

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 1, 2021



Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent."

- John 6:29

PARISH INFORMATION

RECTORY

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

RECTORY HOURS

Monday - Friday
9 AM - 5 PM
Saturday
9 AM - 3 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

The Church will be open for private prayer Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM. 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.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 1, 2021

Julia Le Barr

People of St. William's

Rose Paradiso

Collective Intentions

Angela McGrath, Josephine Ciserano,
James Palazzo, Gilda Rotella

Monday, August 2, 2021

Collective Intentions

Dorothy LaVanche, Catherine Ferrara,
Peter Puleo, Cathryn Onufrey

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Vicky Tran Long

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

Barbara La Rocco

Thursday, August 5, 2021

Susan Bailey

Friday, August 6, 2021

John Russell Kopp

Saturday, August 7, 2021

Purgatorial Society

Nicole Tedeschi

Baptism

Jessica L. Dimiceli

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

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

Jessica Dellaquila
from the Dellaquila Family.

Pray for the Deceased

Madeline Pellegrino

Patricia Torresson

Pray for the Sick

Sr. Eileen Corcoran O.P.

Arlene M. Finley

Michael Alleva

Honestly, What Is YOUR Bread of Life?

For the next few Sundays, the Church reflects on a portion of the 6th chapter of John's Gospel known as the "Bread of Life" discourse. John presents this writing that is unique to his Gospel as a response to a specific, inexplicable event ... the Feeding of the 5000. After the powerful encounter, the Lord had a sense that they wanted to crown him as the King of Israel. The crowd recognized that he was the Holy One, the Messiah which Moses and all the other prophets had written about. In the healing, in the restoration of families, and in satisfying their hunger – He provided a bread that would fulfill. Jesus' miracles are not the end goal, but the catalyst to a deeper friendship and intimacy with the Heavenly Father.

That same intimacy is being offered to us today, through the gift of the Eucharist. To think for almost 95 years here in Seaford, on St. William the Abbot's altar, God has generously provided the bread of angels, the bread from heaven to our parish family. It continues each day as I have the privilege of kneeling and praying with so many of you before our Lord present to us in the Blessed Sacrament. In that time of adoration, we pray in thanksgiving for our past, for protection in our present, and for hope in the future. Jesus reminds us in the Gospel that the things of this world will never fully satisfy us, but that He is "the bread of life, and whoever comes to him will never hunger, and whoever believes in him will never thirst." I encourage you to take a moment to reflect on your life, what do you hunger and thirst for?

Unfortunately, in our world so many are striving for material things like the latest technology, an extension to our house, the luxury of another family vehicle, or more toys like a boat, the latest mountain bike, or an addition to the wardrobe. If we were really honest, and did a personal inventory on our current life, have we found ourselves or those who we love drifting towards trying to fill a void with "stuff?" As if the bread of life we all long for is on a list of things. Yet the things that are most important to us, Happiness, Joy, Freedom, Peace, Balance, and Fulfillment are not tangible gifts or items at all – but can be found in a person – Jesus. It is in Jesus that we are led to a Loving Father who offers us not just what our hearts desire in the moment, but what we truly need for Eternal Life.

The past 18 months of pandemic, quarantine, and protocols have stripped away many layers and outside distractions. We have been forced to look inside and to those closest to us to determine what are the essentials and priorities of our existence, what is our bread of life? As we look into the future, especially this Fall which is the real opening up of the world, our parish, and our family responsibilities - when we get back to a more "normal" rhythm of life; what will take priority for us? What will be center stage?

In the Church, we have a term called stewardship, which is the offering of our time, talent, and treasure. What will that look like for us? For the school, faith formation, parish ministries, outreach, and the day-to-day operations of St. William the Abbot? In many ways God has offered us a reset, or a redo to look at our lives and priorities for ourselves, our kids, and our grandchildren. As we prepare our planners and digital calendars, we already know the doctor appointments coming up, the vacations schedules, and even the social gatherings with friends and family we were going to attend. There is no doubt the sports schedule, tutoring classes, dance and piano lessons are budgeted, locked in, and set aside as well. These experiences bring us great joy and, in many ways, 'feed us.' But now is a good time to look ahead and ask how to be fed by God in our spiritual calendar, and how we can assist in serving and feeding others with the Bread of Life of our gifts and talents.

As disciples and apostles living and serving here in Seaford, is it in visiting or calling the homebound? Is it serving the youth of our parish as a catechist, hall monitor, CYO coach, Scouting, or volunteer for our teens or young adults? Is it engaging in the Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul, Garden Ministry, Prayer Shawl, Choir, or another of our long-standing parish ministries? Or is time to find a ministry that we have never done before, but in this time of our parish's history, God may be calling you to initiate or join. What is your bread of life? And how can you, like Jesus offer it back to the Father? As modern-day disciples, we encounter Christ in many ways. The Lord desires to feed us and hopes that we find opportunities to bring others to Him. That happens through personal example, service, sacrifice, teaching, ministry, and advocacy for those in need. When we do that, we share the love of God by which the whole world is fed.

In this summer season, I am so grateful for your continued 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

Wedding Banns I

Steven Kotchek
Seaford, NY
&
Megan Costanza
SWA

Kevin Brady
Annunciation BVM
&
Jacqueline Drury
SWA

Shaun T. DeGrazio
SWA
&
Katherine M. Iovino
SWA



Wedding Banns II

Brian LeGrande
Queen of the Most
Holy Rosary, NY
&
Brianne Doherty
St. William the Abbot

Vincent Grieco
Mineola, NY
&
Chelsea Geiger
Flushing, NY

Franco Pellicciotta
St. Denis Church, Havertown, PA
&

Katelyn Rose
St. William the Abbot

Joseph Tracy
Rockville Centre, NY
&

Deanna Crisci
Seaford, NY

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.

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.



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



LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

St. William the Abbot desires to partner with parents and young adults to reach the next generation for God's Glory. We have many Core volunteer opportunities, please email priests@stwilliam.org if you wish to share your gifts with the youth of our community.

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.

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.

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 or email information@stwilliam.org

Safety & Mask Protocols



We do ask that everyone arrive early so that we can seat everyone before the start of Mass. We ask that all parishioners that are **NOT VACCINATED** wear their mask covering their nose and mouth at all times while inside the church.

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH



SUMMER GLORY 50/50 RAFFLE

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE \$25 EACH OR 5 TICKETS FOR \$100.
WE WILL DRAW THE WINNING TICKET ON AUGUST 29, 2021.



Please join us in supporting the St. William the Abbot Summer Glory 50/50 Raffle. During the summer months, we typically experience a decline in Mass attendance, and this last year has not allowed the parish and school to benefit from any fundraising opportunities. The 50/50 Summer Glory Raffle is a fun way to raise additional funds for the parish.

A 50/50 raffle means that 50% of the proceeds from the ticket sales will be awarded to one lucky winner. The other 50% will go to support the needs of St. William the Abbot parish.

Raffle tickets are \$25 each or 5 tickets for \$100. We will draw the winning ticket on August 27, 2021.

If you would like to be a part of this fun event and support our parish, please fill out the tickets enclosed in the mailing sent to your home if you are registered parishioner or stop by the Rectory.

Mass Updates

Beginning in the month of August, the 7:30 am Sunday Mass will be celebrated as a Low Mass with no music.

CYO Is Coming Back!

CYO at St Williams is coming back with a renewed emphasis on the "C" in CYO. Our return will begin this fall with CYO Basketball.

Registration for CYO Basketball for boys and girls in grades 4-8 will run from Sunday August 1 through Saturday August 14. Participants should register online at st-williams-cyo.sportssignup.com. The registration fee for St Williams CYO Basketball is \$120. Those interested in volunteering for basketball should also register on this website. There is no cost for volunteer registrations.

St William's CYO is looking for new volunteers who will inspire the youth of St Williams to know God, to love God and to serve God through athletics. If interested please contact Bryan Mackay at 516-781-0718.



Fellowship Tent of Meeting

In Exodus 33:7-11, the intimate prayer of Moses with God is described. A designated place for prayer, a "tent of meeting," was set up outside of the Israelite camp. As Moses would enter this tent, a "column of cloud" would descend upon it, signaling the presence of the Lord, to whom Moses would then speak "face to face, as one man speaks to another." With their intercessor standing before God, the Israelites would then begin to pray "at the entrance of their own tents."

We will begin to extend the opportunity to come together after selected Masses each weekend just as the Israelites did with a Fellowship Meeting Tent. The Fellowship Meeting Tent will take place at two selected Masses each weekend. The selected Masses will be announced in future bulletins and our social media. Each week the tent will feature refreshments.

Fellowship Tent of Meeting Schedule

Sunday - August 1, 9am Mass

Saturday - August 14, 5pm Mass

Sunday, August 15, 10:30am Mass

General Dispensation Update

When the Pandemic began, Bishop Barres allowed for a dispensation for the faithful from physically attending Mass. So many of you "attended" Mass virtually through Facebook Live Masses until we were able to establish the YouTube channel providing Mass each day. We also made available Communion on Sundays following the 12 noon live-streamed Mass outside in the parking lot near the Abbey entrance. Please know that as of August 15th, 2021, that dispensation from physically attending Sunday Mass will no longer be granted, and we will no longer provide Communion after the 12 noon Sunday Mass. Obviously, if you are not well and are unable to attend, for your safety and health, and for the rest of the community, please stay home and watch. We can also identify a priest, deacon, or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to bring Communion to your home.

Please contact the Director of Parish Social Ministry Allison Marro to be placed on the Home Bound list via email socialministry@stwilliam.org or (516) 679-8532.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models and to put charity and community first.

Since 1882, membership in the Knights of Columbus has been open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics in union with the Holy See. Since that time, the Knights of Columbus has understood "practical catholic" to mean a Catholic who accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church. The Memorare Council has served Long Island for over 70 years and consists of members from St. William the Abbot and St. Rose of Lima. If you are interested in getting more information on joining the council please feel free to contact Grand Knight - John Silvestro via email at memoraregrandknight@gmail.com.

The Knights of Columbus have reopened their facilities. The Memorare Caterers is once again committed to serving the community. The facilities are here to serve your event needs and can accommodate events large and small. Memorare Caterers is conveniently located on the South Shore of Long Island, nestled in the historic seafaring community of Seaford. Memorare Caterers offers more than 60 years of catering experience, delivering delicious cuisine, impeccable service and an affordable, cost-effective alternative for your special event. For more information about our facility, to schedule a food tasting, or how to book your next event please call our Banquet office at 516.826.1542.

Faith Formation

The Lord gave them bread from Heaven. When Jesus was on Earth, crowds of people would follow Jesus to hear what he had to say. They would search for Jesus and questioned how to find him? They had so much faith, but they also wondered and asked how do we keep our faith in God? Jesus answered, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger". Our faith is that feeling deep down inside of wanting to go to Church, praying to God to become closer and listening what he wants us to do. Yes, at times we become weak, but even having a tiny bit of faith like the size of a mustard seed, brings us right back to where we belong. Jesus was given to us by God the Father because we needed to learn about God and Jesus was the one who could nourish us. Jesus is in Heaven, and he depends on us to spread the good word about God and to be the kind caring individual that we should always be. We all need God in our lives, even the people that say they do not. There are some that will never admit it, but they do. When you are feeling sad, happy, and even angry, pray to either say thank you to God for the help he has given or to ask for help with a problem or even if you just want to speak out of anger. Jesus at times got angry and yelled, but he would pray and be calmed down. We are just like Jesus, and it is okay to show and express emotions when needed to. Pray and ask for God's help and you will be calmed down also. God is always with us and will always keep us by his side. Everyone needs to pray, remain faithful, go to Church and you will never hunger. Peace be with you!



The Faith Formation Office has moved. The address is 2020 Jackson Avenue, Seaford, NY 11783 (Convent Home). Our phone remains the same 516-783-2528 and so does our email address, which is faithformation@stwilliam.org. We are now accepting registrations. If you have a 1st Grader, a copy of your child/ren's Baptism Certificate is needed to register. If you are transferring from another Parish and your child/ren has had previous Religion, a letter of transfer and a copy of the Baptism Certificate is needed to register. You can contact the Faith Formation through email so you can be sent the information.

**ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW CONSIDERING COMING INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH,
OR ARE YOU ALREADY BAPTIZED AND WISH TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS OF EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION?**

BECOME CATHOLIC

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: JO-ANN METZDORFF AT RCIA@STWILLIAM.ORG

Purgatorial Society

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 Ingrassia, 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.

Anthony Brennan, Mary Burns, Anthony Ciraldo, Wilma F. Diehl, Robert T. Hogan, Susana M. Iannucci, Maritza Miranda-Klee, Virginia Lehoe, Catherine Motley, Rose J. Pottanat, Peter A. Puleo, Joan Rice, Anthony C. Sorrentino, Richard T. Ledbetter, Jean Claude Lucas, Richard Emeran, John Augner, Charles Kane.

Nugent Cantileno, Vierge Odette Geneve, Alexandra Carriero, Salvatore Conti, Helen Critelli, Laura Prager, Mildred Schifano, Karen Harris, Francisco Gonzalez, Giuseppe Carnevale, Emma Ustler, D. P. Woulfe, Girardin Mondesir, James M. Gallagher, Michael P. Keenan.



Seminarian Greg Marino Farewell



Grandparents Day!



Stump the Priest



WHERE IS IT IN THE BIBLE? (THE CONCLUDING PART)

It is by far known that each book of the New Testament originated as a separate document and at first circulated independently of each other. It is also known that the books became intolerably numerous and some of them did not present the truth of the Christian faith.

We continue with the last stage which finalized the entire process of formation called Canonization. This simply means a process of selecting the truly inspired and authoritative books from among the many and putting them together as one collection of books to form the New Testament.

At a point in history the church had to take a firm stand and declare that Scripture was closed, that the book of the new covenant was signed and sealed, that the basic Christian documents had been written, and that nothing more could ever be added to the written word of God. This decision became necessary for diverse reasons but primarily on account of two movements- Marcionism and Montanism- with their heretical claims.

Marcion belonged to a group called the Gnostics who claimed to possess a special and inner knowledge which had come to them direct from the secret teaching of the apostles, or even from the secret teaching of Jesus himself. He produced his own collection of Scripture in which he completely discarded the Old Testament. He also rejected three of the Gospels-Matthew, Mark and John-and eliminated some portions of the Gospel of Luke. According to him, the God of the Old Testament was an ignorant and hostile God quite different from the God whom Jesus had revealed in the New Testament. So any trace of Old Testament links in the New Testament was to be discarded. The church was presented with a real problem. Here was a heretic who had compiled a canon of Scripture for himself while the Church still officially had none.

Montanus also came on the scene in A.D. 202. He and his two prophetesses, Prisca and Maximilla, went about prophesying in the name of the Spirit, and foretelling the speedy coming of Christ. What is more, Montanus claimed to be the promised Paraclete with a new vision and a new message for the Church.

Clearly this was a situation in which the Church had to act. Acting meant collecting, collating, deciding the canon of Scripture, declaring it God's divine Word, and reaffirming it as authoritative and sacred.

Great scholars of the early Church made deliberate investigations into the status of the various New Testament books and came out with lists of the inspired books. These scholars included Origen (A.D. 182-251), Eusebius of Caesarea (A.D. 270-340), Cyril of Jerusalem (A.D. 315-386), and Athanasius (A.D. 293-373). However, among all these, it is the list of Athanasius (found in his Easter Letter of A.D. 367 as the then Bishop of Alexandria) that corresponds exactly to the list and the order we possess today as the complete Canon or the collection of the New Testament.

So then we realize that, although most of the early Christian writings that eventually became part of the New Testament were composed between about 50 and 120 C.E., the process by which the twenty-seven books of the New Testament were canonized spanned a period of approximately four centuries.

Having looked at these processes in the making of the Bible, let us reconsider the facts we are presented with in dealing with the Bible and draw conclusions from them.

We have gotten to know that the books of the Bible took several decades to be written down and before this period the mysteries of the faith were passed on orally by the Apostles and early disciples as living witnesses of the Jesus event. We further know that the collection of books were written by different authors independently of each other at various periods in history; that they were intended for specific audiences to address their specific needs and situations; that they were selected from a host of others and declared authoritative for our reading and instruction by the leadership of the Church.

It is also worth noting that the various authors were more concerned with presenting the Jesus event to elicit faith response from their audience rather than giving outlines and prescriptions for religious practices. Consequently issues about the practical expression and celebration of what is believed were not their primary focus and therefore they did not devote pages and ink to them. The author of the gospel of John particularly emphasizes this point that: "Jesus did many signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name." (Jn 20:30-31)

Besides, we have come to know that the Church existed before the Bible; at least in its complete form. It was the leadership of the Church that determined which book to include or not to include in the collection. It is reasonable then to accept what this same leadership taught and handed down as practices and expressions of the faith but are not written in the Bible.

For instance we have a body of teachings called the Didache which is the teachings of the Twelve Apostles. Also the writings of such historians and scholars like Josephus, Justin Martyr, Hippolytus, Irenaeus, Clement of Rome, and Tertullian among others, all present with us teachings, beliefs and practices that did not find their way into the Bible. These teachings, beliefs and practices handed down from age to age until this day is what we call Tradition. They form a rich source of extra biblical knowledge and information about the faith and its practical expressions within the liturgy of the Church.

Finally, while certain beliefs and practices might not have been written word for word in black and white within the Bible, they could be logically deduced from what is written. For example if Jesus speaks of the bread and wine as: "This is my body..." , "This is my blood", then we could, by inference, revere and adore that which is Jesus himself, especially as later Christians, like the way we would if we met him face to face in his physical. Given a recording that Jesus died on Friday and rose up on Sunday, we do not need any further specific mention to hold those days as Holy days worth recognizing in our worship. Given a recording that Jesus gets baptized, the Spirit descends upon him in the form of a dove and the voice of the Father speaks of him as his beloved Son, and that Jesus mentions: "I and my Father are one" (Jn 10:30), then we do not need any further mention before believing in three Persons in one God who form a unity we call Trinity. The examples can go on and on.

To end with, let us understand that there is more to the Bible than meets the eye and therefore looking for black and white prints of beliefs and practices it in before holding on to them will impoverish our religious experience. Faith must go hand in hand with logical reasoning.

JOIN US IN CELEBRATION FOR THE
10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION
OF

Fr. Collins Yeboah

Sunday, August 8, 2021

12 PM Mass

St. William the Abbot Church

*"Glorify the Lord with me;
together let us extol his name."
Psalm 34:4*

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Pray for our Seminarists!



Herley Mendez



Joseph Lettieri



Gregory Marino

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

Mayonnaise
Bread crumbs
Crackers
Shaving cream

Apple juice
Peanut butter
Jelly
Canned chicken

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: 516.785-6784
2001 Jackson Avenue
Seaford, NY 11783
stwilliamtheabbot.net

It's Back to School Season!

Are you interested in helping our social ministry families with school supplies for their children? We will be collecting Target and Walmart gift cards to help our families with back-to-school purchases. Gift cards will give families the flexibility to meet the demands of a new school year, and the many different items required for either in-person or remote learning. It also lets children enjoy the excitement of picking out their own items. Donations or questions can be directed to the Social Ministry office.

DATE CHANGE: Prayer Shawl Ministry

The first meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will take place on Tuesday, September 21st. Meetings will take place on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 10am to 12pm in the Abbey. This ministry crochets and knits beautiful items for those in need such as lap robes and shawls for the sick, and hats and scarves for the homeless. Items are delivered to hospitals, nursing homes, veterans centers and shelters. In addition, items are frequently sent to our own parishioners for comfort and support. Interested in joining this worthwhile ministry? Call the Social Ministry office at 679-8532 for more information.

Last Month to File for HEAP!

This year, the deadline for heating assistance applications was extended through August 31, 2021. HEAP helps eligible households meet the cost of heating their homes. The benefit can pay for fuel, your utility source, heating equipment replacement and repairs. The benefit is paid either directly to the heating vendor or utility company. You can apply for HEAP every year when the program is open. To review your eligibility and apply for this program, please visit <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap>.

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities offers housing programs for seniors 62 and over in 16 complexes throughout Nassau and Suffolk County. For individuals with annual income below \$45,500 (couples below \$52,000), rent is calculated based on income at 30%. There is currently a 2 to 3 year wait list for housing, so if you are considering this option it is best to apply early! For information about housing locations and applications, please call the Social Ministry office at 679-8532.

Child Care for Essential Workers

The Office of Children and Family Services is now offering childcare scholarships for essential workers. These scholarships are awarded weekly through payments made directly to child care providers. This program applies to children 6 weeks through 12 years old. For more information or <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/contracts/funding/COVID-relief/essential-workers.php>

Consider Automated Giving

Automated giving provides a steady stream of support. It is a great way to manage your Sunday Offerings without the worry of missing a payment and the worry of forgetting your weekly envelope.

We are able to offer the ability of having Sunday Offerings deposited directly from your checking or savings account into the St. William's account. This would apply only to weekly collections, not to any second collections, such as Holy Days, Catholic Relief Services, etc.

The form to begin this process can be printed, filled out and mailed to the Rectory. Please be sure to attached a voided check.

Authorization Agreement for Automated Giving

I, _____, hereby authorize the R. C. Church of St. William the Abbot, 2000 Jackson Avenue, Seaford, NY 11783 to initiate debit entries to my Checking () Savings () account indicated below and the depository named below to debit the same such amount.

Amount \$ _____ Monthly on the fifteenth of the month.

Depository: Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Banking Transit ABA # _____
(always nine digits)

Bank Account Number _____

(Attach to this form a voided check if checking account debit or a pre-printed savings deposit ticket if savings account).

This authorization is to remain in full force effect until the R. C. Church of St. William the Abbot has received written notification at least five business days in advance of the desired termination date.

(Authorized signature for above account)

(Print Name)

Date: _____

If second signature is required:

(Authorized signature for above account)

(Print Name)

Date: _____



Catholic Kids

Bulletin

August 1, 2021
Ordinary Time
Color: Green



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BEHEAVENWOTKEHSIOI

The Lord
gave them
bread from
heaven.

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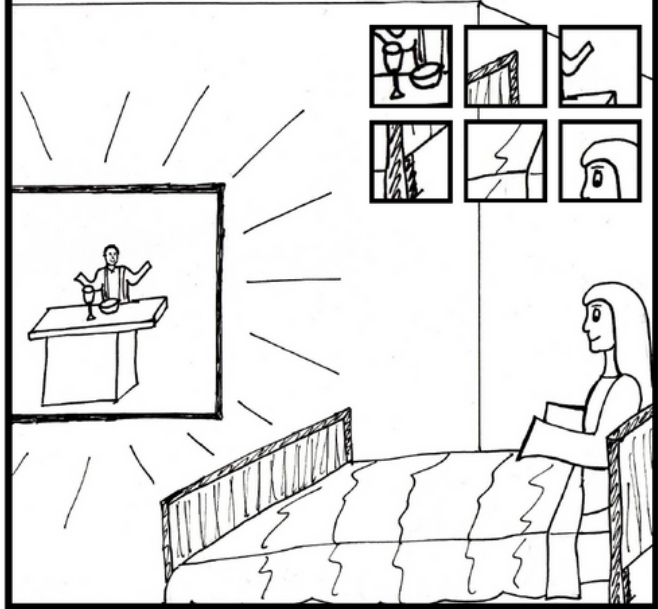
Mass is a meal with
your Catholic family!

Saint Clare

Saint Clare founded the Poor Clare nuns.
and spent her life quietly praying.

Saint Clare lived before TV was invented, but she is
the patron saint of TV. Can you guess why?

When she was too sick to go to church, she saw a
vision of Mass on her wall. It probably looked like a
flat screen TV!



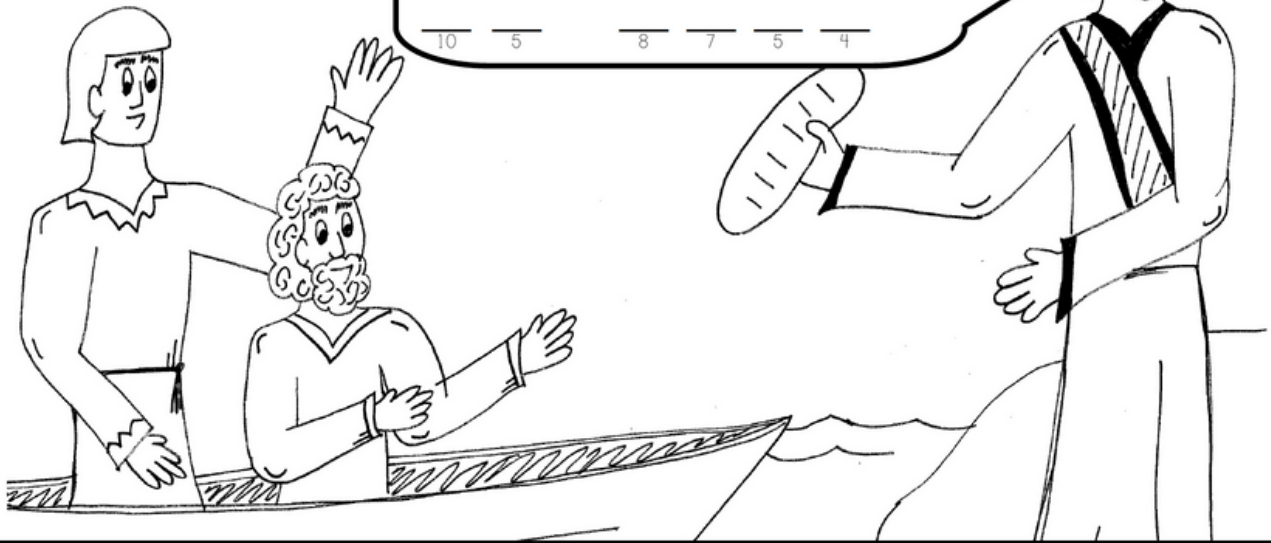
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Gospel



A crowd of people followed Jesus and asked Him
how to have faith in God. Jesus answered,
"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger."