# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

April 17, 2022 - Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

## **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

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Sunday, April 17, 2022

Thomas Paradiso Carole Rosenberger Collective Intentions People of St. William's Valdez & LeGoff families (liv) Harry & Carrie Dawson James R. Newhook Patricia McGee Eileen Ford Ursuline Sister Prayer Card

Monday, April 18, 2022 Joseph Bianco

**Enrollment Intentions** 

Tuesday, April 19, 2022 **Eugene Valentine** 

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 Edmund & Angela Leck

Thursday, April 21, 2022 James Michael Wheeler

#### Friday, April 22, 2022

Collective Intentions Domenico D'Armi May Walsleben Anthony Cusanella Deacon Louis Sandberg

Saturday, April 23, 2022 **Purgatorial Society** George C. Cain



They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.

John 20:9

## Pray for the Sick

William Bryant Keith Gorton Barbara Geraghty Maggie Streater Maria Wanger

Jeannine Tedeschi Rosemarie Vane Adrienne Harker Anna Canale

## Pray for the Deceased

Sr. Mary Grace Hodnett Louise Driscoll

## Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of Eileen Flynn from her friends of the St. William the Abbot Prayer Shawl Ministry

## **Altar Candles**

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## **Sanctuary Candles**

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#### Alleluia, He Is Risen!!!

I have always enjoyed movies where there is a rescue mission involved - a damsel in distress, a captured POW, hostages taken by bank robbers or terrorists – and the hero or heroes come in to save the day! There is something about the virtue of recognizing another person who is in need and doing whatever it takes to get them to safety. Well today we celebrate the culmination of the greatest rescue mission of all time. How the God of way up there sent his Son, Jesus into the midst of this broken and fallen world to save us some from something that we cannot save ourselves from - sin and death. A sickness and disease that in our humanity we brought on ourselves in the garden of Eden. It was through human selfishness and a desire to grasp at the things of this world which banished us from paradise and ultimately disconnected us from God. But the Lord never gave up on us.

Once again, we arrive here at Church – we have celebrated with our Easter baskets, Easter bonnets and Easter bowties. I think of "Easters" in the past – we arrive with our new outfits, dresses and bonnets, Vineyard Vines salmon-colored pants and anticipation of egg hunts back home. But the real celebration of Easter, is the celebration of an event, this preposterous story that a man was crucified and suffered, and how he died on the cross... and then we are told that he rose from the dead. This is almost too unbelievable. And perhaps that's why so many leave the practice of the faith.

We can all struggle at times with our relationship with God and our faith; a war in Ukraine, COVID, inflation and gas prices, confusion in the family, the economy, and politics. God, where are you? We only need to remember the first witnesses of our faith. Jesus did not appear to all, but a select few. What was so amazing about their encounter with him are the details - we hear about the burial cloth, what the tomb looked like, and the intricacies of how things were placed - too detailed for some cute story or a myth. And yet there was turmoil and confusion, the back-and-forth to the tomb, miscommunication among family and friends, followers, and leaders - to be honest – it is not much different than our modern times. God is inviting us back into a connection and relationship with him. That is the mission of Jesus – He has come to reconnect, restore, renew, and revive the world, our families, and our hearts as he did those first disciples. And then they told others.

This becomes our role and Mission in 2022, to tell others about how Jesus has changed our lives. Not about chocolate bunnies, jellybeans, and plastic eggs - but how a loving God came down and took flesh and suffered and died for us. How the Lord walked with us and our family through the Pandemic, the loss of a parent, the sickness and dementia, but also the joyful times of celebration and fun. God sees us, knows us, and loves us. The scriptures tell us that disciples went to the tomb and that they saw and believed. Can we look at how God has acted in our lives in the past few weeks? How doors opened, harden hearts were softened, and wounds healed? There are others in our families, our parish, and our world who need to be rescued by Jesus. In the early Church, the Lord motivated people to respond with names like Mary, Peter, Thomas, Martha, and Joseph of Arimathea. Today, he needs you and me!

On behalf of Father James, our Deacons, and dedicated staff, I'd like to thank you for your calls, letters of prayer and support, emails of recommendations and suggestions, and well wishes throughout the past year. I think back to the first Easter 2000 years ago, and my first Easter 2 years and can see the parallels – we are finally coming forth from the upper rooms of isolation, fear, social distancing, mask wearing, and quarantine to tell the Rescue Story of faith, hope, and love. The story of how God showed His Power and Might – and that Jesus won! May God Bless you and your families, Happy Easter, Alleluia - He is Risen! He is Truly Risen!

Fr. Joe

## Rectory News

## **Wedding Banns**

#### **Banns II**

Ryley Weber, St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh & Michael Stark, St. Barnabas the Apostle, Bellmore

#### **Banns III**

Tina DiTommaso, St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa & Frank Pallotta, St. Vincent de Paul, Brooklyn

Erin Mannix, St. William the Abbot & Brent Ferraro, Church of St. Patrick, Huntington

## **Easter Flowers**

Envelopes for Easter Flowers have been sent to parishioners who receive their monthly envelopes. These envelopes provide an opportunity to remember loved ones this Easter by providing Easter Flowers. Additional Easter Flower envelopes can be found at the doors of the church. Please place the envelope in the collection basket or bring to the Rectory.



## 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 pyx.

## Pillar of Hospitality

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ died and rose again for us. As Christians, let us enter this Easter season overflowing with love and compassion for all those we meet. Let us spread the love of Christ to everyone!

## 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 do not leave any food donations in the Church.

#### 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

## **Email List**

Please register on the parish website if you are not currently on our email list and would like to receive the weekly bulletin and email updates on parish news.

www.stwilliam.org

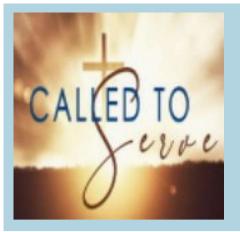
## **Private Prayer**

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.

# Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration

Reconciliation will be held in the Church Monday through Saturday from 7:15 AM - 8:15 AM and on Saturday from 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the Church from 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Monday through Saturday.



## **Liturgical Minister Training**

The Diocese of Rockville Centre will offer training in late April and early May for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist of Holy Communion and Lectors.

If you are a registered parishioner who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation and have a desire to serve God as a Eucharistic Minister or Lector, please email us at priests@stwilliam.org for more information.

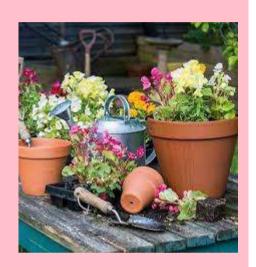
## **SWS Spring Plant Sale**

St. William the Abbot School Spring Plant Sale is underway! Order your plants for spring while supporting our school.

Plants make a nice Mother's Day gift! Brighten the day of a homebound parishioner by ordering a patio planter to be delivered to their home on your behalf.

Plant Sale orders must be received no later than April 21, 2022. Plant Sale pick up will be Monday, May 2nd, the Monday before Mother's Day.

Please use the following link to see images of plants available and the plant order form: https://tinyurl.com/SWS-Plant-Sale-2022



## **Year End Tax Statements**

Please note that year-end statements for your taxes will not be automatically mailed out. They may be obtained upon request from the Rectory. Please call 516-785-1266 or email information@stwilliam.org

#### PARKING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



Please be considerate during the upcoming holidays. Many of the Masses are crowded and parking is difficult. Please do not block any driveways. Try to arrive early and allow time to find parking. Keep in mind that there is a parking lot behind the school. Thank you!

## Sr. Mary Grace Hodnett, OSU



The Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk invite you to join them in a Mass in Celebration of the life of Sr. Mary Grace Hodnett, OSU (1930 - 2021) at St. William the Abbot on Saturday, April 23rd at 12:30 PM.

Please visit our website for more information: <u>www.tildonkursuline.org.</u>



## **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.

## St. William the Abbot School Grade 7 Stations of the Cross







## Pray for those in the Military

#### USMC -

Lt. Kevin J. Butler First Lt. Dana Duggan L.Cpl. John Mosier

#### **US Army -**

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

#### **US Air Force -**

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

#### **US Navy -**

Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald
Ryan Bayer, Ensign
Rebecca Bayer, Ensign
STS1 Thomas Kerley
Lt. jg Michael O'Hara
MMN2 Emily Partridge
Commander Michael Sean Slatley
Lt. jg 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

## Grade 6

To prepare for Easter, Mrs. Frank's class created Holy Week and Triduum booklets. The students illustrated and wrote about the events that Jesus experienced leading up to Easter Sunday. They did a beautiful job explaining ways we celebrate Holy Week.







## **Art Class**

At St. William the Abbot School, lots of learning and a whole bunch of fun are taking place in the art room. Art teacher, Mrs. Patricia Calcano integrates art into many subjects. Sixth graders created Egyptian Portraits after completing a unit on Ancient Egypt in Social Studies. They enjoyed learning a new process called Batik. After learning about the life cycle of a frog and pond life, Kindergartners looked at pond paintings by Claude Monet. Then the students created their own watercolor ponds. Fifth graders worked on collaborative Lenten murals in class. Each student took part in the process of planning out the design, sketching, and mixing paint to create new colors. Our school has been praying for the people in Ukraine so the artists decided to add the sunflower as it is Ukraine's National flower.













## **Parish Social Ministry**

## Refer a Friend in Need

Do you know someone in need of assistance? Your Parish Social Ministry offers confidential support and advice regarding hardships experienced by adults and seniors who may be struggling with sensitive issues. We have access to relevant state, local and charity-based programs that may help, and we offer other services such as client advocacy and regular use of our food pantry. Partnering with our St. Vincent de Paul conference, we help with budgeting, expense management and building financial independence. For more information call the Parish Social Ministry office 516-679-8532.

# Thank You Seaford Chamber of Commerce!



Earlier this month, the Seaford Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Washington Avenue Park. They were kind enough to make our food pantry

the donation beneficiary of their event! They collected donations of personal hygiene items for our clients such as shampoo, soap, deodorant and razors. These items are very valuable to the families we help because they are not covered by SNAP (food stamps). Thank you to the Seaford Chamber of Commerce for bringing focus to our efforts to help the needy, and thank you to all the donors that attended the Easter Egg Hunt! We are so grateful for your generosity!

## **Pantry Needs**

Pancake Mix Pancake Syrup Cooking Oil Pretzels Rice Krispies Cereal Napkins

## **Used Clothing and Furniture Donations**

Our parish is blessed to have its own St. Vincent de Paul conference. This conference works with the Social Ministry office to provide clothing and furniture vouchers to the families we serve. Donations of used clothing can be dropped off in the St. Vincent de Paul donation bins located in the school's front parking lot. For furniture donations, call St. Vincent de Paul at 516-746-8250 to schedule a pickup at your home. By donating to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, you will be donating items that may be used by one of your local neighbors in need!

# Extraordinary Ministers Providing Extraordinary Kindness

Thank you to the St. William the Abbot Extraordinary Ministers that serve our homebound parishioners! This Easter the Extraordinary Ministers brought Easter gift bags containing cards, prayer books and chocolate treats to the parishioners they serve at home. These ministers provide a beautiful conduit for the Parish to stay close to those at home, and vice versa. Thank you Extraordinary Ministers - your service to the Parish and community is very much appreciated!

## **Donation Spotlight - Our Easter Donors!**

We continue to be humbled by the generosity of the Parish. Over the past month we have taken in so many donations of Easter baskets and food store gift cards for our families in need. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to distribute hundreds of gift cards, over 50 family baskets of food, and 40 children's baskets of toys and candy. In addition, many donors brought us Easter cards containing well wishes for our homebound parishioners. We received and mailed over 75 cards to the homebound thanks to your efforts!







## Seaford Fire Department's

Hook & Ladder and Engine Company No 1

# Easter Plant Sale

Saturday 4/16 10am - 6pm

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Sunday 4/17 8:30am - 2pm

at the corner of Southard Avenue & Waverly Avenue

## **Celebrate Spring!**



Celebrate Spring with some light entertainment! Sunday, April 24, 2022, 5 to 7 pm - enjoy an afternoon of "Love and Friendship in Song and

Story" in Borromeo Hall. Under the direction of Timothy Carl, three professional singers will offer a semi-Classical program of duets and arias speaking of love and friendship. Reception to follow with Wine, Cheese and Hors d'oeuvres. Reservations required - \$90 per guest. Seminary Development Office, (631)423-0483 x 102; bmalone@icseminary.edu.

## Memorializing

The Rectory is issuing Mass Cards, enrollment in the Purgatorial Society, Memorializing the Wine and Hosts, Altar Candles, Sanctuary Candle and Altar Flowers. Please call the Rectory for more information - 516-785-1266.

## Little White Book

The Little White Book, an Easter continuation of the Lenten readings that were provided by the Little Black Book, is available at the doors of the Church for interested parishioners.



## 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.

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## The Diocese of Rockville Centre

## GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

## Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who have celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage between 2020 and 2022 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

Sunday, May 1, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Church of Christ the King, Commack Celebrant: Most Reverend Richard G. Henning

Sunday, May 15, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Church of St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays Celebrant: Most Reverend John O. Barres

Sunday, May 22, 2022, at 3:30 p.m.

Church of St. James, Seaford Celebrant: Most Reverend Luis Romero

Register online at drvc-faith.org
Registration must be received by Friday, April 22, 2022

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at LRobustelli@drvc.org





# JOIN US FOR SUMMER FUN AT THE CATHOLIC SPORTS CAMP

St. Williams - Seaford June 27- July 1

St. Williams - Seaford July 4- July 8

Maria Regina - Seaford July 18- July 22

Maria Regina - Seaford July 25- July 29

- Camp runs Monday through Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm
- Cost is \$160.00
- Tuition includes CSC T-shirt and daily snack
- Available for children ages 5-12
- Arts & Crafts, Basketball, Soccer, Dance,
   & Volleyball Fundamentals
- SOCCER IS NOT AVAILABLE AT MARIA REGINA!

Kasey Grasso (Directors) Tom Hirten 516-524-7892 CatholicSportsCamp@gmail.com





Easter 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

Every Easter, as we celebrate our Lord's victory over death, we delight in the consolation that all is restored through the Resurrection, and we ponder God's relentless invitation to live the divine life given at baptism.

This is the good news of our faith: Christ has conquered death and we are invited to life. This good news needs to be heard time and again. Even when things are bleak, we remember Christ is victorious and that we have been invited to witness to his victory. As Pope Francis says:

"Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force. Often it seems that God does not exist: all around us we see persistent injustice, evil, indifference and cruelty. But it is also true that in the midst of darkness something new always springs to life and sooner or later produces fruit. On razed land life breaks through, stubbornly yet invincibly. However dark things are, goodness always re-emerges and spreads. Each day in our world beauty is born anew, it rises transformed through the storms of history. Values always tend to reappear under new guises, and human beings have arisen time after time from situations that seemed doomed. Such is the power of the resurrection, and all who evangelize are instruments of that power."

We know well the bleakness that can overwhelms us. How good it is to recall God's goodness! The Risen Lord moves through the locked doors of fear to lead us, to lead our families and to lead the world to peace. May we never forget God's triumph over death and our baptismal call to be an instrument of that power. May we show the Risen Lord to all we meet.

This Easter, as we rejoice in Christ's Resurrection, let us remember especially those who suffer in Ukraine and the millions who have been displaced by that tragic war. Together, we pray that the Risen Christ bring light to their darkness and give them peace.

Be assured of my prayers for you in these holy and joyful weeks.

Happy Easter!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres Bishop of Rockville Centre

1 Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, n. 276.

## Where is Jesus?

When the women visited Jesus' tomb, an angel appeared and told them that Jesus has risen!





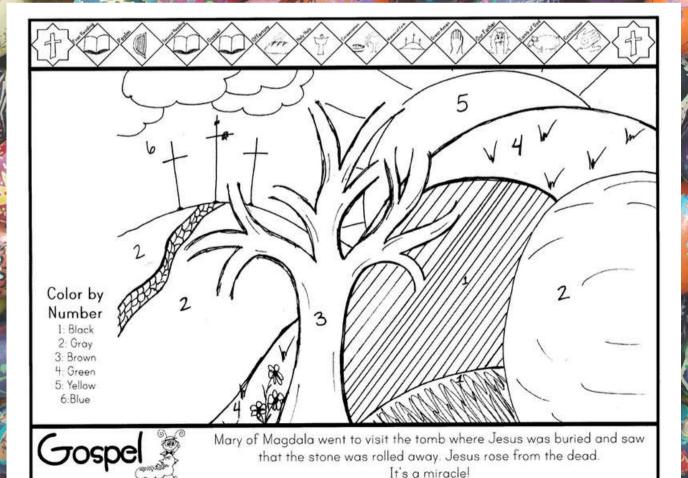
## CTHISOISPWTHEODAYSOTHE

This is the day
the Lord has
the Lord has
made; let us
rejoice and be
glad.

## PLETOUSWOREJOICEPANDOWKE

Today is a celebration! Look around the church to see what has changed to show that today is a special day.

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## Connect with the Parish & School

## **PRIESTS**

Fr. Joseph H. Fitzgerald
Pastor

Fr. James Hansen Associate Pastor

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

#### **DEACONS**

Dcn. Anthony Cedrone
Dcn. John Lynch
Dcn. Michael Metzdorff
Dcn. Joseph Tumbarello
Please send your email to information@stwilliam.org
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#### **BUSINESS MANAGER**

**Judy Goldman** 

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#### OFFICE MANAGER

**Sue McCormick** 

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## **DEVELOPMENT & OPERATIONS**

**Kate Walsh** 

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#### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

**Elizabeth Woods** 

Please send your email to ewoods@stwilliam.org.

#### **FAITH FORMATION**

Dr. Jo-Ann Metzdorff and Maria Paguaga

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

## **SOCIAL MINISTRY**

**Allison Marro** 

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

### SCHOOL

Elizabeth Bricker Principal Christine Bendish Assistant Principal

## St. William the Abbot School



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#### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Please send your email to pastoralcouncil@stwilliam.org.

## **Staying Connected**

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

YouTube: Find us at:

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## **Staying Connected**

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.



## **Emergency Line**



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