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PARISH INFORMATION

BAPTISMS ~ 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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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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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



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)

Monday, March 28

9:00 A.M. Pamela Newfell (Living)
5:30 P.M. June Tontodonato (2nd Anniv)
Margaret Christerson (19th Anniv)

Tuesday, March 29

9:00 A.M. Mickey O'Keefe (Living)
5:30 P.M. Priest's Intentions

Wednesday, March 30

9:00 A.M. Priest's Intentions
5:30 P.M. Lynn Pask Foster (25th Anniv)

Thursday, March 31

9:00 A.M. Francis & Anita McGinness
5:30 P.M. Priest's Intentions

Friday, April 1 - *First Friday*

9:00 A.M. Lawrence LaValle & Mary Letford
5:30 P.M. Joseph P. Curran

Saturday, April 2 - *St. Francis of Paola, Hermit*

9:00 A.M. Deceased Parishioners in March

FUTURE MASSES

Saturday, April 2

4:00 P.M. Rosalie Fedele (5th Anniv)

Sunday, April 3

7:30 A.M. St. William's Parish Family
9:30 A.M. Francis X. Dunn
11:30 A.M. Chester Sullivan and the Boyle
& Sullivan Families
5:00 P.M. Thomas "Buddy" Aspell

Religious Education News 2022

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
May 3 Rehearsal for 1st Communion Ceremony 1
4:00pm—Church
Rehearsal for 1st Communion Ceremony 2
4:00pm —Church

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 stwilliamconfirmation@gmail.com. We are happy to assist you..

Help Wanted

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Barber/hairdresser to cut mens' hair - \$15 per head – 1 day per month from 10:00am – 1:00pm. 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.



**SANCTUARY LAMP
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Coming to His Senses - Coming All the Way Home

Recently I read a bumper sticker which said: *Heading in the wrong direction, God allows u turns.* The Prodigal Son parable brings us into a household under stress. This is a comfortable family, with "issues." Who hasn't heard about a parent who helped a particularly needy or rebellious child with financial assistance, only to cause bitterness among the siblings, who claimed, *"You're wasting our inheritance on your no-good son/daughter!"* Parents will claim to love all their children, but if you were to ask, *"Which one do you love the most?"* The response would sound like a version of today's parable, *"The one who needs me the most."*

"In coming to his senses," the manipulative boy makes a plan to fill his belly and so, once more, he goes to his father for help. Forget whatever notions we might have about how the father should teach the boy a lesson or two for his reckless behavior before taking him back. While we might like to speak some words of wisdom on good parenting to the father, this isn't a lesson on how to raise children. It's a parable about how it is between us and God. It doesn't say the prodigal son was sorry for taking advantage of his father, rather he *"came to his senses"*.

It's a story of grace. The older brother didn't appear to be lost the way his younger brother was. Still, the older, like the younger son, was a lost child as well. He reasons the way we do: he did the work, did not break the rules and stayed around while his brother went off. He is like a lot of us good churchgoers. But, while he did everything he was supposed to, he never appreciated the uniqueness of his father. He misinterpreted the world in which he lived: he did his work, but missed the grace of what it meant to live in his father's house. *"My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours."* What the father showed the younger son, he now offers to the resentful brother. He doesn't cast him off for his disrespect, but reaffirms their relationship by calling him, *"My son,"* reminding him that he is a member of the household *"everything I have is yours."* Will the older son also *"come to his senses"* and reenter the family home to join the feast and celebrate the gifts of his life? Will we?

"Dying of hunger" That's how our story describes our final days in that far-off country. *"Dying of hunger"* It was hunger that first lured us away from a good life in the Garden of Eden. But our Father in this parable, in his wisdom, understood. He didn't hold us back. He didn't decide what our journey should look like. God let us go. But here is the thing that takes my breath away: We couldn't return home without leaving first; we couldn't taste resurrection without dying. The father understood. He respected the hunger that pulled us away. He knew a sharper hunger would bring us back home.

What has tied us to the past, to disappointment? When we look back with disappointment upon our wrong decisions, our poor choices, do we dwell on our past mistakes until we make ourselves miserable and physically or emotionally ill? We keep dragging them out. Personal power begins today by releasing our past, the mistakes, and the pain and brings them to God.

This parable is most appropriate in Lent. Some of us have made the "big trip" away from God's loving embrace. Others have been hard-working and observant at our tasks, but perhaps not appreciative of what we already have. But whatever our status, all of us – no matter if we are just now returning, or if we have always been here the doors are opened to us to God's banquet now.

Let us pray – *Father, we thank you for the gift of our redemption. We thank you for inviting us into a circle of life that continues to feed us all and bring us to fullness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

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

Fr. Q, OMI



MASS INTENTIONS for 2023

On Monday, April 4, 2022, the Mass Intention Book will be opened at 9:30am (after the 9:00am Mass) for those wishing to schedule Masses for 2023. From past experience, we know that we will not be able to fulfill all requests. Your cooperation and understanding will be most appreciated.

Because of the large number of requests received the first day, the following policy is effective the week of 4/04/22:

- **No more than 4 Masses may be scheduled, and only one 5:30 Mass during Lent may be scheduled.**
- **Telephone requests will be taken starting Monday, April 11.**
- Only one weekend Mass per month may be scheduled. Additional Masses for that month may be scheduled as weekday Masses if they are available.
- Masses will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis.
- Additional Masses may be booked the week of May 2nd.
- We ask the person requesting the Mass Intention to provide their name and telephone number. Mass stipends must be given at the time of scheduling or mailed within a week to St. William's Rectory, 1351 Main St., Tewksbury, MA 01876. The stipend for Masses scheduled for the year 2023 will be \$15.00.

Your cooperation and understanding will be most appreciated



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Saint William's Catholic Church on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 (9-4 in the Parish Center). Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat, which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **To register for this event please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979**

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.



**Sunday
April 3
at 11:30 AM**



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 - www.TheLightsOnForYou.org

SAVE THE DATES
**2022 Lenten Soup Suppers &
 STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**APRIL 1
 APRIL 8**

**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.)

CHURCH SUPPORT

Total Budget – Offertory	\$517,356.48
Weekly Budget – Offertory	\$ 10,144.42
Offertory 03/20/2022	\$ 6,762.00
WeShare Collection Support of Church	\$ 1,850.00
Fiscal year offertory needed	\$ 375,500.68
Fiscal year offertory collected	\$ 351,980.19

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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.


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. <https://fb.me/StWilliamsCatholicChurch>

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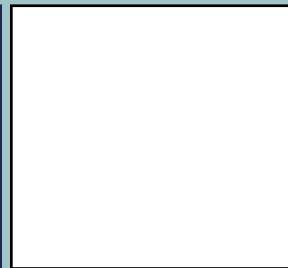


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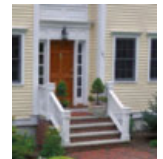


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