

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, July 12, 2020

The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted."

Matthew 13: 10-11

Rectory Office Hours

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

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Mass

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:30am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 8am, 10am, & 12pm

The 12pm Mass will also be on Facebook Live.

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 13, 2020

8:00 AM Oliva Franceschini

9:00 AM George Cain

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

8:00 AM Mary Zuckerbrot

9:00 AM Benedict Kiburis

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

8:00 AM Emanuel & Marguerite Pietraforte

9:00 AM Betty Sarno

Thursday, July 16, 2020

8:00 AM Helen Power

9:00 AM Collective Intentions

Robert Jones, Louise Nugent

Friday, July 17, 2020

8:00 AM Nicole Tedeschi

9:00 AM Betty Sarno

Saturday, July 18, 2020

8:30 AM Purgatorial Society

5:00 PM People of St. William

Sunday, July 19, 2020

7:45 AM Nocturnal Adoration

9:15 AM Robert P. Rao

10:45 AM Rita Byrne

12:15 PM Joseph Russo

5:00 PM Catherine Ganzi

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

Rev. Eugene Conlan

from Ann O'Brien

Baptism

Nicholas Anthony Mercurio

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

Banns of Marriage

Brian Ahearne

(SWA)

&

Karita Baichan

Brooklyn, NY

Pray for the Deceased

Catherine Smith

Robert T. Hannon

Eleanor R. Trabold

Angela Carlucci

Dominick Florio

Gerald R. Santoniello

Michael Linnemann

Vincent P. McCabe

Csaba M. Farkas

Steven M. Gajadhar

Catherine A. Dillon

Matthew Pokalsky

Virginia Dalessio

Marie Maida

Sheila Kitt

Rosemarie Peluso

Pray for the Sick

Tom Lynch

Mary Bahret

Karen Duncan

Billy Kelly

Paul Rosenhagen

Carol Rosenhagen

The Seeds that will Bear Fruit

Gardening is a gift I do not possess – I am so grateful for our Garden Ministry here at St. William. In my first year as Pastor, I learned more about annuals, perennials, organic fertilizer, and the importance of direct sunlight and water than I ever thought I would need to know. It amazes me when I think of the beauty we all experience that comes from the gardens around the St. William the Abbot campus, it begins with the planting of a small seed. Then the miracle begins!

For us as a people of faith, God, the sower of the seeds has been so generous in distributing seed here in our parish. And no different than the parable in this Sunday's gospel, the seeds were sown will fall on a variety of soils that eventually enter into our hearts. At times, some of our hearts have soil that is rocky, at times for others they are surrounded by thorns, and still, others have shallow soil lacking depth for the seeds of faith to grow deep roots. Depending on the season of our lives, we and our families can be experiencing any number of those different types of soils. But coming out of this pandemic I would encourage and challenge all of us to really cultivate and prepare the soil of our hearts to receive God's Word and the Eucharist in a New Way – so it becomes rich soil.

Sometimes our souls can be overgrown with the brambles and weeds of our sins. When this happens, the harvest of mercy, joy, faith, and love towards others can be overcome by impatience, disappointment, doubt, and a lack of kindness and charity. The past 5 months of quarantine and isolation has been so difficult for all of us, but especially those of us who are trying to grow as disciples of Christ. And yet God has revealed seeds of hope - in our First Responders service to others, Family Meal Times, On-line Masses and prayer opportunities, as well as through the outreach to neighbors and family members scared and alone. God shows up.

The Church has opened up a bit more in the last few weeks the celebration of the sacraments has been like Spring buds that have flowered with grace. Sunday Mass, confession, weddings, baptisms, and our upcoming First Holy Communions have allowed for a renewed rhythm of life we can identify with. God is revealing His Presence and Love for us in those moments.

St. William the Abbot will continue with a modified liturgy schedule until the end of August. The daily celebration of the Eucharist will continue Monday-Friday at 8:30, this allows for us to clean, sanitize, and prepare for the funeral/memorial masses that follow. The Weekend mass schedule will continue as - Saturday 5 PM, Sunday 8 am, 10 am, and 12 noon (Livestreamed on Facebook) - this allows us to clean between Masses but also keeps free Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons in order to celebrate the previously scheduled weddings and the many baptisms that were rescheduled over the past few months.

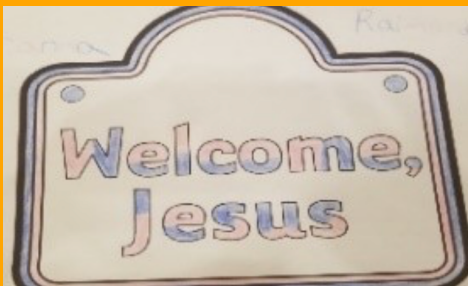
As new "phases open" on Long Island in the upcoming weeks, we too are discerning opening the Church up for more personal prayer, devotions, and opportunities for Reconciliation. I am being cautious, yes, it is to keep all of us safe and healthy. Even in these unprecedented times, the Mission continues, the Gospel is to be proclaimed, the Hungry and Poor attended to, and the Love of Christ brought to all who are in need. Your continued support of the parish and our ministries humbles me, I am so blessed to work with such incredible women and men who "really get" what it means to Love and Serve the Lord, by serving others. The Saint William the Abbot Spirit of hospitality, welcome, and service that each and every one of you lives with your life is transforming our parish community - these truly are the seeds that will bear fruit. We are growing each week as people feel more and more comfortable in returning to worship – and coming back to the altar of sacrifice and communion. Thank you so much for your witness to that. Finally, please keep our First Holy Communicants and their families in your prayers, as they prepare to receive Jesus at the end of this month, it has been a long journey, and they so patiently and attentively prepared and waited. God is Good.

In gratitude for your presence and generosity.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Joe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Faith Formation



Be kind.
Everyone
you meet is carrying
a heavy burden.

One of the ways that we find out if Jesus is through prayer. In prayer, we share our burdens with Jesus. Write a prayer to Jesus asking Him to help you carry your burden, or ask Him to help someone else who is carrying a burden.



Sara Anne Rochow

In today's readings we hear just how much we grow in our faith by listening to the Word of God and applying it to our lives. In the first reading, the Prophet Isaiah makes a comparison between the rain and snow to his teachings. The people who listened to the Prophet's words would grow in knowledge of God. In the Gospel reading, we hear Jesus compare a farmer's seed to his own word. He compares us to different types of soil and each of us must choose which type of soil we want to be and let Jesus' word grow in our hearts.

Our students and their families have been listening to God's Word each Sunday and contemplating and praying about the meaning of each Scripture passage.

They have been watching livestream Mass and Catholic Children's Videos weekly. These animated videos explain each of the three Sunday readings and then offers a brief homily. The students then compose prayers and answer faith-based questions. They are also reading about the Saints of the Month and look for ways to be kinder and more helpful. In today's Responsorial Psalm we respond by saying, "The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest." I believe the students who have been faithful to listening to God's Word each week will do just that! Please continue to pray for all our students and their families.

Parish Social Ministry



Our longtime parishioner, Charles Wroblewski, was honored this year by his organization, Former Agents of the FBI Foundation, with the Humanitarian Service Award. This is a national award which honors one member for outstanding services that contribute to the welfare of others. Charlie was presented with a \$5000 check to the charity of his choice. He designated Parish Social Ministry as his charity recipient. This donation will be used for families in our parish and community who reach out to us in need. In the midst of the Corona Pandemic, especially now we are helping people facing unexpected expenses. Not everyone facing unemployment has received benefits but thanks to this donation we can give them assistance and the gift of knowing that others care. Congratulations and Blessings to Charlie and thanks for all he does for our parish and community.

Food Pantry

Pancake Mix	Oranges or Apples	Bread Crumbs
Syrup	Potatoes	Tomato Puree
Salad Dressing	Shampoo & Conditioner	Shaving Cream
Mayonnaise		Paper Towels

Food donations continue to come to our pantry. With the increased use of the pantry, thanks to you we are able to meet all our needs. The families from our community that we assist are most grateful. You are wonderful examples of FAITH IN ACTION. One of our donor families was very imaginative. They created 16 family fun bags, each filled with summer family toys, summer food treats and other imaginative things. What a special surprise for some of the families that use our pantry.

Need to contact Social Ministry?

Email - socialministry@stwilliam.org or (516) 679-8532

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha became Catholic when she was 19 and prayed when she was out in nature. She is the patron saint of the environment. Add extra plants and animals to the picture.

Fill in the letters to find Blessed Kateri's nickname.

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Catholic Kids Bulletin

July 12, 2020
Ordinary Time
Color: Green

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The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

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When a man becomes a priest, the Holy Spirit comes down to him so he can perform the Mass. When we say, "And with your spirit," we are remembering that the Holy Spirit is with him.

Connect the words with the seeds.
Circle the seed that will grow and produce fruit.

Seed on good ground	Seed on rocky ground	Seed growing with thorns	Seed on the road
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Gospel

Jesus tells a parable about seeds. The seed that grows in good soil will grow fruit! What can you do to be a seed that grows on good ground?