



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



February 19, 2023 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Schedule

Daily Mass

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12n

Live-Streamed Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:30am

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 12n

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday - Saturday: 7:15am - 8:15am

Saturday: 3:45pm - 4:30pm

Adoration

Monday - Saturday: 7:30am - 8:15am

First Friday of the Month: 9am - 5pm

Private Prayer

Monday - Friday: 7:15am - 6pm

“But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.”

Matthew 5:44-45

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023

Aldo Orlandi
Maria DiMarco
Patricia Mink
Christine Paulson

Wednesday continued...

Melissa Bergman
Joyce Rollo
Dolores Pappas
Ronald Konchalski

Monday, Feb. 20, 2023

Karl H. Fuessler

Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023

Patrick Butler

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023

Thomas Ward

Friday, Feb. 24, 2023

James Rooney

Wed., Feb. 22, 2023

Valentine Nacci, III
Collective Intentions
Roberto Giancaterino
Grazietta & Donato Marrone

Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023

Purgatorial Society
Collective Intentions
Joan Brennan
John Antener
Bagarozzi Family
Marie C. Parisi

Pray for the Sick

Bina Sangemino	Keith Gorton
Dianne Kimbley	John Reynolds
Richard Fedyk	Sarah Farb
Diana Deccio-Menendez	Christopher Marcinczyk
Eric Thomas Guzzo	Robin Julian
Kristin Valerga-Goetze	

Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of Michael Beneville from Mary Ellen and Fred Albano

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle used at Mass this week has been donated in loving memory of Nancy Madison from Pat and Tom Grunert and Family

Pray for the Deceased

Katherine Sipperley

God the Father ... Not *"The Coach"*

You all know how much I love sports, whether it be watching sports, playing sports, or talking about it. I love the X's & O's, meaning the offense and defense planning and strategy, the special teams, preparing for the two-minute drill, or a sudden change. I enjoy discussing pre-season, in-season, post-season, and off-season. We were recently inundated with major events like the Super Bowl, spring training pitchers and catchers, and before you know it, we will be talking about March Madness. I have always respected and honored the vocation of coaching. Whenever a person gives back to teach skills and technique at the professional level to little league, lives are touched and transformed. At times I think there are great parallels between athletics and the faith journey - basic concepts and values that relate such as commitment, respect, self-control, courage, wisdom, and teamwork. Some of the greatest lessons I learned were on the field of play and by individuals who coached me and pulled out every ounce of skill for my abilities. But it's important to realize that when it comes to God, he's not a coach that is analyzing our every move to cut us from the team, He is a loving Father gazing upon us with great delight. Whether we win or lose, score 50% or 100%, we are His beloved children.

In the past couple of weeks, I had the opportunity to speak to many of you, regarding the parish, and the faith journey of your families. These conversations have taken place at the baptism classes, after Mass, at a few sporting events I attended, as well as at the school and Faith Formation drop off and pick up. I am so grateful for your candor and honesty regarding the places that we are getting "IT" right, and where you see opportunities for us to improve the community and parish experience. What really stuck out for me is the recognition of how different things are since we have come back from the pandemic. Every person I've spoken to, whether it be our most senior parishioners or the children who are just starting to learn about God - there is a desire for more. Prayer opportunities, social and fun, a desire to serve and give back, and simply just to be "in-person" together and share life and experiences.

What struck me the most from these conversations is how so many of our young folks are experiencing anxiety and disruption of their hearts. But to be honest all of us - both young and old, have been just a bit on edge. Some of you have pointed to the overwhelming activity that is now taking place. The movement between activities, sports, family, school expectations, scouting, and community opportunities have led you to a place of being stretched, and extremely distracted. Some of you shared with me that, although the pandemic was difficult, it also allowed for a pause leading to deep conversations and the sharing of family meals. The depth of understanding and communication between parents and children was at a high point; not perfect but dialogue was occurring. Since that time, there has been a return to a frantic movement and rush from one activity to the next. "Father, I don't want to go back to the Pandemic, just back to the fruits of how my family was together!"

If we go back to the sports world, (and so many of you are involved in one way or another, even if it is just watching a family member play), we can become fascinated by the way a coach and team prepare for competition - the amount of time and effort it takes to assess the other team's weaknesses, watching films, organizing a plan of attack, or how to defend against a counterattack. Great coaches prepare a strong strategy. Think of the coaching staffs of the two Super Bowl teams - and how well they prepared and how exciting the game was. I believe from the bottom of my heart that in our world there is a battle raging between good and evil, and the forces we battle against have intelligence and to be honest, do not fight fair. The Evil desires to break up and destroy relationships - between us and God, between spouses, as well as parents, and children. The Evil One will stop at nothing, and is using his greatest weapons to divide us, which is busyness and distraction.

The recent conversations have inspired me when so many of you referenced what you and your families did during the Pandemic. How you as parents made the effort to bring your families together. I had to chuckle when I heard you speak about boardgames, card games, discussions around the fire pit, grilling out in the backyard, and of course family meals - if not every night - most nights. That was the strategy you were able to use to strengthen your families at that time. Our role as parents and family is the primary teacher - even more so than a successful Super Bowl or Little League coach - but what will your strategy be THIS LENT to guard and protect your family from this assault from the Evil One. Be creative, be consistent, be intentional. My sense is that as the Winter sports and activity schedules end - before long you will be pulling out your digital and print calendars for the Spring schedules. Where will God and your faith be in your agendas and date books?

I go back to the title of this letter - God is a loving parent, not a coach. Who and what will rule your time for the next 40 days? Is Ash Wednesday, or Stations of the Cross, or family meal and prayer time, or Confessions, or daily quiet time and Rosary even on your radar? So often we express a desire of change, we want to put God first, but are we willing to make the adjustments for that to happen? Lent begins this week. Will we take back control of our family, and the schedule or will it be the same thing over and over again? I was once told the definition of insanity is repeating the same actions over and over again, but expecting a different result. Pull out your schedule - what is taking up the majority of your time, a coach? Or the Father? Have a great Lent!

Peace



Anointing of the Sick



Anyone going to the hospital or who has a serious illness can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, which will be celebrated communally immediately following the 12:00 N Mass on Sunday, February 26, 2023.

Lenten Book

The Little Black Books containing prayers and reflections for Lent are available at the doors of the church. We ask that each family take only one copy.

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 pyx. Please sit in the south transept.

Pray for Those in the Military

USMC -

First Lt. Dana Duggan
L.Cpl. John Mosier

US Army -

Capt. Caitlin M. Lee
CW2 Brian Kirby
Major Eamon G. McArdle
Spc. Brian Reip
Sgt. Donald Rogers
Major Christopher James Ustler
Major Kurtis Unger

US Air Force -

Capt. Matthew B. Frasse
Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers
AIC William Hughes
Major Thomas F. Shields

US Navy -

Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald
Ryan Bayer, Ensign
Rebecca Bayer, Ensign
STSC (SS) Thomas Kerley
Lt. jg Michael O'Hara
MMN2 Emily Partridge
Commander Michael Sean Slatley
Lt. jg Michael Napolitano
Michael Vietri

US Coast Guard -

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

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

CYO Basketball - 3rd Grade Clinic

St. William's CYO will be holding a Basketball Clinic for girls and boys in the 3rd Grade. The clinic will take place in the St William's Gym for six weeks from February to April. Participants will receive instructions on the basic skills used in basketball. The registration fee for this clinic is \$35.

Registration for the 3rd Grade Basketball Clinic will take place from Sunday, February 12 through Sunday, February 19. Participants should register online at:
stwilliamcyo.sportngin.com.

For more information on this clinic or other CYO programs please contact Bryan Mackay at 516-781-0718.

Pillar of Hospitality

Jesus calls us to love, not only our friends, but also our enemies. He also tells us to offer no resistance to those who hurt us. This week, keep that call in mind when someone does something wrong to you. For example, you can pray for someone who cuts you off when driving.

Year-End Tax Statement

Please note that year-end statements for your taxes will not be automatically mailed out. They may be obtained by request from the Rectory. Please call 516-785-1266 or email information@stwilliam.org.



ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 22ND

Masses: 7am, 9am, 7pm
Ash Distribution: 10am-5pm

LENT

2023

Men's Lenten Prayer Group

Every Saturday at 6:30am
from 2/25 through 4/01
in The Abbey

Women's Lenten Holy Hour

Thursday, March 23rd
7pm in The Church

Lenten Masses with Guest Celebrants

Every Tuesday at 7pm
from 2/28 through 4/04

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 7pm
from 2/24 through 4/07

Confession: Monday - Saturday: 7:30-8:15am, Saturday: 3:45-4:15pm, Monday 4/3: 10am-9pm
Holy Hour with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal: 3pm - April 16th *Divine Mercy Sunday*



BACK TO BASICS

Visit the parish Facebook and Instagram (@stwilliamabbot) every Tuesday and Thursday for our video series explaining some of our practices and elements of our faith and our church!



Scout Sunday

Last week, we celebrated Scout Sunday with scouts of all levels from our Troop 690 and their families.

During mass, Fr. Joe presented five Cub Scouts with their Parvuli Dei medals.

Congratulations to Rory, Luke G., Luke H., Connor, and Austin!

Of course, there wouldn't be a Scout program without the volunteers - we thank them for being so generous with their time and spirit!



Faith Formation

Mrs. Toscano's 4th Grade class recreated a game show to go over their lessons last week.



St. William the Abbot School

To celebrate Valentine's Day, class 8-2 joined their buddies in K-2 for some fun. After exchanging cards, they participated in a Valentine Heart Challenge, changing hearts into pizzas, animals, Mario, and even themselves. They ended their time together with a special Valentine snack. It's always a treat when we get to spend time together.



SWS winners of the Seaford Community Blood Drive Poster Contest were honored at The Lions Club of Seaford's Blood Drive last week.

We are proud of our students for their involvement in their community and for representing SWS so well!

Congratulations to all the winners!

Parish Social Ministry

Medical Equipment Available

Are you, a neighbor, a friend or family member in need of medical equipment? The Social Ministry office currently has an inventory of walkers, canes, wheelchairs (transfer and full), shower chairs, crutches and transfer boards.

These items are available for anyone that needs them, just call our office at 679-8532 to arrange a pickup.

Pantry Needs

Coffee
Canned Chicken
Canned Tuna

Sugar
Cooking Oil
Dish Soap

Spring 2023 Bereavement Registration

Registration for our Spring Bereavement Group is now open! This is a 7-week program conducted on Wednesdays in the Abbey. If you or someone you know would be interested in attending, please call the office to register. Sessions will begin March 22nd and space is limited! For more information about these sessions call us at 516-679-8532.

Alumni of our Bereavement Program? Join us on March 15th!

We are pleased to announce the second meeting of the Bereavement Alumni Group. Past participants of our program are invited to attend four sessions a year to visit with past participants and moderators, engage in group discussion, share support with your peer group, and enjoy some hospitality! The next session of this program will be held on March 15th at 11am in the Abbey. Please call our office at 516-679-8532 to RSVP!



Senior Care Through the Office for the Aging

Did you know that the Nassau County Office for the Aging offers case managers for seniors? Their case management program provides the support for older adults to remain in their homes for as long as possible. They assist in providing in-home services for seniors through the Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP). There are two types of in-home services offered, Level 1 which is housekeeping and chore services, and Level II which adds on personal care assistance such as bathing, dressing, toileting, grooming and feeding. For more information about services and eligibility, call NY Connects at 516-227-8900 or visit the website: <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/1438/Aging>.

Refer a Friend in Need!

Do you know someone in need of assistance? Your Parish Social Ministry offers confidential support and advice regarding hardships experienced by adults and seniors who may be struggling with sensitive issues. We have access to relevant state, local and charity-based programs that may help, and we offer other services such as client advocacy and regular use of our food pantry. Partnering with our St. Vincent de Paul conference, we help with budgeting, expense management and building financial independence. For more information call the Parish Social Ministry office 516-679-8532.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday February 21st. The meeting will occur at 10am in the Abbey. This ministry knits and crochets lap robes, blankets, hats, scarves, and other items for the sick and needy of our community. Yarn is provided, and new members at any skill level are always welcome!



Saint David

Saint David was a bishop.
A bishop's hat is called a miter and the hook is a crozier.
A dove sat on Saint David's shoulder to show that the Holy Spirit was with him. A hill grew under his feet so people could see him.



Saint David is the patron saint of Wales.
The dragon is a symbol of Wales.

Year A: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



February 19, 2023
Ordinary Time
Color: Green

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The Lord
is kind and
merciful.

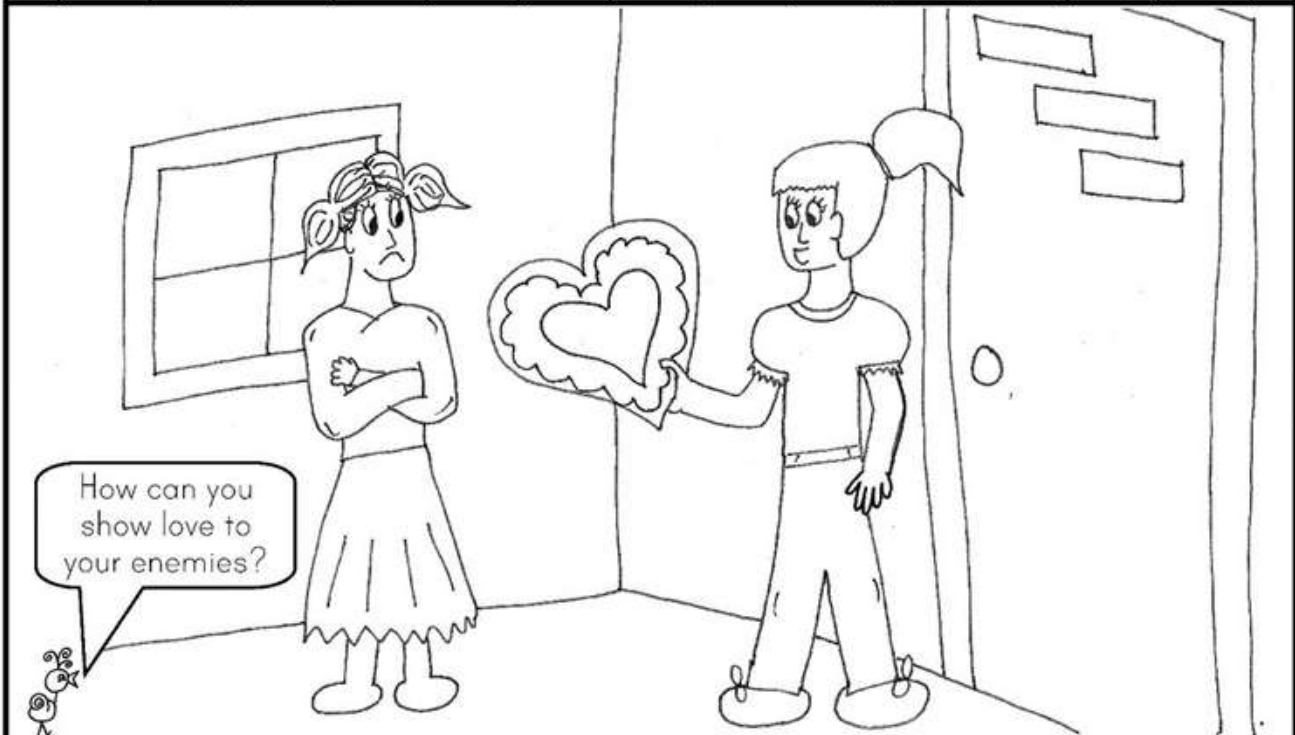
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The psalm says the Lord is merciful. Merciful means forgiving. Listen for the priest to say, "mercy."

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Gospel



During the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said to love everyone, including your enemies.

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If there is an emergency in which you need to contact a priest immediately outside of office hours, please call

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Please pray for our Seminarians and for all those discerning religious life

- Other Resources -

Bible in a Year Podcast

ascensionpress.com

Formed: The Catholic Faith. On Demand
formed.org

Life Teen Youth Ministry
lifeteen.com