

# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

## Second Sunday of Advent December 5, 2021

### PARISH INFORMATION

#### RECTORY

Office: 516.785.1266  
2000 Jackson Avenue  
Seaford, NY 11783  
[stwilliam.org](http://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](http://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 5, 2021

Jeannine Kelly  
People of St. William's  
Baby David George Skennion  
Anthony DiPadova, Joseph A. Agolia

#### Wednesday, December 8, 2021

The Frosina Family (LIV)  
Collective Intentions  
Donald Clark, William Joseph  
Geandomenico, Joanna Colton,  
Annette Ruggiero  
Joan Lubrido

#### Monday, December 6, 2021

Collective Intentions  
Ernst De Graaf,  
Pierino Giancaterino,  
Rosemary Hughes,  
Mary Griffin

#### Thursday, December 9, 2021

William Dolloff

#### Friday, December 10, 2021

Kenneth Gallo

#### Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Stephen Mullen,  
Nancy & Frank Lamb  
People of St. William's

#### Saturday, December 11, 2021

Purgatorial Society  
Archbold & Durnin Families



As it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" - Luke 3:4-6

### Pray for the Deceased

Marie Newman  
Maria Milovcic  
Josephine Delgado

Cindy Averil  
Salvatore Cirella

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

*Mr. & Mrs. James Sullivan*

From Duplessis Family .

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

*Deceased members of Sullivan & Duplessis Families*

From Loving Family.

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

*Fred Potter's Death Anniversary*

From your loving wife, Roseann Potter.

### Pray for the Sick

Adrienne Harker  
Richard Gallo

Tommy Gallagher  
Mary Lanzone

# How Well Are You Preparing?

I feel in some ways that the scripture verse from today's Gospel is being lived out in my heart, "Make straight the paths... every valley shall be filled, every mountain and hill made low... the winding roads will be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth" Luke 3:4-5. The promise of the Scripture tells us that the disruption of our hearts and lives become more peaceful when we grasp onto the Lord. I have to say in preparation for Thanksgiving, the craziness of Black Friday, entering the first week of Advent, and preparing for what is to come at the end of the month has been at times somewhat overwhelming. Therefore, it is even more important to be attentive to that "voice crying out in the wilderness." John the Baptist's preaching pierces through the confusion of the time he was in, and we too in many ways are called to be that voice in this modern time breaking through to hearts and ears yearning for hope.

Let's face it, if your life and family is like mine, there will be more running around in the next few weeks. The different activities and sporting events, the winter and Christmas concerts, shopping and returning things. In a time when we should be slowing down and being more aware of the sacredness of time together, more often than not we pile on more distractions. We become overloaded and so busy that the experience of the "most wonderful time of the year," can become suffocating.

The Season of Advent allows us to remove the focus from ourselves and put them on God and others. Each lighting of the Advent wreath candles brings a bit more light, hope, peace, and love into our world. We are called to bring that LIGHT to others. In the frenzy of extra buying that many people do during this season, it is important for us to recall those who do not purchase extras but only necessities. Even some necessities are not bought because there just is not enough to make ends meet.

John the Baptist's words of the Gospel help us to stay focused on what is important during this holy season. For many of us a new attitude is needed, one that resists the pressure of being swallowed up by consumerism. Not only the consumerism of the most up-to-date technology, fashion, appliances, but also the consumerism of time - how precious our time is. If you're not attentive, we will become people who prepare for the celebration by being a consumer on Amazon – Target – Macy's – and toy stores, instead of preparing for the celebration of the birth of our Savior.

In this second week of Advent may I make a few recommendations to experience the Light of Christ and then bring it to others.

- Scripture – Spend time in God's word – The Daily Readings - <https://bible.usccb.org>
- Quiet time – in the house or in the Church – Make a Holy Hour or Holy 15 Minutes
- Add an Additional Daily Mass this upcoming week
- Take away the Burden of Sin – Attend morning or afternoon Confession
- Be Generous with your Time, Talent, Treasure
- Attend the Parish Creche and Christmas Tree Lighting
- Bring the Family to The Christmas Concert with Sarah Kroger
- Serve as an Usher at one of the upcoming Christmas Masses
- Make a financial gift to the Parish, Social Ministry, or the Catholic Ministries Appeal

Remember Jesus quietly entered the world, not with great fanfare or noise, and he desires to enter our hearts in the same way. We need only to open our hearts and minds – to make room for Him. What in your life needs to be removed or added to experience Jesus' powerful love? Is it a distraction? An excuse? A sin? Overactivity? Screens/Technology? Prepare the Way – Jesus is coming! Would that we all be like John the Baptist who was attentive, awake, and aware of Jesus' presence - and then with great joy told others – Behold the Lamb of God. Have a blessed and prayerful week – I am so grateful for your presence and generosity.

Peace,



# Rectory News

## Wedding Banns II



**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



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](mailto:priests@stwilliam.org) if you wish to share your gifts with the youth of our community.

## LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

Join us online to view our live-streamed masses on the parish website [stwilliam.org](http://stwilliam.org).

**Monday - Friday 8:30 AM**

**Saturday 5:00 PM**

**Sunday 12:00 PM**

## 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.

## 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](mailto:priests@stwilliam.org) to  
schedule a walk.

## 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](mailto:information@stwilliam.org)

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Fellowship & Parish Events

Due to COVID regulations and food allergies, we ask that no food or drink be donated for social gatherings on campus. If you are interested in donating towards the cost of the Fellowship Tent refreshments. Please email [information@stwilliam.org](mailto:information@stwilliam.org)

## 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.

**Fellowship will be located in the Abbey  
Sunday - December 12 at the 9 AM Mass**

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SARAH  
KROGER



# THE LIGHT HAS COME

## *CHRISTMAS TOUR*

CHRISTMAS TOUR WITH SARAH KROGER. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER, DOM QUAGLIA  
A NIGHT OF SONGS, PRAYERFUL REFLECTION AND HOPE. BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13  
7PM IN THE CHURCH

\$20 EACH TICKET - FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ticket Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check/Cash Total: \_\_\_\_\_ Optional Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the Rectory with payment by mail or to the drop-box.  
Tickets will be sold on a first-come first serve basis.





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December 8th

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## Mass Schedule

7:00 AM

9:00 AM

7:00 PM

**The 9:00 AM and the 7:00 PM Mass will be live-streamed on the parish website [stwilliam.org](http://stwilliam.org).**

“What happened to Mary turns our attention to Jesus Christ, the only Mediator of salvation, and helps us to see life as a loving plan with which we must cooperate responsibly. Mary is not only a model of the call, but also of the response. Indeed, she said “yes” to God at the beginning and at every successive moment of her life, fully complying with his will, even when she found it obscure and hard to accept.”-Pope St. John Paul II





# Christmas Decor Memorialization Form

Please indicate the quantity of the item selected.

**22 Needed** - White Calandiva 4 ½" for Sanctuary \$20 each: Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name for Memorialization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check/Cash Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the Rectory with payment by mail or to the drop-box.  
All Memorializations will be on a first-come first serve basis.

# 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](http://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.**



# Christmas Adopt-A-Family Program

The Parish Social Ministry is happy to offer the Christmas Adopt-A-Family Program! We serve over 60 families in the Seaford, Wantagh and Massapequa areas. Each year we help these families with Christmas gifts as an act of being Christ to others in the true meaning of the Advent season.

All gifts should be delivered unwrapped to the Social Ministry office by December 15<sup>th</sup> to allow enough time for distribution. Drop off is at St. William the Abbot Parish Social Ministry at 2020 Jackson Avenue. We are open weekdays between 9:30am and 4pm, or by appointment. For security reasons please do not leave gifts in the food bin.

Simply log on via the below website and browse for the item(s) that you would like to donate!



Go to website: [signupgenius.com](https://signupgenius.com)

Click the magnifying glass (upper right corner) to search

Select "search for signup by creator email" and enter [socialministry@stwilliam.org](mailto:socialministry@stwilliam.org)

Click on "2021 Christmas Adopt a Family" and then select the items you would like to donate!

**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](mailto: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. jq 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



# Parish Social Ministry



## Thanksgiving Recap

As the Thanksgiving season ends, the Social Ministry office finds itself more grateful than ever for our Parish. It is your generosity that allows us to make an impact every day! Donations received for Thanksgiving were overwhelming, and we would not have been able to accomplish the following without your support:

- Distributed 35 turkeys and 15 hams to our families in need
- Distributed over 50 bags of Thanksgiving food to our families in need
- Distributed 55 Thanksgiving bags to our homebound parishioners with small gifts, treats, cards and well wishes from our parish
- Distributed 130 apple pies to our homebound parishioners and families in need
- Distributed 25 prepared meals to homebound parishioners and families in need unable to cook for themselves
- Distributed 40 hand-made Thanksgiving placemats to the homebound that were colored and laminated by the St. Williams CYO Sharks swim team
- Shared turkeys, hams, pies and bags of Thanksgiving food with other local parishes and charities



## Donation Spotlight

In our donation spotlight this week is the St. William the Abbot School HSA for their baked goods fundraiser done through White Post Farms. The HSA offered buyers the option to donate a pie to the Social Ministry, and the response was outstanding! We received 130 pie donations that provided a great surprise for our families. Thank you to all donors for this wonderful gift!

## A Special Thank You

Special thanks go the following for large donations (of food and/or time) made in November:

- Michael and Susan Arcari of Massapequa Park, who donated 25 frozen turkeys
- Extraordinary Minister Keith Glastal, who delivered Thanksgiving bags and pies for us to 22 parishioners in Cedar Cove
- Key Food of Massapequa for donating Turkeys and Hams
- Seaford charity 'Take Me Out to the Ballgame,' for donating Turkeys and Turkey Breasts
- The Massapequa Kiwanis Club for donating prepared Thanksgiving meals
- St. William the Abbot CYO Basketball for their November Thanksgiving food drive
- Our many delivery volunteers that helped bring Thanksgiving to the homebound
- *Our year-round donors who make sure we are always able to serve the community!*



## Christmas Adopt-a-Family Program

Items for Adopt-a-Family are due to be returned to the Social Ministry office by December 15th. This is to allow time for distribution to our families prior to the holidays. Please ensure all items returned are unwrapped and labeled with their assigned 'code.' In addition to this program, we are always in need of Target, Walmart, and Visa gift cards. Gift cards are helpful for families that need to do some shopping for themselves. All donations should be dropped off during Social Ministry business hours (Monday thru Friday, 9:30am-4pm), or by appointment (call 679-8532). Kindly do not leave gifts or gift cards in the food bin. Thank you!





Stay awake! Be ready! Thank you to Fr. Collins for leading our first Advent Prayer Service of the season. We will gather every Tuesday in Advent to light our Advent Wreath and pray together. #wearestwilliams



Our 3rd graders were wonderful, leading the church with song. Happy Thanksgiving! #SWStradition #wearestwilliams



Congratulations to the SWS Cross Country Team on a great season! Many thanks to Dr. Hurme for lending her time and talents as coach! #wearestwilliams #run



## Staying Connected

With St. William the Abbot visit us at [stwilliam.org](http://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](http://stwilliam.org).



## Parish Contact Information

### CONTACT THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Please send your email to [pastoralcouncil@stwilliam.org](mailto:pastoralcouncil@stwilliam.org).

### QUESTIONS FOR OPERATIONS



**Iris Gomez**  
Director of Mission & Evangelization

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### QUESTIONS FOR THE RECTORY



**Sue McCormick**  
Office Manager

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### QUESTIONS FOR MUSIC MINISTRY



**Elizabeth Woods**  
Director of Music Ministry

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### QUESTIONS FOR FAITH FORMATION



**Maria Paguaga**  
Faith Formation Clerical

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

### QUESTIONS FOR SOCIAL MINISTRY



**Allison Marro**  
Director of Social Ministry

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### 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](mailto:priests@stwilliam.org)  
to contact Fr. Joe, Fr. James or Fr. Collins directly.

### CONTACT THE BUSINESS MANAGER



**Judy Goldman**  
Business Manager

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### CONTACT THE SCHOOL



**Elizabeth Bricker**  
Principal



**Christine Bendish**  
Assistant Principal

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