



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



February 5, 2023 Fifth 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

"Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:15-16

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023

Patricia Mink

Collective Intentions

People of St. William's

William & Judith Glynn

John Kirby, Sr.

Arthur Phelps

Charles Corsitto

Donald "Chip" William

Pursell

Monday, Feb. 6, 2023

Patricia McArdle

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023

Martin Hartmann

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023

Ursuline Sisters Prayer

Card Enrollment Intentions

Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023

Daniel Buckley

Friday, Feb. 10, 2023

Collective Intentions

Helene Helmeyer

Valentine Nacci, III

Patrick Francis McKernan

Jessie Fiore

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023

Purgatorial Society

Nicole Tedeschi

Pray for the Deceased

Patrick Snoddy

Juliette Lottie Madden

Antonia Bova

Cecilia Smith

Pray for the Sick

James Greico

Genevieve Greico

Kristin Valerga-Goetze

Keith Gorton

Denny Fercko

Lesa Laurence

Ann Marie Canale

Adrienne Harker

Bina Sangemino

Dianne Kimbley

Noreen Brodigan

James J. O'Donnell

Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of

Donald Clark

from his family

The Light of the World

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” Matthew 5:14–16

We’ve all experienced a time when the lights went out and we were in darkness. In this case, if you were to light a candle and place it in the center of the room, its light would make quite a difference. One candle in a darkened room transforms that room, making it a more comfortable dwelling place.

Using that image, consider the first line in Jesus’ metaphor above. “You are the light of the world.” Try to see yourself as that single candle in the darkness. That is your mission. Just as a single candle can give light to an entire room, so you are capable of being a source of light for many others.

One of the primary missions we have all received in life is to allow the light of God’s grace to “shine before others.” The result of fulfilling this mission is that others will see our good deeds that were inspired by God, and they will, in turn, glorify the Father in Heaven. Thus, your mission of radiating the light of Christ for others results in God being praised and glorified.

This full statement of Jesus is especially helpful to consider when we struggle with pride. Pride is a way of pointing to ourselves. It’s an act of selfishness by which we place ourselves in the spotlight as a way of trying to become the object of others’ praise. But what Jesus tells us is that when we properly fulfill our role of being the light of the world, when we radiate the Light of Christ, others will be inspired not to praise us but rather to glorify God as He acts through us. This is quite a difference.

With that being said, the beautiful thing about God being glorified is that God often wants us to share in that glory. That means that if you were to do an act of charity for another, and they were deeply grateful to you and thanked you, their “thank you” is an act of glorifying God when it is understood that you acted out of a love of God. God is praised when we, His children, give and receive love and honor between each other on account of our faith.

Reflect, today, upon two things. First, think about those upon whom God has called you to shine His light. Who is it in your life who needs an act of love, charity, mercy, forgiveness or compassion? Commit yourself to becoming God’s light for them in their darkness. Second, think about those who have shone the Light of Christ upon you. When this has happened, how did you respond? Hopefully your response was one of a gratitude that not only returns love to the other but also glorifies God through your gratitude. Be the light of the world to a world in need and seek out that light as it shines brightly through others. This is the only way to step out of the darkness that constantly tries to pervade us.

Lord, You are the true Light Who dispels every darkness in life. You are the Light of my life and shine brightly for all to see. Help me to see Your light as it shines on others and to glorify You for that gift. And help me to be an instrument of Your light to those who need it the most. Jesus, I trust in You.

SALT AND LIGHT

Matthew 5:13-16

January Offertories

	2014	2018	2019	2020	2021	2023
Attendance	10518	7720	7432	8842	4448	7645
Total \$	\$88,433.00	\$97,320.00	\$92,455.00	\$102,069.00	\$107,050.00	\$127,855.00
#Sundays	4	4	4	4	5	5
Avg\$/Sunday	\$22,108.25	\$22,097.25	\$20,818.00	\$22,417.00	\$17,977.00	\$21,817.40
AvgAtt/Sun	2630	1930	1858	2211	890	1529

Catholic Ministries Appeal

	2014	2018	2019	2020	2021	Jan 2023	Change Since Last Month
Goal	\$ 132,700.00	\$ 136,700.00	\$ 136,700.00	\$ 146,700.00	\$ 151,400.00	\$ 162,000.00	\$ -
Pledged	\$ 182,158.00	\$ 142,107.00	\$ 142,360.00	\$ 121,048.00	\$ 114,461.00	\$ 118,048.00	\$ 10,995.00
Paid	\$ 171,628.00	\$ 140,827.00	\$ 139,348.00	\$ 120,018.00	\$ 113,786.00	\$ 117,316.00	\$ 14,323.00
# of Donors	1,153	603	550	480	440	426	21
Rebate	\$ 57,682.00	\$ 30,642.00	\$ 31,368.00	\$ 2,934.00	\$ -	\$ -	

Pray for Those in the Military

USMC -

First Lt. Dana Duggan
L.Cpl. John Mosier

US Air Force -

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

US Coast Guard -

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

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 Navy -

Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald
Ryan Bayer, Ensign
Rebecca Bayer, Ensign
STS1 Thomas Kerley
Lt. jg Michael O'Hara
MMN2 Emily Partridge
Commander Michael Sean Slatley
Lt. jg Michael Napolitano
Michael Vietri

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



St. Peregrine Prayer Hour

The Saint Peregrine Prayer Hour will be held on **Monday, Feb. 6th** from 2:00 - 3:00 PM in the church.

St. Peregrine is the patron saint of those suffering from cancer. Future prayer hours will be held on the first Monday of each month. Cancer victims, families and their care-givers are all invited to come and pray.

Palms

Anyone who would like to bring in their palms from last year to be burned for Ash Wednesday is asked to do so the weekend of February 11/12. Please place them in the baskets which will be located by the church doors.

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.

2024 Mass Intention Book

The 2024 Mass Intention Book is now open. We are limiting the number of Mass Intention requests to four per person, per visit, one visit per day. The Mass Intention stipend is \$20 for each Mass requested.

2024 Memorializations

We are accepting Memorials for the Wine and Hosts, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Candle and Altar Candles for 2024. We are limiting the number of Memorials requested to four per person, per visit, one visit per day.

BACK TO BASICS

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



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"For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy."
Psalm 63:7

ADULT CHOIR IS BACK!

All parishioners (over the age of 14) are encouraged to join us for our first rehearsal on Tuesday, February 7th at 6pm

Rehearsals will be Tuesday evenings from 6 to 7 in the Choir Loft

*No experience is necessary,
we just ask that you bring a love for worship music!*

Please contact jlynde@stwilliam.org with any questions

*Stay tuned for more information about Childrens Choir
and other music ministry opportunities!*



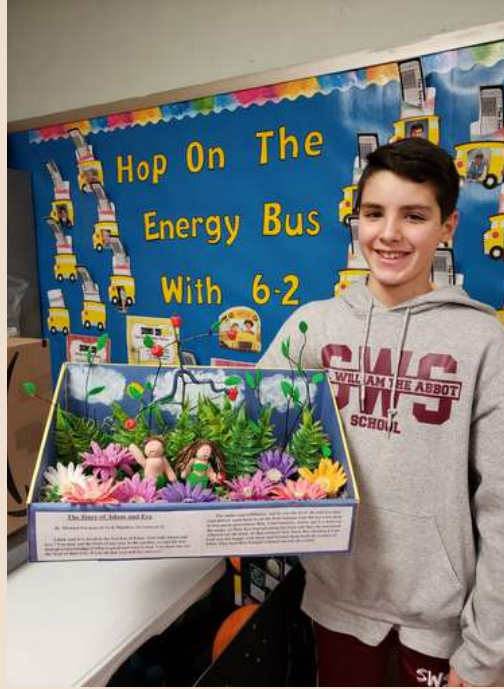
Last weekend we celebrated the Rite of Acceptance and Alina was welcomed as a Catechumen. She will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil through our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults program.

We congratulate and welcome Alina, and ask that you keep her in your prayers.

If you are interested in beginning a conversation on becoming Catholic as an adult, please visit <https://stwilliam.org/rcia>

St. William the Abbot School

Mrs. Frank's sixth grade Religion class created beautiful projects sharing stories from the Old Testament. Students created scenes from Adam and Eve, Noah's Ark, Moses and the Ten Commandments, and the parting of the Red Sea. They did a wonderful job.



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

Rice-a-Roni
Ketchup
Egg Noodles

Canned Beef Stew
Laundry Detergent
Cat/Dog Food

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.

Thank You St. William CYO Sharks!

The St. William CYO Sharks Swim Team created Valentine's Day cards for our homebound parishioners. The Sharks decorated over 60 hearts, each heart having Valentine's well-wishes on one side, and what they love on the other side. What a thoughtful and 'heartfelt' message to send to our parishioners at home! We are so grateful for the Sharks' dedication to outreach. What a great example they set for all of us. Thank you Sharks!



Donation Spotlight

Thank you parishioner Nancy Roche for making one of the most thoughtful donation we have received yet! Nancy created birthday themed gift bags for our families to help ensure they are able to celebrate the birthday of a loved one. These bags include cake mix, icing, sprinkles, and even candles for the cake! Thank you Nancy for always thinking to do special things for our Parish families in need. We are so grateful!

Need Help With Your PSEG Bill?

PSEG offers payment plans and assistance programs for those struggling to pay their bill. PSEG advocates will guide customers through the eligibility requirements and application processes for these programs. Anyone currently part of the PSEG Household Assistance Program or the Emergency Rental Assistance Program may be eligible for a credit of up to \$2k toward a bill in arrears accrued before May 1, 2022. For more information call PSEG at 800-490-0025 or visit <https://psegliny.com/assistance>.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday February 7th. 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!



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Automated giving provides a steady stream of support. It is a great way to manage your Sunday Offerings without the worry of missing a payment and the worry of forgetting your weekly envelope.

We are able to offer the ability of having Sunday Offerings deposited directly from your checking or savings account into the St. William's account. This would apply only to weekly collections, not to any second collections, such as Holy Days, Catholic Relief Services, etc.

The form to begin this process can be printed, filled out and mailed to the Rectory. Please be sure to attached a voided check.

Authorization Agreement for Automated Giving

I, _____, hereby authorize the R. C. Church of St. William the Abbot, 2000 Jackson Avenue, Seaford, NY 11783 to initiate debit entries to my Checking () Savings () account indicated below and the depository named below to debit the same such amount.

Amount \$ _____ Monthly on the fifteenth of the month.

Depository: Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Banking Transit ABA # _____
(always nine digits)

Bank Account Number _____

(Attach to this form a voided check if checking account debit or a pre-printed savings deposit ticket if savings account).

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(Authorized signature for above account)

(Print Name)

Date: _____

If second signature is required:

(Authorized signature for above account)

(Print Name)

Date: _____

Saint Bernadette of Lourdes

Mary appeared to Saint Bernadette and asked her to wash in the stream. Bernadette couldn't find a stream. She dug in the dirt until she found a trickle of water. That water became a huge stream! Miracles happen when people wash in the stream.



Year A, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Kids Bulletin
February 5, 2023
Ordinary Time
Color: Green

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The just man
is a light in
darkness to
the upright.

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How many times do you say "and with your spirit" during Mass?

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Gospel

Jesus told his disciples to be salt of the earth and light for the world.

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