



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



December 25, 2022 The Nativity of the Lord

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: 7:15am - 8:15am

Saturday: 3:45pm - 4:30pm

Adoration

Monday - Saturday: 7:30am - 8:15am

First Friday of the Month: 9am - 5pm

Private Prayer

Monday - Friday: 7:15am - 6pm

The Word became
flesh and made his
dwelling among us.

We have seen his
glory, the glory of the
one and only Son,
who came from the
Father, full of grace
and truth.

John 1:14

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Dec. 25, 2022

Ursuline Sisters' Prayer
Card Enrollment Intentions

Collective Intentions

People of St. William's
Stephen Mullen
Russell T. Dackow
Grace Lettieri
Grace Reilly
Barbara Nigro

Monday, Dec. 26, 2022

Gerard & Lois Gallagher

Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2022

Laura Coronel &
Ok Pannenberg (liv)

Wed., Dec. 28, 2022

Bobby

Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022

Narval Beauzile & Family

Friday, Dec. 30, 2022

Bernadette Zimmerman

Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022

Purgatorial Society
Collective Intentions
People of St. William's
Carmela Artusa
Mary Ann Toscano
Thomas Francis Quinn

Pray for the Deceased

Michael Alleva
Mary Guerra

Mary M. Fusci

Pray for the Sick

Ann Marie Canale
Adrienne Harker
Robin Julian
Lesa Laurence
Lea Meade

Keith Gorton
Richard Fedyk
Vincent Rapacciuolo
John Reynolds
Eric Thomas Guzzo

Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been
donated in loving memory of
Thomas F. Quinn
from Catherine DuPlessis

Sanctuary Candle and Altar Candles

The Sanctuary Candle and Altar Candles used at Mass
this week have been donated in loving memory of
Nancy Beato
from William Beato and Family

“Emmanuel - God Is With Us”

Matthew 1:23
Christmas 2022

Merry Christmas St. William the Abbot! On behalf of our Deacons, Seminarians, and dedicated Pastoral Staff, I wish you and all those who visit our parish a Blessed Solemnity of Jesus Christ's birth!!! The beauty of the above scripture message is to know that Emmanuel, “God is with us.” He has been with us through these past 95 years, and especially through these past few COVID Christmases. As we celebrate Christmas, I would like to thank you for your presence and prayers with our parish family throughout this past year. We continue to grow and return to a more familiar experience of prayer and worship. 2022 has presented certain challenges on our planet – from political disagreement, to war, economic hardships, and a heightened sensitivity that at times has led us into a bit of anxiety. Yet as a people of faith we have entrusted ourselves more into the Lord's hands, and He has blessed us for our faithfulness. I extend a special welcome if you are joining us for the first time, if you are visiting from other places or faith traditions, or if it has been a long time since you have returned to worship and pray at St. William's. Welcome Home!

We all can take a deep breath and look to Our Lady who witnesses for us the importance to slow down and ponder what the Lord has placed before us in this Christ Child. We become the bearers of the Good News, not much different than the Angels, the Shepherds, and the Wise Men – we too must proclaim “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to all whom his favor rests! We must live differently - the Incarnation is made present in us and how we serve those who are most in need and vulnerable in our family and the world. My hope is that the Lord's presence will be revealed to you and all who enter our Church this weekend in a new more profound way – O come let us adore Him!

I feel compelled to offer praise and gratitude to God and to all of you who have made this challenging year a gift and blessing. I especially want to thank Deacon Joe, Deacon John, Deacon Mike, and Deacon Tony, for their incredible service to our parish and their assistance in bringing the Good News to all of us. Their selfless dedication to the sacraments, but especially at the most difficult times, wakes and funerals – have been a powerful encounter of God's compassion and care. Many of you have communicated that you were comforted by their presence and words of hope. We welcome Deacon Steven McClernon, and welcome home our seminarians who have lived and served here through the past few years, Joe Lettieri, Herley Mendez, Greg Marino, and Patrick O'Brien. Our God is faithful and continues to make Himself present to bless and strengthen us, and today, in Bethlehem the Savior is Born!

Finally, I offer a “Christmas Thank You” to everyone who worked so well at bringing a joyful and prayerful Christmas experience to St. William the Abbot! The liturgical ministers - altar servers, lectors, EMS, greeters, ushers - and especially Jenn, Paul, and those who assisted them as guest musicians and leaders of song. Also, thanks to the rectory staff who manage a lot of extra projects in anticipation of Christmas – and a few of our “decoration elves” who helped with setup, and beautification of the Church environment – the Church looks amazing!!! It seemed that each week we came into the Church and there was an added piece of visual beauty or sound to help us in our prayer.

Thank you again everyone who contributed so generously to our Christmas drives – Adopt – a – Family, the 95th Anniversary quilt, and to the Christmas collection – I am honored and humbled by the spirit of generosity and care which is at the CORE of St. William the Abbot Parish.

And on a lighter note (or heavier note) - thank you also for the overabundance of Christmas gifts and Snacky Snacks that so many of you brought to us at the rectory these past few weeks. Yes, the diet and gym return will begin on January 2nd !!! We enjoyed the results of your baking skills, the cheese and fruit selections, the family photos, and of course the libations which are always so appreciated. On behalf of the entire St. William the Abbot Pastoral Team and Staff – I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a peaceful, hopeful, and Happy New Year!





*...Nineteen centuries have come and gone
And today Jesus is the central figure of the
human race*

*And the leader of mankind's progress
All the armies that have ever marched
All the navies that have ever sailed
All the parliaments that have ever sat
All the kings that ever reigned put together
Have not affected the life of mankind on earth
As powerfully as that one solitary life*

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Pray for Those in the Military

USMC -

First Lt. Dana Duggan
L.Cpl. John Mosier

US Army -

Capt. Caitlin M. Lee
CW2 Brian Kirby
Major Eamon G. McArdle
Spc. Brian Reip
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
Michael Vietri

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

New Year's Mass Schedule

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Eve

Saturday, December 31st - 5:00 PM

New Year's Day

Sunday, January 1st - 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,
10:30 AM, 12:00 N



Welcome Fr. Anil Rego!

In the past, we have been blessed to have Fr. Anil Rego visit us from India many times during the summer months.

Please welcome Fr Anil as he joins us this year for Christmas!

Baptisms

Please welcome the following children who were baptized this past weekend:

Layla Ahearne

Louis Dietz

Emilio Guzman

Brooke McLaughlin



Christmas Memorializations

12' - 15' Christmas Tree - Rectory Lawn
Ron and Susan Barber in honor of the Barber & Forlani Families

9' - 11' Christmas Tree - Sanctuary
Deb and Joe Eannel in honor of Joseph F. Eannel
Carol Caico in honor of Nicky Caico & Rose DiFonzo

Nativity Creche Straw and Greens
Karen and Mike Schuh in honor of Bill and Marge Schuh

8' - 9' Christmas Trees - Vestibule
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Mazzearella in honor of Jeanine Anastasiou
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Russo in honor of
Loretta Manning, Joe Russo and Donald Manning

5' - 6' Christmas Trees - Creche
Susie Quinn in honor of Thomas Quinn

48" Christmas Wreaths - Vestibule
George Keenan in honor of the Keenan and Politi Families
Cecilia Paganelli in honor of Bud Bilewich & Rosemarie Paganelli

Garland Roping - Choir Loft
Patricia Ward in honor of Thomas Ward, Sr.

32" Christmas Wreaths - Church Interior
Nancy Costa in honor of Marie, James & Asumpta Parisi
Geri Acovino in honor of Joseph and Yolanda Astarita
Linda Coughlin in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Coughlin
David Lorenzo in honor of Edward and Marie Lorenzo
Maria & Joseph Dudutis in honor of Lori Ann Dudutis
John Bussani in honor of Barbara Bussani
Maureen Nelson in honor of Rita Armitage
Robert Olsen in honor of the deceased members of the Olsen & Bongiovi Families
Diane & Mike Daly & Family in honor of Herbert & Angelina Muscarello & Agnes Daly
Janeen Kelly in honor of Baby Christine Marie Kelly
Helen Rugnetta in honor of Frank Rugnetta, Jr.
Helen Rugnetta in honor of the Rugnetta & Lynch Families



Christmas Memorializations

12" Christmas Wreaths - Exterior Doors

Lee Russo in honor of the Russo Family and Giaquinto Family
Linda Filippone in honor of Mauro Filippone
Mary Schneider in honor of the Gunning and Schneider Family
Peter Diliberto in honor of Margaret & Harry Christ and Ursula & Dominic Diliberto
Linda Coughlin in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Coughlin
Carlo & Rose Castello in honor of Jerome and Eleanor Colletti
Denise Vetrano & Samantha Summers in honor of Fred & Anna Viggiano
Charlene Serenita in honor of Pasquale Serenita and Patricia Simms
Lucille Bezler in honor of James & Jimmy Florio
Jeanne & Bob Ryan and family in honor of Joan Brennan and Tilly Kostyshyn
The Gattringer Family in honor of Tom Gattringer
Cynthia and Terry Barbeau in honor of deceased members of the
Barbeau and Boening Families
Grace Hussey in honor of Frank DiGiorgio

6" Red Pointsettias

Maureen McDonough in honor of Augustus McDonough,
Eugene McDonough, Robert West, Margaret West, and Robert Cox, Sr.
Renee Frawley in honor of the Sorky Family and the Janicki Family
Michelle Brasile in honor of William Sullivan
Mary A. O'Donnell in honor of Helen and James O'Donnell
Maria & Joseph Dudutis in honor of The Giaquinto Family
Fran & John Kaley in honor of Msgr. William Varvaro
Mr. & Mrs. George Gorton in honor of Marion & George Gorton
Mr. & Mrs. George Gorton in honor of Helen & Burton Cavallo
Janeen Kelly in honor of Colleen Kelly, Edmund Kelly, III, Earl Hull
Mary and Andy Harrison in honor of Pat and Andy Harrison; Catherine and Joe Brady
Melissa Winn in honor of Fred and Rita Bennekemper
Tara Begley in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Begley and Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Malley
Elaine Kirincic in honor of John J. Facarile & Rosalie Kirincic
Mr. & Mrs. James Moulder in honor of Kathryn & Bob Moulder
Monica Sanchez in honor of Eddie Sanchez and Nicholas Ortiz
Barbara Kayel in honor of Pauline Kutchins
Joan Plona in honor of the Plona and Addonisio Families
Grace Hussey in honor of Dolores DiPaola and Raymond Hussey
Alana Alfaro & Michael Tannazzo in honor of Leon & Josefina Alfaro
Robert Dobrzeniecki in honor of Barbara Dobrzeniecki
Anna Sapone in honor of Jennie DeFilippi



Christmas Memorializations

6" White Pointsettias

Maureen McDonough in honor of Brian Patrick Cox,
O'Rourke Family, McDonough Family, Dianne West, St. William School
Michelle Brasile in honor of Katherine Gianesses
Maria & Joseph Dudutis in honor of The Dudutis Family
Mary & Anthony Flaherty in honor of Nuala & Brian Flaherty and Bridget & Colman Fitzpatrick
Mr. & Mrs. James Moulder in honor of Therese & William Cunneen
Barbara Kayel in honor of Georgeanna Mortellaro
The Sabatelli family in honor of the Sabatelli & Goder Families
Grace Hussey in honor of Dolores DiPaola and Raymond Hussey
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Attanasio in honor of Mr. and Mrs. G. Attanasio
and Mr. and Mrs. C. Gonzalez
Alana Alfaro & Michael Tannazzo in honor of Frank Murray
Robert Dobrzeniecki in honor of Barbara Dobrzeniecki
Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Walsh in honor of Catherine & Charles Schmidt
Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Billotti

6" White Orchid Cyclamen

Peter & Dorothy Griesback in honor of Baby Christopher Murphy
Robert Dobrzeniecki in honor of Barbara Dobrzeniecki
Susan Neubauer in honor of Alan C. Neubauer

4 1/2" White Calandiva

Peter Diliberto in honor of Margaret & Harry Christ and Ursula & Dominic Diliberto
Rita Defendini in honor of Alvira & Stasys Liogys
Catherine Gorton in honor of James & Maria Fallon, Sr.
Peter & Rose Robinson in honor of members of the Robinson and Bruno Families
Dorothy Kluender in honor of Bernard L. Kluender, Joseph & Carolyn Spohrer,
Bernhard & Dina Kluender
Patricia DiPadova in honor of Virginia Dalessio, Michael Dalessio and Anthony Dalessio
Robert Dobrzeniecki in honor of Barbara Dobrzeniecki
Grace Hussey in honor of Frank DiGiorgio
Catherine and Thomas Sbiels in honor of Anne Marie and Frank Troise
and Alice and Thomas Shields

St. William the Abbot School

The kindergarten students in Class K-1 have had a very exciting and busy December! They have celebrated St. Nicholas Day, St. Lucia's Day, Breakfast with Santa, and Gingerbread house decorating. It is such an exciting time of year and the children feel blessed to have so many wonderful events to celebrate with family and friends. They especially enjoyed singing Happy Birthday Jesus to their parents, grandparents and Father Joe! Still to come, they have Polar Express Day, decorating Christmas cookies with their 8th grade buddies and Grinch Day!



Parish Social Ministry

Looking to Donate Used Items?

We have updated the Parish Social Ministry section of the St. William the Abbot Parish website. We list multiple donation resources locally for your furniture, clothing, housewares and more! Check us out at www.stwilliam.org/social-ministry for more information!

Pantry Needs

Bread Crumbs
Canned Chicken
Apple Juice

Pretzels
Cookies
All Purpose Cleaner

Thank You Adopt-a-Family Donors!

Thank you to all of our parishioners that participated in this year's Christmas Adopt-a-Family Program. Thanks to your generosity all of our families were adopted this Advent season! In addition, your generous food donations provided everyone with the items they need to make a lovely Christmas dinner. We are truly blessed to have the support of our Parish as we minister to those in need, and we could not do it without your support! We served over 65 families this Christmas thanks to your generosity. God bless you and your families!



Home Heating Assistance Available

Applications for obtaining HEAP benefits are currently being accepted! HEAP is the Home Energy Assistance Program, which helps low-income individuals and families pay for the cost of heating their homes. Eligibility and benefits are based on multiple criteria such as income, household size and heating source. If you are eligible, you may receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year. You could also be eligible for emergency HEAP benefits if you are in danger of running out of fuel or having your utility service shut off. For more information or to apply, visit <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/>

Affordable Connectivity Program

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is offering an Affordable Connectivity Program which provides a \$30/month subsidy to pay for broadband internet services. This subsidy can be used for any internet service provider. In addition, 20 internet service providers have committed to offer discounted service plans for those using the subsidy. This program has income eligibility requirements, but your household automatically qualifies if you currently receive SNAP, National School Lunch/Breakfast Program, Medicaid, SSI, WIC, Veterans Pension or Survivors Benefits. Visit the FCC's website to apply at www.fcc.gov/acp.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

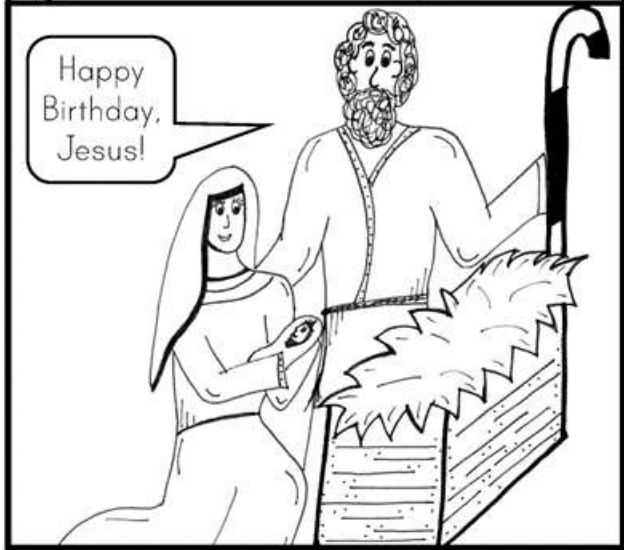
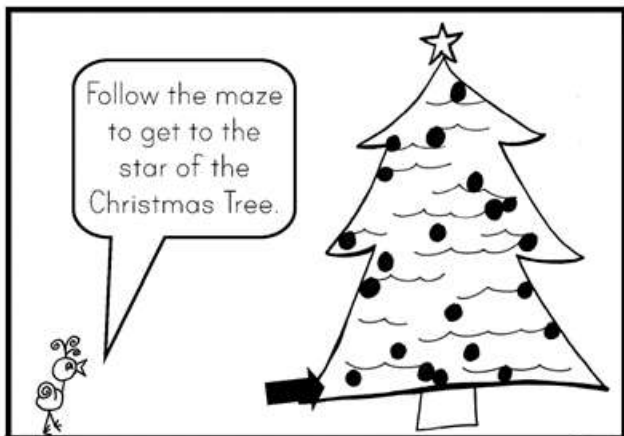
The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday January 3rd. The meeting will occur at 10am in the Abbey. This ministry knits and crochets lap robes, blankets, hats, scarves, and other items for the sick and needy of our community. Yarn is provided, and new members at any skill level are always welcome!



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





Year A: Nativity of the Lord

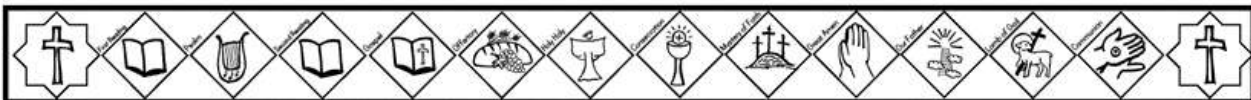
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Gospel Happy Birthday, Jesus!

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Please pray for our Seminarians and for all those discerning religious life

- Other Resources -

Bible in a Year Podcast
ascensionpress.com

Formed: The Catholic Faith. On Demand
formed.org

Life Teen Youth Ministry
lifeteen.com