# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

**Fourth Sunday of Easter** April 25, 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

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **Sunday, April 25, 2021**

People of St. William's Phil and Denise Mandato (LIV) Catherine Magrino Collective Intentions John Pratt Martha Thompson (LIV) Giovanni Caprio Edwin J. Boden

Monday, April 26, 2021 Angelo Ambrosio

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 John Gauci

#### Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Collective Intentions Henry Barbeau Jack Butchki Fernando Carvalho Braga Raymond Smith (LIV)

Thursday, April 29, 2021 Wilhelm Fehn

Friday, April 30, 2021 Anne Callahan



I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. - John 10:14-15

#### **Baptism**

Callie M. King Henry F. Gensch Domenico R. De Domenico

Rowan C. Aquaviva

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

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

Richie Forelli

from the Cathy Hoffman.

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

Ginny Alford

from the Ann O'Brien.

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

Margaret Michna

from Jane & Jerry Milbach and Family.

#### Pray for the Deceased

Jean L. Castagua

James A. Bradfield, Jr.

Diana Sciortino

#### Pray for the Sick

Patricia Ruffino Diane Kimbley Carl Capasso Anthony Brennan

Walter King Joseph Tsomik Gary Panzl

Amanda Veldras Mary Palleja Robert Valerga Amilia Palleja

#### The Good Shepherd

Jesus gives us the example to follow in order to be a great leader who lays down their life for those entrusted to them. This witness that comes from the Scripture we read this weekend helps us as parents, grandparents, teachers, coaches, priests, and mentors. In one way or another we all have been entrusted to lead and guide our "sheep" to safe and verdant pastures. But we also know that there are many unfamiliar voices and distractions that can lead the sheep astray. There are wolves lurking who desire to influence, scatter, and pick off members of the flock. Jesus is very clear - The 'Good Shepherd' stands there to guide, guard, and protect His sheep. I recognize the incredible honor and privilege it is to be called pastor, which is where the word Shepherd is translated from. I feel like I have been formed or trained by so many of you in the way you love, serve, sacrifice, and lay your life down for your loved ones. You have been the model for me - I am grateful.

The other model for me has been my dad. The past few weeks have been a bit of a roller coaster for me personally and for my family as my dad has struggled with his health. Again, I am grateful for your patience as I attended to some of those family needs. I remember as a boy, especially playing sports, when I would hear the encouragement of my dad's voice while I was on the field of play. My dad was pretty good about letting coaches coach, even though he himself was such a great athlete - Brooklyn Sandlot League. But when it was appropriate, of course after the game, he would - when necessary - correct me in order that I may grow, first as a person and teammate, not just an athlete. Each experience and encounter we face in life allow us to grow - and the hope is the guides and companions who walk with us bring us to fulfillment and joy. Our spiritual journey is no different - Jesus, the Good Shepherd is the Way to that Joy.

As we move through this Easter Season the world is experiencing a natural bloom that comes in the Springtime, and we have also experienced a great deal of movement and growth here in the St. William the Abbot family as well. The post-Easter celebrations, Divine Mercy, and our first weekend of First Holy Communions, what a gift to see the beauty of the young Church and a return to tradition. It is a hope-filled and joyful time. The next few weeks are packed - more Communions, Mother's Day, Confirmation, the wedding season is beginning, graduations, and before we know it, we will be into summer. It will be difficult to put the pause button on as the world "opens up." There will be voices, demands, expectations, and distractions pulling us in many directions. Jesus says today about us, His Beloved Daughters and Sons, "I know mine, and mine know me." In the midst of all that is occurring and will occur in the near future, are we listening to His voice? For what is best for us personally? For what is best for us to get involved with as a family? For the places and things that are a priority for us as a family?

The Good Shepherd will lead us as a parish and a family to the things that are good, and are fulfilling, and will bring us to ultimate joy. My encouragement and challenge to us all is that we take time to discern, and to listen, in order for us to truly determine which is the voice of the Good Shepherd, and which is just another activity that will cause division, distraction, and disruption for our families. So, let's pray well about what is to come for us in these next few weeks and months. What are the things that we will invest our time and energy in? How do we prayerfully determine what is the best recreation, down-time, and vacation for us? What are the work and fun projects we can do for our homes, families, and the parish? Remember Jesus is the King of Peace. When the Lord is present first for us - when we order our lives on prayer, and relationship with Jesus and His church, everything else falls into place. If our faith is a priority then we look ahead and prepare and plan with God at the center of our summer, our weekends, and our daily prayer. It was a great blessing to see so many families return for the First Holy Communions, and then on Sunday for the second Communion. My prayer for all of us is that we intentionally keep Jesus, the Good Shepherd at the center of our lives.

Please be assured of my prayers for you all and please keep my family in your prayers.

As always thank you so much for your presence and incredible generosity.

Peace.

Fr. Jol

#### **Rectory News**

#### **PODCAST** CONVERSATIONS WITH PODRE



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FR. JAMES HANSEN



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AND STWILLIAM.ORG

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#### **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.



#### **Wedding Banns I**

Matthew Metzdorff St. William the Abbot

æ Erin McCormack

St. Raphael, East Meadow NY



Meaghan Haskell St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa NY

#### Memorializing

The Rectory is issuing Mass Cards, enrollment in the Purgatorial Society, Memorializing the Wine, Host, Candles and Altar Flowers. Please call the Rectory for more information (516)785-1266 email information@stwilliam.org

#### **Email List**

If you are not currently on our email list and would like to receive email updates on parish news and the bulletin, in your inbox please register on the parish website. stwilliam.org

#### 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.



The Church will be open for private prayer Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM during the Easter season. If there is something taking place in the church such as a funeral, wedding, class, parent meetings, RCIA, etc., parishioners should understand that they should not remain in church during these activities.

#### **Emergency**

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



#### **Missals**

At this time we are able to offer the sale of individual missals for \$10 per missal. Please bring a check for \$10 payable to St. William the Abbot or \$10 exact cash to the rectory. There will be no change for cash purchases. We have a limited number at this time, so it is a first come first served basis.

#### Memorials Available

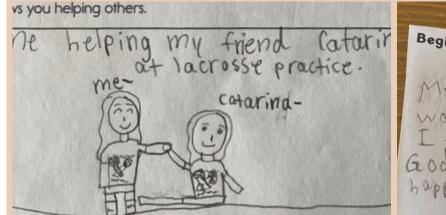
We are pleased to announce that the Sanctuary Candle and the Altar Candles that are used at Mass throughout the week are now available as memorials.

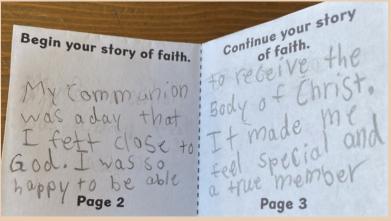
Anyone wishing to donate the Sanctuary Candle or the Altar Candles in memory of a loved one or on the occasion of an anniversary, birthday, etc., can make this request at the Rectory. Please call 516-785-1266. The offering for the Sanctuary Candle is \$15 and the offering for the Altar Candles is \$30. The name of the person will be announced in the bulletin for each week the candles are donated.

#### **Faith Formation**

Fourth Sunday of Easter and we here in the Gospel of how Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd, I know my sheep, and mine know me." We have become believers and followers of Jesus and we must spread the good word of Jesus. God the Father gave us his only Son, Jesus, so that we can have eternal life. Yet there are many that find it hard to be a good follower, and even have doubt at times. Then all of a sudden you feel deep down inside that feeling of love, peace or you may even see or hear something, which then you realize it is Jesus coming through to you. Just like a good shepherd will lie down his life for his sheep, Jesus does that for us. He proved that by dying on the Cross. Sometimes we get off the path and steer away, but you can go to Confession and get back on the path that you need to follow. Let us all be good sheep and follow our Shepherd.

Our Faith Formation 2nd Grade Students are making their First Communion beginning on Saturday, April 24th. The other dates are Saturday, May 1st, and Saturday, May 8th. May they always taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Last month we had our students work on Sacraments and a student wrote how they felt when making their First Communion. Also, here is a drawing of showing us being good sheep.





#### St. William the Abbot School



The AIS program at St. Williams has been working with students from first- fifth grade to help master reading and math skills!











The sixth graders at St. Williams were each assigned an element from the Periodic Table. Students had to research information and create an element block to be placed in a large Periodic Table display. All this hard work was celebrated with a fun game of Periodic Table Battleship.













The students in grade 2 at St. William the Abbot School made dioramas of the church as a way to prepare for their First Holy Communion. They look forward to receiving Jesus for the first time in our church on May1st.

# Welcome Cynthia Bright to the Social Ministry office!

Cynthia Bright and her family have been parishioners at St. William the Abbot for 9 years. Cynthia has volunteered at the food pantry for the past three years. She was hired in February by the Social Ministry office for a part time position.

Cynthia worked for Cohen, Weiss and Simon as a Legal Librarian for 25 years before leaving in 2018 to concentrate more on her family. Cynthia was raised in Brooklyn and moved to Long Island in 2012 with her husband Anthony and her daughter, Viviana. Viviana was a student at St. William the Abbot School for 2 years and sang in the children's choir.



#### Have a question for the priests?

Stump the Priest questions can be emailed to priests@stwilliam.org.

#### 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.

#### LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

Join us online to view our live-streamed masses on the parish website **stwilliam.org**.

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM Saturday 5:00 PM Sunday 12:00 PM



#### **Light a Prayer Candle**

Lighting candles has long been a sacred ritual in all traditions, creating precious moments in our own and other people's lives where we pray for loved ones, friends, and ask for or give support.

#### **Purgatorial Society**

Mary Barraco, Donald Clark. Helen Mayer, Carmela Artusa, Anthony Nacci, Mary Nacci, Clarice Prato. Carmela I. Angelone, Michael Attilibale, Mitzi Babich, Veronica Bolonga, Richard Ford, Malcolm Hewitt, Peter Ponterio, Louis Romano, Carmela Salerno, Ernest Corsini, Hazel Arrwda, Peggy Francis, Barbara Hyland, Margaret Geis, Carl Ingrilli, Joseph LaBarbera, Laurie Palmieri, Gregory Sofia, Barbara Benoit, Doris Morris, Michael Meoni, Melissa Garvey. Marcello Ficarra, Timothy Harrigan, Carol Piscitelli, Rosemarie Liosi, Maryann Peduzzi, Matthew Elder, Nicholas J. Ortiz, Peter A. Puleo.

#### 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 Finochio 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 reemphasize 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.

## Stump the Priest







#### What are the rules of the Church on Cremation and Burials?

To be absolutely faithful to the teachings of the Church on burials and cremation, it is worthwhile to just present the Summary of New Vatican Guidelines for Burial and Cremation.

On October 25, 2016, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a document entitled. Ad resurgendum cum Christo (To Rise with Christ) "regarding the burial of the deceased and the conservation of the ashes in the case of cremation." The document has become necessary as cremation is increasingly used around the world, along with a rise in beliefs and practices that are contrary to Catholic doctrine on death, burial, and the afterlife. Nothing has changed in Church teaching, rather, this document is a restatement of previous guidelines due to the widespread mishandling of cremated remains.

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has deemed opportune the publication of a new Instruction, with the intention of:

- · Underlining the doctrinal and pastoral reasons for the preference of the burial of the remains of the faithful, and
- · To set out norms pertaining to the conservation of ashes in the case of cremation.

#### SUMMARY OF DOCUMENT

Following the most ancient Christian tradition, the Church insistently recommends that the bodies of the deceased be buried in cemeteries or other sacred places.

Burial is above all the most fitting way to express faith and hope in the resurrection of the body. By burying the bodies of the faithful, the Church confirms her faith in the resurrection of the body, and intends to show the great dignity of the human body. Burial in a cemetery or another sacred place adequately corresponds to the piety and respect owed to the bodies of the faithful departed who through Baptism have become temples of the Holy Spirit. The burial of the faithful departed in cemeteries or other sacred places encourages family members and the whole Christian community to pray for and remember the dead.

Through the practice of burying the dead in cemeteries, in churches or their environs, Christian tradition has upheld the relationship between the living and the dead and has opposed any tendency to minimize, or relegate to the purely private sphere, the event of death and the meaning it has for Christians. In circumstances when cremation is chosen because of sanitary, economic or social considerations, this choice must never violate the explicitly-stated or the reasonably inferable wishes of the deceased faithful.

The Church raises no doctrinal objections to this practice, since cremation of the deceased's body does not affect his or her soul. Thus cremation, in and of itself, objectively negates neither the Christian doctrine of the soul's immortality nor that of the resurrection of the body. The Church continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased, because this shows a greater esteem towards the deceased.

Cremation is not opposed per se to the Christian religion under the condition that this choice has not been made through "a denial of Christian dogmas, the animosity of a secret society, or hatred of the Catholic religion and the Church". In the absence of motives contrary to Christian doctrine, the Church, after the celebration of the funeral rite, accompanies the choice of cremation, providing the relevant liturgical and pastoral directives.

When, for legitimate motives, cremation of the body has been chosen, the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is, in a cemetery or, in certain cases, in a church or an area, which has been set aside for this purpose, and so dedicated by the competent ecclesial authority. From the earliest times, Christians have desired that the faithful departed become the objects of the Christian community's prayers and remembrance.

The reservation of the ashes of the departed in a sacred place ensures that they are not excluded from the prayers and remembrance of their family or the Christian community. The conservation of the ashes of the departed in a domestic residence is not permitted. It is not permitted to scatter the ashes of the faithful departed in the air, on land, at sea or in some other way, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewelry or other objects.

When the deceased has vehemently requested cremation and the scattering of their ashes for reasons contrary to the Christian faith, a Christian funeral must be denied to that person according to the norms of the law.

#### **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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Instagram: Follow us: @stwilliamabbot



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YouTube.com — St. William the Abbot Church

#### **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 St. William the Abbot School



Office: 516.785.1266 2001 Jackson Avenue Seaford, NY 11783 stwilliamtheabbot.net (516) 785-6784

#### **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**

Vegetable Soup Hearty Beef Soups NE Clam Chowder Canned Fruit
Cooking Oil (sm/med sized)
Canned Beets

#### **Donation Spotlight**

Local charity 'Take Me Out To The Ballgame' stopped by Parish Social Ministry to donate packages of meat and seafood for our neighbors in need. We are so grateful! Fresh and frozen proteins are such a rare and healthy treat for the over 80 families that we serve. 'Take Me Out To The Ballgame' is a Seaford based nonprofit organization that is 100% volunteer based. They are focused on giving back to the community and creating/funding events for children in need. Thank you to parishioners Frank and Maryanne DiGregorio for putting us on this charity's radar!





#### 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.



#### ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH



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



#### Join us for ADORATION!

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

#### Stay for SOCIAL.

Stay for social time after adoration.

Meet some new friends or hang with old friends.

#### Who can ATTEND?

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

# Please RSVP priests@stwilliam.org

\*STAYING FOR SOCIAL AFTER THE ADORATION? PLEASE RSVP, WE WILL BE SERVING CHICK-FIL-A.



#### OETHEOSTONEPREJECTEDOA

The stone
The stone
rejected by the
builders has
become the
cornerstone.

#### BWEAHASPBECOMEKWHTSIAKOC

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..."

# 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." Why does that lion have wings? The Prophet Ezekiel saw a vision of a winged lion as a symbol of Saint

Mark





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

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