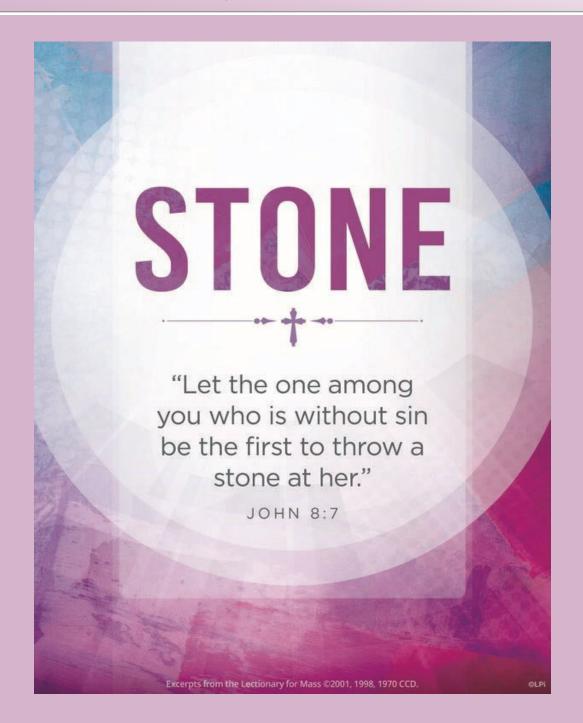
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# PARISH INFORMATION

**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

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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

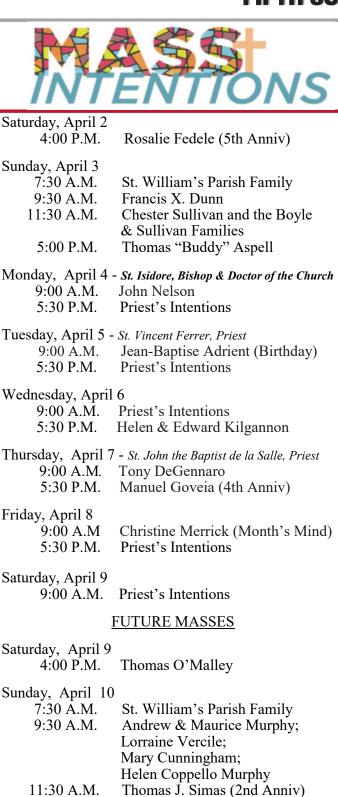
> Sunday 7:30am; 9:30am; 11:30am; 5:00pm Family Mass 11:30am 2nd & 4th Sunday



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# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



Karen Murphy

SUNDAY

APRIL 10TH

11:30 AM

11:30 A.M.

5:00 P.M.

### **Religious Education News**

April 3 April 10 - 12	Volunteer Appreciation Mass, 11:30 LC Last week of classes
May 3	First Communion rehearsal, ceremony 1, 4:00 pm, church
May 5	First Communion rehearsal, ceremony 2, 4:00 pm, church
May 7	First Communion ceremony 1, 10:30 am
May 7	First Communion ceremony 2, 1:30 pm
May 10	First Communion rehearsal, ceremony 3, 4:00 pm, church
May 12	First Communion rehearsal, ceremony 4, 4:00 pm, church
May 14	First Communion ceremony 3, 10:30 am
May 14	First Communion ceremony 4, 1:30 pm

**REGISTRATION FOR FALL CLASSES** has begun and will continue until June 30. Registration forms were mailed to all families who have children currently enrolled in the program. Children, who attend public school and are entering grades one through eight in the fall, should be registered. Registration forms are available at the religious education office and the rectory.

The Religious Education Program is seeking volunteers to serve as ushers at the First Holy Communion Ceremonies. There are four ceremonies scheduled:

# Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 and 1:30 Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 and 1:30

If you would like to serve as an usher on either of the above dates/times, please contact Dianne Bartalamia at the Religious Education Office – 978-851-3471 or reledk2@gmail.com. Thank you

### **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 ..



### APRIL 3, 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.



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

**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

St. William's Permanent Prayer List Pray For Our Sick .....

**Mary Ann Zenitz Andrew Bean Nenad Opijac Peg Martin Matthew Lacasse Paula Phoenix Barbara Bangert Paul Heider Bill Suslowicz Robin Marchand** Joanie O'Neill **Kerianne** Capadanno **Terry Finn Patricia Kennedy** Daviau Mark Russell **Marcienne Bouzi** John Forney **Jessica Sloper Dylan Cadotte** 

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"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.' (Matthew 11:28-30)



ST. WILLIAM'S BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY will be meeting on Monday, April 18th, not on Monday April 11th..



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.TheLightIsOnForYou.org

#### 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.

PARISH WEBSITE: WWW.STWILLIAMPARISH.ORG

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.....(Ps.... 126)

# **OUR OLD-PAST VS OUR NEW-FUTURE**

We are coming to the end of Lent. A week from today we will celebrate Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. We still have one week to prepare for the celebration of the Passion, death and resurrection of Christ. In today's readings for the fifth Sunday of Lent, we hear that our God is always about "something new."

How often have we begun a statement with the words if only or what if? If only she had worn a seatbelt! If only he had been faithful! If only I had not wasted those years! If only I had taken that opportunity! What if can lead us to look to the future with anxiety; What if he loses his job? What if our baby is not perfect?

The Scripture readings today encourage us to put the past behind us and live in the present, in light of future hopes and dreams. Today's readings take us to the 'heart of the Gospel': The tender mercy of our God. This is the good news of the Gospel. Jesus does the unexpected for the woman and, in setting her free he is doing what the prophet Isaiah promised God would do. "See, I am doing something new!

In the first reading the prophet Isaiah tells the children of Israel to "forget the former things; do not dwell on the past." Isaiah did not say that the past was bad. But to dwell in the past can be painful. God reminds the Israelites in captivity that, just as God released Israel from slavery in Egypt centuries earlier, he will now do the same for them – releasing them from Babylonian slavery.

It is interesting to hear in the 1st reading about a new way of doing things. "Thus says the LORD ... I am doing something new! ... In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers ... I put water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland for my chosen people to drink". What is this new way? It is Jesus Christ, who came to earth to redeem us from our sins.

God is always about "something new." We have a great example of this transforming power in the life of Paul. Our reading from his Letter to the Philippians today comes from a man who became a new person in Christ through the power of the Word of God. Paul persecuted the Christians. He totally changed his way of thinking and living. Everything became worthless in comparison to knowing Christ and being one with Christ and his Cross now, in order that he may be one with Christ in resurrection and life. In our need to turn away from our former lives, there is a little or a lot of Paul in each of us. Paul must also be our model for change. His words must reflect our new way of life. Sometimes, like the Israelites, when we are going through difficult physical or spiritual tests, we look back on a former time with longing. We can get stuck in the past.

In the Gospel, Jesus does not focus on the past sins of the woman. Jesus does not deny the woman's sin. She HAS sinned and very seriously. It is a serious breach of trust in the marriage relationship and a serious act of injustice to the innocent partner in the marriage. Jesus dismisses her past and tells her simply to move on, to avoid sin. Their exchange makes the point that to stumble in our past is to deny God's forgiveness. We are hopeless when we think that our sin is greater than God's power to forgive. In fact, some of the most outstanding Saints were first great sinners. They had let go of their guilt so as to allow themselves to experience the depth of God's love and mercy. Jesus showed the woman she was able to put her past behind her and make a new start.

The mission of the Church is to be a place of forgiveness so that all who fail may experience the love and compassion of God, who refused to condemn. We have to be a community of grace, a community which will not condemn but will love, and a community which is more concerned about mercy than justice. Mercy is something we all stand in need of, and is something we must be ready and willing to extend to others.

No matter what we have ever done, we are greater than our worst moments. Jesus loves us enough not to condemn us, but to give us this Eucharist so that we might find the strength and hope to stop doing the things that destroy us and to live a life that leads to peace and joy, with hope in new beginnings.

Let us pray – Father in heaven, the love of your Son led him to accept the suffering of the cross that his brothers and sisters might glory in new life. Change our selfishness into self-giving, help us to embrace the world you have given us, that we may transform the darkness of its pain into the life and joy of Easter. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

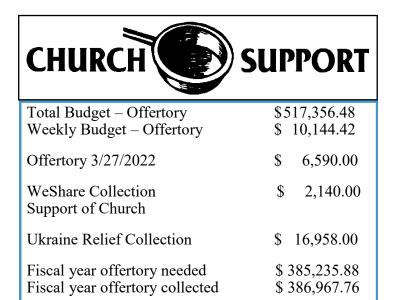
Please stay safe and healthy! I love you and I miss you!

Fr. Q, OMI

#### Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers Needed once a month

The Blaire House is hoping to resume weekly distribution of Holy Communion by an EM. It is done after our 9am Mass, once per week, preferably on a Wednesday or Thursday in the Nursing Home side (bedside) with the Activities Director. Or done alone on Wednesday mornings in the Assisted Living side (room to room) with a new list each week of the Catholics in residence. We need only 1 volunteer per week for each location (8 or 10 in all). We have 6. A list for swapping weeks will be supplied .Contact 978-851-7580 or see Barbara Flanagan for more information. We hope to resume this program before Holy Week. There is a lot of walking required! Takes an hour or more to visit all rooms.

Thanks you



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### **Rosary Donations for the Ukraine**

On behalf of the Parish of the Transfiguration in Wilmington, we are collecting rosaries that will be sent to the people in the Ukraine. If you have rosaries that you would like to donate, there is a donation bag hanging on the board at the front entrance to the church or you can bring them to the rectory. Thank you

### **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**

04/06 Catholicism - #10 World Without End: The Last Things

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

On behalf of the parishioners of St. William's Church, we will be sending \$16,958.00 to Catholic Relief Services to benefit the Ukraine and the millions of victims fleeing the ravages of the war.

### 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>

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