

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021**



"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." - Luke 1:45

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, December 19, 2021

Dave Reid
Ryan Lacertosa
Collective Intentions
Eddie Sanchez, Emanuele &
Concetta Mosca,
Jeanette Dunbar, Rosemarie
Lynaugh
People of St. William's

Monday, December 20, 2021

Naval Beauzile

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

Hilarion Beauzile

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

Gerard T. Gallagher

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Collective Intentions
Teresa Dileo, Addison Boyle,
Elio Bertolini, Harold Boening

Friday, December 24, 2021

Elizabeth Sarian (LIV)
(Church) Stephen Mullen
(Aud.) Jack & Patricia Haglund
(Abbey) John Scanlon
Ventura Pellise Prats
Michael Litras
William Joseph Geandomenico

Saturday, December 25, 2021

Ursuline Sisters Prayer Cards
Enrollment Intentions
Vincent J. Russo
Domenico D'Armi
Basil Santini

Pray for the Deceased

Robert P. Lawler, Sr.
Michael Maher
Frank Ambrosini

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

Nicole Tedeschi

From the Artie & Gail Tedeschi.

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

Fred Potter

From Your Loving Children and Grandchildren.

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

Fred Potter

From Loving Wife, Roseann Potter.

Pray for the Sick

Carol O'Connell
Lee Samawi
Tyler Donohue

Paul Tuccillo
Adrienne Harker
Mike Igromino

Prepare, Present, Project

Advent 2021 allowed for us as a community of faith to experience the fullness of the season, meaning we got the full four weeks allotted for Advent. And to be honest if you and I did not make time to prepare, it's on us. I personally was able to enter into a few prayerful experiences that really pruned and weeded the garden of my heart to open up a space for Jesus, which included the celebration of Mass each day, daily devotions, quiet time, and last Monday the experience of Sarah Kroger's concert, "Light Has Come." It was an Exodus away from the old, moving into the newness that Advent and Christmas bring. On that Monday evening, Sarah's husband Dom Quaglia offered a reflection that had a strong impact on me, focusing on three words that begin with the letter "P" - prepare, present, and project.

Prepare of course is an obvious Advent word and so many of us have at least attempted to make straight the path for the coming of Jesus into our lives, our family, and the world. We do that in many different ways. In some ways it is the removal of obstacles that will block and distract us from God, in other ways it is adding things such as allowing for more quiet, a little bit more prayer, or a little bit more reading of the Scriptures. If you were to be honest with yourself - how well did you prepare in 2021?

The second word was Presence, and to be more specific to "be present" to others and God. The Holidays can be a distracting time. Let's face it during the Advent and Christmas season there are more "things" on our plates and schedules than usual. We are always trying to "get things in" and while doing so our lives become more like checking a box as opposed to truly being present to one another. What was the experience of decorating your home like this year? Were you able to focus and unite as a family while putting up the Christmas tree? Or the outdoor Christmas lights and display on the front lawn? The making of the Christmas cookies as a family? All these things become part of our traditional routine, but if we do not pay attention, they can become almost burdensome. Instead of listening to the music, and telling the family story, and passing on the great recipes and decorating techniques - that time can be more of a burden than a joy unless we are truly present to one another.

The third "P-word" was Project - as in how are we projecting the Gospel message of light, hope, and love into the world? Jesus ultimately is the source of all these beautiful and much needed qualities in our world today, but you and I have a responsibility to point to Christ and reflect him into the world by the way we live and interact with others. Again, if we were to be honest, have we been able to do that this December? I fell into the trap last week while I was at Stop & Shop of being in a rush and encountered a new checkout person; and to be honest, I cannot say I was the model of projecting God's goodness, patience, and love into the world. Thank goodness I didn't have on my uniform, or I would have gotten a few more phone calls and letters this week! It can be easy at times to see all the things that we should be doing as we prepare ourselves for Christmas, but when people look at you and I as Catholics on the journey towards holiness - what do they actually see?

And so, in 2021 we were gifted with one more week of Advent. If it has been a slow start to this point, I offer you the "three P's" to reset and refocus yourself and your family. As we look at the upcoming week, perhaps time will allow you for the lighting of a candle and quiet prayer at SWA or assisting as an elf with the decorating of the church; for you it may be attending daily Mass and Adoration, or perhaps it is time to experience God's Mercy at Monday night's Parish Penance and Reconciliation Service. The Lord is coming, and we still have the opportunity to wake up and be ready even now - in the Fourth Week of Advent. Or there is an alternative - think about it, to this day we are still talking about the famous Bethlehem Innkeeper for over 2000 years - not because the bed was so comfortable for the Holy Family, the room service provided champagne and chocolates on the nightstand, or the Morning Breakfast was "to die for," or even the window view of Jerusalem was incredible. We talk about the Innkeeper, because he did not have any room for the Messiah - for the baby who would change the world. The Holy Family is knocking on the door of your heart, Jesus wants in, will you make room for HIM?

Have a Blessed and Holy week and thank you for your presence and generosity!

Peace,

Fr. Joel



Rectory News

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.

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.

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!

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.



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!

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.

INSPIRE



Holy Hour & Youth Night

Doors open @ 7pm

For teens in grades 8-12

Fr. Joe is calling all 8th - 12th graders to join him for the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Youth Inspire Night on Friday, January 7th at 7pm in the parish of St. Barnabus the Apostle Church in 2320 Bedford Ave, Bellmore.

***We will meet there at 6:50pm**

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Reconciliation will be offered Monday

December 20th

7pm



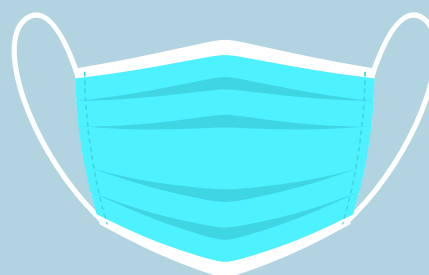
Memorializing

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

Arrive Early & Wear Your Mask

For the safety of all the community, staff, & Clergy. Face Masks will be required.

We do ask that everyone arrive early so that we can everyone seated before the start of Mass. We ask that all parishioners wear their mask covering their nose and mouth at all times while inside the church.



LIFE TEEN

Leading Teens Closer to Christ

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS & MASSES

Sunday, January 16th - Youth & Family Mass 5pm

Calling all of the Youth & Family of the Community and School.

The 7th & 8th Graders are encouraged to attend these special Masses to prepare their hearts for these Sacramental years that anchor their faith.

Friday, January 14th - Edge Night (Just For Fun Night)

Movie & Craft Night

The night will begin in the Church at 6:30pm
Pick up will be promptly at 8:45pm in the Abbey

Friday, January 21st - LifeTeen Night (High School 9th - 12th)

Lip Sync Battle - Karaoke Night

The night will begin in the Abbey at 6:30pm
Pick up will be promptly at 8:45pm

Saturday, January 29th – Young Adult Mass

Calling all of the Young Adults to attend the 5pm Mass for a special blessing.

Then join us for the Young Adult Corn Hole Match

in the Abbey from 6pm – 9pm.

Saturday, March 12th - 95th Anniversary Mass & Gala

5pm Mass in the Church

95th Anniversary Gala

Memorare Knight of Columbus - Jackson Ave, Seaford, NY 11783

Tickets will be sold soon, stay tuned!

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

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



St. William the Abbot RC Church

NEW YEAR EVE

Ball Drop Raffle



JOIN IN ON THE FUN - HERE'S HOW THE RAFFLE 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.

Cash prizes will be based on the total number of entries and announced at the event.

***Last years prizes were 1st \$1,500, 2nd \$750, and 3rd \$500!**

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

A very special thank you to the St. William the Abbot School 5th and 6th graders and to the St. William the Abbot Faith Formation students! For "Thanks-giving" these students contributed to the NY SportsScene Children's Foundation and made cards for those in the military on active-duty. Cards were delivered along with care packages to say "thank you" for their bravery and service. Thank you St. William's students!

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.

Thank You Seaford Lions!

This month the Seaford Lions invited clients of the Social Ministry office to their annual children's holiday party. The Lions hosted a 'Santa's Workshop' themed event, including a visit from the Polar Express. The children received toys and surprises, and all of the families had a wonderful time! We are so grateful to the Lions for including our families in this event!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please note that the next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be Tuesday, January 4th. Do you know someone in need of a prayer shawl? Contact the Social Ministry office at 516-679-8532.

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.

Food Pantry

Where's the List? Pantry donations have been extraordinarily generous since Thanksgiving. As such, sometimes we do not need to publish a list of 'pantry needs.' What a blessing! Thanks to all of our parishioners and donors for their ongoing generosity! As we enter January, keep your eye out for the pantry list to return.

In-Home COVID Vaccinations Available

Northwell COVID Special Response Group is administering in-home COVID vaccinations to homebound seniors. This service is open to all homebound seniors on Long Island. If you are interested, please call 833-446-9362 to schedule an appointment.

**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

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH



GET INVOLVED

JOIN THE CONNECT TEAM

CALLING ALL 7TH - 12TH GRADERS

An awareness of the importance of and vital need for performing service to others is critical. Throughout Scripture, we are called to love God and to show this through love toward our neighbor. Service is something we do because we recognize the presence of Jesus in all persons and in all of God's creation.

JOIN THE CONNECT TEAM, ASSIST WITH FUN DUTIES AT THE MASSES AND EARN APOSTOLIC HOURS!



PLEASE EMAIL [PRIESTS@STWILLIAM.ORG](mailto:priests@stwilliam.org) TO
SIGN UP & GET MORE INFORMATION!

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 Automated Giving

I, _____, hereby authorize the R. C. Church of St. William the Abbot, 2000 Jackson Avenue, Seaford, NY 11783 to initiate debit entries to my Checking () Savings () account indicated below and the depository named below to debit the same such amount.

Amount \$ _____ Monthly on the fifteenth of the month.

Depository: Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Banking Transit ABA # _____
(always nine digits)

Bank Account Number _____

(Attach to this form a voided check if checking account debit or a pre-printed savings deposit ticket if savings account).

This authorization is to remain in full force effect until the R. C. Church of St. William the Abbot has received written notification at least five business days in advance of the desired termination date.

(Authorized signature for above account)

(Print Name)

Date: _____

If second signature is required:

(Authorized signature for above account)

(Print Name)

Date: _____

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

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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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Catholic Kids

December 19, 2021
Advent
Color: Purple



Bulletin

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BEAUSAIVEDPWOTKJ

Lord, make us
turn to you; let
us see your
face and we
shall be saved.

LETUSSEEYOURFACE

WPALANDOWKWELSHALLPBKAV



Which candles are lit today
on the Advent wreath?
Color this wreath to match
the one at your church.



Saint Juan Diego

Mary, the Mother of Jesus, appeared to Saint Juan Diego and asked him to build a church. Saint Juan Diego asked the bishop for help to build the church, but the Bishop wanted proof that Juan Diego had seen Mary. Mary told him to pick roses for the Bishop. This doesn't seem special—but it was snowy outside. Roses don't grow in the snow!

Saint Juan Diego carried the roses in his tilma, his coat. When he showed the roses to the bishop, there was a beautiful picture of Mary on his tilma! That picture is a special image of Mary called...

Our Lady of Guadalupe



Countdown
to Jesus'
Birthday...
1
Sunday!

- Color by Number
- 1: Pink
 - 2: Blue
 - 3: Skin tone
 - 4: Yellow
 - 5: Grey
 - 6: Light Blue
 - 7: Green

Gospel



When Mary found out that she was pregnant with baby Jesus, she went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth. Elizabeth is John the Baptist's mom.