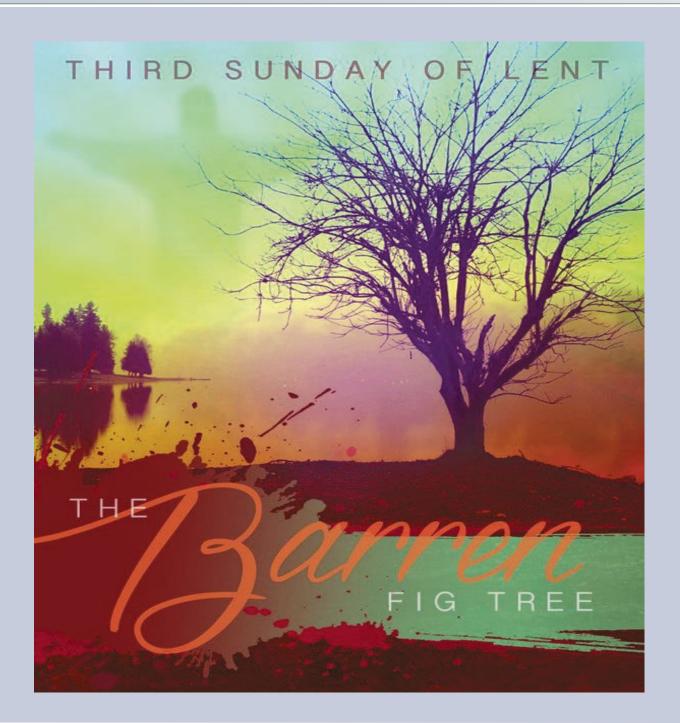
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PARISH INFORMATION

BAPTISMS \sim Twice a month on Sunday at 1:00pm. Please make arrangements at least one month in advance.

WEDDINGS ~ Arrangements should be made at least six months prior to marriage.

RECONCILIATION ~ *by appointment or* Saturdays: 3:00pm - 3:45pm and First Fridays: 8:45am

COMMUNION CALLS ~ On First Fridays by appointment only - please call the office

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday– Friday: 9:00am to 4:00pm Saturday: 10:00am to 1:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday– Friday 9:00am 5:30pm (Labor Day-Memorial Day) Saturday 9:00am & 4:00pm

> Sunday 7:30am; 9:30am; 11:30am; 5:00pm Family Mass 11:30am 2nd & 4th Sunday



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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



Saturday, Mar 19 4:00 P.M. Cl

0 P.M. Clarence D'Souza (1st Anniv)

Sunday, Mar 20 7:30 A.M. 9:30 A.M. 11:30 A.M. 5:00 P.M.

Salvatore Listro (17th Anniv)
 Fr. Joseph Smyth (1st Anniv)
 Margaret Scanzillo (2nd Anniv)

St. William's Parish Family

- Monday, Mar 21 9:00 A.M. Priest's Intentions 5:30 P.M. Bob Lane (3rd Anniv)
- Tuesday, Mar 22 9:00 A.M. Priest's Intentions 5:30 P.M. Priest's Intentions
- Wednesday, Mar 23 *St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop* 9:00 A.M. Spery Brugnetti (91st Anniv) 5:30 P.M. Priest's Intentions
- Thursday, Mar 24 St. Oscar Romero, Bishop9:00 A.M.Priest's Intentions5:30 P.M.Kevin Cox (Living)
- Friday, Mar 25 *The Annunciation of the Lord* 9:00 A.M Mary Carriere 5:30 P.M. Anne and Edward Moffitt
- Saturday, Mar 26 9:00 A.M. NO MASS

FUTURE MASSES

Saturday, Mar 26 4:00 P.M. David M. Sullivan, Sr. (11th Anniv) Sophia Sullivan (1st Anniv)

Sunday, Mar 27

7:30 A.M. St. William's Parish Family
9:30 A.M. Joaquin; Concetta & James Miranda (15th) (1st) (2nd Anniv)
11:30 A.M. Sophie & Salvatore Battaglia
5:00 P.M. Paul F. Crowley, Sr. (12th Anniv)



SANCTUARY LAMP WEEK OF MARCH 20TH ~ In Loving Memory Of ~

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Religious Education News 2022

March 20	Children's Liturgy of the Word - 11:30	
	(Church)	
March 21-22	Stations of the Cross for Grades 3&4 - 4:30pm	
	(Church)	
	Stations of the Cross for Grades 5-8 - 7:00pm	
	Church	
March 27-29	Interviews for Grade 2 - 10:15am; 4:30pm	
	(School)	
March 28	Home School Program Meeting - 7:00pm	
	(School)	
April 3	Volunteer Appreciation Mass, 11:30 LC	
April 10-12	Last week of classes	
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Confirmation Registration Information

The sacrament of Confirmation is a TWO year program for public school students (Grade Nine and Grade Ten) and a One Year program for Catholic School Students (Grade Ten). If your child is attending a Catholic High School in tenth grade and would like to register for Confirmation please attend an informational meeting on Wednesday May 11 at 7pm in the upper church. For students entering grade nine please attend an information meeting on Wednesday May 11 at 6pm in the upper church. If there are any questions please contact Andrew Genovese, Confirmation Coordinator at <u>stwilliamconfirmation@gmail.com</u>. We are happy to assist you..

Help Wanted Immaculate Heart of Mary 486 Chandler Street Tewksbury, MA

Cook positions – Prepare meals for retired Oblates two days per week. Work is done between 6 am & 2 pm. Available days are Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays and occasionally Saturdays. No Sunday nights. Banquet experience a plus but not essential.

CNA/HHA positions – Pleasant work environment. Day and night shifts available. Will provide training. We offer competitive wages.

Barber/hairdresser to cut mens' hair - \$15 per head - 1 day per month from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Need to provide own chair and tools.

If you are interested in any of the above positions, please call Jennifer Fournier at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Residence, 978-851-7258 between the hours of 9am and 2pm, Monday— Friday.



Sunday March 27th at 11:30 AM

MARCH 20, 2022



Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



Soup Supper at 6:00pm Talk at 6:30pm Lower Church Followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm In the Upper Church

(If your ministry/organization is interested in hosting Stations or the Soup Supper, please contact the rectory office.)

EASTER FLOWERS

It has been a custom for many to make a Memorial Donation for **Easter flowers**. For your convenience, an envelope has been provided in your envelope package. Donations may be mailed, dropped in the collection baskets, or brought to the rectory, between now and **April 1st**. Those remembered will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.



Father John Hogan will host 7 days – 6 nights Myrtle Beach Tour May 22 – 28, 2022 Registration has been extended to March 22, 2022

For Information and reservations contact: Father John Hogan St. William's Rectory 978-851-7331

Tour flyers are available at the doors of the church and at the parish office



Please Come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent. The Church encourages all Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Lent. In addition to our normal Saturday afternoon confession time, St. William's, and all the Catholic parishes and chapels of the Archdiocese, will be open on Lenten Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm, beginning on Wednesday, March 9th. Please take advantage of this opportunity to make a good Lenten confession. Please also reach out to Catholics you know who have been away from the regular practice of our faith and invite them to seize this chance to begin again. The Archdiocese's website for this initiative has great materials to help everyone prepare to make a good confession – <u>www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org</u>

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Due to the unprecedented needs brought about by the devastation of the attacks on Ukraine and the immigration of millions of victims fleeing the ravages of the war, Cardinal Sean has authorized a special collection to be taken up in all parishes this weekend. The proceeds from the collection will be sent to Catholic Relief Services, the overseas relief and development agency of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, and to the Vatican agency for outreach to the Churches in Eastern Europe.

The Lord is kind and merciful....(Ps.... 103)

"The Sense of The Senseless"

How many times over the past two years have we asked, or heard someone else ask, "Why?" Why is the Covid-19 pandemic lasting so long? Why are so many people dying? Why are nations involved in war? For two thousand years, questions of Good and Evil have plagued Christianity, and, for two thousand years, we have failed to find answers that satisfy us. Yet we can't stop asking the questions. We still crave an answer when bad stuff happens. We still look for formulas to do away with mystery and make sense of the senseless. I believe to ask "why" is to be human. We can't help ourselves; we want to understand. We want to make sense of the world. We want our lives to be logical, reasonable, orderly, and sane.

It seems, from today's Gospel reading, that people haven't changed all that much over the two thousand years since the death and resurrection of Jesus. People then, as now, discussed the latest news of death and destruction and tried to understand its significance. We do not know precisely what tragedy some people told Jesus about on the day that our reading originally took place. All we know for sure is that several Galileans were killed in or near the temple, by Pilate's soldiers, as they prepared to offer their sacrifices to God. Nor do we have a record of the tragedy involving the collapse of the tower in Siloam that killed eighteen people. All we know for sure is that then, as now, tragedy struck and people died and still other people talked about it, and tried to make sense of it.

As Luke's Gospel makes clear, the people who ask Jesus their versions of the "why" question already have an answer in mind. They don't approach Jesus with a blank slate; they come expecting Jesus to verify their deeply held belief that people suffer because they're sinful. That people get what they deserve.

Whenever bad things happen, whenever senseless things happen, the human instinct is to try to make sense of it. Why did my father die now -- Why was our son taken from us, why did God allow that mother of three children die of cancer? We all want to make sense of the senseless, we want to know why certain things occur, and that is often a good thing. For example, when a plane crashes or when buildings collapse, like the tower in Siloam collapsed, investigations are done to find out why, so that, just perhaps, such a tragedy will not occur again.

There is a way to make sense of the senseless, but that way, my friends, is not to blame the victims by suggesting that somehow God brought about their death, or whatever other accident has occurred to them as some kind of punishment. Jesus suggests that we make sense of the senseless not by condemning the victims of tragedy for their complicity in their own deaths - but by considering our own mortality and working to produce fruit.

The world is a morally messy place. The things that happen in the world are not subject to easy answers. Once we recognize the fact that prosperity is not automatically a product of righteousness and tragedy is not necessarily a result of sin, we may be tempted to conclude that God isn't really involved in anything that happens in this world. We may imagine God as a mere observer, passively watching the world, as Bette Midler sang, "from a distance." That's not the way Jesus saw it. God is a real player in the push and pull of life.

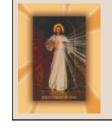
Let us pray – Father, you have taught us to overcome our sins by prayer, fasting and works of mercy. When we are discouraged by our weakness, give us confidence in your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Stay safe and healthy! I love you and I miss you!

Fr. Q, OMI

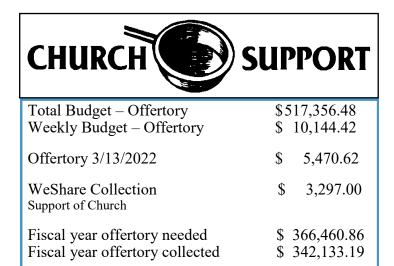
WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT April 28 - May 1, 2022 St. Thecla's Retreat Center, **Billerica**, MA

We invite you to join us for a spiritually uplifting weekend. Set aside some time for God and yourself. Get away from your usual busy schedule by joining women like yourself, wise enough to seek His answers to life, family and eternity. Applications are available at the doors of the church and at the rectory. For more information you can contact MaryEllen Day, 978-761-8537 or maryellenday1112@gmail.com.



Divine Mercy Chaplet Sunday March 20th ~ 3:00pm Will also be live-streamed https://fb.me/StWilliamsCatholicChurch

PARISH WEBSITE: WWW.STWILLIAMPARISH.ORG



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Join the 40 Days for Life Campaign Now thru April 10!

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. Sign up to pray in front of Boston's Planned Parenthood, 1055 Commonwealth Ave.

at <u>www.40daysforlife.com/boston</u>. Newcomer? Join one of our 30 priest or minister-led sidewalk events. See our flier online for details or call or email <u>40daysforlifeboston@gmail.com</u> or 781-762-4391. Over 20,782 babies have been <u>confirmed</u> saved since 2007. Come be a voice for those who have no voice!

Faith Formation Opportunities

St Williams is pleased to offer the following faith formation opportunities through the remainder of the year on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 in the Conference Room in the Rectory. The presentations are video based, and discussion will follow. Each presentation can be viewed separately.

Please contact the Rectory to sign up for each presentation. We look forward to seeing you for these interesting presentations.

Faith Formation Series

- 03/23 Catholicism The Sacraments: Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage, Holy Orders
- 04/06 Catholicism #10 World Without End: The Last Things

*St. William's Confirmation will take place on **March 26th** at 10:00am and 12:00pm

HOLY UNION ASSOCIATES ANNUAL LENTEN FUNDRAISER

The Holy Union Associates Annual Lenten Fundraiser began the weekend of March 5-6 and runs throughout Lent. As one of their yearly outreach programs, the Tewksbury Associates help the Holy Union Sisters raise money for one of their African missions. Similar to last year, we will support the school lunch program at the Alfred Therese School in the remote area of Massea, Cameroon, Africa. We ask for your support for this vital mission. Please be as generous as your means allow. Children can't learn without first being fed.

Donations will be accepted throughout Lent. Please make checks payable to "Holy Union Sisters". They can also be mailed to: Holy Union Sisters, 940 Main St., Apt. 1, Tewksbury, MA 01876. Thank you for your support!

ONLINE LINK TO VIRTUALLY ATTEND MASS

Because not all of us are able to come together in the Church building for weekend Masses, the 11:30AM Mass will be streamed live on Facebook. Please let others know by sharing this message. If people don't have Facebook they can still click on the link below to view the live feed without creating an account. Please share this with them. <u>https://fb.me/StWilliamsCatholicChurch</u>

IN SERVICE:

Ryan Frautten, SPC - US Army, Blake Hiltz, PFC - US Army, Stephen C. Flanagan, Lt. Col - US Army, Nicholas Listro, 1st Lt. - US Marine Corps Michael D'Alleva, Private - US Army, Allan Pepin, General - US Army Rebecca Corbin, Lt. Colonel - U.S. Air Force, Cullen Coulter, 1st Lt. - U.S. Marine Corps, Charles P. McNamara, TSgt - U.S. Air Force, Jesse Fentross, Staff Sgt. - U.S. Air Force, Nicholas Troy - 2nd Lt. - U.S. Marine Corps, Richard Hiort -T. Sgt. - U.S. Air Force, Kevin Carta - Cpl - U.S. Marine Corps, Wayne Scott Knoops, Jr. L.Cpl - U.S. Marine Corps., Tyler Stein, 1st Lt - US Army, Andrew Doherty, Staff Sgt - U.S. Marine Corps; James Farley, National Guard; Matthew Piranian, Captain, US Army; SashJenelle, Ince-2nd Class, US Navy; Vascianni, Airman, Ince- 2nd Class, US Air Force; Catherine Clarke, Airman 1st Class, US Air Force; Patrick Clarke, Airman 1st Class, US Air Force; All Vietnam Vets suffering the effects of Agent Orange



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