

# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 20, 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

### 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, February 20, 2022

Emma Ustler

#### Collective Intentions

Bro. Patrick Cahill (liv)  
Rose Moniaci  
Walter J. Dermody  
Mary Carlucci  
People of St. William's  
Karl H. Fuessler

#### Wednesday, February 23, 2022

Patrick Butler

#### Thursday, February 24, 2022

Maureen Fitzgerald

#### Friday, February 25, 2022

James Rooney

#### Saturday, February 26, 2022

Purgatorial Society  
Sandra Valdez-Reilly (liv)  
Antonio Valdez (dec)

#### Monday, February 21, 2022

Diane Troise-Moore

#### Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Collective Intentions  
Joan Tyrrell (liv)  
Genevieve Mitchell  
David Farrell  
May Walsleben



"But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." - Luke 6:27-28

### Baptism

Let us welcome the following children who were recently baptized:

*Abigail Ruth Manning*

### Pray for the Deceased

Baby Meaghan Hope  
Baby Latiqia Hope  
Dominic Scictella  
Pasquale D. Crispi

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated with gratitude:

*We thank you Lord, with all our hearts  
for you have heard our prayers.*

Psalm 138.1

### Pray for the Sick

Adrienne Hacker  
Annmarie Canale  
John Kirby  
Richard Rende

# God's Standards Are Not Like Our Worldly Standards

I once heard that to hold on to a grudge, or even worse, to enact revenge, is like drinking poison with the expectation that the other person would get sick. We live in a world where human beings hurt one another, sometimes intentionally and at other times unintentionally without knowledge. The world is quick to respond to "Defcon 5" with a reaction to strike, or hurt, very often without much thought. We watch senseless acts being committed against victims on the news, on TV shows, and YouTube - horrible events being "liked" on social media and replayed by millions of viewers. Even the buildup on the Ukrainian border of Russian soldiers over a dispute from 30 years ago when the USSR collapsed, and those historical tensions developed decades before that. The rest of the world comments - chooses sides, and in some cases stirs the pot causing more confusion and fighting.

We once again find ourselves reading Jesus' very challenging teaching on forgiveness and pardon. Scripture scholars often speak about how the Gospel of Luke presents the limitless generosity of God; we only have to think of the story of the Prodigal Son. If we were to be honest, this is the truest meaning of Christian love, an overwhelming, never ending, pursuit of a Father for his children. We also know that sin, and our human failures cloud the vision for us as we look upon others, especially those closest to us. How many of us have family stories where a relative (or we ourselves) have done or said something causing a rift or division in the family? "We used to celebrate Thanksgiving with them, but "so and so" did "such and such" and we don't talk to them anymore!" The Gospels have so many examples of Jesus challenging his followers - "although the rest of the world does certain things that they consider to be acceptable, it cannot be that way with you!"

As Catholics, we are called to be different - to be set apart, other than; we are called to be HOLY. Holiness is not perfection, it is grappling and struggling with the things of this world as we journey towards God's Kingdom in heaven. I believe it was Gandhi who once said, "I have read the Gospels, I am moved by the teachings of the Christ, the Messiah, but what prevents me from investigating further is not Christianity, but those who profess to be Christians, but do not live like Christ." A very telling statement. If we are made in the image and likeness of God, then what do people see when they see us? Jesus says in John's Gospel "this is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." So, what do they see? Kindness? Forgiveness? What are the fruits of our life as a disciple of Jesus Christ?

The readings today are extremely challenging - an enemy is pursuing King David, trying to kill him. Throughout this reading we hear that David honors Saul and refuses to kill him, simply because of the dignity bestowed upon Saul from God. Jesus amps up this directive by telling us to love our enemies. If you are like me, to be honest it can be difficult to love those closest to us, and now he expects us to love enemies? Who are our enemies? There can be many "labels" used for those we disagree with or consider enemies and we just fill in the blank. In government and politics, is it the Independents, Democrats, or Republicans? Culturally is it women, or men, homeless or transient, boater or non-boaters? Is it because a person has the same-sex attraction, or they are separated and divorced? Maybe it's based on race, or religion - Black, White, Hispanic, Jewish, Muslim, Protestant - or native born, immigrant, or undocumented? Perhaps because a person openly supports abortion, or is Pro-Life? At one time in our world and culture there were true diplomats and negotiators who were able to be on the polar opposite ends of an issue but had enough respect and honor for the contrary position to engage the other side in civil debate and conversation. We now live in a world and culture where cowards attack with anonymous posts on social media and even old-fashioned letter writing. And Jesus reminds us - to Love them as well.

Each of us has a role to play in this powerful and hopeful message of God's love. You and I may not be called to be on the front lines of diplomacy at the border of Ukraine and Russia, but the peacekeeping and bridgebuilding may happen at your dining room table on Christmas Eve, or in a fourth period algebra class, or the boardroom or break room at work. Are we able to pray for and bless those who hate us, mistreat us, curse us? The rest of the world makes an all-out character assault if we disagree with them on the halftime show of the Super Bowl, or who wears/does not wear a mask, who we vote for, whether we display an America Flag or not, if we "like" a social media post, Coke or Pepsi, Country or Classic Rock, Pope Francis or Pope Benedict, and countless other menial and important issues. The point is, we as Catholic Christians have to be different than the rest of the world - this week we can begin with ourselves, our family, and our parish. Let's be patient, kind, and forgiving, let's work towards peace, calm, and most importantly look through the lens of LOVE. Remember, "the measure with which you measure, will in return be measured out to you."

Thank you for presence and generosity.

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**

## 2023 Mass Intention Book

The 2023 Mass Intention Book will open on Wednesday, February 23rd at 9:30 AM. We are limiting the number of Mass Intention requests to four per person, per visit. The Mass Intention stipend is \$20 for each Mass requested.



## Memorializing

We will begin accepting Memorials for the Wine and Hosts, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Candle and Altar Candles for 2023 on Wednesday, February 23rd at 9:30 AM. We are limiting the number of Memorials requested to four per person, per visit.

## 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).



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.



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.



## 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  
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  
STS1 Thomas Kerley  
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: \_\_\_\_\_

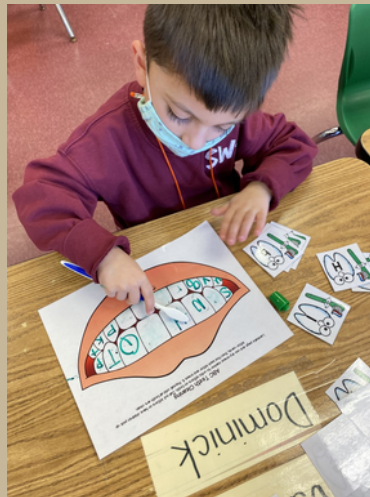
Table Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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





Fifth graders in Mrs. Frank's Science Class practiced finding the mass of objects using the triple beam balance.



February is Dental Health Month! Ms. Alaimo's Pre-K class "brushed their teeth" in a letter identification activity! Students wrote one letter on each tooth, picked a card, and then "brushed" the tooth with the matching letter! Students also used fine motor skills to paint their very own tooth with a toothbrush!



# Parish Social Ministry

## Support Groups for Children

There are support groups available to help children that are grieving the loss of a parent due to death, divorce/separation, deployment, and other traumas. 'Rainbows for all God's Children' is a peer support program to help children sort through and understand their grief, while building relationships with other children that are having the same experiences. Spring sessions begin March 23rd. For registration information call our office at 679-8532.

## Valentine's Day Thank You!

Thank you to all those that participated in the February Homebound Project 'Love One Another.' We received over 200 Valentine's Day cards! Each card contained a message, note or drawing to tell our homebound parishioners that we remember them, and that we care. Thanks to your generosity, multiple cards were mailed out to each of our 65 homebound parishioners, arriving just in time for Valentine's Day! Special thanks to the following groups for their large donations:  
Seaford Harbor 5th grade Girl Scout Troop 3728  
Seaford Manor/SWA 3rd grade Girl Scout Troop 3606  
St. William CYO Sharks Swim Team  
St. William's Prayer Shawl Ministry



## 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

Coffee  
Canned Chicken

Applesauce  
Napkins

## 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!

## Resources for Home Heating Issues

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps New Yorkers pay their energy bills. If you are struggling financially, HEAP may be able to help you heat your home. In addition, the United Way offers an energy assistance program called Project Warmth for families or individuals with a heating crisis during winter months. For more information on available heating programs and resources, please contact the Social Ministry office.

## Donation Spotlight

Thank you to Kellenberg Memorial High School for making our Parish Social Ministry one of the beneficiaries of their February "Souper Bowl" Food Drive. This week Kellenberg students dropped off over 25 boxes of non-perishable food to help the families of our parish. We are so grateful! Thank you Kellenberg students, faculty and families!

## 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.



Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, is not a Holy Day of Obligation and we are not obliged to attend Mass, or to receive ashes.

The reception of blessed ashes by the Catholic faithful as the hallmark of the beginning of the season of Lent remains very important.

We will administer ashes to the faithful by sprinkling the blessed ashes on the top of the head of the recipient. Those receiving ashes are asked to bow slightly to facilitate the sprinkling.

This is the traditional practice of the Roman Rite, and is currently observed in Rome, throughout Europe, and in various other parts of the world. This method, rooted in the scriptural tradition, will allow for ashes to be given easily without making physical contact. Interesting to note is that the Holy Father, Pope Francis, always receives his ashes on Ash Wednesday in this manner!

Mass will be celebrated at: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

There will be no Services on Ash Wednesday this year. The church will be open from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM and a Priest or Deacon will be in church to distribute ashes.

## CYO News

Congratulations to our 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Team - Winners of the 8th Grade C League Championship on Saturday, February 12th at St. Agnes Gym!



## Basketball - 3rd Grade Clinic

St. William's CYO will be holding a Basketball Clinic for girls and boys in the 3rd Grade. The clinic will take place in the St William's Gym for six weeks during March and April. Participants will receive instructions on the basic skills used in basketball. The registration fee for this clinic is \$35.

Registration for the 3rd Grade Basketball Clinic will take place from Sunday, February 20 through Sunday, February 27. Participants should register online at <https://st-williams-cyo.sportssignup.com>.

For more information on this clinic or other CYO programs please contact Bryan Mackay at 516-781-0718.





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.

**Tuesday, February 22, 2022  
at 7:30 pm**

**Pre-registration is Required.**

To receive the ZOOM link, please call  
Suzanne at 516-744-6850  
or email

[westernvicariate@drvc.org](mailto:westernvicariate@drvc.org)  
to register by Monday, Feb. 21.



"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



**Gather. Pray. Listen.**

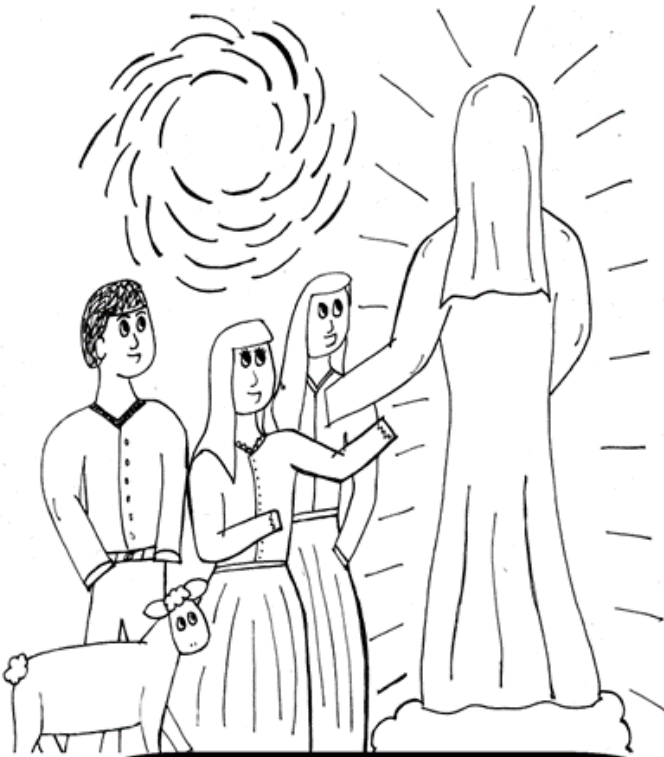
FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

Let's Journey Together!



### Saint Francisco and Jacinta Marto

Saint Francisco and his little sister Jacinta worked as shepherds near Fatima when Mary appeared to them! After they met Mary, they prayed the Rosary every day.



#### Fatima Prayer

Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy. Amen.



### Catholic Kids



February 20, 2022  
Ordinary Time  
Color: Green

Bulletin

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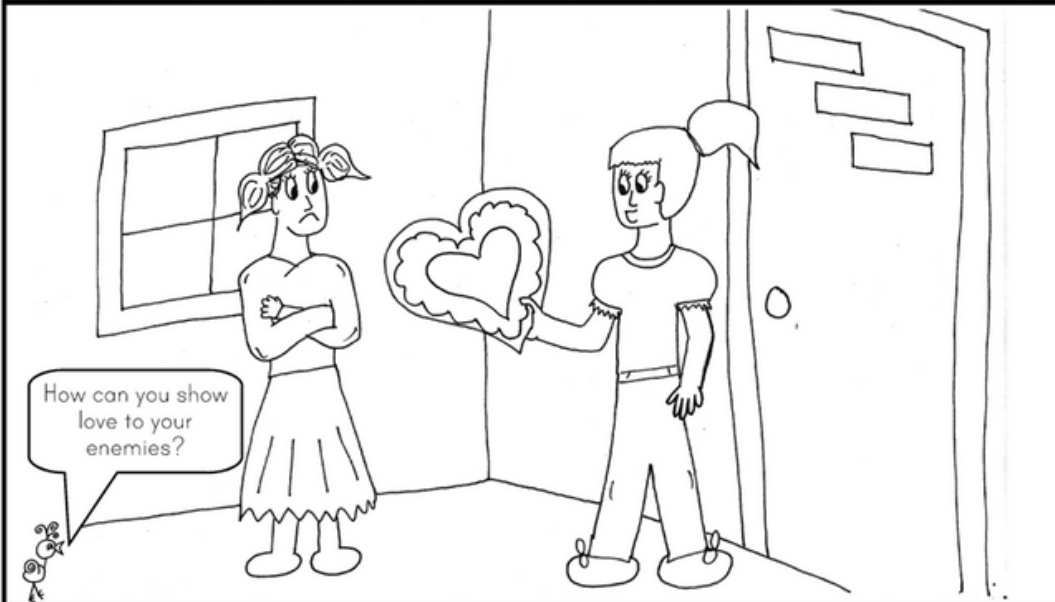
The Lord  
is kind and  
merciful.

PEOITTOISKEKINDOAEKA

BEWOPANDKWAOIKSJHIZDIAKSE



God works through the priest to offer the sacrifice of the Mass. The priest was ordained to get these special graces.



How can you show love to your enemies?



During the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught that we should love everyone, even our enemies.

# 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



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