



# St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" John 1:29-30

## January 18, 2026 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Weekly Schedule

#### Daily Mass

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12n

#### Live-Streamed Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:30am

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 12n

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday - Saturday: 7:15am - 8:20am

Saturday: 3:45pm - 4:50pm

#### Adoration

Monday - Saturday: 7:15am - 8:20am

First Friday of the Month: 9am - 5pm

#### Private Prayer

Monday - Friday: 7:15am - 6pm

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, January 18th

7:30am: Kenny Weber

9am: Alfonsina Dondiego

10:30am: Gail L. Kampfer

12n: Rosa Rizzacasa

#### Monday, January 19th

8:30am: Kenneth Hettler, Angela Danniballe,  
Michael Bernard Murphy, Steve Alexy

#### Tuesday, January 20th

8:30am: Robert F. Linz, Thomas Risorto,  
Arthur Kelly, Diane Devlin Crowe

#### Wednesday, January 21st

8:30am: Dorothy McCormick, Stephen Donaghy,  
Carol Puleo, Martin McCaul

#### Thursday, January 22nd

8:30am: John Laddomada

#### Friday, January 23rd

8:30am: Diane Lynn Petrouskie

#### Saturday, January 24th

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: The Bennekemper-Schmelzle Families

### Pray for the Sick

Loretta Rederscheld - Livia Murray - Christian Joseph Cisternas - Richard Fedyk  
Rosemary Averill - Barbara Geraghty - Charlie Herbert - Frances Speidell - Thomas Stolfi

### Pray for the Deceased

John T. Barrett - Patricia A. Lopez - Jane Adamo - Steven J. Alexy

#### The Altar Candles and Sanctuary Candle

have been donated in loving memory of  
Dante Mongiardo  
from his family

#### The Wine and Hosts

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## **Behold the Lamb of God – Behold Jesus who has come to Save us!**

As we gather for this Second Week of Ordinary Time, we find ourselves gently stepping away from the glow of Advent, the joy of Christmas, and the fresh hopes of a New Year. Last weekend, through the beautiful celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, we crossed a sacred threshold into a new liturgical year. Many of you shared with me how you as a family blessed your homes by “chalking” your front doors to serve as a reminder of your entry into your house but also into this new year of faith. Just as Jesus’ public life began at the waters of the Jordan, so too each of us began our own journey of faith at the waters of Baptism - marked, claimed, and named as beloved children in the family and household of God. We cannot hear that enough – we are beloved!

This weekend, the Scriptures offer us a different and deeply moving perspective on that beginning. In St. John’s Gospel (1:29–34), John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and proclaims, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” John the Baptizer, the son of Zechariah the temple priest, would have grown up learning how lambs were chosen for sacrifice in the Temple. His father would have passed on that skill, that “eagle eye” to identify the unblemished lamb. That makes his recognition of Jesus even more powerful - the one he sees is not just another offering, but the true Lamb who will sacrifice His life for the healing and salvation of the whole world.

In this powerful scene of the Gospel, I think we are forced to ask ourselves: are we attentive enough to recognize God at work in our own lives? In this new season of the Church year, God is not distant or silent. He is moving within our families, stirring in our parish, and working in our troubled and beautiful world. Like John the Baptist, we are invited to open our eyes and hearts so that we do not miss the holy moments when Christ draws near to us and the ones we love.

Ordinary Time now unfolds before us, marked by the green of hope and steady growth. We slowly move through the winter season and the bright hope of springtime and renewal. We will witness that in the vestments worn, the colors on the altar, and in the Scriptures as they all shift to tell the story of the beginning of Jesus’ ministry - His teaching, His healing, His gathering of disciples, His revealing of the Kingdom of God. “Ordinary” does not mean unimportant; it means rooted, faithful, and full of the quiet power of God at work day by day in our lives.

For the next week I will take part in my canonical priestly retreat, 8 days of sacred silence, directed by a spiritual guide and the Holy Spirit. The Church, in her wisdom, mandates that clergy and religious participate in an annual retreat to reset and recharge our spiritual batteries. Like any baptized Catholic, there is a wisdom of downtime, and so many of you have shared a family love of the national parks, or a ski trip out west, or even the magic of the Walt Disney experience. As priests we have time allotted to do that as well. The experience I am participating in removes any of the distractions of computer or iPhone screens and the daily administrative tasks, and I am able to put the emergency phone down in order to hear and see God more clearly. Behold!

Thanks to Fr. Michael and some of the local priests, as well as our Deacons, and amazing St. William the Abbot staff the parish will continue to serve any necessary pastoral needs and proclaim the Gospel of Hope. Please pray for me and know that I am praying for a mini revival for all of us, to recommit ourselves to living as baptized people who are strongly united to Jesus. May we work for the Kingdom of God in the small, ordinary moments of love, service, and forgiveness, and may our lives, like John the Baptist’s, always point others to Jesus - the Lamb of God who heals us, loves us, and takes away the sins of the world.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Joel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



## ***Anointing of the Sick***

Anyone going to the hospital or who has a serious illness can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, which will be celebrated communally immediately following the 12n Mass on Sunday, January 25, 2026.

## ***Year-End Tax Statement***

Please note that year-end tax statements for your taxes will not be automatically mailed out. They may be obtained by request from the Rectory.

Please call 516-785-1266 or email  
[information@stwilliam.org](mailto:information@stwilliam.org)

## ***Baptisms***

Please welcome the following child who was baptized this past weekend:  
Magnolia Ballon

## ***Second Collection - Church in Need***

Next weekend - January 24/25, a collection will be taken for "The Church in Need." The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is particular need for help: the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America, and the Church in Africa. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

## ***Pray for Those in the Military***

Lt. Ian Bayer (USN) - Lt. Rebecca Bayer (USN) - Lt. Ryan Bayer (USN) - Sgt. Craig Bianco (USA) - PFC Jake Cilento (USA) - PFC Ryan Daly (USMC) - Lt. Col. Michael DiPietro (USA) - LCpl Daniel Dugan (USMC) - Capt. Dana Duggan (USMC) - Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald (USN) - Capt. Michael Fitzgerald (USA) - Capt. Christopher J. Frasse (USA) - Capt. Matthew B. Frasse (USAF) - Lt. Col. John Kallo (USA) - STSC (SS) Thomas Kerley (USN) - CW2 Brian Kirby (USA) - Lt. Commander James Knudsen (USCG) - Capt. Caitlin Lee (USA) - Lt. Col Logan Lee (USA) - Major Philip Lettieri, MD (USA) - Lt. Cpl. Kevin Marshall (USMC) - Major Eamon G. McArdle (USA) - Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers (USAF) - Pvt. Juliana Miller (USA) - Col. Sean Morrow (USA) - Lt. Michael Napolitano (USN) - Lt. Michael O'Hara (USN) - MMN2 Emily Partridge (USN) - Spc. Brian Reip (USA) - Sgt. Donald Rogers (USA) - Airman Carlos Rosado (USAF) - Lt. Col. Thomas F. Shields (USAF) - Lt. Col. Michelle Simpson (USAF) - Commander Michael S. Slatley (USN) - SR Ella Tietz (USCG) - Daniel Timpanaro (USCG) - Lt. Col. Christopher J. Ustler (USA) - Cdr. Katherine Ustler-Lodispoto (USCG) - Michael Vietri (USN) - 2nd Lt. John Whidden (USMC) - Lt. Joseph Yahner (USA) - Pvt. Philip Zanardi (USAR)

## ***Purgatorial Society***

Joseph DeFazio, Donald Heffernan, Thomas C. Cox, Carolyn Tindell, Michelle Rossetti, Jennifer Cappellano, Matthew Brolly.

Rosario Agnello, Matthew Brolly, John Calandra, Pasquale Cocuzzo, Richard Grein, Lorraine Macomb, Maiorano Family, Patricia Mascuzzio, Josephine Masone, Douglas Meinhofer, Lucy Roberti, Vincent Salerno, Maria Santos, Fred T. Schmidt, Ben Ward, Kathleen M. Egan Wright, Patricia Masterson, Vito Marcone, Catherine Barry, Thomas Broderick, Ned McCormack.

Vincent Franco, John Kilgus, Joseph Longhway, George Jennerich, Micheline Giacalone.

Giuseppa Carollo, Louise LaBella, Thomas Pignetti, Vincent Franco, Robert Egan, Paul Tuccillo, Paul Weston, Veronica M. Fields, Nancy Zimmerman.

Victor Letellier, Jr., Elvira Moore.

Susanne Boden, Frances Champion, Vito Cricentio, Gabrielle D'Orsi, Mary Beth Gang, Robert Rissmeyer, Roberta Rissmeyer, Ralph Joseph Ciccarelli, Sean Hartman, Eda-Kay Lipka, Vincenzo Valerio.

Robert W. Long, Salvatore Suppa, Gladys Rivera, Benny Golino, William Lewald, John M. Stolfi, Diane Cesarz, Dolores Santos Rasalan, Kelley Chaffee.

Rose Kees, Sr. Veronica Sloane, Cara Lynn McGuinness, Kurt DeMartino.

Michael A. Diloreto, Benito Golino, James R. Hall, Maryellen Hillman, Alfred Lewan, Robert Long, Michael Murray, Rose Marie Ripi, Edward Schifina, George S. Smith, Daisy Montone, Robert West, Gloria Frascione, Frances Josephine Egan.

Melissa Doreson, Angela Capo, Virginia M. McKinnon, Peter Joseph Scarlato, Sam Moi Lam, Catherine Migliorato.



# BEHOLD

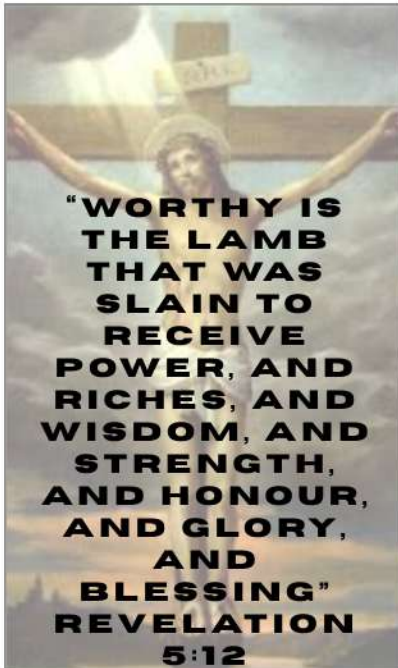


**"GOD HIMSELF WILL  
PROVIDE THE  
LAMB"  
GENESIS 22:8**

In Genesis, God commands Abraham to offer up his son, Isaac. Abraham had an intense belief that "God will provide" and obeyed. Just before Abraham sacrifices his beloved son, an angel appears and guides Abraham to a nearby lamb to sacrifice instead.

## THE LAMB OF GOD HAD TO BE SLAIN:

Jesus paid the ultimate sacrifice to atone for humanity's sins. His sacrifice was part of God's eternal plan, representing a perfect offering.



**"WORTHY IS  
THE LAMB  
THAT WAS  
SLAIN TO  
RECEIVE  
POWER, AND  
RICHES, AND  
WISDOM, AND  
STRENGTH,  
AND HONOUR,  
AND GLORY,  
AND  
BLESSING"  
REVELATION  
5:12**

## THE LAMB SLAIN FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD:

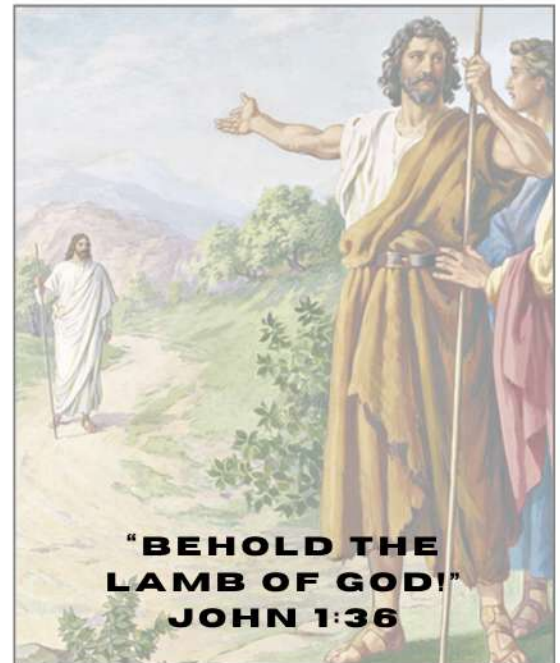
Jesus' sacrifice was part of God's eternal plan, just like every single one of us.

## THE LAMB OF GOD WHO SHALL TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD:

Jesus, like a lamb, is a spotless sacrifice. He was untouched by sin and offers us complete redemption.

## JESUS WAS MEEK AND GENTLE AS A LAMB: -

Through his trial and suffering, Jesus did not argue or speak ill of His attackers. He offered gentle forgiveness and peace.



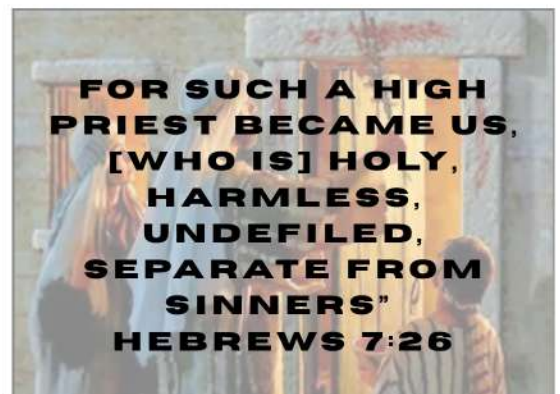
**"BEHOLD THE  
LAMB OF GOD!"  
JOHN 1:36**

## THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB: -

Jesus shed his blood to give us everlasting life.

## THE LAMB IS LORD OF LORDS AND KING OF KINGS:

Divine in nature and ultimate in power, Jesus is the one true King.

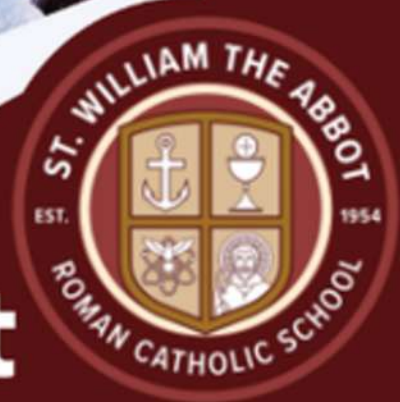


**FOR SUCH A HIGH  
PRIEST BECAME US,  
[WHO IS] HOLY,  
HARMLESS,  
UNDEFILED,  
SEPARATE FROM  
SINNERS"  
HEBREWS 7:26**





# Discover St. William the Abbot



## OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 25, 2026

12:00 PM - Mass

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - Open House

### TEACHING AS CHRIST DID

- Early Childhood (N-Pre-K)
- Elementary School (Grades K-5)
- Middle School (Grades 6-8)

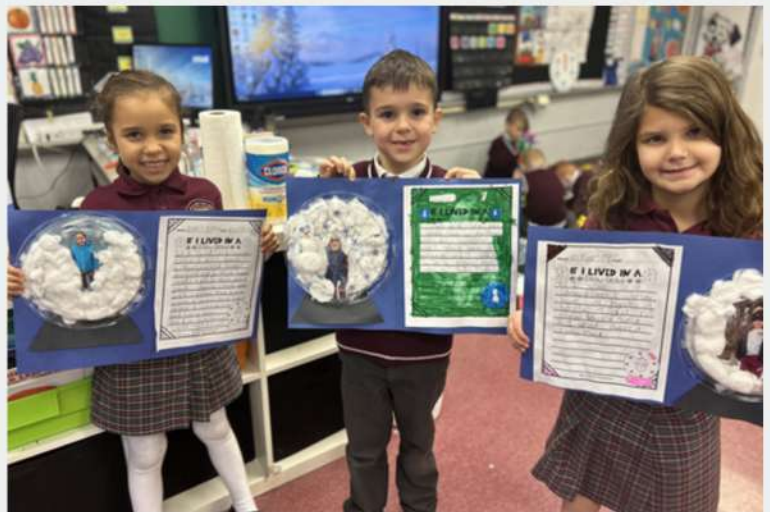


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Mrs. Paxhia's 1st Graders recently crafted imaginative winter-themed compositions. They penned creative pieces envisioning what life might be like within a snow globe. Students followed up their writing by creating some whimsical artwork depicting children catching a snowflake on their tongues. Their ingenuity and enthusiasm were on full display! Winter is anything but dreary at SWS!





## Faith Formation

As we begin this new liturgical year, our Level 6 students attended Adoration with Fr. Joe and Level 1 students went on a tour of the church... and our Level 2 friends were all smiles as they started their second week of in-person classes!



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## Children's Choir

We invite all parish children in Kindergarten through 8th Grade to join us in the Children's Choir to sing the Communion Meditation at the 10:30am Mass on March 8<sup>th</sup>, April 26<sup>th</sup>, and May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Please visit [stwilliam.org/music-ministry](http://stwilliam.org/music-ministry) for rehearsal requirements and dates and to register your child(ren).

High School Students & Adults are invited to join our Adult Choir by visiting rehearsal on Thursdays from 6pm-7pm in the Choir Loft!



### ***This Weekend's Music Selections***

We invite you to participate by using the song numbers below and the missals found in the pews.

Entrance Hymn: "All Are Welcome" (#543)

Offertory Hymn: "Vine and Branches" (#340)

Communion Hymn: "Come to Me and Drink" (#349)

Communion Meditation: "Behold the Lamb" (#342)

Recessional Hymn: "Sing a New Song" (#569)

Our Children's and Adult Choirs are back in session - visit [stwilliam.org/music-ministry](http://stwilliam.org/music-ministry) for more information on joining!

*"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing." Psalm 100:1-2*

### ***Parish Social Ministry***

#### ***Pantry Needs***

Hot Chocolate - Peanut Butter - Jelly - Canned Tuna - Canned Chicken - Mustard

#### ***Local Grief Support***

If you or someone you know has experienced the loss of a loved one and would be interested in receiving counseling and support, please call the Social Ministry office. There are many individual, group and family resources available locally to help individuals process their feelings and learn ways to cope going forward. Call us at 516-679-8532 to discuss what options might work for you and your family.

#### ***Self Defense Workshop Monday, January 26th***

The Nassau County Office for the Aging will host a Self Defense Workshop presented by Nassau County Comptroller Elaine Phillips on Monday, January 26 at 11am at West Hempstead Senior Center at St. Tomas the Apostle Church. Comptroller Phillips is a sixth-degree black belt who has trained in Korean Martial Arts for 29 years. Participants will learn skills and techniques that can enhance personal safety, develop greater self-awareness and boost confidence. Reservations are required by Jan 20, call 516-481-3322 to register or for more information.

#### ***Prayer Shawl Ministry***

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday January 20 at 10am in the Abbey. This ministry knits and crochets lap robes, blankets, hats, scarves, and other items for the sick and needy of our community. Yarn is provided, and new members at any skill level are always welcome!



#### ***Warming Centers Available***

If you are having trouble with your heat or do not have a place to stay, there are three warming centers open in Nassau County. Mitchel Field Administration Building in Uniondale offers a 24-hour Warming Center for anyone that needs to stop in and warm up. In addition, both the Wantagh Administration Building on King Road and the Cantiague Park Administration Building in Hicksville offer warming centers from 9am – 4pm daily. These local daytime warming centers provide transportation to the Uniondale location for evening service. Individuals requiring shelter overnight can call 1-866-WARMBED, the Nassau County winter homeless hotline. For more information, contact the Parish Social Ministry office.



# Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton lived in America. She helped start Catholic schools to teach kids about God.

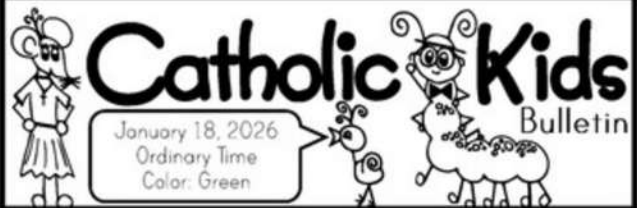
Where do you learn about God?



To enjoy, we must love, and to love, we must sacrifice."



Year A: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



January 18, 2026  
Ordinary Time  
Color: Green

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Here am I,  
Lord; I come  
to do your  
will.

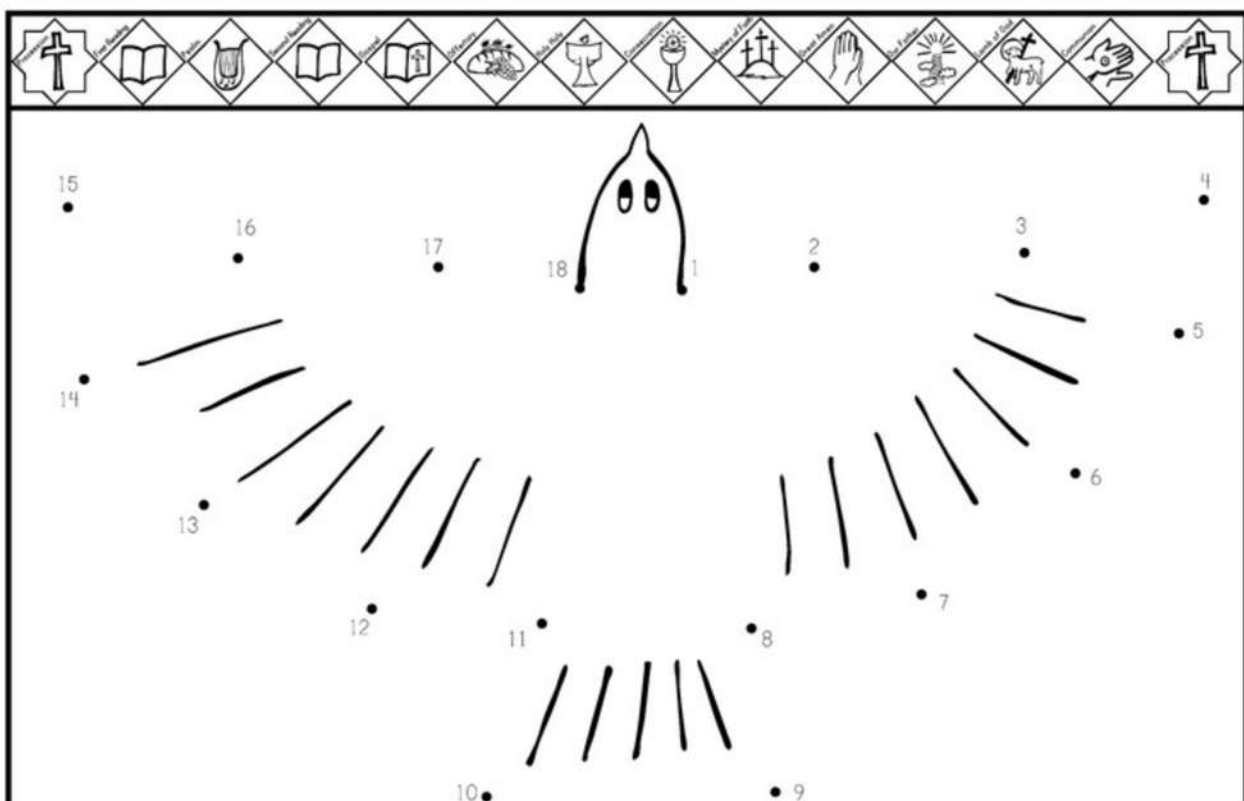
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Read the Psalm in the box above. Try to pray the Psalm with everyone during Mass.

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John the Baptist saw the Holy Spirit come down like a dove and knew Jesus was the Son of God.

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#### **St. William the Abbot School**



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#### **Our Seminarian**

Dcn. Herley Mendez  
*SWA Parishioner*

*Please pray for our Seminarians and all those  
discerning the priesthood and religious life*

#### **Pastoral Council**

Chris Blankley - Fred Duemig - Barbara Geraghty  
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stwilliam.org/sacraments

Register as a St. William the Abbot Parishioner  
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Tomorrow's Hope Foundation: Financial Aid for Catholic Schools  
tomorrowshopefoundation.org

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