

# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 13, 2022



### 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

Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." - Luke 6: 20

#### Rectory Office Closed

The Rectory Office will be closed on Thursday, February 17th and Friday, February 18th due to scheduled maintenance in the building.

If there is an emergency, please call the Priest Emergency telephone- 516-312-7361.

### 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

#### Pray for the Deceased

Daniel Tigar	Patricia A. McArdle
Daniel J. Cotter	James P. Beadle, Jr.
Robert S.. Cleven	Charles A. Tonna

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, February 13, 2022

Helen and Loretta Power  
People of St. William's  
Joanna Colton  
Richard Rogers

#### Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Keith Mastrinardi

#### Thursday, February 17, 2022

Charles OK Pannenberg (liv)

#### Monday, February 14, 2022

Collective Intentions  
George Stephan  
Domenico D'Armi  
Susan M.Coyle  
James Maguire

#### Friday, February 18, 2022

Patricia Grieco

#### Saturday, February 12, 2022

Frank Vetere  
Lawrence Mead  
Jerry Laurino  
Steven Minogue

#### Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Thomas Martin

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of

*Patricia J. Grieco*

From The Viggiano Family

#### Pray for the Sick

Adrienne Hacker  
Annmarie Canale  
John Klrby

# “Which Voice Do We Listen To?”

I don't really understand the whole concept of Groundhog's Day. I always get confused on whether or not the Groundhog sees their shadow or doesn't see their shadow, or if it means more winter or closer to spring. But I can tell you last week was a blessing because most of that snow disappeared on us. And even though the days only warmed up a tiny bit, there was a sense of hope that springtime is going to come soon. The days are getting just a little bit longer, and on the horizon will be fair weather once again. This weekend we enter into a Gospel that we are very familiar with. It's Luke's version of the Beatitudes, also known as the Sermon on the Plain, meaning a flat surface. Jesus addresses the faithful with the voice of the shepherd, the voice of the lion, the voice of God. Do you recognize that there are many voices and distractions going after our heart? So which voice will we yield to?

For the sports fans out there, we know that this weekend is the Super Bowl and last weekend was the official start to the Winter Olympics and the NHL All Star game. We live in a world that very much lifts up and glorifies professional athletes, and our young people strive to have that kind of success - with the dream of one day winning a championship, or a gold medal. It takes great work to compete at that level, and sacrifice that not everyone is willing to commit to. It takes a personality and a drive, and willingness to do “just about anything” to not only compete, but to win! The world we live in is very focused on the winners, the strongest.

The Gospel today reveals a life path very different than our modern culture's way to live. I often think of what St. Paul said, “I will show you an even better way to live.” I remember reading a sermon Pope Saint John Paul II said one time that spoke to this concept. For those who feel a fatigue in our hearts when we are trying to be mindful of those who are vulnerable – the young and the old; for those who feel frustrated by mandates, and masks, and vaccines, and boosters; for those who – even at times when it is hard, try to live for the other – and are aware of other people's rights and needs, and not always so focused on SELF, I give you this short excerpt:

***“Blessed are you!” he says, “all you who are poor in spirit, gentle and merciful, you who mourn, who care for what is right, who are pure in heart, who make peace, you who are persecuted! Blessed are you!” But the words of Jesus may seem strange. It is strange that Jesus exalts those whom the world generally regards as weak. He says to them, “Blessed are you who seem to be losers, because you are the true winners: the kingdom of heaven is yours!” Spoken by him who is “gentle and humble in heart” (Mt 11:29), these words present a challenge which demands a deep and abiding metanoia (“conversion”) of the spirit, a great change of heart.***

***You will understand why this change of heart is necessary! Because you are aware of another voice within you and all around you, a contradictory voice. It is a voice which says, “Blessed are the proud and violent, those who prosper at any cost, who are unscrupulous, pitiless, devious, who make war not peace, and persecute those who stand in their way.” And this voice seems to make sense in a world where the violent often triumph and the devious seem to succeed. “Yes,” says the voice of evil, “they are the ones who win. Happy are they!”***

And, are “they” so happy? Those who serve only themselves? My Grandmother once told us a story that the difference between what heaven and hell look like is not much at all. In fact, she explained that heaven and hell had a long table with a lavish meal right in the middle of it. On that table was most sumptuous and delicious food and drink, on both sides of the table people are just sitting there, miserable faces, and not eating at all. We would ask her – “why Grandma”? She told us their elbows did not turn in so they could not feed themselves – the elbow joint bent out a different way, and they were all miserable. But in heaven – it was that same table with sumptuous food, laughter, eating and drinking – because the people sitting at that table also have their elbows facing the wrong way they were conscious and aware of the needs of their neighbors, and they fed one another. We know that there are voices and movements in our heart that can bring us to selflessness and sacrifice, like Jesus – but there is also a tendency to be self-centered and selfish. In our Christian journey the key is to know the difference, to discern the spirit and the voice of Love, and then to choose the right one. Blessed are they who choose correctly!

As you are aware we were hit with that big snowstorm two weeks ago, and the Mass attendance was down significantly, I want to thank so many of you who were so generous in last week's collection in order for us to make up some of the shortfall – I am so grateful for your presence and generosity.

Have a great week. Peace,



# Rectory News

## 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.

## 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

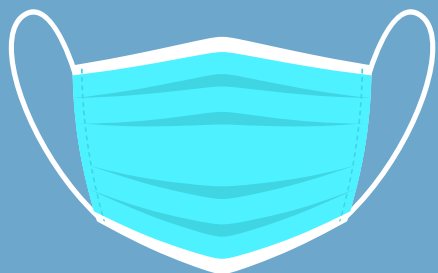
Join us online to view our live-streamed masses on the parish website [stwilliam.org](http://stwilliam.org).

**Monday - Friday 8:30 AM**

**Saturday 5:00 PM**

**Sunday 12:00 PM**

## Arrive Early & Wear Your Mask



**For the safety of all the community, staff, & Clergy. Face Masks will be required.**

We do ask that everyone arrive early so that we can everyone seated before the start of Mass. We ask that all parishioners wear their mask covering their nose and mouth at all times while inside the church.

## 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](mailto:information@stwilliam.org).



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](mailto:priests@stwilliam.org) if you wish to share your gifts with the youth of our community.

## 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](mailto:information@stwilliam.org)

## 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.



The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will continue our immense Telethon tradition this year! This exciting event will commence on Saturday, February 26th from 2 – 10 PM and continue through Sunday, February 27th from 12 – 10 PM. Guaranteed to be the most engaging telethon to date, the entertainment will continue with many surprise guests along with our on-air family that you have come to know. Please join the excitement, and consider pledging! There is no help too small or none too large, every bit does count tremendously. The process is easy, you can pledge securely online by visiting [www.CFNtv.org](http://www.CFNtv.org) or by scanning the QR Code below, using a smartphone or any smart device. We know we can continue to count on you, as we always have!

CFN is available throughout the Tri-State Area on Optimum, channel 29/137; Verizon FiOS TV channel 296; Spectrum, channel 162/471. Additionally, you can tune in nationwide on the following streaming services – Amazon Fire TV, Samsung Smart TV, Roku, Android TV, and Apple TV.

## Palms

Anyone who would like to bring in their palms from last year to be burned for Ash Wednesday is asked to do so this weekend. Please place them in the box located by the church doors.





# St. William the Abbot 95th Anniversary

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In honor of the 95th Anniversary, please join us in participating in a historical journey in time. Please send in your photos of Sacramental moments in the church or on the church grounds.

Please email your photos to [priests@stwilliam.org](mailto:priests@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  
Tech. Sgt. Karl Muench  
Major Thomas F. Shields

### US Coast Guard -

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

### US Army -

Capt. Caitlin M. Lee  
Sgt. 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  
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



**ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH**

95<sup>th</sup>  
*Anniversary  
Gala Ball*



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**SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2022**

**5PM**

**95TH ANNIVERSARY MASS  
IN THE CHURCH**

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**Then join us for the  
Anniversary Gala Ball  
at 6:00 pm  
Memorare Knights of Columbus  
2183 Jackson Ave. Seaford**

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**Cost is \$95 per person**

**Dress Code - Formal & Jackets are required.**

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# ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH



## 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Ball



**Saturday, March 12, 2022**

**Cost is \$95 per person**

**6:00 pm**

**Memorare Knights of Columbus**

**2183 Jackson Ave. Seaford**

- Get together your family & friends

- Set up a table of 12

- Choose a table Captain, place their name on the registration form below

-If you don't have a group to sit with, not a problem, we will find you a fun table to sit at

**Seating is limited, all RSVP's must be in by March 4th**

### 95TH ANNIVERSARY GALA BALL - REGISTRATION FORM

First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ # of People: \_\_\_\_\_

Table Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please return the registration form to the rectory with payment - cash or check.**

# ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH

95th Anniversary  
Gala Ball

## St. William the Abbot Families



*Be apart of our history!*

### WAYS TO BE APART OF THE 95TH ANNIVERSARY JOURNAL

- CONSIDER PUTTING A MESSAGE FOR THE PARISH

-CONSIDER PUTTING A MESSAGE FOR SCHOOL

- CONSIDER SUBMITTING A FAMILY AD OF YOUR FAMILY, EVEN SEND IN A PHOTO

- CONSIDER HONORING A PAST PRIEST OR CURRENT PRIEST

- CONSIDER AN AD TO REMEMBER A LOVED ONE WHO WAS APART OF THE PARISH

- OWN A BUSINESS, CONSIDER A BUSINESS AD

- HAVE A STUDENT AT THE SCHOOL, CONSIDER A NAME LISTING

- IS THERE A SPECIAL TEACHER OR STAFF MEMBER YOU WOULD LIKE TO HONOR

NEED HELP IN PUTTING YOUR JOURNAL AD TOGETHER?

END IN YOUR REQUESTS TO [PRIESTS@STWILLIAM.ORG](mailto:PRIESTS@STWILLIAM.ORG), WE CAN PUT THE AD TOGETHER FOR YOU

**ALL JOURNAL ADS ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 11TH**

**PLEASE EMAIL [PRIESTS@STWILLIAM.ORG](mailto:PRIESTS@STWILLIAM.ORG)**



# ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH

## 95th Anniversary Gala Ball



### Journal AD FORM

PLEASE CONSIDER PUTTING A MESSAGE OR AD IN OUR JOURNAL BOOKLET.

### Gala Sponsor Opportunities

- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$5,000 Principle Sponsor** - Receives the inside front cover of the official Gala Journal, 10 tickets to the Gala, VIP seating with Pastor Fr. Joe Fitzgerald and another special guest.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$3,000 - Signature Sponsor** - Receives the outside back cover of the official Gala Journal and 10 tickets to the Gala, VIP seating with two special guests.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$2,000 - Elite Sponsor** - Receives the inside back cover of the official Gala Journal and 6 tickets to the Gala and VIP seating with two special guests.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$1,000 - Gold Journal Page Sponsor** - Full page AD, front positioning in the Journal, and sponsor a Priest, Seminarian, or Religious.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$750 - Silver Journal Page Sponsor** - Full page AD, secondary positioning in the Journal, and sponsor a Priest, Seminarian, or Religious.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$500 - Full Page Journal AD**                      \_\_\_\_\_ **\$175 - Quarter Page Journal**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$300 - Half Page Journal AD**                      \_\_\_\_\_ **\$50 - Official Name Listing in the Journal**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$95 - Sponsor a Priest, Seminarian, or Religious to attend the Gala.**

### 95TH ANNIVERSARY JOURNAL AD FORM

Journal Ads are due no later than February 11, 2022.

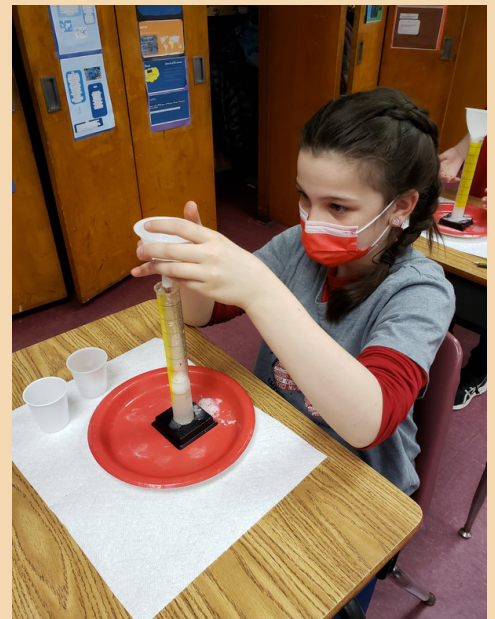
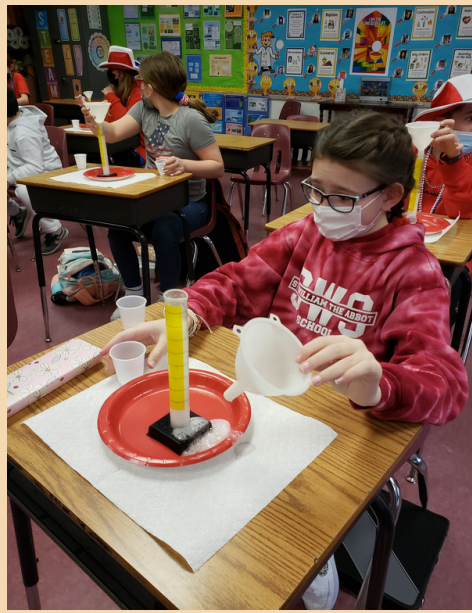
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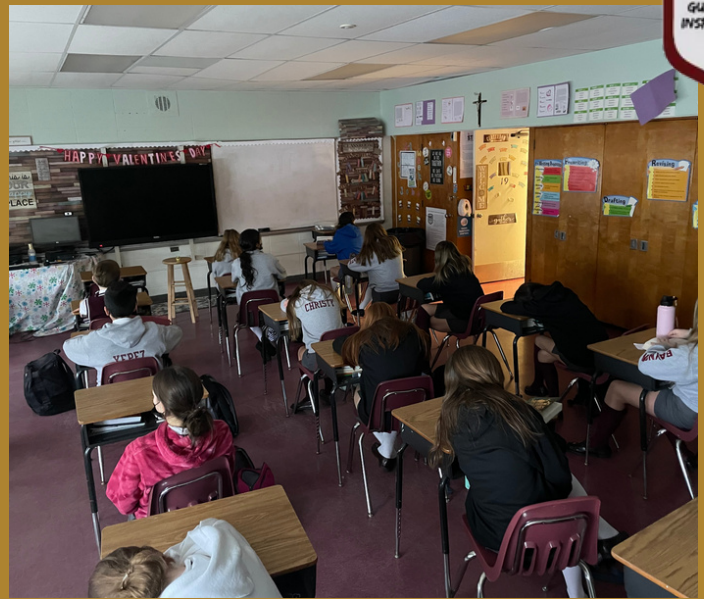
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Mrs. Franks's fifth grade science class mixed substances together to observe chemical reactions in action. They were able to see a chemical change right in front of their eyes. The new substance had a color change, smelled different, and had a temperature change. Sure signs of a chemical change!



Class 8-1 begins their week and most religion classes reflecting on the daily readings. We set aside time from the busy week and fast-moving schedule to quiet our minds and hearts. We begin our prayer time by clearing our physical space and listening to calm instrumental music. We use the daily readings feature on the AMEN app by Augustine Institute. The class sits in silent prayer time as they listen to the readings being read to them. After the readings are over, the app leads the students through a guided reflection that urges them to think about what God is saying to them through the day's readings, and how they can use their talents to be a gift to others. The reflection encourages the students to have an open conversation with God. When asked about this prayer time, the 8th graders said they felt more at peace and comforted by the fact they were able to spend time with God during their eventful days. The exposure to scripture motivates the 8th graders to live out their day nourished by God's word.



# Parish Social Ministry

## Project Hope - Support Groups

Project Hope is hosting many free programs and support groups in February and March. Meetings are online and cover topics such as individual and family wellness, family coping activities, support for kids in quarantine, support for COVID long haulers, and dealing with loss of a loved one due to the pandemic. For more information regarding any of these groups please call our office at 516-679-8532.

## Spring Bereavement Group begins March 23rd

If you or someone you know would be interested in attending our Spring bereavement group, please call the office to register. Sessions will begin in March and space is limited! In addition, there are specialized bereavement groups in the area for survivors of suicide loss and bereaved parents. For more information about these sessions call us at 516-679-8532.

## Donation Spotlight

Thank you to the Seaford Lions for inviting the St. William the Abbot Parish Social Ministry to attend their February meeting to speak about the outreach programs that we provide. The Seaford Lions have been a long time supporters of the Social Ministry office. Most recently, the Lions made a substantial donation of gift cards to our Christmas Adopt-a-Family program. These gift cards are so helpful for the families we serve, empowering them to purchase necessities for their families. Thank you, Seaford Lions, for your unwavering kindness, support and generosity! We are so grateful!



## 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.

## Pantry Needs

Brown Rice  
Canned Chickpeas  
Raisins

Canned Beans  
Pretzels  
Mustard

## Senior Housing Available

Catholic Charities currently has openings for low-income senior apartments at St. Anne's Garden in Brentwood (age 60 and over) and St. Hedwig's Garden in Floral Park (age 62 and over). If you or someone you know may be interested, call 516-486-1000

## Used Clothing & 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!

## Homeowners Assistance Fund — still open!

The NYS Homeowners Assistance Fund is still taking applications for programs to help low/moderate income homeowners that are financially impacted by COVID 19 and are behind on mortgage payments, property taxes and water or sewer bills. Eligibility requirements are based upon household income and delinquency status of existing housing payments. To apply call 1-844-77-NYHAF or visit the HAF website at <https://www.nyhomeownerfund.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 as he will place your host in a pyx.

## Homebound

Do you know someone who is homebound or lonely? Please let us know so we can reach out to them in the spirit of Christ. Perhaps they need someone to food shop for them. Please call (516) 679-8532.





# Catholic Kids Bulletin

February 13, 2022  
Ordinary Time  
Color: Green



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Blessed are  
they who  
hope in the  
Lord.

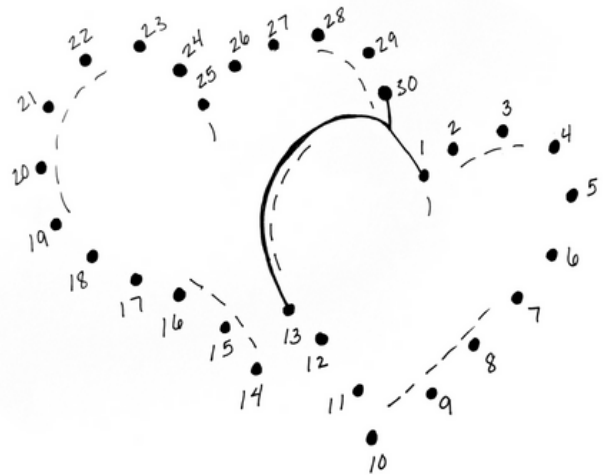
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When we say, "And with your spirit," we remember that God is working through the priest to offer Mass.

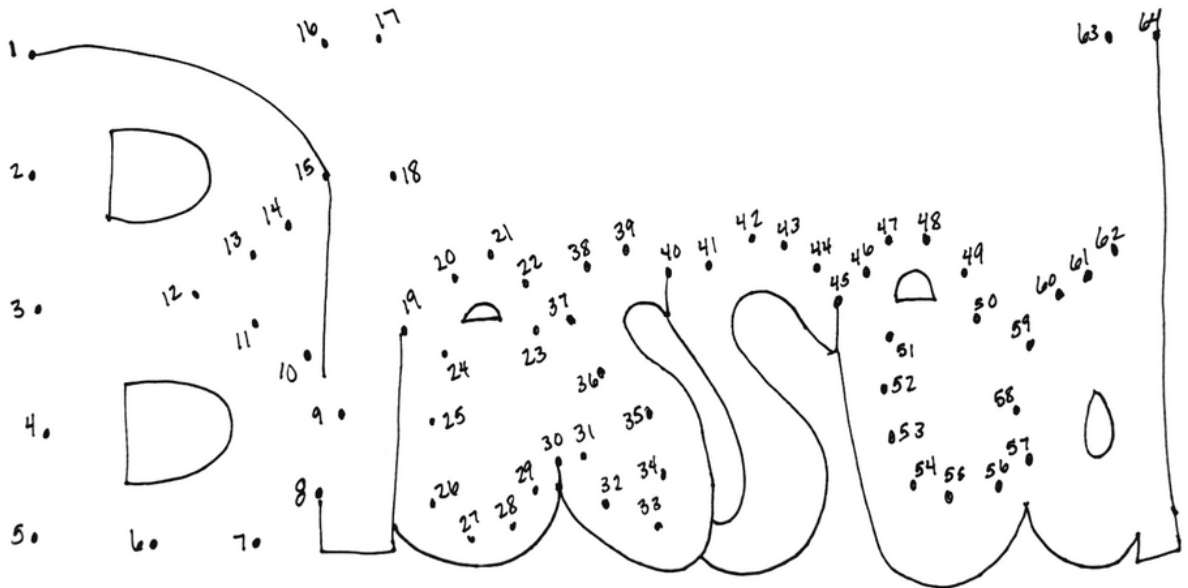
# Saint Valentine



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Saint Valentine is the patron saint of love.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
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J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	



# Gospel

Jesus taught his disciples how to live a good life. This lesson is called the Sermon on the Mount.

# Connect with the Parish & School

## CONTACT THE 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.

## CONTACT THE DEACONS

**Dcn. Anthony Cedrone**

**Dcn. John Lynch**

**Dcn. Michael Metzdorff**

**Dcn. Joseph Tumbarello**

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

## CONTACT THE BUSINESS MANAGER

**Judy Goldman**  
Business Manager

Please send your email to [jgoldman@stwilliam.org](mailto:jgoldman@stwilliam.org).

## QUESTIONS FOR THE RECTORY

**Sue McCormick**  
Office Manager

Please send your email to [information@stwilliam.org](mailto:information@stwilliam.org).

## QUESTIONS FOR MUSIC MINISTRY

**Elizabeth Woods**  
Director of Music Ministry

Please send your email to [ewoods@stwilliam.org](mailto:ewoods@stwilliam.org).

## QUESTIONS FOR FAITH FORMATION

**Dr. Jo-Ann Metzdorff and Maria Paguaga**  
Faith Formation Office

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

## QUESTIONS FOR SOCIAL MINISTRY

**Allison Marro**  
Director of Social Ministry

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

## CONTACT THE SCHOOL

**Elizabeth Bricker**  
Principal

**Christine Bendish**  
Assistant Principal

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## CONTACT THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Please send your email to [pastoralcouncil@stwilliam.org](mailto:pastoralcouncil@stwilliam.org).

## Staying Connected

With St. William the Abbot visit us at [stwilliam.org](http://stwilliam.org) to view our bulletin online, presider schedule, and see other parish information.

Facebook: Find us at:  
[stwilliamabbot](https://www.facebook.com/stwilliamabbot)

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 receive email updates on parish news and the bulletin, in your inbox please register on the parish website [stwilliam.org](http://stwilliam.org).



## Emergency Line



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