St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time **August 22, 2021**

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

Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - John 6:68-69

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 22, 2021

People of St. William's Valouch Family Martin Begley Patricia Agolia

Monday, August 23, 2021

Mary Holohan

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Collective Intentiuons Donald Clark. Dr. William G. Corbett, Donald DiBrita. Rosina laleggio

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

Collective Intentions Robert Vallerga (LIV), Michael Giordano III. John A. Macaluso, William Kenneally

Thursday, August 26, 2021 Samantha Mielke

Friday, August 27, 2021 Benjamin Holohan

Saturday, August 28, 2021

Purgatorial Society People of St. William's If there is an emergency in which you need to contact a priest immediately, please call the Priest Emergency telephone - 516-312-7361.

The Sanctuary Candles used at Mass this week have been donated for the safe return of

Lucas Gaulsh

From Hussey Family.

Pray for the Sick

Joseph Agolia John Stolfi

Michael Holian Mary Teresa Agolia

Arlene Marie Finlay

To The Queen of Heaven

Once again this week, the Church allows us to gaze upon the impact of Mary, the Mother of God - the Queen of Heaven and Earth. But in her typical humble way, she removes the focus off of her and points to her Son - He is the King of the Universe, He is the Answer we all search for, and He is the only one for us to go to. I was reminded of that this week in the scriptures when Peter bravely says, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of Eternal Life!" But over the past many years, especially the past 18 months, as a society and even individually many of us have searched for answers and peace in other places. We can see that in the slow return to the Church of the faithful following the Pandemic. Other "things" have become a priority for ourselves and others we know. In my prayer, I hear the Lord reminding me to go back to the basics and to "Rediscover the Sacred." I have seen that throughout the history of our Church, in challenging times, the faithful have turned to the intercession of the Faithful One, Mary, to cover and protect. To lift up as Queen. We do that again this week - the 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time, as we reconsecrate our Parish under Her Queenship and Mantle of Protection.

Please read this excerpt from AD CAELI REGINAM - An encyclical written by Pope Pius XII from almost 70 years ago to the world coming through the devastation of the Second World War and the need for humanity to ask Our Lady's help:

"From the earliest ages of the Catholic Church, a Christian people, whether in time of triumph or more especially in time of crisis, has addressed prayers of petition and hymns of praise and veneration to the Queen of Heaven. And never has that hope wavered which they placed in the Mother of the Divine King, Jesus Christ; nor has that faith ever failed by which we are taught that Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, reigns with a mother's solicitude over the entire world, just as she is crowned in heavenly blessedness with the glory of a Queen.

Following upon the frightful calamities which before Our very eyes have reduced flourishing cities, towns, and villages to ruins, We see to Our sorrow that many great moral evils are being spread abroad in what may be described as a violent flood. Occasionally We behold justice giving way; and, on the one hand, and the other, the victory of the powers of corruption. The threat of this fearful crisis fills Us with great anguish, and so with confidence, We have recourse to Mary Our Queen, making known to her those sentiments of filial reverence which are not Ours alone, but which belong to all those who glory in the name of Christian.

These words are just as relevant for us as a parish, and so we too call on Mary of Nazareth, this humble, caring servant, and Queen, to cover and protect us. We ask for her motherly care and wisdom as we move forward in this pilgrimage of life and navigate these challenging times of a lingering global pandemic. We know that Jesus made the promise that even in the most difficult moments, the gates of hell will never triumph over His Church. When we look to the sacrifice of the cross, it is easy to see how Jesus did His part, laying down His life for those He loves, and now - in this moment, we discern how to respond and do our part.

Once again, Mary, the First Disciple of Jesus, gives us the example, she is so quick to say, "my soul magnifies the Lord" or "let it be done to me according to your will." Looking out from herself and towards God and others! Are we willing to be humble, docile, and open to the direction that God may be leading us in this season, this year 2021 - in the history of St. William the Abbot parish? The effects of the Corona Virus have been challenging on us individually, our families, and our parish; we have seen the breakdown in civil and healthy communication in the social, political, education, and faith arenas. Due to outside policies and protocols, so many Parishes like us have been drastically challenged in their service others, especially in the areas of the sacraments, formation, and education of the faithful, and the outreach to the most vulnerable. How will we respond?

Historically, the Catholic Church in America and Long Island has boomed after Global tragedies, we saw that after World War 2, Korea, and most recently 9/11 - saints have risen up, and a new generation of servant leaders come forth to serve the Lord in the time of need. Saint Theresa of Calcutta, John Paul II, Saint Gianna Molla, Vincent Capodanno, Ita Ford, Fr Mychal Judge, Det. Steven McDonald. But also any of our Ursuline Sisters who have beautifully served here, the faithful laywomen and men SWA school teachers and catechists who have taught the Faith year after year, and the silent homebound who pray for us all in their suffering. Thank you all who have so generously shared your precious time, talent, and treasure for the Glory of God! You have embraced the example and model of Our Lady.

As we move into the fall of 2021, once again, we will need to be generous stewards with our time, talent, and treasure. Fortunately for us, just like our Blessed Mother Mary, the greatest treasure we have to offer is the gift of our faith in Jesus Christ and his Church. I am asking you all to discern and pray how to contribute in the building up of the kingdom of God here in Seaford. How can we present the gospel in a way that is engaging and welcoming? Especially to those who have been away for a long time, and those who will be coming for the first time in the near future. As much as we desire to go back to the comfort of the way things used to be, there are certain aspects of our community that must radically change in order for us to engage in attracting the next generation of faithful. Or else they will continue to flood away from their faith and go to sports, technology, video games, and other distracting activities that will affect their eternal soul. One of the Church's main functions is to assist In the salvation of souls, meaning helping people who do not know and love the Lord to Encounter and meet the Loving God. For almost 95 years, St. William the Abbot has done that, adapting and moving with the times, but also standing out as a community of great tradition and history. As we begin this 95th year as a Parish community, let us ask the Blessed Mother's guidance and wisdom to direct us into the future, and like she so generously brought the Lord Jesus into the world by her "yes," her "fiat" may we be willing to do the same.

As always, thank you for your presence and generosity.

Peace.

Rectory News

Wedding Banns II

Andrew Kostyshyn-Gruber Oceanside, NY

&

Allison Ryan SWA Gregory Mitchell Sacred Heart, Merrick &

Maggie Jacobsen SWA



Global Pandemic have your dog's social life looking "ruff"?



Take a walk with Father James and Kolbe! All dogs welcome!

Email priests@stwilliam.org to schedule a walk.

Missals

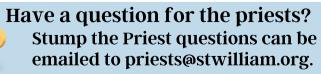


At this time we are able to offer the sale of individual missals for \$10 per missal. Please bring a check for \$10 payable to St. William the Abbot or \$10 exact cash to the rectory. There will be no change for cash purchases. We have a limited number at this time, so it is a first come first served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



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, September 26th.



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

ANNUAL

GOLF OUTING

HONORING MSGR. ROBERT L. HAYDEN



Eisenhower Golf Course

1899 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow NY

October 18, 2021

Interested in joining us, please visit the parish website stwilliam.org for more information.





Private Prayer

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.

Fellowship Tent

Due to COVID regulations and food allergies, we ask that no food or drink be donated for social gatherings on campus. If you are interested in donating towards the cost of the Fellowship Tent refreshments. Please email information@stwilliam.org

Help Keep the Church Clean

We ask that those visiting the Church do not leave flowers, religious cards, holiday cards, bibles, or religious artifacts in the church, near the Religious Statues, or on the Sanctuary. It is acceptable to discard these items or bury them.



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.

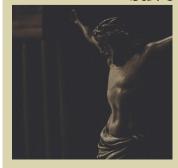
Raffle tickets are \$25 each or 5 tickets for \$100. We will draw the winning ticket on August 27, 2021.

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.

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

Save the Date



Calling all the Youth of the St. William the Abbot Parish and the Parish Community to join us on Sunday, September 19, 2021, at 5:00 PM for our Family and Youth Mass.

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.

Staying Connected

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

Facebook: Find us at:
stwilliamabbot
Instagram: Follow us:
@stwilliamabbot
YouTube: Find us at:

YouTube.com — St. William the Abbot Church



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 Saturday, August 28, 5pm Sunday, August 29, 10:30am

Faith Formation

"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord". Hearing that should make you think of when you go to Mass and receive Communion and you say Amen. By saying Amen, you are accepting, receiving, and believing in the Lord, and you are to become like him. One day Jesus was speaking to a crowd of people and lots of the people found it too hard to believe that Jesus was really the Son of God, and he came down from heaven and how we can all feel happier and more alive if we just believe. The people gave up and went away and did not want to listen to Jesus anymore nor follow him. They felt the teaching was just too hard and wanted to give up. Just like we all do at times, if we find something too hard to do, we say "forget this, I'm giving up". Jesus never gave up on us though and he still doesn't. He is always there to help us through any situation. He gives us the push that we need at times. If you breakdown the word Push it can mean Pray Until Something Happens. If we find it difficult to do things we can pray and ask for help and in time you do receive. We have to continue to keep our faith and believe, even when it becomes difficult. Peace.

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

US Army -

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

USMC -

Lt. Kevin J. Butler
2nd Lt. Dana Duggan
Corporal Frank A Finochio
L.Cpl. John Mosier
Lt. jq Michael Napolitano

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 Air Force -

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

US Navy -

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

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

Canned Beets
Laundry Detergent
Tissues
Toothpaste

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.

OUESTIONS 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

Sign-Up for the St. Williams Bereavement Group

We are now taking names for our bereavement group sessions to begin in late September. 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 may fill up quickly, please call today!

Summertime Food Donations

Please do not leave donations of fresh or perishable foods in the food bin outside of the Social Ministry office. The exposure to seasonal heat and bugs makes these foods quickly unusable. These items should be dropped off during business hours (Monday through Friday, 9:30am to 4pm) or by scheduled appointment.

It's Back to School Season!

Are you are 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 let children enjoy the excitement of picking out their own items. Donations can be dropped off at Social Ministry.

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry begins Tuesday, October 5th

The first meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will take place on Tuesday, October 5th. 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. Interested in joining this worthwhile ministry? Call the Social Ministry office at 679-8532 for more information.

Background Screening Update

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People:

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) promulgated by the Bishops of the United States in 2002 outlines specific practices and guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. As directed in The Charter, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all employees, clergy, and volunteers to complete three requirements within thirty days of employment or volunteering:

- 1. Attend Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)
- 2. Sign the Codes of Conduct;
- Complete a background screen application. The Diocese requires all those who remain in active ministry be rescreened at 5 yr. intervals. volunteers/employees.

A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OFPCYP) has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the three safe environment requirements in one step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

- Register to attend a Protecting God's Children class and create a Virtus account on the Virtus website: www.Virtus.org
- 2. Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct- provided during the Virtus registration process.
- 3. Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application background offered during the Virtus registration process.

Active Volunteers:

If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus and have been background screened you may be at – or beyond- the *Syr. rescreening requirement*. If this is the case, you will receive an email from *Sterling Volunteers* asking you to complete the background screening application on-line. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account. *Please be aware-this is not a scam nor has your e-mail been hacked.* The OFPCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records and noted it is time for you to be rescreened. You may also be prompted to electronically resign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

Edit Your Virtus Account:

To access your Virtus account: www.Virtus.org You will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or helpdesk@virtus.org. Once in your account, review your account information-particularly your e-mail address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side of your screen in the green column click "Update My Account" You will be able to make the necessary changes-please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

Questions or concerns: mmcmahon@drvc.org; amendoza-cantos@drvc.org; jwinter@drvc.org; <a href="mmcma

Thank you to all who continue to serve in a ministry during these extremely challenging days.

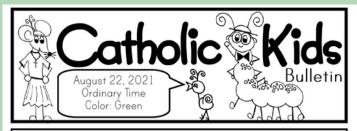
Consider Automated Giving

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 Autor	mated Giving
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City, State, Zip	
Banking Transit ABA #(always nine digits)	
Bank Account Number	
(Attach to this form a voided check if checking account deticket if savings account).	ebit or a pre-printed savings deposit
This authorization is to remain in full force effect until the Abbot has received written notification at least five busing termination date.	
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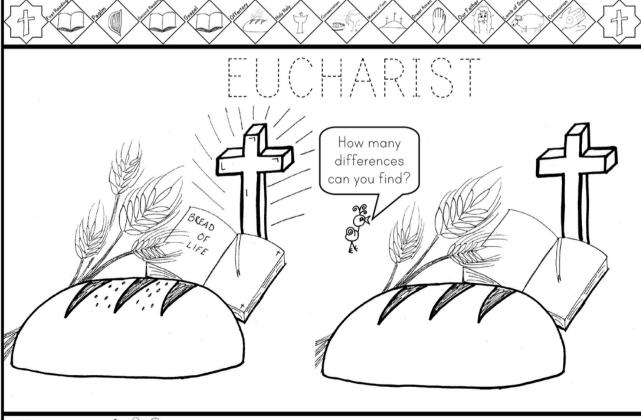
Watch as people receive communion and pray for them as they receive Jesus.

Saint Pope Pius X

Our current Pope is Pope Francis. Say a special prayer for our Pope.

Saint Pius X said that kids could receive their first Communion when they were seven years old. They used to have to wait until they were twelve!

Have you celebrated your first Communion yet?





Jesus is teaching the people about the Eucharist. He tells them that they should eat His flesh and blood so they can live forever in Heaven.