

# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

**Pentecost Sunday**  
**May 23, 2021**



## PARISH INFORMATION

### RECTORY

Office: 516.785.1266  
2000 Jackson Avenue  
Seaford, NY 11783  
[stwilliam.org](http://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](http://stwilliam.org)

### DAILY MASS

**Monday - Friday**  
8:30 AM

### WEEKEND MASS

**Saturday**  
8:30 AM & 5 PM  
**Sunday**  
7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM, & 12 PM

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, May 23, 2021

Julia Le Barr  
Collective Intentions  
Joyce Jaffe, People of St. William's,  
Phillip Tumbarello, Tom Ward, Sr.  
Gerard Monk  
Martha Thompson (LIV), Sean  
Collins, Joseph Ventimiglia

### Monday, May 24, 2021

Christopher Sarro

### Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Anthony Fuina, Joseph J. Bishop

### Wednesday, May 26, 2021

Vincent J. Russo

### Thursday, May 27, 2021

Collective Intentions  
Donald Clark, Lydia &  
Emmanuel Tabone, Donald  
O'Brien, Kevin Daly

### Friday, May 28, 2021

Michael Ring

### Saturday, May 29, 2021

Purgatorial Society  
People of St. William's



## Pray for the Confirmandi. Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, strengthen our St. William the Abbot Confirmandi with your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord, as a disciple of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit. Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within, so that they may count on your guidance today and every day. Show us the way to help one another become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we encounter. Amen.

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

*Nicholas Caico*  
from Carol Caico.

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

*Jo Anna Wilson*  
from the Whole Family.

## Pray for the Deceased

Lynn Canariato

Domenica Califano

## Pray for the Sick

Gary Panzl

Robert Olsen

# Pentecost 2021 – A Spirit of Renewal

When Jesus ascended to heaven, His disciples were anxiously awaiting what to do next – the Lord promised the sending of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit to assist them – but what would that look like? What would the community look like? How would Jesus' teachings continue? Would it be safe for them to gather? Both the government and religious leadership of the time suppressed them, and persecuted them, there were in hiding, staying in their homes. This newly formed group of believers were experimenting with worship, community, and past traditions in order to move forward in how to Glorify God and tell others about it. They were experiencing a New Spirit and New Mission away from the Jewish Temple.

In 2021 we find ourselves in a very similar experience. The world has changed, the Church is adapting to serving others through a Global Pandemic with greater needs and demands. We are discerning what that looks like today – not pre-Pandemic, but in a world and Church where Zoom Pre-Cana, Live-Streamed Mass, Social Distanced Baptisms, and online school has become the norm. Each year at Pentecost we are given the opportunity to move with the Holy Spirit in a Spirit of renewal, of revival, of transformation. This year is no different. The Lord allows us to look back to the early Church and the missionary zeal and responsibility entrusted to those first disciples to not turn in on ourselves but to “Go out to the Nations,” to the ends of the earth to Proclaim the Good News. For St. William's in this season of our history, it is our turn to be creative, to think outside the box of maintenance mode and be a parish that thrives and grows as Missionary Disciples re-discovering the Sacred.

It is not necessary for us to go to far off lands to fulfill our Baptismal call. We need only to look here in Seaford, Massapequa, and Wantagh. Pope Saint John Paul II introduced a re-evangelization or New Evangelization of the secularized world where so many have lost a living sense of the faith, or even no longer consider themselves members of the Church. We can all think of family members and friends who have lived here, in some cases went, or sent their family to Catholic School but really have no faith. This need for re-evangelization still does not take away the primary role of all of us to proclaim Jesus Christ to peoples who have not yet heard the Good News – but we are going to strengthen the experience here at St. Williams. The Holy Spirit will guide us and lead us to advance the Church's missionary life. We will begin with prayer. You have seen the recent experiences of Parish Holy Hours, focusing our attention on listening to the Lord each morning and during evenings of prayer for women, men, and our youth. The scriptures tell us in the Acts of the Apostles how the “community prayed boldly, and the ground shook.” We must do the same – praying for the now and the future.

In order to go forward with a new evangelization in Seaford, all parishioners must be inspired with the same courage that inspired the missionaries of the past, and the same readiness to listen to the voice of the Spirit. There is no doubt we can be given a revelation or inspiration from God at Seaford Neck Park watching a ball game, or on the bike path riding to Jones Beach (or sitting on the beach), or working in our yards for many hours, or even sitting in our living room watching a Netflix series, FOX/CNN or other news, but we also have to make space to gather as “one” in front of THE ONE. I appreciate the suggestions or recommendations that come over social media and emails – but some of them are from people who have not actually regularly been in the Church through the Pandemic. It is those who are with me and the other priests each morning in adoration or worshipping on Sunday who have been listening to the promptings of the Spirit that will help move the Pastoral strategy God is leading us to. And the Spirit is moving.

On Wednesday, in the wake of Pentecost, we will celebrate Confirmation for 150 teenagers who will be sealed with the Holy Spirit and given the same mission as the first disciples. There are many factors working against our young people today, and in a very confusing world, I pray for the gift of courage, wisdom, and understanding to take hold to help them. But I have seen real signs of hope already from this group of young disciples, little things that stand out which I would like to share with you. Some of them took the time to send me a thank you note for their recent Confirmation retreat last month, some of them have come to the rectory for me to bless their new crucifixes, rosaries, lacrosse stick, and “fat tire” bike; and this past week in the morning several of them came to adoration and confession before school started. I do not know if all 150 and their families will come next Sunday for mass, but I am confident that in the 20 months I have gotten to know them, despite a Global Pandemic – they were given many opportunities to encounter God. Laura Walsh and our Faith Formation team provided them with a curriculum that was challenging and engaging, and more importantly it is their parents who are the primary teachers and examples they will learn from. So goes the family, so goes our culture and world.

Pentecost 2021 is bringing a Spirit of Renewal in our parish and we are not called to stand on the sidelines or even remain on the field after the game. We are called to go and proclaim the Good News that has been entrusted to us, and so we ask the Lord to bless us – Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Thank you for your presence and generosity.

Peace,



# Rectory News

## Wedding Banns III

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

&

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

Micheal Cianciaruso  
Rockville Centre, NY

&

Kimberly Woods  
Bethpage, NY

William VonFricken  
Smithtown, NY

&

Carmela Valente  
Wantagh, NY

Philip Siconolfi  
St. Joseph's, Babylon NY

&

Rebecca Scaparro  
St. William the Abbot, Seaford NY

## Wedding Banns I

Gregory Griffing  
Riverhead, NY

&

Melissa Crabb  
Riverhead, NY



**LIFE TEEN**  
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

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

## Have a question for the priests?



**Stump the Priest questions can be emailed to [priests@stwilliam.org](mailto:priests@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.



## Father's Day Novena

Our Father's Day Novena of Masses will begin on Father's Day, June 20th. Cards and envelopes for the Father's Day Novena of Masses are available at the doors of the Church and in the Rectory.

If you would like to have your living father remembered, kindly take a donation envelope and card. If you would like to have your deceased father remembered, please use a donation envelope only.

## 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](mailto:priests@stwilliam.org).

## 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](mailto:priests@stwilliam.org) to schedule a walk.**

## 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.

## 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.

## LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

Join us online to view our live-streamed masses on the parish website [stwilliam.org](http://stwilliam.org).

**Monday - Friday 8:30 AM**

**Saturday 5:00 PM**

**Sunday 12:00 PM**





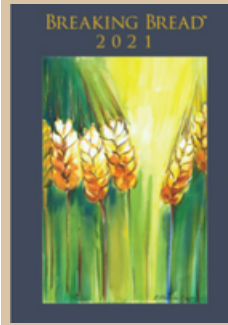
## Light a Prayer Candle

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.

## Congratulations!

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has named Reverend Monsignor William E. Koenig, the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington (Delaware).

## Missals



At this time we are able to offer the sale of individual missals for \$10 per missal. Please bring a check for \$10 payable to St. William the Abbot or \$10 exact cash to the rectory. There will be no change for cash purchases. We have a limited number at this time, so it is a first come first served basis.

## Email List

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

[stwilliam.org](http://stwilliam.org)

## Memorializing

The Rectory is issuing Mass Cards, enrollment in the Purgatorial Society, Memorializing the Wine, Host, Candles and Altar Flowers. Please call the Rectory for more information (516) 785-1266 or email [information@stwilliam.org](mailto:information@stwilliam.org)

## School Board Elections

We invite all of our St. William the Abbot community to vote for the 2021-2022 School Board candidates.

Please use the link below, view the candidates' profiles, and select three incoming members.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BJP3TW2>

The link will remain open through Tuesday, June 1st. For any questions, please contact Linda Montalbano at (516) 946-0101.



## St. William the Abbot Festival



Due to current COVID-19 restrictions from local and state departments that were issued for festival vendors. This years festival will be canceled. We hope to be able to continue this long standing tradition in the future.

## Purgatorial Society

Helen Mayer, Carmela Artusa, Anthony Nacci, Mary Nacci, Clarice Prato.

Carmela I. Angelone, Michael Attilibale, Mitzi Babich, Veronica Bolonga, Richard Ford, Malcolm Hewitt, Peter Ponterio, Louis Romano, Carmela Salerno, Ernest Corsini, Hazel Arrwda, Peggy Francis

Barbara Hyland, Margaret Geis, Carl Ingrilli, Joseph LaBarbera, Laurie Palmieri, Gregory Sofia, Barbara Benoit, Doris Morris, Michael Meoni, Melissa Garvey.

Marcello Ficarra, Timothy Harrigan, Carol Piscitelli, Rosemarie Liosi, Maryann Peduzzi, Matthew Elder, Nicholas J. Ortiz, Peter A. Puleo.

Anthony Brennan, Mary Burns, Anthony Ciraldo, Wilma F. Diehl, Robert T. Hogan, Susana M. Iannucci, Maritza Miranda-Klee, Virginia Lehoe, Catherine Motley, Rose J. Pottanat, Peter A. Puleo, Joan Rice, Anthony C. Sorrentino, Richard T. Ledbetter, Jean Claude Lucas, Richard Emeran, John Augner, Charles Kane.



# 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](http://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.



# Faith Formation

Today is Pentecost Sunday and we hear “Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love”. Jesus visited the disciples and told them to Receive the Holy Spirit. We need to be willing to receive the Holy Spirit ourselves and then use the gifts we receive. The Holy Spirit helps us to have a strong faith in God and make good choices so we can always be on the correct path.

On Tuesday, May 11th, our Faith Formation students, parents, and St. William Parishioners gathered by the Blessed Mother Statue in front of the school and did the Living Rosary, led by Mrs. Laura Walsh, to honor our Blessed Mother. Afterwards the Blessed Mother was crowned. Our 8th grade students will be making their Confirmation on Wednesday, May 26th. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit that these students receive deepens their faith and brings them closer to God.

To our 8th Grader Students- Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.





# 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

**Chips  
Fresh fruit  
Cookies  
Paper Towels**

**Mayonnaise  
Hotdogs and buns  
Hamburgers and buns  
BBQ Sauce**

## Parish Contact Information

### CONTACT THE PRIESTS

Please send your email to [priests@stwilliam.org](mailto: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](mailto:pastoralcouncil@stwilliam.org).

### QUESTIONS FOR COMMUNICATIONS

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

### QUESTIONS FOR THE RECTORY

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

### CONTACT THE BUSINESS MANAGER

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

### CONTACT FAITH FORMATION

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

### CONTACT SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

### CONTACT THE SCHOOL

#### St. William the Abbot School



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2001 Jackson Avenue  
Seaford, NY 11783  
[stwilliamtheabbot.net](http://stwilliamtheabbot.net)  
(516) 785-6784

## 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.

## 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!

## Memorial Day Shopping

Are you shopping for your Memorial Day barbeque or family gathering this week? If you are, consider picking up an item or two for our food pantry! Any barbeque or picnic related items would be a great addition to our pantry. Help the families we support to enjoy a special celebration next weekend!



*Helping Households Connect  
During the Pandemic*



## Emergency Broadband Benefits (EBB)

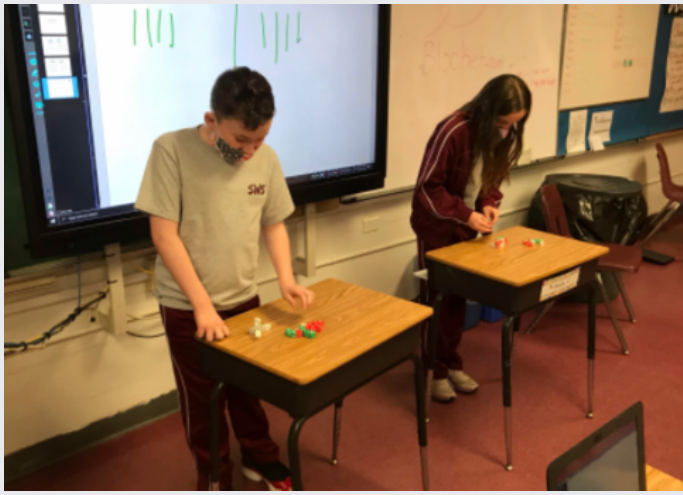
The Emergency Broadband Benefit program is a temporary FCC program to help households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic. Eligible enrollees can receive up to \$50 monthly toward broadband service and a one-time discount for up to \$100 to purchase an internet accessible device. Eligibility criteria is broad. If you are on SNAP, Medicaid, or receive free/reduced school lunch you are eligible. If you have experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since 2/29/2020, you may be eligible based on income criteria. Providers such as AT&T, Comcast, T-Mobile, Verizon and Optimum all participate in this program!

This new program will connect children to schools, seniors to telemedicine, and New Yorkers to jobs and other vital services! Visit [www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](http://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit) to register.

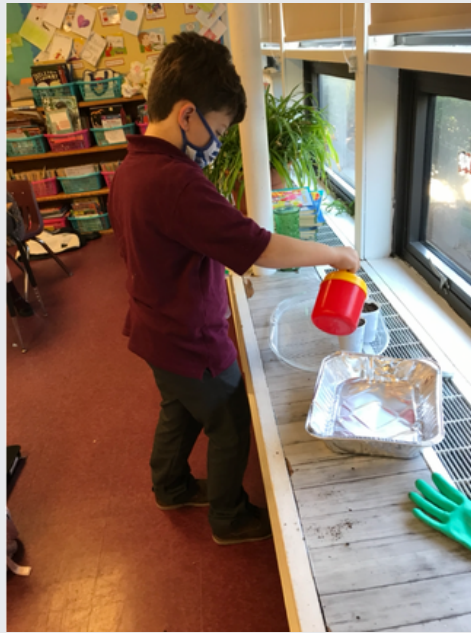




## St. William the Abbot School



Mr. Field's fifth grade math students are learning about volume. In this lesson they are using dice to build a rectangular prism with a predetermined volume. Once they've built the prism they describe to the class how many cubic units are in each layer of the figure and how many layers the figure has. This activity helps students become more familiar with volume while giving them an opportunity to apply their knowledge of multiplication and division facts.



The students in Ms. Milteer's second grade class read "The Lorax" by Dr. Seuss which carries an important message about respecting nature. They created a Lorax paper bag book report in which they answered comprehension questions. The students expressed their appreciation of trees and carried out their own tree planting projects. They brought in various fruit tree seeds which they planted and are watching them grow!

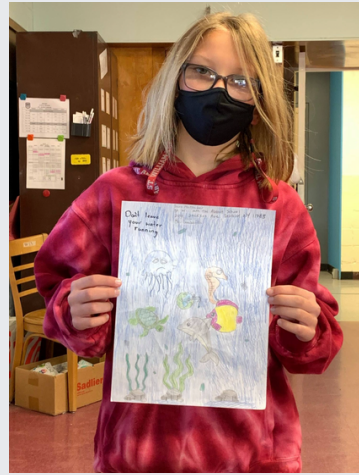
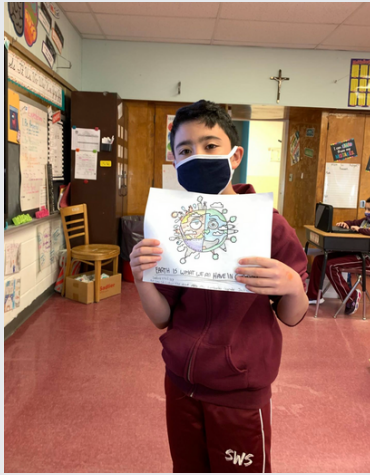
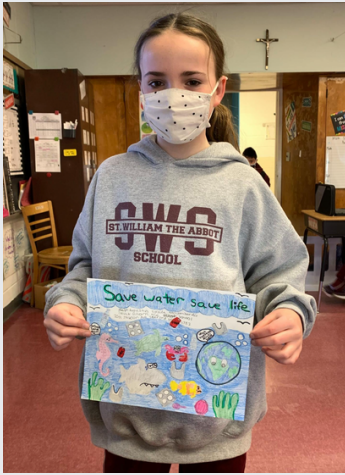


SWS students enjoying a beautiful day and a little European Handball for our 8th graders with Fr. Joe, and a good book for our 6th graders with Ms. McFadden!





## St. William the Abbot School



Students in 4-2 and 4-1 participated in the New York Environment Association annual poster contest. The theme this year is, "We All Live in a Watershed" and "Water Conservation". On Earth Day we discussed what we could do to protect our water resources. Students used class discussions to artistically express their ideas for the contest. Best of luck to our contestants!



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Congratulations to Mark Impemba, 1st runner-up, and Ryan Nicol, Math Bee champ! Congratulations, as well, to ALL our Math Bee participants! #wearestwilliams


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Lord, send out  
your spirit, and  
renew the face  
of the earth.

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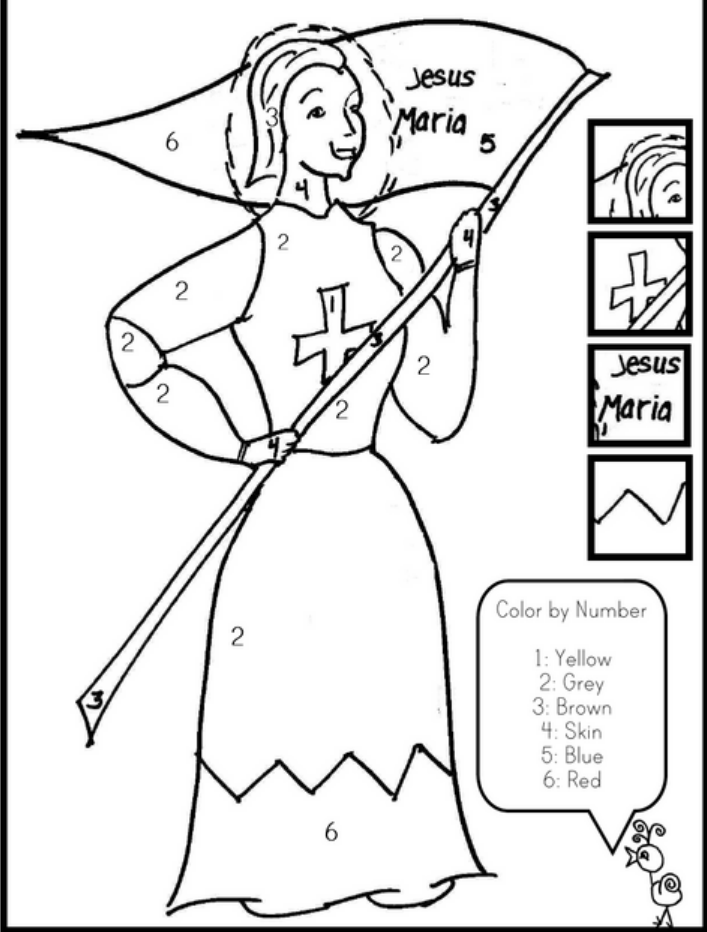
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Look at the book that is carried  
in at the beginning of Mass. It is  
called the Book of the Gospels.

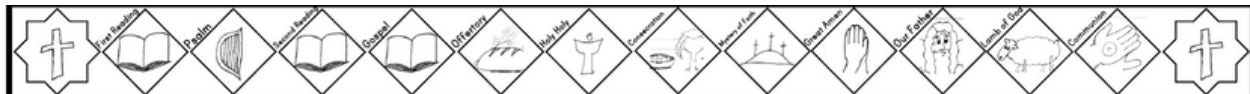
## Saint Joan of Arc

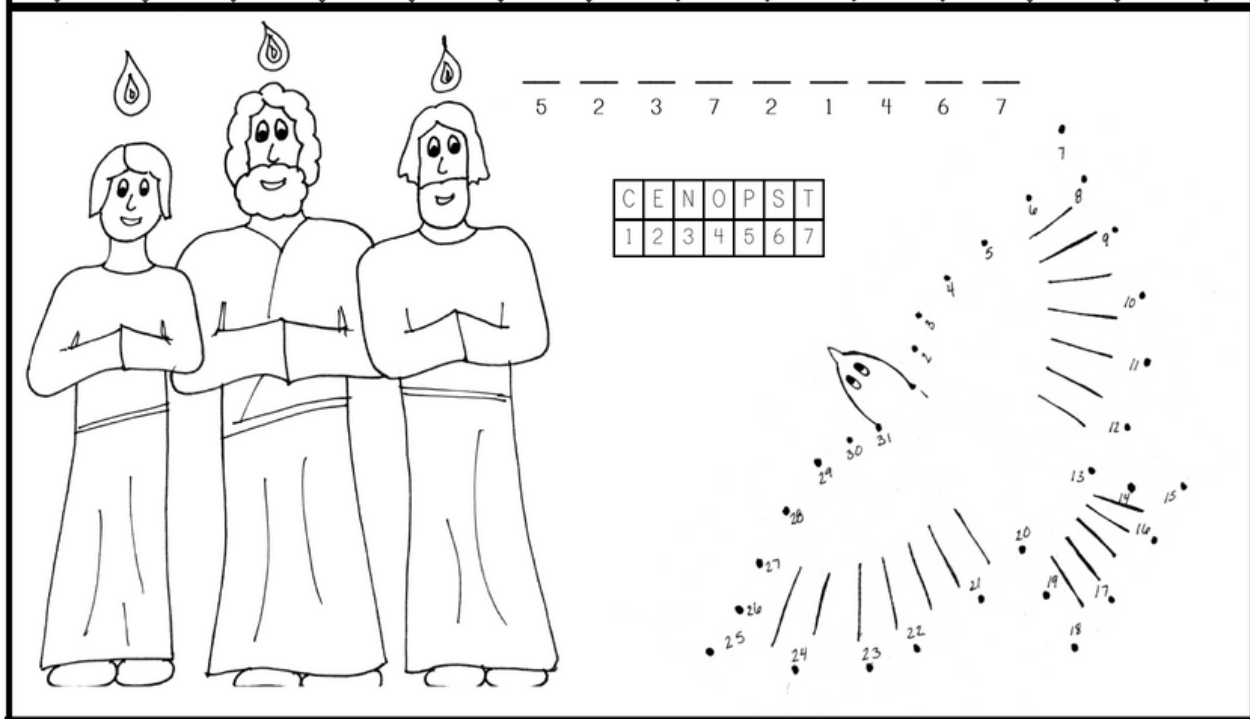
Saint Michael the Archangel told Saint Joan of Arc to lead the French army. Joan was only 16, but she followed God's message and won!



Color by Number

- 1: Yellow
- 2: Grey
- 3: Brown
- 4: Skin
- 5: Blue
- 6: Red





## Gospel

Jesus visited the disciples and told them to, "Receive the Holy Spirit." The Holy Spirit is the third part of the trinity. It helps us to have strong faith in God and to make good choices. The Holy Spirit is shown as fire and a dove.