

Church of Saint William

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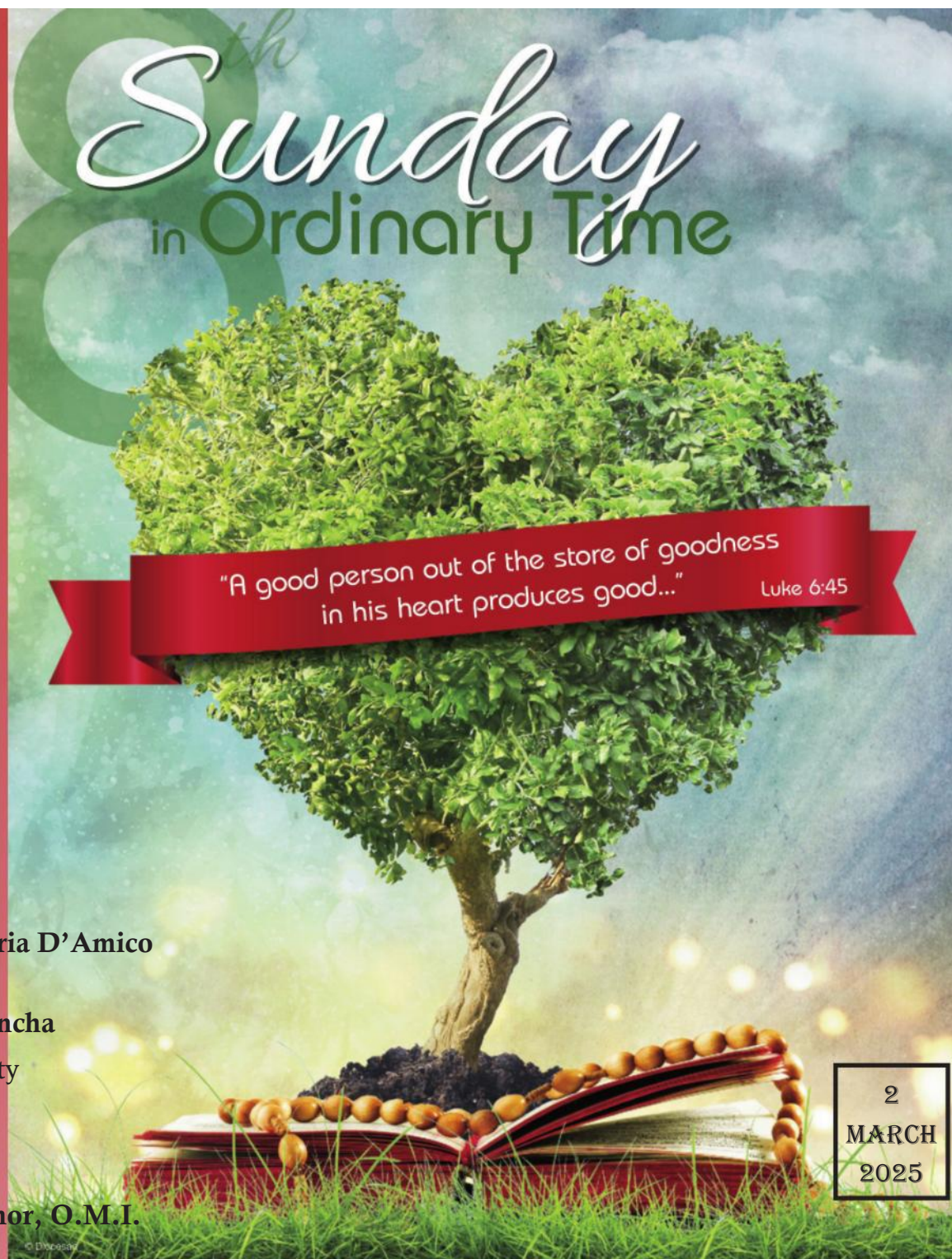
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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Vigil 5:00pm (*Saturday*)
7:30am, 9am, 12:30pm*, 8pm*

10:30am ~ Spanish
2:00pm ~ Urdu
5:00pm ~ Creole*

* *upper church*

MONDAY thru FRIDAY

6:30am & 12pm

SATURDAY

8:00am

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MARCH
2025

Church of St. William

6200 Rising Sun Avenue ~ Philadelphia, PA 19111



BAPTISMS

ENGLISH

Pre-Jordan Class ~ 1st Saturday (10am) or Sunday (12:30pm) *church*
Baptism ~ 2nd Saturday (10am) or Sunday (12:30pm)

SPANISH

Pre-Jordan Class ~ 2nd Wednesday (7pm) *rectory basement*
Baptism ~ 3rd & 4th Sunday (12:30pm)

Pre-Jordan Class MANDATORY for parents and Godparents.

PLEASE NOTE: No Pre-Jordan class, no baptism

For information or scheduling a Baptism, please contact the parish office at 215-745-1389.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays & Eve of Holydays 4:00-4:45pm

For personal request, please contact the parish office.

ANOIDTING 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.

MATRIMONY

Weddings are scheduled on Saturdays at 11am, 1pm, or 3pm in the Upper Church; 2pm in the Lower Church. Couples intending marriage must contact our Pastor at least six months prior to the intended date of marriage.

Contact: pastor@churchofstwilliam.com

Marriage preparation ~ contact the parish office or

PhillyCatholicMarriagePrep.com

Wedding music ~ contact the parish office at 215-745-1389.

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)

Levels 1-4 Tuesdays ~ 6:15pm to 7:30pm (convent)

Level 5-8 Tuesdays ~ 6:15pm to 7:45pm (convent)

OICA adults ages 14 and up

Information about PREP email prep@churchofstwilliam.com or call 267-209-0575

OICA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

OICA (English) Tuesdays ~ 8pm to 9pm (convent)

OICA (Spanish) Sundays ~ 9am to 10am (rectory basement)

Info about OICA (Spanish) call Nidia Cruz at 267-495-6863

OFFICE

Monday thru Friday 9am—5pm (closed 12-1pm)

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MASSES ON ASH WEDNESDAY ~ March 5

6:30am	English	(lower church)
12:00pm	English	(lower church)
5:00pm	Urdu	(lower church)
7:00pm	Creole	(upper church)
7:00pm	Bi-lingual	(lower church)
	<i>Spanish & English</i>	

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Lent is a time dedicated to acts of prayer and penance. All persons fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. All persons over eighteen years of age are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, while the other two meals are to be light.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS ~ March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11

Live Stations April 12 (Pakistani Community)

Everyone welcome! In English and Urdu

5:00pm	English	(upper church)
5:00pm	Urdu	(lower church)
7:00pm	Creole	(upper church)
7:00pm	Spanish	(lower church)

CONFESSION

FRIDAYS ~ March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11

4:00-4:45pm	English & Urdu
6:00-6:45pm	Creole & Spanish

SATURDAYS ~ 4:00-4:45pm

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Thursday ~ April 3 at 6:00pm

Lower Church

All are welcome! Many priests available

SOUP FOR THE SOUL

Everyone welcome!

Dates: March 11, 25, April 1, 8 (Tuesdays)

Place: Rectory basement Time: 6:30pm

RSVP: 215-745-1389



It is important that you let us know if you will be attending *Soup for the Soul* so we can prepare the meal.

We are also seeking people to make soup and bring bread.

Please sign up at the parish office 215-745-1389 or scan the QR code



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time March 2, 2025

FOCUS: The sting of death has been banished by the victory of Christ.

In the second reading we heard that death is no longer something to be feared, for it has been swallowed up by the victory of Christ: *Where, O death, is your sting?* Jesus' life, death, and resurrection have transformed death into the road to eternal life. Therefore, in this life, we must labor with the steadfast hope of attaining heaven, certain that if we strive to serve the Lord our work is not in vain.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: Today's first reading warns of the power of speech to reveal one's faults. In the second reading, Paul explains that Jesus has defeated sin, the cause of death. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to stop judging others, and says that every tree is known by its own fruit.

REFLECTION: Jesus calls our attention to the quality of our hearts. Just as we tend to our physical well-being, so too, we examine regularly the condition of our spiritual hearts. Our hearts need constant vigilance and tending to keep them focused on and producing the good works Jesus has called us to do.

So, we ask ourselves:

- ♦ Do we nourish our hearts with the words of Jesus, to guide them and keep them strong in his service?
- ♦ How would you describe the primary focus of your heart?



Let us pray for the sick of our parish.

William Coccagna
Tony Miller
Ed Emery
Joe Fenuto
Jason Hluchan
Cayden Scott
David Rowlands
Jean McCartney
Dave Schein
Sher Anne Shea Jubelirer

Albert Dietl
Regina Ennis
James Friskey
Mark Orsini
Vince Reischman
Joanne Zappile
Jackson Newell
George Stevens
Rodrigo Tapaes
Margaret Reid

If you know of someone the parish could include in their prayers, whether they are sick or having surgery, please call the rectory office to have their name placed on the prayer list.

Prayer is Powerful!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 2

5:00pm (*Vigil*) Lynne Musgrove
7:30am Katherine Suermann
9:00am Dolores Landgrebe (*5th anniversary*)
10:30am Victor Manuel Baez
12:30pm Parnel Francois
8:00pm For the People

Monday, March 3 (*St. Katharine Drexel*)

6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:00pm Kathleen Lynott Ryan

Tuesday, March 4 (*St. Casimir*)

6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:00pm Juanita Rivera

Wednesday, March 5 (*Ash Wednesday*)

6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:00pm Thomas Le
7:00pm *Bi-lingual* For all priests

Thursday, March 6

6:30am Patty Lynn Flanagan
12:00pm Lillian Gensbauer

Friday, March 7 (*St. Perpetua & St. Felicity*)

6:30am Souls in Purgatory
12:00pm Sr. Elisa Lopez (*special intention*)

Saturday, March 8 (*St. John of God*)

8:00am Fr. Francesco D'Amico (*living*)
5:00pm Living & deceased members Steinmetz Fam.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

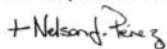
May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen

Brothers and Sisters,

Please join me and sign up for a conversation about our Church. Your voice and presence are essential as we plan a **new way forward together** as the Catholic Church of Philadelphia.

Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez



Scan the code to sign up
for a discussion near you



www.TrustAndHope.org

Archbishop Nelson J. Perez is asking **YOU** to take time to read his Pastoral Letter which was released on January 5th. You can find it on the website **trustandhope.org** and it is also available on our parish website at **churchofstwilliam.com** on the home page.

He also would like **YOU** to attend a Consultation/Listening Session to learn more about his vision for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Please scan the QR code here

to find the locations throughout the Archdiocese where these sessions are being held.

A Consultation/Listening Session in Spanish will be held here at St. William in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, March 18. Please register for that session by calling 215-667-2820.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our parish office at 215-745-1389.

A continuation of Archbishop Perez's pastoral letter to each of us. Please remember that the Archbishop would like everyone to attend a Consultation Session. You can register on our parish website or scan the QR code.

An invitation

I invite you to join me this coming spring for discussions about the future of the Church of Philadelphia. I see our local Church as a hub of evangelization, vibrant with hope and grace. But to move forward, I need to listen to your hopes, dreams, concerns, and desires for renewal. Please join me.

Let us not underestimate the power of the Spirit of God working in us,

through us, and despite us. As Saint Paul says, we believe in a God "who is able to accomplish far more than all we ask or imagine, by the power at work within us" (Ephesians 3:20). Our hope remains in the Lord. Let us rely on God's love for each one of us and be conduits of grace.

You are resilient. You are loved. Your steadfastness despite social and spiritual challenges doesn't go unnoticed. Thank you for walking this journey with me and for embodying the heart and soul of our Church. Just as Saint

John Neumann and Saint Katharine Drexel led with love and resilience, may they intercede for us as we move forward in faith.

Please pray for me and be assured of my prayers for you each day.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

SATURDAY
11:30am-4:45pm
lower church

Adoration Chapel ~ 24/7

To obtain access code
call the parish office
215-745-1389
9am-12pm (English)
1pm-5pm (Spanish)



Saint John Paul II's Prayer for Peace

Mary, Queen of Peace,
save us all,
who have so much trust in you,
from wars, hatred, and oppression.
Make us learn to live in peace
and educate ourselves for peace.
Teach us to do what is demanded
by justice
and respect the rights
of every person
so that peace
may be firmly established.
Amen.

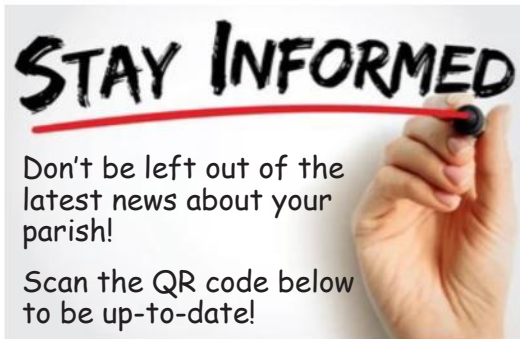
LENTEN REGULATIONS FAST AND ABSTINENCE

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All the faithful are encouraged to attend Mass and to receive Holy Communion, use the Sacrament of Reconciliation frequently, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

How can my family bring up the gifts at Mass?

If you and another person would like to bring the bread and wine to the altar during the Holy Mass, please see one of the ushers prior to Mass. We welcome and appreciate all who are willing to participate in the liturgy in this way. If you have a question, please see the priest!



Sign up to receive
the latest news!



¡Regístrate para recibir
las últimas novedades!

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

February 22-23, 2025

Church	\$5,947	E-giving Utilities	\$55
E-Giving	503		
TOTAL	\$6,450		

Thank you for your financial support of St. William Parish. Without your generosity, our parish would not be able to continue to be a vital light of Faith, Hope & Charity in our local Lawncrest community. The easiest way to support the mission of our church is by using Electronic Giving. It is safe, simple and secure! Simply go to our website and click on the Parish Giving symbol.

Fr. Francesco

Soup for the Soul

Everyone is invited to join us for Scripture readings and soup this Lent. We ask that you please sign up if you will be joining us, so we can plan the meal. Call the parish office at 215-745-1389 or scan the QR code.



DATES: Tuesdays ~ March 11, 25, April 1, 8
TIME: 6:30pm-8:00pm
PLACE: Rectory Basement
RSVP: 215-745-1389 or scan QR code



We also need people to make the soup and bring bread and butter. Please scan the QR code and let us know what you are able to bring.

Communal Penance Service Thursday ~ April 3 ~ 6:00pm-8:00pm Saint William Lower Church



Many priests available

Scripture Reading, Examination of Conscience,
Act of Contrition, Personal Confession

Senior Citizen Groups

St. William Seniors meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. New members are always welcome and you do not have to be a member of the parish.

PLACE: Rhawnhurst Presbyterian Church
7701 Loretto Ave. 19111

TIME: 10:30-2:30pm

For more information, please contact Betty Harding at 215-745-7199.

St. Cecilia Seniors meet on Thursdays in St. Cecilia Auditorium, located at 525 Rhawn Street.



Stations of the Cross

You are invited every Friday in Lent
March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11

Walk along each station
with the cross bearer

You are also invited to participate by
carrying the cross and candles

Please see the reader or priest

Living Stations ~ Saturday, April 12

All are welcome!

Presented by Pakistani Community in
both English and Urdu

Man Up Philly is an annual Catholic Men's Conference.

DATE: Saturday, March 8, 2025
TIME: 8:00am to 5:00pm
PLACE: Cardinal O'Hara High School
COST: \$65/person (includes lunch)

This year's speakers include former Eagle Brian Dawkins. To register, go to manupphilly.com



Congratulations to the following high school students from our parish who have achieved Academic Honors for the second quarter of the 2024-2025 school year.



ARCHBISHOP RYAN HIGH SCHOOL

First Honors: Aleeza Fala

Second Honors: Jakeob Ornedo, Gael Rivera, Arianna Mattia

NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

Distinguished Honors: Emily Garay, Juanelisy Martinez, Lauren De la Caridad Sivila Hernandez

ST. HUBERT HIGH SCHOOL

Second Honors: Sapphire Calvin

The Disciple Maker Index (DMI)

Do you remember the survey we completed back in 2022 from Catholic Leadership Institute for the Archdiocese? Well—it is back again!

All parishes in the Archdiocese are asked to participate and for every parishioner to complete an online survey. The survey will be available beginning Ash Wednesday, March 5th.

By taking this survey, it will help St. William Parish to see where we stand on many issues in our own parish and with the Archdiocese. Information will be shared with you as we approach Lent. We look forward to your participation and giving us feedback on how St. William equips you to live as a Christian.



“Hope does not disappoint” (*Rom 5:5*). In the spirit of hope, the Apostle Paul addressed these words of encouragement to the Christian community of Rome. Hope is also the central message of this Jubilee that, in accordance with an ancient tradition, the Pope proclaims every twenty-five years. For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus.

Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Often we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us find reasons for that hope. Taking it as our guide, let us return to the message that the Apostle Paul wished to communicate to the Christians of Rome.

Ways to Observe the Jubilee Year in the Archdiocese

◆ PILGRIMAGES TO SHRINES

NATIONAL SHRINES

St. John Neumann at St. Peter Church, Philadelphia
Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown
St. Rita, Philadelphia

DIOCESAN SHRINES

St. Anne Church, Philadelphia
Blessed Carlo Acutis at Malvern Retreat House
St. Gianna Beretta Molla at Nativity of Our Lord Church
St. Jude Church, Chalfont
St. Katharine Drexel at the Cathedral Basilica, Phila.
Miraculous Medal Basilica, Philadelphia
Padre Pio at St. Bede Church, Holland

◆ RENEWED DEVOTION TO THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST AT ADORATION

We are currently in the planning stages at St. William Parish for ways to observe this Jubilee Year. Information will be coming in this bulletin, flocknotes, and social media.

PRESENTATION BVM SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE
MARCH 20TH
5PM-7PM

REGISTER NOW

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Guided Ambassador Tour
- Information Session
- Meet With The Principal
- Scholarship & Grant Opportunities

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION

215-379-3798
www.presentationbvmschool.org
105 Old Soldiers Rd. Cheltenham, PA 19120

EL RINCÓN HISPANO

BIENVENIDOS A LA IGLESIA DE SAN GUILLERMO

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Email: pastor@churchofstwilliam.com
Oficina: oficina@churchofstwilliam.com
Diacono: Felipe Cruz
Telefono: 215-745-1389 (en Ingles)
Secretario: Hispano en la oficina 215-745-1389
De lunes a viernes de 1-5pm

MISAS DEL DOMINGO

Vigilia 5:00pm (*sábado*)
7:30am, 9am, 12pm, 8pm (*inglés*)
10:30am (*español*)

ROSARIO
10am Sunday

ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA SÁBADO

11:30 a. m. a 4:45 p. m. Iglesia de abajo
Capilla de adoración ~ 24 horas al día, 7 días a la semana
Para obtener el código de acceso
llame a la oficina parroquial al 215-745-1389
9 a. m. a 12 p. m. (*inglés*) 1 p. m. a 5 p. m. (*español*)

CELEBRACION DE LOS SACRAMENTOS

BAUTISMO

Favor de llamar la rectoría (215-745-1389)
U enviar un correo electrónico a oficina@churchofstwilliam.com
Charla: 2do. Miércoles del mes a las 7:00 pm (Sótano de la Rectoría)
Bautizos: 3er y 4to Domingo del mes 12:00pm
Para recibir un **Certificado de Bautismo**, llame a la Oficina.

CONFESIONES

Domingos: 10:00–10:20AM y Sábados: 4 pm–4:45 pm

MATRIMONIO

Las bodas están programadas los sábados a las 11:00 a. m., 1:00 p. m. o 3:00 p. m. en la Iglesia Superior; 14:00 en la Iglesia Baja. Las parejas que deseen casarse deben comunicarse con nuestro párroco al menos seis meses antes de la fecha prevista para el matrimonio.
Contacto: pastor@churchofstwilliam.com

UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS

Sacramento de sanación y bendición de Dios para los que están enfermos o en estado grave. Feligreses con enfermedades graves, comuníquese con nuestros párrocos. Cualquier persona que no pueda asistir a Misa debido a una enfermedad puede llamar a la Rectoría para hacer arreglos para recibir la Comunión en su hogar.

CATECISMO (PREP) / OICA

OICA –Rito de Iniciación Catequesis de adultos Charlas, los Domingos a las 9:00 am, Diácono Felipe y Nidia Cruz

Nivel 1–4: Martes 6:15pm–7:30pm Convento

Nivel 5–8: Martes 6:15pm–7:45pm Convento

OICA adultos de 14 años en adelante

OICA (English) Martes 8pm–9pm Convento

Para obtener más información, envíe un correo electrónico a prep@churchofstwilliam.com

MISAS DEL MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA ~ 5 de marzo

6:30 am Inglés (iglesia de abajo)
12:00 pm Inglés (iglesia de abajo)
5:00 pm Urdu (iglesia de abajo)
7:00 pm Criollo (iglesia de arriba)
7:00 pm Bilingüe (iglesia de abajo)
Español e Inglés

AYUNO Y ABSTINENCIA

La Cuaresma es un tiempo dedicado a los actos de oración y penitencia. Todas las personas mayores de catorce años están gravemente obligadas a abstenerse de la carne el Miércoles de Ceniza y todos los viernes de Cuaresma. Todas las personas mayores de dieciocho años están gravemente obligadas a ayunar limitándose a una sola comida el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo, mientras que las otras dos comidas deben ser ligeras.

ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ

VIERNES ~ 7, 14, 21, 18 de marzo; 4, 11 de abril
Estaciones en vivo 12 de abril (Comunidad paquistaní)
¡Todos bienvenidos!

5:00 pm Inglés (iglesia superior)
7:00 pm Español (iglesia inferior)

CONFESIÓN

VIERNES ~ 7, 14, 21, 28 de marzo; 4, 11 de abril
4:00-4:45 h Inglés y Urdu
6:00-6:45 h Creol y Español

SÁBADOS ~ 4:00-4:45 h

SERVICIO DE PENITENCIA COMUNITARIA

Jueves ~ 3 de abril a las 6:00 h
Iglesia de abajo
¡Todos son bienvenidos! Hay muchos sacerdotes disponibles

SOPA PARA EL ALMA

¡Todos son bienvenidos!
Fechas: 11 y 25 de marzo, 1 y 8 de abril (martes)
Lugar: Sótano de la rectoría Hora: 6:30 p. m.
RSVP: 215-745-1389

Es importante que nos avises si asistirás a Sopa para el Alma para que podamos preparar la comida.

También estamos buscando personas para preparar sopa y traer pan.

Inscríbete en la oficina parroquial al 215-745-1389 o escanea el código QR



CONFIANZA Y ESPERANZA

El Arzobispo Nelson J. Pérez le pide a USTED que se tome un tiempo para leer su Carta Pastoral que se publicó el 5 de enero. Puede encontrarla en el sitio web trustandhope.org y también está disponible en el sitio web de nuestra parroquia en churchofstwilliam.com en la página de inicio.

También le gustaría que USTED asista a una Sesión de Consulta/Escucha para aprender más sobre su visión para la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia. Escanee el código QR aquí para encontrar los

lugares en toda la Arquidiócesis donde se llevarán a cabo estas sesiones.

Se ha programado una sesión de consulta/escucha en español aquí en St. William en el Salón Parroquial el martes 18 de marzo. Regístrese para esa sesión.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, no dude en comunicarse con nuestra oficina parroquial al 215-745-1389.

Escanear el código QR para encontrar una oportunidad de conversación cerca



www.TrustAndHope.org

Continuación de la carta pastoral del Arzobispo Pérez a cada uno de nosotros.

NOCHES DE REFLEXION Y COMPARTIR

VEN Y UNETE A LA IGLESIA

Una noche de reflexión y compartir sobre los planes para la Comunidad Hispana y sobre el nuevo camino a seguir juntos como Iglesia Católica de Filadelfia.

Tu voz y presencia son importantes. NO FALTES

San Carlos Borromeo, Bensalem
13 de marzo / 7:00pm a 9:00 pm

San William, Filadelfia
18 de marzo / 7:00pm a 9:00 pm

San Roque, Avondale
31 de marzo / 7:00pm a 9:00 pm

Santo Tomás de Aquino
22 de abril / 7:00pm a 9:00 pm

Santa María (Santa Ana), Phoenixville
23 de abril / 7:00pm a 9:00 pm

San Lorenzo, Upper Darby
14 de mayo / 7:00pm a 9:00 pm

San Stanislaus, Lansdale
19 de mayo / 7:00pm a 9:00 pm

San Patricio, Norristown
20 de mayo / 7:00pm a 9:00 pm

Santa Inés, Chester
21 de mayo / 7:00pm a 9:00 pm

REGISTRESE trustandhope.org



215-667-2820

Una invitación

Los invito a unirse a mí esta próxima primavera para discutir sobre el futuro de la Iglesia en Filadelfia. Veo nuestra Iglesia local como un centro de evangelización, vibrante de esperanza y gracia. Pero para avanzar, necesito escuchar sus esperanzas, sueños, preocupaciones y deseos de renovación. Por favor, únense a mí.

No subestimemos el poder del Espíritu de Dios que actúa en nosotros, a través de nosotros y a pesar de nosotros. Como dice San Pablo, creemos en un Dios **“cuya fuerza actúa en nosotros y que puede realizar mucho más de lo que pedimos o imaginamos”** (Efesios 3,20). Nuestra esperanza permanece en el Señor. Confiemos en el amor de Dios por cada uno de nosotros y seamos transmisores de la gracia.

Eres resistente. Eres amado. Tu constancia, a pesar de los retos sociales y espirituales, no pasa desapercibida. Gracias por recorrer este camino conmigo y por encarnar el corazón y el alma de nuestra Iglesia. Al igual que san Juan Neumann y santa Catalina Drexel guiaron con amor y resistencia, que intercedan por nosotros mientras avanzamos en la fe.

Por favor, recen por mí y tengan la seguridad de que yo rezaré por ustedes cada día.

Atentamente en Cristo,

Reverendísimo Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.
Arzobispo de Filadelfia



DOMINGO VIII
DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO (año C)

Canto de Entrada: Bienvenidos hermanos en Cristo

ESTRIBILLO:

//Es el mensaje que da fortaleza
alimenta el alma y da gran valor//

//Da comienzo a una vida más justa,
luego contagia a otros su amor//

//En misión entre el mundo y los hombres
sembrando justicia, el amor y la paz//

PRIMERA LECTURA

Eclo 27, 4-7

No elogies a nadie antes de oírlo hablar.

Lectura del libro del Eclesiástico.

CUANDO se agita la criba, quedan los desechos;
así, cuando la persona habla, se descubren sus defectos.

El horno prueba las vasijas del alfarero,
y la persona es probada en su conversación.

El fruto revela el cultivo del árbol,
así la palabra revela el corazón de la persona.

No elogies a nadie antes de oírlo hablar,
porque ahí es donde se prueba una persona.

Palabra de Dios.

Salmo responsorial

Sal 91, 2-3. 13-14. 15-16 (R.: cf. 2a)

R. Es bueno darte gracias, Señor.

V. Es bueno dar gracias al Señor
y tocar para tu nombre, oh Altísimo;
proclamar por la mañana tu misericordia
y de noche tu fidelidad. **R.**

V. El justo crecerá como una palmera,
se alzará como un cedro del Líbano:

plantado en la casa del Señor,
crecerá en los atrios de nuestro Dios. **R.**

V. En la vejez seguirá dando fruto
y estará lozano y frondoso,
para proclamar que el Señor es justo,
mi Roca, en quien no existe la maldad. **R.**



SEGUNDA LECTURA

1 Cor 15, 54-58

Nos da la victoria por medio de Jesucristo.

Lectura de la primera carta del apóstol san Pablo a los Corintios.

HERMANOS:

Cuando esto corruptible se vista de incorrupción, y esto mortal se vista de inmortalidad, entonces se cumplirá la palabra que está escrita:

«La muerte ha sido absorbida en la victoria. ¿Dónde está, muerte, tu victoria? ¿Dónde está, muerte, tu aguijón?».

El aguijón de la muerte es el pecado, y la fuerza del pecado, la ley.

¡Gracias a Dios, que nos da la victoria por medio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo!

De modo que, hermanos míos queridos, manteneos firmes e incommovibles.

Entregaos siempre sin reservas a la obra del Señor, convencidos de que vuestro esfuerzo no será vano en el Señor.

Palabra de Dios.

Aleluya

Flp 2, 15d-16ª

R. Aleluya, aleluya, aleluya.

V. Brilláis como lumbreras del mundo, manteniendo firme la palabra de la vida. **R.**

EVANGELIO

Lc 6, 39-45

De lo que rebosa el corazón habla la boca.

Lectura del santo Evangelio según san Lucas.

EN aquel tiempo, dijo Jesús a los discípulos una parábola:

«¿Acaso puede un ciego guiar a otro ciego? ¿No caerán los dos en el hoyo? No está el discípulo sobre su maestro, si bien, cuando termine su aprendizaje, será como su maestro. ¿Por qué te fijas en la mota que tiene tu hermano en el ojo y no reparas en la viga que llevas en el tuyo? ¿Cómo puedes decirle a tu hermano: “Hermano, déjame que te saque la mota del ojo”, sin fijarte en la viga que llevas en el tuyo? ¡Hipócrita! Sácate primero la viga de tu ojo, y entonces verás claro para sacar la mota del ojo de tu hermano.

Pues no hay árbol bueno que dé fruto malo, ni árbol malo que dé fruto bueno; por ello, cada árbol se conoce por su fruto; porque no se recogen higos de las zarzas, ni se vendimian racimos de los espinos.

El hombre bueno, de la bondad que atesora en su corazón saca el bien, y el que es malo, de la maldad saca el mal; porque de lo que rebosa el corazón habla la boca».

Palabra del Señor



Canto de Ofertorio: Esto que te doy

ESTRIBILLO:

Toma mi vida ponla en tu corazón
Dame tu mano y llévame.
Cambia mi pan en tu carne y mi vino en tu
Sangre, y a mi señor renuévame, límpiame Y sálvame

Canto de Comunión: Amor de los amores

ESTRIBILLO:

Amor de los amores, cantar de los cantares
Santa Eucaristía, manjar de los manjares.

Canto de Meditación: Anoche Cristo vino a mi

ESTRIBILLO:

Diles como les quiero
Diles Como les amo
Si se sienten lejos de mi
Diles que estoy aquí.

Canto de Salida: Cristo te necesita para amar

ESTRIBILLO:

No te importe la raza ni el color de la piel,
Ama a todos como hermanos y haz el bien. (bis)



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