



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church

Weekly Schedule

Daily Mass

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5pm

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday - Saturday: 7:30 - 8:15am

Saturday: 3:45 - 4:30pm

Adoration

Monday - Saturday: 7:30 - 8:15am

First Friday of the Month: 9am - 5pm

Private Prayer

Monday - Friday: 7:15am - 6pm

Live-Streamed Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:30am

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 12n

Pray for the Deceased

Aida E. Belli

John A. Battiste

Pray for the Sick

Keith Gorton

Christine Pittelli

The Sanctuary Candle Used at Mass this
Week Has Been Donated in Memory of

Kathleen Payami

from Lou & Pat DiPadova

The Wine and Hosts Used at Mass this
Week Have Been Donated in Memory of

Nicole Tedeschi

from The Tedeschi Family

The Altar Candles Used at Mass this
Week Have Been Donated in Memory of

Joyce Jaffe

from The Zacharias Family

The Adoration Candles Used this
Week Have Been Donated in Memory of

Carmine Serravalli

from Joanne Serravalli



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Merry Christmas, St. William the Abbot Family!

On behalf of our Priests, Deacons, Seminarians, and dedicated Pastoral Staff, I wish you and all those who visit you and our beautiful parish a Blessed and Merry Christmas! We too give Glory to God for, as scriptures remind us, "Emmanuel, God is with us". God's favor has truly rested upon us and with great gratitude we acknowledge the Lord who has been so present to us in the parish, the school, and our humble faith community on the South Shore of Long Island. We have much to celebrate and be grateful for despite the challenges our world still endures. Christmas 2023 reminds us that we are a people of hope – hope in the newborn king! For those who may be joining us for the first time, or if you are visiting from other places or faith traditions, or if it has been a long time since you have returned to worship and pray at St. William's, Welcome Home! You are seen and known and loved by God... and by us!

Like Our Blessed Mother Mary, we allow ourselves to pause and ponder the Christ Child in the moment, but also to look back and reflect on this year of many graces and blessings. I was reminded at our school Christmas concert that our primary mission is to evangelize others and the carols that we play and sing can do just that. The classic song "Do You Hear What I Hear?" is a model of how we tell others about Jesus. The words are simple and yet clear: "do you know what I know? A child, a child sleeping in the night, He will bring us goodness and light!"

I hope you experienced Christ's goodness and light here – through our dedicated pastoral staff, parish ministries, and joyful volunteers who live the Gospel week in and week out. Perhaps you were assisted with a question or faith need, or watched our young parishioners respond with Apostolic Service Hours and sharing their gifts and talents, or have been enthusiastically welcomed into the Church. Each encounter is an opportunity for Emmanuel – God to be with us. All of us have the responsibility to become the bearers of the Good News and light, not much different than the angels, the shepherds, and the Wise Men from that song. I pray that the Lord's presence will be revealed to you and all who enter our church this weekend in a new, more profound way – please, come, let us adore Him!

I wanted to extend a special Christmas thank you to everyone who worked together to bring a joyful and prayerful Christmas experience this year. Thank you to the liturgical ministers - altar servers, lectors, EMs, welcome desk greeters, ushers - and Jenn Lynde, our music director, Paul Cartier, our organist, and those who assisted them as guest musicians and leaders of song. Thank you to the rectory staff – Kate, Sue, and Judy, who guided and oversaw so many moving parts to assist in the planning of our celebrations and to prepare the rectory, school, and church with outdoor and indoor beautifications. Thank you to John Grymes and our maintenance team, Jim and Mike, to our sacristans, and the "decoration elves" who helped with setup and 'trimmings' of the whole campus environment – incredible!!! Each week we came into the church and there was an added piece of visual beauty or sound to help us raise our hearts and minds in prayer. Thank you to Allison Marro and her Parish Outreach team for their creative ways to serve and care for the most vulnerable and needy. Thank you to Elizabeth Bricker and Sr. Joan Klimski, OP for their guidance and leadership for our school and faith formation programs, and to the teachers and catechists entrusted with teaching and forming the next generation of the faithful.

Thank you also for the overabundance of Christmas cards, gifts, and munchies that so many of you shared for Fr. John, Fr. Michael, Herley, and I to enjoy. We especially enjoyed the family photos, which are always so appreciated.

On behalf of the entire St. William the Abbot pastoral team and staff – I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a peaceful, hopeful, and Happy New Year!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Joe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Merry Christmas!

SCHEDULE

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23RD: 5PM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH: 7:30AM, 9AM

CHRISTMAS EVE
4PM (CHURCH & SWS),
5:30PM, 8:30PM, 11PM

CHRISTMAS DAY
8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM, 12:30PM

MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY - MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST: 9AM, 12N

WE WILL FOLLOW OUR REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30TH & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST



Last week, Seminarian Herley Mendez was installed as an Acolyte by Bishop Massa at Notre Dame, where Herley is serving his Pastoral Year. Becoming an Acolyte is an important step in a seminarian's formation on his way to priesthood.

To make the day extra special, Herley was not only joined by Fr. Joe and Notre Dame's pastor, Fr. John McCartney, but his mom is also visiting from Columbia!

Please continue to pray for our parish seminarians, Herley and Joseph, and all those discerning religious life.

NEW YEAR BALL DROP 50/50 RAFFLE

SINGLE ENTRY: \$35

FIVE ENTRIES: \$135



**WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED ONLINE ON
JANUARY 1ST, 2024**

Advent Holy Hour Celebrating the Feast of St. Lucy



Celebrating Christmas with SWS & Faith Formation





St. William the Abbot School



One of Mrs. Bradley's favorite traditions in her Junior High religion classes is to have her students create ornaments for their classroom Christmas Tree. This year, 8-2 took a sporty approach while designing theirs, combining their favorite hobbies with significant parts of their faith life. Adorned with volleyballs and soccer balls, shepherds and doves, this Christmas Tree showcases just how special our students are as they prepare to spend their last Christmas Season at SWS.

The SWS National Junior Honor Society spearheaded our Christmas Toy Drive to benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul! What a blessing to give back and support those in need. Thank you to everyone who donated!



Our 4th Graders have been busy preparing for the SWS Christmas Liturgy and Living Nativity.



Our Nursery - 2nd Grade students enjoyed Breakfast with Santa last week, and this week students in Grades 3 - 5 had lunch with the Grinch!



Save
T.H.E.
DATES

Catholic Schools Week Open House
Sunday, January 28th
11:30am - 1:30pm

Early Childhood Information Evening
For Grades Nursery, Pre-K, and Kindergarten
Thursday, January 11th
6:30pm

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Christmas MEMORIALIZATIONS

13 - 16' Christmas Tree - Rectory Lawn

In memory of Nicholas Caico from Carol Caico

7 - 9' Christmas Trees - Altar

In memory of Joseph F. Eannel from Debra Eannel

In memory of Msgr. James Kissane from Donna Kissane

60" Balsam Wreaths - Main Entrance

In memory of Peggy Flynn Geissman from Dorothy McGowan

48" Balsam Wreaths - Choir Loft

In honor of Irene C. Monteleone

In memory of Baby Christie Marie Kelly, Colleen Kelly and Edmund Kelly, III from Janeen and Ed Kelly

5 - 6' Christmas Trees - Altar, Creche, Vestibule

In memory of Jeanne Laddomada from John Laddomada

In memory of Marie and Edward Lorenzo from David Lorenzo

In memory of William and Stella Power from Mary Mastrianni

Peace from Melisa Byrns

In memory of the Larkin and Paganelli Families from Lynn McCarthy

Various Greenery & Straw

In memory of Dante Mongiardo and Kathleen Lee from Ann Mongiardo

32" Balsam Wreaths - Church Interior

In memory of Thomas Ward from Patricia Ward

In memory of Thomas Stanco from Maria Pomponio

In memory of Mario Pomponio from Maria Pomponio

In memory of Ann & Herby Muscarello and Agnes & Pat Daly from Mike & Diane Daly

In memory of Ruth Armitage from Maureen Nelson

In memory of Barbara Bussani from John Bussani

In memory of Claire McMahon from Joseph McMahon

In memory of Arthur and Theresa Olsen from Bob & Kathy Olsen

In memory of Lori Ann Dudutis from Maria Dudutis

In memory of the deceased members of the Kaley/Varvaro/Stuart Family from Fran & John Kaley

In memory of Carmela Graziano from Donna Kissane

In memory of Ralph Sabatelli from Connie Sabatelli

3 - 4' Christmas Trees - Altar

In memory of Marie, Sue and James Parisi from Nancy S. Costa

In memory of Harry Haas from Michael Haas

Christmas MEMORIALIZATIONS

12" Balsam Wreaths - Church Exterior

In memory of Tony Russo, the Russo Family, and the Giaquinto Family from Lee Russo

In honor of John Schneider from John & Mary Schneider

In memory of Bernie Kluender from Dorothy Kluender

In memory of Anne and Frank Troiose from Catherine & Thomas Shields

In memory of Alice and Thomas Shields from Catherine & Thomas Shields

In memory of Christine Nardoza from Mary Ellen Tyrrell

In loving memory of the deceased members of the Barbeau Family from Cynthia & Terry Barbeau

In loving memory of the deceased members of the Boening Family from Cynthia & Terry Barbeau

In honor of Irene C. Monteleone

In memory of the Lynch Family, the Rugnetta Family, and Frank Rugnetta, Jr. from Helen Rugnetta

Window Arrangements

In memory of William and Margaret Schuh from Karen Schuh

Red Poinsettias

In memory of Eddie Speidell, Jr. from Frances Speidell

In memory of May Walsleben from Jessica Sorkin

In honor of their Grandchildren from Mr. & Mrs. Diliberto

In memory of the McDonough and West Families from Maureen McDonough

In memory of Leonard McCormick from Patricia McCormick

In memory of Helen and James O'Donnell from Mary A. O'Donnell

In memory of Rita and Fred Bennekemper from Melissa Winn

In memory of the Sorley and Janicki Family from Renee Frawley

In memory of Robert and Kathryn Moulder from James & Ann Marie Moulder

In memory of the Dudutis Family from Maria Dudutis

In memory of Benjamin and Wanda Addonisio and Stanley and Bernice Plona from Joan Plona

In memory of the Ross Family from Clarice Mulcahy

In memory of Joseph and Carolyn Spoher from Dorothy Kluender

In memory of Bernhard and Christina Kluender from Dorothy Kluender

In memory of Mom and Dad Gorton & Mom and Dad Cavallo from George & Maureen Gorton

In memory of Katherine Gianesses and William Sullivan from Michelle Brasile

In memory of Patricia McArdle from Richard McArdle

In honor of Rose and Peter Fileccia and Carl Titolo from Pat Kane

In memory of Sue, Bob and Louis Kane from Pat Kane

In memory of Carmela Graziano from Donna Kissane

In memory of Eddie Sanchez from Monica Sanchez

In memory of Joe and Catherine Brady from Mary & Andy Harrison

In memory of Andy and Pat Harrison from Mary & Andy Harrison

In memory of the deceased members of the Heerlein Family from Lynn Walsh

In memory of Walter, Mary, and Warren Hansmann vfrom Ellen Puvogel

In memory of Pauline Kutchins from Barbara Kayel

In memory of Patricia Simms from Charlene Serenita

In memory of Dante Mongiardo from Anne Mongiardo

Christmas MEMORIALIZATIONS

Red Poinsettias

In memory of Susan Wagner Settle from Karin Wagner
In memory of Richard N. Grogan from Roberta & Rich Grogan
In memory of Conor Cronin from James Cronin & Kelly Anne Cronin
In memory of John Facarile from Grace Facarile
In memory of Tom Gattringer from the Gattringer Family
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Begley from Tara Begley O'Malley
In memory of Christina Pascone and Peggy Klemballa from Christine Klemballa
In memory of Walter C. Breslin from Jeanine Messina
In memory of Mary "May" Walsleben from Jim Walsleben
In memory of Mike and Lu Walsh from Kevin & Anne Walsh
In memory of Charlie and Catherine Schmidt from Kevin & Anne Walsh
In memory of John J. Facarile, Jr. from Steve & Elaine Kirincic
In memory of Rosalie Kirincic from Steve & Elaine Kirincic
In memory of Charlie Kiefer from M. A. Sheila Kiefer

White Poinsettias

In honor of their Grandchildren from Mr. & Mrs. Diliberto
In memory of the McDonough and West Families from Maureen McDonough
In memory of William and Theresa Cunneen from James & Ann Marie Moulder
In memory of the Giaquinto Family from Maria Dudutis
In memory of Katherine Gianesses and William Sullivan from Michelle Brasile
In memory of Patricia McArdle from Richard McArdle
In memory of the Billotti and Green deceased family members from Beverly & Nick Billotti
In memory of Carmela Graziano from Donna Kissane
In memory of Nicholas Ortiz from Monica Sanchez
In honor of Irene Monteleone
In memory of the deceased members of the Heerlein Family from Lynn Walsh
In memory of Pasquale Serenita from Charlene Serenita
In memory of Kathleen Lee from Anne Mongiardo
In memory of Stephanie Orlando from Rita & Steven Orlando
In memory of Tom Gattringer from the Gattringer Family
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Malley from Tara Begley-O'Malley
In memory of Mary "May" Walsleben from Jim Walsleben
In honor of Grazia and Maggio Ventura

White Cyclamen

In memory of Leonard McCormick from Patricia McCormick
In memory of John and Joan Del Gaudio from Maureen Skira
In memory of deceased members of the Colletti Family from Carlo & Rose Castello
In memory of deceased members of the Castello family from Carlo & Rose Castello
In memory of the Lynch Family, the Rugnetta Family
& Frank Rugnetta, Jr. from Helen Rugnetta
In memory of Stephanie Orlando from Rita & Steven Orlando

THE 4TH WEEK OF ADVENT

*Father in heaven, you so loved us that you sent your
Son, among us as Savior and Lord.
Fill us with your blessing, that we may grow in
love and continue to live our faith.
Amen.*

LOVE



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 12n mass on Sunday, December 31st, 2023

Parish Social Ministry

Donor Spotlight: Rising Tide Fuel of Amityville

Thank you to Gene Monahan and Rising Tide Fuel for generously helping one of our clients in a time of great need! Gene adjusted the delivery schedule to make sure our neighbor was taken care of!



Thank you to all the parishioners who participated in this year's Adopt-A-Family Program! Because of your spirit of generosity, all of our families were adopted and we were able to provide clients with all the items they need to make a wonderful Christmas dinner!

Food Pantry Needs

*Canned Chicken - Canned Tuna - Pasta
Canned Beef Stew - Macaroni & Cheese - Pasta Sauce*

CYO Basketball Clinic

The Seaford High School Basketball Team will be hosting a clinic for St. William's CYO from Grades 3-8. It will be held on Thursday, December 28th from 12n to 2pm.

For more information and to register, please visit stwilliamcyo.sportngin.com



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 24th

Angelo & Marion Ambrosio, John Scanlon, James E. Maguire, Grace Magrino, Michael Litras, Guiseppe Basile, JoAnna Wilson

Monday, December 25th

Joyce Jaffe, *Collective Intentions:* Ursuline Sisters Prayer Enrollment, The Rooney Family (liv), Frances Interrante, Maks & Katryna Kosecki, Alan Neunbauer, Antoinette & Antonio Scalamandre

Tuesday, December 26th

Lois & Gerard Gallagher

Wednesday, December 27th

Collective Intentions: Carmine Serravalli, Katherine Smolanick, Irene Molinaro, Marie Cacciato

Thursday, December 28th

Barbara Nigro

Friday, December 29th

Isabelle Love & Corinne T. Christiansen

Saturday, December 30th

Purgatorial Society
People of St. William's

Banns of Marriage

Banns I

Maria DeDemonic (SWA) & Michael Bueno (St. Catherine of Alexandria)
Allison Izzo (SWA) & Joseph Scheno (St. Patrick's - Smithtown)

Banns III

Danielle Scigliano (SWA) & Michael Sforza (SWA)



Let Us Welcome the Following Children Who Were Baptized Last Week:

Mason Conroy - Luke Fedak - Jordyn Harper - Smith Parrott - Madelyn Thomas - Francesca Torres

Pray for Those In the Military

Jr. Lt. Ian Bayer (USN) - Jr. Lt. Rebecca Bayer (USN) - Jr. Lt. Ryan Bayer (USN) - Sgt. Craig Bianco (USA) - Spc. Anthony Caputo (USA) - Capt. Michael DiPietro (USA) - First Lt. Dana Duggan (USMC) - Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald (USN) - Capt. Michael Fitzgerald (USA) - Capt. Christopher J. Frasse (USA) - Capt. Matthew B. Frasse (USAF) - Lt. Col. John Kallo (USA) - STSC (SS) Thomas Kerley (USN) - CW2 Brian Kirby (USA) - Lt. Commander James Knudsen (USCG) - Capt. Caitlin Lee (USA) - Capt. Logan Lee (USA) - Major Eamon G. McArdle (USA) - Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers (USAF) - L.Cpl. John Mosier (USMC) - Lt. Michael Napolitano (USN) - Lt. Michael O'Hara (USN) - MMN2 Emily Partridge (USN) - Spc. Brian Reip (USA) - Sgt. Donald Rogers (USA) - Airman Carlos Rosado (USAF) - Major Thomas F. Shields (USAF) - Commander Michael S. Slatley (USN) - Daniel Timpanaro (USCG) - Major Christopher J. Ustler (USA) - Lt. Commander Katherine Ustler (USCG) - Michael Vietri (USN)



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A Legacy of Excellence - Nursery through 8th Grade

Our Seminarians

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

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