

# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

**April 24, 2022 - Second Sunday of Easter  
Divine Mercy Sunday**

## PARISH INFORMATION

### RECTORY

Office: 516.785.1266  
2000 Jackson Avenue  
Seaford, NY 11783  
[stwilliam.org](http://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](http://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 24, 2022

People of St. William's  
Michael Scanzano  
Intentions of the Valdez and  
LeGoff families (liv)  
Collective Intentions  
Maitza Miranda Klee  
Lenny LaFemina  
Virginia Dalessio  
Ann Favichio

### Monday, April 25, 2022

Maryjane Huemmer

### Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Richie Forelli

### Wednesday, April 27, 2022

#### Collective Intentions

John Gauci  
Henry Barbeau  
Edmund Marino  
Joseph DiLorenzo

### Thursday, April 28, 2022

Harold Boening

### Friday, April 29, 2022

Anne Callahan

### Saturday, April 30, 2022

Purgatorial Society  
Diana and Tom Stackiewicz



Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29

## Pray for the Sick

Maria Wanger	Adrienne Harker
Jeannine Tedeschi	Anna Canale
Rosemarie Vane	Michael D'Arpino
Richard Fedyk	

## Pray for the Deceased

Victor Durso  
William P. Smith, Jr.  
Francis Pittelli  
John P. Connor

## Altar Candles

The Altar Candles used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of Margaret Hampel from the Marino Family

## Sanctuary Candles

The Sanctuary Candles used at Mass this week have been donated for the intentions of The Valdez and LeGoff Families

# Thank You

What a glorious Holy Week it was and what a gift, that after two years of restricted gatherings, that we were all able to be together once again!

Preparing for Easter is no easy task - there are hours of planning, practicing, teaching, set-up, and prayer that go into putting the elements of this special week into place, and I cannot thank everyone enough for their hours of faithful service.



Thank you to everyone who participated in all aspects of our liturgies: our altar servers - many of whom were experiencing these celebrations for the first time as we "return to normal", lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, everyone involved in our music ministry, and of course, our ushers. As I've said before, the hardest job in the Church is being an Usher on Easter Sunday, and with so many people returning to mass, this rang especially true this year.



I am grateful to our staff who helped prepare for the week in a myriad of ways - from planning, to decorating, coordinating rehearsal times, and the physical set-up of our celebrations. I'd like to say a special thank you to our sacristans for ensuring things ran smoothly between the Church and the Auditorium, and especially Kathy, who oversaw the set-up for the masses in both locations.

We are blessed by the presence and ministry of Deacon Tony, Deacon John, Deacon Mike, and Deacon Joe and I'm grateful to them for all they did both "behind the scenes" and during our celebrations.

During the Easter Vigil, we embraced seven candidates from the RCIA program as they were initiated into the Church. It is a great joy to welcome them into the St. William the Abbot family and I'm thankful to Dr. Metzdorff and all those involved in our RCIA program for guiding them through their journey!

Most especially, I'd like to thank all of you for your presence, your prayers, and your generosity through the Lenten season and Easter. It was humbling and inspiring to see all of you and your families.

I wish you all a joyful and blessed Easter season!

*Fr. Joe*



- A Message from Fr. James -

My friends,

"He is risen! Truly, He has risen! Alleluia!"

After praying and speaking with spiritual confidants, brother priests who have known and cared for me over the years, I have decided to take some time off from public ministry. Bishop Barres, Father Joe, my family, and friends have supported my decision. Although I am sad that I will not be with you for some time, I am at peace and know that the Lord is inviting me to take some time to reflect on my life as a Christian and as a priest.

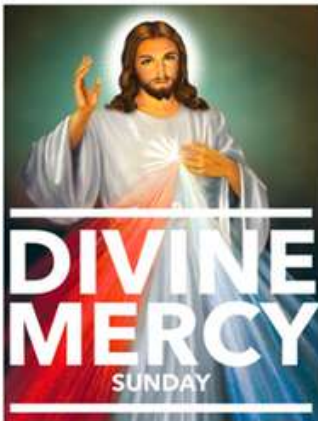
The joys and the struggles of priestly life these past seven years have been an incredible learning experience for me. I never thought priestly life would be so tough and yet so beautiful. What makes it beautiful is you – the person reading these few lines right now – I thank you for your witness and for your faith.

Jesus tells us that if we do not pick up our cross daily and follow Him, we are not worthy of Him. I do not believe I am running away from my cross, but rather asking for the opportunity and time to better understand my vocation as a son of God and a follower and priest of Jesus Christ.

All of you will be in my daily prayers; please remember me too.

God willing, I will be back at the altar of St. William to offer His praises with you.

Until then, you have my love & gratitude,  
Father James



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*"Mercy is heartfelt sympathy for another's distress, impelling us to support them if we can. For mercy takes its name - misericordia - from denoting a person's compassionate heart for another's unhappiness."*

*St. Thomas Aquinas*

The human experience brings us to several situations that can test our hearts, but none is more challenging than when we encounter brokenness and sin in the world. Jesus came to heal that and loved in such a way that was rejected by the culture and world but embraced by a loving Father in heaven. Jesus' journey to the cross forces us to make a decision – we are either all in or all out.

In the confusion that took place following the crucifixion, the apostles fearfully hid in the upper room – their faith tested. They were scared, shamed, confused, but none of that could keep their loving savior away from them. When Jesus entered the room of those who left him at his most difficult moment, he did not react with what could be a common human experience which would be to express anger to those who deny and betray us. No, Jesus shows Divine Mercy, and the first thing he says to them is "peace be with you". His greeting disarms them – relaxes them and reminds them how much they are loved. That lasting peace is something we all desire for our hearts, our families, and our world. That peace helps us to be like those first Apostles and bring the message of peace and hope to the world.

In that spirit of Divine Mercy, I would ask that we all pray in a special way for Father James, who we love so much and has loved us. He is a favored and beloved son of God and may this time allow him to reconnect and recharge.

- Fr. Joe

# Rectory News

## Wedding Banns



### Banns I

Kaitlin Bucola, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Brooklyn  
& Michael Cunningham, St. Patrick's, Brooklyn

### Banns III

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

Erin Mannix, St. William the Abbot  
& Brent Ferraro, St. Patrick's R. C. Church, Bay  
Shore

## 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.**

## LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

Join us online to view our live-streamed masses on the parish website [stwilliam.org](http://stwilliam.org).

**Monday - Friday 8:30 AM**

**Saturday 5:00 PM**

**Sunday 12:00 PM**



**Our Mother's Day Novena of Masses will begin on Mother's Day, May 8th.**

**Cards and envelopes for the Mother's Day Novena of Masses are available at the doors of the Church and in the Rectory. If you would like to have your living mother remembered, kindly take a donation envelope and card. If you would like to have your deceased mother remembered, please use a donation envelope only. Please place all donation envelopes in the collection basket or return them to the Rectory.**

## Email List

Please register on the parish website if you are not currently on our email list and would like to receive the weekly bulletin and email updates on parish news.

**[www.stwilliam.org](http://www.stwilliam.org)**

## 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.

## 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.

## Pillar of Service

How do you show others that you believe that Jesus rose from the dead? Do your actions say, "I am a believer. I am a Christian?" This week, make your actions align with your beliefs.

## 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 Monday through Saturday.



*~ Save the Date ~*

**FEAST OF  
ST. WILLIAM  
THE ABBOT**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH**

**4 PM**

**OUTDOOR MASS ON  
FRONT LAWN OF THE RECTORY**

**5 PM - 11 PM**

**FEAST BEHIND  
SCHOOL**

**FOOD · MUSIC · GAMES · ACTIVITIES**

*More Details to Follow!*

[STWILLIAM.ORG](http://STWILLIAM.ORG)

# Purgatorial Society

Jane Courtien, Mary Carlucci, Raymond Patrick Sipperley, Jean Marie Mapplebeck, Myron Martinetion, Stephen R. Ward.

Gordon Hinds, Margaret Barrett, Frank Flanagan, Kelly Anne Groom, Girolamo Dalessandro, Thomas Dredger, Colleen Mary Arena, Miriam Nagle, Mary E. Lally, John J. Wilcox, Thomas F. Quinn, Gasper DiPeri.

Linda Annett, John Arcese, Joseph Attanassio, Hank Brehl, Frank Cannata, Catherine J. D'Arco, Steve Delvaney, Douglas Evely, Anthony Farraye, Doug Kind, Marie Largaste, Camille McMahan, Maria Milovcic, Teresa Murphy, Nora Nangle, James Newhook, Joanne Parasole, Madeline Pellegrino, LeeAnn Rosner, John Searing, Claire Whalen, Catherine Williams, Maureen Van der Waag, Sonia Calamia, Kathy Van-Norman, George Cangero, Russell T. Dackow, Richard Marschean.

Joan A. Carey, Linda Iwanski, Connie Leto, Howard Conklin, Theresa Amalfitano, Grace Lettieri, Donald Clark, Rose and Gerald S Attanasio, Joseph Attanasio, Alex Effio, Jeremy Mendoza, Kenneth J. Bowe, Pedro Perez, Cindy Agosta.

Gerry Palmeri, Susan Arnott, Joseph Dragisics, Daniel Cotter, Patricia Blennau, Frank Perniola, Christine Paulson.

Catherine Rancine, Wanda Velez, Francesco Catanzaro, Michael Gubista.

Camille Annunziata, John Brancato, John Brown, Joan Cabble, Carole Corado, Charles Corsitto, Frank Cottone, Pat Crispi, Anthony Donofrio, Hedwig Oma Flori, Frank Gagliano, Lorraine Kelly, Frank Kimick, Jr. Lina Lalicata, Wilfred Lugo, Michael Maher, Irene Matthewson, Anthony Naples, Anna Neglia, Norma J. Paoli, Joseph Rapisardi, Edward F. Restivo, Ann Santoni, Dominick Saurato, Charles Tonna, Anne M. Tucker, Robert Perryman, Edward Golemme, Mauro DiCillis, Michael DeMeo, Irene Mandra, Patricia Keene, Eunice Huiso, Peggy Finnerty, Patricia Mink, Frank Blue

## 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 7

Grade 7th has been working on a food unit in Spanish. In our state of the art computer lab, students created original menus, which included, breakfast, lunch, dinner, drinks and desserts items. They did a phenomenal job!



# Grade 8

8-1 enjoying the beautiful Spring weather by reading their books outside!



# Parish Social Ministry

## HEAP - Extended Through April 29th

The application deadlines for regular and emergency HEAP have been extended through April 29th, 2022. HEAP is the Home Energy Assistance Program, which helps low-income individuals and families pay for the cost of heating their homes. Eligibility and benefits are based on multiple criteria such as income, household size and heating source. If you are eligible, you may receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year. You could also be eligible for emergency HEAP benefits if you are in danger of running out of fuel or having your utility service shut off. For more information, or to apply, visit: <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/>.

## Pantry Needs

Canned Tuna	Hearty Soups
Canned Chicken	White Rice
Laundry Detergent	Pasta Sauce

## Free Counseling Available

NY Project Hope is offering free, confidential, and anonymous counseling for those struggling with issues during COVID. They will assist with anything from economic hardships to behavioral health issues. Crisis counselors are available to provide self-help tips and a plan to assist individuals to become their own advocates. Many resources are available to help people bear the burden of the uncertainty and anxiety of these unusual times. Beginning June 15th a weekly Google Meet will be available to discuss how to manage stress during COVID. For more information, please call the Social Ministry office.



## Looking for Work? Job Fair April 28th

Many businesses in the area are currently hiring! If you are looking for a job, consider attending the Town of Hempstead Job Fair on Thursday, April 28th at the Freeport Recreation Center. General admission is open from 10:30 am until 3 pm. There will be over 25 businesses there, so bring your resume! Some companies attending are PSEG, the Garden City Hotel, NY Community Bank, NYS Troopers, NICE Bus, Fidelis Care, Stony Brook University, the US Navy, plus local hospitals, labs and staffing companies! For more information or to register for the fair, visit [www.HempsteadWorks.com](http://www.HempsteadWorks.com), or call 516-485



## Volunteer Spotlight - Keith Glastal, Extraordinary Minister

Parishioner Keith Glastal is a St. William's Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. Keith has been a parishioner at St. William's for over 50 years, and received his First Communion and Confirmation at the Parish. Keith started as an Extraordinary Ministry about 7 years ago, visiting 4 homebound seniors at Cedar Cove in Seaford. Over time, Keith's relationship with the Cedar Cove community has grown significantly, and today he brings the Eucharist to over 20 seniors there on a weekly basis! Keith also assists the Social Ministry office during the holidays by delivering seasonal packages to his friends at Cedar Cove. For Easter, Keith delivered gift bags of chocolate crosses, prayer booklets and greeting cards to 25 homes! Keith's selfless devotion to our neighbors at Cedar Cove is a true gift to the community and Parish. We are so lucky to have him at St. Williams!



## Donation Spotlight - "Take Me Out to the Ballgame"

The Parish Social Ministry received a very special Easter delivery from local charity 'Take Me Out to the Ballgame.' On April 12th parishioners Frank and Maryanne DiGregorio delivered over 20 hams to our food pantry on behalf of the charity, all of which immediately went out to families in need for their Easter dinners! The mission of 'Take Me Out to the Ballgame' is to improve the quality of life for children in need through interactive family activities, and by providing the tools they need to thrive at home, at school and at play. We are so grateful to Frank, Maryanne and the Take Me Out to the Ballgame organization for their generosity and ongoing support of our ministry!





# Easter Vigil

At the Easter Vigil we welcomed Lindsey Ondris, Brooke Finkelstein, and Akash Janonandan to the Catholic Faith, having received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. The following also completed their Sacraments of initiation receiving Confirmation and Eucharist: Lisa Neenan, Sandra Galluzzi, Michael Callahan, and Gabrielle Arato. Lisa's son Connor Neenan also received his First Holy Communion that night. Congratulations to all of them and their families and sponsors.

Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic or completing their Sacraments please contact Jo-Ann Metzdorff at [rcia@stwilliam.org](mailto:rcia@stwilliam.org).



## St. William the Abbot Sharks Swim Team

The St. William the Abbot Sharks Swim Team recently won the Catholic Schools Division A Championship! Several of the swimmers even set CYO/Team records. Fr. Joe attended the meet and led the team in an opening prayer and is believed to be the team's good luck charm!! Go Sharks!



## SWS First Grade Boys Little League Team

Seaford Little League recently had their opening day. It was a great day and the kids really enjoyed being in the parade.



## 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 and Hosts, Altar Candles, Sanctuary Candle and Altar Flowers. Please call the Rectory for more information - 516-785-1266.

# Consider Automated Giving

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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.

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## 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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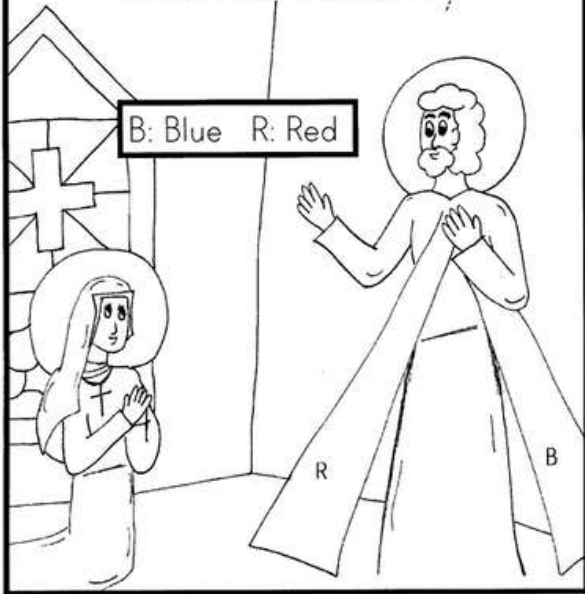
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# Saint Faustina

Jesus appeared to Saint Faustina and asked her to paint a picture of Jesus with the words, "Jesus, I trust in You."

She taught people about Divine Mercy. Divine means God. Mercy means forgiveness.

## Divine Mercy



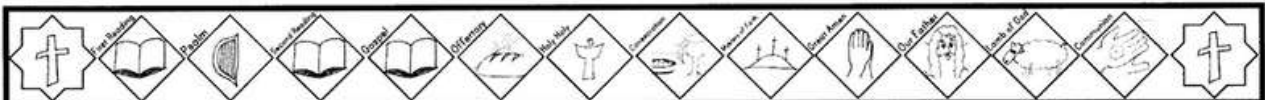
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# Catholic Kids Bulletin

April 24, 2022  
Sunday of Divine Mercy  
Color: White

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Learn part of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."



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# Gospel

Jesus rose from the dead and visited the disciples. Thomas didn't believe his friends when they told him about it. Jesus appeared to Thomas and said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

# Connect with the Parish & School

## PRIESTS

Fr. Joseph H. Fitzgerald  
Pastor

Fr. James Hansen  
Associate Pastor

Please send your email to [priests@stwilliam.org](mailto: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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to contact one of the Deacons.

## BUSINESS MANAGER

Judy Goldman

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Sue McCormick

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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](mailto:faithformation@stwilliam.org)  
or contact the office directly at (516) 783-2528.

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

Allison Marro

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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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## Staying Connected

Visit us at [stwilliam.org](http://stwilliam.org) to view our bulletin online,  
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YouTube: Find us at:  
[YouTube.com — St. William the Abbot Church](https://www.youtube.com/StWilliamtheAbbotChurch)

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## 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.