

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Third Sunday of Easter April 18, 2021



PARISH INFORMATION

RECTORY

Office: 516.785.1266
2000 Jackson Avenue
Seaford, NY 11783
stwilliam.org

RECTORY HOURS

Monday - Friday

9 AM - 1 PM

Saturday

9 AM - 6 PM

Sunday

9 AM - 1 PM

MASS TIMES

The presider schedule can be found on the parish website stwilliam.org

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday

8:30 AM

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday

8:30 AM & 5 PM

Sunday

7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM, & 12 PM

And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
- Luke 24:46-47

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 18, 2021

Katherine Gianesses
Michael Valletta
Louise Kucmarski
Virginia Dalessio, Joseph Bianco

Monday, April 19, 2021

Tricia Flaherty

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Angela Leck

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Vincent J. Russo

Thursday, April 22, 2021

Harry Haas

Friday, April 23, 2021

Collective Intentions
Raymond Sipperly
Rosemary Mehler
Edwin Boden
Ann Brzezinski

Saturday, April 24, 2021

Purgatorial Society
Collective Intentions
Patrick & Kathleen Morley,
Michael Scanzano
Donald Clark
Nicole Tedeschi

The Wine and Host used at mass this week have
donated in loving memory of

Jeanne Cox

from Kevin Cox.

The Sanctuary and Altar Candles used at mass this
week were donated in loving memory of

James Egan (Lir)

from the Kelly Family.

Pray for the Deceased

Catherine T. Motley
Anthony Brennan
Catherine Ferrara

Josephine Fuina
Lawrence J. Fox
Arthur G. Meyer

Pray for the Sick

Diane Kimbley
Carl Capasso
Anthony Brennan

Joseph Tsomik
Gary Panzl

Mary Palleja
Robert Valerga
Amilia Palleja

“You Are Witnesses to These Things”

Happy Easter! We continue to say that throughout this season that will lead us to Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. We continue to bask in the Easter joy, God's Divine Mercy, and the hope of the resurrection that is the center of our faith. Jesus is truly risen! My heart has been full as I look back on the beginning of this year, 2021 and see the great things God has done. I recognize that sometimes I, and maybe all of us, can miss the incredible Glory of God, and the amazing things He is doing to and for us because of a few of minor hiccups we experience, or even complaints. Some of the “things” that the Lord is doing here at St. William the Abbot are no less than miraculous. So much of that comes from our incredible staff and volunteers who so selflessly give to the Lord and this community. I would just like to acknowledge and thank them for their dedication and Christian service. But also, the docility and openness of all of you - the People of God who trust us and allow yourselves to be led.

The past week has been a challenge personally as my family and I move into a new season with my dad and his illness. Thank you for your notes, emails, and well wishes for him. But I want to thank you also for the way so many of you have lived the Gospel theme of this 3rd weekend of Easter, by expressing to so many the awe and wonder of God working in your life. You have become the witnesses of the great things that God is doing – seeds that were planted early on this year. I am mindful of the thousands of people who came through the church on Ash Wednesday to receive ashes, went to confession, or simply lit a candle in silent prayer. How the availability of daily, weekend, and Mondays of Mercy confession times allow you and your family to celebrate that powerful sacrament. The growth in attendance of masses each weekend, but especially the overflow on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, and the many who came to the Easter Triduum liturgies both outside and inside. The overwhelming generosity to Outreach and the food pantry led by Allison Marro and her team. The family conversations that have been stirred up by one of Fr. Collins' homilies, or Fr. James's podcast, the social media inspirational prayer posts and quotes, the Faith Formation assignments, the prayer opportunities for our school children and their parents, the beauty of the music, environment, and liturgies for Holy Week. I even received a call-in thanksgiving about the dedication of our maintenance staff and all they did to make the campus and buildings ready for Easter.

There will always be places to improve - and together we will strive for that. Logistical and practical improvements will always be necessary, but I was thinking about the reading from the Acts of the Apostles this week, Acts 4:31: As they prayed, the place where they were gathered shook, and they were all filled with the holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

That is my hope for us as a community, that we will boldly proclaim the truth of the Gospel in this parish and beyond and filled with the Holy Spirit as we pray; the ground will shake. I pray that we will always be a place for people to come and feel welcome, that they will come to know the Lord, and then be motivated to tell others about what they have experienced. We are so in need of strong witnesses to the Catholic faith. I remember early on being somewhat disappointed that in a parish with close to 6000 registered families our mass attendance only shows about 15 to 20% as active. But if we look deeper, I believe God is communicating to us to be less concerned about getting 100% attendance in the church building, but to allow for “God Encounters” one family at a time. That only happens when we tell of the “great things” that God has done to us and our families. And so, I challenge and encourage you to be like those first disciples, those bold witnesses to the faith, and to tell others what God is doing in your heart, in your family, and here at the parish.

Let us pray that Lord bestows on our parish a “new springtime” of blessings and inspires motivated disciples willing to build His Kingdom – one brick, one heart, one family at a time.

Thank you for your presence and generosity.

Peace,


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

Rectory News

Garden Ministry

The Garden Ministry is looking for volunteers to help with gardens in need of some TLC...great opportunity to serve our parish needs! Please email information@stwilliam.org if you are interested.

Mother's Day Novena



Our Mother's Day Novena of Masses will begin on Mother's Day, May 9th. 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.



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POSTED ON WEDNESDAYS AT 5PM

Associate Pastor
FR. JAMES HANSEN




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STWILLIAM.ORG



Emergency

If there is an emergency in which you need to contact a priest immediately, please call the Priest Emergency telephone - 516-312-7361.

An Easter Thank You



Once again, due to COVID 19, we had to step outside the box to make our Easter celebrations both beautiful and meaningful. As always, the people of St. William the Abbot rose to the occasion! We called upon the gifts of many people to assist us and I wish to thank the clergy – Fr. James, Fr. Collins, Deacon John, Deacon Mike, Deacon Joe, Deacon Tony, and Seminarian Herley Mendez as well as other staff members and many parishioners.

I wish to thank Bob Moulder for his assistance with the sound system for our outdoor Masses; Luciana Melo for her assistance with the Live-Stream Masses, the Musicians for the beautiful music; the Liturgical Ministers who served so well - Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Sacristans; the parish's Maintenance team of Mike Lorio, Joe Golden, and Bobby Cunningham, who prepared the grounds and the church for Holy Week, and the Town of Hempstead for allowing us to use the Show-mobile for Mass.

Much work also went into decorating the church for these special liturgies. I thank Alfred Allongo and the team of volunteers who helped put it all together. And I thank the members of the Garden Club for preparing the gardens around the church for Spring.

I congratulate the newest members of our parish community – Kira Golden, Victoria Humann, Jenna Kassel, and Jaclyn Laddomada, who at the Easter Vigil completed their R.C.I.A. Program, led by Jo-Ann Metzдорff and the R.C.I.A. team.

And lastly, I thank the parishioners of St. William the Abbot for your presence, generosity, and participation in our Easter liturgies.

Stump the Priest



Why can't a Catholic Wedding take place at a favorite place, home or beach?

A Catholic wedding is a sacrament and the most favorite place for the sacrament of Holy Matrimony to take place is within the Church.

There are many beautiful places where a couple may want to celebrate their wedding. Some of these places may even have a special meaning to the couple. Maybe that's the place where they met, or maybe that's the place where they dreamed of going together as a married couple. Whatever the reasons why the couple may want to celebrate their wedding at a place that is not a Catholic church, it is important for the couple to know that a wedding ceremony has so many spiritual, theological and ecclesiastical implications that tend to be forgotten when we focus our attention in the beauty of the physical space, such as the floral arrangements or the decorations of the "wedding." In other words, a couple needs to maintain focus on the Sacrament of Marriage, not just the physical details of the wedding ceremony.

Let us remember that a Catholic wedding is the ritual through which a Sacrament takes place; the Sacrament of Marriage. This is the reason why the Church requires that the ceremony be held in a proper space; a Catholic parish. Christ, who honored the wedding at Cana with his presence, is also present in the Eucharist when the wedding ceremony takes place inside the church. Bishops are very reluctant to grant authorization for outdoor weddings by a Catholic parish, because they are concerned with maintaining a sense of the sacred, which is precisely what happens at a Catholic wedding ceremony — it is a sacred sacramental occasion.

The reasons why a local bishop may grant authorization for a catholic wedding to be celebrated elsewhere include political, cultural or even for safety reasons. One example may be when a church building planned for hosting the wedding ceremony has suffered structural damage, due to earthquakes or other natural disasters. However, these circumstances are highly unusual. A wedding is a special moment in the life of the new family that is beginning. Therefore prospective couples are encouraged to focus all of your attention and efforts in making it a memorable event that will emphasize the sacredness of the occasion through the exchange of the promises that will make this an everlasting covenant.



Have a question for the priests?
Stump the Priest questions can be emailed to priests@stwilliam.org.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

US Air Force -

Capt. Matthew B. Frasse
Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers
AIC William Hughes
Tech. Sgt. Karl Muench
Major Thomas F. Shields

USMC -

Lt. Kevin J. Butler
2nd Lt. Dana Duggan
Corporal Frank A. Finocchio
L.Cpl. John Mosier

US Navy -

Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald
Ian Bayer, Ensign
Rebecca Bayer, Ensign
Ensign Michael Napolitano
MMN2 Emily Partridge
Commander Michael Sean Slatley

US Coast Guard -

Lt. James Knudsen
Daniel Timpanaro
LT. Commander Katherine Ustler
Frank Pristera

US Army -

Sgt. Craig Bianco
SPC Anthony Caputo
Capt. Michael DiPietro
Capt. Michael Fitzgerald
Capt. Christopher J. Frasse
Capt. Logan Lee
Lt. Col. John Kallo
Capt. Caitlin M. Lee

US Army -

Capt. Caitlin M. Lee
Sgt. Brian Kirby
Major Eamon G. McArdle
Sgt. Donald Rogers
Major Christopher James Ustler
Major Kurtis Unger

Safety

Dispensation from Mass

As a reminder, the dispensation from the requirement to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect. Those who are most vulnerable and at a greater risk (due to age, preexisting health conditions or being in close proximity to vulnerable people) are encouraged to remain home at this time.

If a person shows any symptoms of illness, they are asked to please not come to church. We encourage you to join us for Mass online on the parish website stwilliam.org

Overflow Space

We do have overflow space in the Abbey for Masses. Please follow the directions of our Ushers if the Church reaches capacity and you are asked to attend the Mass in the Abbey.

While attending Mass during this difficult time

- Please sanitize your hands
- If you are a family please occupy a pew
- Be kind and considerate
- Please keep social distance
- Don't congregate in the Church or parking lot before or after Mass
- Touch a bulletin, please bring it home

Love for our neighbors should be one of the primary considerations.

Safety Protocols

As more of you are returning back to in-person Mass, we want to re-emphasize that all of our safety protocols are still in place.

Please allow the ushers to seat you - they have been carefully trained in our seating arrangement that will enable us to get the maximum number of worshippers seated in the Sanctuary while maintaining social distancing.



Communion by Car Line for High-Risk Individuals

Please consider virtual Mass if you are high risk of severe illness due to COVID-19.

Weather permitting, we will continue to offer outdoor Communion (via car line) on Sundays at 1 PM, following the live-streamed Mass at 12 PM.

Holy Communion

Because of concerns regarding the coronavirus, we request that those who choose to receive on the tongue wait at the end of the line. Please present themselves to the priest only to receive Holy Communion, and are asked to open their mouth and extend their tongue so the host can be placed on it without the priest's hand making contact with the recipient.

If you choose to receive in the hand, please place your hand out very straight and flat to allow the priest or minister to place the Eucharist safely in order to avoid contact with your hand. We also kindly remind everyone to please remove your mask before receiving Holy Communion, whether you choose to receive on the tongue or in the hand. Please put it back on after you have consumed the host.

Holy Communion



When it is time to receive Holy Communion, please practice social distancing as you walk in the communion line. On the way back to your pew please maintain spacing. Everyone will come down the center aisles to receive communion. Please do not rush back to your seats.

Arrive Early & Wear Your Mask



We do ask that everyone arrive early so that we can seat everyone before the start of Mass. **We ask that all parishioners wear their mask covering their nose and mouth at all times while inside the church.**

Sacristy



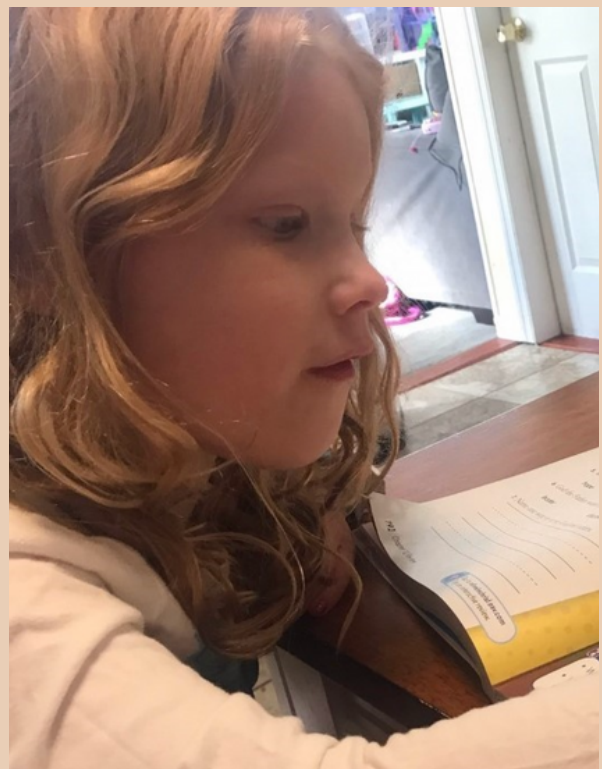
For the safety of our Priests, we ask that parishioners refrain from entering the Sacristy. Please do not hand offering envelopes, letters etc. to the Priests. Please drop them off in the Rectory Mail Slot.

We Pray for all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing. For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection. For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit. For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety. For those who do not have adequate health insurance, we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone. Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace, comfort, and healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

Faith Formation

Today we learn from the Gospel how Jesus appeared to the Disciple's and says, "PEACE BE WITH YOU". Jesus suffered and died for our sins and now he wants us to become better individuals to one another and share peace to each other. If you were to take a pebble and throw it in water, you would see ripples and it starts off small but then gets larger. Just like ripples of water, if each one of us was to forgive others and acknowledge our own sins and ask for forgiveness you would feel better inside, and we could become a better world by spreading kindness just like Jesus asks of us. Jesus wants us to always be caring, loving, and helpful to one another. Let it begin with you. Peace be with you.....

Faith Formation students doing their work and learning about forgiveness and becoming a better person.





Youth!

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH



FRIDAY, MAY 7
AT 7 PM
IN THE CHURCH
DOORS OPEN AT 6:45PM



REQUIRED!

Join us for ADORATION!

Join Fr. Joe and Fr. James in the Church for prayer time.

Who can ATTEND?

If you are a student in middle school or high school.

Stay for SOCIAL.

Stay for social time after adoration. Meet some new friends or hang with old friends.

Please RSVP
priests@stwilliam.org

***STAYING FOR SOCIAL AFTER THE
ADORATION? PLEASE RSVP,
WE WILL BE SERVING SOME TREATS .**

Staying Connected

With St. William the Abbot visit us at stwilliam.org to view our bulletin online, presider schedule, and see other parish information.



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Parish Contact Information

CONTACT THE PRIESTS

Please send your email to priests@stwilliam.org to contact Fr. Joe, Fr. James or Fr. Collins directly.

CONTACT THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Please send your email to pastoralcouncil@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR COMMUNICATIONS

Please send your email to igomez@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR THE RECTORY

Please send your email to information@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Please send your email to jgoldman@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT FAITH FORMATION

Please send your email to faithformation@stwilliam.org or contact the office directly at (516) 783-2528.

CONTACT SOCIAL MINISTRY

Please send your email to socialministry@stwilliam.org or contact the office directly at (516) 679-8532.

CONTACT THE SCHOOL

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Diocese of Rockville Centre Healing after Abortion



Project Rachel retreats offer the opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The retreats are directed by specially trained compassionate caregivers, including counselors and clergy, who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer.

"Entering Canaan"
Day of Prayer and Healing for Women—
Saturday, May 15, 2021

Please register by May 10th

For more information and to register please visit
www.drvc.org/projectrachel
or contact Project Rachel at 1(888) 456-HOPE (4673), 1(516) 766-2538 or
projectrachel@drvc.org. All information will remain confidential.

Parish Social Ministry

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

By Appointment Only

Food Pantry

Regular coffee

Oatmeal

Honey

Pretzels

Oranges

Fresh vegetables

Did You Know....?

Did you know that the Parish Social Ministry has a full refrigerator and freezer? We try to keep fresh food items on hand for our clients whenever possible. Donating meats and vegetables is a great way to pass along healthy foods to families in need. Feel free to drop off a fresh or frozen food item for us to distribute!

Comfort for the Bereaved

We are now taking names for future bereavement group sessions. If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and would be interested in attending a small group session for support, please call the Social Ministry office. Sessions have not yet been scheduled. We are evaluating demand to determine a safe way to proceed with this ministry.

Help for COVID Vaccinations

Do you or someone you know need help booking an appointment for your COVID vaccine? We have volunteers that are willing to help you navigate the online process, or even book your appointment for you! If interested, please call the Parish Outreach office at 516-679-8532.



Catholic Kids

Bulletin

April 18, 2021
Easter
Color: White



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Lord, let
your face
shine on us.

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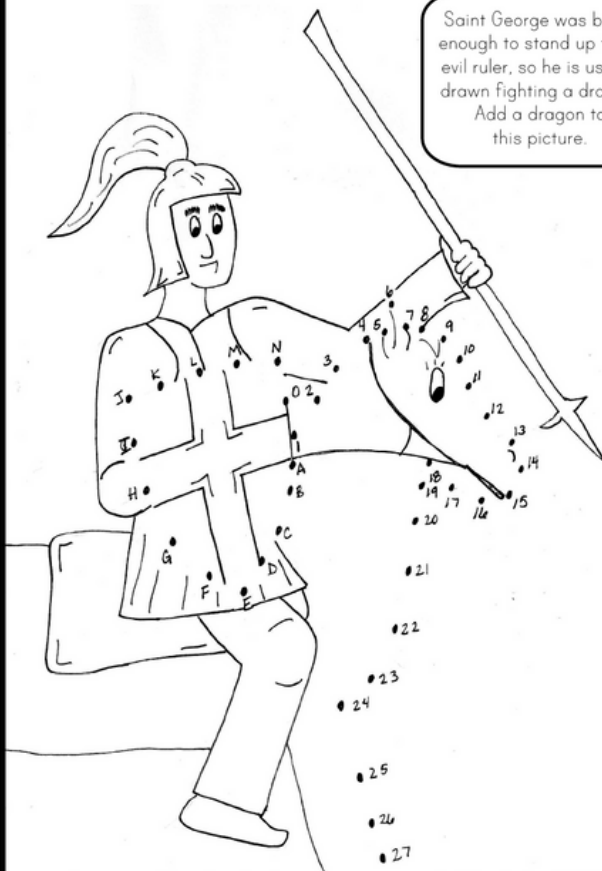


We pray the Gloria during the Easter season. Pray it with the Congregation. Listen for everyone to say, "...and peace to His people on earth."

Saint George

Saint George was a brave soldier in the Roman army. The Emperor, Diocletian, hated Christians! Saint George stood up to him and told Diocletian that he was wrong.

Saint George was brave enough to stand up to an evil ruler, so he is usually drawn fighting a dragon. Add a dragon to this picture.



Peace be with you.



Gospel



After Jesus rose from the dead, He visited his disciples. They didn't recognize Him until He sat down to eat with them!

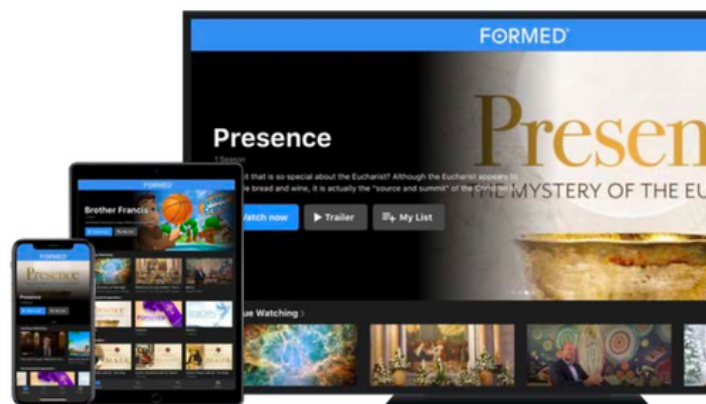
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