

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 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

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Thus says the LORD: Observe what is right, do what is just, for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. Happy is the one who does this, whoever holds fast to it: Keeping the sabbath without profaning it, keeping one's hand from doing any evil. - Isaiah - 56 1-2

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

9:00 AM Josephine Botti

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

9:00 AM Richard Carbone

Thursday, August 20, 2020

8:00 AM Louis Medaglia

9:00 AM Peter Fileccia

Friday, August 21, 2020

8:00 AM Sabina Costa

9:00 AM Collective Intentions

Jean Marie Harrington,

Domenick J. Golia

Saturday, August 22, 2020

8:30 AM Purgatorial Society

5:00 PM Anthony Fazio

Sunday, August 23, 2020

7:45 AM Leo Lomangino

9:15 AM People of St. William

10:45 AM Angie O'Neill

12:15 PM John Scimeca

5:00 PM Patricia Agolia

Mass

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:30am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 8am, 10am, & 12pm

(12pm Mass is live-streamed on stwilliam.org)

**The Church will remain closed when
Mass is not being celebrated.**

Pray for the Sick

Carol Calderazzo

Genevieve Ireland

Billy Kelly

Pat Brady

Pray for the Deceased

Roy E. Palmer

William Dougherty

Banns of Marriage II

James Richard Barile

- (St. Martin, Amityville)

&

Paulina Guta

- (St. Lawrence, Brooklyn)

Baptism

Elijah Justin Edward Lacaya

Christian Travanti Stanzoni

Liam John Keenan

Jonathan Raymono Figliuolo

Michael Joseph Distefano

Serena Jacqueline Soriano

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

First World Problems, Next World Focus

Our perspective and focus make such a difference in how we approach our day-to-day experience. If you had the opportunity to hear his homilies, or like me, sit at the dinner table with him at night, Fr. Collins has helped us to put things in perspective. As Long Island experienced the effects of the major storm Isaias last week, I think it woke so many of us up to how much we rely on modern technology and conveniences. We are blessed to live in a nation that affords us comforts that are not so conveniently at hand for the majority of the rest of the world. I am not necessarily speaking about access to food and clean water, but some of the extras that come with the gifts of technology, transportation, and how we entertain ourselves. So, when we have disruptions of the internet, or cable, or sub-zero freezers because the power goes out, it can throw off the rhythm of life.

Fr. Collins has shared with us that in his home country of Ghana and other African nations, it is not uncommon to regularly experience power outages across different states and regions for a significant amount of time. These outages occur because of the effects of nature, the overloading of circuits, human error and the dysfunctions of corruption. Could you imagine if during the summer months our electricity was rationed, and we had to go without power from 8 PM until 7 AM? Or that the government or PSEG will determine which grid, or section of Long Island would have power on certain days? "Oh, the horror!" I am not trying to be silly or sarcastic. I realize that some of us have family members whose health conditions need power to supply medical and breathing apparatus, as well as the importance of staying connected for work and health needs assuring the safety of your loved ones. But, if you watch the news and saw how the newscasters egged on and provoked people last week because of their personal discomfort, it could make you cringe. Interviews involving beauty products, video gaming disruptions, Internet and cable being down - you would think that we were being asked to ration the air we breathe. It was sensationalized, almost antagonistic as the power outages dragged on. Again, looking outside of ourselves, and the perspective of the rest of the planet, for the most part we were experiencing first world problems.

As a people of faith, we are called to be focused on the next world, heaven. Our Blessed Mother Mary helps us to do just that. In the next few weeks as we celebrate the Assumption and the Queenship of Mary, we as a Church and parish will lift her up as the quintessential disciple. Her witness and example to calmly do the will of the Heavenly Father becomes the model for all of us. Mary certainly faced uncertainty as a young pregnant woman. Would Joseph stay by her side? How would the community respond or accept her? How would she and Joseph escape the tyrant king trying to destroy their family and their son? Mary always kept her focus on the world that was to come – to be with God in Heaven. We are called to do the same. When life, or these crazy times, or the world we live in presents us with difficulties and challenges, we are called to remember that we are citizens of heaven and are here on this earth for just a short time. That perspective and insight must guide us and unite us as a vibrant, thriving Christian community.

We are on this journey together - we are companions facing many of the same challenges and difficulties. There is still so much unknown in our future, for ministry, school, faith formation, even the economic and political landscape of our country. But for us a faith community, we will keep our perspective and focus on the three essentials of our parish - to strengthen the sacraments, the formation/education of the faithful, and to serve the needs of the poor. We will unite around that Mission, and the parish will continue to grow. I often think of the scene in the movie Gladiator. The main character Maximus, was a great military leader, but was imprisoned and forced to fight in the Roman Coliseum with other slaves and prisoners in order to entertain the people. As this band of individuals prepare to enter into the arena to face the unknown enemy, Maximus tries to unite their effort when he says, "Whatever comes out of these gates, we've got a better chance of survival if we work together. Do you understand? If we stay together, we survive." It is the same for us. As Brothers and Sisters in Christ, let us unite around a mission of Love, Hope, Fellowship, Forgiveness, Kindness, and Radical Hospitality. Let us allow that to be our focus and perspective and we will surely see our world get better.

Thank you for your presence and generosity.
May God Bless you.

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

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 Social Ministry office is located South of the Church.

Monday - Friday

9:30am-3:00pm

Sunday

9:00am -12:00pm

Please do not place any other items in the food bin other than food donations. We are not requesting clothes, household items or religious statues for donations.

To contact the office of Parish Social Ministry please email socialministry@stwilliam.org or contact the office at (516) 679-8532

Food Pantry

**Taco Shells
White & Brown Rice
Laundry Detergent
Deodorant**

**Hearty Soups
Brownie Mix
Jelly
Black Beans
Tomato Puree**

Back to School Supplies

With the new format and combination of in-person and virtual learning, we are adjusting our Annual Back to School Supplies Drive. This year we are asking if you would be so kind and donate gift cards for TARGET or WALMART or even a Visa Card. This will allow us to give the cards to our families and they can purchase specific school supply items requested by their teachers. Perhaps we will also be able to give gift cards for a few new clothing items.

Queenship of Mary

Come and celebrate the Queenship of Mary on Saturday, August 22 following the 5:00pm Mass to honor our Blessed Mother Mary. There will be a Rosary Procession throughout the parish grounds. We will stop to recite a decade of the rosary at the various statues. At the end of the Rosary there will be a Benediction outside of the Church.

The Rosary inspires us to meditate on the mysteries of the lives of Jesus and Mary. This is great opportunity to introduce the Rosary to the young members of our families. Throughout the procession we will maintain proper social distancing and masks will be required.

Baptisms

Baptisms have resumed and can be scheduled until Sunday, September 27. Please email priests@stwilliam.org for more information.

Faith Formation

We know that as it gets closer to September, many families have questions regarding Faith Formation for the upcoming year. Be assured that we are continuing to develop plans for the catechesis of our children and preparation for their sacraments. Just as the schools have had to develop several plans for opening, the Faith Formation Office also had to deliberate and discern which plan of instruction would work best for the entire parish. Because we are living in a time of such uncertainty, we had to formulate an upcoming program that would be able to form our students in the faith on a consistent basis without the interruptions that occurred during the winter. While we are still in the developing stages, many decisions have been made that we can tell you about.

We have chosen the "Our Sunday Visitor" series for grades 1-8. This "Christ Centered" program can seamlessly shift into any circumstance we may find ourselves in. All grade levels learn the same topic each week in an age appropriate manner and instructions will be provided to help families with more than one child in the program. We will be using the hybrid model of this program, with most of the instruction taking place within the home. Monthly classes for the parents and activities for the children will be offered up at the church. We are here to companion families on this important endeavor of passing on the faith. Fr. Joe and Mrs. Walsh posted a video on the Parish Facebook page which explains the format of the upcoming program. If you have not had a chance to watch it, please do so, as it should answer questions you may have.

Many families have been contacting the office regarding registration. We encourage you to continue to do so. We are in the process of creating an online registration form. We will notify existing families by email and new families by phone when we are ready to accept registrations. Please contact the office if you have changed your contact information or have not been receiving emails for the past several months. We want to make sure that we can include everyone, and we ask that you help us by passing this information along to your friends in the community.

First Communions will take place again, this Sunday, August 16th, at the 12:00 PM Mass. It will be wonderful to see our young children welcomed to the Table of the Lord. Please continue to pray for these children and their families and when you see them at Mass, please offer them your congratulations. We hope that everyone is taking time this summer to relax and spend quality time with your family. We look forward to seeing everyone soon and working with you during this upcoming year. Please contact Mrs. Walsh at lwalsh@stwilliam.org with any questions or concerns.

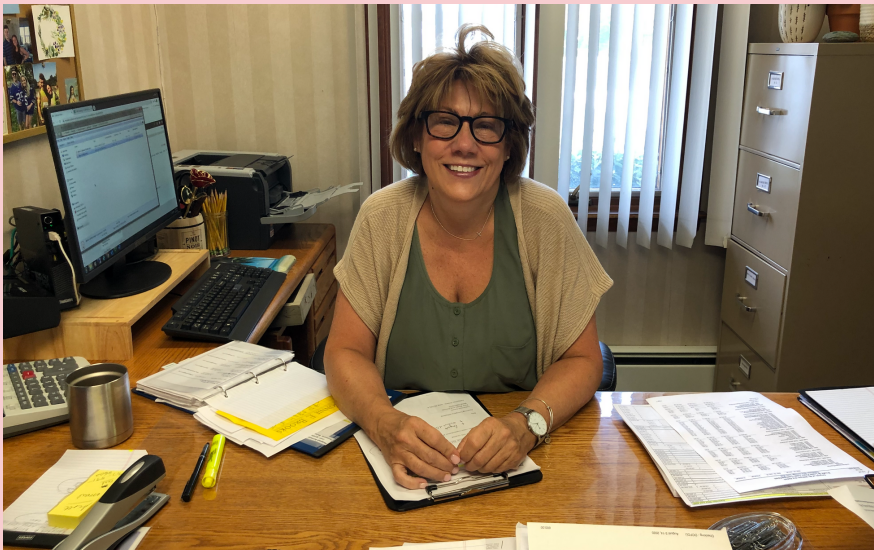
Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements should be made six months prior to your wedding. If you need to make changes to your current date please contact the Rectory. Please email priests@stwilliam.org.

RIGHT OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION



This past Sunday we welcomed two women into the Church who were baptized into a different Christian community of faith. Katrina McGrath (pictured with her mother) made a profession of faith. Jessica Sanders (Pictured with her family and sponsor) made a profession of faith, received Confirmation and First Holy Communion.



"This week we would like to highlight our Business Manager Judy Goldman. Judy has worked long hours each day throughout the pandemic to ensure that our employees are paid and have proper benefits. She also played a key role in getting our parish adequate supplies so that we could open safely. We are so grateful for all she has done to keep our parish up and running!"

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? To learn more contact [Joann Metzdorff](mailto:Joann.Metzdorff@rcia@stwilliam.org) at rcia@stwilliam.org

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION



Do you BELIEVE, maybe it's time to BELONG

For the latest parish updates
please visit the parish website at
stwilliam.org

**Need to contact one of the Priests?
Need to schedule a Confession appointment?
Have a prayer request?**

priests@stwilliam.org

Prayers for those in the Military

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

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

US Coast Guard -
Lt. James Knudsen
Daniel Timpanaro
LT. Commander Katherine Ustler
Frank Pristera

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

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

Saint Pope Pius X



Our current Pope is Pope Francis. Say a special prayer for our Pope.

Saint Pius X said that kids could receive their first Communion when they were seven years old. They used to have to wait until they were twelve!

Have you celebrated your first Communion yet?

Catholic Kids Bulletin

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Color: Green

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BOWYOUPLWKAICOSK

BPTHEPNATIONSLWPAK

O God, let
all the
nations
praise you!

PRPAPRAISEOWKDJBOWIJSOEID



Watch as people receive communion and pray for them as they receive Jesus.

"MAY GOD BE GRACIOUS TO US AND BLESS US; MAY HE LET HIS FACE SHINE UPON US."

- PSALM 67:2

O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.

Gospel

A little girl was sick so her mom spoke to Jesus and asked him to heal her. The woman had faith and her daughter was healed!

Year A: Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

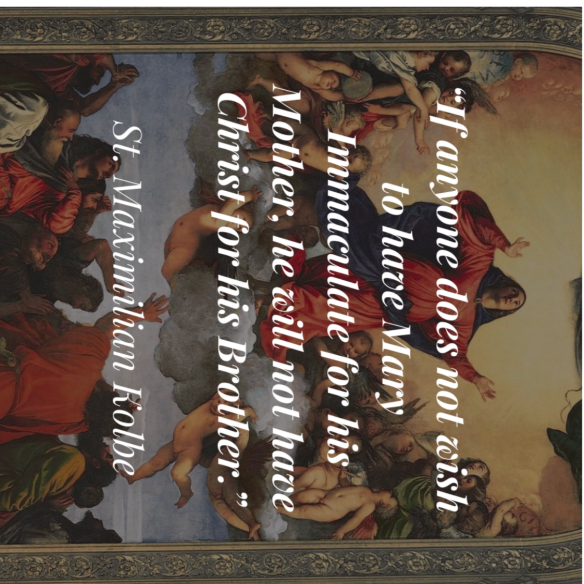
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DRVC VOCATIONS
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 REV. EBENEZER EMMANUEL ARTHUR SEM. JOSEPH LETTIERI
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. <i>St. Patrick</i>						
2 REV. STEVEN A. MADDALONI SEM. MICHAEL LOMBARDI	3 REV. JOSEPH M. SCHLAFFER SEM. PATRICK O'BRIEN	4 REV. CERINO BUNAO SEM. LOUIS CONA	5 MSGR. JEFFREY J. MADLEY SEM. STEPHEN ROONEY	6 MSGR. FRANCIS J. SCHNEIDER SEM. DENNIS CANNON	7 REV. MALCOM J. BURNS SEM. CHRISTOPHER HELLER	8 REV. MICHAEL T. MAFFEO SEM. JOSEPH CATAFAGO
9 REV. JOSEPH C. SCOLARO SEM. HARRISON BOYD	10 REV. PAUL BUTLER SEM. HERLEY MENDEZ	11 REV. SEAN T. MACALDI SEM. JOSEPH KRUG	12 REV. EDWARD M. SEAGRIF SEM. ALEXANDER ZAPATA	13 REV. JAIME CALDERON- HERNANDEZ SEM. ROBERT KAZIUK	14 MSGR. FRANCIS J. MANISCALCO SEM. STEVEN MCLENNON	15 REV. ANTHONY SEBAMALAI SEM. JOSÉ FERNANDEZ
16 MSGR. FRANK J. CALDWELL SEM. NICHOLAS WALDRON	17 REV. JAMES P. MANNION SEM. DOMINIK WEGIEL	18 REV. EDWARD SHERIDAN SEM. JONATHAN PHAM	19 REV. ZACHARY CALLAHAN PRAY FOR VOCATIONS	20 REV. JOSE JOSEPH MAPILAMATTEL, C.M.I. PRAY FOR DISCERNERS	21 REV. ALLAN SIKORSKI PRAY FOR DEACONS	22 REV. PATRICK J. CALLAN PRAY FOR PRIEST FAMILIES
23 REV. NELSON ADAN MARQUEZ SALVADOR PRAY RELIGIOUS BROTHERS & SISTERS	24 REV. NOEL SIXON PRAY FOR THE YOUTH OF OUR DIOCESE	25 REV. LACHLAN CAMERON PRAY FOR SEMINARIAN FAMILIES	26 REV. CRISTOBAL MARTIN, M.I.D. PRAY FOR CONVERSION OF SINNERS	27 REV. WILLIAM T. SLATER PRAY FOR THE HOLY FATHER	28 MSGR. STEVEN R. CAMP PRAY FOR HOLY MARRIAGES	29 MSGR. JOHN P. MARTIN PRAY FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE
30 REV. KEVIN M. SMITH PRAY FOR HEALING	31 MSGR. THOMAS D. CANDREVA PRAY FOR PEACE					



*"If anyone does not wish
to have Mary
Immaculate for his
Mother, he will not have
Christ for his Brother."*

St. Maximilian Kolbe

TO BE ADDED TO THE MONTHLY PRAYER CALENDAR
EMAIL, PLEASE SEND YOUR REQUEST TO
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