Fr. Lojek	Fr. Cezary	Fr. Lojek
DEACON	John Ponce de Leon				Ed Simola
LECTOR	Dan Krupa	Don Hoffman	Lyn Dupee		Mike Konrath
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Sr. Rosita Julie Gorski Diane McGowan Pat McGowan	Sr. Miriam Sr. Immaculata Fr. Cezary Carol Konrath Mary Oliver	Elisa Rivera Joe Peraino Fr. Cezary John Collins Mary Matz	Sr. Anna Sr. Patrycja	Ben Hosek Greg Sisson David Marquez Mary Razek
CUP MINISTERS					
ALTAR SERVERS	S. Medina S. Medina	T. Castillo S. Konrath	W. Karkazis P. Ruiz		K. Delgado A. Delgado



Monday, December 16—7:00pm

Prayer Service and Confession

Thursday, December 19—Noon until 5:30pm

Adoration

Saturday, December 21—6:00pm

Polish/English Confession

December 24—Christmas Eve

8:15am Mass

4:30pm Family Mass

9:00pm Polish Mass

12:00 Midnight—Mass

December 25—Christmas Day

9:00am Mass

10:30am Polish Mass

12:00 Noon Mass –Bilingual Spanish/English

2:00pm Polish Mass

Spowiedz w naszej parafii odbędzie sie 21 grudnia w sobote. Spowiadamy od godziny 6tej wieczorem do ostatniego penitęta.

Christmas Angels

Please return to the Collection Basket or Rectory

I have enclosed \$3 each for a commemorative angel (s) in the amount of: \$_____.

**NAME TO APPEAR ON ANGEL(S)
PLEASE PRINT**

DONOR INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City and ZIP _____

Phone _____

Please return by Wednesday, December 18.

III Niedziela Adwentu – Radujcie się! Pan jest Blisko!

Dzisiejsza III niedziela Adwentu nosi w tradycji liturgicznej Kościoła nazwę GAUDETE. Oznacza to, że jest to niedziela wypełniona po brzegi radością i tą radość właśnie nadaje jej główny ton. Jest to radość wypływająca z pewności, że nadchodzi Boże zbawienie, że Bóg nie opuszcza swego ludu, że Mesjasz jest tuż tuż... we drzwiach. Jest to radość, która wypełnia serce człowieka będącego blisko Pana Boga, jest to wreszcie radość, która wypływa z wdzięczności za wielkie Boże dzieła dokonane dla nas! Nawet kolor szat liturgicznych jest dziś wyjątkowy i rzadko w liturgii stosowany - chodzi mianowicie o kolor różowy. A więc nie tradycyjny fiolet, ale kolor, który ma się kojarzyć z jutrzeńką, z barwą, którą niekiedy można dostrzec w czasie wschodu słońca. W tym wypadku jest to też kolor mówiący o eksplozji radości w sercu człowieka, który czeka na spotkanie z Panem, który nadejdzie z pewnością już wkrótce. To On - Jezus Chrystus jest tym: „Wschodzącym Słońcem”, a my pragniemy się poddać naświetlaniu w promienicach tegoż Słońca, które nie zna

zachodu. Serdecznie zachęcam wszystkich do skorzystania z sakramentu spowiedzi, której wcale nie musimy się bać lub wstydzić. Wstydzić się należy grzeszyć, natomiast grzechy trzeba wyznać, za nie żałować i starać się znowu wejść na drogę przyjaźni z Bogiem. Prawdziwe Boże Narodzenie może dokonać się w twoim sercu jeśli ty tylko na to się otworzysz.

Kurs Przedmałżeński w Naszej Parafii

Ksiądz Robert Łojek zaprasza pary przygotowujące się do zawarcia związku małżeńskiego na kurs przygotowujący do zawarcia tego sakramentu. Kurs rozpoczyna się dzisiaj 15 grudnia 2013 roku. Aby uzyskać więcej informacji na ten temat prosimy dzwonić do Ks. Roberta pod numer 1 773 637 6565 wew 13 lub 177 420 70 93.

Honorowe Krwiodaństwo

Każdy kto by chciał honorowo oddać krew aby ratować życie innych będzie mógł to uczynić w niedzielę 22 grudnia w godzinach 8-ej rano do 2:30pm w Liberhol. Po więcej informacji można dzwonić pod numer telefonu 773 637 6565 wew 13.

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