

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Thirty - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 8 , 2020



Rectory Office Hours

The Rectory will remain closed until further notice. If you need to contact the Rectory please email your request.

information@stwilliam.org

Parish Information

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"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom." - Matthew 25:1

LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

The Monday - Friday 8:30am Daily Mass and the Sunday 12pm Mass can be viewed on the parish website stwilliam.org.

The Mass Intentions are celebrated each day by a member of the Clergy, in either a public Mass or private Mass. Please be advised the current Mass schedule may not allow the family to be present for all Mass Intentions celebrated.

Baptism

Dominick F. DiPreta

Noah J. Haughie

Avery G. Elia

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

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:30am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 8:30am & 5pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 12pm

The Presider Schedule can be found on stwilliam.org.

Pray for the Sick

Claire McMahon

Collin Clive

Anthony Ferrara

Pray for the Deceased

Robert A. Pucci

Lois H. Gallagher

Joseph J. Castelli

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 9, 2020

All Souls' Day

Robert P. Rao

Anna Stokes

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

All Souls' Day

Judith Ann Canzoneri

David Jendras

Jeff Baker

Wednesday, November 11, 2020

Mary Rooney

Patrick Butler

Thursday, November 12, 2020

Martin Staubach

Friday, November 13, 2020

George Cain

Saturday, November 14, 2020

Purgatorial Society

Michael McDermott

People of St. William

Sunday, November 15, 2020

Nocturnal Adoration

Andrew McIntosh

Angelo Ferrara

Rose & John DiStefano

Agnes Lahey

Warren Hansmann

Cruz Maria Wallace

Donald & Michael Ustler

Be still and know that I am God

At the submission of this letter, we still have not heard the announcement of who won the US Presidential Election. For many of us, that has caused a bit of concern or worry. In my humanity, the desire to control so much of my life. I want things clear and in order. There is an old Yiddish proverb - "we plan, and God laughs!" It helps turn to scripture and the above verse from Psalm 46 - where God lovingly speaks to us, saying: "Be still and know that I am God." I thought that I would share some of the incredible and honest conversations I have had over the past few weeks and even a few days with parishioners and friends who sit on different sides of the aisle in the physical Church and the political arena.

Let's begin with the fact that the Lord already knows the election's outcome and what is in store for us as a nation, a parish, and the larger Catholic Church. Some of you have expressed "worry" if one candidate or another was to regain or gain control of the Office and how that would affect the Church. In a recent conversation with brother priests, we spoke of our history - the Church has experienced both support and persecution from world leadership since it was established almost 2000 years ago. There are names like Constantine, Louis of France, and Stephen of Hungary, and there are names like Nero, Valerian, and Marcus Aurelius. For the sake of clarity, I am not necessarily associating President Trump or Vice President Biden with these leaders and their policies. But more so looking at how the Church has remained strong and lasted even when political leadership was more or less favorable to followers of Jesus Christ. Remember the promise of Jesus when he established and built the Church on the rock of Peter, "the gates of the netherworld will not prevail against it!" The Church will continue to grow and thrive regardless of who is President.

So, let us pray with confidence and trust that the Lord will walk us through even this time of the unknown - the waiting is genuinely always the most challenging part. In that waiting, we can pray more and trust that Our God is faithful and will show up. God Bless America.

Last week, I used this weekly bulletin format to answer questions and concerns, even suggestions and recommendations sent in from you over the past few weeks and months. I will continue with that this week.

Fr. Joe, I miss the Sunday Pew Missals. What can we do to follow along with the readings and songs? In Florida, we go to a parish with these big video screens with words and lyrics. How about doing that?

Since the Corona Virus protocols were given to us back in March, the Diocese's recommendation was for the parishes to remove any material that remains in the church pews or tables. For example, devotional books, missals, offertory cards, etc. because of the physical contact. We will continue to do that. You may have noticed in the past few weeks; we have created a link on the website where you can view the readings and lyrics for each mass. That is why some parishioners have been looking at their phones or iPads during the liturgy. Having spent a great deal of time in Atlanta, Georgia, I saw those types of wall screens that have helped get the words and lyrics out to the congregation. It is so helpful for those of us who sometimes have difficulty hearing and those who prefer to sing during mass. I certainly can bring that possibility to the Pastoral Council and Congregation, in general, to see if that's an option as we look at potential structural adjustments for the 95th anniversary and eventual 100th anniversary of the parish.

I have noticed a "white noise" sound in the morning during Adoration and before the 5 PM Saturday Mass.

Before the 8:30 daily mass and the 5 PM Saturday Vigil Mass, we have Confessions, and a few parishioners noticed that you could hear the voices of the priest or penitent. Not the content of what was being said, but just enough that it became distracting. Several parishes use **these sound machines to filter out the voices, and it protects the sanctity of the Confessional.**

You have spoken about the Formation of the Faithful as one of the three pillars we will be focusing on as a parish – How is the school doing right now? What was the response to Faith Formation? And are there any Bible Studies/Endow Sessions/Fr. Collins or Fr. James Classes coming up in the near future?

St. William the Abbot School is in a good place despite the Corona Virus. We have students 420 who are in school FIVE days a week, with masks and desk barriers. There were initially about 30 students that participated virtually, and we are less than 15 right now, with almost all instruction occurring in person. The school is strong and in a good place, but because the school is so full, there is before and aftercare for the students, limiting the building's use at other times – which has affected in person Faith Formation. We currently have 852 students who are doing the majority of instruction at home and online, except once a month when we have sessions in the Church with parents and the children. As of this week, we still had a few families sign up with ongoing registration. I hope to provide opportunities for virtual (and some in-person) Adult Faith Formation at the start of 2021. More information to come.

Please continue to send your questions to me priests@stwilliam.org or the pastoral council pastoralcouncil@stwilliam.org so we can address your questions and ideas. I am so grateful for your faith and witness. Let us keep each other, our parish, and nation in prayer. For all of us, be at peace, be still, and know that HE is God." As always, thank you for your commitment to the parish, your presence, and generosity.

Peace,





Thanksgiving #UnitedInFaith Project

Parish families, join us in our Thanksgiving #UnitedInFaith Project. Decorate a pumpkin, fall vegetable, or gourd by placing your name or family name on it, write a word that has a strong meaning to you and your family, and place it in one of the baskets by the parish harvest area.

Please take a photo of it and email it to priests@stwilliam.org.

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
9:00am - 12:00pm

Food Pantry

Baked Beans	Egg Noodles
Honey Nut Cheerios	Sugar
Chick Peas	Jar of Apple Sauce
Brownie Mix	

Bereavement Ministry

Although we cannot hold actual Bereavement Ministry sessions at this time due to the restrictions of meetings, we want you to know that we care about the grief you are experiencing. Let us help you take the walk in your grief journey. Trained facilitators are available to support you. Our mission is to help you to find peace in the midst of dealing with your loss. Please call Parish Social Ministry at (516) 679-8532 so we can discuss several options of discussions and conversations.

Homebound

Do you know someone who is homebound or lonely? Please let us know so we can reach out to them in the spirit of Christ. Perhaps they need someone to food shop for them. Please call (516) 679-8532.

Rectory News

The Rectory is issuing Mass Cards, enrollment in the Purgatorial Society, Memorializing the Wine, Host and Altar Flowers. Please call the Rectory for more information (516) 785-1266.

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.

**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

Faith Formation

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching us the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of heaven. In the busyness of our daily routines, we can easily find excuses to not focus on our spiritual life.

When this happens, daily or weekly practices such as praying or coming to Mass, can become occasional practices. Jesus reminds us that if we want to be prepared to receive him, we need to make our spiritual life a priority.

This past week our students were exploring the many ways they can grow in their faith. They have been looking at ways to incorporate the Beatitudes into their lives and looking at family members who exemplify the teachings of the Beatitudes. Our families are either viewing or attending Mass and prayerfully reflecting on the readings. The younger students are researching the names of the Saints they were named after and searching for ways to imitate some of their charisms. Looking for strong spiritual models is a good step in preparing to meet the Lord.

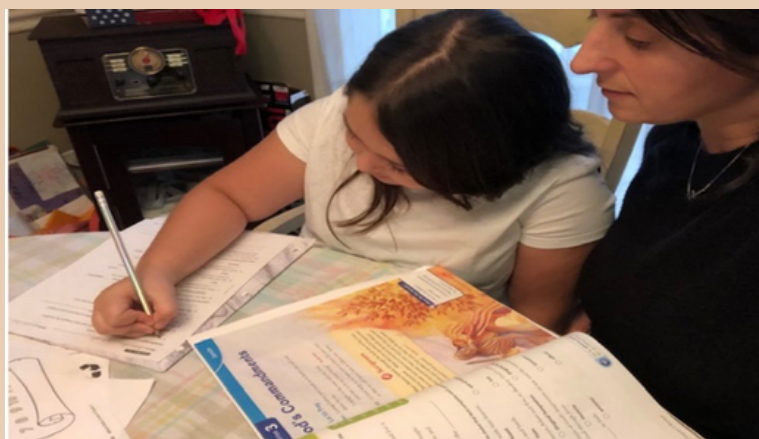
The following are a few examples of the Student's Spiritual Role Models:

"Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God."



- *My Nonnie was a seamstress and always made clothes for the poor. - Joseph Sanfilippo*
- *Even on my Grandad's deathbed, he was watching Mass. - Aidan Haug*
- *My Aunt is very kind and generous. She is always thoughtful of everyone. - Jackson Yahner*
- *My Nonna goes to Church every Sunday and if she cannot make it that day, she watches it on TV. She also always cooks food for me and my family. - Sarah Rodman*

The Faith Formation Students will be attending their first Parent/Child Session this week. We will be discussing the Trinity. If you have not yet signed up, please contact the office.



Prayers for those in the Military

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
Sgt. Brian Kirby
Major Eamon G. McArdle
Sgt. Donald Rogers
Major Christopher James Ustler
Major Kurtis Unger

US Coast Guard -

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

US Navy -

Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald
Ensign Michael Napolitano
MMN2 Emily Partridge
Commander Michael Sean Slatley

USMC -

Lt. Kevin J. Butler
2nd Lt. Dana Duggan
Corporal Frank A. Finocchio
Private John Mosier
Sgt. Robert Nesci
LCpl Christopher Russell

US Air Force -

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

Thanksgiving Baskets

This is a great opportunity to involve your family in the message of thanksgiving and what it means to be Christ to others. We are also accepting food store gift cards that the families can use to purchase their thanksgiving day meal. Kindly bring your donations to Parish Social Ministry office by November 17 so we have enough time for distribution.



This thanksgiving will be different from what many of us usually experience but to the families we assist through our Outreach Program there is still a great need for your assistance. Please consider making a small gift basket or simply a plastic bag filled with thanksgiving related food items.

Thanksgiving Basket Item Suggestions:

Mashed Potatoes
Stuffing
Assorted Vegetables
Cranberry Sauce
Gravy
Apple Cider

Caned Fruit
Pudding
Jello
Festive Napkins
Desserts
Apple Juice

CONTACT THE PRIESTS

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

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 THE SCHOOL St. William the Abbot School



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CONTACT THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Please send your email to pastoralcouncil@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR COMMUNICATIONS

Please send your email to igomez@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT FAITH FORMATION

Please send your email to faithformation@stwilliam.org or contact the office directly at (516) 679-9558.

CONTACT SOCIAL MINISTRY

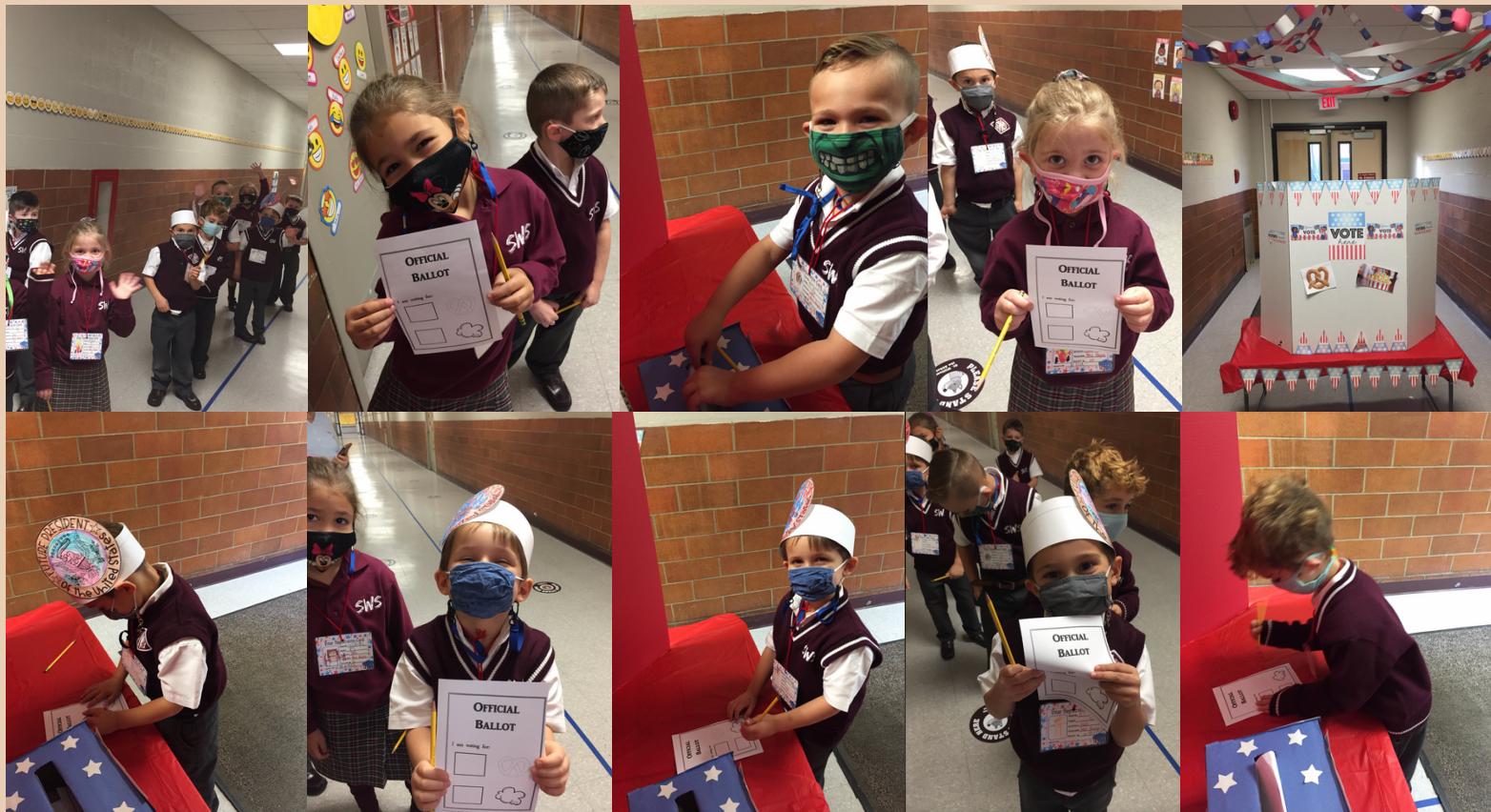
Please send your email to socialministry@stwilliam.org or contact the office directly at (516) 679-8532.

CONTACT MUSIC MINISTRY

Please send your email to mgeorgetti@stwilliam.org.



Class 3-2 made a brochure showing how much they have been learning about matter. They used paper dots to show how the molecules would look in a solid, liquid and gas.



Great Election Day in SWS Kindergarten! Classes voted for their favorite snack... Mr. Pretzel ☐ or Ms. Popcorn ☐ (Queen of Pop!) The children enjoyed listening to their speeches and voting! Great experience for these students!



Reconciliation

Reconciliation will be held in the Church
Monday through Saturday 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM
and on Saturday from 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM.



Personal Prayer

In order to allow for quiet, personal prayer time, the Church will remain open
until 12:00 N Monday through Friday as of Thursday, October 1, 2020.
This will be suspended on days when we have scheduled Funeral Masses.



Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will be held from 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM
every day, Monday through Saturday.



Rosary

The Rosary prayer time will be held
Monday - Saturday after the 8:30 AM Mass.



Miraculous Medal

Novena Devotions will be held on Saturday's at 8:15 AM.



St. Peregrine

St. Peregrine a prayer group for cancer victims, families, and their care givers.
The Peregrine Hour of Prayer is held on the
first Monday of each month from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM.



New Year's Eve Ball Drop Raffle

How it works:

When you enter the raffle you'll be assigned a numbered golf ball (entries are \$100 each)

On NYE all the numbered golf balls will be dropped at the same time trying to hit the target.

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

**Join us on stwilliam.org at 4pm on
New Year's Eve to watch!**



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NYE Ball Drop Entry Form

Name: _____

Tel Number: _____ Email: _____

Number of Entries: _____ Check Total: _____

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



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2020 Thanksgiving Magnets on Sale

Soft 4"x4" Magnets
Reserve yours today!



Thanksgiving Magnet Order Form

Name: _____

Tel Number: _____ Email: _____

Number Ordered: _____ Check Amount: _____

Please return checks or cash to Rectory office by mail or drop box.

***You will receive an email with pick-up**

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My soul is
thirsting
for you.
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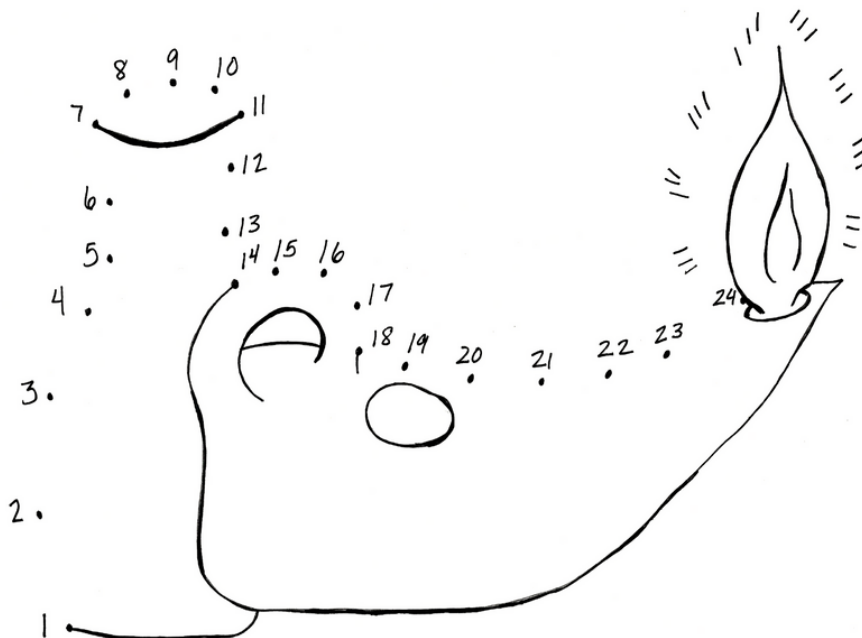
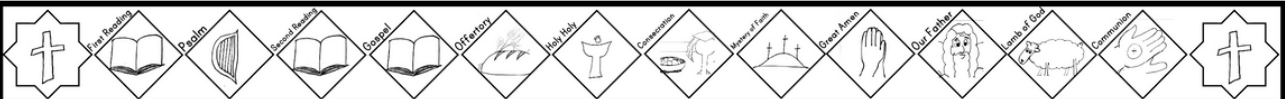


The readings at church are organized in a book called the **Lectionary**.

Saint Martin de Porres

Saint Martin de Porres is known as the Saint of the Broom. He served everyone as a way to serve God. He worked in a monastery and took care of the priests and brothers. He cooked, cleaned, and cared for the sick. He did every job without complaining.

Pray to Saint Martin instead of complaining when it is time to clean your room.



Gospel



Jesus told a parable to remind us that we should always be ready for heaven. There were 10 girls waiting for a groom to arrive for a wedding. Only five of the girls brought extra oil for their lamps, so they were ready when the groom arrived.