



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Weekly Schedule

Daily Mass

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12n

Live-Streamed Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:30am

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 12n

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday - Saturday: 7:15am - 8:20am

Saturday: 3:45pm - 4:50pm

Adoration

Monday - Saturday: 7:15am - 8:20am

First Friday of the Month: 9am - 5pm

Private Prayer

Monday - Friday: 7:15am - 6pm

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me — just as the Father knows me and I know the Father — and I lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:14-15

Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Collective Intentions

People of St. William's

Ursuline Sisters (liv)

Thomas Palumbo

Connie Popovich

Mary Horne

Monday, April 22, 2024

Helen Wassmer

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Michael Scanzano

Wed., April 24, 2024

Edward Abrams

Thurs., April 25, 2024

Collective Intentions

John Gauci

Thursday continued...

Concetta Vangeli

Deborah Camp

Aladino Joseph Gregorio III

Antonio John Rogowski

Friday, April 26, 2024

Ginny Alford

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Purgatorial Society

Collective Intentions

People of St. William's

Henry Barbeau

Ethel Ann Miceli

Anthony Gurino

Francis P. Tursi

Pray for the Sick

Lucas Arigiro

Laurie Yard

Keith Gorton

Christopher J. Weber, Sr.

Sal Lupo

Richard Fedyk

John O'Hara

Dylan Walsh

Jeine Tedeschi

Jerry Milbach

Anna Guida

Pray for the Deceased

Salvatore Conigliaro

Paul Panasuk

Altar Candles

The Altar Candles used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of Kristin Valerga Goetze from the Santini Family

Pillar of Prayer

Remember the Holy Name of Jesus is powerful. This week (and throughout your whole life), invoke the name of Jesus when faced with temptation, fear or worry. Silently call upon His name in faith and trust.

“I am the Good Shepherd”

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is when we traditionally celebrate ‘Good Shepherd’ or ‘Vocations’ Sunday. We hear today in the Gospel of John that Jesus speaks of himself as the shepherd who is prepared to lay down his life for his sheep. The purpose of this World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's directive to "pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest." Our parish has been extremely blessed to not only bring forth vocations to the priesthood and religious life, but also to help nurture and support them on their way.

We know that this upcoming June 8th our very own Deacon Joseph Lettieri will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Joseph is a young disciple from the parish who went to St. William the Abbot School, was a Boy Scout, and, with his family, served in different ministries here. Eventually he heard the beckoning of the Lord to come and follow Him.

Pope Francis explains that God's call “tends to make itself known gradually... and one that calls for a response on our part. God calls us in love and we, in turn, respond to Him in love.” That subtle, gradual call is a common theme that often presents itself in the vocation stories of so many priests and seminarians. God is gentle - he does not usually hit us over the head with a 2x4 – but he often speaks to us through encounters with people who might say “did you ever think about being a priest?” Or, “I have watched you pray, or serve in ministries, you would be a good priest!” In my own journey, I at times would respond “no way”, or “you are crazy!” But, God is patient and persistent with his mission to bring the Good News and His love to the world.

The Church is committed to spreading the love of God to the whole world in a wide variety of ways so that His kingdom may come. There is a commitment to do that both globally and locally. At St. William the Abbot, we too can do our part in the promotion and support of priestly and religious vocations. First, let's pray for vocations; for those who have answered the Lord's call, as well as those seeking to be ordained or consecrated, and for an increase in future vocations. Vocations do not fall from the sky or trees, they come from families, and parishes, and schools, like ours. Secondly, let's encourage those who might have a calling to ordination or consecrated life to explore the idea and find out more. Lastly, when possible, we can financially assist those on the spiritual and educational journey to serve the Church. At different times throughout the year, there are drives to contribute to the ecclesiastical formation and training of our diocesan seminarians. The biggest campaign is through the generosity offered to the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal – but we also have a wonderful opportunity to support the Good Shepherd funding locally on Sunday May 5th , 2024.

Please consider joining the Memorare Council of the Knights of Columbus for a celebration to honor and support the seminarians of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. You see from the pictures below that many of the honorees have served here in the parish and shared their amazing gifts and talents with us. This event will directly support our parish seminarians, Deacon Joe and Herley, and the other men on this important walk of faith and lessen some of the financial burdens so they can focus on prayer and study. More information on how to reserve tickets can be found here in the bulletin. Please support our future Good Shepherds!

Peace,



Banns of Marriage

Banns II

Caitlin Laquidara, St. William the Abbot
& Matthew Scorce, St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa



Our Mother's Day Novena of Masses will begin on Mother's Day, May 12th. Cards and envelopes for the Mother's Day Novena of Masses are

available at the doors of the Church and in the Rectory. If you would like to have your living mother remembered, kindly take a donation envelope and card. If you would like to have your deceased mother remembered, please use a donation envelope only. Please place all donation envelopes in the collection basket or return them to the Rectory.

Low Gluten Hosts Available

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 pyx. Please sit in the south transept.

Pray for Those in the Military

US Air Force -

Capt. Matthew B. Frasse
Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers
Airman Carlos Rosado
Major Thomas F. Shields

US Army -

Capt. Caitlin M. Lee
CW2 Brian Kirby
Major Eamon G. McArdle
Spc. Brian Reip
Sgt. Donald Rogers
Lt. Col. Christopher James
Ustler

USMC -

First Lt. Dana Duggan
Danny Dugan

US Navy -

Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald
Jr. Lt. Ryan Bayer
Jr. Lt. Rebecca Bayer
Jr. Lt. Ian Bayer
STSC (SS) Thomas Kerley
Lt. Michael O'Hara
MMN2 Emily Partridge
Commander Michael Sean Slatley
Lt. Michael Napolitano
Michael Vietri

US Coast Guard -

LT Commander James Knudsen
Daniel Timpanaro
Commander Katherine Ustler-
Lodispoto

US Army -

Sgt. Craig Bianco
Capt. Michael DiPietro
Capt. Michael Fitzgerald
Capt. Christopher J. Frasse
Capt. Logan Lee
Lt. Col. John Kallo

Baptism

Let us welcome the following children who were baptized last weekend:

Liliana Fuessler
Dominic Hicks
Alessia Kees
Brooke Laquidara
Isabel Quagliano
Natalia Sikorska-Melesh
Kayleigh Wygand

Anointing of the Sick



Anyone going to the hospital or who has a serious illness can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, which will be celebrated communally immediately following the 12:00 N Mass on Sunday, April 28th.

Purgatorial Society

Stanley Lewicki, Catherine Raitano, Joseph Lee, Thomas Rizzo, David Chan, Rudolph Dragisics, Tim Bestenheider, Kristin A. Valerga-Goetze.

Giuseppe Fronda, Gina Pellettiere, Lauralee Miller, Joan Grimes, Millie Paradiso, Nancy Bryson, Maureen Upton, Lissette Baquero, Albina Sangemino, Virginia Svoboda, Ivan Drazenovic, Ida Connico.

Lois Anusiak, Teresa Angelastro, Walter C. Breslin, Thomas P. Calautti, Deborah A. D'Amore, Dean Gregorio, Chris Helgasen, Doris Mulcahy, Vincent J. Pernice, Thomas Reilly, Hildegard Robinson, Carl Scogmanillo, Kristin A. Valerga-Goetze, Margaret Burke, Patricia Baisley, Howard Batsford, Andrew Bricht, Dorothy Meinke, Edward Bolinger, Kelly Mooney Cordero, Catherine Koster.

Dorothy Meinke, Joan Kane, Kathryn & Robert Nesi, Dorothy L. Costa, Nelson A. Moret, George Jantzen, III, John M. Stolfi, Walter Ostrowski, Sebastian Panesci, Anthony Nicholas Diomede, II, Thomas Fitzgerald, Andrea Browne, Frank Alongi, John Kilgus, Tiddy Susi, Robert Charles Harter.

John Battiste, Marie Cosgrove, Joseph DePieiro, Thomas V. Fitzgerald, Jr., Mary Horne, Sal Locrotondo, Carol Locrotondo, Michael Maltese, Jr., Lydia Medina, Carla Jean Powell, Adele Riordan, Caroline Sivert, Kathy Abrescia, Donald Clark, Diane Gaskin, Richard McKenna.

Clifford Grohs, Daisy Martinez, Catherine Donoghue, Bobby Torressen, Steven Danko, Anna Clark, Andrew Bartolozzi, Eva Gerard, Gilda Russo, William Perez, Jr.

Carmela Farari, Lucy Rondazzo, Christine Pittelli, Ann M.Schaeder



*God Bless
our
First
Communicants!*

For the next 3 weeks, our parish will celebrate First Holy Communion for our 2nd Grade & Level-2 students.

Please keep them in your prayers.



St. William the Abbot School

Our Kinders enjoyed participating in a Teddy Bear Hospital that their parents set up in the iCenter! The children are learning about community helpers in their social studies unit. The parents who work in the medical field planned and set up this wonderful opportunity for the SWS kindergartners to participate in. This helped the children to understand what it is like to work as a nurse, doctor, surgeon, etc. By the time it was over their bears were all healed of their ailments! We are so thankful to the parents and volunteers for making such a fun experience for the children!



SCHEDULE A TOUR OF OUR NURSERY - 8TH GRADE PROGRAMS TODAY (516-785-6784)

Parish Social Ministry

Pantry Needs

Canned Beets
Canned Tuna
Canned Chicken
Paper Towels
Tissues
All-Purpose Cleaning Spray

Volunteer Opportunities

The Long Island Coalition for the Homeless is offering volunteer opportunities in their Community Garden on Wednesdays from 4pm-7pm at their Amityville location. Volunteers will do basic gardening such as weeding, watering, and planting in their organic vegetable garden. Opportunities are available from April through October, and service hours are available! For more information contact the Social Ministry office.



Vet Fest May 18th - Farmingdale

Veteran services and resources will be available at the Farmingdale Village Green on Saturday, May 18 from 10am to 2pm. Resources such as Veteran Benefit Agencies, Health Screenings, Mental Health Resources, Financial Advisory Services, and Housing, Employment and Legal Resources will be available. Free entry, no need to register. Food and drink will be available! Farmingdale Village Green is located at 361 Main Street in Farmingdale. Rain date May 19.

Nassau County Rental Assistance Available

There is a rental assistance program open for Nassau residents called The Nassau County Homeless Prevention Program. This program is designed to prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless. The program provides significant economic relief to qualifying households by providing rental arrears or temporary rental assistance. Eligible residents must show evidence of imminent homelessness and show that their inability to pay was the result of a sudden reduction of income or other unexpected circumstances. For more information on this program, its required qualifications and how to apply, please contact the Social Ministry office.

Looking to Donate Used Items?

We have updated the Parish Social Ministry section of the St. William the Abbot Parish website. We list multiple donation resources locally for your furniture, clothing, housewares and more! Check us out at www.stwilliam.org/social-ministry for more information!

Senior Care Through the Office for the Aging



Did you know that the Nassau County Office for the Aging offers case managers for seniors? Their case management program provides the support for older adults to remain in their homes for as long as possible. They assist in providing in-home services for seniors through the Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP). There are two types of in-home services offered, Level 1 which is housekeeping and chore services, and Level II which adds on personal care assistance such as bathing, dressing, toileting, grooming and feeding. For more information about services and eligibility, call NY Connects at 516-227-8900 or visit the website <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/1438/Aging>.



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Pregnancy Support



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If you or someone you know needs assistance with an unexpected or difficult pregnancy, help is available:

Call 631-476-LOVE (5683) any day, any time (24/7).

All conversations are safe and confidential.

Diocese of Rockville Centre Young Adult Ministry

Church of St. Patrick
400 Main Street Huntington, NY

Young Adult Holy Hours

January 25
February 22
April 25
May 23
June 27

Adoration with live music 7:30 PM
Fellowship with food provided 8:30 PM

Ages 21-30



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5 STEPS SAFE ADULTS CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUTH ONLINE



- 1** Maintain open and ongoing communication about social media and online interactions
- 2** Monitor technology use (trust but verify)
- 3** Set and enforce boundaries for utilization of social media and tech
- 4** Educate yourself on the latest trends and potential risks
- 5** Inform children and youth they can always tell you if someone makes them feel scared, uncomfortable or unsafe online



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Saint Mark the Evangelist

Saint Mark wrote the Gospel of Mark about Jesus' life. Pax tibi Marce means, "Peace be with you, Mark my Evangelist."



Year B: Fourth Sunday of Easter

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April 21, 2024
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The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

We pray the Gloria during the Easter season. Can you pray it with the congregation? Listen for everyone to say, "Glory to God in the highest..."

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Circle the 3 sheep that match.

Gospel Jesus said, "I am the gate for the sheep...whoever enters through me will be saved."

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A Legacy of Excellence - Nursery through 8th Grade

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Please pray for our Seminarians and all those discerning the priesthood and religious life

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Resources

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Baptisms & Weddings at St. William the Abbot
stwilliam.org/sacraments

Register as a St. William the Abbot Parishioner
stwilliam.org/i-am-new

Catholic High Schools of Long Island
chsee.org

Diocese of Rockville Centre
drcv.org

Formed: The Catholic Faith. On Demand
formed.org

Tomorrow's Hope Foundation: Financial Aid for Catholic Schools
tomorrowshopefoundation.org

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If there is an emergency where someone is critically ill or injured and needs a priest outside of office hours, please call 516-312-7361

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