

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 8, 2021



The Jews murmured about him because he said,
"I am the bread that came down from heaven,"

-John 6:41

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

Baptism

Arianna M. Cammarata
Niccolina V. Corsini
Jameson H. DeMieri
Charles D. Hovanec

Emilio Lovissi
Aurora S. Rapczyk
Penelope P. Trumpy
Declan P. Dondiego

Let us welcome those children who were
Baptized this past weekend.

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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 8, 2021

John Giannone
Jennie Di Fillippi
People of St. William's
Rosemary Bie

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

Collective Intentions
John McGrath, Donald Clark,
Peter Puleo,
Dr. William G. Corbett

Monday, August 9, 2021

Alan C. Neubauer

Thursday, August 12, 2021

Thomas Daly

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Collective Intentions
Peter Puleo, Jennifer Pepitone,
Cathryn Onufrey, Frances Verso

Friday, August 13, 2021

Domenico D'Armi

Saturday, August 14, 2021

Purgatorial Society
Catherine Mattero

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

The Altar Candles, Sanctuary Candles, Altar Flowers, and the Wine & Host used at Mass this week have been donated in celebration of the 25th Wedding Anniversary of

Joe & Deb Eannel

Pray for the Deceased

Jerry Laurino

Virginia Schneider

Pray for the Sick

Michael Alleva

“Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord...” Psalm 34

Before entering the Seminary in the Fall of 2001, I had dinner with a dear friend of mine. She would be known in a modern term as a “foodie.” We would often go out in Manhattan to some of the lesser well-known restaurants that were off the beaten path to “experience” and savor a meal. To this day she and her husband and family always enjoy finding those little nooks and hidden gems for us to partake in a great meal. I remember that night a few weeks before I went to Douglaston Seminary. She said to me “Friend, remember to slow down and taste the food.” I knew then that she was not referring to the plate in front of me, but more importantly the experience I was about to enter into. As a lifelong friend she knew that very often I was in a rush, quickly on to the next item on the “task list,” regularly eating on the run, standing at the counter, even going to fast food restaurants and yes, (do not tell her), even wolfing down a sandwich in the car! Can any of you relate to this?

To this day I can hear her voice as if I was being trained by a breathing coach or wine connoisseur, to catch myself from being distracted and rushed and to take it all in. To use everything, all the senses God has given to us and enjoy. It is the same for all aspects of our lives - to be aware of the sacred, and the holy, and the beautiful. So often I can be distracted and rushed and often miss the miracles that are right in front of me. Simple, subtle, but amazing.

So here we are now in the second weekend of August 2021, and the summer is flying by; is it me or was it Memorial Day just a few days ago? Or did it just feel that way? We often call these the dog days of summer, and in some ways, we hope for the next lazy night on the boat, or the refreshing day at the beach, or that late summer vacation we planned. If we are not careful, we can get caught up looking too far ahead and what will come to us in September. Yes, we know that it's coming, (school, college, work, commuting, fall sports and activities) - these are a reality, but each and every day is a gift and a blessing from the Lord to focus on our family and friends; and even the beauty and the rhythm of what happens in our parish in the liturgical celebrations and feasts that are coming up this August.

The Psalm in today's Mass is beautiful and it reminds us “to taste and see the goodness of God.” One of the greatest blessings about being a Catholic is that we worship with all our senses, we hear, see, smell, touch, taste, and even use our sense of imagination and wonder to meet the Lord. I think of the old saying that as Catholics we are a people and a church of the “smells and bells” - meaning the incense, the flowers, the organ, the songs, and even the St. William the Abbot bells that are heard throughout Seaford. The question for us is, will we enter into the invitation to experience that over the next few weeks of August 2021?

I encourage you to make every day an opportunity to encounter a miracle and take advantage of what's happening right in front of you. Like the surprising text, or card, or call from your grandkids. The conversation on the porch or the back deck. The barbecue or meal at the house, or even better being treated to a great meal and not having to do the dishes! Be aware not to rush over and through these days but to experience what God has in store for us - the goodness, in the touch, the sounds, the smells, the tastes.

For us at St. William's, we are attentive to that in the celebration of Father Collins' 10th Anniversary Mass this week, the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary on Sunday August 15th, the Queenship of Mary procession on August 22nd after the 5 PM Sunday Mass, and any of the great Saint feast days coming up during the weekday masses - Saint Clare, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Saint Pius X, Saint Monica, and Saint Augustine. To all you Saint Monica's out there, this may be an opportunity to invite your kids or grandkids to a weekday Mass. You never know how your loving invitation may inspire a future Saint!

As we transition back into the obligation of “in person” worship due to the end of the dispensation to attend Sunday Mass, there is a desire for all of us to taste and see the goodness of God. Especially those who have been so blessed to participate virtually, due to health and mobility reasons and have not been “back in the church.” Although we will continue to celebrate the Masses online, this Sunday will be the last time we offer Communion at the Abbey entrance and back parking lot to those who watched throughout the Pandemic and then safely received Communion after the 12:00 Noon Sunday Mass. However, if you, or one of your family members are homebound and desire to receive the Eucharist but may still not be comfortable in coming back into the Church, please contact Allison Marro, our Director of Social Ministry and Outreach, to arrange an Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion to bring Communion to your home. We desire to continue to provide that great intimacy and communion through the very important EM ministry.

The Lord knows not only what we want/desire, but more importantly what we need. He gives us a directive, not a suggestion, “taste, see, and savor My goodness and love” - for yourself, your loved ones, and the parish community. We only need to slow down, be attentive, and receive the gift He offers us. I received great advice 20 years ago, and it is just as important today. Friends, I pray that we all remember to slow down and taste the food - “the Bread of Angels, the Meal from Heaven” - and we will experience the Goodness of God!

Thank you for your presence and generosity.
Peace,



Rectory News

Wedding Banns II

Steven Kotchek
Seaford, NY
&
Megan Costanza
SWA

Kevin Brady
Annunciation BVM
&
Jacqueline Drury
SWA

Shaun T. DeGrazio
SWA
&
Katherine M. Iovino
SWA



Wedding Banns III

Brian LeGrande
Queen of the Most
Holy Rosary, NY
&
Brianne Doherty
St. William the Abbot

Vincent Grieco
Mineola, NY
&
Chelsea Geiger
Flushing, NY

Franco Pellicciotta
St. Denis Church, Havertown, PA
&

Katelyn Rose
St. William the Abbot

Joseph Tracy
Rockville Centre, NY
&

Deanna Crisci
Seaford, NY

Missals



At this time we are able to offer the sale of individual missals for \$10 per missal. Please bring a check for \$10 payable to St. William the Abbot or \$10 exact cash to the rectory. There will be no change for cash purchases. We have a limited number at this time, so it is a first come first served basis.

Sacristy



For the safety of our Priests, we ask that parishioners refrain from entering the Sacristy. Please do not hand offering envelopes, letters etc. to the Priests. Please drop them off in the Rectory Mail Slot.



Have a question for the priests?
Stump the Priest questions can be emailed to priests@stwilliam.org.



LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

St. William the Abbot desires to partner with parents and young adults to reach the next generation for God's Glory. We have many Core volunteer opportunities, please email priests@stwilliam.org if you wish to share your gifts with the youth of our community.

Memorials Available

We are pleased to announce that the Sanctuary Candle and the Altar Candles that are used at Mass throughout the week are now available as memorials.

Anyone wishing to donate the Sanctuary Candle or the Altar Candles in memory of a loved one or on the occasion of an anniversary, birthday, etc., can make this request at the Rectory. Please call 516-785-1266. The offering for the Sanctuary Candle is \$15 and the offering for the Altar Candles is \$30. The name of the person will be announced in the bulletin for each week the candles are donated.

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



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.

Memorializing

The Rectory is issuing Mass Cards, enrollment in the Purgatorial Society, Memorializing the Wine, Host, Candles and Altar Flowers. Please call the Rectory for more information (516) 785-1266 or email information@stwilliam.org

Safety & Mask Protocols



We do ask that everyone arrive early so that we can seat everyone before the start of Mass. We ask that all parishioners that are **NOT VACCINATED** wear their mask covering their nose and mouth at all times while inside the church.

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH



SUMMER GLORY 50/50 RAFFLE

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE \$25 EACH OR 5 TICKETS FOR \$100.
WE WILL DRAW THE WINNING TICKET ON AUGUST 29, 2021.



Please join us in supporting the St. William the Abbot Summer Glory 50/50 Raffle. During the summer months, we typically experience a decline in Mass attendance, and this last year has not allowed the parish and school to benefit from any fundraising opportunities. The 50/50 Summer Glory Raffle is a fun way to raise additional funds for the parish.

A 50/50 raffle means that 50% of the proceeds from the ticket sales will be awarded to one lucky winner. The other 50% will go to support the needs of St. William the Abbot parish.

Raffle tickets are \$25 each or 5 tickets for \$100. We will draw the winning ticket on August 27, 2021.

If you would like to be a part of this fun event and support our parish, please fill out the tickets enclosed in the mailing sent to your home if you are registered parishioner or stop by the Rectory.

Mass Updates

Beginning in the month of August, the 7:30 am Sunday Mass will be celebrated as a Low Mass with no music.

General Dispensation Update

When the Pandemic began, Bishop Barres allowed for a dispensation for the faithful from physically attending Mass. So many of you "attended" Mass virtually through Facebook Live Masses until we were able to establish the YouTube channel providing Mass each day. We also made available Communion on Sundays following the 12 noon live-streamed Mass outside in the parking lot near the Abbey entrance. Please know that as of August 15th, 2021, that dispensation from physically attending Sunday Mass will no longer be granted, and we will no longer provide Communion after the 12 noon Sunday Mass. Obviously, if you are not well and are unable to attend, for your safety and health, and for the rest of the community, please stay home and watch. We can also identify a priest, deacon, or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to bring Communion to your home.

Please contact the Director of Parish Social Ministry Allison Marro to be placed on the Home Bound list via email socialministry@stwilliam.org or (516) 679-8532.



Fellowship Tent of Meeting

In Exodus 33:7-11, the intimate prayer of Moses with God is described. A designated place for prayer, a "tent of meeting," was set up outside of the Israelite camp. As Moses would enter this tent, a "column of cloud" would descend upon it, signaling the presence of the Lord, to whom Moses would then speak "face to face, as one man speaks to another." With their intercessor standing before God, the Israelites would then begin to pray "at the entrance of their own tents."

We will begin to extend the opportunity to come together after selected Masses each weekend just as the Israelites did with a Fellowship Meeting Tent. The Fellowship Meeting Tent will take place at two selected Masses each weekend. The selected Masses will be announced in future bulletins and our social media. Each week the tent will feature refreshments.

Fellowship Tent of Meeting Schedule

Saturday - August 14, 5pm Mass

Sunday, August 15, 10:30am Mass

Anointing of the Sick

Anyone going to the hospital or who has a serious illness can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, which will be celebrated communally immediately following the 12:00 N Mass on Sunday, September 26th.

Feast of the Queenship of Mary



Join us on Sunday, August 22, 2021, at 5:00 PM for a Youth Mass in honor of the Feast of the Queenship of Mary.

Immediately following the Mass, we will process around the parish property, reciting the Rosary along the way. Following the Rosary there will be Benediction in the Church.

All are invited! Please join us!

St. William the Abbot Youth Mass



LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

Calling all the Youth of the St. William the Abbot Parish and Community to join us on Sunday, August 22, 2021, at 5:00 PM for the first Youth Mass.

Please join us in volunteering in the Queenship of Mary Procession around the parish property. We are in need of volunteers for five Stations and in carrying the statue of the Blessed Mother Mary. If you are interested in volunteering please email priests@stwilliam.org.

Faith Formation

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord is what you hear today. Jesus talks about how he is the bread of life to a crowd of people, but the crowd finds it hard to believe because they know his parents, Mary and Joseph. They cannot understand how he, Jesus, is the bread of life and what makes him so special, but God made Jesus very special, he gave all of us his son Jesus so that we may live. I am the living bread that came down from heaven, Jesus says; whoever eats this bread will live forever. Sometimes we miss seeing God in unexpected people and places. It is that someone who does something special for you, says something that lifts your spirits up, or just looking around and seeing the beauty right in front of you. There is a lot going on in our World and God wants us to make it better not worse. He does not want us to fight, but to make peace with each other. God works through people to have a better world. He has prepared our eternal home in Heaven, and it is important that we get nourished from God especially when we go to Mass and receive Communion. Going to Mass makes us become more faithful and helps us to be better in many ways. We need to prepare ourselves for when it is our turn to be in Heaven. As long as we continue to always have God in our lives, we will be filled and have eternal life in Heaven with Jesus. Peace.....



The Faith Formation Office has moved. The address is 2020 Jackson Avenue, Seaford, NY 11783 (Convent Home). Our phone number remains the same 516-783-2528 and as well as our email address, which is faithformation@stwilliam.org. We are now accepting registrations. If you have a 1st Grader, a copy of your child/ren's Baptism Certificate is needed to register. If you are transferring from another Parish and your child/ren has had previous Religion, a letter of transfer and a copy of the Baptism Certificate is needed to register. You can contact the Faith Formation through email so you can be sent the information. Completed paperwork can be placed in the Drop Box located by the Rectory.



Farewell to our Faith Formation Director

It is with regret that we announce Laura Walsh, Director of Faith Formation for the last eight years, has left St. William the Abbot to pursue other endeavors. We thank Laura for her time, service, and commitment to St. William's. Please join us in wishing Laura all the best.

**ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW CONSIDERING COMING INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH,
OR ARE YOU ALREADY BAPTIZED AND WISH TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS OF EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION?**

BECOME CATHOLIC

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: JO-ANN METZDORFF AT RCIA@STWILLIAM.ORG

Stump the Priest



SHOULD THE FAMILY EMBRACE AN ILLEGITIMATE CHILD?

It is not really clear what causes the illegitimacy of the child. However, to work with the understanding of an illegitimate child as one born to parents who are not married to each other at the time of the child's birth, the advice will be to use the principles of Christian charity to embrace the child lovingly. This can be a means of demonstrating love to the spouse whose child it is. You would also be proving that you are embracing the spouse and all that he or she comes with-assets or liabilities. As the saying goes: "If you love me, love my pet."

WHY ARE SOME DENOMINATIONS AGAINST FEMALE PRIESTS? IS THIS BACKED UP SCRIPTURALLY? IS IT MAN'S LAW OR GOD'S LAW?

Let us limit ourselves to the Catholic Church's practice with regard to this question because we can only speak for ourselves. What the Catechism of the Catholic Church states is that: "Only a baptized man validly receives sacred ordination. The Lord Jesus chose men to form the college of the twelve apostles, and the apostles did the same when they chose collaborators to succeed them in their ministry. The college of bishops, with whom the priests are united in the priesthood, makes the college of the twelve an ever-present and ever-active reality until Christ's return. The Church recognizes herself to be bound by this choice made by the Lord himself. For this reason the ordination of women is not possible." (CCC 1577)

So obviously the reason is simply in keeping with what has been handed down by the Lord Jesus Christ through the apostles to the present authority of the Church. Given the fact that we have some women who are trained as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, we can say that the Church does not totally denigrate the role of women in pastoral ministry. Maybe in some time to come the trend may change in response to pastoral needs and demands.

WHY ARE LAY DEACONS GIVEN THE ROLES OF READING THE GOSPLE AND WHY DO THEY WEAR THE SAME VESTMENTS AS THE PRIESTS? I AM UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THAT.

In the first place it is to be noted that Deacons are not lay persons. They are part of what we call Holy Orders in the Church. There is the Order of the Episcopacy-referring to Bishops, there is the Order of the Presbyterate-referring to Priests and the third is the Order of the Diaconate-referring to Deacons. Going as far back as the appointment of the Seven Deacons in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 6:1-6), the Order of Diaconate has been an integral part of the Church's Holy Orders. Deacons also receive ordination like Priests and they can perform all the functions that Priests perform with the exception of celebrating Mass and hearing confessions. The vestment for deacons is not the same as that of Priests. The vestment for deacons is called Dalmatic and it is quite different from the Chasuble that priests wear. Their stole is also worn in a different way; it is worn across the body from the left shoulder and pinned or stitched at the right side of the body close to the hip. Furthermore the Order of Diaconate is in two forms: Transitional Deacons who after a period of at least six months ministry proceed to be ordained as Priests and then the Permanent Deacons who remain Deacons for the rest of their lives.

With the mention of lay involvement in the liturgy, perhaps it would help to give a response. The Church takes time to train, educate and constitute ministers to help in her pastoral ministry especially in areas and on occasions when Priests availability are woefully inadequate. So all who are granted these roles are presumed to be fully aware and ready in every aspect for the ministries they partake in on account of pastoral exigencies. Therefore the dynamism and flexibility in the Church's approach to pastoral ministry in modern times is worth embracing given the fact that vocations to the Priesthood and religious life keeps going down.

Considering in particular the ministry of Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, it can be argued that one who is worthy to receive the communion could equally be deemed worthy to hand over the communion to the other. In times past when the Church did not enjoy much freedom like today, the early disciples could take multiple communions to their homes to give to those who couldn't be present for safety and ill-health reasons. This practice contributes to the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament because the Eucharist needed to be kept in the homes for some time. So in principle Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is not an entirely new ministry.

WHAT IS THE PROPER WAY TO DISPOSE OF ITEMS THAT ARE BLESSED AND THOSE THAT ARE NOT BLESSED? THEY MAY BE IN GOOD SHAPE, THEY MAY BE IN TERRIBLE SHAPE.

Blessed articles and objects may be buried at a secluded place and in a manner where they are not most likely to be trampled upon or unearthed. Those that can be burned must be burned, and those that can be poured on the ground must also be reverently poured at a place where human beings are not likely to tread on them. There are the appropriate prayers to accompany these acts of disposal. Some prayer books with common prayers of the Church have them. However, persons without reach of these prayers are allowed to say prayers of their own and reverently dispose of them. In some Parishes the practice has been to call for such articles to be put in a container and then the appropriate liturgical procedures are taken to dispose of them by Sacristans, Priests or Deacons. This is a highly recommended practice.

It is also recommended that those with such items or articles that can be preserved donate them to Church Museums or exhibition centers for safe keeping and preservation.

Pray for our Seminarians!



Herley Mendez



Joseph Lettieri



Gregory Marino

Communion

On the weekend of August 15, the option for the drive-thru Communion will no longer be offered following the 12 noon mass - if you are not able to attend Mass - or at risk, inform us and we will assign a Homebound EM to bring Eucharist to your home or family member.

Please contact the Director of Parish Social Ministry Allison Marro to be placed on the Home Bound list via email socialministry@stwilliam.org or (516) 679-8532.

RCIA



Join us for a RCIA informational meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 17th at 7:00 in the Rectory Meeting room. We invite anyone that is interested in becoming a Catholic, or completing their sacraments, or anyone who may know someone who may be interested and just want some information.

Please rsvp to Jo-Ann Metzdorff at rcia@stwilliam.org if you are interested in attending.

Parish Social Ministry

Food Donations

The food donations bins will no longer be located in the Church. Please bring all donations directly to Parish Social Ministry Office, the church no longer has donation bins. The Social Ministry office is located South of the Church.

Monday - Friday

9:30am - 4:00pm

Sunday

By Appointment Only

Food Pantry

Sugar
Crushed Tomatoes
Tomato Puree
Napkins

Black Beans
Hot Dogs
Mashed Potatoes
Pasta Roni

Parish Contact Information

CONTACT THE PRIESTS

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

CONTACT THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Please send your email to pastoralcouncil@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR COMMUNICATIONS

Please send your email to igomez@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR THE RECTORY

Please send your email to information@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Please send your email to jgoldman@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT FAITH FORMATION

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

CONTACT SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

CONTACT THE SCHOOL St. William the Abbot School



Office: 516.785-6784
2001 Jackson Avenue
Seaford, NY 11783
stwilliamtheabbot.net

Sign-Up for the St. Williams Bereavement Group

We are now taking names for our bereavement group sessions to begin in late September. If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and would be interested in attending a small group session for support, please call the Social Ministry office. Sessions may fill up quickly, please call today!

Summertime Food Donations

Please do not leave donations of fresh or perishable foods in the food bin outside of the Social Ministry office. The exposure to seasonal heat and bugs makes these foods quickly unusable. These items should be dropped off during business hours (Monday through Friday, 9:30am to 4pm) or by scheduled appointment.

It's Back to School Season!

Are you are interested in helping our social ministry families with school supplies for their children? We will be collecting Target and Walmart gift cards to help our families with back-to-school purchases. Gift cards will give families the flexibility to meet the demands of a new school year and let children enjoy the excitement of picking out their own items. Donations can be dropped off at Social Ministry.

Last Month to File for HEAP!

This year, the deadline for heating assistance applications was extended through August 31, 2021. HEAP helps eligible households meet the cost of heating their homes. The benefit can pay for fuel, your utility source, heating equipment replacement and repairs. The benefit is paid either directly to the heating vendor or utility company. You can apply for HEAP every year when the program is open. To review your eligibility and apply for this program, please visit <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap>.

Prayer Shawl Ministry begins Tuesday, October 5th

The first meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will take place on Tuesday, October 5th. Meetings will take place on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 10am to 12pm in the Abbey. This ministry crochets and knits beautiful items for those in need such as lap robes and shawls for the sick, and hats and scarves for the homeless. Interested in joining this worthwhile ministry? Call the Social Ministry office at 679-8532 for more information.

Background Screening Update

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People:

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) promulgated by the Bishops of the United States in 2002 outlines specific practices and guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. As directed in The Charter, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all employees, clergy, and volunteers to complete three requirements within thirty days of employment or volunteering:

1. Attend **Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)**
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct;
3. Complete a background screen application. The Diocese requires all those who remain in active ministry be rescreened at 5 yr. intervals.
volunteers/employees.

A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OFPCYP) has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the three safe environment requirements in one step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

1. Register to attend a Protecting God's Children class and create a Virtus account on the Virtus website: www.Virtus.org
2. Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct- provided during the Virtus registration process.
3. Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application background offered during the Virtus registration process.

Active Volunteers:

If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus and have been background screened you may be at – or beyond- the **5yr. rescreening requirement**. If this is the case, you will receive an email from **Sterling Volunteers** asking you to complete the background screening application on-line. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account. **Please be aware-this is not a scam nor has your e-mail been hacked**. The OFPCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records and noted it is time for you to be rescreened. You may also be prompted to electronically resign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

Edit Your Virtus Account:

To access your Virtus account: www.Virtus.org You will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or helpdesk@virtus.org. Once in your account, review your account information-particularly your e-mail address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side of your screen in the green column click "Update My Account" You will be able to make the necessary changes-please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

Questions or concerns: mmcmahon@drvc.org; amendoza-cantos@drvc.org; jwinter@drvc.org;
pditomasso@drvc.org

Thank you to all who continue to serve in a ministry during these extremely challenging days.

Consider Automated Giving

Automated giving provides a steady stream of support. It is a great way to manage your Sunday Offerings without the worry of missing a payment and the worry of forgetting your weekly envelope.

We are able to offer the ability of having Sunday Offerings deposited directly from your checking or savings account into the St. William's account. This would apply only to weekly collections, not to any second collections, such as Holy Days, Catholic Relief Services, etc.

The form to begin this process can be printed, filled out and mailed to the Rectory. Please be sure to attached a voided check.

Authorization Agreement for Automated Giving

I, _____, hereby authorize the R. C. Church of St. William the Abbot, 2000 Jackson Avenue, Seaford, NY 11783 to initiate debit entries to my Checking () Savings () account indicated below and the depository named below to debit the same such amount.

Amount \$ _____ Monthly on the fifteenth of the month.

Depository: Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Banking Transit ABA # _____
(always nine digits)

Bank Account Number _____

(Attach to this form a voided check if checking account debit or a pre-printed savings deposit ticket if savings account).

This authorization is to remain in full force effect until the R. C. Church of St. William the Abbot has received written notification at least five business days in advance of the desired termination date.

(Authorized signature for above account)

(Print Name)

Date: _____

If second signature is required:

(Authorized signature for above account)

(Print Name)

Date: _____

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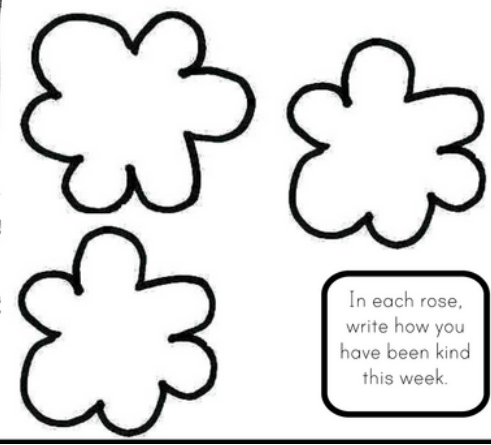
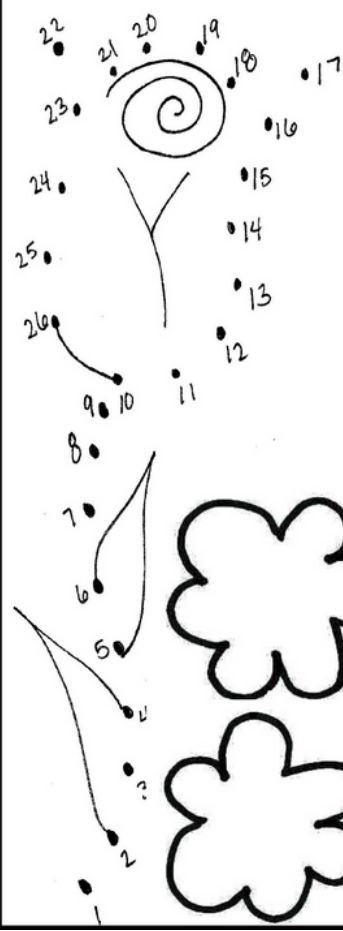
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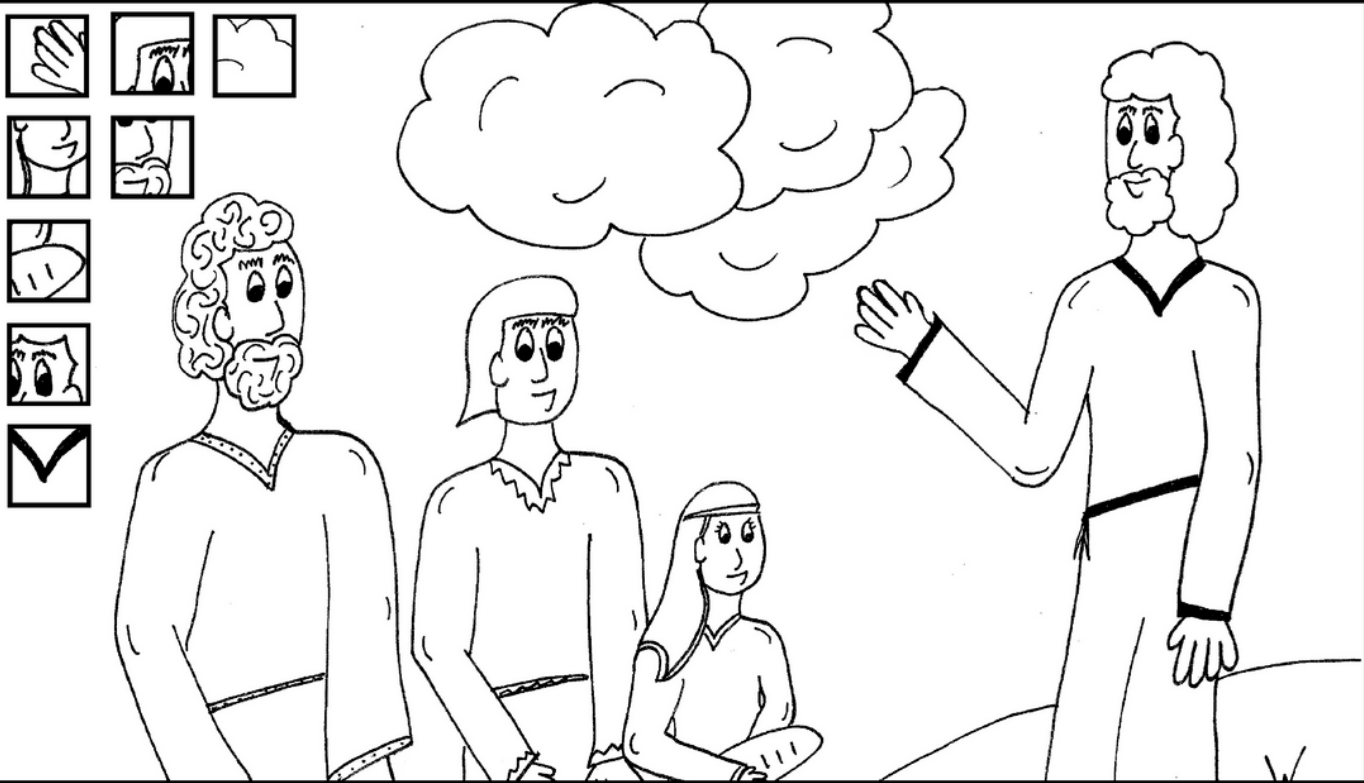
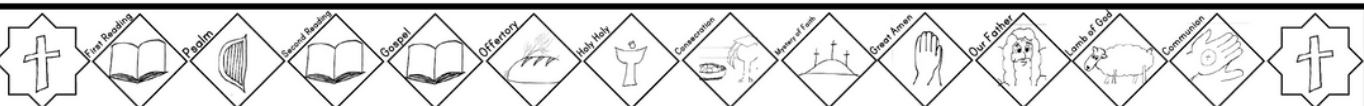
During Mass, the whole church celebrates together. Your participation in Mass is connected to everyone else that is praying in Heaven and Earth.

Saint Rose of Lima

Saint Rose of Lima was very pretty so people called her a rose. She wanted to be known for her kindness and faith, not for her beauty.



In each rose, write how you have been kind this week.



Gospel
 People didn't believe that Jesus is God and kept asking questions. Jesus kept teaching them that they needed to believe in Him to live forever with God.