

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion April 10, 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 10, 2022

Esther Stephen
Henrich Wegmann
Collective Intentions
Edwin Boden
Grazietta & Donato Marrone
Conor James Cronin
Barbara Leddy

Monday, April 11, 2022

Collective Intentions
Donald Clark
Patricia McGee
Jim Cahill
Joseph M. Kitson

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Kenneth Fehling

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Mary Griffin

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Holy Thursday
Morning Prayer
Solemn Celebration of
the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 15, 2022

Good Friday
Morning Prayer
Solemn Celebration of
the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 16, 2022

Holy Saturday
Morning Prayer
Blessing of Food
Mass of the Easter Vigil



When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Luke 19:37-38

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
Gavin William Russell
from the Fletcher Family

Altar Candles

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Sanctuary Candles

The Sanctuary Candles used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of
Virginia Dalessio
from Pat and Lou DiPadova

Hosanna in the Highest !!

As the COVID-19 pandemic appears to be slowing down, and its intensity lightening up just a bit; it is hard not to look at how the past two years have affected our world, our country, our parish, and each of us personally, uniting our experience of suffering in a particular way this Palm Sunday 2022. We have the blessing of Fr. Bob Hayden returning to us for Mass this Saturday of Palm Sunday weekend, and we only need to go back three years to 2019 which was filled with crowds of parishioners rejoicing over our faith, our ministries, our school, and a parish experience of almost 100 years. There was much to celebrate - our history and past, and a hopeful future was on the horizon. We gave thanks and praise to God, not much different from the crowds waving the Palm, "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" How joyful life is sometimes!

And yet, later in the scriptures we read at Mass this weekend, that same crowd, only days after cheering Jesus' arrival, changes quickly due to a shift in circumstances. How strangely joy and sorrow blend in our lives. The scriptures reinforce this and remind us that most especially through the eyes of Our Lady. Throughout the life of Christ, Mother Mary knew her heart would be pierced by the sword of struggle and difficulty, which was prophesied over her at the temple when she and Joseph presented Jesus to Simeon. Mary, despite being hailed 'full of grace' by the angel Gabriel and despite mothering a perfect Son, suffered immensely. At the foot of the cross Our Lady experienced the agony of a mother's heart – but she leaned more into God at that time, relied more on the Father, and received His consolation.

We are invited to do the same – to rely more on God, especially when circumstances pivot and change in our lives – you know, like when a Global Pandemic or Will Smith Oscar's smack literally or figuratively hits us in the mouth. Despite being a follower of Christ and despite our best intentions, we receive no promise of lives without suffering. But like Our Lady at the foot of the cross, God does not abandon us in our suffering. On the contrary, he chooses to fully immerse himself in our struggles. He desires to triumphantly enter into our lives as he did into Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday. But have we too forgotten "Hosanna in the Highest?" Has life, and a pandemic, and perhaps a little spiritual laziness disconnected us, and some of our loved ones from the Lord? I encourage you to look upon our cross this week or the next time you are inside St. William the Abbot. It stands out as one of the most beautiful crucifixes on Long Island - with Jesus' beaten and bruised body so visible to all who look upon him. Jesus knows our internal and external suffering. He knows that we have suffered over the past few years. And he knows how we have called out to him in those difficult times.

Palm Sunday is the stepping point into Holy Week, which leads us to the cross. We become companions with Jesus in His as well as our crosses. Saint Pope John Paul II knew the power of the cross in his personal life and the crosses of the world. "The Love and Mercy that we all seek reveals itself most tangibly in Christ Crucified; Jesus who, letting go of heaven and uniting with humanity, chose to suffer with those who suffer: In Christ and through Christ, God becomes especially visible in His mercy." That is why in so many Catholic households, bedrooms, classrooms, offices, and every altar where Mass is celebrated, we are given the reminder of the Passion and Mercy of God. But the cross is also the gateway to joy, hope, and ultimately the Resurrection.

The past few years we have experienced masks, closing of schools, quarantine, sickness, death, loved ones putting themselves in harm's way, but also the hope of coming through these difficult times by God's grace. Let us all pray that in this Holy Week 2022 we will experience a renewal and restoration of our faith journey that not only brings us to the cross, but through the cross and into the Easter Glory. May I encourage you and challenge you to invite one person back home to St. William's for Easter Sunday. Hosanna in the Highest!!

Thank you for your presence and generosity.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Joe".

Holy Week 2022

AT ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT



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Palm Sunday

APRIL 10TH

Blessing & Distribution of Palms at All Masses

Saturday: 5pm*

Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12n*

Adoration: 7:30 - 8:30am
Confession: 7:30-8:30am, 3-9pm
Daily Mass: 8:30am*

Reconciliation Monday

APRIL 11TH

Tuesday & Wednesday

APRIL 12TH & 13TH

Adoration: 7:30 - 8:30am
Confession: 7:30-8:30am
Daily Mass: 8:30am*

Morning Prayer: 9am*
Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper: 7pm*
Adoration: 8-10pm
Night Prayer: 9:45pm

Holy Thursday

APRIL 14TH

Good Friday

APRIL 15TH

Morning Prayer: 9am*
Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3pm*

Morning Prayer: 9am*
Blessing of Food: 9:30am
Confession: 11am-12:30pm
Easter Vigil Mass: 8pm*

Holy Saturday

APRIL 16TH

Easter Sunday

APRIL 17TH

Church Masses:
7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12n*

Auditorium Masses:
10:30am, 12n

Please note this schedule is subject to change. // * Live streamed at www.stwilliam.org

Rectory News

Wedding Banns



Banns I

Ryley Weber, St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh
& Michael Stark, St. Barnabas the Apostle, Bellmore

Banns II

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



Baptism

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

Alexandra Andersen

Clara Connelly

Virginia Connelly

Thomas Faulknes

Gabriella Gianono

Ryan Kennedy

Vincent Malm

Jack Raskin

Jack Tirino

William Tichacek

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.



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

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.

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

As we enter Holy Week, think of all the ways
you could strengthen your prayer life.
Throughout the Holy Triduum, come to
Church, make a good confession, and pray the
Stations of the Cross.

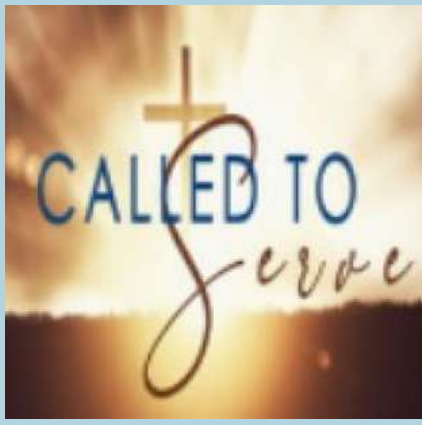
Holy Week Reconciliation Schedule

Monday, April 11th 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM and 3:00 -
9:00 PM.

Tuesday, April 12th - 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

Wednesday, April 13th - 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

Holy Saturday, April 16th - 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM



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.



Holy Land Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

PARKING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



Please be considerate during the upcoming holidays. Many of the Masses are crowded and parking is difficult. Please do not block any driveways. Try to arrive early and allow time to find parking. Keep in mind that there is a parking lot behind the school. Thank you!

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.

PRAYER
FASTING
ALMSGIVING

We've missed you.
Come home
at Easter.



RECONCILIATION
MONDAY

APRIL 11TH
3:00 - 9:00 PM



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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 -

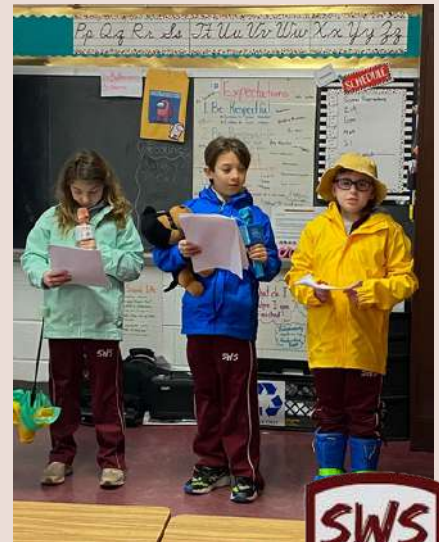
Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald
Ryan Bayer, Ensign
Rebecca Bayer, Ensign
STS1 Thomas Kerley
Lt. jg Michael O'Hara
MMN2 Emily Partridge
Commander Michael Sean Slatley
Lt. jg Michael Napolitano

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

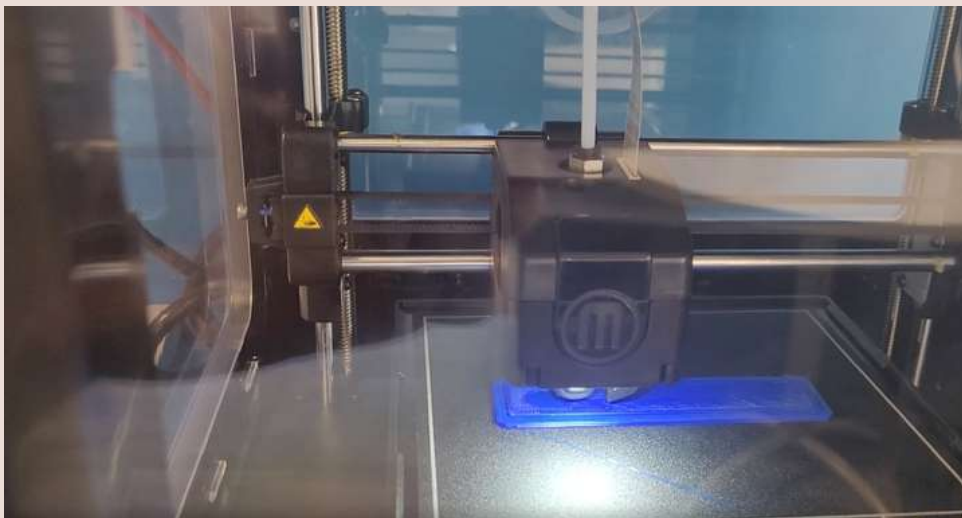
Grade 4

BREAKING NEWS! SWS 4th Graders did a terrific job reporting on various natural disasters!



Grade 8

The 8th graders began using the 3D printer this week!



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.



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.

Pantry Needs

Peanut Butter	Tissues
Jelly	Laundry Detergent
Macaroni and Cheese	Paper Towels

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!

Thank You 3rd Grade CYO Basketball

This week the 3rd Grade CYO basketball clinic made an Easter donation of food and grocery store gift cards to our food pantry. The food donations go a long way toward helping our families in need, and the gift cards allow families purchase items we may not have in inventory. The 3rd Graders also donated Easter cards that can be sent to our homebound parishioners. Thank you 3rd Grade basketball families for your very generous donations, we appreciate it!!

Donation Spotlight - CYO Sharks Swim Team

Last week the St. William the Abbot CYO Sharks Swim Team was hard at work conducting an Easter food drive to benefit the families of our Outreach office. The Sharks assembled over 50 bags of food and donated over \$300 in food store gift cards! Both the food and gift card donations will be used for Easter distributions to the families we support. Thank you to the Shark coaches, team members and families for supporting our ministry this Lenten season! We are grateful for your ongoing generosity!



Seaford Fire Department's
Hook & Ladder and Engine Company No 1

Easter Plant Sale

Saturday 4/16

10am - 6pm

&

Sunday 4/17

8:30am - 2pm

at the corner of
Southard Avenue & Waverly Avenue

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.

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.

Little White Book

The Little White Book, an Easter continuation of the Lenten readings that were provided by the Little Black Book, is available at the doors of the Church for interested parishioners.

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

The Diocese of Rockville Centre

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who have celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage between 2020 and 2022 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

Sunday, May 1, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Church of Christ the King, Commack
Celebrant: Most Reverend Richard G. Henning

Sunday, May 15, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Church of St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays
Celebrant: Most Reverend John O. Barres

Sunday, May 22, 2022, at 3:30 p.m.

Church of St. James, Seaford
Celebrant: Most Reverend Luis Romero

Register online at drvc-faith.org

Registration must be received by Friday, April 22, 2022

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at
(516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at LRobustelli@drvc.org





JOIN US FOR SUMMER FUN AT THE CATHOLIC SPORTS CAMP

St. Williams - Seaford June 27- July 1

St. Williams - Seaford July 4- July 8

Maria Regina - Seaford July 18- July 22

Maria Regina - Seaford July 25- July 29

- Camp runs Monday through Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm
- Cost is \$160.00
- Tuition includes CSC T-shirt and daily snack
- Available for children ages 5-12
- Arts & Crafts, Basketball, Soccer, Dance,
& Volleyball Fundamentals
- SOCCER IS NOT AVAILABLE AT MARIA REGINA!

Kasey Grasso (Directors) Tom Hirten

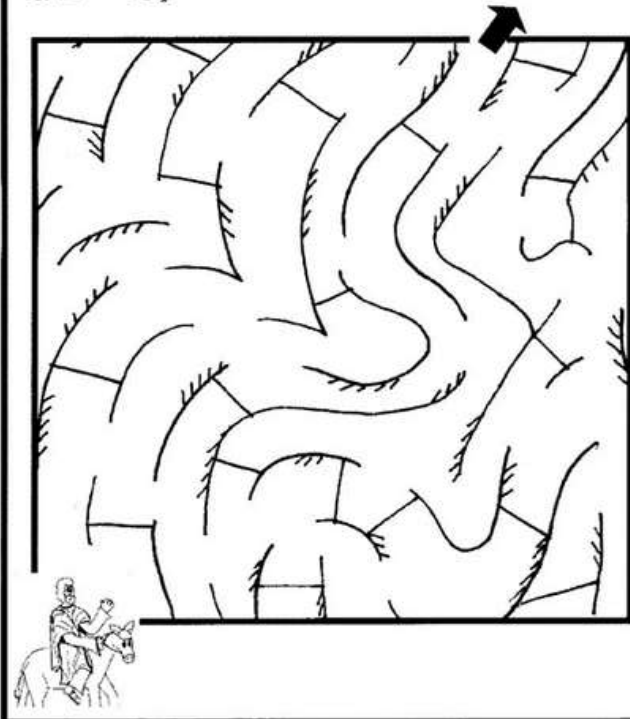
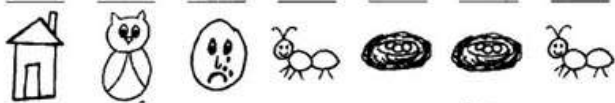
516-524-7892

CatholicSportsCamp@gmail.com



Palm Sunday

Write the beginning letter of each word to see what people said when they saw Jesus in Jerusalem.



Palm Sunday

Catholic Kids Bulletin

April 10, 2022
Palm Sunday
Color: Red

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PEOKMEOWKAOJSEI

My God,
my God, why
have you
abandoned
me?

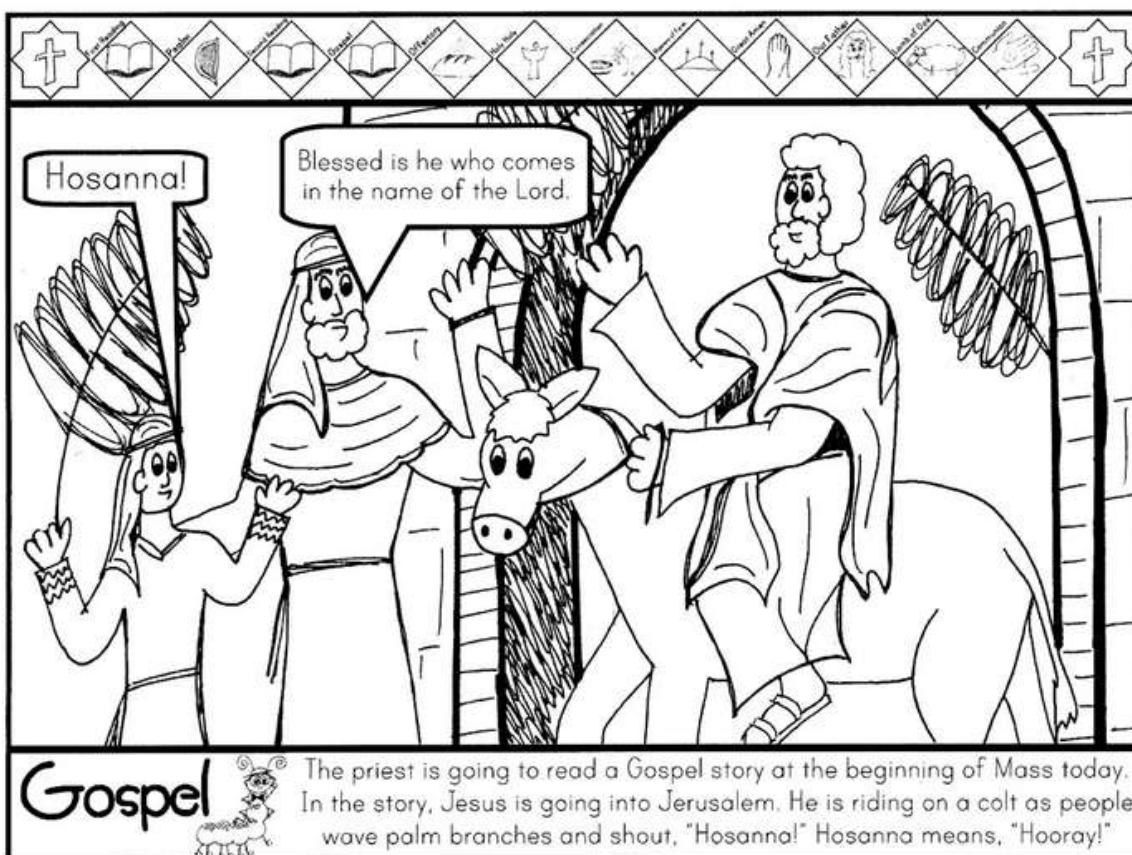
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PHAVEOYOUABANDONEDKWOES



Did you get a palm branch at the beginning of Mass today? Hold your palm quietly during Mass, then take it home and keep it in a special place at your house.

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Gospel

The priest is going to read a Gospel story at the beginning of Mass today. In the story, Jesus is going into Jerusalem. He is riding on a colt as people wave palm branches and shout, "Hosanna!" Hosanna means, "Hooray!"

Palm Sunday

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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
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DEACONS

Dcn. Anthony Cedrone

Dcn. John Lynch

Dcn. Michael Metzdorff

Dcn. Joseph Tumbarello

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SOCIAL MINISTRY

Allison Marro

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SCHOOL

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Principal

Christine Bendish
Assistant Principal

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

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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.