



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



May 8, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Weekly Schedule

Daily Mass

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: 7am - 8:15am

Saturday: 3:45 - 4:30pm

Adoration

Monday - Saturday: 7am - 8:15am

First Friday of the Month: 9am - 5pm

Private Prayer

Monday - Friday: 7am - 6pm

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.

John 10:27-28

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 8, 2022

Collective Intentions:

Mother's Day

Arline Palmieri

Teresa Murphy

Lilly Alaggia

Nicole Tedeschi

People of St. William's

Eileen Licari

Monday, May 9, 2022

Mother's Day

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Collective Intentions:

Mother's Day

Thomas Francis Quinn

Frank Arnone

Michelina Villano

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mother's Day

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mother's Day

Friday, May 13, 2022

Mother's Day

Saturday, May 14, 2022

Purgatorial Society

Mother's Day

Pray for the Deceased

Sr. Teresita Catalano, OSU

Anthony Chiocchi

Pray for the Sick

Baby Anne Dunleavy

Richard Fedyk

Keith Gorton

Jeannine Tedeschi

Wine and Hosts

have been donated in loving memory of
Eva Szychowski & Mercedes Chirinos
from the Marrone Family

Altar Candles

have been donated in loving memory of
Bernard Kluender
from Dorothy Kluender

Sanctuary Candles

have been donated for the intentions of
Marilyn Wienczarkowski
from Sandy Kandybowicz

The Voice of the Good Shepherd

Happy Mother's Day! I have at different times spoken about the experience of playing sports and having my mother at the games to cheer me on. In my life, I've played in front of small crowds of 10 to 20 people and was blessed to walk into the Opening Ceremonies of the 1996 Olympics with over 100,000 people in attendance. For whatever reason, I could block out most noises and voices, but my mother had a distinct call for me, a way of saying my name that I always heard over the crowd. In the most intense moments of the games, I could hear her soothing, comforting and encouraging voice – "Go Joseph!". So many of us have had a similar experience of hearing the powerful voice of a loving parent.

Not only do we celebrate Mother's Day today, but in the church calendar we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. The Gospel tells us that Jesus speaks to us saying "I am the Good Shepherd, and my sheep hear me and know my voice". This weekend is often set aside as an opportunity for us to speak about priestly vocations. Through the years we have been so blessed in this parish to have good, faithful priests to serve the people of God. However, I thought that since this past week we lost another pillar and matriarch of our faith community, I wanted to focus on Sister Teresita Catalano. I had the privilege to get to know Sister Teresita over the past three years, and to speak about her life and vocation. She inspired so many students, families, and others to respond to the Voice of the Good Shepherd in many ways to serve the church, married life, religious life, holy single life, diaconate, and priesthood. One thing that stood out to me in our conversations and visits, was when she would speak about her love for Jesus, Sister Teresita met and fell in love with the Lord! When HE invited her to become an Ursuline Sister she heard his voice clearly, and then she responded generously. Her "yes" inspired so many.

Our Lord is still calling others to serve the church as priests and religious – and to live Holy Lives in general. When we meet people like Sister Teresita we are hopeful, but we also know that in our modern day there are not a large amount of people responding to the priestly and religious vocations. We can ask the question, "is God no longer calling people"? I don't think that that is a reality, the bigger challenge is "what are the voices that are out there that distract us?" We know that one of the tactics of the devil is to divide, divert, and disrupt, often using noise.

The biggest tactic in the war against God and Family is activity – the devil keeps us busy. The evil one says to himself, "I will keep them so busy they won't have time to eat together as a family, watch TV as a family; I'll disrupt old traditions so they will not decorate the Christmas tree together, or color Easter eggs. I'll inflict fear and division in the culture. If I can keep them from praying and going to Church, I will OWN the culture, society, world, and breakdown the family!" Sound familiar? But we can counter that, and allow GOD to win the war, if we invite Him in.

I was given a short prayer/reflection that Sister Teresita wrote to a dear friend and SWA parishioner in recent years, and I shared it at her funeral. Many people commented on it, and said they not only heard her voice in this simple prayer, but they heard God (The Good Shepherd) speaking through it. I end this letter to you with her words and pray that you too may hear the Voice of the Good Shepherd through this simple, holy woman of faith. Happy Mother's Day, and please pray for our Ursuline Sisters, and pray for Holy Vocations to the religious life and priesthood from our parish.

Along the Way

By Sr. Teresita Catalano, OSU

Where does the time go?	Let us meet Jesus along the way,
Why does the sun seem to disappear?	Work with Him, give our day to Him
I ask these questions to myself	
"Myself" doesn't seem to have either answer	It's all in the giving and the loving "along the way"

One thing I do know –
I'll never have them back
I do have, hopefully, a New Year
Of time and season to enjoy all God's creation



Wedding Banns

Banns I

Michaela Weil, St. Barnabas the Apostle, Bellmore
& Vincent Bellissimo, St. William the Abbot

Corinne Lettieri, St. Louis R.C. Church, Buffalo, NY
& Christopher Guerra, St. Mary of the Angels, Olean, NY

Banns III

Kaitlin Bucola, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Brooklyn
& Michael Cunningham, St. Patrick's, Brooklyn



This week, we welcomed home former SWS Principal, Mrs. Anna Guardino, and SWS alumni Seminarian Joe Lettieri and Fr. Michael Plona.

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. Please sit on the south transept.

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.

Please do not leave any food donations in the Church

Parking in the Neighborhood

Please be considerate of our neighbors and be careful not to block any driveways.

Keep in mind that there is a parking lot behind the school. Thank you!

Pray for our Seminararians

Joseph Lettieri

Herley Mendez

Pray for those in the Military

USMC -

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

US Air Force -

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

US Coast Guard -

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

US Army -

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

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 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

May Crowning and Living Rosary

WE INVITE ALL CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE BY HOLDING A BEAD AND RECITING THE FIRST HALF OF ONE PRAYER OF THE ROSARY

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION IF YOUR CHILD WISHES TO PARTICIPATE: 516-783-2528 / FAITHFORMATION@STWILLIAM.ORG

WED MAY 18TH | 7 PM

FRONT LAWN OF THE SCHOOL

PLEASE BRING YOUR ROSARY BEADS

THE STUDENTS FROM SWS WILL ALSO LEAD A CROWNING CEREMONY AT THE 8:30AM MASS THAT MORNING



Birthright Mother's Day Flower Sale

In honor of Mother's Day, Birthright will be selling carnations for \$1 at all the Masses this weekend. All proceeds will go to Birthright. Please visit them in the back parking lot.

Mother's Day Novena

Our Mother's Day Novena of Masses will begin on Mother's Day, May 8th. Cards and envelopes for the Mother's Day Novena of Masses are available at the doors of the Church and in the Rectory. Please place all donation envelopes in the collection basket or return them to the Rectory.

Support Our Seminarians

Vocation Assistance Dinner

On Sunday, June 12th from 3pm-7pm, Memorare Council Knights of Columbus in Seaford will again be holding a dinner to raise money for our seminarians.

Tickets are \$30 per person and includes dinner, dessert, beer, wine, soda, coffee, and dancing to the sounds and music of our own "DJ Bob" Moulder. We also will have raffles and a 50/50.

For information and tickets, or to donate a raffle prize, contact John Kaley at 516-826-0874

FEAST OF ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT

~ Save the Date ~

SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH

4 PM

OUTDOOR MASS ON
FRONT LAWN OF THE RECTORY

5 PM - 11 PM

FEAST BEHIND
SCHOOL

FOOD MUSIC GAMES ACTIVITIES



HOLY TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE
May 10
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

holytrinityhs.org
516-433-2900 ext 151



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stwilliam.org

Office of Faith Formation
516-783-2528



2022-2023 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

FAMILIES CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN OUR PROGRAM WILL HAVE THE
REGISTRATION MATERIALS EMAILED TO THEM

NEW FAMILIES AND THOSE WITH CHILDREN ENTERING 1ST GRADE
(LEVEL 1) ARE ASKED TO REGISTER IN PERSON

ALL FAMILIES MUST BE REGISTERED PARISHIONERS OF ST. WILLIAM THE
ABBOT AND NEW FAMILIES MUST LIVE WITHIN THE PARISH BOUNDARIES

PAYMENT BY CHECK IS DUE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION

IN PERSON REGISTRATION IN CHURCH VESTIBULE

5/15, 5/22, 6/12

AFTER THE 9AM, 10:30AM, AND 12N MASSES

Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if you are new to the program. If you are transferring from another parish, you must provide an official letter of transfer from your previous parish stating the child's formation and sacramental information.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION IS A TWO-YEAR PROGRAM. CHILDREN MUST ATTEND LEVELS 1 AND 2 BEFORE THEY CAN RECEIVE FIRST COMMUNION.

St. William the Abbot School News

Mrs. Frank's 5th Grade Science Class has been learning about nutrition and making healthy choices. The students created board games filled with nutrition facts and ways to stay healthy by eating a balanced diet and exercising. After completing their games, they had fun playing the games with their classmates!



Our 2nd Graders and their parents were treated to a Communion Breakfast this week in celebration of receiving their First Holy Communion last weekend. Thank you to our 3rd Grade Parents for hosting!



Congratulations to last week's First Communicants!



Cooling Assistance Opens May 2nd!

Applications for HEAP Cooling Assistance may be filed beginning on May 2nd. HEAP is the Home Energy Assistance Program, which helps low-income individuals and families pay for the cost of heating or cooling their homes. You can apply for cooling assistance in order to buy and install an air conditioner or fan for your home, max price \$800 with installation. To be eligible you must have a documented medical condition that is aggravated by heat, and you must meet certain income guidelines. For more information or to apply, visit <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/> or call 1-800-342-3009.



Gardens that Give Back!

As you are planning and planting your vegetable gardens this Spring, please remember the Food Pantry.

We will gladly accept donations of your surplus harvest! Fresh vegetables are a blessing for the families we serve.

Cash Assistance Through SNAP

Inflation and rising food prices have put undue economic pressure upon many families. New York State has approved additional assistance through the Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund (PEAF) and is distributing funds through the SNAP (food stamp) program. These emergency allotments are approved and distributed on a month-by-month basis and will continue until the public health emergency is lifted in our nation. These funds may be withdrawn as cash from the SNAP program! If you or someone you know is considering applying for SNAP, now is the time to do so! Please call the Social Ministry office for more information at 679-8532.

Pantry Needs

Peanut Butter
Brown Rice
Canned Fruit

Laundry Detergent
Cake Mix
Mayonnaise

Home Improvement Programs for Seniors and the Physically Challenged

The Town of Hempstead and the Town of Oyster Bay will provide interest-free loans to make home improvements to qualified senior citizens and those that are physically challenged. Loans require repayment when the home is sold or the title transferred. For more information and applications, please call:

Town of Hempstead Department of Planning and Economic Development: 516-539-7100

Town of Oyster Bay Department of Intergovernmental Affairs, Community Development: 516-624-6177

Free Counseling Available

NY Project Hope is offering free, confidential, and anonymous counseling for those struggling with issues during COVID. They will assist with anything from economic hardships to behavioral health issues. Crisis counselors are available to provide self-help tips and a plan to assist individuals to become their own advocates. Many resources are available to help people bear the burden of the uncertainty and anxiety of these unusual times. In addition, beginning June 15th a weekly Google Meet will be available to discuss how to manage stress during COVID. For more information, please call the Social Ministry office.

Alzheimer's Support

There are free support groups available for those impacted by Alzheimer's. Sharing your experiences with others who understand can help everyone that participates. Topics covered include understanding Alzheimer's, legal and financial planning, caregiver support, effective communication, and healthy living for both victims and caregivers. Consultations are available from the LI Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900.

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Saint Philip Neri

God's love appeared to Saint Philip Neri.
It looked like a ball of fire and entered his heart.

There are some strange symbols in this picture. Saint Philip Neri did weird things to get people to listen to God's word.

Once, he shaved only half of his beard!

Saint Philip Neri wanted to teach a man to be humble so he asked him to "walk a dog" by carrying the dog around all day.



Year C, Fourth Sunday of Easter

Catholic Kids Bulletin
May 8, 2022
Easter
Color: White

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We are his
people, the
sheep of his
flock.

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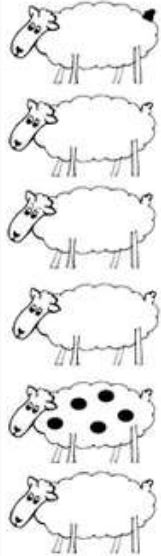


It is still the Easter season.
What can you do to
celebrate Easter today?

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Circle the
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sheep that match.



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Gospel

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice;
I know them, and they follow me."

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