

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Twenty - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 11, 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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"Many are invited, but few are chosen."
- Matthew 22:14



Marriage Banns III

Ryan Murphy & Bridget Walsh
Cure of Ars, Merrick SWA

Baptism

James Guzzardo

Catherine M. DiTaranto

Dominic A. Nocosa

Everleigh A. Marnalse

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

Anne McNulty

Denise Kane

Lois Gallagher

Tom Quinn

Marie Herbert

Carol Calderazzo

Jerry Black

Miguel Cuascut

Pray for the Deceased

Gail McTigue

Ismael A. Escamilla

Jeffrey J. Baker

Douglas Collins

Ignatius J. Brancato

Filomena Gissaro

Frederick S. Distefan

Charlotte Anne Brancato

Thomas Ricciardelli

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 12, 2020

Mary James

John & Violet Chisarik

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

John & Mary Marinello

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Domenico D'Armi

Thursday, October 15, 2020

Diane Lynn Petrouskie

Friday, October 16, 2020

Bishop James J. Daly

Hubert Lahey

Saturday, October 17, 2020

Purgatorial Society

Stella Power

Sunday, October 18, 2020

Nocturnal Adoration

People of St. William

David Wilcox Allison, Jr.

Stella Power

Vincent Flaherty

"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."

Life and Mission - Fullness of Life "Is" the Mission

It seems like each weekend we as priests are charged with incorporating a theme into our homilies and message to the People of God. The saints, the rosary, Respect Life, the Missions, Vocations, Catholic Ministries Appeal, Retired Religious and Priests - all are noble and important, and by your impassioned emails, I sense their importance to you as well.

In John's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that He "came that we may have life, and life to the full." That was and still is His mission, and the mission of us all to communicate that to a world that is preoccupied by fear, anxiety, sin, disrespect, and disruption. October is a month where the Church, society, and the world brings about a greater awareness and respect for the dignity of Human Life. We see it when our athletes wear pink to honor the survivors and those who have died from breast cancer; we see discussions and events surrounding the vulnerability of human life from conception to natural death with Supreme Court nominees, and it is present in the devastation we have experienced as a parish with sickness and death from the Corona Virus.

The scriptures tell us in Psalm 139 that God was aware of each and every one of us at our conception, "truly you have formed my inmost being, you knit me in my mother's womb." What a beautiful image we are given, that God knows us and journeys with us throughout our life. As Catholics, we are "bar-raisers." We do not minimize effort, meaning we do not look at what is the minimum to "get into heaven." We journey with a spirit of excellence as disciples and followers of Jesus. We are and have always been on the forefront of science, education, social issues, and human rights. It is no different today in 2020.

I have found myself scratching my head when the media makes a huge deal about a single cell organism that reveals "life on Mars," or when we get excited about the latest "royal baby bump" awaiting a new heir to the British throne. These are fascinating and beautiful tidbits of news, but where is the same coverage when there is another victim of gun violence or drug overdose in one of our big cities? Or when another teen succumbs to suicide because of cyber bullying or body image shaming? Where is the media blast covering our most vulnerable elderly being corralled (and forgotten) in nursing homes? Or individuals with special needs or those struggling with mental illness who have had state and federal services removed, limiting them from living a full life with dignity? Or the struggling couple or frightened mother who feel they have no other choice but to take the life of the baby growing inside them? They feel helpless and hopeless, and are faced with the challenge of adding to the holocaust of abortion that has claimed the heart beats of over 50 million babies since 1973 with the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision. In all of these issues, we cannot pick and choose how to Respect Life. (Hebrews 13:8)

As we acknowledge these very real struggles, we pray for God's mercy for all those who have suffered so unjustly from the sins against God's love and goodness. How can we make life just a little better for those directly in front of us, or those connected to our parish family? I have to say, even with some of the negative rhetoric and recent news blasts; in my time here, I have seen enthusiasm and energy when it comes to the dignity of ALL Human Life. The expansion of services to those in need right here at SWA, your generosity to Social Ministry and Outreach, diocesan programs of education and service to family and life issues, and the incredible experience of the March for Life last January. You may have seen some of the new documentaries and movies that are being made in support of defending and protecting life. Fullness of life is our mission.

The news outlets have the power to inspire or to discourage us. We do not speak enough of the miracles occurring here each day in the celebration of the sacraments, the formation and education of our faithful, and the support and care for the material and spiritual poor. In this Sunday's Gospel, God invites us all to the wedding feast. We may be taken aback by the response of the king to the guest who came to the feast underdressed; does God really care how we dress for Mass? Probably not - He rejoices that we are here. But at what point in our faith journey do we care enough, or recognize the magnitude of the feast and relationship we have been invited to? Our perception has to grow and develop. Our faith is no different from a living organism, which must grow and transform or it will become stagnant and die. Together let us put on the lens of Life and Mission so we can see more clearly. This will affect how we love our spouse, raise our children, serve in the parish, watch and listen to entertainment, how we vote, and in general how we live our lives.

It is Jesus that leads us into the "fullness of life" – for ourselves and others. That is our Mission.

Thank you for your presence and generosity.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fr. Joel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "F" and a long, sweeping tail.

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

Gene Goettlicher

from Pat Goettlicher.

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.

Respect Life – Birthright

Pregnant? Need Help?

24 Hour Hotline – 1-800-550-4900

"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old,
The unborn and the poor are masterpieces of God's creation
And deserving of the utmost reverence and respect".

- Pope Francis' Day of Life Greeting



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.

Nassau County Bar Association is offering a free one on one virtual counseling session October 26th – 30th for Bankruptcy, Divorce & Family Issues, Employment, Mortgage Foreclosure, Housing, Senior Citizen Issues, Landlord/Tenant and all other areas of law. Registration is required (516) 666-4854.

Food Pantry

Crackers
Razors
Shampoo & Conditioner
Paper Towels
Napkins

Instant Coffee
Canned Corn
Canned Spinach
Bread Crumbs

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

Walkers & Rollators

If you or a family member are in need of a walker or rollator please call Parish Social Ministry 679-8532 to arrange for you to pick up or we can also deliver. We also have shower chairs and sometimes we have wheelchairs.

Homebound

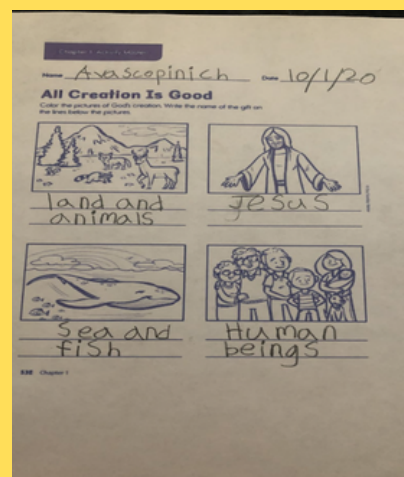
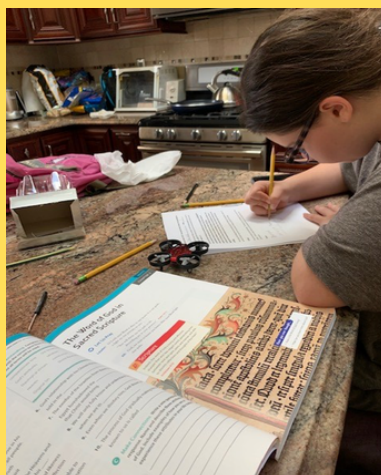
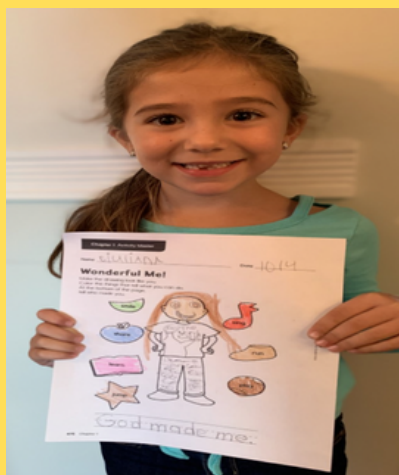
Do you know someone who is homebound or lonely? Please let us know so we can reach out to them in the spirit of Christ. Perhaps they need someone to food shop for them. Please call (516) 679-8532.

LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

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

Faith Formation

Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter tells Jesus, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." That very question is presented to us today. We reflect upon who Jesus is to us and we wonder what God is like. When we look at Jesus and get to know him, we get a glimpse of who God is and what he is like. This week our students are studying the many ways God reveals himself to us, beginning with Creation and Sacred Scripture. When we look at a sunrise, the ocean, or hold a newborn baby, we are filled with wonder and awe, realizing that our God is the source of our very being. Our students are learning about God's gift of Creation on age appropriate levels and are responding to God in thanksgiving with prayers and pictures. We are very proud of their work and of their parents who are making faith a priority in their life and passing it in on to their children.





BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Discovering the Virtues found within each of us

The Seventh grade students are currently working on a project, taking the virtues found in each of us and discovering the many ways we can bring them to life. The students started with self-drawn hands in which they put words or phrases showing the good habits they possess. Now we are examining the lives of the Saints and the virtues they possess. Learning about the lives of the Saints helps our students to recognize their own particular virtues and the responsibility they have to use those virtues to serve others.



My Life in Numbers

Math being all around us, the seventh grade explored how math makes up their lives. The students started by exploring the number of letters, vowels, and consonants in their full name as well as any nicknames. They painted a picture of themselves, helping their classmates learn more about them in numbers. A great way to begin the school year, and to get to know more about each other and their school community.





Feast of All Souls

On Monday, November 2 at 7:30pm, there will be a special Mass in which the people whose funerals were held at St. William the Abbot this past year will be remembered. All are invited to attend this special Mass.

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.

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 THE RECTORY

Please send your email to information@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Please send your email to jgoldman@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.

CONTACT THE SCHOOL

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HOLY TRINITY DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

11:00AM - 2:00PM

- VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS
 - GOOGLE MEET CAMPUS TOURS
 - CONTINUOUS, IN-PERSON TOURS
- (SPACE IS LIMITED FOR IN-PERSON TOURS)
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER,
PLEASE VISIT
WWW.HOLYTRINITYHS.ORG/ADMISSIONS-EVENTS



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL

DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE...



Open House

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18TH
10:00AM - 1:00PM

APPOINTMENTS TO TOUR OUR FACILITIES
& ATTEND OPEN HOUSE ARE REQUIRED THIS YEAR
TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE
CALL OUR ADMISSIONS OFFICE: (631) 587-8000 x113

PLEASE NOTE: TOUR APPOINTMENT SLOTS ARE LIMITED AND MASKS ARE REQUIRED
IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND OPEN HOUSE A VIRTUAL TOUR
& ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE (SEE LINK BELOW)



1170 MONTAUK HIGHWAY
WEST ISLIP, NY 11795

[HTTPS://STJOHNTHEBAPTISTDHS.NET/](https://stjohnthebaptistdhs.net/)



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Saint Therese the Little Flower

Saint Therese knew that she wanted to be a nun when she was a little girl. She visited Pope Leo XIII and begged to join the convent. He replied that she had to wait until she was older. When she turned 15 she was finally able to become a Carmelite Nun!



Saint Therese promised that when people prayed, she would send blessings from heaven that would fall like roses.

How many roses do you see falling on this page?



Please let me join the Carmelites! I want to serve God as a nun!



Catholic Kids

Bulletin

October 11, 2020
Ordinary Time
Color: Green



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DAYSOFPWMYPLIFE

I shall live in
the house of
the Lord all the
days of my life.

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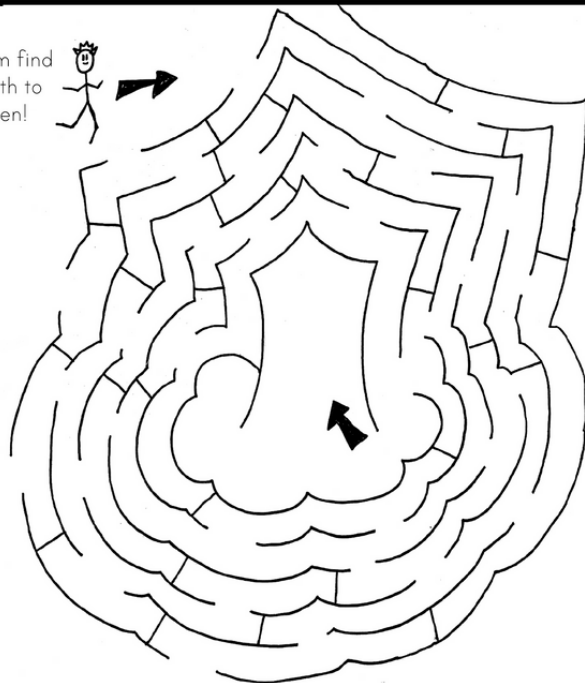


Remember that Mass is a prayer. How should you act during church to help you focus on prayer?



Draw a picture of a party in Heaven.

Help him find the path to Heaven!



Gospel



In the parable, Jesus is telling a story of a party. Everyone was invited to this party, even the poor and the homeless. This reminds us that everyone is invited to heaven!



What is RCIA?

RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, and it is the process by which unbaptized adults become Catholic. It is also the way those baptized in other Christian faiths to enter into full communion with the Church by receiving Communion and Confirmation, or for baptized Catholics to complete these sacraments if they haven't already.

How long does it take to become Catholic?

There is not a one size fits all answer to that question. Adult baptisms for Catechumens usually take place at the Easter Vigil, the night before Easter Sunday. Ideally the process would last most of a year or longer depending on the situation. For a baptized Christian of another faith community, the process could proceed rather quickly, only a few months, or longer depending on their own formation and participation in their present faith community. For Catholics who are missing sacraments the process can take a few months or longer.

Why is it important for a baptized Catholic to complete their sacraments?

Baptism is the entryway into life with Christ, but no one is fully initiated until they receive Confirmation and Eucharist. Confirmation is also needed in order to become a Godparent or Confirmation sponsor, or for marriage to another Catholic with a few exceptions. Eucharist is the summit and source of our faith, and if we can't receive it we are missing out on the graces we receive through Holy Communion.

Are their tests or homework?

The simple answer is no! However we encourage Catechumens and Candidates to read and explore things on their own, to keep a journal of their thoughts, insights and questions, and to talk things over with sponsors. Of course we expect them to attend Sunday Mass with the parish community and get involved.

Can you become Catholic if you are divorced?

Yes, but with caveats. It depends on the situation of the previous marriage, and that of the current spouse, if there is one. Some marriage situations are easy to rectify and some take a bit longer. Marriage situations do not preclude candidates from attending sessions to prepare to enter the Church. One of our priests will assist the candidate in this regard.

What are these rituals?

There are a number of rituals that occur at a Sunday Mass. These are steps, so to speak, to enter the Church. They are public rites, and the parish community prays with the Catechumens and candidates at this time. For those who will be baptized at Easter, they will come together.

How much does all this cost?

One of the best things about RCIA is that it is FREE!

I am already Catholic, why should I know about RCIA?

We all may know family members or friends who are not Catholic but may have shown some interest in our faith, or those who have not completed their sacraments. As Catholics we are called, by Christ, to share the Good News with others. This might mean making suggestions to others that they explore Catholicism. If you know about RCIA you can let them know about it and how to go about getting started.

What does Catechumen mean?

There are a lot of churchy words in RCIA. A Catechumen is a person preparing for Baptism. It is an ancient term meaning one who receives instruction by word of mouth. A candidate is someone from another Christian faith or a Catholic preparing for Confirmation. There are other words that are learned as the person goes along in the process.

What do RCIA sessions look like?

Sessions are usually held once a month on Sunday after Mass. We meet, discuss the Sunday scriptures, and then have a presentation on Catholic teachings. Sessions are informal and are not classes but faith sharing and exploration of our relationship with Christ, always striving to go deeper into that relationship with God and the Parish community. Our textbook is the Bible, videos, and other materials exploring the Catholic faith.

What is a sponsor?

A sponsor is someone who accompanies a person on their RCIA journey. Sponsors are usually from the parish community, but sponsors may be chosen by the person if the sponsor is a practicing Catholic who has received all their sacraments of Initiation and is in good standing with the Church. A Catechumen may also choose Godparents in addition to a sponsor.

Can children be in RCIA?

RCIA sessions are geared for adults. However children do take part in certain rituals that are part of the process. They are usually catechized through the parish school or faith formation. In cases with older children or teens, there may be specific sessions set up for them and their parents.

Can I accompany someone to RCIA sessions?

Of course! Many Catholics who join a relative or friend at sessions find that they learn things about the Catholic faith that they did not know before. It also gives the Catechumen or Candidate someone else to discuss things with after the sessions.

How does someone get started in RCIA?

Go to our website at stwilliam.org/rcia. Fill out the registration form and the Inquiry form and email it back to rcia@stwilliam.org. You will be contacted by our coordinator regarding starting sessions.



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.

Live the Gospel of *Life*

"to imitate Christ
and follow in
his footsteps"
The Gospel of Life



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~Ministry Feature for Week of October 11, 2020 ~

A Message from St. John Paul II

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion... The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope... The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and His mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child. " (Evangelium Vitae no. 99, John Paul II)

go to Office of Human Life,
Family and Bioethics website
for information and healing
opportunities:

<https://respectlife.drvc.org/>

dial 888-456-HOPE (4673)
<https://hopeafterabortion.com/>

*Conscience
formation*

*Election Day is
important this
year for the
issues of life.*

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God will never forgive me for this

God's greatest
joy is to
forgive

Come back to God, WHO is love and MERCY

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I feel so worthless

You are precious
to Me

Come back to God, WHO is love and MERCY

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