

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 4, 2021



Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." - Mark 6:4

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, July 4, 2021

Jennie Giannone
Collective Intentions
William Joseph Geandomenico,
Christopher Carlino,
Mary Burns,
Gale Conroy
Maliszewski Family
People of St. William's

Wednesday, July 7, 2021

Jay Callahan

Friday, July 9, 2021
Collective Intentions
Kevin Leimeister,
Ernst DeGraaf,
Michael & Daniel Tito,
John Kilgus,
Anthony Antonicelli

Monday, July 5, 2021

Joseph F. Schwartz

Saturday, July 10, 2021

Purgatorial Society
Tadeusz Dziemianczyk

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

John David Breen



Baptism

Koa S. Riegel	Finn R. Riegel
Thomas M. Kramer	Emma J. McArdle
Eloise C. Jurgieleqicz	Fiona P. Fugelsang
Legend J. Flanders	Richard G. Eustare
Joseph J. Brown	Aidan Doogan

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

The Wine & Hosts used at mass this week have been
donated in loving memory of

Jeanne Cox

from Kevin Cox.

The Altar Candles and Sanctuary Candles
used at mass this week have been
in loving memory of

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Delessio

from Pat and Lou.

Pray for the Deceased

Annette J. Ruggiero Joanna M. Colton

Pray for the Sick

Keith Gorton
Louise Sullivan Alfred Allongo
Arlene M. Finlay Helen Johnson

America! America! God shed His grace on thee

Note: This column is an excerpt from an address then Father Fulton Sheen delivered on The Catholic Hour radio program on February 20, 1938. I thought that Bishop Sheen's reflection was just as pertinent today in 2021 as it was then. Please reflect on and pray on these words, and pray for our Nation, more than ever in need to be the United States of America. Happy 4th of July – God Bless America!

Peace,

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

The treatise on Patriotism in the writings of the greatest philosopher of all times, St. Thomas Aquinas, is to be found under the subject of "Piety." This at first may strike as strange those who think of piety as pertaining only to love of God. But once it is remembered that love of neighbor is inseparable from love of God, it is seen that love of our fellow citizens is a form of piety. In these days when so many subversive activities are at work, a reminder of the necessity of loving our country is very much to the point. Consciously or unconsciously our citizens are grouping themselves around the only two possible ultimate answers to the questions vexing our country.

The first answer is that the essence of Americanism is revolution; the second answer is that the essence of Americanism consists in the recognition of the sacredness of human personality. First let us consider the revolutionary theory. The Communists, in their attempt to justify another revolution, are rewriting American history to suit the dialectics of Marx and Lenin. Their argument is this: America began with a revolution. ..If they insist on appealing to the American Revolution we would remind them that it was a political revolution against a government across the sea, and not a civil war and class struggle against one another.

The essence of Americanism is not revolution, but the recognition of the sacredness of human personality and the inherent inalienable rights which every man possesses independently of the State. That is why, when our country began, our Founding Fathers were most anxious to find some basis for human rights, some foundation for human liberties, some guarantee of human personality which would be above the encroachment of tyranny and abuse.

But where find the basis for the right of a man to be his own master, captain of his own soul, free in his right to pursue his ultimate end with a free conscience? Where root and ground the right to own property as the extension of personality? Where find the rock of all liberties which would be strong enough to withstand governments and powers and states which would absorb them as the monarchies did, then, and as certain dictatorships do now?

For such a foundation the Fathers looked first to England. There the theory was advanced that our liberties and rights are rooted in Parliament. This theory they rejected on the ground that if Parliament gives rights and liberties, then the Parliament can take them away. Next they looked to France, where it was held that the liberties and rights of man are rooted in the will of the majority. The Fathers equally rejected this on the ground that if the rights of man are the gift of the majority, then the majority can take away the rights of the minority.

Where find the source of the liberties and the rights of man? On what stable foundation are they to be reared? What is their source? The answer they gave was the right one. They sought the foundations of man's rights and liberties in something so sacred and so inalienable that no State, no Parliament, no Dictator, no human power could ever take them away, and so they rooted them in God. Hence our Declaration of Independence reads: all men "are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights. . .among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Note that the word used is "unalienable"; that means that these rights belong to the sacredness of human personality and are not the gift of the State or the Dictator, whether Fascist, Nazi, or Communist. In other words, man's right to own private property, man's right to educate his own family, man's right to adore God according to the dictates of his conscience, come not from the Constitution, the Government, Parliament, or the will of the majority, but from God.

Therefore no power on earth may take them away. This is the essence of Americanism. Now, if the essence of Americanism is the sacredness of human personality as created by God, who is doing most to preserve that Americanism? The schools that never mention His name? The universities and colleges that dissolve the Deity into the latest ultimate of physics or biology? The professors who adjust their ethics to suit unethical lives?

The answer obviously is, that the forces that are building constructive Americanism are those that take practical cognizance of the existence of God. It is the non-religious schools which are out of the tradition of Americanism; they are on the defensive. In the beginning of our national life practically all of our schools and colleges were religious schools. It was assumed by our Constitution and by its spirit that they would be religious.

The reason was obvious. If human dignity and liberty come from God, then it follows that loss of faith in Him means loss of faith in those liberties which derive from Him. If we wish to have the light we must keep the sun; if we wish to keep our forests we must keep our trees; if we wish to keep our perfumes we must keep our flowers – and if we wish to keep our rights, then we must keep our God. It is just as vain to try to keep triangles without keeping three-sided figures, as to try to keep Liberty without the spirit which makes man independent of matter and therefore free.

We Catholics are taking religion so seriously in reference to our country that rather than see God perish out of our national life we conduct 7,929 elementary schools and 1,945 high schools, employing 58,903 and 16,784 teachers respectively. . . .and figuring on the basis of public school costs, we save the taxpayers of the country an immediate one billion dollar building program and, for maintenance, about \$139,600,000 every year. Every cent of this money comes out of the pockets of Catholics, and why? Because we believe that the 2,102,889 children in Catholic elementary schools and 284,736 in Catholic high schools have a right to know the truth which makes them free. In other words, we take very seriously the Declaration of Independence which derives the rights of man from God.

In conclusion, true Americanism is the belief in the freedom of man as a divine derivative. For that reason if we wish to keep pure Americanism we must keep our religion. To this is to be added the important fact that dictatorships, such as the Communistic, regard man only as a stomach to be fed by the State, or as a tool to amass wealth for the State. Put men on that level and they need no religion, any more than animals need religion, or a monkey wrench needs liturgy. But to put them on that level is to de-personalize and mechanize them down to the very core of their being. A democracy needs religion, for it assumes that man has not only a stomach but also a soul which is the seat of his rights; and since that soul must be fed as well as the body, he must have religion. Democracy has to rely not on force, but on freedom and liberty. But freedom and liberty are inseparable from responsibility, and responsibility is inseparable from conscience, and conscience is inseparable from religion.

It is our solemn duty as Catholics, therefore, to be conscious of our duty to America, and to preserve its freedom by preserving its faith in God. . . .But as we talk about patriotism, it might be well to remind ourselves that in a crisis like this even devotion to the stars and stripes is not enough to save us. We must look beyond them to other stars and stripes, namely the stars and stripes of Christ, by Whose stars we are illuminated and by whose stripes we are healed!



Rectory News

Wedding Banns III

Kenneth Lutz
St. William the Abbot
&
Christie Roell
St. William the Abbot

William Magenheimer
St. Gregory the Great Church, Plantation Florida
&
Caroline Scalandre
St. William the Abbot



Wedding Banns I

Donald Harris
Maria Regina, Massapequa
&
Nicole Martinek
St. William the Abbot

Oswaldo Crespo
St. Anthony's, Oceanside
&
Lauren Calderaro
St. William the Abbot

Michael Turturro
Good Shepherd, Brooklyn
&
Lisa Paguaga
St. William the Abbot

Dispensation from Mass

As a reminder, the dispensation from the requirement to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect. Those who are most vulnerable and at a greater risk (due to age, preexisting health conditions or being in close proximity to vulnerable people) are encouraged to remain home at this time.

If a person shows any symptoms of illness, they are asked to please not come to church. We encourage you to join us for Mass online on the parish website stwilliam.org

Emergency

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

Safety & Mask Protocols

We do ask that everyone arrive early so that we can seat everyone before the start of Mass.

We ask that all parishioners that are **NOT VACCINATED** wear their mask covering their nose and mouth at all times while inside the church.



Private Prayer

The Church will be open for private prayer Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM – 7:00 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.

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.

New Rectory Hours

The Rectory will be open
Monday through Friday - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Sunday - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Memorials Available

We are pleased to announce that the Sanctuary Candle and the Altar Candles that are used at Mass throughout the week are now available as memorials.

Anyone wishing to donate the Sanctuary Candle or the Altar Candles in memory of a loved one or on the occasion of an anniversary, birthday, etc., can make this request at the Rectory. Please call 516-785-1266. The offering for the Sanctuary Candle is \$15 and the offering for the Altar Candles is \$30. The name of the person will be announced in the bulletin for each week the candles are donated.



Take a walk with Father James and Kolbe! All dogs welcome! Email priests@stwilliam.org to schedule a walk.

Sacristy

For the safety of our Priests, we ask that parishioners refrain from entering the Sacristy. Please do not hand offering envelopes, letters etc. to the Priests. Please drop them off in the Rectory Mail Slot.



Have a question for the priests?

Stump the Priest questions can be emailed to priests@stwilliam.org.



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

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



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.



PODCAST

CONVERSATIONS WITH PODRE

WEEKLY PODCAST EPISODES
POSTED ON WEDNESDAYS AT 5PM

Associate Pastor

FR. JAMES HANSEN



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Holy Communion

Because of concerns regarding the coronavirus, we request that those who choose to receive on the tongue wait at the end of the line. Please present themselves to the priest only to receive Holy Communion, and are asked to open their mouth and extend their tongue so the host can be placed on it without the priest's hand making contact with the recipient.

If you choose to receive in the hand, please place your hand out very straight and flat to allow the priest or minister to place the Eucharist safely in order to avoid contact with your hand. We also kindly remind everyone to please remove your mask before receiving Holy Communion, whether you choose to receive on the tongue or in the hand. Please put it back on after you have consumed the host.

JULY 10

ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL



CAMP

QUO

VADIS



**This summer, Camp Quo Vadis
returns as a one day, in-person rally.**

All youth, current 8th-12th graders (2020-2021 school year) are invited to join us for a day of powerful talks, inspiring music, games and recreation, and incredible experiences of prayer and Sacrament.

More info: www.campquovadis.com

Registration: bit.ly/QuoVadis21

Pray for our Seminarians!



Joseph Lettieri



Herley Mendez



Gregory Marino

Faith Formation

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor. Jesus was sent from God to teach all of us many things about life and particularly prayer. When Jesus was young, he became separated from Mary and Joseph, and they could not find Jesus. It took days until they found him in a temple and Jesus said why were you looking for me? Did you not know I would be in my father's house? At a young age Jesus felt in his heart the love from God the Father and knew that he needed to spread the good word so that people could listen to what Jesus had to say and learn about God and all the goodness and kindness. People started to know that Jesus was not an ordinary individual. Hearing Jesus speak, people said among themselves, how someone can be so young and have so much knowledge. Those people, though, were judging him. They felt since he was the son of Mary and Joseph the Carpenter, what could he know. Yet, there were others so engrossed while listening, and their faith grew stronger and started to spread the good news themselves. Of course, there were people that did not want to learn from Jesus. They did not believe him or any of his followers, however they started to change especially when miracles happened. They saw Jesus healing many people and also later on when Jesus was crucified and the people found out that Jesus rose from the dead, then they knew exactly who Jesus was on earth. People should not judge anyone. We are all special in our own way. Today in our World there is a lot of friction that is going on and we need to continue to pray for one another and see how special all people are. We also need to pray for people who have difficulties in life that they find strength knowing that they are loved by God and find comfort and have peace in their heart. Try to always find it in your heart to bring good tidings to others.

Faith Formation will soon be sending to the Parents information regarding registering your child/ren for 2021-2022 and how the program will run. It will be sent through an email. If you have a child who will be entering 1st grade, a copy of their Baptism Certificate will be needed even if they were baptized at St. William the Abbot.

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE 4TH OF JULY!!!!

**The Spirit of the Lord
is upon ME**

Seminarian Greg Marino's Corner



J.M.J.

This week and next week we will be remembering some of the vocations that have come from St. William the Abbot Parish and School. Let's see which young men have risen to the priesthood and beyond from SWA, with the disclaimer that I could not find every one of the priests that have come from this parish, but I did the best I could with the information I have:

Fr. Gilbert Lap – Ord. 2003 – Pastor of St. Frances Cabrini R.C. Church (Coram, NY)

Fr. Michael Plona - Ord. 2017 – Chaplain of St. Anthony's High School (South Huntington, NY)

These are some of the men who have passed through SWA and have since become Bishops:

Bishop James J. Daly – Ord. 1948 - Aux. Bishop of Diocese of RVC from 1977-1996

Bishop John C. Dunne – Ord. 1963 – Aux. Bishop of Diocese of RVC from 1988-2013

Bishop William E. Koenig – Ord. 1983 - Bishop-elect of Wilmington, DE (as of July 13th, 2021)

**ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW CONSIDERING COMING INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH,
OR ARE YOU ALREADY BAPTIZED AND WISH TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS OF EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION?**

BECOME CATHOLIC

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: JO-ANN METZDORFF AT RCIA@STWILLIAM.ORG

Stump the Priest



IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HAVING A JOYFUL SPIRIT AND BEING HAPPY? WHAT IS A JOYFUL SPIRIT? HOW DO YOU HOLD ON TO IT?

It takes a happy person to have a joyful spirit and the one who exhibits a joyful spirit could, in some way, be seen as happy. The two are interrelated. Hence Keith Harrell states in page 38 of her book, *Attitude Is Everything* that “the root of happiness is joy, and joy lives within you.” However, what happiness really means or what it really takes to be called happy is the most difficult to define. People have often defined happiness in terms of what they believe in and what values they hold in life.

Nonetheless, in our context as people of faith, we would do well to understand happiness in its philosophical and theological perspectives. Aristotle is known in history as the thinker who has devoted more space to the topic of happiness than any other thinker prior to the modern era. According to Aristotle, happiness consists in achieving, through the course of a whole lifetime, all the goods — health, wealth, knowledge, friends, etc. — that lead to the perfection of human nature and to the enrichment of human life. This process of achieving requires us to make choices- since living is about making choices-which may be very difficult.

Three major components of this explanation of happiness are worthy of proper note:

- That happiness is a whole lifetime achievement to make
- That happiness is about the pursuit of the good(i.e. virtuous living)
- And that the ultimate goal is the perfection of the human nature

So from these we come to know that a key component of Aristotle’s theory of happiness is the factor of virtue. This forms the basis for how the church defines virtue. Hence we read from the Catechism of the Catholic Church that “Virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do the good. It allows the person not only to perform good acts but to give the best of him or herself. The virtuous person tends towards the good with all of his or her sensory and spiritual powers; he or she pursues the good and chooses it in concrete actions.” (CCC 1803)

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus defined happy people as the ones who are poor in spirit (i.e. the lowly), who mourn (i.e. detesting wrongdoing or imperfection), who are meek (i.e. not temperamental), those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, those who are merciful, who are peaceable and the like.

In the words of Saint Paul to be virtuous is to pursue:

“Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” (Phil. 4:8)

So we see that from both philosophical and theological perspectives, happiness has been inextricably linked with virtue or righteous living. We know also that righteous living is not something that one achieves perfectly at any particular point in time but it is a life-long process. Besides, virtuous living is also not something external; it comes primarily from within oneself.

Therefore, we can conclude with Aristotle’s views again that in aiming for happiness, and for that matter having a joyful spirit, the most important factor is to have virtue or – in other words – good moral character; and that instead of achieving happiness and then thinking of forever possessing that feeling, like some sort of trophy, a virtuous person must put in effort every day to attain happiness all through a lifetime. This is because happiness is not something bestowed naturally upon people; it is not a state but rather, an activity. Hence the ultimate goal of humans is to be the constant practice of that activity. This would require not only the proper mindset but also vigilance, perseverance and the making of informed choices in such aspects of life as spiritual engagement, relationships, acts of kindness, dieting, exercise, rest, recreation, education among others.





St. William the Abbot RC Church



Join us in celebration of the
Feast Day of Saints Anne and Joachim

Grandparents Day

Monday, July 26

8:30 am Mass in the Church

Celebration on the front lawn of the Church to follow



Parish Social Ministry

Food Donations

The food donations bins will no longer be located in the Church. 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

Food Pantry

Mustard
Brownie Mix
Deodorant

White rice
Canned fruit
Cooking oil (sm/med)

Please note we are closed Monday July 5th for Independence Day

Parish Contact Information

CONTACT THE PRIESTS

Please send your email to priests@stwilliam.org
to contact Fr. Joe, Fr. James or Fr. Collins directly.

CONTACT THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Please send your email to pastoralcouncil@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR COMMUNICATIONS

Please send your email to igomez@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR THE RECTORY

Please send your email to information@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Please send your email to jgoldman@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT FAITH FORMATION

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

CONTACT SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

CONTACT THE SCHOOL St. William the Abbot School



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Seaford, NY 11783
stwilliamtheabbot.net

Keep in Mind....

As the weather gets warmer it is best to drop off your food donations during Social Ministry business hours, rather than placing donations in our food bin where they will be exposed to the heat. Our hours are Monday through Friday from 9:30am until 4pm. If that does not fit your schedule... we understand!

Call our office and arrange a drop off appointment at 516-679-8532. We frequently have evening and Sunday appointments throughout the month. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

Attention Homebound Eucharistic Ministers

If you are a Eucharistic minister to the homebound and have not yet contacted the Social Ministry office, please give us a call to review the process and get started. Eucharist is now available to be brought to the homebound on Sundays after the 12pm Mass. Eucharistic ministers that have attended the parish's information sessions are eligible to begin right away.

Volunteers Needed

Coming out of the COVID pandemic we are hearing from more people than ever that are struggling with loneliness and isolation. Would you be interested in volunteering your time to visit with parishioners that may be homebound or lonely? We would love to hear from you! This volunteer opportunity is open to people of all ages and is eligible for service hours. If interested, please call the Social Ministry office at 516-679-8532.

Prayers for our Bereavement Group

This week marked the final session of our first Bereavement Group since the COVID pandemic. On Wednesday the group was blessed to attend a beautiful Mass led by Father James and Seminarian Greg Marino. Prior to the Mass, the group had a visit from Lucy the Therapy Dog to provide some extra comfort and love. Please keep our bereaved in your prayers as they move onward in their grief journey. Thank you to Judy Bongiovi, Sue Nicola and Joe Missilli for facilitating this important group!

Thank You for the July 4th Donations!

Thank you so much to everyone that donated fresh foods and barbeque items to the food pantry this week! We are so grateful! You made the Fourth of July holiday very special for our Social Ministry families. God bless you and your families this holiday weekend!



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 Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.
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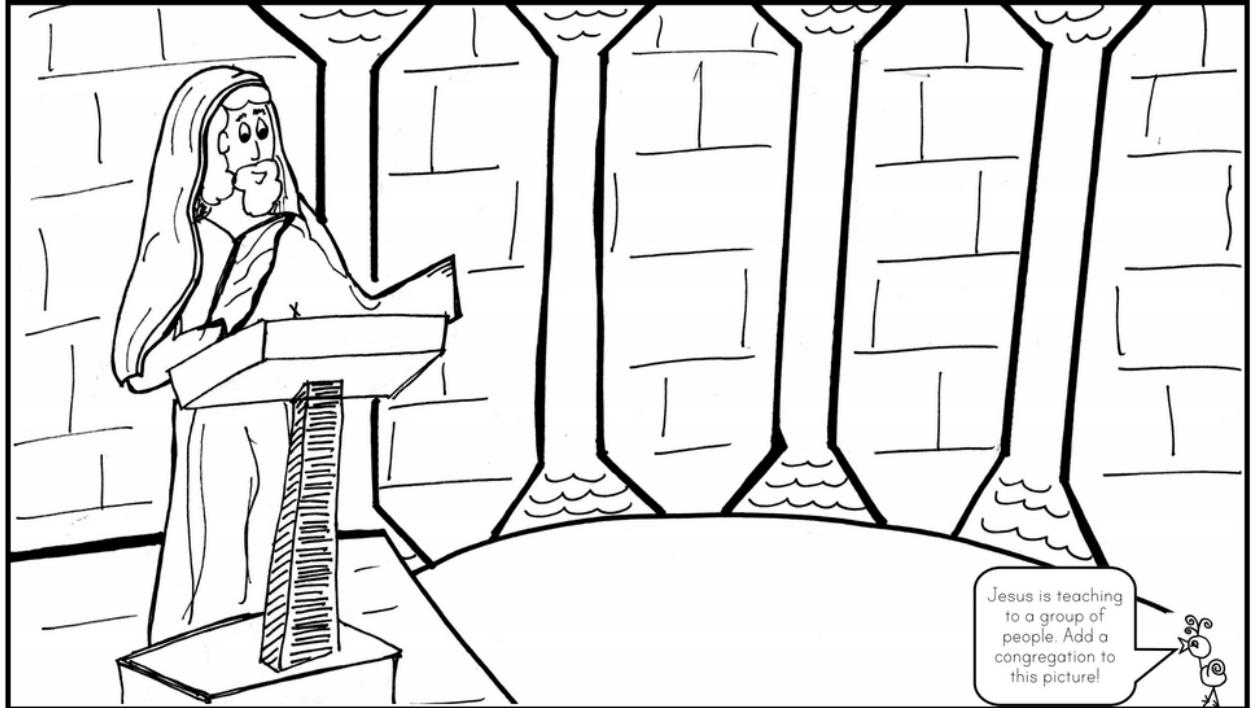
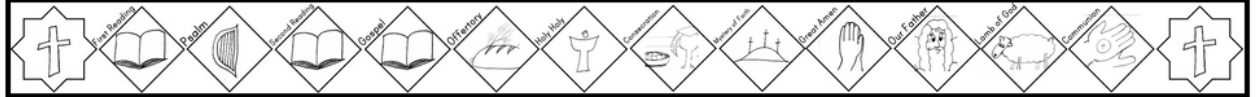
When a man becomes a priest, the Holy Spirit comes down to him so he can perform the Mass. When we say, "And with your spirit," we are remembering that the Holy Spirit is with him.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha became Catholic when she was 19 and prayed when she was out in nature. She is the patron saint of the environment. Add extra plants and animals to the picture.

Fill in the letters to find Blessed Kateri's nickname.

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M	O	S	T	Y	W	Z
8	9	10	11	12	13	14



Jesus is teaching to a group of people. Add a congregation to this picture!

Gospel

Jesus went to teach in the synagogue, church, in his hometown. The people didn't want to learn from him! Jesus was amazed that they didn't have faith.