

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 6, 2022



Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Luke 5:10

PARISH INFORMATION

RECTORY

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

RECTORY HOURS

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

MASS TIMES

The presider schedule can be found on the parish website stwilliam.org

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
8:30 AM

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday
8:30 AM & 5 PM
Sunday
7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM, & 12 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 6, 2022

People of St. William's
Susan Spanarelli
Marija Drazenovic
Kathleen Payami

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Collective Intentions
Daniel Buckley, Don Fleming,
Kenneth Bowe,
Thomas Francis Quinn

Monday, February 7, 2022

Margaret Elliot

Thursday, February 10, 2022

Pierino Giancaterino

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Collective Intentions
Ursuline Sisters Prayer Cards
Enrollment Intentions,
Grazietta & Donato Marrone,
Michael Bamonte,
Maralyn Vander Brift

Friday, February 11, 2022

Zack Dooley

Saturday, February 12, 2022

Purgatorial Society
Nicole Tedeschi

Pray for the Deceased

Catherine Falsitta
Yolanda Astarita
Susan Arnott

Mary Drapeau
Eileen Rodgers-Flynn
Kenneth Louis Rantz

The Sanctuary Candles used at Mass this week
have been donated in loving memory of

Margaret Mooney

From Sandy Kandybowicz

Pray for the Sick

Adrienne Hacker
Annmarie Canale

Call and Response

The scriptures this week reveal an interesting communication between God and humanity, the simple concept of call and response. The Lord invites us into a deeper relationship (His call), and often that involves some sort of mission or vocation for the individual that invokes a response. The prophet Isaiah reveals that in the First Reading, as well as Saint Paul recognizing his "small role" in the advance of the Gospel during the Second Reading. And who can forget the powerful encounter of Jesus stepping into the boat of Simon Peter on the shoreline that day. He could have chosen any of the other fishing boats, but it was Peter's - and that made all the difference for that fisherman's life, and the future of the Church.

As you know last week I was on retreat at the Bethany Center just north of Tampa, Florida, and I have to say although it was not ideal "Florida weather," it certainly beat the 18-24 inches of snow that we received on Long Island. I do want to acknowledge and thank the dedicated staff and maintenance here at St. William the Abbot, as well as our snow removal company that allowed for us to celebrate all the Masses last weekend by clearing the pathways to enter our Church to worship. I would also like to personally thank Fr. James who was able to take care of the spiritual needs of the parish while I was away and deepening my friendship and relationship with the heavenly Father. The retreat was seven full days of silence, I was joined by thirty-five other priests from around the country, and although we did not interact in the usual manner of small talk, meals, and conversations, the intimacy of prayer was powerful and palpable. My hope is that the grace and blessings from the retreat will come out in how I serve you all.

I am also grateful for the great gift of technology and electronic communication, and although I disconnected for the most part during the retreat, I was able to come back to read several emails specifically sent to priests@stwilliam.org. The words of encouragement for me personally, the positive notes about our dedicated ministries, or constructive ways to improve the parish certainly help in our prayer and discernment of how God is calling us to move the parish into the future. Interestingly several of the emails spoke of how Father James and I have recently expressed in our homilies a desire for more people to come back to St. William for church and engage at the celebration of Mass. There always seems to be enough time for other activities, sport practices and games, even the overwhelming amount of people who were sleigh riding last weekend at Cedar Creek. Those are good things and we do not mean to express this solely as frustration, but as a desire for those who have been away to truly meet the Lord. At the same time, some of you shared the many graces and powerful ways that the Lord has strengthened you and your family's faith - both here on the parish campus as well as off in the community.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. It was a great reminder that ultimately it is God who is in control, it is God who enters the boats of our hearts in the exact moment that we and others need Him to. Of course, we must be willing and open for him to climb aboard. It is good for us to remember - as faithful disciples, those called to mission and vocation at this season in our parish and the Catholic Church's history. We are called simply to do our part. And then to trust that the "results" are the Lord's. Your recent emails brought great consolation and peace to my heart and reminded me of prayer often attributed to Saint Oscar Romero - the recent El Salvadorian martyr.

Here is a small portion of it:

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view. The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete.

No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No program accomplishes the Church's mission. This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results...

There is more to this beautiful prayer, but this snapshot may reflect on this our 95th Anniversary as a parish. For generations people from St. William have received the call from God and responded - as Holy Couples and Families, with a life of service to the Church as religious, priests, and Deacons and devout single lives serving in the vineyard of God. Each and every soul who has walked into the doors of the church throughout our history have been called to plant a seed of faith and hope. In 2022, in the midst of a Global Pandemic, it is now our opportunity to respond to the call. May the Lord Cover and Bless this 95th year for us as a community of motivated disciples and provide for us with many years of service.

As always, I am grateful for your 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

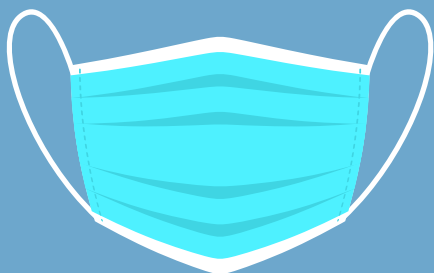
Join us online to view our live-streamed masses on the parish website stwilliam.org.

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.



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 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

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 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



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 McMahon, 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.

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

95th
*Anniversary
Gala Ball*



SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2022

5PM

**95TH ANNIVERSARY MASS
IN THE CHURCH**

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

Cost is \$95 per person

Dress Code - Formal & Jackets are required.

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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.**

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?

SEND 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.

First & Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

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



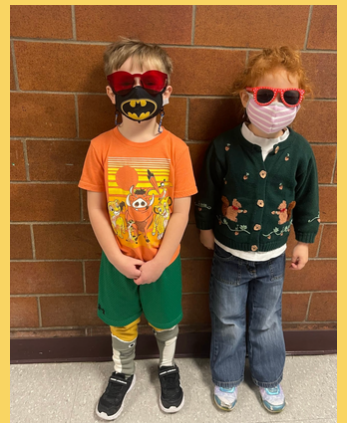
Hempstead Town Clerk Kate Murray, along with Councilman Christopher Carini, stopped by St. William the Abbot School to pick up Valentine cards created for our veterans. The cards, in recognition of the sacrifice our veterans have given to our country, will be distributed to local American Legions. God bless our veterans and God Bless America!



A wonderful moment for St. William the Abbot School! SWS alum Fr. Michael Plona officially installed SWS alum Katie Moulder and Bianca Yopez as Eucharistic Ministers at Holy Trinity High School!



Poet, Children's Book Author and Speaker Darren Sardelli visited with our 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders today for a poetry and writing assembly!



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

Last week we received a large food donation from local Seaford charity Take Me Out to the Ballgame. Their quarterly donations are so valuable to us because they consist of items that are very rare for a food pantry to have in stock. They donated packages of fish filets, chicken, sausage and beef in order to provide healthy and necessary proteins for our clients and their families. This month they also brought us prepared chicken and beef dinners to provide an easy no-prep meal for our clients that are unable to cook for themselves. God bless the members of the Take Me Out to the Ballgame Foundation for their generosity!

Pantry Needs

Jelly	Rice Krispies
Sugar	Canned Beef Stew
Cooking Oil (small)	Laundry Detergent

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>.



Parish Social Ministry February Homebound Project *'Love One Another'*

It is so important that our homebound parishioners know they are cared for and not forgotten!

For Valentine's Day, the Social Ministry office will be mailing cards to our homebound. Would you and your family like to contribute? Project 'Love One Another' takes very little time and has very little cost - but can make a big impact!

- Prepare a note or greeting card including a Valentine's Day heartfelt message of caring and prayer intention. Cards can be store bought or homemade.
- Sign your card (first name only) and drop it off to the Social Ministry office, we will do the rest!
- Homemade cards or drawings from children are welcomed!
- Cards requested by February 7th (please...no gifts or candy).

*We serve 65 homebound parishioners,
we need your help to make this project a success!*





Catholic Kids Bulletin

February 13, 2022
Ordinary Time
Color: Green



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Blessed are
they who
hope in the
Lord.

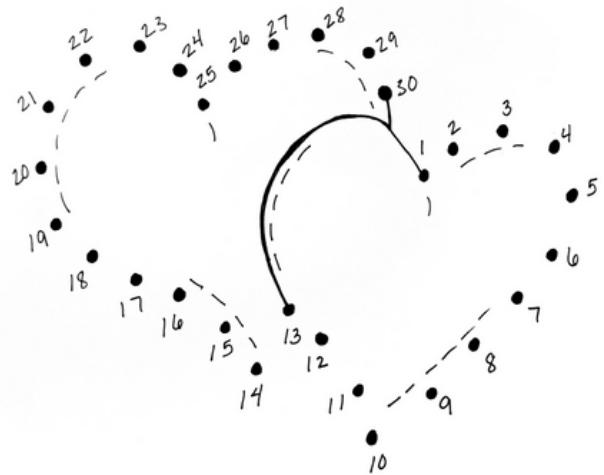
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BEWOPAHIZDITHEOWKAISAAKSE



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

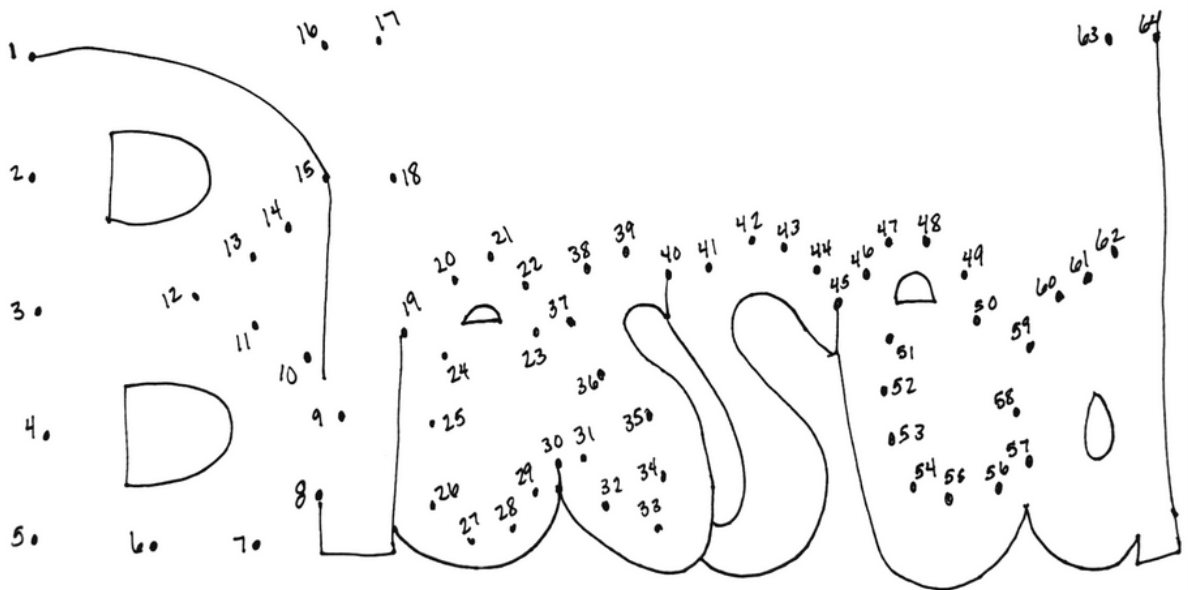
Saint Valentine



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Saint Valentine is the patron saint of love.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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
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
to contact one of the Deacons.

CONTACT THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Judy Goldman
Business Manager

Please send your email to jgoldman@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR OPERATIONS

Iris Gomez
Director of Mission & Evangelization

Please send your email to igomez@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR THE RECTORY

Sue McCormick
Office Manager

Please send your email to information@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR MUSIC MINISTRY

Elizabeth Woods
Director of Music Ministry

Please send your email to 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
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
or contact the office directly at (516) 679-8532.

CONTACT THE SCHOOL

Elizabeth Bricker
Principal

Christine Bendish
Assistant Principal

St. William the Abbot School



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CONTACT THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Please send your email to pastoralcouncil@stwilliam.org.

Staying Connected

With St. William the Abbot visit us at 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.



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.