A photograph of the exterior of St. William Catholic Church. The church is constructed of red brick with a prominent green steeple topped with a cross. The facade features a large, ornate circular rose window above the entrance. The entrance is an arched doorway with a stained glass window depicting a religious scene. To the left of the entrance is a statue of a saint. The church is surrounded by greenery, including bushes and trees with autumn foliage. The sky is clear and blue.

# St. William Catholic Church

## 2015 Pictorial Directory



# Pastor's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

After a rather lengthy time I can finally present to you this new pictorial directory of Saint William Parish. It is a snapshot of our parish in 2014-2015. There are celebrations, jubilees, memories of sad and joyous events, big and small life's changes, spiritual renewals, new beginnings, triumphs and tragedies, times of ordinary living.



The parish celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Fr. John Hogan, OMI, the church underwent a major renovation of the floor, Thomas Walsh was ordained deacon for the Archdiocese of Boston, and a new parochial vicar, Fr. Dwight Hoeberechts, OMI has arrived in the parish replacing Fr. Michael Powell, OMI.

Besides these big events, the ordinary life of the parish community has continued with liturgical celebrations, retreats, parish events, outreach programs touching those with spiritual and physical needs and all of us growing in our Christian way of living.

May this directory help us to grow as community having the chance to put a face with a name of our fellow parishioner.

I would like to also take the opportunity to thank all those who dedicated hours of their time to help organize the creation of the pictorial directory, and a special thank you to the members of the Pastoral and Finance Councils and other parishioners for their help in welcoming people to the photo sessions and providing refreshments.

May God continue to bless our faith community for years to come and may Saint William intercede for us to grow in God's grace and love for all people.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Andrew Knop, OMI  
Pastor

# Oblate and Parish Timeline

- 1816 Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.) founded at Aix-en-Provence, France, by a French Bishop, Fr. Eugene de Mazenod, to serve the needs of the suffering and abandoned.
- 1867 The Oblates, at the invitation of Bishop John Williams of Boston, were offered a Parish to serve the French-speaking people of Lowell.
- 1868 Father Andrew-Marie Garin, O.M.I., and Father Candidus Lagier, O.M.I., arrived and gave the first mission in the basement of St. Patrick's Church on Suffolk Street in Lowell.
- 1868 The Oblates began to serve and care for the poor and sick of the State Almshouse in Tewksbury. Father Louis Lebre, O.M.I. became the first chaplain.
- 1883 The Oblates purchased the Kittredge Estate, encompassing nine acres of land on Chandler Street, for the Novitiate.
- 1888 The first Mass celebrated by Father Emery for the Catholic residents took place at the Novitiate Chapel.
- 1895 Fire destroyed the Novitiate on February 7.
- 1896 A large farmhouse located on another site of the property was refurbished and became the second Novitiate. It formally opened on November 12, with a solemn high Mass presided by Father Campeau, O.M.I.
- 1898 A chapel was constructed at the Tewksbury Hospital with Masses being celebrated regularly.
- 1911 Two permanent priests would be assigned, one each to the Tewksbury Hospital and to St. Andrew's Church in North Billerica. Both still resided at the Oblate Novitiate.
- 1916 St. Mary's Hall (South Tewksbury) was located on the corners of Vernon Street and Glenwood Road (St. Mary's Road) in South Tewksbury, today the VFW site. The Silver Lake Catholic Literary Association purchased the property in 1919. Oblates from the Novitiate held one Mass each Sunday at the Hall.
- 1934 Permission was given from Rome to establish a parish in Tewksbury.
- 1935 Archbishop of Boston, William Cardinal O'Connell, signed a Decree to establish a parish in Tewksbury on August 7, 1935. The Oblates of Mary Immaculate accepted to serve the parish as well as the Tewksbury Hospital.
- 1937 Fr. Denis Sullivan, O.M.I. became the first pastor and on July 23rd the name of parish was accepted – St. William of York, a 12th century monk and Archbishop of York in England. His feast day is on June 8th.
- 1938 On November 24th the laying of cornerstone took place.
- 1939 St. William's Church was formally dedicated on August 20th and served 250 families.
- 1958 Dedication of the school and the convent took place on November 3rd during Fr. William Lantagne, O.M.I. pastorate.
- 1959 The Oblate Novitiate was destroyed by fire once again on January 25. Since it housed the priests who served St. William's, construction of a rectory at the church had to take place.
- 1962 The third Novitiate was dedicated on the Feast of Our Lady of Hope, January 17.
- 1976 In July, permission was requested by Fr. Patrick Hollywood, O.M.I. and it was granted to construct an addition to the church.
- 1978 Rededication of Saint William's Church was held on April 24th.
- 1983 100th Anniversary of the Oblates' presence in Tewksbury called "Oblate Fathers Festival Week" was held from September 25th – October 2nd. The parade was the largest to date in town.
- 1985 50th Anniversary of St. William's Parish was celebrated with Mass and Dinner/Dance. Fr. George Croft, O.M.I. became the new pastor.
- 1997 The first Saint William website was launched.
- 2006 Saint Eugene Perpetual Adoration Chapel was established.
- 2010 75th Anniversary of St. William's Parish was celebrated with Mass and Dinner/Dance during Fr. John Hanley, O.M.I. pastorate. The yearly celebration concluded with a Mass celebrated by Cardinal Sean O'Malley on September 19th, 2010.
- 2013-15 The church undergoes renovation, which includes painting and replacement of the flooring.



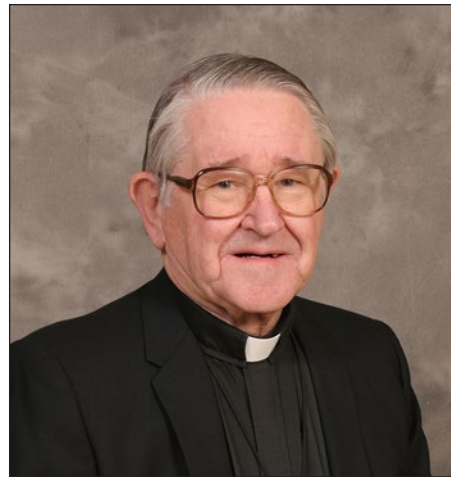
**St. Eugene de Mazenod's** picture may be found in a stained glass window in the Sacristy at St. William's Church, and the "Adoration Room" downstairs is dedicated in his name.



# Clergy



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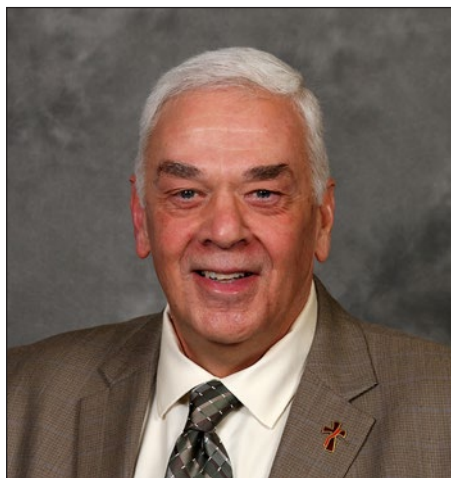
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**Fr. Michael Powell, OMI**  
Former Parochial Vicar



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Permanent Deacon



**Deacon Thomas Walsh**  
Permanent Deacon



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Director of Music Ministry



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**Peter Cote**  
Maintenance





▲ Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers ▼



▲ Altar Servers ▼

## Parish Life

All of our parishioners are encouraged to become active members of the church, and these pages represent only a few of the organizations, ministries and life of the parish: Eucharistic Minister of Communion, Lector, Usher, Altar Server, Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality, Parish Council, Finance Council, Choirs, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Men's Club, Prayer Shawl Ministry, and ACTS. There are also Teen Encounter with Christ (TEC), The Lowell Sock Exchange, Religious Education, and many more.

We also have a 24/7 Adoration Chapel located downstairs in the church, and extend a special invitation to come and spend time visiting with Jesus.



St. Eugene de Mazenod Adoration Chapel 24/7 ▲





**Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality ▲**



**Parish Council ▲**



**Finance Council ▲**



**Angel Choir ▲**



**Adult Choir ▲**



**Contemporary Choir ▲**



**St. Vincent de Paul Society ▲**





Men's Club ▲



Prayer Shawl Ministry ▲



Women's ACTS ▲



Men's ACTS ▲







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Marie



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Kathy



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Kevin & Joanne  
Nicole



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Henry



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Devan, Dalton, Dustan, Daedon



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Mack, Jimmy



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Theresa





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Nancy  
Natalia



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John & Catherine



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Carlos & Nevía



**Candor,**  
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Patrick, Christopher, Brianna,  
Brendan



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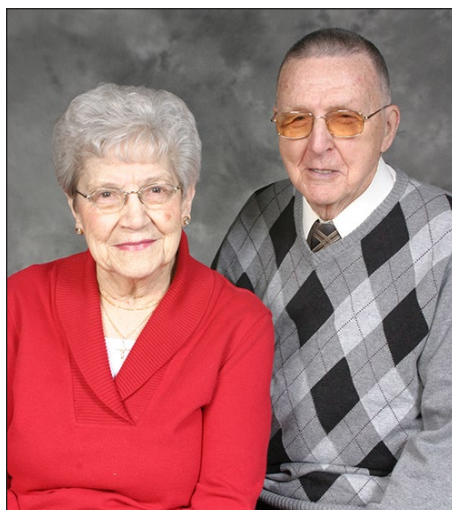
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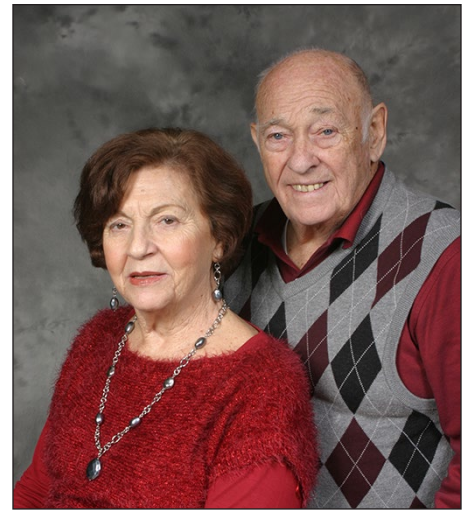




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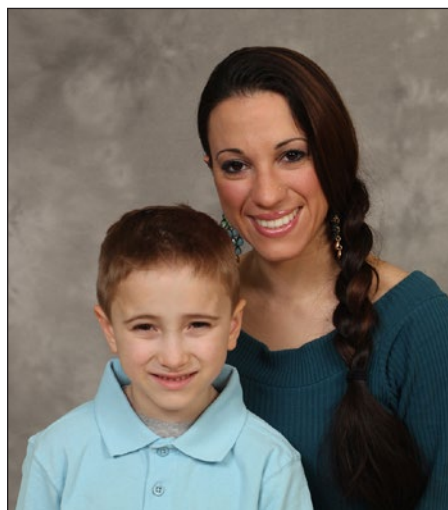
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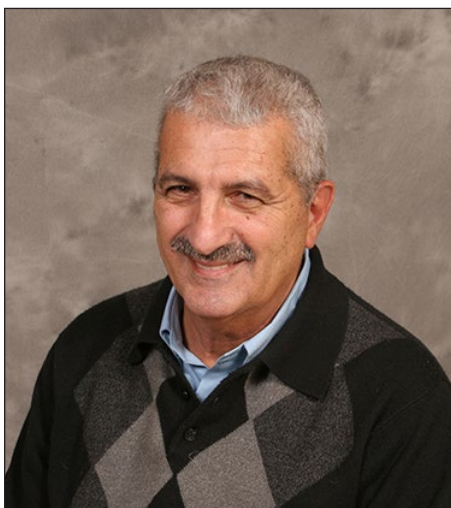
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