

August 20, 2023 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Schedule



Monday - Saturday: 8:30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5pm

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

Live-Streamed Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:30am

Saturday: 5pm Sunday: 12n **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Monday - Saturday: 7:30am - 8:15am Saturday: 3:45pm - 4:30pm

Adoration

Monday - Saturday: 7:30am - 8:15am First Friday of the Month: 9am - 5pm

Private Prayer

Monday - Friday: 7:15am - 6pm

Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted."
And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Matthew 15:28

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 20, 2023

John W. Barton

<u>Collective Intentions</u>

People of St. William's
Francis Recigna
Catherine Ramberg
Domenico D'Armi
Cynthia Picorelli

Monday, August 21, 2023
Michael Sicignano

Gilberte Charlot

Tues., August 22, 2023

<u>Collective Intentions</u>

Kevin LeWarn

Lucrecia Michalopoulos

Irene & Tom Sullivan

Tuesday continued...

Neil Conway

Wed., August 23, 2023
Arlene Young

Thurs., August 24, 2023

Mauro DeCillis

Friday, August 25, 2023

Rosemarie Bauman

Sat., August 26, 2023

Purgatorial Society
Collective Intention
People of St. William's
Samantha Mielke
Margaret Condon

Cecelia Ferrara

Pray Jor the Sick

Bill Kelly Adrienne Harker Eric Thomas Guzzo Keith Gorton Lesa Laurence Louis Kane Richard Fedyk

Pray for the Deceased

Denise Elizabeth Ferrugia

Pillar of Hospitality

We have an awesome God who loves us, cares for us and helps us. We can never fully grasp an understanding of how much He loves us.

Let us give glory to Him by showing love and compassion to all those around us. Everyone - even the person who cut you off while driving, the neighbor who is rude and even the family member who you haven't spoken to in years.

Begging for Scraps of Mercy

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon."

Matthew 15:21-22

After Jesus was harshly challenged by the Pharisees, He and His disciples took a 35-mile journey to the northwest to a region that was in pagan territory and outside of the jurisdiction of Herod and the Jewish leaders. It might have been a time of repose for Him and His disciples and an opportunity for Jesus to form the disciples more directly. It was during this retreat that a pagan woman came to ask Jesus for help.

As the story unfolds, we see that her prayer is a model for us all. First, she acknowledges Who Jesus is—the Son of David. This is a manifestation of her faith and a clear contrast to the lack of faith Jesus had experienced with many of the people in Galilee. Second, her request is expressed in straightforward and simple language, "Have pity on me!" And, "Lord, help me." Third, her prayer is persistent. Jesus allows her to manifest her persistence by first being silent to her request and then telling her "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." Jesus obviously does not say this to be rude, but to invite her to manifest her faith in a persistent way. And that she does. Finally, her prayer is one of deep humility. She responds, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." She was begging for the "scraps" of Jesus' mercy, and she received His mercy in abundance.

Do you desire the scraps of Jesus' mercy in the way a dog desires the scraps from the table of its owner? Hopefully you do. This is the disposition that we must all have in prayer. Sometimes, out of pride, we can think that we have a right to God's mercy. We can think that God owes us. And though we might realize that mercy is not deserved, we must allow that truth to sink in deeply. That is why this story is so important. It presents us with the ideal way to pray and the humble interior disposition we must have when approaching God.

Prayerfully sit with the image of a dog begging for scraps from the table. When a dog is given what is left over, it is thrilled. To us, eating the scraps from another's plate is undesirable. But if the "plate" belongs to the Savior of the World and the "food" is His grace and mercy, then that changes everything. In the end, the Master also invites us to the table and feeds us with the finest of spiritual food. But that doesn't change the fact that we must always have the humble disposition exemplified by this humble woman.

Reflect, today, upon this holy woman. In the end, Jesus cried out, "O woman, great is your faith!" But that did not come until she wholeheartedly expressed her faith with humility and persistence. With her as a shining example, reflect upon how you pray to God. Do you pray with self-righteousness, as if you deserve God's mercy? Do you tend to see God as one Who owes you something? Do you get angry with God when He doesn't immediately answer your demands? Try to humble yourself like this woman. Beg for whatever God wants to give to you. Do so with perseverance and the utmost trust. If you do, our Lord will not only pour forth the scraps of His mercy, He will also pick you up and invite you to the glorious meal of His abundant grace.

Most merciful Jesus, I beg of You that I be given only the scraps from the table of Your mercy. I beg this of You with all my heart. Though I do not deserve You, I seek You anyway. You know what I need, dear Lord; please bestow upon me Your mercy for those needs. Jesus, I trust in You.

Banns of Marriage

Banns II

Felicity Petruzzi, St. Teresa of Avila, CT & Timothy Byrne, St. William the Abbot

Banns III

Meaghan Roefs, St. William the Abbot & Zachary Harris, New York, NY

Second Collection

There will be a second collection next weekend, August 26/27. This collection will help to support our Faith Formation Program.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Anointing of the Sick



Anyone going to the hospital or who has a serious illness can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, which will be celebrated communally immediately following the 12:00 N Mass on Sunday, August 27, 2023.

Pray for Those in the Military

US Air Force -

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

US Army -

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

USMC -

First Lt. Dana Duggan L.Cpl. John Mosier

US Navy -

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

US Coast Guard -

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

US Army -

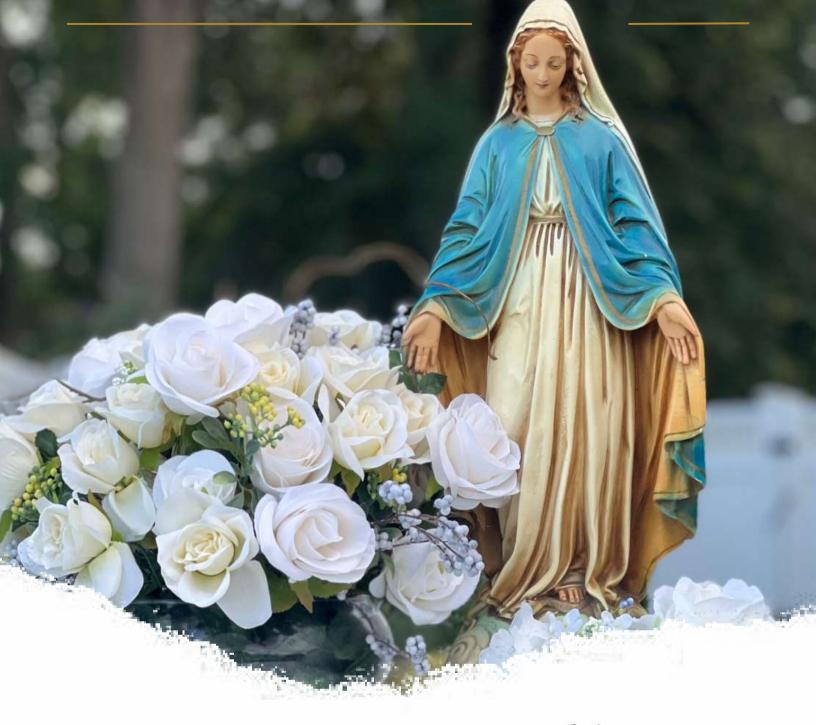
Sgt. Craig Bianco
SPC Anthony Caputo
Capt. Michael DiPietro
Capt. Michael Fitzgerald
Capt. Christopher J. Frasse
Capt. Logan Lee
Lt. Col. John Kallo
Capt. Caitlin M. Lee

Baptism

Let us welcome the following children who were baptized this past weekend:

Casey Adamo Viviana Doherty Margo Musa Makayla Pernice Cameron Rohrs





Rosary Procession in Honor of the Queenship of Mary

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22ND - 7PM

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STUDENTS OF ALL AGES, TEACHERS, AND EDUCATION STAFF ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR BACKPACKS OR WORK BAGS TO ALL MASSES ON SEPTEMBER 2ND & 3RD FOR A SPECIAL BLESSING AS THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS





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Name:	_
Telephone Number:	Email Address:
Number of Tickets:	_/ Total Enclosed: \$
All tables will be assigned. Please let us know if you would like to sit with someone specifically and we will do our best to accommodate all requests. If you are filling a table of 8 and buying tickets separately, please designate and list a table captain whose name the table will be held under:	
If you would like to volunteer for this event, please check here and someone will contact you:	





"'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'
THERE IS NO OTHER COMMANDMENT GREATER THAN THESE."

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1PM - 7PM

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FAITHFORMATION@STWILLIAM.ORG
516-783-2528 WITH ANY QUESTIONS

Parish Social Ministry

"Friendly Visitors" Needed

Are you interested in volunteering? Contact the Social Ministry office to become part of the Friendly Visitor Program! As a volunteer, you will visit with parishioners that are homebound and in need of friendly company to talk, pray, play cards or games, and bring news of Parish events. Friendly Visitors may visit weekly for up to an hour each visit and will be provided with training and guidelines for the program. If interested, call Allison at 516-679-8532 to begin the Friendly Visitor volunteer process.

Food Pantry Needs

Hearty Soups
All-Purpose Spray Cleaner
Apple Juice
Napkins
Salad Dressing - Italian
Coffee

Are You Looking for a Job?

The Nassau Workforce Initiative offers free comprehensive employment services for individuals living in Nassau County. They can provide resume assistance, case management, individual counseling and support, job placement and retention services, and tools to improve your skills for career advancement. Both virtual and in-person services are available! All adults living in Nassau County (of legal status) are eligible for services. For more information call 646-630-5509 or email jsarno@nadap.org.



Back-to-School Supplies Needed

Our office is now gathering donations to help families send their children back to school with everything they need this Fall! Please consider donating a Target gift card so that families can shop for the specific items their children need. If you prefer to do the shopping, school supplies most requested are listed below. Donations will benefit children served by our Parish Social Ministry and St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Kindly do not donate used school supplies, only new supplies will be distributed. Thank you in advance for your support!

- **★** Markers
- ★ Colored Pencils
- ★ Number 2 Pencils
- ★ Crayons (24 ct.)
- ★ Folders
- ★ Glue Sticks

- ★ Marble Notebooks (multi-color)
- ★ Highlighters (multi-color)
- ★ Pencil Cases
- ★ Blue/Black Pens
- ★ Binders (1 and 2 inch)
- ★ Looseleaf Paper

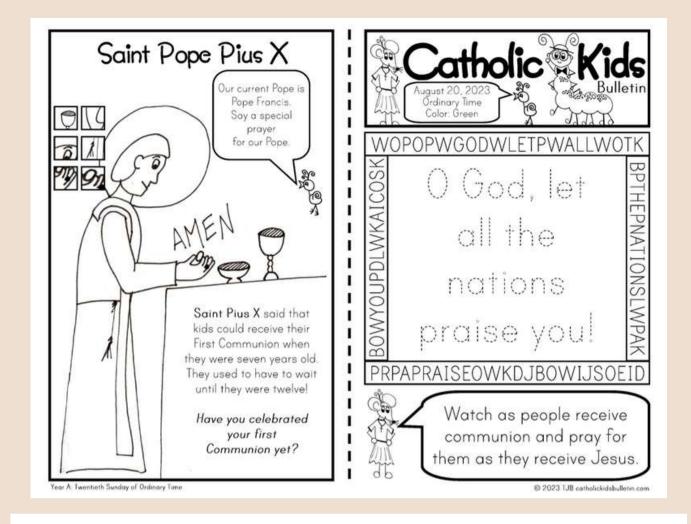
Fall 2023 Bereavement Registration

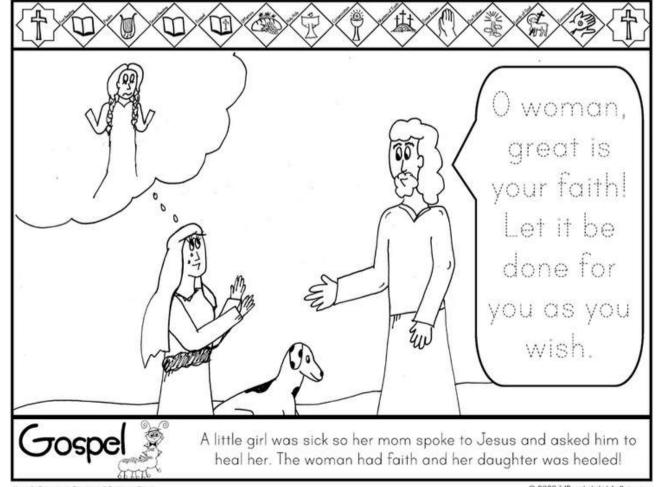
If you or someone you know has experienced the loss of a loved one and would be interested in attending a small group session for support, please call the Social Ministry office. Sessions will begin October 4th and will be held at 11am on Wednesdays for seven weeks. Space is limited, register early! For more information about these sessions call us at 516-679-8532.

Gardens that Give Back

Mother Nature has been kind this summer, and as a result many neighborhood gardens are flourishing! If you find you have many fresh vegetables ripening at one time, our Parish Food Pantry will gladly accept donations of your surplus harvest. Fresh fruits and vegetables are rare for a food pantry to have in stock, so are a welcome treat for the families we serve. Thank you for your support!









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