

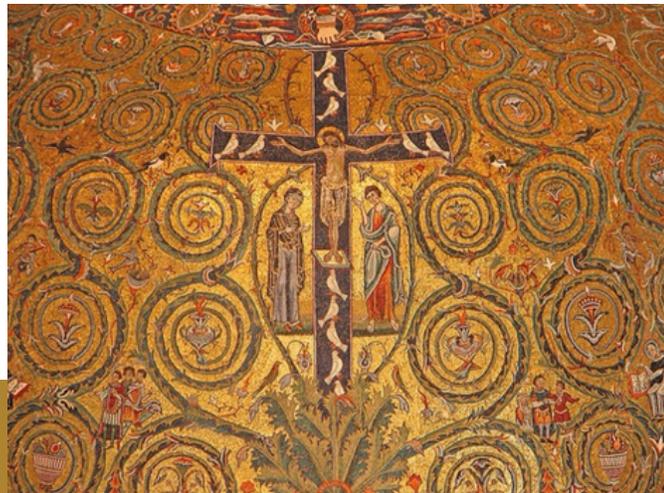
St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2021



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

As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.
- John 15:9-10

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, May 9, 2021

Collective Intentions
Basil Santini, Patricia Bozzonetti,
Anna Clark (LIV), Marie Bracco
Augie Savarese
People of St. William's
Mother's Day

Thursday, May 13, 2021

People of St. William's
Collective Intentions
Mother's Day, Domenico D'Armi,
Tom Kiernan, Carol Flynn

Monday, May 10, 2021

Mother's Day

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mother's Day

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Domenico D'Armi, Mother's Day

Saturday, May 15, 2021

Purgatorial Society
George Cain

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Mother's Day
Lenny LaFemina

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

Rosemarie Paganelli

from Cecilia Paganelli.

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

Harriet & Bernard Phillips

from the Phillips Family .

The Wine and Host used at mass this week have donated in honor of the 2nd Birthday Celebration of

Vincent Mahabir

love Stephen, Cindy, and Isabella.

Pray for the Deceased

Robert W. Sexton

Viittoria Tacchetti

Pray for the Sick

Walter King
Joseph Tsomik
Patricia Ruffino

Nancy Priola
John Laddomada
Ava Nilson
Amanda Veldras

Gary Panzl
Tyler Donohue
Robert Valerga
Dorothy Meinke

The Mantle of a Mother's Love



It is hard not to sound cliché with this statement, but my experience of growing up in Brooklyn brings me to a simpler and easier time - in some ways it was “better back then.” I was surrounded by family in the neighborhood, and one thing that made it even more special was living close to my grandparents. My grandmother, Grace Hearn - was a saint. I have vivid memories of being at her apartment on Shore Road, looking out the window at the Verrazano bridge, and using the binoculars to see the cargo ships driving into the port of New York. I remember her making sandwiches with the small slice Arnold brick oven bread, and although I could not tell you what she actually put on those sandwiches, whatever it was, was a gourmet experience. And then to lay next to her on the couch or to take a nap on her bed and have her caress my head or scratch my back I felt so covered, almost draped in love.

That gene of tenderness and caring was clearly passed on to my own mother. She too loves us with that powerful covering of grace - and I see that continued to be poured out on how Mom loves my nieces and nephews. This weekend of May we honor and remember our Mother's - those living and deceased, those who were present in our lives and those who served as actual or spiritual moms, in some ways even better than our birth moms could have. The model of Motherhood that we hold up as Catholics is our Blessed Mother Mary, who was chosen for the Lord to be His teacher, guide, and caretaker. I often think of the titles given to Mary by the Church - Queen of Peace, Full of Grace, Seat of Wisdom, Cause of Joy, Star of the Sea - but to Jesus - she was simply Mommy.

I have a good priest friend who has a powerful and intimate relationship with Mary of Nazareth - he often refers to her as “Momma Mary!” I remember the first time he referred to her in a talk, or a homily, I was initially taken back. It was so informal - so casual - and all I could think about was the Queen of Heaven and Earth needs to be honored and revered more. But as I drew deeper into a relationship with Mary - and I experienced how she brought me closer to Jesus, and always pointed to the Lord - I realized she desired a deep bond as well. I began to look at artwork of her and the baby Jesus, or young Jesus, and the way her eyes gazed upon her child. That same look is how Our Lady looks upon us - in the high moments, and challenging ones. Mary is so humble and at peace with who she was and her role in salvation history - to stay in the shadows at times, to be overlooked - not much different than our own mothers and grandmothers.



May becomes the time to be even more aware of Mary's presence in our own spiritual journey - never to worship, but to model her humility, her “yes”, her FIAT - which changed the world. She was the first disciple of Jesus - her mantle held Jesus as a baby, wrapped him up as a boy, kept Him warm and protected. It can do the same for us, individually and as a parish. On this Mother's Day weekend, we thank God for our own moms who nurtured and cared for us - we pray that new moms, expecting moms, moms who have experienced loss, and even moms who could not express their love - and for those whose moms are not there, or were not there - turn to Mary and ask her to wrap her mantle of protection upon us all. Happy Mother's Day.

Thank you for your presence and generosity. God Bless you.

Peace,

Rectory News

Wedding Banns III

James Gambina
Maria Regina, Seaford NY
&
Meaghan Haskell
St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa NY



Wedding Banns I

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 Scapparo
St. William the Abbot, Seaford NY

Lector's and Eucharistic Ministers

If you are currently serving as a Lector or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please email your contact information to information@stwilliam.org to receive future updates and schedules.



Are you called to Serve?

We invite you to share and explore your gifts with us. All are welcome to become actively involved in the Mass. We are always looking for new faces among our Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, if you are interested please email information@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.

Have a question for the priests?



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

Birthright Mother's Day Flower Sale

In honor of Mother's Day, Birthright will be selling carnations for \$1 at all the Masses this weekend. All proceeds will go to Birthright. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Living Rosary and May Crowning May 11, at 7pm in the Church

It is a Catholic tradition to honor Mary, our Mother, during the month of May by placing on her statue a crown of flowers. This lovely devotional ceremony is a favorite tradition at St. Joseph. The May Crowning gives the children an opportunity to especially honor the Blessed Mother of Jesus, and to give thanks to her for bringing our Savior into the world.



The May Crowning service is led the children of Faith Formation. The crowning ceremony takes place in the church, with weather permitting the Living Rosary will take place outdoors.

Please join the children of Faith Formation is saying the Rosary on May 11, at 7pm in the Church.

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

Stump the Priest



WHY DO SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE THEY WILL BE SAVED BY BAPTISM AUTOMATICALLY?

The sacrament of baptism washes away the stain of original sin which every descendant of Adam and Eve inherits at birth. Besides, in the case of those who get baptized as adults, it washes away any personal sins committed before the reception of baptism. This washing away of original sin and any personal sins committed puts a person on the path to the eternal happiness in Heaven after death.

To underscore the necessity of baptism for salvation, Christ our Lord submitted himself to the baptism of John the Baptist. Again in his encounter with Nicodemus he stated clearly that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without undergoing baptism by water and the Spirit. (Jn 3:5) Before ascending to the Father he reiterated this importance of baptism in the final command he gave to the disciples: "...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."(Mt 28:19)

Again, reading from the first letter of Saint Peter,(3:21-22) we have it also stated clearly that baptism saves by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand.

However, if those who think baptism saves automatically have in mind that after receiving baptism one can literally go to sleep not caring about praying, going to church, or doing any good deed, then the straightforward answer is, no, it doesn't work like that. What we can consider as automatic salvation from baptism is the situation where one dies some few hours or few days after baptism in which case there might not have been any long enough period for the person to have fallen into any serious sins before passing on. Indeed some are really privileged to have baptism administered to them at the 11th hour of their death. Nonetheless this is not a reason to keep waiting until that last hour since we never know when, where, and how death could meet us.

We must keep in mind during the reception of baptism we make promises of rejecting Satan and all his empty shows and to live for the one true God. So there remains, after baptism, the task of keeping to those promises in daily life until we pass from this earth. If after receiving baptism we fall back into committing grievous sins and then unfortunately die without being in the state of grace, we, according to the justice of God, are cast into where unrepentant sinners belong. A person dies in the state of grace when the person is clean from any grievous sin until the time of death.

To get any sins committed after baptism washed away, Christ our Lord left for his Church the power to forgive sins through the working of the Holy Spirit sent among us. (Jn 20:21). This power is what priests exercise in the sacrament of reconciliation (or what is commonly referred to as confession.) Since baptism can be given only once, all sins committed after baptism get washed away through the sacrament of reconciliation or confession.

COVID - 19 Update

- The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation Masses remains in effect.
- Based on the new information from the Diocese of Rockville Centre, beginning May 19, 2021, 100% of the church's capacity may be occupied. However, the parish will slowly begin to remove the ropes and allow for additional pews to be used.
- Beginning the weekend of May 15, we will remove the ropes of the left side area of the Church to allow for each pew to be used. We will gradually open up the additional pews.
- It is encouraged to maintain some distance when sitting in those open areas.
- Masks will still be required when on the Church property and while celebrating mass.
- Holy Water fonts will remain empty, but Holy Water bottles are available to the faithful. Please contact the Rectory for further details.

Faith Formation

Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter and in the Gospel, Jesus says “As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.” Jesus wants us to love and welcome each other as he loves and welcomes us. We should all be good to one another and do as much as we can to be there for each other. If we follow Jesus’ teachings, then, we too will be friends of Jesus. At times it can be hard to always be available when someone calls for us to lend a helping hand, but if we show the other person that we care, and can be there for the individual, and help in some way, then we are being that kind caring person that Jesus wants us to be. We need to treat others the way we would like to be treated, and not everyone does that, but it is always best to do the right thing because then it becomes a chain reaction for each other to be caring, loving, and welcoming to one another.

Today is Mother’s Day and the Blessed Mother is a great example of how she showed so much love for Jesus and Jesus knew, saw, and always felt the love from her. She had to see her only son go through so much, but she walked by his side and never gave up on showing love and care for Jesus and also to many others who were crying and saddened. She comforted them even though she herself was upset. The Blessed Mother was a strong individual as well as Jesus and when we are weak think about what Jesus went through for us and how the Blessed Mother had to go through the pain and sorrow to see her son be crucified. Even with what Jesus went through he is always caring and loving to us as well as the Blessed Mother, and so we need to show love and care to others the way Jesus wants us to and in return you will always have Jesus by your side.

All our Second Grade Students have now made their First Holy Communion and they were all beautiful. May they always continue to go to Mass and remember that Jesus is the Bread of Life. On Tuesday, May 11th at 7:00pm Faith Formation students and their families will be doing the Living Rosary. It will take place in front of St. William the Abbot School by the Blessed Mother Statue. Everyone is welcome to attend so we can all say the Rosary together and give thanks and praise to Our Blessed Mother.

Wishing Our Mother’s, A Beautiful Happy Mother’s Day!!



Pray for those that Serve

US Coast Guard -

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

US Navy -

Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald
Ian Bayer, Ensign
Rebecca Bayer, Ensign
Ensign Michael Napolitano
MMN2 Emily Partridge
Commander Michael Sean Slatley

US Army -

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

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

US Air Force -

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

USMC -

Lt. Kevin J. Butler
2nd Lt. Dana Duggan
Corporal Frank A. Finocchio
L.Cpl. John Mosier

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

Oatmeal (canisters)

Baked Beans

Brownie Mix

Tissues

Dish Soap

All-Purpose

Cleaner

Shampoo

Conditioner

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.

Springtime Special Delivery



The Social Ministry office coordinated the delivery of 20 planters of spring flowers to the homebound this week. We are sending a very special 'thank you' to the St. William the Abbot Home School Association (HSA) who promoted this event as part of their Spring Plant Sale.

The HSA's plant sale offered families the opportunity to purchase the planters, and our volunteers delivered them along with Springtime greeting cards made by students of St. William the Abbot School. We are so grateful to all the families that participated!

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



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

May 6, 2021

Dear Nurses of Long Island:

In this last year, no one was left unaffected by the trials and tribulations of the COVID-19 pandemic, but nurses, in a most profound way, were at the frontline from the very beginning, have been there during the darkest hours, and will be there to the very end. I am most grateful for the dedication of every nurse in our Diocese of Rockville Centre who, called to duty in these unprecedented times, demonstrated the grace, strength, and perseverance that epitomizes the Nursing profession and our Christian duty to care for the sick and suffering.

But it is more than just the last year. I thank every one of you in our hospitals, nursing homes and rehabilitation centers, home care environments, hospices, primary care and specialty clinics, schools, and most especially in our Catholic Health system, for giving selflessly, throughout your careers, and bringing Christ's compassion and consolation to so many. I thank you for seeing the beauty and dignity of the human person in every patient you serve.

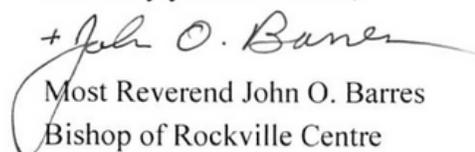
In the last year, I know how so many of you, painfully aware of the dangers you faced with an unknown infection, bravely donned full body Personal Protective Equipment to minister to the sick and dying in our hospitals, nursing homes and private residences. But I also know of the less-chronicled times you have been away from your own families for extended shifts during a snowstorm or hurricane, when you have brought cheer with a small token of love for a lonesome patient, when you have listened or prayed with a family member, and when you have rejoiced over the news of a cure or recovery. At the same time, you have been there to comfort, console, and accompany many patients and their families through difficult times. You have been at the foot of the Cross.

It is for these qualities of character, this deep commitment, and these sacrifices whether small or heroic, that we know those who enter the field of Nursing have a special vocation: to bring Christ to the bedside, to heal the wounds of the body, and more importantly, those of the soul.

And so, as we mark National Nurses Week, it is with the sincerest gratitude that I thank you for all you do to serve God's people here on Long Island, for bearing witness to His call to love our neighbor: "For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Gal 5:14). Nursing, in its purest form, manifests this truth articulated by Pope Benedict XVI in *Caritas in Veritate*: "everything has its origin in God's love, everything is shaped by it, everything is directed towards it. Love is God's greatest gift to humanity; it is his promise and our hope."

May God bless you in your dedicated work and in your heroic sacrifices and charity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

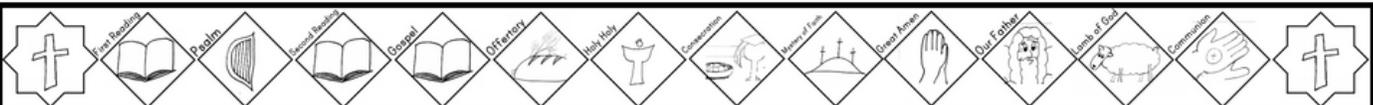
Blessed Imelda Lambertini

Blessed Imelda Lambertini wanted to receive Holy Eucharist, but she was too young. She knelt by the tabernacle and prayed that God would let her receive communion. The Eucharist miraculously floated out of the tabernacle for her First Communion!



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 The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.
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 KEWOTHEONATIONSOWHISPEKI

Find the tabernacle at your church. Genuflect toward the tabernacle before you enter the pew.



Use this box to draw a picture of LOVE. How do you show people that you love them?

