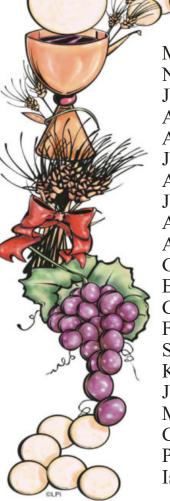
Saint William of York Catholic Church

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It is our vision to be a truly evangelizing parish, one in which all parishioners enter into a closer relationship with Christ, that they share the Good News of His kingdom with others, that they participate actively as members of the parish family, and that they reach out to those in need.

# First Communion 2022

# Congratulations & God Bless You!



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## MUSIC

# 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

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING ~ Eileen Wood, Instructor - 978.500-1771

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**ST. WILLIAM'S PARISH COUNCIL** ~ Rev. Quilin Bouzi, OMI—978-851-7331

### **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

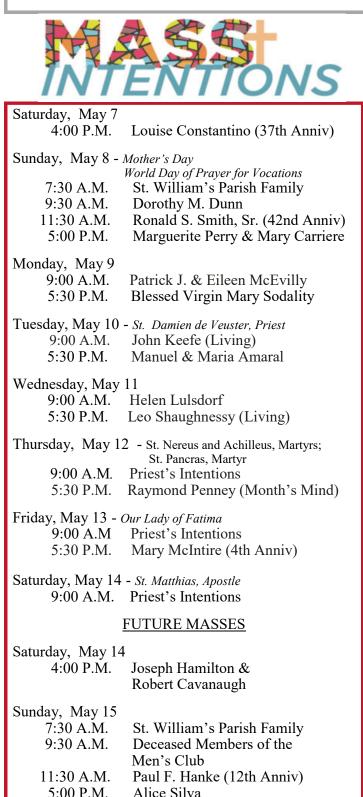
> Sunday 7:30am; 9:30am; 11:30am; 5:00pm Family Mass 11:30am 2nd & 4th Sunday



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### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER





#### MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA CARDS

for enrollment in the annual Mother's Day Novena can be obtained at the Rectory. The cost of each enrollment is \$5.00 per person. This enrollment guarantees the recipient will be remembered in prayers of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate for the Novena's nine days.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### **Religious Education News**

May 10	First Communion rehearsal, ceremony 3, 4:00 pm, church
May 12	First Communion rehearsal, ceremony 4, 4:00 pm, church
May 14 May 14	First Communion ceremony 3, 10:30 am 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 two ceremonies scheduled:

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

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



### ST. WILLIAM'S BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY

will be meeting Monday, May 9th, at 5:30PM for <u>Mass and Novena</u> followed by a social in the Lower Church – Game night with prizes and a Mother's Day flower for all. Sodality member of the year award

### MAY 8, 2022

#### **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

# 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** Kerianne Capadanno **Terry Finn Patricia Kennedy** Daviau Mark Russell **Marcienne Bouzi John Forney Jessica Sloper Dvlan** Cadotte Michelle Maccini

**Heather Small** Lucille McNally Katie O'Connell **Oriana Bouzi** Ann Mayeski **Janet Burnett** Paula Kolek **Patti Pierce Dalimonte Mim McCaffrey Ray Turcotte Bob & Ellen Parker** Nina Roth James Sheehan **Christie Leclerc Cindy Lambert** Janeen Tibbetts Susan Mankad Patti Dovle-Brandt **Brian Glynn Paul Buonapane** 

"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)

# GREEN DAY RECYCLING

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

St. William's Church Parking Lot 1351 Main Street Tewksbury, MA

Cost to you:

- \$5 each for Computers, DVD Players, Printers, Laptops, Small Electronics
- \$10 each for Microwaves, Small Household Appliances, Propane Tanks
- \$15 each for Computer Monitors, Large Printers, Range Top Microwaves
- \$20 each for TVs up to 24", Dorm Sized Refrigerators, Dehumidifiers, AC's
- \$25 each for TVs between 25" and 31", Washing Machines, Dryers, Stoves, Large Appliances, Grills, Exercise Equipment, Large Yard Equipment
- \$30 each for TVs between 32" and 35", Large Refrigerators
- \$35 each TVs over 36"
- \$40 each for Projection TVs
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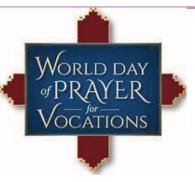
#### Star of Bethlehem

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, 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



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### We are His people, the sheep of His Flock.....(Ps.... 100)

#### HEARING THE VOICE OF THE SHEPHERD AND FOLLOWING

The young pastor was teaching the 23rd Psalm to the school children. He told them that they were sheep who needed guidance. Then the priest asked, "If you are the sheep, then who is the shepherd?"- Obviously indicating himself. A silence of a few seconds followed. Then a young boy said, "Jesus. Jesus is the Shepherd." The young priest, obviously caught by surprise, said to the boy, "Well then, who am I?" The boy frowned thoughtfully and then said, "I guess you must be a sheep dog."

Today's gospel is one of the shortest gospels ever proclaimed at Mass. Jesus simply describes his relationship with his followers as the relationship between a shepherd who really cares for his sheep and the sheep. While most of us have never seen a shepherd and even fewer have ever been a shepherd, all of us have at times been shepherded. We've been herded for our own safety or for the safety of others, or even just for the convenience of others. As school children, we probably were shepherded into lines in and out of the classroom. As adults, we've been shepherded into lines when shopping or visiting amusement parks. Airports are one of the places where we are shepherded through security and onto the plane. One way or another, we have been part of the crowd, herded around. We probably have all experienced shepherds who were kind and concerned, as well as those who've treated us like sheep rather than like a human person.

Christ the Good Shepherd calls us to listen intentionally, wisely for his voice in the depths of our hearts, to listen for his voice in the love and joy, the pain and anguish, the cries for mercy and justice of those around us. Christ speaks in many voices — including our own. We can be the "voice" of Christ's compassion, comfort, forgiveness and peace in even our smallest and simplest words and acts of kindness and generosity.

Jesus did make it clear that the "sheep that BELONGS to me LISTENS to my VOICE I know them and they follow me" (John 10:27). The downfall of our spiritual journey had always been our inability to listen to the voice of God. Our world is actually filled with a lot of noise coming from various distractive sources: friends, relations, neighbors, television, telephone, internet and other means of communication in our highly technologized world.

Today is also Mother's Day. We thank God for our mothers, pray for them and honor them by celebrating Mother's Day and by offering our mothers on the altar of God and by praying for them. Our mothers are the good shepherds we all experienced. Let us entrust our mothers to our Heavenly Mother, Mary, the mother of Jesus who gave her as our mother, as his last gift to us from the cross, before his death.

Today is also "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." It is a day when Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray that they may answer the call to dedicate their lives to serve the Church in a special way, i.e. to shepherd the Church communities. Therefore, "Vocations Sunday" is not just for a few selected for directly religious vocations, it is for all of us. If we will all actively respond to that call what a wonderful community we will be! For, "We are his people, the sheep of his flock."

Let us pray – God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, help us to attune our minds to the sound of your Son's voice, lead our steps to the path he has shown, that we may know the strength of his outstretched arm and enjoy the light of your presence forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

May God continue to bless our Mothers and guide them in all their endeavors!

## Happy Mother's Day!

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

Fr. Q, OMI

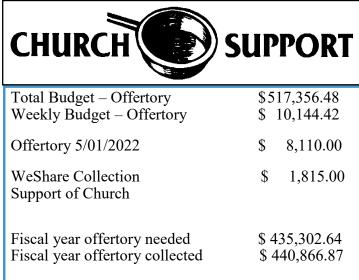




Our Lady Fatima

Feast Day May 13th

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Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated

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



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

> This year's Parish Picnic will be dedicated in Memory of *Christine Merrick*

#### LOWELL SOCK EXCHANGE RESUMES MAY 21<sup>st</sup>

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 21<sup>st</sup>. 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.

**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.

### Pregnancy Care Center

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In honor of Mother's Day and Father's Day, we are partnering with the Pregnancy Care Center. The Pregnancy Care Center is a Christ-centered ministry that offers loving, free, and confidential support to women facing an unplanned pregnancy.

If you would like to donate, please visit pccfriends.org, mail a check to:

Pregnancy Care Center 158 Mammoth Road Lowell, MA 01854

Give life because life is a gift worth giving.

### 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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