

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 27, 2022



"And He spoke a parable to them: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher." Luke 6:39-40

PARISH INFORMATION

RECTORY

Office: 516.785.1266
2000 Jackson Avenue
Seaford, NY 11783
stwilliam.org

RECTORY HOURS

Monday - Friday
9 AM - 5 PM
Saturday
9 AM - 3 PM
Sunday
9 AM - 1 PM

Baptism

Let us welcome the following children who were baptized last weekend:

Leah Francis

Landon Kamm

Harper Kaufman

Sienna Laude

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

Pray for the Deceased

Frank Perniola
Carmela Pasquale
Christine Paulson

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 27, 2022

Angela McGrath
Anthony Brennan
Jean Poulin
People of St. William's

Thursday, March 3, 2022

Jeyson Reyes

Friday, March 4, 2022

Karl R. Fuessler

Monday, February 28, 2022

James Florio

Saturday, March 5, 2022

Purgatorial Society
Collective Intentions
Edward Anton Pannenberg
Darlene Zook
Raymond Kennedy
People of St. William's

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Agnes Spelman

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Collective Intentions
Thomas Francis Quinn
Deirdre Neville
Robert Mulcahy
Jeff Saporito
Vincenza D'Attoma

Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in celebration of the 102nd Birthday of Dorothy Meinke from her Loving Family

Altar Candles

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

Pray for the Sick

John Kirby
Richard Rende
Adrienne Harker
Ann Marie Canale

Remove the Plank From Your Eye

The readings this Sunday can prepare us not only for the general spiritual journey of any week, but specifically as we enter the Lenten season. This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday! I know, it's hard to believe that we are here already, beginning this journey into a season of repentance and renewal. How is God challenging us to remove the focus off everyone else – and to refocus on ways for us to grow as a disciple and into a deeper relationship with HIM? It seems like every time my social media feed comes up, there is a new quick fix program on how to be Holy and to get us ready for Lent. In that spirit, I have prepared a few things to think about over the next few days, which may inspire you into taking a step in your Spiritual Journey in these last few days before Lent begins. Let's try to make this our best Lent ever in prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

ABC's of Lenten Transformation 2022

Spiritual "DO's" or Additions

A - Acknowledge God

- Start each day of Lent 2022 recognizing that God has given you one more day on this earth

B - Begin with Gratitude

- Thank God for family, friends, faith, and life's highs and lows

C - Commit to ONE Lenten Devotion or Spiritual Exercise for the Full 40 days

- Perhaps it is daily prayer, Mass, a decade of the rosary, reading scripture – start and finish strong

D - Drive without Distractions

- In the car commit to silence, family conversation, or 95.5 K-Love / Sirius FM 63 The Message

E – Early – Begin Today

- Challenge yourself to wake up 10 minutes earlier and dedicate that time to you and God

Spiritual "DON'T's or Subtractions

A – ALCOHOL

- for many of us the Pandemic became a time when after a long day's work, we came home to a beer or glass of wine, and that 'Happy Hour Habit' has continued – Eliminate totally or limit to one day per week

B – BINGE WATCHING

- "Oh, but Fr. Joe, the next season of Yellowstone, or Ted Lasso, or Cobra Kai, or 'whatever' is being released!" Maybe we need to pull it back a bit on 3 hours of TV for a little "God-Time"

C - CAFFEINE

- "Wait - are you saying I can't have my extra-large Frappe-Mocha-Hazelnut-Almond Milk-Chai Deliciousness each day?" Maybe we cut down to one cup, or no flavors, or we cut it out this Lent

D – DESSERT

-To my fellow Sugar addicts out there – find an accountability partner out there who can challenge you and journey with you into the desert to stay away from the dessert!

E – EXCESS/EXTRA

- We sometimes have a tendency for the second slice of pizza, or pork chop, or cannoli, but for Lent 2022 let's try to leave the table not completely full.

I look forward to seeing you all on Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent. Be patient with yourself. Do challenge, but don't chastise - the Lord is looking for deeper relationship, not perfection. If you stumble, get back on the horse, and pick up where you left off. If you have a major setback, humbly come to confession, and start anew in the sacramental grace, and hope of God's love. Have a great Lent.

Peace,



Rectory News

Wedding Banns I

Juliann-Kate Toohey
St. William the Abbot

&



Patrick Sheehan
St. Mark's, Pittsfield, MA


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.

Lenten Book



The Little Black Books containing prayers and reflections for Lent are available at the doors of the church. We ask that each family take only one copy.

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.

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.



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.

St. William the Abbot 95th Anniversary



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

Purgatorial Society

Patricia Seibert, Peter Jones, Arthur McCauley, Edna Hughes, Julia Sandiford.

Theresa Nortwaich, Joan McKeon, Donato Marrone, Carl Erickson, Charles Randiolo, Andre Vill, Diane Roberts, John Reeves, John Devaney, Lawrence E. Schoenfelder, Edilberto Torres.

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 Attanasio, 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.

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

CONFESSION

PRAYER

FASTING

ROSARY

DIVINE MERCY
CHAPLET

STATIONS OF
THE CROSS

Lent 2022

READ THE BIBLE

MISSION

2022



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

March 2nd, 2022

MASS + 7AM + 9AM + 7PM

ASHES DISTRIBUTED 10AM - 6PM





LENT 2022

SACRIFICE + PRAYER + ALMSGIVING

HOW IS GOD CALLING YOU TO TRANSFORMATION?

LENTEN MISSION:

SWA 95 YEARS OF FAITH

"HOME GROWN"

Monday Nights

3/14 + 3/21 + 3/28

CONFESSION

Monday through Saturday

7:15 - 8:15 AM

Saturday

3:45 - 4:45 PM

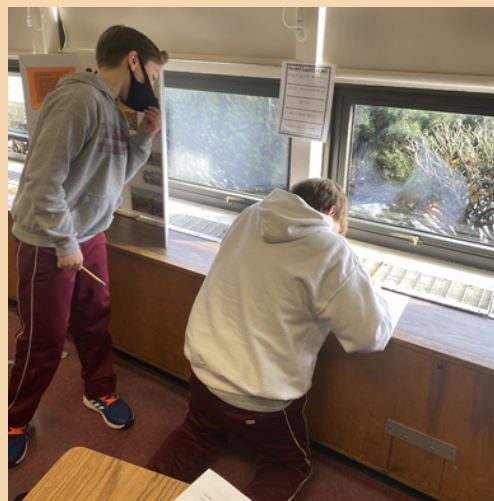
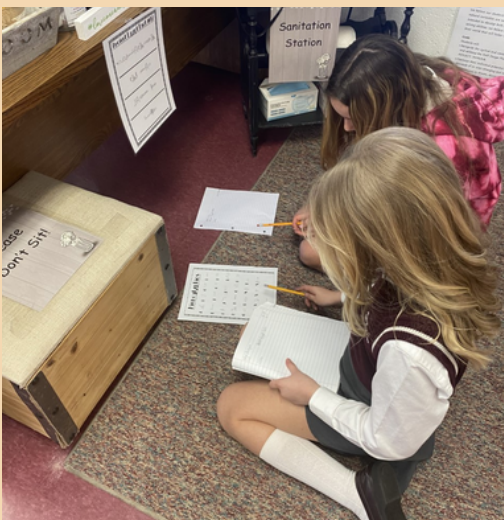
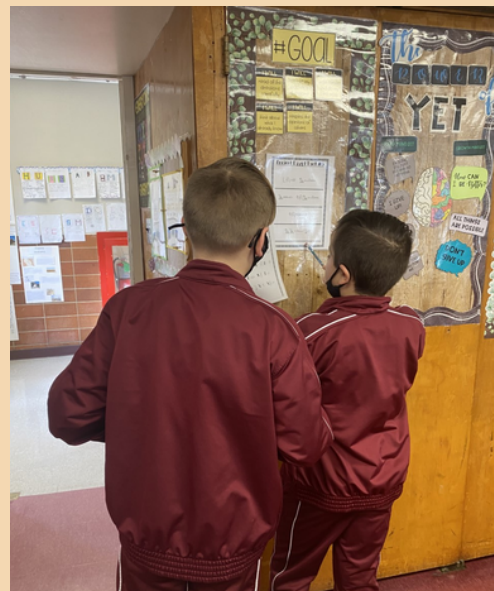
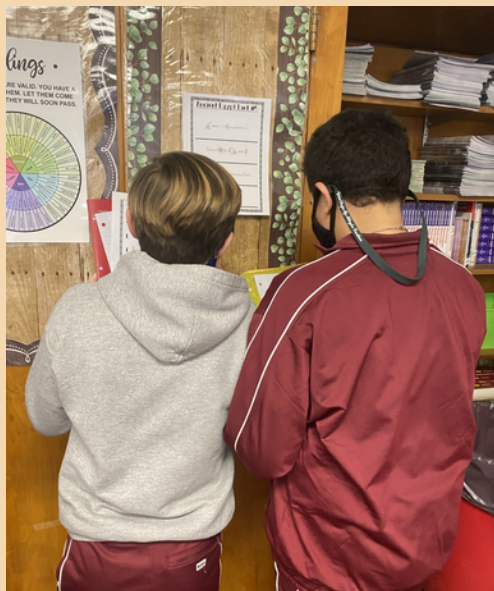
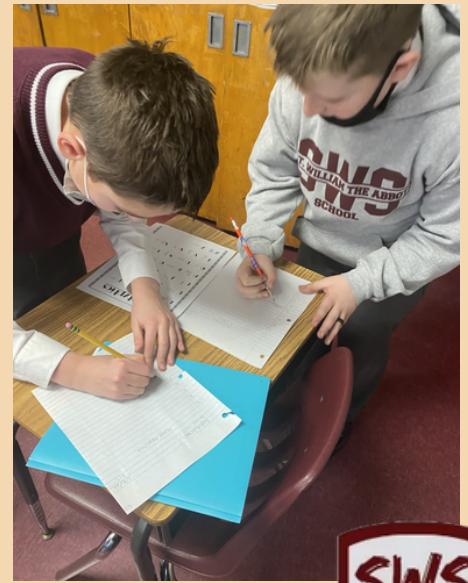
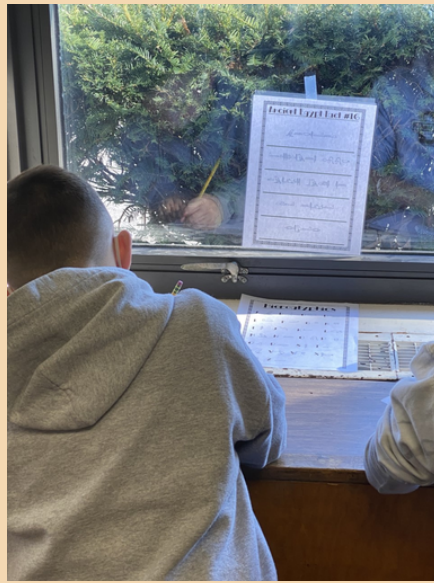
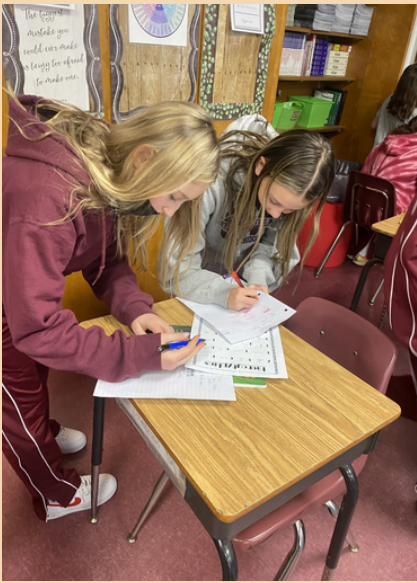


STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday Nights



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Ms. Bongermimo's Sixth Grade Social Studies Class has been learning about Ancient Egypt. They took a deep dive into readings about the Rosetta Stone and how it was used to learn to decode hieroglyphics. Students then went on an expedition to decode their own set of hieroglyphics set up around the room. Each set held a new fact about ancient Egyptians!

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.

Girl Scout Troop 3598 Gives Back!

Thank you so much Girl Scout Troop 3598 for the six cases of girl scout cookies donated to the food pantry this week! Troop 3598 has supported the social ministry office for many years. Its troop members are now at multiple local high schools including Holy Trinity, Kellenberg, St. John the Baptist, Our Lady of Mercy and Farmingdale. Thank you, ladies, for your generous spirit and genuine compassion for those in need! Our parish is lucky to have you!

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.



This Lenten season the '40 Days for Life' organization will be hosting peaceful prayer vigils at the Massapequa Planned Parenthood during their regular business hours. There will be a kickoff event on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, from 10:30 AM-11:30 AM to pray the rosary at Planned Parenthood when it opens at 11:00 AM. The goal is to have individuals praying at the location from March 2nd until April 9th during regular business hours. For more information or to sign up for vigil hours call Paul Arena at 516-848-1562 or go to www.40daysforlife.com/massapequa

Pantry Needs

Jelly
Canned Fruit
Ketchup

Chef Boyardee Canned Pasta
Macaroni and Cheese
Canned Chicken

Behind on Gas/Electric Bills?

If you qualified for HEAP and are struggling with an overdue electric or gas bill, you may be eligible for the Regular Arrears Supplement. This is a one-time benefit available to help with past due utility bills that are in active collections or facing termination of service. Benefits can be as high as \$10k per family! Apply by phone at 800-342-3009 or in-person at the Social Services office.

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

This week we would like to highlight our gratitude for "the regulars!" These guardian angels of the social ministry are donors that come to us every week without fail to bring food, toiletries, and gift cards for those in need. Without their recurring donations, we could not serve the many families that we do! In addition, this week their ongoing generosity allowed us to help two local pantries experiencing a shortage of food. We were able to answer this call for help by supplying them with food and toiletries, thus expanding the local reach of our ministry. Many new families, and especially children, were touched by your generosity this week! So, to all our benefactors...please know that your donations make a concrete positive impact upon the lives of others. We are so grateful!



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 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!

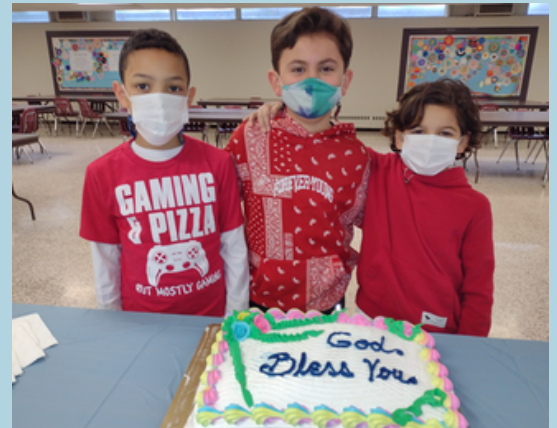
CFN is available throughout the Tri-State Area on Optimum, channel 29/137; Verizon FiOS TV channel 296; Spectrum, channel 162/471. Additionally, you can tune in nationwide on the following streaming services – Amazon Fire TV, Samsung Smart TV, Roku, Android TV, and Apple TV.

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

Baptisms

Early this month two St. William the Abbot School Second Grade students, Hunter Pomales and Kyle Rodriguez, were baptized. The parish also received Logan Esposito and his younger sister, London, into the Catholic Church. A celebration took place following this service.



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.

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH



95th 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.**

Saint Paul Miki

Saint Paul Miki was a Jesuit brother from Japan. He was with a group of 26 people who were teaching about Christianity in Japan.

Saint Paul and the other missionaries were martyred by crucifixion. While he was being killed, he said that he forgave his persecutors and asked them to pray for God to give them happiness.



Year C: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Catholic Kids

February 27, 2022
Ordinary Time
Color: Green



Bulletin


WOALORDPITOUPIISPVEOTKI

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Lord, it is
good to give
thanks to
you.


BOWTHGOODKRDSPA


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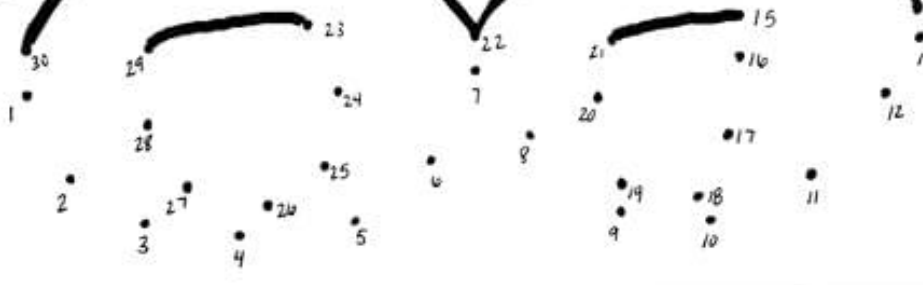


The word Eucharist means Thanksgiving. During Communion, take time to be thankful for the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist.


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Gospel



Jesus told parables to his disciples. Parables are stories that teach a lesson. One story teaches that we should work on being our best before we correct other people. Listen for more lessons.

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Fr. Joseph H. Fitzgerald
Pastor

Fr. James Hansen
Associate Pastor

Please send your email to 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
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Business Manager

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QUESTIONS FOR THE RECTORY

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Office Manager

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QUESTIONS FOR MUSIC MINISTRY

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QUESTIONS FOR FAITH FORMATION

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

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

QUESTIONS FOR SOCIAL MINISTRY

Allison Marro
Director of Social Ministry

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CONTACT THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Please send your email to pastoralcouncil@stwilliam.org.

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With St. William the Abbot visit us at stwilliam.org to view our bulletin online, presider schedule, and see other parish information.

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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.



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.