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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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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



LOCATION:

Saint William Parish
Saint Eugene de Mazenod Chapel
1351 Main Street
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASST INTENTIONS

- Saturday, April 30
4:00 P.M. Raymond Penney
- Sunday, May 1
7:30 A.M. St. William's Parish Family
9:30 A.M. Raymond Penney
11:30 A.M. Mary Kissinger (9th Anniv)
5:00 P.M. Alice Silva
- Monday, May 2 - *St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*
9:00 A.M. James M. McLaughlin (Living)
5:30 P.M. Thomas LaCava (29th Anniv)
- Tuesday, May 3 - *Sts. Philip and James, Apostles*
9:00 A.M. Thomas Saab (1st Anniv)
5:30 P.M. Priest's Intentions
- Wednesday, May 4
9:00 A.M. Paula Haley
5:30 P.M. Dorothy Kelley (17th Anniv)
- Thursday, May 5
9:00 A.M. Priest's Intentions
5:30 P.M. Thomas DeLuca
- Friday, May 6
9:00 A.M. Hank McAvoy
5:30 P.M. Peter Buckley McClure (Healing)
- Saturday, May 7 - *St. Pius V, Pope*
9:00 A.M. Deceased Parishioners in April

FUTURE MASSES

- Saturday, May 7
4:00 P.M. Louise Constantino (37th Anniv)
- Sunday, May 8 - *Mother's Day*
7:30 A.M. St. William's Parish Family
9:30 A.M. Dorothy M. Dunn
11:30 A.M. Ronald S. Smith, Sr. (42nd Anniv)
5:00 P.M. Marguerite Perry & Mary Carriere

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Religious Education News

- 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 7th, at 10:30 and 1:30
Saturday, May 14th, at 10:30 and 1:30

If you would like to serve as an usher for any 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 stwilliamconfirmation@gmail.com. We are happy to assist you..



FAMILY MASS
MAY 8TH
11:30 AM



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APRIL 24, 2022

**FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY
DEVOTION INFORMATION**

First Friday (May 6) – Masses at 9:00am & 5:30pm - Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, following the Masses. Confession at 8:45am prior to 9:00am Mass.

First Saturday (May 7) – Mass at 9:00AM, followed by Devotion to the Blessed Mother

**Franco-American Day Committee
of Lowell**

**Please Help Nominate Our
Franco-American of the Year!**

Each year the Franco-American Day Committee of Lowell selects a deserving citizen of Greater Lowell and the Merrimack Valley for recognition as Franco-American of the Year. Established in 1975, the award celebrates an individual's contributions to preserving and promoting French language, culture, and heritage in a way that honors the Catholic faith handed down by our Canadian forebears.

As always, we ask for your recommendations in helping us make our selection. Please write a letter providing as much information as possible about someone you feel has made significant contributions to Franco-American life here in the Merrimack Valley. **Send your letter by May 17 to:**

Franco-American Day Committee

Attn: Nominating Committee

P.O. Box 635

Lowell, MA 01853

We thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration.

For more information, contact: cmprovencher@gmail.com



SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022 – 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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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 10:00am – 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.

SPRING CLEANING.....

It is that time of year to clean out the "lost & Found" box here at the rectory of St. Williams. We have many items including : jackets, sweaters, hats, gloves, scarves, glasses, umbrellas and jewelry. Take an inventory of your winter attire and if you think you have lost something please call the rectory at 978-851-7331. All items not claimed by May 31st will be donated.



**Second Collection This
Weekend
(April 30-May 1)**

**Church Maintenance
Collection**

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.....(Ps.... 30)

DO YOU LOVE ME? - LOVE BY THE CHARCOAL FIRE

Do you love me? Fiddler on the Roof is a musical by Sheldon Harnick. It is based on the book *Tevye and his Daughters* by Joseph Stein, set in Tsarist Russia in 1905. There is a very tender and moving scene in the play, *Fiddler on the Roof*. Tevye and his wife Golda are being forced to move from their home in Russia. One day Tevye comes into the house and asks his wife, “*Golda, do you love me?*” “*Do I what?*” “*Do you love me?*” Golda looks at him and then responds: “*Do I love you? With our daughters getting married and this trouble in the town, you’re upset, you’re worn out, go inside, go lie down, maybe it is indigestion.*” Tevye interrupts and asks the question, “*Golda, do you love me?*” Golda sighs as she looked at him and says, “*Do I love you? For 25 years I’ve washed your clothes, cooked your meals, cleaned your house, given you children, milked the cows. After 25 years, why talk of love right now?*” “*Do you love me?*” is the same question Jesus is asking Peter in the closing scene of the Gospel of John.

What a wonderful, happy meeting between Jesus and his Apostles on the lakeshore. He appears to them, so that they will have no doubt that he is risen from the dead. The meeting includes a miraculous catch of fish, followed by the human touch of Jesus preparing breakfast for the Apostles. When breakfast was over, and as they warmed themselves before the sizzling fire, Jesus asked Peter not once, but three times, “*Peter, do you really love me?*” Three times Peter replied, “*Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.*” And then three times Jesus responded, “*Feed my sheep.*”

John says that “*Peter was hurt*” by Jesus’ question. That’s because the triple question by Jesus evoked a painful memory of a triple denial by Peter. Who doesn’t have powerful memories about standing around a fire and staring into the flames? The last time that Peter stood around a campfire was just a few days earlier, during the arrest of Jesus, when he denied three times that he even knew Jesus. In that incident, John describes how “*it was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter was also standing with them, warming himself.*” (18:18). Both campfire conversations about faithfulness to Jesus were painful in the extreme. But Jesus reinstates Peter three times with the words, “*Feed my sheep,*” and, despite his past failures, he went on to become the movement’s leader.

What I find very important in this story is the way Jesus saves Peter by returning him to the source of his shame. Jesus doesn’t avoid the hard conversation. He doesn’t pretend that Peter’s denials didn’t happen and didn’t wound. But neither does Jesus preach, condemn, accuse, or retaliate. He feeds. He feeds Peter’s body and then he feeds Peter’s soul. He surrounds the self-pitying disciple with tenderness and safety, inviting him to revisit his shame for the sake of healing, restoration, and commissioning: “*Do you love me? Do you love me? Do you love me? Feed my sheep.*” As the shepherd appointed by the True Shepherd to do as He did, to care for the sheep, Peter also symbolizes leadership. “*Feed My lambs,*” will continue to be the agenda of the post-Resurrection Church until the risen Lord appears in glory.

Let us pray – *God our Father, may we look forward with hope to our resurrection. You made us your sons and daughters and restored the joy of our youth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

Fr. Q, OMI



A talk on

Blessed Carlo Acutis

and veneration of his 1st Class Relic

Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00pm
St. William’s Parish Lower Church
1351 Main Street
Tewksbury, MA

A sample of the Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit he created will be available for viewing
Learn about the 1st Millennium to be beatified!

Star of Bethlehem

Maysoon Khair will be at our church in **May 21 & 22, 2022** representing over a hundred Christian families who make their livelihood through the selling of their hand carved olive wood religious articles.

After all Masses there will be a display of these beautiful hand carved religious items, such as nativity scenes, crucifixes, rosaries, the last supper and many other beautiful religious statues.

Please stop by and look over the carvings that are available and help support this self-help project to help the Children and the Christians living in the Holy Land.

Thank you and God Bless you

CHURCH SUPPORT

Total Budget – Offertory	\$517,356.48
Weekly Budget – Offertory	\$ 10,144.42
Offertory 4/24/2022	\$ 7,002.00
WeShare Collection Support of Church	\$ 2,060.00
Fiscal year offertory needed (2 weeks)	\$ 425,322.87
Fiscal year offertory collected	\$ 430,941.87

Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated

Please consider adding St. William's Parish in your will.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vatable at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

LOWELL SOCK EXCHANGE RESUMES MAY 21ST

We are pleased to announce the Lowell Sock Exchange program is BACK! We will resume distribution of sandwiches, bottles of water, and socks to our brothers and sisters in downtown Lowell every third Saturday of the month beginning May 21st. Please consider volunteering to support this program, there are multiple ways to get involved. You can join us to transport and distribute supplies, help prepare the evening before, or donate supplies.

Transport and Distribute: Meet us on the **third Saturday of the month at 10:30am** in the back parking lot of the Church to load up cars with supplies and drive to the Lowell Transitional Center. We will set up our distribution table outside the center and greet our brothers and sisters in need.

Prepare: Join us in the Blessed Joseph Gerard room on **Friday at 6pm** the evening before the sock exchange to make PB&J sandwiches, roll socks, and prep 50 bags that will be distributed Saturday morning.

Donate: Donations are most graciously needed and accepted. Lowell Sock Exchange collection barrels will be at the doors of the Church every fourth Saturday and Sunday of the month. Items most needed include **new white socks (adult size), jars of peanut butter, jars of jelly, cases of bottled water, and sandwich bags.**



For any questions, please contact Georgene Moccia 508-498-4509 or Judy Correia 508-423-4374.

SAVE THE DATE!



St. William's Parish
Old-Fashioned Picnic
Sunday, June 12th, 2022
Beginning with the 11:30 Mass - 3:30pm
On the grounds of the
Oblate Residence on Chandler Street

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>

IN SERVICE:

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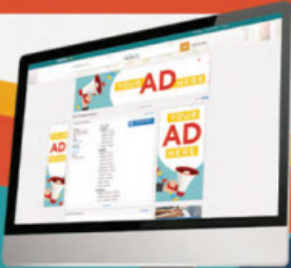
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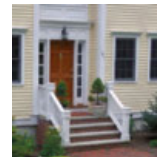


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