

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity May 30, 2021



"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

- Matthew 28 18:20

PARISH INFORMATION

RECTORY

Office: 516.785.1266
2000 Jackson Avenue
Seaford, NY 11783
stwilliam.org

RECTORY HOURS

Monday - Friday
9 AM - 1 PM
Saturday
9 AM - 6 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, May 30, 2021

Joseph S. Le Barr
Helen Maher
Agnes Laudani
Nora Brosnan

Monday, May 31, 2021

Kathleen Carr

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Francis Gauci

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

Robert Kandybowicz

Thursday, June 3, 2021

Joan Hoegler

Friday, June 4, 2021

Collective Intentions
John Callahan, Susan Ferris,
Laura Davis, Edward Waller

Saturday, June 5, 2021

Purgatorial Society
Collective Intentions
Mother's Day,
Aladino Gergorio,
Harold Haas,
Thomas Montemarano

Baptism

Bridget M. Zider	Oliver J. Fox
Frank J. Merco	Bryce M. First
Skylar E. Rackett	Avery R. Asquino
Everly J. Corvaty	Steven A. Anastasi
Wade R. DeStefano	

Let us welcome those children who were
Baptized this past weekend.

The Altar Candles used at mass this week were
donated in loving memory of

Edmund Kelly

from loving Family.

The Sanctuary Candles used at mass this week have
donated for Birthday Prayers for

Gina Schlegel

from Regis & Susan LeGoff.

Pray for the Deceased

Joanna Galante	
Angela Zottola	Domenick Zottola
Pauline Whiteman	Michael Piorkowski

Pray for the Sick

Arlene Finlay	Mary Palleja	
Michael Gelling	Amila Palleja	Robert Olsen

Pentecost 2021

Rediscover the Sacred

Once again God has shown his great love for us as a community of faith. My heart is completely full, not just because of the fire of the Holy Spirit that came forth on Pentecost Sunday, but the continued Amazing Graces the Lord has bestowed on us this whole year. Don't get me wrong, the global pandemic has been a challenge and has worn on my heart, and there is no doubt all of yours as well. But if we do not take a moment to look at the wonderful things that God is doing each day in this parish then we will be so much like the rest of the world at times who are filled with disappointment, anxiousness, and anger. Here is some evidence I wanted to share with you of the miraculous gifts God has given to us over the past few weeks.

- A. Confirmation on Wednesday - 150 young women and men received the gifts of the Holy Spirit in a new and profound way so they can go forth and be disciples of Jesus.
- B. So many of those same Confirmation students over the past few weeks came to adoration and confession in the morning before school to pray and receive God's mercy.
- C. Miraculous stories of the parents of our Confirmation and Communion children who have renewed their faith by teaching their children, leading them to Mass and confession, and beginning conversations to enhance their marriage.
- D. The monthly Holy Hours focusing on different groups of the parish, women, men, young adults, and youth have been so fruitful.
- E. The explosion of babies, baptisms, and the reconnection of many families back to the St. William's community.
- F. The 30 scheduled weddings between now and September - please pray for these couples.
- G. The arrival of Seminarian Greg Marino for his 8-week summer assignment.
- H. Finally, I am so humbled by your constant concern and care in prayer for my dad (who remains stable) and my family, as we care for him at this very critical time.

These are all reminders of the sacredness of God's goodness and love in life's moments of triumph and victories, as well as difficulties and struggles. God is present, he walks with us. We know the Lord is present everywhere, but the hope is that in these next few weeks and months as we encourage, invite and welcome others back home they too will see and experience the Sacredness of this Holy Place we call St. William's. As we look to the future – which one of our loved ones, or our friends, or even those who we just sense may desire a deeper relationship with God can we try to help remember and Rediscover the Sacred that has been present for almost 95 years in this building, but even more importantly in the community of believers.

As the restrictions of the Pandemic begin to be lifted and we remain committed to the safety of all who come on our campus, I ask you to take into prayer how the Lord may be prompting you to serve him and the parish. What ministry has been on your heart with a desire to serve? What subject or course of study do you feel called to learn more about in your faith? What sacrament do you sense the Lord may be encouraging you to share your gifts in? All of these are Sacred Moments – opportunities to Encounter Jesus, but also ways to bring others to Him as well. May the Holy Spirit be our guide to put a name or family member in our hearts and minds who may have been away from God or forgotten about God who may now be ready to come back. Through your voice, they will hear God's voice, and then Rediscover the Sacred.

Thank you for your presence and generosity.

Peace,





As so many of you who are homeowners know there is a constant need for upkeep of a home – from appliances, home security, to painting, to the occasional electrical update, HVAC improvements, or a boiler that goes. We have made a number of adjustments in the past few months in the school, the Abbey, the Convent, the Church, parking lot, and the Rectory. I wanted you to be aware of some of them as you have seen contractors, dumpsters, or our own maintenance team hard at work. As the parish begins to open back up, ministries, mass attendance, growth in the school, and the increased use of the campus, these are some of the projects:

The Church:

Abbey Bathrooms
Abbey Lobby
Church Sound System
Livestream Camera's
Upgrading the underground HVAC
Installed UV light in the AC
Replace carpeting in Confessionals and Sacristy

School:

Repurposing School classrooms
Relocating the Faith Formation Office out of School to the Convent building
Replacement of AC for the Auditorium/Gym
Repair all concrete damage in (curbs, steps, etc.)

Convent:

Ursuline Sisters Bathrooms and Bedroom areas
Faith Formation Offices
Music Office
Outreach Office
Additional Camera system for security
Upgrading the domestic hot water system
Jackson Ave grounds tree/shrub removal and a new gate system

Rectory:

Fr. Collins and Fr. James living areas and bathrooms
Seminarian and Visiting Priest Rooms

Campus:

Increased security—additional cameras as well as possible nighttime patrol of the property

Rectory News

Wedding Banns I

Joseph Devito

Our Lady of Mercy, Hicksville

&

Rebecca Wright

St. Catherine of Sienna, St. Albans



Wedding Banns II

Gregory Griffing

Riverhead, NY

&

Melissa Crabb

Riverhead, NY

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.

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.



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.

Memorials Available

We are pleased to announce that the Sanctuary Candle and the Altar Candles that are used at Mass throughout the week are now available as memorials.

Anyone wishing to donate the Sanctuary Candle or the Altar Candles in memory of a loved one or on the occasion of an anniversary, birthday, etc., can make this request at the Rectory. Please call 516-785-1266. The offering for the Sanctuary Candle is \$15 and the offering for the Altar Candles is \$30. The name of the person will be announced in the bulletin for each week the candles are donated.

Father's Day Novena



Our Father's Day Novena of Masses will begin on Father's Day, June 20th. Cards and envelopes for the Father's Day Novena of Masses are available at the doors of the Church and in the Rectory.

If you would like to have your living father remembered, kindly take a donation envelope and card. If you would like to have your deceased father remembered, please use a donation envelope only.

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

Missals



At this time we are able to offer the sale of individual missals for \$10 per missal. Please bring a check for \$10 payable to St. William the Abbot or \$10 exact cash to the rectory. There will be no change for cash purchases. We have a limited number at this time, so it is a first come first served basis.

Have a question for the priests?



Stump the Priest questions can be emailed to priests@stwilliam.org.

Emergency

If there is an emergency in which you need to contact a priest immediately, please call the Priest Emergency telephone - 516-312-7361.



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.

St. William the Abbot Festival



Due to current COVID-19 restrictions from local and state departments that were issued for festival vendors. This years festival will be canceled. We hope to be able to continue this long standing tradition in the future.

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



PODCAST

CONVERSATIONS WITH PODRE

WEEKLY PODCAST EPISODES
POSTED ON WEDNESDAYS AT 5PM

Associate Pastor

FR. JAMES HANSEN



LISTEN ON:

FIVE PODCAST EPISODES

AVAILABLE ON

SPOTIFY.COM



APPLE PODCAST

AND

STWILLIAM.ORG



School Board Elections

We invite all of our St. William the Abbot community to vote for the 2021-2022 School Board candidates.

There was a technical error with the first ballot, therefore, it has been shut down and the results will not be tallied as they are inaccurate.

Please revote using this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/SWS-School-Board-Elections>

The link will remain open through Tuesday, June 1st. For any questions, please contact Linda Montalbano at (516) 946-0101.



Dispensation from Mass

As a reminder, the dispensation from the requirement to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect. Those who are most vulnerable and at a greater risk (due to age, preexisting health conditions or being in close proximity to vulnerable people) are encouraged to remain home at this time.

If a person shows any symptoms of illness, they are asked to please not come to church. We encourage you to join us for Mass online on the parish website stwilliam.org

Holy Communion

Because of concerns regarding the coronavirus, we request that those who choose to receive on the tongue wait at the end of the line. Please present themselves to the priest only to receive Holy Communion, and are asked to open their mouth and extend their tongue so the host can be placed on it without the priest's hand making contact with the recipient.

If you choose to receive in the hand, please place your hand out very straight and flat to allow the priest or minister to place the Eucharist safely in order to avoid contact with your hand. We also kindly remind everyone to please remove your mask before receiving Holy Communion, whether you choose to receive on the tongue or in the hand. Please put it back on after you have consumed the host.

Sacristy



For the safety of our Priests, we ask that parishioners refrain from entering the Sacristy. Please do not hand offering envelopes, letters etc. to the Priests. Please drop them off in the Rectory Mail Slot.

Arrive Early & Wear Your Mask



We do ask that everyone arrive early so that we can seat everyone 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.**

St. William the Abbot RC Church



Men's Holy Hour

Join us on

Friday, June 4th at 6:30 PM in the Church
for a Holy Hour and talk by Franciscan Brother Owen Sadlier
“Faith, Family and Friendship – A Scriptural Reflection”



Guest Speaker - Brother Owen

Stay for social
afterwards
- BBQ & Beers



Stump the Priest



WHAT IF I HAVE DOUBTS BUT CHOOSE TO BELIEVE?

Choosing to believe against all odds is definitely the Christian way. Christ our Lord said to Thomas who had initially doubted the resurrection that: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” (Jn 20: 29) Abraham had every reason to doubt God’s promises yet, hoping against hope, he believed God and that was reckoned to him as righteousness. (Gen 15:6)

Faith is defined in the letter to the Hebrews as: “...Confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” (Heb. 11:1)

Doubt, on the other hand, is defined on WordNet as:

“To waver in opinion or judgement; to be in uncertainty as to belief respecting anything; to hesitate in belief; to be undecided as to the truth of the negative or the affirmative proposition; to be undetermined.”

Undoubtedly, it is a natural human behavior to be in uncertainty or to be hesitant in believing anything that is unseen. So a person is not to be condemned for having doubts about the unseen. Consider again the story of Thomas who initially doubted when he was told by the rest of the disciples that Christ had risen. He applied the scientific method even on his own master with whom he had walked several times. When he heard about the Lord’s resurrection (Question/Observation), he sought to see him personally (Research), to see the marks of the nails in his hands (Experiment), to put his finger into the nail marks in the Lord’s hands and put his hands into his side (Analyze), before believing that it was indeed the Lord Jesus come back to life. It was only after all of these processes that he exclaimed with deep faith: “My Lord and my God!” (cf. Jn 20: 24-29).

So we see Thomas moving from doubt to knowledge and then to conclusive faith. This is exactly the same procedure the Church takes all new converts before proclaiming them full members. After hearing the proclamation of the Gospel through the presence and activities of the Church, converts express the desire to be become members. The Church then takes them through catechesis (also known as faith formation) to make sure they know the tenets of the faith and then baptize them to be fully incorporated as members of the Church.

Human beings are endowed with rational faculty; and with this faculty come the search for knowledge and understanding of ourselves and the environment. So is appropriate to inculcate knowledge and understanding in a person in order to lead him or her to faith.

However, we should also know that, finite and limited as it is, the human rational faculty cannot fully comprehend the mystery of God and of what he reveals. For this reason, in the quest for knowing and understanding the unseen God, we allow faith to take over from where the human mind ends. So in the religious experience, there is always interplay between faith and reason; but in this interplay, faith is always to be given the supremacy over reason because we are finite beings and God is infinite.

Faith Formation

Today in the Gospel Jesus sent out his disciples to spread his word and he wants us to become just like his disciples and all be baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. Jesus also wants us to obey everything as he has and to follow his Commandments. Sometimes it is not easy, and you can start to drift. We can go to confession and speak to the Priest and pray and ask for guidance. Then we can get back on the footpath that we need to be on. We all should be caring, loving, and understanding individual's that Jesus has taught us and would like us to be.

The Faith Formation 8th grade students made their Confirmation on Wednesday, May 26th. Here are some pictures of when they were in 7th & 8th grade preparing for this special day. May they always be guided by the Holy Spirit. Also, are pictures from some of our younger student's chapter work.



Receiving Jesus
We receive Jesus himself when we receive Holy Communion.
Draw a picture of you and your family receiving Holy Communion.

A child's drawing showing a family of four people (two adults and two children) standing together, each holding a small cup, representing Holy Communion.

Thanks to God
In the box below draw a picture of something you are thankful for.

A child's drawing of a dog, drawn in a simple, sketchy style.

Trace the words of thanks to God.
Thank you God for
everything.

Receiving Jesus
We receive Jesus himself when we receive Holy Communion.
Draw a picture of you and your family receiving Holy Communion.

A child's drawing showing three people (two adults and one child) standing together, each holding a small cup, representing Holy Communion.



Parish Social Ministry

Food Donations

The food donations bins will no longer be located in the Church. Please bring all donations directly to Parish Social Ministry Office, the church no longer has donation bins. The Social Ministry office is located South of the Church.

Monday - Friday

9:30am - 4:00pm

Sunday

By Appointment Only

Food Pantry

Pasta Roni
Women's Deodorant
Cat Food

Applesauce
Canned Beets
Taco Kits/Shells

Parish Contact Information

CONTACT THE PRIESTS

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

CONTACT THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Please send your email to pastoralcouncil@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR COMMUNICATIONS

Please send your email to igomez@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR THE RECTORY

Please send your email to information@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Please send your email to jgoldman@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT FAITH FORMATION

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

CONTACT SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

CONTACT THE SCHOOL

St. William the Abbot School



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(516) 785-6784

Yarn Donations

We are currently taking yarn donations for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. This ministry knits and crochets lap robes and blankets for parishioners that are sick or in the hospital.



They also create hats, scarves and gloves for the homeless of Long Island. If you have extra yarn please put it to good use and donate it to this ministry!

Drop offs accepted at the Parish Social Ministry office Monday through Friday, 9:30am until 4pm.

What to do with 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) 822-3132 or visit www.svdpli.org.

Thank You!

Thank you for the many barbecue and picnic related items donated to our pantry over the past week. You have helped the families we support to enjoy a special Memorial Day celebration this weekend! Our clients were very appreciative, and we are grateful for your ongoing support. God bless you and your families this holiday weekend!



Helping Households Connect
During the Pandemic



Emergency Broadband Benefits (EBB)

The Emergency Broadband Benefit program is a temporary FCC program to help households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic. Eligible enrollees can receive up to \$50 monthly toward broadband service and a one-time discount for up to \$100 to purchase an internet accessible device. Eligibility criteria is broad. If you are on SNAP, Medicaid, or receive free/reduced school lunch you are eligible. If you have experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since 2/29/2020, you may be eligible based on income criteria. Providers such as AT&T, Comcast, T-Mobile, Verizon and Optimum all participate in this program! This new program will connect children to schools, seniors to telemedicine, and New Yorkers to jobs and other vital services! Visit www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit to register.



ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH



Feast Day Celebration

**JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST DAY OF
ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT**

SATURDAY, JUNE 26
JOIN US FOR THE 5PM MASS,
THEN STAY FOR THE CELEBRATION AT 6PM ON THE SCHOOL CAMPUS

FOOD TRUCKS

CARNIVAL GAMES

ENTERTAINMENT

**PLEASE MAIL OR DROP OFF THIS REGISTRATION FORM TO THE RECTORY OFFICE.
YOU CAN ALSO REGISTER ONLINE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE STWILLIAM.ORG.
REGISTRATION IS ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS UNTIL SPOTS ARE FILLED.**

NAME: _____ CONTACT NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

AMOUNT OF PEOPLE ATTENDING: _____

• **EVENT ENDS AT 9PM**

Saint Joseph the Worker
 Saint Joseph was Jesus' dad on earth. He was a carpenter so he spent his time building beautiful things. Do you think that Joseph taught Jesus how to build?

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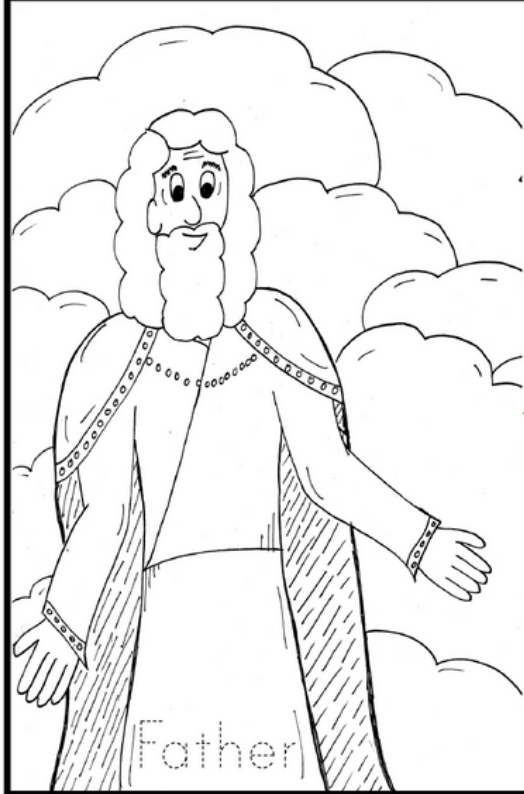
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Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

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In the Gospel, Jesus lifted his eyes to pray. Today, look up at the cross when you pray.



Father



Holy Spirit

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Son

Gospel

The disciples baptized people in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.