

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

**Third Sunday of Lent
March 20, 2022**

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, March 20, 2022

James Power
People of St. William's
Eileen Dvorak
Dolores Marino

Monday, March 21, 2022

Peter Lagatta

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

Lawrence Schott

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Joseph Callahan

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Collective Intentions

Regis LeGoff (liv)
Maggie Marcinczyk (liv)
Lena Visconti
Vincent Cirelli
Joseph Mauro

Friday, March 25, 2022

Collective Intentions

Mary Bianco
Donato DiLeo
Frank B. Schiavone
Anthony LaPiana

Saturday, March 26, 2022

Purgatorial Society
Grace Magrino



Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

John 4:13-14

Pray for the Sick

Richard Ament	Michael D'Arpino
Sr. Teresita	Steven Post
Carol Rosenhagen	Elizabeth Post

Pray for the Deceased

Judith Glynn
Janet Benevento
Grace DeRosa

Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in memory of Edward O'Keefe with love from Tommy O'Keefe and Family

Altar Candles

The Altar Candles used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of Ann and Bill Zorn from Ann O'Brien

Sanctuary Candles

The Sanctuary Candles used at Mass this week have been donated in honor of the birthday of Isabella Zafonte with love from Mom, Dad, and Vincent

From What Well Are You Drawing From?

The image of sending a bucket into a hole in the ground to get water is a real and daunting one. Thanks be to God we have come a long way from drawing water at the well, as the Samaritan woman does in the Gospel, to how we get water into our homes today. To think of the labor to walk out to the edge of town with buckets and containers that would be filled with the essential source of our existence – and then carry it home. Water provides so many basic functions for us and sustains our body. It serves as a cooling system, it is used for sanitation and cleaning, and it quenches our thirst. Without water, life cannot exist.

Jesus encounters a woman at this well – which was dug by the Jewish ancestors – a water source that was there for generations and provided this important natural resource for so many people. The woman who approaches the well that day was thirsty for more than just the physical water. She, like so many of us, was worn down by the challenges of life, and many of her own personal decisions and choices. The Samaritan woman, in the greatest sense of the word, was a survivor, but in the process of “surviving,” many of her choices put her outside of the community. When we choose sin, that ultimately is an excommunication, a breakdown in our relationship with God and others in the community. Our sin is never just a personal sin, it affects all of us. When we are disconnected from the source, the life-giving source, we pursue substitutes or counterfeits in our thirst for more. And then our “thirst” can bring us to “other wells” that never quench what we truly desire.

During the last few years many of us have been so disconnected from the Church. We and our loved ones have different reasons for that - the pandemic, or anxiety and fear, as well as the adjustments and changes in our lives because of the Global Pandemic. We have looked at other “wells” to quench our deepest thirst – and haven’t been satisfied. Since the beginning of Lent 2022 I have seen a powerful renewal and restoration in the parish. The flow of faithful parishioners and visitors to our parish on Ash Wednesday brought thousands of people here to SWA in recognition that they needed God. Anytime we are entering into the desert – either spiritually or physically - we need to fill up from the springs of water that God has to offer us. In the past few weeks, I witnessed that – first on Friday night with outdoor Stations of the Cross – then on Saturday with the 95th Anniversary Gala Mass and Dinner - and finally on Monday with the opening of our Lenten mission. The parishioners of St. William the Abbot Parish are once again turning to the well of life-giving water. In the Gospel, Jesus offers a sense of hope and restoration not only for the Samaritan woman, but also for you and me.

The beauty of the story of the ‘Samaritan woman at the well’ is that she does not remain at the well. She goes and tells others, and then brings them to Christ. This is the basis of who we are as a people of faith, to be disciples and disciple-makers who are called to go and tell others about our experience with Christ and His church. The center of that mission is to evangelize that we receive our strength when we are connected to the Eucharist, which we celebrate every day, and most especially on Sundays. The hope for us in the season of Lent is that most people will have an openness to take even a small step in their faith journey. To add or remove something that will help them be reminded of their relationship with God. In our humanity, we are often in need of reminders. Because there has been so much transition and change over these past few years people in general need someone to tell them the Good News – to assist them in rediscovering the sacred. And that’s our responsibility.

Looking ahead over the next few weeks how can we invite people to the well of life-giving water that St. William the Abbot has provided for 95 years? Is it to the Monday night “Home Grown” mission talks offered by our parishioners? Is it to the outdoor Stations of the Cross prayed in solidarity with the people of Ukraine? Is it to a Saturday morning celebration of the Miraculous Medal Novena and Mass? Or is it simply to poke our heads into the church on a random afternoon, to quietly pray and light a candle for our loved ones? The woman at the well showed great boldness by heading back into the town of Sychar and telling people she knew, and people who knew her, about where to find their greatest joy. Not in a ‘thing’ or an idea, or a concept, or even a religion – but in a person. Jesus Christ. He is the one that knows everything about us – the good, the bad, the ugly – and still chooses us. He still wants us. He still loves us. That is the Life-giving Water that quenches all our thirst and can only be filled in Christ.

Have Blessed week – thank you for your presence and generosity.

Peace,



Rectory News



Second Collection

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's Love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at: www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Memorializing

The Rectory is issuing Mass Cards, enrollment in the Purgatorial Society, Memorializing the Wine and Hosts, Altar Candles, Sanctuary Candle and Altar Flowers. Please call the Rectory for more information - 516-785-1266.

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 pyx.

Pillar of Service

During Lent, we are called to practice prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for Easter Sunday. How can you practice almsgiving for those in need in our community this Lent? Perhaps you could join others from our parish and make a gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held outdoors in the Church parking lot on Friday, March 25th beginning at 7:00 PM and will be led by Deacon Joseph Tumbarello.



LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

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

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 12:00 PM

LENT

Private Prayer

The Church will be open for private prayer Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM. If there is something taking place in the church such as a funeral, wedding, class, parent meetings, RCIA, etc., parishioners should understand that they should not remain in church during these activities.

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.

Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration

Reconciliation will be held in the Church Monday through Saturday from 7:15 AM - 8:15 AM and on Saturday from 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the Church from 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM every day, Monday through Saturday.

95th Anniversary Gala Celebration

So many people were involved in planning the 95th Anniversary Gala Ball that I can only name a few. I want to begin, however, by thanking Maggie Bobby for all of her work in planning and organizing the dinner dance. I am also grateful to Memorare Council #3476 Knights of Columbus for providing a great venue and dinner and helping in many other ways as well.

This party also had “sponsors” whose names appeared in the Anniversary Journal, which was coordinated by Kate Walsh and Maggie Bobby. I sincerely thank the many parishioners and businesses who took ads in the journal. I recognize Catherine DuPlessis and Susie Quinn who created and donated the beautiful table centerpieces. Many thanks to Don Camp for taking pictures of the Anniversary Mass and the dinner dance.

I am so grateful for the return of many lay women and men who have served the parish in the past either on the staff or in ministries, the religious, deacons and seminarians who participated in the celebration, and the assistance provided by our current staff.

I want to thank in a particular those parishioners who sponsored a Priest, Seminarian or Religious to attend the Gala.

The 95th Anniversary Gala was indeed a celebration of a great parish, and with God’s help we will move into the future even stronger than before!

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.**



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.



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

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

Garden Ministry

The Garden Ministry is looking for volunteers to help with gardens in need of some TLC. This is a great opportunity to serve our parish's needs! Please email information@stwilliam.org if you are interested.

ST WILLIAM THE ABBOT PARISH

95 Years of Faith, Family, and Community



2022 LENTEN PARISH MISSION "HOME GROWN"

MONDAY, MARCH 21ST
7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH

"Staying Catholic in an Ever-Changing World & Shifting Culture"

HEATHER O'SULLIVAN

Speaker



Born and raised at SWA, Heather has the unique responsibility of teaching 7th & 8th grade ELA and Religion at St. William the Abbot School and being the assistant director of Faith Formation for the Parish. Both personally practicing her Catholic Faith and passing it on to the next generation are rewarding and life giving. Attending SWA School and Parish as well as Kellenberg Memorial HS have inspired her to respond as an active disciple. Heather's Catholic faith is prominent in her everyday life and has helped shape her into the Woman of Faith she is today. Heather has enjoyed sharing her faith with her SWS and SWA students, encouraging them grow as active members of our church and local community.

STEPHEN HARTH

Musician



Born and raised in Wantagh, Catholic education played a huge part in Stephen's life, attending St Barnabas, then St. Pius X Seminary HS, St. John's University, and currently pursuing a Master's from Fordham University. Stephen has been a teacher at St. William the Abbot School for the past nine years and is a moderator for the National Junior Honor Society, Chess Club, Abbotlocity Architecture Club, Math Club, and Newspaper Club. Stephen has also been the music director at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Malverne for over 25 years, celebrating the gift of music to draw the faithful closer to God. He has been so generous with his time to teach in our parish Faith Formation classes, with engaging and thought provoking lessons leading our youth to encounter Christ and put their faith in action.



LENT 2022

SACRIFICE + PRAYER + ALMSGIVING

HOW IS GOD CALLING YOU TO TRANSFORMATION?

LENTEN MISSION:

SWA 95 YEARS OF FAITH

"HOME GROWN"

Monday Nights

3/14 + 3/21 + 3/28

CONFESSION

Monday through Saturday

7:15 - 8:15 AM

Saturday

3:45 - 4:45 PM



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday Nights



WWW.STWILLIAM.ORG

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



St. William's is excited to announce that we will begin training new Altar Servers!

All students Grades 4 and above who are interested in learning to serve in this very important ministry are invited to attend one of the two following meetings: **Tuesday, March 22nd at 2:30 PM** or **Tuesday, March 29th at 7:00 PM**. The meetings will take place in the Church. Please complete the bottom portion of this form and return the following information at the meeting.

Name: _____

School & Grade: _____

Parent Email: _____

Home Address: _____

Parent Contact Number: _____

St. William the Abbot 95th Anniversary

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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



Pray for those in the Military

USMC -

Lt. Kevin J. Butler
First Lt. Dana Duggan
L.Cpl. John Mosier

US Air Force -

Capt. Matthew B. Frasse
Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers
AIC William Hughes
Major Thomas F. Shields

US Coast Guard -

Lt. James Knudsen
Daniel Timpanaro
LT. Commander Katherine Ustler
Frank Pristera

US Army -

Capt. Caitlin M. Lee
CW2 Brian Kirby
Major Eamon G. McArdle
Sgt. Donald Rogers
Major Christopher James Ustler
Major Kurtis Unger

US Navy -

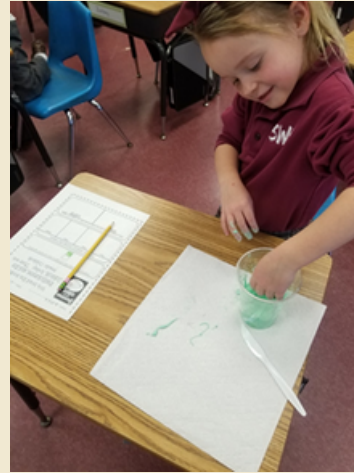
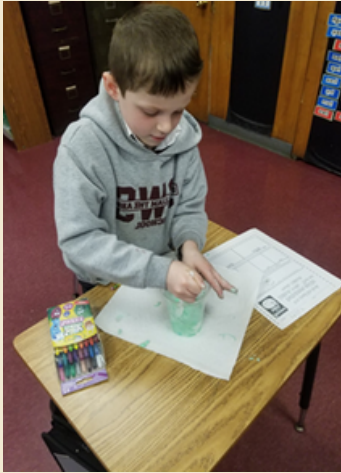
Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald
Ryan Bayer, Ensign
Rebecca Bayer, Ensign
STS1 Thomas Kerley
Lt. jg Michael O'Hara
MMN2 Emily Partridge
Commander Michael Sean Slatley
Lt. jg Michael Napolitano

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

Grade One

First Graders in Mrs. Kuehn's class are studying Solids, Liquids, and Gases. After learning the properties of Matter, we read Dr. Seuss' book, "Bartholomew and the Oobleck." We then made our own "oobleck" to decide if it is a solid or a liquid. We had a lot of fun pouring and poking the substance. We learned that it is a non-Newtonian material, taking on the properties of both a solid and a liquid.



Catholic Daughters of America Education Contest



The theme for this year's Catholic Daughters of America Education Contest was, "With God All Things are Possible" Mt. 19:26.

St. William the Abbot School is proud to announce students in two divisions and four categories were winners! Students in Division 2- Grades 6-8 -placed in Essay, Poetry, Art, and Computer Art categories.

Students in Division 1- Grades 4-6- placed in Poetry and Art categories. Congratulations to all our winners!

Parish Social Ministry

In Memoriam Donations



"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe." St. Augustine

Donations were recently made to Parish Social Ministry in memory of the following loved ones. Let us keep them and their families in our prayers.

Patricia McArdle

Eileen Flynn

Dominic Scicutella

Anthony Congema, Jr.

Joanna Colton

Easter Baskets for Parish Families in Need

Looking for a family project of giving this Lenten season? Consider preparing a simple Easter basket for one of the families supported by our Outreach office. A family basket might include some pantry staples such as coffee/tea, pancake mix, syrup, brownie mix, mac n cheese or fruit cups...and an Easter candy treat! Alternatively, you could do a small gift bag or basket for a child containing a chocolate bunny and a coloring book/crayons. Want to keep it simple? You could donate a grocery store gift card to help a family with their purchase of food for Easter dinner and beyond. For any questions or to discuss your Easter giving ideas, please feel free to call our office at 679-8532.

Pantry Needs

Cooking Oil (small bottle)

Juice Boxes

Oatmeal Canisters

(Quickoats)

Toothpaste

Deodorant

All Purpose Liquid

Cleaner



Ukraine Conflict Emergency Relief

As the first signs of crisis emerge in Ukraine, Catholic Relief Services is helping Caritas to respond to humanitarian needs across the country. Inspired by Gospel values and Catholic Social Teachings, Caritas Internationalis is a confederation of 162 Catholic relief organizations that responds to disasters, promotes human development, and advocates on the causes of poverty and conflict. Right now, Catholic Relief Services and Caritas are responding to urgent needs in Ukraine including evacuation, food, and safe shelter. If you would like to help with these efforts, please visit www.support.crs.org/ukraine or call 1-877-HELP-CRS.

Alzheimer's Support

There are free support groups available for those impacted by Alzheimer's. Sharing your experiences with others who understand can help everyone that participates. Topics covered include understanding Alzheimer's, legal and financial planning, caregiver support, effective communication, and healthy living for both victims and caregivers. Consultations are available from the LI Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900 or call the Social Ministry office for more information.



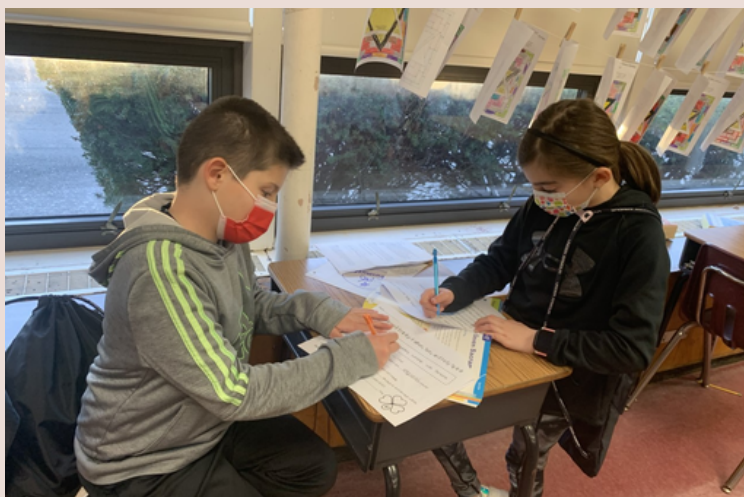
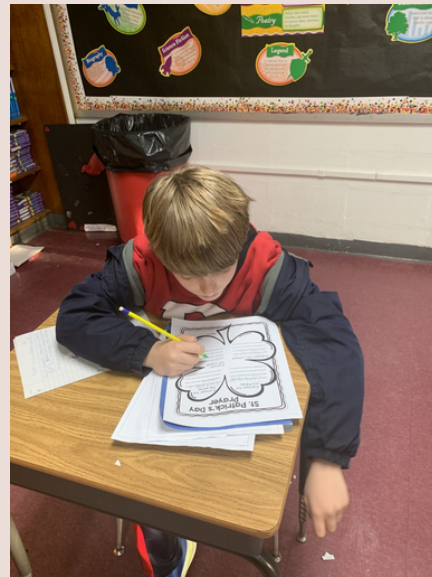
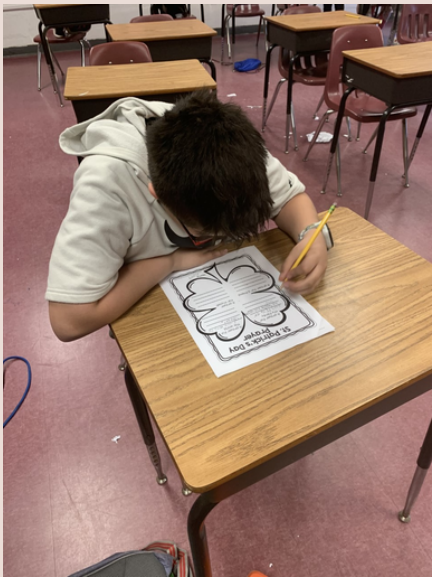
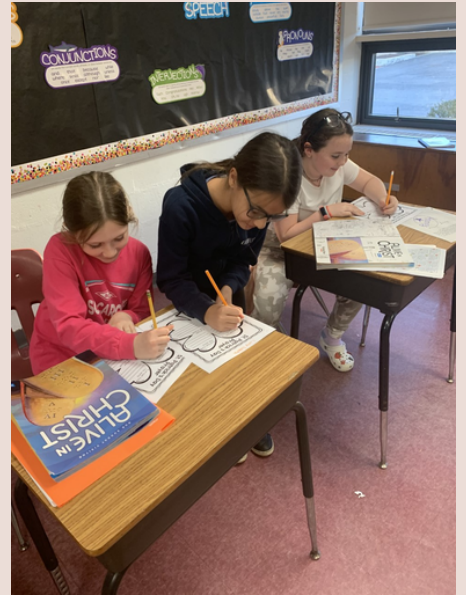
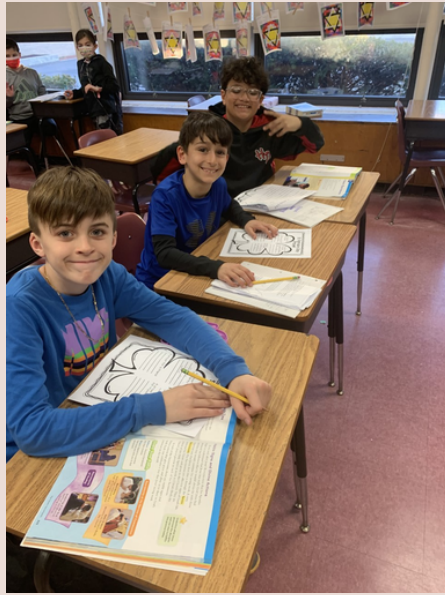
Donation Spotlight SWA Prayer Shawl Ministry

Last week members of the St. William the Abbot Prayer Shawl Ministry donated hand-made blankets for refugees fleeing the Ukraine. Donations were brought to The Oaks at Broadlawn Manor in Massapequa for inclusion in their donation drive. The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. William's consists of approximately 40 volunteers that crochet and knit blankets, lap robes, shawls, hats and gloves for those in need. Interested in joining this worthwhile ministry? Come by the Church Abbey on the first or third Tuesday of the month from 10am – 12pm. All levels of expertise are welcome!

Please note: The Town of Oyster Bay is hosting a Ukraine Humanitarian Relief Drive Monday – Friday, 9am – 4:45pm, March 7th through March 25th. Collection bins are located at Town Hall South, North, and the Skating Center at Bethpage Community Park. They are accepting non-perishable food, personal hygiene items and medical supplies.

Faith Formation

Ms. Suppe's Tuesday 4th Grade Religion Class wrote prayers for their family, friends, the world, and themselves in the shape of a 4-leaf shamrock this week. They also completed a worksheet about the teachings of St. Patrick.



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross was held outdoors on Friday, March 18th, led by Fr. Joe Fitzgerald



2022 Lenten Parish Mission "Home Grown"

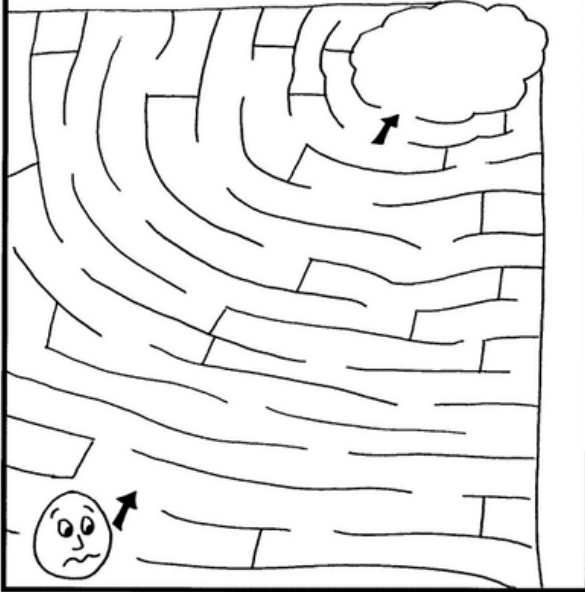
George and Ginny Ritter spoke of "God's Steadfast Love and Faithfulness" at our first Lenten Mission, which was held on Monday, March 14th. The Ritter family was transformed by the parish, school and close knit community. This was evident as their St. William the Abbot family rallied around them numerous times, especially when their son, George, was seriously injured in a workplace accident in November of 2020.



Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity

Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity were best friends. They learned about God together and became Christians. Ask them to pray for your friends.

God asks us to search for good friends. Find a way through the maze and draw a saint as a friend in Heaven.



Year C: Third Sunday of Lent

Catholic Kids

March 20, 2022
Lent
Color: Purple

Bulletin

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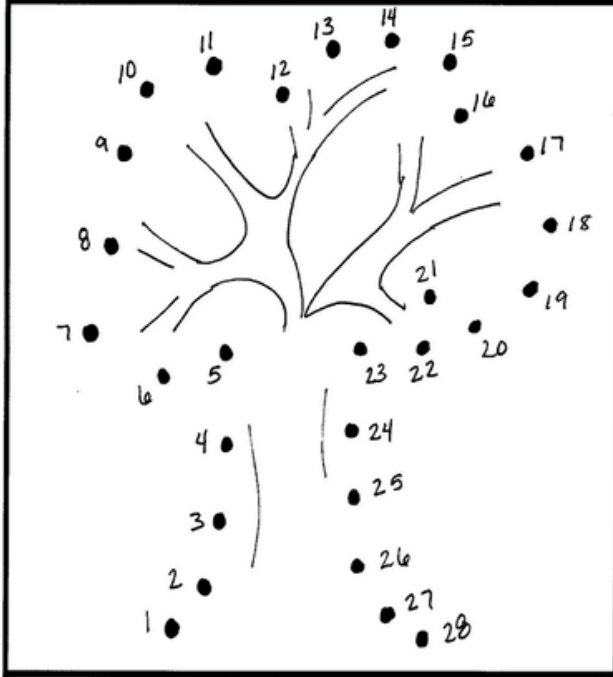
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The Lord
is kind and
merciful.

B W A A N D K W O J P A O I S J E O I C J W A K



Are you saying extra prayers for Lent? Lent is a time to get closer to God. Prayer will help you get closer to Him.



In the first reading, Moses talked to God in a burning bush. Moses asked God what He should be called.

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	

God answered...

_ 9
_ 1
_ 13

_ 23
_ 8
_ 15
_ 1
_ 13

Gospel

Jesus is teaching his disciples to repent and be sorry for their sins. He tells a parable, a story, about a fig tree. Listen to His story.

Year C: Third Sunday of Lent

Connect with the Parish & School

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.

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.

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Allison Marro

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SCHOOL

Elizabeth Bricker
Principal

Christine Bendish
Assistant Principal

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

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presider schedule, and see other parish information.

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Instagram: Follow us:
[@stwilliamabbot](https://www.instagram.com/stwilliamabbot)

YouTube: Find us at:
[YouTube.com — St. William the Abbot Church](https://www.youtube.com/StWilliamtheAbbotChurch)

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If you are not currently on our email list and would like to
receive email updates on parish news and the bulletin, in
your inbox please register on the parish website
stwilliam.org.



Emergency Line



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