

# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

## Twenty - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 27, 2020

### Rectory Office Hours

The Rectory will remain closed until further notice. If you need to contact the Rectory please email your request.

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### Parish Information

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### Baptism

*Owen Matthew Cacchioli*

*Connor Morin*

*Gianna Theresa Depinto*

*Lena May Geiger*

*Brady Scott Pennisi*

*Kevin Patrick Brown, Jr.*

Let us welcome those children who were  
baptized this past weekend.

### Mass Schedule

#### Daily Mass

**Monday - Friday** 8:30am

#### Weekend Mass

**Saturday** 8:30am & 5pm

**Sunday** 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 12pm

### Pray for the Sick

Anthony Ferraro

Denise Kanue

Charles Ackerman

Margaret Whyte

Maria Herbert

Anne McNutty

Jerry Black

Lois Gallagher

Miguel Cuascut

### Pray for the Deceased

Frank Speck

Paul Marinello

Joseph Divone

Thomas Michael O'Hare

Edward J. Bialobzeski



"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." - John 10:27

### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, September 28, 2020

Paul Dvorak

Diane Petrouskie

#### Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Gerard Rogers

John Zarcone

#### Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Caren Meyer

Robert Pedretti

#### Thursday, October 1, 2020

William Flynn

Challie Jaeger

Jeanne Butler

President Donald J. Trump

#### Friday, October 2, 2020

Richard Davis

Joseph Del Vecchio

#### Saturday, October 3, 2020

Purgatorial Society

Maria Rios

#### Sunday, October 4, 2020

Monica Marro

Peter Marro

Joan Whalen

Anthony Grosso

Robert Rohan Jr.

Frank Rugnetta Jr.

Stella Power

People of St. William

"The Mass Intentions are celebrated each day by a member of the Clergy, in either a public Mass or private Mass. Please be advised the current Mass schedule may not allow the family to be present for all Mass Intentions celebrated."

# **“So They May Be One, as You Father and I Am One”**

Those words of Jesus in the 17th chapter of the Gospel of John are his deepest prayer and desire that those who follow him will be united. Now more than ever in these challenging times, when the world has faced a virus, all of us can honestly say that “we are in this together” to combat it and protect our loved ones. The Church has always been a place for people to come in need, and these past six months have been a strain and challenge in that regard for all of us – especially when access to even just quiet personal prayer was restricted and limited. I think we can all agree that there is a need for God in our lives more than ever.

I feel as a nation the United States of America has always been a beacon of hope that the whole world has looked to in times of difficulty. We have been so blessed to be on the front lines of technology, science, medicine, education, and although our government throughout our history has not been perfect, it has been a model that so many have looked to throughout the world. In my almost 50 years, I don't think I've ever seen our nation so divided. As a history major, I have always loved the political process from Ancient Greece and Rome, to the recent development of Democracy in oppressed nations once ruled by dictatorship.

So many of you have contacted me by email, phone calls, letters, and conversations after Mass regarding the upcoming election. Surprisingly the word that keeps coming up is not Hope, Justice, Freedom and the American Way, but simply fear. Fear is not of God - it is a tactic the Evil One uses to disrupt, and I truly believe the devil is trying to instill fear and division and mistrust among us as a nation. If the devil can make the United States unravel, he can spew his disorder on the world.

One of the great things about the USA is that we have been able to disagree in political ideology, and remain civil and at times even friends. Justice Antonin Scalia (a conservative Catholic) and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg (a liberal Jew) could not have been more polar opposite and yet they were the dearest of friends. I believe that there are forces trying to keep our focus off where we are similar in our humanity and are trying to polarize us in our differences. That is most evident in our exposure to the media. The immediacy of response has caused us to react, and move away from dialogue and discernment. If we approach these next few weeks with a lens only of Republican or Democrat, Blue or Red, FOX or CNN there really is no way we can come to a common or neutral ground for justice and peace. As many of you have expressed to me, “ Father, there is nothing that will change my vote/candidate in November.” May I suggest we approach November with a lens of a Catholic who has formed our consciences.

If Jesus is “the way, the truth and the life,” and our Catholic Faith has sustained the attack of the Roman Empire, the barbarians, communism, terrorism, the Corona Virus, and even forces from within trying to destroy it, I am confident we will survive whatever we face in the future. But for those who are concerned about the US election in November let me place before you a few things.

My role as the Pastor of St. William the Abbott Parish is not to tell you or force you to vote for one candidate or another. In your human dignity as a child of God, you have been given freedom and a conscience to help you pray over and discern who best will support the Common Good of our society.

There are many real issues that pertain to and affect a person of faith (especially one that identifies as a Roman Catholic). May I suggest you review all of the issues. For some, a candidate's stance on one or two of those issues is all you need to know, and that is how you will vote. Case closed. I encourage you to read and pray through all of them. This may not change your vote, but it allows us to expand our knowledge and hopefully increases our understanding of those who are different from us in ideology, life experience, and the American “dream.”

Finally, if you believe as I do, that we are One Nation under God, then let us put ourselves under His mantle these next few weeks leading into Election Day. Let us spend a little less time with the media - mainstream, social, real or fake. These sources are financially and politically driven to divide and separate us. We can become the model as a parish and faith community that places God at the center of everything to unify. St. William's will be expanding time for personal prayer, mass, adoration, devotions, and the reading of scripture - which is where the Source of all wisdom and knowledge will come from.

May I recommend the resources from the US Catholic Bishop's (USCCB.org) - not to tell you how you should vote, but to inform you where the Church is coming from on the “Hot Button” issues and lesser known issues. I would also encourage you to read “Clear Conscience - A Catholic Guide to Voting” that comes from Ascension Press publishing. The book is not a magic arrow that will give you ammunition for one or two of those hot button issues to unravel the argument of a family member who disagrees with you. It is a comprehensive breakdown about how the Church navigates its role and responsibility in a society through our history and tradition. I recognize there are some in the Church and our community who take issue or do not agree with the teachings of the Catholic Church and where we stand on the Dignity of Human Life, Poverty, Immigration, the Environment, Family, Marriage, and Sexuality, or Religious Liberty. I believe the book is balanced and informative; it is a resource that allows us to understand the “why” behind certain decisions with the Church has weighed in on.

Our American democracy is far from perfect, but within it we Catholics have been able to survive and thrive. We have a responsibility to do our part in service to the common good of our nation and society. A big part of that is to exercise our Right to Vote, and to do so with prayerful discernment and a formed conscience. I would argue that comes with time in prayer and conversation with the Lord who will assist us always because we are His Beloved Children. I challenge you over the next few weeks to remember that which comes from God does not bring division and fear, but unity and peace. Let us pray for our Nation, Our Parish and Our Church, and hopefully we can live into Jesus' prayer – “may they be one, as you Father and I am one.”

Thank you for your presence and generosity.

Peace,



## Marriage Banns I



*Ryan Murphy*  
Cure of Ars, Merrick  
&  
*Bridget Walsh*  
SWA

## Marriage Banns II

*Michael Santeramo*  
Holy Name of Mary Church  
&  
*Amanda Sciscioli*  
SWA

*John Kelly*  
SWA  
&  
*Jennifer Villano*  
SWA

*Donald Campbell*  
Sacred Heart, Merrick  
&  
*Kelly Mackay*  
SWA

## Low Gluten Hosts Available at Mass

For those who must avoid gluten in their diet, the parish has low-gluten hosts available for Holy Communion. If you wish to receive such a host, please arrive prior to Mass and inform the priest and he will place your host in a oyx.



## St. William the Abbot Family Rosary Project

In honor of our Blessed Mother, join us in praying a family Rosary each day for the month of October.

We invite you to join us in this St. William the Abbot Parish community project. For the Rosary project, you will create a video of you and your family gathering to pray the Rosary. The entire process will take no more than 20 minutes. If you are interested in joining us, please email Sue McCormick at [information@stwilliam.org](mailto:information@stwilliam.org), you will then be assigned a specific Rosary day, Mystery of the Rosary, and you will receive additional instructions.

## Food Donations

The food donations bins will no longer be located in the Church. Please bring all donations directly to Parish Social Ministry Office, the church no longer has donation bins. The Social Ministry office is located South of the Church.

**Monday - Friday**

**9:30am-4:00pm**

**Sunday**

**9:00am -12:00pm**

## Respect Life – Birthright

### Pregnant? Need Help?

**24 Hour Hotline – 1-800-550-4900**

“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, The unborn and the poor are masterpieces of God’s creation And deserving of the utmost reverence and respect”.

- Pope Francis’ Day of Life Greeting

## Food Pantry

**BROWNIE MIX  
RICE A RONI  
MASHED POTATOES  
MAYONNAISE**

**KETCHUP  
MUSTARD  
TOMATO PUREE  
EGG NOODLES  
LAUNDRY DETERGENT**

## Respect Life Sunday

Sunday, October 4 is Respect Life Sunday. As we celebrate Respect Life Sunday, we are reminded that the assaults on human dignity come in many forms. The Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics is charged with deepening our already strong commitment to pro-life activities and parish education. Please support this vital work through participation in the special Respect Life envelope collection. Your prayers and assistance are greatly appreciated.



## Blessing of the Animals

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, our Parish’s Annual Blessing of the Animals will take place on:

**Sunday, October 4th at 3:00 PM**



In the back parking lot of the Church (near the baseball field). St. Francis’ love of animals reminds us of our continuing responsibility to love and care for all life. Please make sure all animals are on leashes or in carriers. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be cancelled.



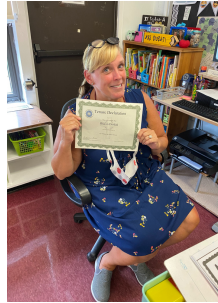




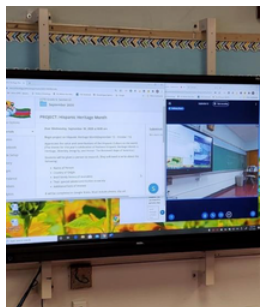
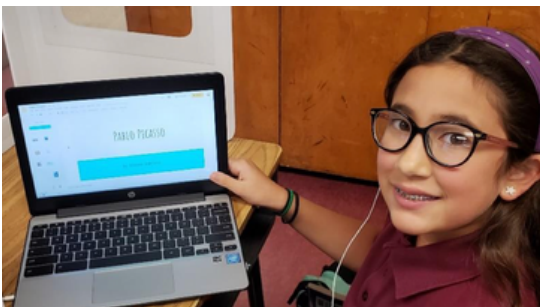
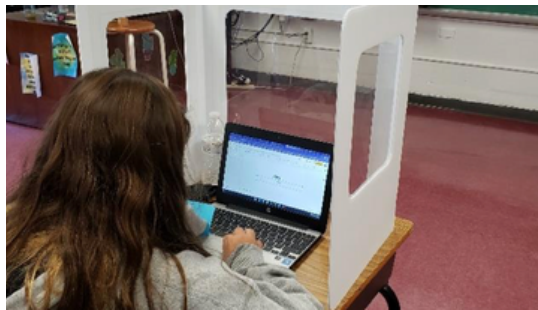
WELCOME BACK SCHOOL MASS







Mrs. Diodate's kindergarten class K-1 on their first week of school .



## #WEARESTWILLIAMS

### Hispanic Heritage Month

Grades five through seven are working on a project to highlight Hispanic Heritage. Hispanic Heritage Month runs from September 15th through October 15th.

This year's theme is- Heritage, Diversity, Integrity and Honor: The Renewed Hope of America.

Each student is making a Google Slide presentation highlighting one Hispanic person. Students will include their person's country or origin, flag and map of that country, a brief family history and a positive contribution made to society. When the projects are completed, they will be shared with the class.





## *Reconciliation*

Reconciliation will be held in the Church Monday through Saturday 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM  
and on Saturday from 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM



## *Personal Prayer*

In order to allow for quiet, personal prayer time, the Church will remain open  
until 12:00 N Monday through Friday as of Thursday, October 1, 2020.  
This will be suspended on days when we have scheduled Funeral Masses.



## *Eucharistic Adoration*

Eucharistic Adoration will begin on Thursday, October 1, 2020 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM  
This will be scheduled every day, Monday through Saturday.



## *Rosary*

The Rosary prayer time will begin on Thursday, October 1, 2020  
Monday - Saturday after the 8:30 AM Mass.



## *Miraculous Medal*

Novena Devotions will begin again on  
Saturday, October 3, 2020 at 8:15 AM, held every Saturday.



## *St. Peregrine*

St. Peregrine a prayer group for cancer victims, families, and their care givers.  
The Peregrine Hour of Prayer will begin on  
Monday, October 5, 2020 from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM.  
This is held on the first Monday of each month.



## Faith Formation

Over 500 families have registered so far for this year's Faith Formation Program and it is still ongoing. We ask that you pass this message on to people who may have school aged public- school children. It is not too late to enroll children in our program. Please contact our office if you have any questions.

The theme for our first month is Revelation. All grades will learn on an age appropriate level; the different ways God reveals himself to us. They will discover and seek ways to find God through creation, the Bible, through our Priests, through others, through the Sacraments and especially through his Son, Jesus. As St. William's will be using the family faith formation approach, our Parish Priests and Staff at Faith Formation will be supporting the Domestic Church by coming alongside families and journeying with them. Our Family faith formation model will arrange for intergenerational gathered settings to take place at the Parish and at home. We will also offer age appropriate learning sessions at the parish and directions will be given on how to implement a session within the home.

During our first parent meetings, we will give parents an explanation of the program and the tools they will need to teach the faith to their children and navigate online resources. An important emphasis will be placed on applying the weekly lessons to lived faith. We will support the parents to intentionally teach the faith by recognizing the faith lessons in the everyday moments of their lives. Parents will also be handed a "Family and Faith Parent Pages" at each meeting. It will explain what Catholics believe regarding the monthly theme, Scripture and family discussions, suggestions for prayer, and updates on what is going on in the parish.

We are very excited to get started. Please continue to pray for our students and their families.

**ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW CONSIDERING COMING INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH,  
OR ARE YOU ALREADY BAPTIZED AND WISH TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS OF EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION?**



**BECOME CATHOLIC**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: JO-ANN METZDORFF AT [RCIA@STWILLIAM.ORG](mailto:RCIA@STWILLIAM.ORG)**

## Purgatorial Society

Rose DiFonzo, Carmine Vitale, Clare A. Hanley, Phyllis Pellegrino, Michael & Mary Crehan-Hynes, Timothy Sullivan, Michael Stephen Hynes, Michael DeLuca, Carol Brennan, Gerard Rogers, Sien Kee Tan, Geraldine Epp, Virginia M. Baierle, Kathleen Kern, Bridget J. Cronin, Teresa D. Amaya, Mary Surico.

Santa Testani, Jennifer Dunne, Ronald MacLachlan, Maria Frandy, Clau Kwok-Chue, Frank Faraci, Antoinette Santillo, Mary Simonetti, Christine Reid, Frank Kubicki, George Tocci, Maureen Kenlon, Olga Maffei, Theodore Wett.

Timothy Farrell, Michael Connolly, Michael Cerasali, Guillermo Rolan, Paul A. Muhs, Lucille Bussetti, Vito M. Ameruoso, Bea Carlson, Eileen Shaw, Loretta Moen, Helen Franzese, Rose Santagata, Antoinette Gentile, Erika Fuessler, John Malone, Marcella Geigle, Bruno Anzola.

Lilla May Ackermann, Robert T. Bonomo, Ruth M. Brower, Rose Camizzi, Judith Ann Canzoneri, George J. Cavaliere, Claudio Facchini, Gary Gruber, Joseph Horodecki, Mary Surico, Vito Tripi, John F. Tynan, Karen J. Urrutia, Patricia K. Vogel, Patricia Morris, John Solice, Marion Dellisanti, Josephine A. Diehl, Limbania Martinez, James Brennan, Dilia DaSilva, Matthew Frank "Dezy" DiStefano, Jean Marie, Laura Godek, William Connors, Edward Anderson, Barbara Hunter, Pat Conroy, John & Mary Marinello, John McFadden, James Sternkopf.

Joseph Carra, Patricia Conroy, Rebecca Dela Cruz, Rose C. Cuva, Josephine Diehl, Santo M. Forlani, Celeste Gouono, John and Mary Marinello, Marcella Miller, Howard Minami, Mary E. Nacci, Lloyd Newell, Lawrence T. Paretta, Donna Richter, Louise Rozzo, John Rurney, Joseph Vallone, Thomas Phillip Smith, Ronald Cabrijan, Christine Glouster, Thomas Larkin, Pat Barbera, Barbara McShane, Angela Zottola, Joseph Ippoliti, Anne M. Bahnken.

Michael Annuziata, Katherine Buccellato, Angela Flori, Wilford Furley, Frances Giraldo, Paula Hagerman, Frank Jacono, Pilar B. Reyes, Lillian Rezoagli, Louie Rozzo, Basil "Buzz" Santini.

Billy Kelly.



## What is RCIA?

RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, and it is the process by which unbaptized adults become Catholic. It is also the way those baptized in other Christian faiths to enter into full communion with the Church by receiving Communion and Confirmation, or for baptized Catholics to complete these sacraments if they haven't already.

## How long does it take to become Catholic?

There is not a one size fits all answer to that question. Adult baptisms for Catechumens usually take place at the Easter Vigil, the night before Easter Sunday. Ideally the process would last most of a year or longer depending on the situation. For a baptized Christian of another faith community, the process could proceed rather quickly, only a few months, or longer depending on their own formation and participation in their present faith community. For Catholics who are missing sacraments the process can take a few months or longer.

## Why is it important for a baptized Catholic to complete their sacraments?

Baptism is the entryway into life with Christ, but no one is fully initiated until they receive Confirmation and Eucharist. Confirmation is also needed in order to become a Godparent or Confirmation sponsor, or for marriage to another Catholic with a few exceptions. Eucharist is the summit and source of our faith, and if we can't receive it we are missing out on the graces we receive through Holy Communion.

## Are their tests or homework?

The simple answer is no! However we encourage Catechumens and Candidates to read and explore things on their own, to keep a journal of their thoughts, insights and questions, and to talk things over with sponsors. Of course we expect them to attend Sunday Mass with the parish community and get involved.

## Can you become Catholic if you are divorced?

Yes, but with caveats. It depends on the situation of the previous marriage, and that of the current spouse, if there is one. Some marriage situations are easy to rectify and some take a bit longer. Marriage situations do not preclude candidates from attending sessions to prepare to enter the Church. One of our priests will assist the candidate in this regard.

## What are these rituals?

There are a number of rituals that occur at a Sunday Mass. These are steps, so to speak, to enter the Church. They are public rites, and the parish community prays with the Catechumens and candidates at this time. For those who will be baptized at Easter, they will come together.

## How much does all this cost?

One of the best things about RCIA is that it is FREE!

# BECOMING CATHOLIC - *DID YOU KNOW*

## I am already Catholic, why should I know about RCIA?

We all may know family members or friends who are not Catholic but may have shown some interest in our faith, or those who have not completed their sacraments. As Catholics we are called, by Christ, to share the Good News with others. This might mean making suggestions to others that they explore Catholicism. If you know about RCIA you can let them know about it and how to go about getting started.

## What does Catechumen mean?

There are a lot of churchy words in RCIA. A Catechumen is a person preparing for Baptism. It is an ancient term meaning one who receives instruction by word of mouth. A candidate is someone from another Christian faith or a Catholic preparing for Confirmation. There are other words that are learned as the person goes along in the process.

## What do RCIA sessions look like?

Sessions are usually held once a month on Sunday after Mass. We meet, discuss the Sunday scriptures, and then have a presentation on Catholic teachings. Sessions are informal and are not classes but faith sharing and exploration of our relationship with Christ, always striving to go deeper into that relationship with God and the Parish community. Our textbook is the Bible, videos, and other materials exploring the Catholic faith.

## What is a sponsor?

A sponsor is someone who accompanies a person on their RCIA journey. Sponsors are usually from the parish community, but sponsors may be chosen by the person if the sponsor is a practicing Catholic who has received all their sacraments of Initiation and is in good standing with the Church. A Catechumen may also choose Godparents in addition to a sponsor.

## Can children be in RCIA?

RCIA sessions are geared for adults. However children do take part in certain rituals that are part of the process. They are usually catechized through the parish school or faith formation. In cases with older children or teens, there may be specific sessions set up for them and their parents.

## Can I accompany someone to RCIA sessions?

Of course! Many Catholics who join a relative or friend at sessions find that they learn things about the Catholic faith that they did not know before. It also gives the Catechumen or Candidate someone else to discuss things with after the sessions.

## How does someone get started in RCIA?

Go to our website at [stwilliam.org/rcia](http://stwilliam.org/rcia). Fill out the registration form and the Inquiry form and email it back to [rcia@stwilliam.org](mailto:rcia@stwilliam.org). You will be contacted by our coordinator regarding starting sessions.





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## LIVE-STREAMED MASS

We will begin to live-stream the  
Monday - Friday 8:30am Daily Mass  
on Monday, September 14, 2020.

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## WEEKEND MASSES

We will continue to live-stream the  
Sunday 12pm Daily Mass

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## HOW TO WATCH THE LIVE MASSES

Visit the parish website - **[stwilliam.org](http://stwilliam.org)**  
The live Masses can be viewed on the  
main home page. You can scroll to the  
middle of the page to view the Mass or  
you can click on the link on the top of  
the page that says "view live Masses."

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# Catholic Kids

Bulletin

September 27, 2020  
Ordinary Time  
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W E O K R E M E M B E R O I W A Y O U R P

E W A O L O R D P W K E O A K

O E K W M E R C I E S O W K E

Remember  
your mercies,  
O Lord.

E W A O P W E K O A B N O W E A I J D F K W O

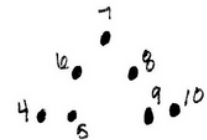


Listen for the priest to say  
**MERCY** during Mass.

## Saint Gregory the Great

Saint Gregory the Great was a Pope.  
Do you remember the name of our  
current Pope?

Pope Francis



Follow the dots to draw the Papal  
crown worn by Pope Gregory. It looks  
like three crowns stacked together.



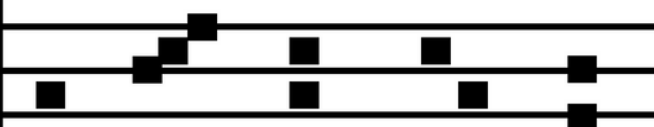
Gregorian Chant is music named  
after Saint Gregory. The squares tell  
people what notes to sing.



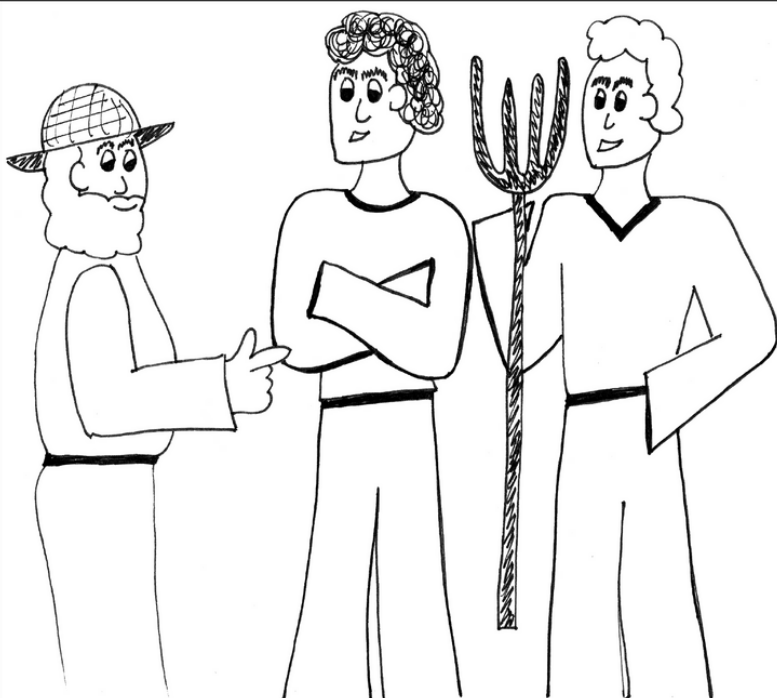
The words are in Latin. It means,  
"Pray for us to God. Alleluia."



**Ora pro nobis**



**Al le lu i a**



Write down ideas to  
serve your family and  
friends.



### Gospel



Jesus tells a parable of a man and his sons. He asked his sons to  
work in the fields. Listen to the story to see what the boys will do.