

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord May 16, 2021



He said to them, "Go into the whole world and
proclaim the gospel to every creature.

- Mark 16:15

PARISH INFORMATION

RECTORY

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

RECTORY HOURS

Monday - Friday
9 AM - 1 PM
Saturday
9 AM - 6 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

The Altar Candles used at mass this week were
donated in honor of the 100th Birthday of

Maria DiCarlo

with love from the DiCarlo Family.

The Sanctuary Candles used at mass this week were
donated in loving memory of

William E. Benson Jr.

from your loving family.

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

Robert Eanuzel

from the Eanuzel Family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 16, 2021

Carole Flynn
Mother's Day
Robert Kandybowicz
People of St. William's

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Rev. James T. Rooney

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Genevieve Daly

Monday, May 17, 2021

Mother's Day

Friday, May 21, 2021

Collective Intentions
Kerry Probst, Tony Antonicelli, John
Mulvey, Georgiana Wurtz

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Collective Intentions
Teresa Dileo, Donato Dileo,
Mother's Day, Camille Smith

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Purgatorial Society
Ed Tomczyk

Pray for the Deceased

Margaret Martin	Giuseppe Basile	
Andrew Negron Jr.	Peter Till	Yolanda Cassese

Pray for the Sick

Gary Panzl		
Tyler Donohue	Nancy Priola	Robert Olsen
Ava Nilson	Robert Valerga	Dorothy Meinke

“Their eyes were raised to heaven, and they waited”

We are now in this time of the liturgical year between the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and the waiting of the Holy Spirit to descend upon the Church. Jesus' return to the Father was a cause of anxiety for the apostles, even though the Lord made the promise that he would send an Advocate to help support and guide them. In many ways, those first apostles were paralyzed, unsure, and fearful. They did not have the fullness of the gifts of the Holy Spirit (yet), so they waited and wondered what to do next. For us as a parish, we too have been in this pause, as we await protocols, recommendations, and directives on what we are permitted and able to do in the eyes of our local government. But as faithful disciples we know what the next steps are, we are called to go forth with the strength of the Holy Spirit and to pronounce the Good News.

This past year has been a difficult one for all of us, our world has been turned upside down, family, work, loss of loved ones, loss of livelihood, the disruption of our normal day-to-day experience. But especially for those of us who have been engaged in the church, in ministries – those active and bringing forth service and ministry to parishioners in need, and those who have been on the receiving end of our pastoral gifts. There is great anticipation to return to some of those ministries and experiences - to truly be Jesus's hands and feet in our community and beyond. Like the Apostles, we too not only look to the sky for Jesus's return but also the new needs that have come from this global pandemic experience. The biggest need is a return of presence - to just be together. I have seen that in the recent celebrations of 1st Holy Communions, the praying of the Rosary, Mother's Day, and how mass attendance continues to grow each week. The past few months have allowed me to meet with many of our ministries, to discuss what they will look like as we open back up to a more familiar pastoral experience. We are tweaking and evaluating not necessarily whether to continue certain ministries, but how to ensure they line up with our foundational Mission.

The slowdown of the past year has allowed me to listen to all of you, as well as certain expectations and responsibilities that come down from the Bishop's office, and most importantly to listen to how God is directing the parish. The question that continues to come up in prayer is simply, why do we exist as a parish community? Why are the doors of SWA even open? The simple answer is to bring Jesus Christ into the world. But if we go a little deeper and ask, what do we offer that no one else can? The answer is the sacraments and preparing our community for the sacraments. The Seaford library, the Seaford/Massapequa/Wantagh schools, Tackapausha Nature Preserve, local little league, and even our amazing Seaford Fire Department provide really “good things” for this community. But our main mission at St. William the Abbot is to proclaim the Good News, that Jesus is Risen, and the world must be different because of that truth. We do that uniquely here when we celebrate the Sacraments given to us and instituted by Jesus – this allows for an Encounter.

What continues to come up in my daily prayer, what the Lord is making very clear is that the sacraments, formation of the faithful, and outreach to the most vulnerable are the pillars of our Mission. I think we all can get caught up with the things that we ‘do’ which so often influences our identity – “I am a spouse, parent, employee, student, etc. Ultimately, our identity is set on the foundation of our relationship with God the Father, that we are favored and beloved daughters and sons. That never changes. The challenge is if we base our identity on what we do, and some of those things are removed - we suffer and forget our deepest identity. We base our worth on those things we “do” - for example, I am a catechist, an usher, a coach, I watch my grandkids, I am an altar server, a volunteer, and so on. The Pandemic has removed those ministries/activities which if our identity has been based on that we have struggled even more this past year. But when our deepest identity is connected to the SOURCE, our relationship with God is enhanced and thrives through the Sacred Moments – the sacraments. Mass, confession, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and growing in our knowledge and understanding of God, our souls are nourished and fed – which leads us into Apostolic Service.

My encouragement and challenge to us all during this period between the Ascension and Pentecost is to “re-Discover the Sacred” in the Sacraments of the Church. We raise our eyes to heaven, we await the power of the Holy Spirit always present in the Sacraments, and then we are moved into Mission and Service to the Lord. If you have not been to Sunday Mass regularly since the Pandemic started, come home! If your soul is longing for more than the Sunday experience, incorporate one or more daily masses during the week. Make time for adoration, quiet prayer, the rosary, and confession – the Lord will meet you there, He will speak to you, and abundantly bless you, your family, and our parish. St. William the Abbot parish is blessed with an abundance of dedicated and caring servants of the Lord – we are awaiting the New Pentecost to come upon the Church and our parish to fill our lungs with a renewed spirit of Faith, Hope, and Love in Christ. Then to go on a mission and bring that to the world.

Thank you for your presence and generosity.

Peace,



Rectory News

Wedding Banns II

Thomas C. Nigro
St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa NY

&

Allison R. Cooney
St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa NY



William VonFricken
Smithtown, NY

&

Carmela Valente
Wantagh, NY

Micheal Cianciaruso
Rockville Centre, NY

&

Kimberly Woods
Bethpage, NY

Philip Siconolfi
St. Joseph's, Babylon NY

&

Rebecca Scapparo
St. William the Abbot, Seaford NY

Global Pandemic have your dog's social life looking "ruff"?

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



Emergency

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

Have a question for the priests?



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



St. William the Abbot desires to partner with parents and young adults to reach the next generation for God's Glory. We have many Core volunteer opportunities, please email priests@stwilliam.org if you wish to share your gifts with the youth of our community.

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.

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.

St. Monica Prayer Group



Please join Father James for an evening of prayer and discussion about our friends and family that are not practicing the faith. You will have the opportunity to share your story and listen to others share their stories. Together we will pray for conversion and try and come up with creative ideas on how to get our loved ones back to church.

We will meet Monday, May 24 at 7:30pm in the Church

Please let us know if you plan to attend by emailing your complete name, best contact number, and email address to priests@stwilliam.org.

St. William the Abbot RC Church



Women's Holy Hour

Mothers, Daughters, Sisters, Aunts, Nieces, Grandmothers
calling all the beloved daughters of the Lord

Friday, May 21 at 6:30 pm

Doors open at 6:15pm

Stay for social afterwards



Guest Speaker
Mrs. Elizabeth Bricker



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Stump the Priest



WHAT IS “FULL CONSENT” IN MORTAL SIN ?

“Full consent” in mortal sin is when one personally, freely, willingly and deliberately chooses to commit a sin which is a serious violation of the Divine Law .

A person can commit a sin but without his or her free will; it could have been forced on the person or that it was committed under threat of death. An example could be when armed robbers break into a home and, under threat of death, give a gun to a person to shoot his or her own family member. Under such a circumstance, there is a homicide committed and homicide is a serious violation but we know also that the person did not do the shooting freely, willingly or with consent. It was committed under external coercion.

To answer this question satisfactorily, however, let us delve a bit into what is called Mortal Sin and how “full Consent” contributes to making a sin be considered mortal.

To begin with, sin is any immoral action, thought, or word that offends the love we owe to God, to our neighbor and to ourselves. Saint Augustine defined sin as “an utterance, a deed, or a desire contrary to the eternal law.” We also read from the first letter of Saint John that: “Everyone who commits sin commits lawlessness, for sin is lawlessness.”(1Jn 3:4)
This same first letter of Saint John makes a distinction between sin as “deadly” and “non-deadly”. (Cf 1Jn 5:16-17)

Against this backdrop, the Church gives the designation “venial” to a non-deadly sin and “mortal” to a deadly sin. So we have the two divisions called venial sin and mortal sin.

Mortal sin or deadly sin is so named because it separates the offender from God’s love, depriving him or her of sanctifying grace and ultimately destroying the ability to be in a loving relationship with God.

By nature human beings are made to live in communion with God. This is what is referred to as being in the state of grace. Therefore any sin which kills or destroys this ability to live in love of God or neighbor is deemed deadly or mortal. A traditional list of these sins are: Lust, Sloth, Avarice, Wrath, Pride, Gluttony and Envy.

By their nature, these sins destroy our ability to live according to the commandments of God which Jesus Christ summed up as loving God above all things with all our hearts, our minds, our souls, our strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

For a sin to be considered “Mortal” the Church looks for the following three conditions:

Grave Matter:- this means the sin must be a serious violation of the Divine Law.

Full Knowledge:- this means the person knew the act as sinful and also knew it is against God’s law.

Complete Consent:- this means the person deliberately, freely and willingly chose to commit the sin without any external coercion whatsoever.

In the absence of any of these conditions, the sin is not considered mortal but venial. In other words, it also means that when all of these conditions are present, even the slightest of sins can be deemed a serious violation of the Divine law and hence mortal. For example if one deliberately tells a lie that ultimately leads to the loss of life or to a serious damage of another’s reputation, the lie, though less serious it may seem, is deemed a mortal sin.

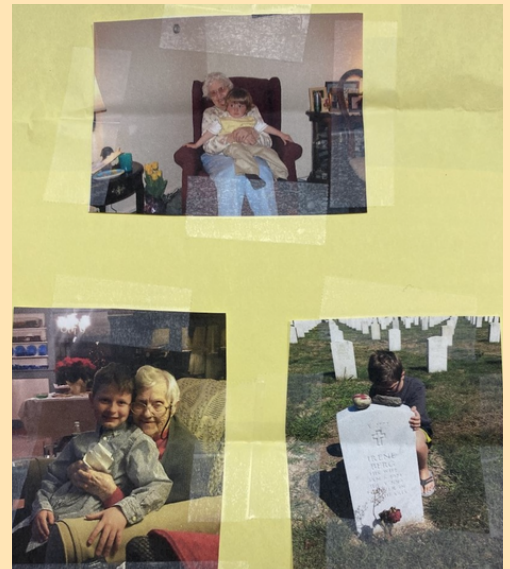
So the Catechism of the Catholic Church has it that: “One commits a venial sin when, in a less serious matter, he does not observe the standard prescribed by the moral law, or when he disobeys the moral law in a grave matter, but without full knowledge or without complete consent. (CCC 1862)

Venial sin is a less serious act that offends the love of God. While it does not separate us from God the way a mortal sin does, it weakens our relationship with him. The repetition of sins, even venial sins, can lead to the commission of mortal sins and a life of vice. Since little drops of water can make a mighty ocean, it is strongly recommended that we confess venial sins in order to avoid mortal sin.

Faith Formation

The Ascension of the Lord was this past Thursday, and today in the Gospel we hear "I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice". Jesus told the Disciples that he would die on a cross, and he promised that he will rise up on the third day and be ascended into Heaven to be with God the Father by his side and be with us eternally. The Lord has set his throne in Heaven and he is evermore by our side. Jesus guides us always, especially when we are confused and need some extra guidance. Prayer is helpful and we get answers, but it sometimes takes time, we need to learn to be patient just as Jesus was. Continue to love one another and put your trust in him and God will remain in us always.

The 8th Grade Students of Faith Formation will be having Confirmation Rehearsal. The Confirmation Gowns will also be given out. The Rehearsals will take place in the Church with their Sponsor or Parent if the Sponsor cannot make it. Please arrive 10 mins before the rehearsal times. The 1pm Session the rehearsal is on Tuesday, May 18th from 6pm to 7pm. The 3pm Session rehearsal is on Wednesday, May 19th from 6pm to 7pm. The 5pm Session rehearsal is on Wednesday, May 19th from 7:15pm to 8:15pm. Confirmation is on Wednesday, May 26th. Here are some pictures from our students doing their lessons. Even the cat got involved!



Welcome Seminarian Greg Marino!



Hello! My name is Gregory Marino and I am a first-year master's level seminarian at Cathedral Seminary House of Formation in Douglaston, NY. I have one year left of minor seminary until, God-willing, I move on to Major seminary at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, NY.

I was raised in an Italian-Irish cradle-Catholic family as the youngest of five children. I have been an athlete my whole life, competing in baseball and basketball throughout high school and continuing with baseball at the NCAA D1 collegiate and professional levels. I attended public school at Centereach High School and Stony Brook University, receiving a B.S. in Health Sciences.

During my time at Stony Brook, my faith grew in hours of adoration, prayer, spiritual reading, good priestly role models, and fruitful relationships, particularly in the SBU's Newman Club. Fr. Sean Magaldi was the chaplain there my first three years (2015-2018) in addition to getting to know him as an associate pastor at my home parish. Fr. Lachlan and the FOCUS Missionaries led Newman Club my senior year and gap year (2018-2020), taking my spirituality and discernment to a new level.

After my first year in seminary, I feel I have grown tremendously with the Lord already. The prospect of priesthood is certainly daunting, but with Jesus Christ at the center, I look forward to continuing my journey by serving the people of St. William the Abbott this summer!



Safety

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

Overflow Space

We do have overflow space in the Abbey for Masses. Please follow the directions of our Ushers if the Church reaches capacity and you are asked to attend the Mass in the Abbey.

While attending Mass during this difficult time

- Please sanitize your hands
- If you are a family please occupy a pew
- Be kind and considerate
- Please keep social distance
- Don't congregate in the Church or parking lot before or after Mass
- Touch a bulletin, please bring it home

Love for our neighbors should be one of the primary considerations.

Safety Protocols

As more of you are returning back to in-person Mass, we want to re-emphasize that all of our safety protocols are still in place.

Please allow the ushers to seat you - they have been carefully trained in our seating arrangement that will enable us to get the maximum number of worshippers seated in the Sanctuary while maintaining social distancing.



Communion by Car Line for High-Risk Individuals

Please consider virtual Mass if you are high risk of severe illness due to COVID-19.

Weather permitting, we will continue to offer outdoor Communion (via car line) on Sundays at 1 PM, following the live-streamed Mass at 12 PM.

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.

Holy Communion



When it is time to receive Holy Communion, please practice social distancing as you walk in the communion line. On the way back to your pew please maintain spacing. Everyone will come down the center aisles to receive communion. Please do not rush back to your seats.

Arrive Early & Wear Your Mask



We do ask that everyone arrive early so that we can seat everyone 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.**

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.

We Pray for all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing. For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection. For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit. For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety. For those who do not have adequate health insurance, we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone. Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace, comfort, and healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

Parish Social Ministry

Yarn Donations

We are currently taking yarn donations for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. This ministry knits and crochets lap robes and blankets for parishioners that are sick or in the hospital. They also create hats, scarves and gloves for the homeless of Long Island. If you have extra yarn please put it to good use and donate it to this ministry! Drop offs accepted at the Parish Social Ministry office Monday through Friday, 9:30am until 4pm.

Bereavement Support Group starting May 19th

The Bereavement Support Group will begin on Wednesday, May 19th. If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and would be interested in attending a group session for support, please call the Social Ministry office at 679-8532.

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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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

Apples
Fresh vegetables
Bar soap
Napkins

Apple juice
Ketchup
Mustard



Medical Equipment Available

We have medical equipment available for anyone in need such as walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, and canes. There is also a hospital bed available. Please contact the Social Ministry office if you are interested.

Bereavement Support Group

The Spring Bereavement Support Group begins this week! We are so happy to be able to finally offer parishioners in-person help for their grief. Remember – you must be registered to attend!

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and would be interested in attending our next group session in the Fall, please call the Social Ministry office at 679-8532 to register.

Did You Know?

Individually packed food items are extremely valuable for our clients that are homeless. Single serving items such as fruit cups, peanut butter 'go' cups, tuna snack packs, granola bars and raisins provide nutritious snacks that can be easily eaten and stored. Any ready to eat portable items in stay fresh containers are a great donation that goes the extra mile to help our homeless!

Saint William the Abbot Home School Association

In honor of Memorial Day, the Home School Association will create a “Field of Honor”. This field will honor veterans that have served or that are serving in the Armed Forces.

The field will consist of pre-purchased 3 x 5 ft. flags mounted on 8ft poles and placed in precision rows on the front lawn of the Saint William the Abbot School on Jackson Avenue. The flags will come with a custom printed yellow ribbon, which you can personalize. When the field is taken down the Flag is yours to keep. You need not know a Veteran to purchase a flag, one can be purchase in the name of All Veterans.

Flags will be flown from May 22, 2021 – June 19, 2021
Cost per flag: \$25.00 per flag

Last Date to Order is May 17th, 2021

Limit of 200 flags – Order Early



----- I would like
to donate \$25.00 for a flag in the name of:

Please print Veteran's name(s) clearly

My Name*

My Phone #* (include area code)

Family name and Grade of child at SWS (ex. Smith 2-1)

My E-Mail

*Required fields.

Make checks payable to the St. William the Abbot HSA.
Send checks and application to Field of Honor/Valerie Augustin c/o Jaclyn 4-2
(Ms.Lombardo).

Takedown day is June 19th you may pick up your flag on the Field between 8:00am-9am.
Flags will be sent home with your child, you do not need to pick up.
Flags not picked up will be available in the school office.
Please call the school office at 516-785-6784 to coordinate pick up
Flags can also be donated back to the school for next year's field



Catholic Kids Bulletin

May 16, 2021
Easter
Color: White



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The Lord has
set his
throne in
heaven.

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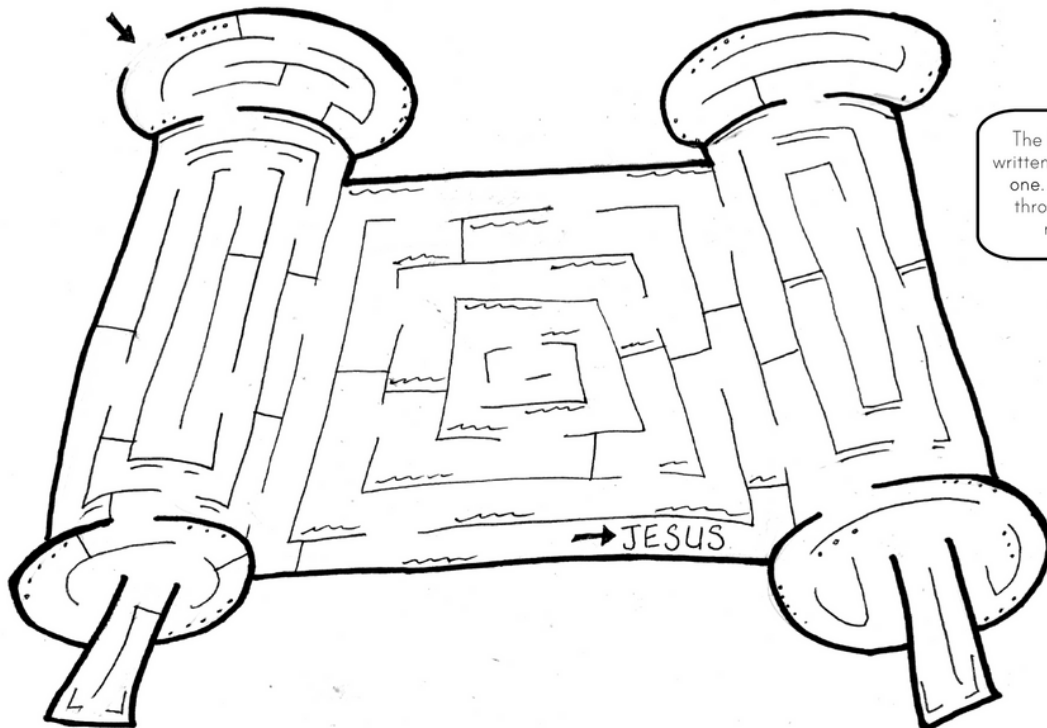
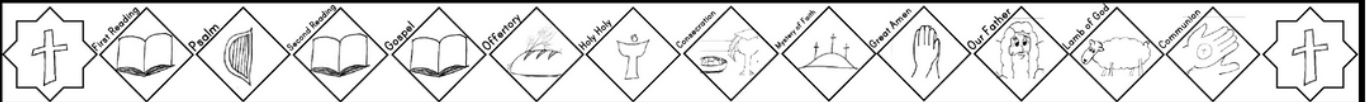
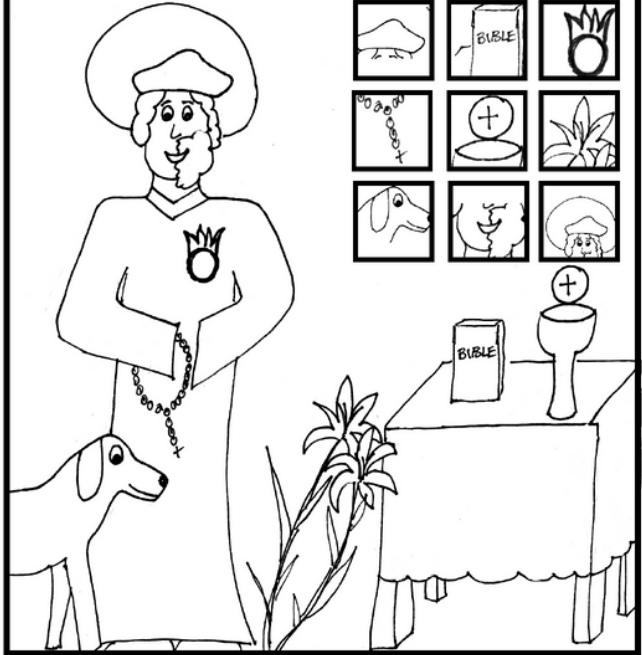


It is still the Easter season.
What can you do today to
celebrate Easter?

Saint Philip Neri

God's love appeared to Saint Philip Neri. It looked like a ball of fire and entered his heart.

There are some strange symbols in this picture. Saint Philip Neri did weird things to get people to listen to God's word. Once, he shaved only half of his beard! Saint Philip Neri wanted to teach a man to be humble so he asked him to "walk a dog" by carrying the dog around all day.



The Bible used to be written on scrolls like this one. Follow the maze through the scroll to reach Jesus.



Gospel



Jesus says that the scriptures were fulfilled with Him. That means that we can read the bible to learn more about Jesus!