

# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

## Second Sunday of Ordinary Time January 16, 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, January 16, 2022

Jack Kilkelly  
Angela L. Esposito  
People of St. William's  
Joan Ann Mignone

#### Monday, January 17, 2022

Aladino Gregorio

#### Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Members of Haskett & Ciesla  
Families

#### Wednesday, January 19, 2022

John Searing

#### Thursday, January 20, 2022

Collective Intentions  
George Downing, Teresa Romano,  
Joan McGrath, Gary Panzl

#### Friday, January 21, 2022

Collective Intentions  
Kiernan & Dennigan Families (LIV),  
Barbara Richardson,  
Frank Cassamasima,  
Vincent Rigoli, Jr.,

#### Saturday, January 22, 2022

Purgatorial Society  
Laura Prager



Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. - John 2:11

### Baptism

Angelo V. Pernice

Let us welcome those children who were  
Baptized this past weekend.

### Pray for the Deceased

William F. Mark  
Rose Marie Williams  
Dorothea A. Terjson

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

*William Benson, Jr.*

From Loving Family.

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

*Susan Monaghan*

From Josephine Pyryt.

### Pray for the Sick

Kimbley Family  
Stephen Kirby  
Harry Zacharias  
Adrienne Hacker  
Anna Maria Canale

Paul Tuccillo  
Gregory Pisani  
Ellen Dalton  
Mike Ieormino

## “Jesus and His Mother Were There.”

We are familiar with these words paraphrased from John's Gospel connected to the Wedding Feast at Cana. The young couple from Cana wisely invited Jesus and Mary to their wedding, and it made all the difference. As they experienced both the highs and lows of life even in those moments, they weathered them with the help of Jesus and Mary. I will often open a wedding homily for the couples who choose this particular scripture at their wedding ceremony with these words - “there was a wedding in Seaford, and Jesus was invited.” Even today, when couples choose to begin their life together as husband and wife with a Nuptial Mass or ceremony, they are intentionally placing at the center of the sacrament Jesus' presence and assistance. It is the right ordering of our faith and priorities, and as Catholics, we cannot go wrong when we have Our Lord and Lady present in our life and prayers during these challenging times, we live in.

I recently came across an article commenting on one of Pope Francis' pastoral visits focusing on the role of Mary in the Gospel story of the Wedding at Cana, inviting the reader to “journey with her to Cana.” The Pope chose three characteristics of Mary to meditate on – her motherhood, her prayerfulness, and her willingness to act and unpacks them beautifully.

First - Mary's motherhood is seen when she pays attention to the needs of the newlyweds at Cana, noticing when they have run out of wine for their guests. The Pope noted that wine is a sign of “happiness, love, and plenty,” and that many families today have also run out of “wine” due to loneliness, unemployment, illness, and other difficulties. He highlighted the plight of youth, women, and the elderly when they experience difficult family lives. Mary, an “attentive and concerned” mother, shuns self-centeredness to realize when others no longer have wine in their lives.

Secondly, Mary exhibits prayerfulness when she “approaches Jesus with confidence” to make known the newlyweds' problem to Him. The Pope said that the family is a school of prayer where people are reminded that they do not live in isolation but must be concerned about the well-being of loved ones around them. In the family, “we are one and we have a neighbor close at hand.”

Finally, Mary's willingness to act is seen as she turns to the servants at the wedding feast and tells them to follow Jesus' commands. Mary's words are also directed at us; we should do what Jesus tells us, that is, give our lives in the service of love. The Pope emphasized the family as a place where people can serve one another in love. All in the family deserve this love; “no one is rejected, everyone is worth the same.”

Pope Francis went on to speak about the family as an important contributor to the common good of society. The family is “the nearest hospital,” “the first school for the young,” “the best home for the elderly,” and “a small Church.” We need to put our efforts into strengthening the family because it is one institution which “cannot be replaced.” The Pope reminds us that God “can take even what might seem to us impure, scandalous or frightening, and turn it...into a miracle. The family today needs this miracle.

As usual Pope Francis uses imagery that can catch our eyes. It is we who are the hospital, the school, nursing home, and domestic church – and must respond when those closest to us call. I experience that so much so with my immediate family, and the parish and school family of SWA. Each new year we are called to look at our lives and our faith journey, and when necessary, add 'New Wine.' Pope Francis reminds us that for the family in the Gospel, and our own families “the finest wines are yet to be tasted.” But it is necessary to invite Jesus and Mary into the “empty and broken jars” of our lives. Only Jesus can heal and fully replenish what has become empty in our lives, relationships, and spiritual journey, and with him it will be the greatest vintage, the best wine.

If you have not done so already, take some time to order your prayer, quiet time, and spiritual needs in 2022. The promise offered to that young couple is available to all of us. But if you were to be honest, when you observe your individual and faith experience, is Jesus and His Mother part of it? Take a small step in your faith – add a daily Mass, daily rosary, Miraculous Medal novena, First Friday Adoration, St. Peregrine Prayer group, or simply come to light a candle and prayer. The Lord desires to have a stronger relationship with us – but He has to be invited!

Thank you for your presence and generosity.

Peace,



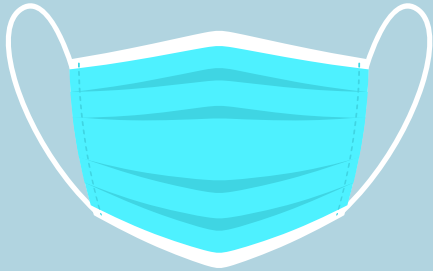
# Rectory News

## 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.

## 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.

## Low Gluten Hosts Available at Mass

For those who must avoid gluten in their diet, the parish has low-gluten hosts available for Holy Communion. If you wish to receive such a host, please arrive prior to Mass and inform the priest and he will place your host in a oyx.

## 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)

## 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.

## 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**

## 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.

## 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.**



# MARCH FOR LIFE

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

Washington, D.C. | January 21, 2022

The parish of St. William the Abbot will not participate in the March of Life demonstration this year at the recommendation of the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

The Church will be open for private prayer from 7:00 am - 6:00 pm for those that wish to light a prayer candle and pray intentionally for an end to abortion.

# 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](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.**

**STWILLIAM.ORG**



# 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



## 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 4, 2022.

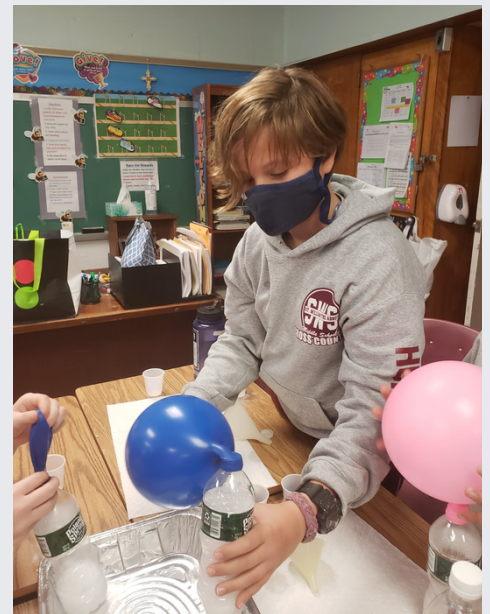
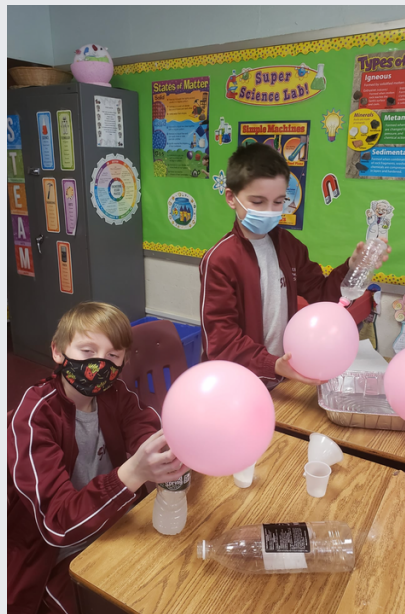
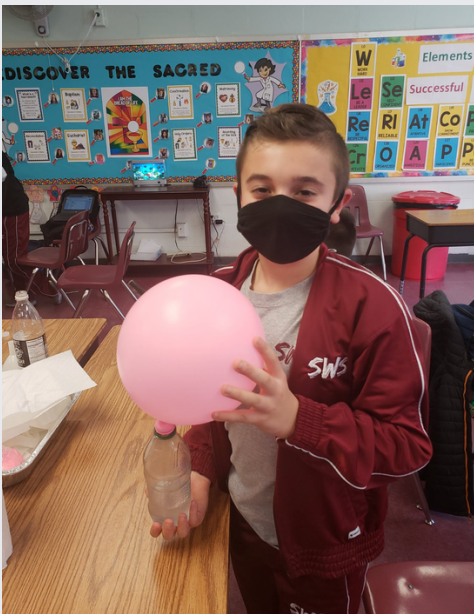
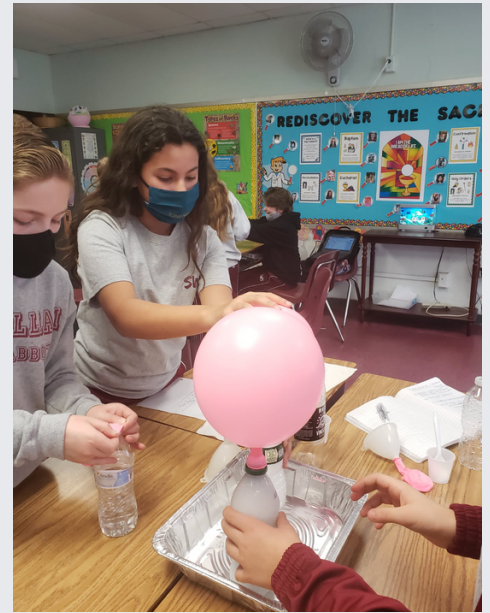
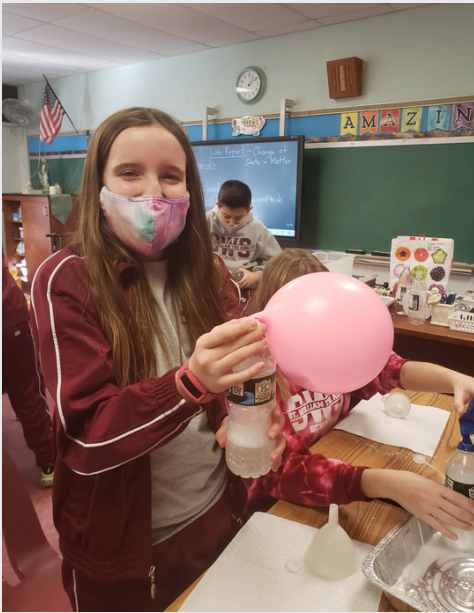
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Students in Mrs. Frank's sixth grade have been learning about states of matter and chemical changes. They conducted an experiment to view chemical changes when baking soda and vinegar react. Sure signs of a chemical change were observed as they witnessed bubbles, foam, temperature changes, and of course the best part, the formation of carbon dioxide which inflated a balloon. Science is fun and always full of wonderful surprises!



Mrs Annunziata's Nursery class celebrated the Christmas season by learning about the birth of Baby Jesus as well as the The Legend of the Candy Cane.





# Parish Social Ministry

## SVDP Communion Closet

St. Vincent de Paul offers a 'Communion Closet' of dresses and suits for First Communicants whose families may need help with the cost of clothing. The closet is open in February by appointment only. For more information or an appointment referral, please call the Social Ministry office.

## Homeowners Assistance Fund

The NYS Homeowners Assistance Fund is 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. The programs also offer help for owners of cooperative or condo units behind on maintenance fees. 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>. Applications will be processed in the order received, so apply today!

## Pantry Needs

**Canned Beef Stew**

**Canned Chicken**

**Canned Tuna**

**Canned Beets**

**Dish Soap**

**Laundry Detergent**

Please bring all donations directly to Parish Social Ministry Office, the church no longer has donation bins. The Social Ministry office is located South of the Church.

**Monday - Friday**

**9:30am - 4:00pm**

**Sunday**

**By Appointment Only**

## A Friendly Reminder

The Social Ministry office accepts donations of unexpired and unopened food items only. If you would like information regarding where to bring other types of donations, we can help! Call our office at (516) 679-8532 for referrals. Please do not block our doorway with donations after business hours as this is dangerous for the residents and employees of the building.

## HEAP

The Home Energy Assistance Program helps low-income New Yorkers pay for their energy bills. If your bills are more than you can handle, HEAP may be able to help you heat your home. HEAP covers multiple sources of heat such as oil, natural gas and electric. You can apply in-person at the Department of Social Services or online at [otda.ny.gov/programs/heap](http://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap). Please don't wait for a heating emergency, file for HEAP!

## Emergency Rental Assistance deadline

### 2/1/22 – Funds Still Available!

The eviction moratorium ends in New York on 1/15/21. Long Island residents with rental and utility arrears should apply to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program as soon as possible. Both Suffolk and Nassau County residents are still eligible to apply! The Towns of Hempstead and Oyster Bay have a dedicated online portal for applications at [lihp.org](http://lihp.org). The application deadline is 2/1/22 at 5pm. For questions...

- Residents of Hempstead call 844-260-7536 or email [hempsteeperap@lihp.org](mailto:hempsteeperap@lihp.org)
- Residents of Oyster Bay call 844-260-7541 or email [oysterbayerap@lihp.org](mailto:oysterbayerap@lihp.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 7<sup>th</sup> (please...no gifts or candy).

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



# 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 OPERATIONS

Iris Gomez

Director of Mission & Evangelization

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

Maria Paguaga

Faith Formation Clerical

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.