

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021



John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire. Luke 3:16

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

Pray for the Deceased

Robert Mulcahy
Estelle T. Barton
Calegera (Lina) Lalicata

The Sanctuary Candles used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of

Jimmy Purick
From Sandy Kandybowicz.

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

Joan Walsh

From the Grassi Family.

The Wine and Host used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of

Gus Interrante

From the Interrante Family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Emma Ustler
Collective Intentions
James Harvey, Alphonse Cassillo,
Jeanette Dunbar, William Emery
People of St. William's
Msgr. William Varvaro

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Donald, Michael & Emma Ustler

Thursday, December 16, 2021

Roseann Potter (LIV) &
Fred Potter (DEC)

Monday, December 13, 2021

Robert Hewitt

Friday, December 17, 2021

Raymond Zorn

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Larry J. Fox

Saturday, December 18, 2021

Purgatorial Society
Collective Intentions
John Malvasio, Grace Magrino,
Timothy Russell, James Murphy

Pray for the Sick

Paul Tuccillo

Mary Is the Model of Rejoice



Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel – shall come to thee, oh Israel. Our readings this Sunday are filled with words of exultation and rejoicing. The prophet encourages us to “shout for joy...be glad and exult with all your heart!” The responsorial psalm as well says, “cry out with joy and gladness from among you it's the great and holy one of Israel!” Finally, in the second reading Saint Paul says to us: “rejoice in the Lord always, I say it again rejoice!” The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday - it serves almost as an oasis in this penitential season that brings us to the light and hope of what is to come at Christmas. Even the candle that we light this Sunday on the Advent Wreath is pink, a lighter color signifying that we are closer to the Incarnation, the entrance of Jesus, the Light of the World into our lives, our families, and especially our parish community. We look towards Bethlehem, to the stable with anticipation, hope and the promise of the Christ Child, and we look to the Holy Family as a guide for us as well. Let's face it, their lives, their world was messy and not much different than our own. They clung on to God, they desperately held onto hope.

This Sunday also signifies a feast of the Blessed Mother Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe - the patroness of the Americas. We are all so familiar with the painting above; it shows the pregnant Blessed Mother in preparation for giving birth to the Savior of the World. That image was found on the inside of a cloak worn by a Mexican peasant named St. Juan Diego after an encounter with the Blessed Mother in December of 1531 on a hill at Tepeyac, Mexico. The tilma (indigenous language for cloak) was filled with winter roses which he presented to the Bishop of Mexico City confirming the miraculous meeting between Juan Diego and La Virgen de Guadalupe. Although hesitant for many initially to believe, Saint Juan Diego's prayerful devotion and faithfulness to Our Lord and Our Lady attracted many to the faith. He joyfully expressed his love for Jesus and His Mother, and that joy drew others to want to come to the Catholic Faith.

In our modern times, we too can be the spark that lightens the flame of faith in others. We all see and experience the hustle and bustle – aggressive drivers, the self-absorbed individuals at Stop and Shop, Target, or the mall. These actions dampen and darken our world, but we as followers of Jesus, are called to be bearers of the Light of Christ. To be honest I can become discouraged by people and their behavior, some who walk around with the attitude of “well, it's my world, and I can tolerate you living in it!” We all share in the human experience, and in this third week of Advent, and a week that we honor our Blessed Mother Mary, let's CHOOSE LOVE, and JOY, and HOPE – even when others don't. Mother Theresa is credited with this abridged prayer/reflection I have displayed below – much to think about as we enter the final two weeks of Advent. Prayer time, decorating, shopping, baking, and Christmas songs, help prepare us – but let us be like Mary – who kept the focus on the coming of Jesus. Let the world see Advent and Christmas come alive in us, and make Jesus even more present when we are light, hope, forgiveness, and joy – even if others don't – let us do it anyway!

In gratitude for your presence and generosity.

Peace,

**People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered,
LOVE THEM ANYWAY**

**If you do good, people will accuse you of
selfish, ulterior motives,**

DO GOOD ANYWAY

The good you do will be forgotten tomorrow,

DO GOOD ANYWAY

**People really need help
but may attack you if you help them,**

HELP PEOPLE ANYWAY

Give the world the best you have

And you'll get kicked in the teeth,

GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU'VE GOT ANYWAY.

Saint Theresa of Calcutta

Rectory News

Wedding Banns III



Tim Ciarniello
St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage
&
Brittany A. Bilello
SWA

Christopher Agostinelli
SWA
&
Julianna Eckert
SWA

Matthew Tamborrino
St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa
&
Meghan Carey
St. Bernards, Levittown

BAPTISMS

Leah A. Elia
Calvin E. Diehl
Jeremiah P. Brosnan
Taran A. Rayno
Joseph A. Dimini II
Thomas N. Farraye
Dominic W. Mussillo
Hudson E. Rivers
Kenna L. Walther
Nicholas S. Spinello
Aria Lindo
Logan Peterson
Daniel D. Resto

Cassidy M. Hunter
Conor D. Hunter
Maryssa A. Luna
Victoria
Hailey G. McCormack
Jack R. Puzo
Vivien C. Barash
Vivian A. Cippoletti
John J. Modica
Anthony V. Felicciardi
Molly J. Felix
Brianna E. German
Luke T. Marchese

Let us welcome those children who were Baptized.

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.

Christmas Flowers

It has been the tradition of St. William's for parishioners to contribute toward the purchase of our beautiful Christmas flowers and decorations. Envelopes are available for this purpose. You may place your contribution in the envelope and place the envelope in the collection basket or drop it off in the Rectory. Thank you for your generosity, our Church is transformed every year on Christmas Day.

PARKING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



The Rectory has received several complaints from our neighbors on Jackson Avenue and on Wilburne Avenue. **We ask that all parishioners refrain from parking and blocking the private homes driveways.**

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

St. William the Abbot - Family Ornaments Project

Join us in our parish Family Ornament project, decorate an ornament with your family. Bring it in to the Church and place it on the manger near the two big Christmas trees. Take a picture and email them to priests@stwilliam.org
We can't wait to see your designs!



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.

Christmas Decorating



Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Church for Christmas on Monday, December 20th at 11:00 AM. There is no need to RSVP to assist, any assistance you can give will be greatly appreciated. We will meet in the main lobby of the Church.

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.

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

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

Fellowship

We will continue to extend the opportunity to come together after selected Masses each weekend just as the Israelites did with a Fellowship Meeting Tent. The Fellowship after the selected Masses will take place in the Abbey 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.

Sunday - December 19 at the 9am Mass

Nativity

In 2019, Pope Francis issued an apostolic letter, Admirabile signum, on the meaning and importance of nativity scenes, calling for this "wonderful sign" to be more widely displayed in family homes and public places throughout the world.

We are asking for pictures of your creche, please email your photos to priests@stwilliam.org.



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

Pray for those in the Military

USMC -

Lt. Kevin J. Butler
2nd Lt. Dana Duggan
L.Cpl. John Mosier

US Air Force -

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

US Coast Guard -

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

US Army -

Capt. Caitlin M. Lee
Sgt. 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
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

St. William the Abbot RC Church



YOUTH MASS

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19
5PM**

CALLING ALL THE YOUTH OF THE ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT COMMUNITY

***7TH & 8TH GRADE STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND**

Christmas Schedule

Advent Reconciliation

Saturday, December 4th, 11th, 18th
3:45 - 4:45 PM

Friday, December 24th
9:00 am - 10:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday, December 20th
7:00 PM

Christmas Eve Masses

Friday, December 24th
Church 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM, 8:30 PM & 11:00 PM
Abbey - 4:00 PM & 5:30 PM
Auditorium - 4:00 PM & 5:30 PM
Christmas Carols in the Church at 10:30 PM

Christmas Day Masses

Saturday, December 25th
Church - 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, and 12:30 PM
Auditorium - 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, and 12:30 PM

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sunday, December 26th
Church - 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 12:00 PM

New Year's Eve

Friday, December 31st - 5:00 PM

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 1st - 5:00 PM
Sunday, January 2nd
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 12:00 PM

NEW YEAR EVE

Ball Drop Raffle



How it works:

When you enter the raffle you'll be assigned a numbered golfball (entries are \$100 each) and you'll receive an email with your number once your entry has been processed.

On New Year's Eve all the numbered golfballs will be dropped from a height at the same time trying to hit one target.

We'll measure to determine 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and we'll announce the winners on the live stream and on our socials.

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 12/29!

Join us on the parish website stwilliam.org at 4pm on New Year's eve to watch!

New Year's Eve Ball Drop Entry Form

Name: _____

Email: _____

Number of Entries: _____ Check/Cash Amount: _____

**Please return cash or check to the Rectory drop box or by mail.
Due to the limited number of entries, number requests can not be honored.**

Parish Social Ministry

Donation Spotlight

Thank you to those that answered our request for new or gently used wheelchairs! We received four wheelchairs last week, one of which was purchased brand new for us by one of our donors! Within the same week, we placed two of these wheelchairs with parishioners in need. If you know of anyone else in need of medical equipment, please have them reach out to our office at 679-8532

Reminder – Gift Return for Adopt-a-Family

Gifts for the Adopt-a-Family Program are due to be returned to the Social Ministry office by Wednesday, December 15th.

Please return items during Social Ministry business hours (Monday thru Thursday 9:30am-4pm, Friday 9:30am-1pm), or by appointment (call 679-8532). Kindly do not leave gifts or gift cards in the food bin. Thank you!

Coming Soon...NEW COVID-relief Programs for Homeowners

The NYS Homeowners Assistance Fund will begin taking applications on January 3rd for programs to help low/moderate income homeowners who are behind on mortgage payments, property taxes and water or sewer bills.

The programs will also offer help for owners of cooperative or condo units behind on maintenance fees. Eligibility requirements are based upon household income and delinquency status of existing housing payments. For more information on how to prepare to apply, call 1-844-77-NYHAF or visit the HAF website at <https://www.nyhomeownerfund.org>. Watch the bulletin for more information as it becomes available!

Grief Support for Children

There are programs available for children grieving the loss of a parent or guardian due to death, divorce/separation, deployment, deportation, incarceration or trauma. Although children can be resilient, many don't bounce back without help.

Beginning in January, Rainbows for all God's Children will have weekly peer support groups running through April 2022. For more information contact the Social Ministry office.

Addiction Counseling Available

At this time of year, holiday stress coupled with pandemic concerns can place at-risk individuals in vulnerable positions.

There is counseling available in our area that is ready to provide immediate assistance to those facing addiction concerns for themselves or a loved one. Both in-person and virtual appointments are available within 24 hours. For more information contact the Social Ministry office.

Furniture Donations?

Our parish is blessed to host a St. Vincent de Paul Conference, which offers a variety of extra assistance for the families we serve. One example of this is our ability to refer families to St. Vincent de Paul for their furniture needs. If you have gently used furniture that you donate to St. Vincent de Paul, you may be directly helping one of our Social Ministry families! If you are interested in scheduling a furniture pickup, call (516) 746-8250 or visit www.svdpli.org.

Food Pantry

Laundry detergent
cooking oil

Canned Chef Boyardee
Chicpeas

Faith Formation



2nd grade Faith Formation students praying the rosary, learning about the Holy Trinity, making Christmas cards for the military, and learning about the Advent wreath.

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

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.



Parish Contact Information

CONTACT THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Please send your email to pastoralcouncil@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR OPERATIONS



Iris Gomez
Director of Mission & Evangelization

Please send your email to igomez@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR THE RECTORY



Sue McCormick
Office Manager

Please send your email to information@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR MUSIC MINISTRY



Elizabeth Woods
Director of Music Ministry

Please send your email to ewoods@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR FAITH FORMATION



Maria Paguaga
Faith Formation Clerical

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

QUESTIONS FOR SOCIAL MINISTRY



Allison Marro
Director of Social Ministry

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

CONTACT THE PRIESTS



Fr. Joseph H. Fitzgerald
Pastor



Fr. James Hansen
Associate Pastor



Fr. Collins Yeboah
Associate Pastor

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

CONTACT THE BUSINESS MANAGER



Judy Goldman
Business Manager

Please send your email to jgoldman@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT THE SCHOOL



Elizabeth Bricker
Principal



Christine Bendish
Assistant Principal

St. William the Abbot School



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