

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 3, 2022

PARISH INFORMATION

RECTORY

Office: 516.785.1266
2000 Jackson Avenue
Seaford, NY 11783
stwilliam.org

RECTORY HOURS

Monday - Friday
9 AM - 5 PM
Saturday
9 AM - 3 PM
Sunday
9 AM - 1 PM

MASS TIMES

The presider schedule can be found on the parish website stwilliam.org

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
8:30 AM

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday
8:30 AM & 5 PM
Sunday
7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM, & 12 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Keith Mastronardi
Nicole Tedeschi
Michael Rinaldi
People of St. William's

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Christopher Canonico

Friday, April 8, 2022

John Haberman

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mabini and Cecilia Centeno

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Nicholas F. Ortiz

Saturday, April 9, 2022

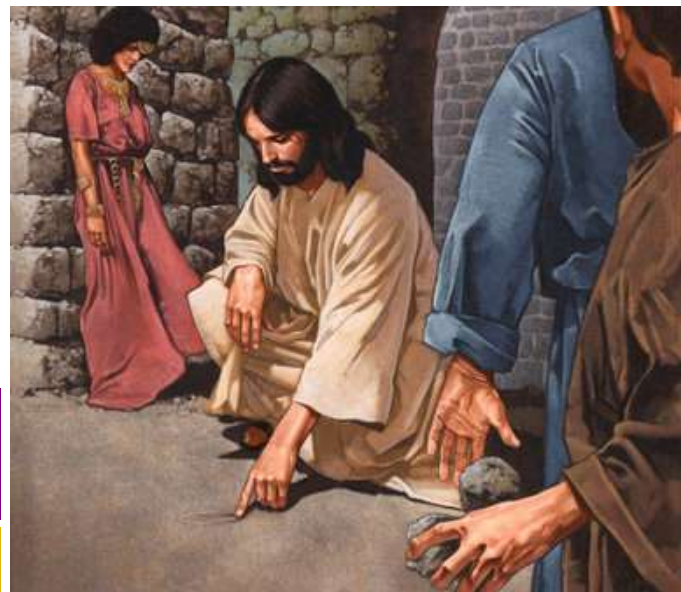
Purgatorial Society
Collective Intentions

People of St. William's
Catherine Magrino
Lorena Fitzgerald
Raymond Sipperly

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Collective Intentions

Thomas Francis Quinn
Coleen M. Downing
Andy DeRiggi
Sr. Mary Grace Hodnett



When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. John 8:7-8

Pray for the Sick

Barbara Geraghty
Steven Post
Elizabeth Post
Adrienne Harker

Ann Marie Canale
Michael Ricciardi
William Bryant
Keith Gorton

Pray for the Deceased

Thomas Daniel Fagan
Francis T. Gagliano

Arturo G. Sterling
Rose Russo

Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of Patricia McArdle from Our Lady of Mercy Academy

Altar Candles

The Altar Candles used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of Raul Centeno and Paz Diones from the LeGoff Family

Sanctuary Candles

The Sanctuary Candles used at Mass this week have been donated in thanksgiving for the friendship of the Verzo and Mauxi Families from the LeGoff Family

Which One of Us Is Without Sin?

Once again, the Lord reveals to us His Mercy - Divine Mercy, not as the world offers it, but only in a way that the actual Source of Mercy could possibly do. To be honest, just like last week with the story of the Prodigal and Resentful Sons, I find myself struggling to be as forgiving as Jesus is. I can make excuses about how people have hurt me in the past, or betrayed my trust, or were not able to follow through on their word - and express judgment and a lack of forgiveness. But once again Jesus shows us Divine Love with this woman and her predicament. Are we able to do the same?

We can take a moment to review the scene. It was Jesus, the accusers, and the accused. What has always stood out to me is the question Jesus asks, "Where are they?" The accusers were quick to find her and bring her to Jesus and the mob rose up and was quick to condemn. But let's be honest, who had her back? No one until this point. Think about what they had to do to catch her "in the act." And of course, there was another person involved, but where is he? He was not there. This woman, I am sure, had other times in her life where she was left abandoned and forsaken. If we go back to the first woman - Eve, when she was being harassed and tempted by the serpent, where was Adam? He was silent and absent, not able to protect her. How many times have we blamed women, abandoned them, falsely accused them, made them feel less in our culture, our society and even in our church?

But the narrative changes here in the Gospel. Remember Jesus is the new Adam. I was moved in prayer thinking about the first Adam who was made from the ground, from dust, from dirt. And in his humanity, he failed. But Jesus takes this time to bend down, and just as he came from heaven to us, he humbles himself. In his great power we hear that he writes on the ground with his finger. Could it be that he is rewriting the destiny for us as humans? Especially the men? To give us another chance, and rewrite in our hearts how we are called to protect, and love, and serve the women in our lives?

I was thinking perhaps the reason why he had written on the ground was for these men to go home to their wives, and daughters, and the women in their lives, to honor them and love them. And really for some of us men who may read this, perhaps we too can pause, reflect, and allow God to rewrite upon our hearts the opportunity to lay down our lives once again for the amazing women in our lives.

Jesus bends down a second time, this time may be to help restore this woman, to re-write in her heart that she is a woman of great worth and dignity. He does not give her a free pass to return to her sinful ways, nor does he allow her to wallow in that suffering. Remember, her sinfulness and ours as humans comes from the effects of Original Sin. But Jesus revises the script - he amends the story, and he reminds us of our original innocence. There was a time before the Fall when all was right and lived in communion and friendship with God.

God desires the woman, and all of us to heal, and be restored from our past, our sinfulness, and brokenness. The beauty of our Sunday readings throughout Lent is that they remind us of the easy access we have to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I encourage you to take time over the next two weeks to do an examination of conscience and invite God into your place of brokenness and sinfulness. Maybe you have found yourself as the woman accused, or maybe you have been part of the accusing mob holding a rock, but remember for all present that day, it was Jesus' love and mercy that healed them.

We are a few days away from entering into Holy Week. Let us pray for the grace to drop the heavy rocks and burdens of self-condemnation, or the rocks of others condemning and accusing us, and to know that we do not stand alone in those moments - we have a loving Savior - who sees us, knows our struggles, and is with us always. Have a Blessed journey into Holy Week!

Thank you for your presence and generosity.



Rectory News

Wedding Banns I

Tina DiTommaso
St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa
&
Frank Pallotta
St. Vincent de Paul, Brooklyn



Erin Mannix
St. William the Abbot
&
Brent Ferraro
Church of St. Patrick, Huntington

Stations of the Cross

Live Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church on Friday, April 8th beginning at 7:00 PM and will be led by St. William the Abbot School families.



LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

Join us online to view our live-streamed masses on the parish website stwilliam.org.

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 12:00 PM

Easter Flowers

Envelopes for Easter Flowers have been sent to parishioners who receive their monthly envelopes. These envelopes provide an opportunity to remember loved ones this Easter by providing Easter Flowers. Additional Easter Flower envelopes can be found at the doors of the church. Please place the envelope in the collection basket or bring to the Rectory.



Low Gluten Hosts Available at Mass

For those who must avoid gluten in their diet, the parish has low-gluten hosts available for Holy Communion. If you wish to receive such a host, please arrive prior to Mass and inform the priest and he will place your host in a pyx.

Pillar of Hospitality

In the Second Reading, Paul states that knowing Christ and being a believer has made everything else second in life. This Lenten season, share your faith with someone (your children, your spouse, your friends) and show them (through your words and actions) how much Christ means to you.

LENT

Private Prayer

The Church will be open for private prayer Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM. If there is something taking place in the church such as a funeral, wedding, class, parent meetings, RCIA, etc., parishioners should understand that they should not remain in church during these activities.

Light a Prayer Candle

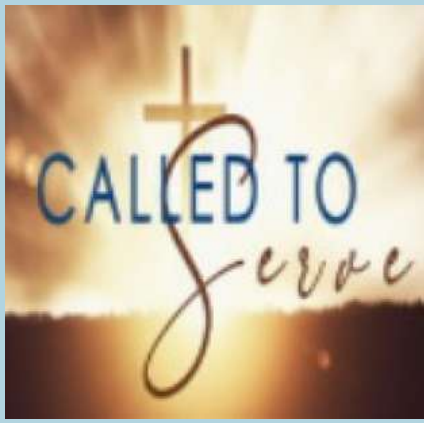


Lighting candles has long been a sacred ritual in all traditions, creating precious moments in our own and other people's lives where we pray for loved ones, friends, and ask for or give support.

Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration

Reconciliation will be held in the Church Monday through Saturday from 7:15 AM - 8:15 AM and on Saturday from 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the Church from 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM every day, Monday through Saturday.



Liturgical Minister Training

The Diocese of Rockville Centre will offer training in late April and early May for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist of Holy Communion and Lectors.

If you are a registered parishioner who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation and have a desire to serve God as a Eucharistic Minister or Lector, please email us at priests@stwilliam.org for more information.

Memorializing

The Rectory is issuing Mass Cards, enrollment in the Purgatorial Society, Memorializing the Wine and Hosts, Altar Candles, Sanctuary Candle and Altar Flowers. Please call the Rectory for more information - 516-785-1266.

PARKING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



The Rectory has received several complaints from our neighbors on Jackson Avenue and on Wilburne Avenue. **We ask that all parishioners refrain from parking and blocking the private homes driveways.**



Celebrate Spring!

Celebrate Spring with some light entertainment! Sunday, April 24, 2022, 5 to 7 pm - enjoy an afternoon of "Love and Friendship in Song and

Story" in Borromeo Hall. Under the direction of Timothy Carl, three professional singers will offer a semi-Classical program of duets and arias speaking of love and friendship. Reception to follow with Wine, Cheese and Hors d'oeuvres.

Reservations required - \$90 per guest. Seminary Development Office, (631)423-0483 x 102; bmalone@icseminary.edu.

Holy Saturday - Blessing of the Food - 9:30 AM in the Church

In many Easter European countries it is a tradition to have a basket of food blessed on Holy Saturday. After the blessing, the food is usually set aside until Easter morning when the head of the house shares the blessed egg - the symbol of life - with family and friends. Having exchanged wishes, all continue to enjoy a hearty meal.



Butter - Shaped into a lamb. Represents the Paschal lamb.

Babka (bread) - Symbolic of Jesus, the bread of life.

Horseradish - Represents the Passion of Christ, the bitterness Christ's suffering.

Hardboiled colored eggs - Represents new life and Christ's Resurrection.

Kielbasa - Represents God's favor and generosity sending His Son to free us.

Ham - Representative of joy and abundance.

Salt - As a result of baptism, you are the salt of the earth. The faith, hope, and love of Jesus' followers give zest and meaning to life, preserving all that is good.

Wine - Represents Christ's bloodshed on the cross.

Candle - Represents Christ as the Light of the World.

Basket Ribbons - Represents joy and new life.

Linen Cover - Covers the top and represents the shroud of Christ.

Vinegar - In memory of the gall given to Christ on the cross.

Sweets (candies) - Represents the sweetness of the heavenly kingdom.

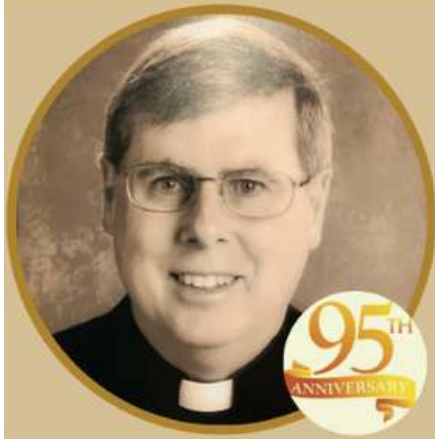


Palm Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00 PM

Sunday - 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,
10:30 AM and 12:00 N

The Ushers will distribute palms to all parishioners as they arrive for Mass.



Msgr. Robert Hayden

Former Pastor of St. William the Abbot - 2009-2019

Msgr. Hayden will return to St. William's on
Saturday, April 9th
to celebrate the 5pm Palm Sunday Vigil Mass



St. Peregrine Prayer Hour

On Monday afternoon, April 4th, the St. Peregrine Prayer Hour will be held from 2:00 - 3:00 PM in the Church. St. Peregrine is the patron saint of those suffering from cancer. Future prayer hours will be held on the first Monday of each month. Cancer victims, families, and their care-givers are all invited to come and pray.



2022 Lenten Parish Mission "Home Grown"

Charles Wroblewski spoke of "Our Catholic Faith - Near and Far, What it Means to Me!" at our third Lenten Mission, which was held on Monday, March 28th. Mr. Wroblewski moved to Seaford in 1948 at the age of six. The Parish of St. William the Abbot has been a focal point of his life and formation.

PRAYER
FASTING
ALMSGIVING

We've missed you.
Come home
at Easter.



RECONCILIATION
MONDAY

APRIL 11TH
3:00 - 9:00 PM



St. William the Abbot

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NEW DATE!
Please see below.



Join Bishop Andrzej
for Liturgical Catechesis
SYNOD on SYNODALITY

Journeying Together
Communion + Participation + Mission



This lecture will be presented via ZOOM

All are Invited to Participate.

NEW DATE!

Monday, April 25

Wednesday, April 13

Participation

Wednesday, May 18

Evangelization

All at 7:30 pm

To receive the ZOOM link, please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850 or email westernvicariate@drvc.org. If you previously registered for prior ZOOM calls, there is NO need to register again – you will automatically receive the ZOOM link via email.



"The Synod calls the People of God, in all their diversity, to embark on a journey together toward a common mission to witness to the love of God at work in the world."

Synod Preparatory Document

Year End Tax Statements

Please note that year-end statements for your taxes will not be automatically mailed out. They may be obtained upon request from the Rectory. Please call 516-785-1266 or email information@stwilliam.org

Help Keep the Church Clean

We ask that those visiting the Church do not leave flowers, religious cards, holiday cards, bibles, or religious artifacts in the church, near the religious statues, or on the Sanctuary. It is acceptable to discard these items or bury them.

Please do not leave any food donations in the Church.

Email List

If you are not currently on our email list and would like to receive email updates on parish news and the bulletin, in your inbox please register on the parish website.

www.stwilliam.org



Pray for those in the Military

USMC -

Lt. Kevin J. Butler
First Lt. Dana Duggan
L.Cpl. John Mosier

US Air Force -

Capt. Matthew B. Frasse
Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers
AIC William Hughes
Major Thomas F. Shields

US Coast Guard -

Lt. James Knudsen
Daniel Timpanaro
LT. Commander Katherine Ustler
Frank Pristera

US Army -

Capt. Caitlin M. Lee
CW2 Brian Kirby
Major Eamon G. McArdle
Sgt. Donald Rogers
Major Christopher James Ustler
Major Kurtis Unger

US Navy -

Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald
Ryan Bayer, Ensign
Rebecca Bayer, Ensign
STS1 Thomas Kerley
Lt. jg Michael O'Hara
MMN2 Emily Partridge
Commander Michael Sean Slatley
Lt. jg Michael Napolitano

US Army -

Sgt. Craig Bianco
SPC Anthony Caputo
Capt. Michael DiPietro
Capt. Michael Fitzgerald
Capt. Christopher J. Frasse
Capt. Logan Lee
Lt. Col. John Kallo
Capt. Caitlin M. Lee

Kindergarten

Kindergarten class K-1 invited their Dads to a “Cup of Joe” for St. Joseph’s Day Celebration. The children loved having their dads come to school! Mrs. Diodati’s class prepared a song to sing for their fathers and each child memorized a line to the Litany of St. Joseph. They recited it to the dads. The children and their fathers enjoyed donuts, St. Joseph’s pastries, Irish soda bread and a cup of joe! They also made a craft of St. Joseph together. It was adorable to watch the children work closely with their dad. Each father left with a gift bag which included a frame and picture the child drew and decorated, a bookmark and St. Joseph prayer card. It was a fabulous and very special time spent thanking our fathers for being a positive role model in our life just like Joseph was for Jesus!



Congratulations, Mr. Harth!



Mr. Stephen Harth received a special accolade from Mrs. Bricker and Fr. Joe for his commitment to Catholic education.





SWS Easter Candy Fundraiser

**Purchase your Easter candy from
Rosalind Candy Castle
while also supporting our school!!!**

All candy is made from scratch in Pennsylvania

**Orders MUST be placed by Monday, April 4, but the sooner
the better to ensure Easter delivery. Go to below web address to
place orders. For convenience, orders are shipped directly to you.**

<https://www.mycandyfundraiser.com/discount/SWS>

Please contact Jennifer Tsang at Jennifer.a.tsang@gmail.com
with any questions or concerns.

More delicious
options on
website!



Parish Social Ministry

Refer a Friend in Need

Do you know someone in need of assistance? Your Parish Social Ministry offers confidential support and advice regarding hardships experienced by adults and seniors who may be struggling with sensitive issues.

We have access to relevant state, local and charity-based programs that may help, and we offer other services such as client advocacy and regular use of our food pantry. Partnering with our St. Vincent de Paul conference, we help with budgeting, expense management and building financial independence.

For more information call the Parish Social Ministry office 516-679-8532.

Pantry Needs

Beef Broth
Canned Chili
Stuffing

Coffee
Ramen Noodles
Tomato Puree

Used Clothing and Furniture Donations

Our parish is blessed to have its own St. Vincent de Paul conference. This conference works with the Social Ministry office to provide clothing and furniture vouchers to the families we serve. Donations of used clothing can be dropped off in the St. Vincent de Paul donation bins located in the school's front parking lot. For furniture donations, call St. Vincent de Paul at 516-746-8250 to schedule a pickup at your home. By donating to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, you will be donating items that may be used by one of your local neighbors in need!



Did You Know...

Island Harvest has a mobile food pantry called "Operation HOPE" that is available for Long Island

veterans and active military families in need of food assistance. The goal is to connect these families to veteran services and other social benefits that could help our service men and women. The food is delivered twice a week by a veteran who is sensitive to the needs of other veterans and their families. For more information, please contact our office.

Cash Assistance through SNAP

Inflation and rising food prices have put undue economic pressure upon many families. NY State has approved additional assistance through the Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund (PEAF) and is distributing funds through the SNAP (food stamp) program. These emergency allotments are approved and distributed on a month-by-month basis and will continue until the public health emergency is lifted in our nation. These funds may be withdrawn as cash from the SNAP program! Recent distributions included \$140 per eligible child for diapers, and \$730 per eligible adult in multi-generational households. If you or someone you know is considering applying for SNAP, now is the time to do so! Please call the Social Ministry office for more information at 679-8532.

Donation Spotlight - Easter Basket Donors

Over the past few weeks our generous parishioners have been bringing in gorgeous Easter baskets for our families in need! These baskets will be distributed over the next two weeks, along with food and grocery gift cards. Thank you to everyone that has supported our ministry this Lenten season!



Faith Formation Confirmation Retreat



INSPIRE



Holy Hour & Youth Night

Doors open @ 7pm

For teens in grades 8-12

EAST

St. John the Evangelist
Riverhead

April 8

CENTRAL

St. Joseph
Babylon
(Nolan Hall)

April 8

WEST

St. Barnabas
the Apostle
Bellmore

April 8

What is Inspire?

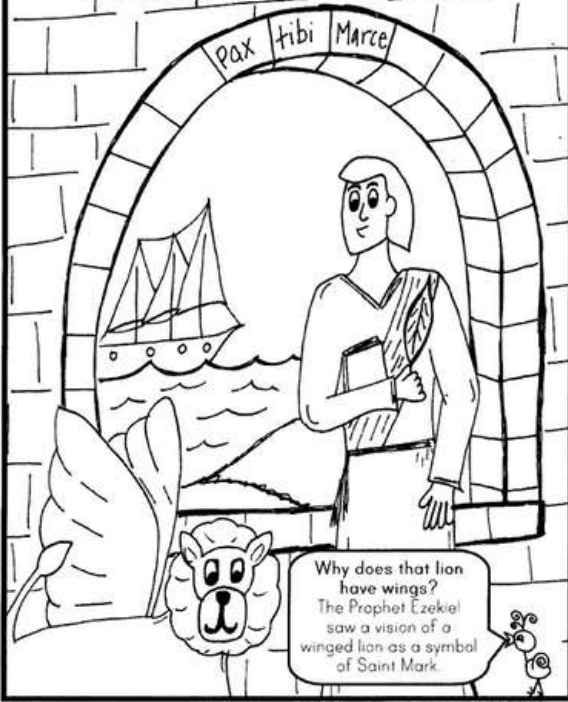
*An opportunity for young people to come together before God
in prayer with hope, for one another.*

All teens in Grades 8 - 12 are invited to attend INSPIRE Youth Nights, evenings of Eucharistic Adoration with praise and worship, followed by community and fellowship with games and refreshments. For registration and more information: bit.ly/INSPIREApril.

Please contact youthministry@drvc.org if you have any questions.

Saint Mark the Evangelist

Saint Mark wrote the Gospel of Mark about Jesus' life. Pax tibi Marce means, "Peace be with you, Mark my Evangelist."



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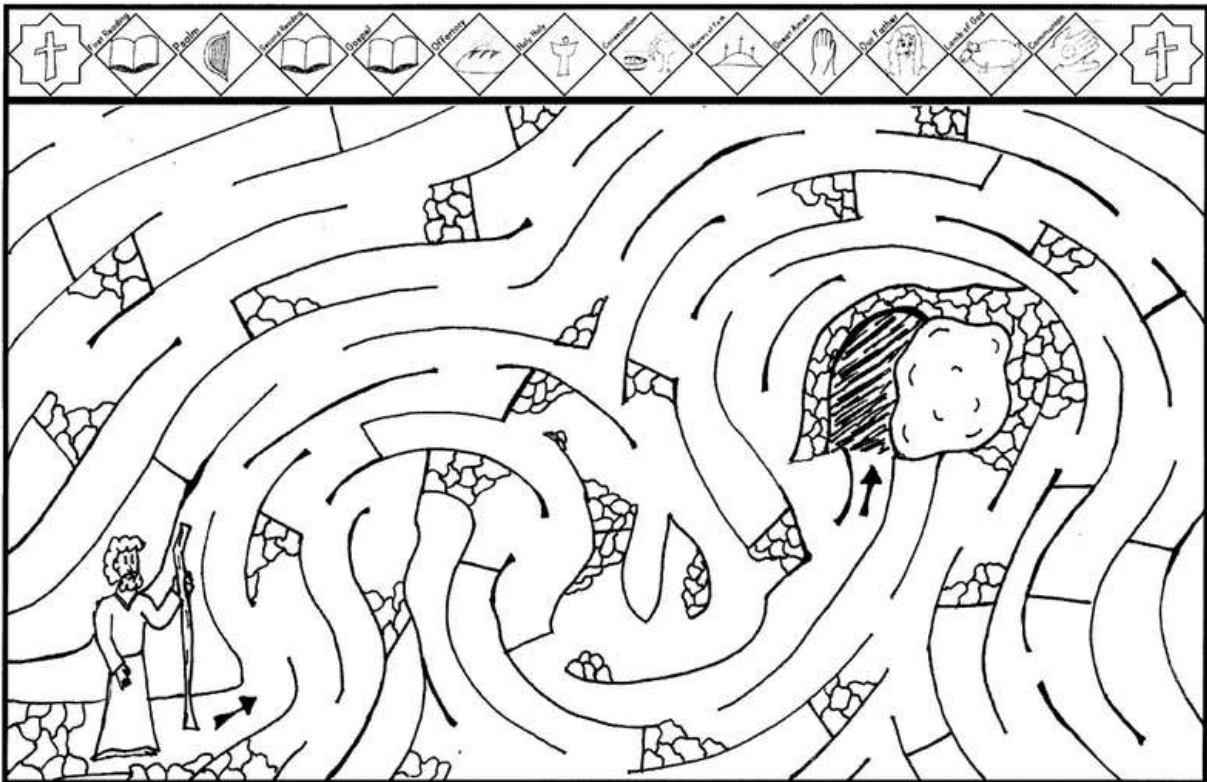
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 With the Lord
 there is mercy
 and fullness
 of redemption.
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If you have struggled with your Lenten goals, this is a good time to start again with your fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.

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Gospel



Lazarus was very sick and he died. Jesus went to visit his tomb and yelled, "Lazarus, come out!" Listen to the Gospel to find out what happened next.

Year A, Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Connect with the Parish & School

PRIESTS

Fr. Joseph H. Fitzgerald
Pastor

Fr. James Hansen
Associate Pastor

Please send your email to priests@stwilliam.org
to contact Fr. Joe or Fr. James directly.

DEACONS

Dcn. Anthony Cedrone

Dcn. John Lynch

Dcn. Michael Metzdorff

Dcn. Joseph Tumbarello

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Elizabeth Woods

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FAITH FORMATION

Dr. Jo-Ann Metzdorff and Maria Paguaga

Please send your email to faithformation@stwilliam.org
or contact the office directly at (516) 783-2528.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Allison Marro

Please send your email to socialministry@stwilliam.org
or contact the office directly at (516) 679-8532.

SCHOOL

Elizabeth Bricker
Principal

Christine Bendish
Assistant Principal

St. William the Abbot School



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PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Instagram: Follow us:
[@stwilliamabbot](https://www.instagram.com/stwilliamabbot)

YouTube: Find us at:
[YouTube.com — St. William the Abbot Church](https://www.youtube.com/StWilliamtheAbbotChurch)

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If you are not currently on our email list and would like to
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stwilliam.org.



Emergency Line



If there is an emergency in which you need to contact a
priest immediately, please call the
Priest Emergency telephone - 516-312-7361.