

# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 7, 2021



He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mark 1:38

### Mass Schedule

#### Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:30am

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday 8:30am & 5pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 12pm

### Parish Information

Office: 516.785.1266

2000 Jackson Avenue

Seaford, NY 11783

[stwilliam.org](http://stwilliam.org)

### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, February 8, 2021

Ursuline Sisters Prayer Cards Enrollment Intentions

Donald Clark

Rose Meeks & Nellie O'Brien

The Families of Our Lady of Mercy Academy

#### Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Daniel Buckley

#### Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Herbert Haas

#### Thursday, February 11, 2021

Michael Murphy

Ramon Flores

Robert Pisano

Mary Ann Utrata

#### Friday, February 12, 2021

Helen & Loretta Power

Marie Carpenter

#### Saturday, February 13, 2021

Purgatorial Society

People of St. William's

#### Sunday, February 14, 2021

George Stephen

Lois Gallagher

Donald Clark

Paul Lundwall

John Facarile

Domenico D'Armi

Kathleen Payami

### Church Opening During Lent

The Church will be open for private prayer Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM during Lent. If there is something taking place in the church such as a funeral, wedding, class, parent meetings, RCIA, etc., parishioners should understand that they should not remain in church during these activities.

### New Rectory Office Hours

The Rectory will be open

Monday through Friday - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Saturday - 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

If you need to come to the Rectory, please be aware that visitors will only be permitted in the Rectory Vestibule. Anyone entering the rectory must always wear a mask. To maintain social distancing, only one person will be admitted at a time. If someone is already in the vestibule you are asked to wait outside until they leave. Please ring the doorbell before you enter. You can also email any requests to [information@stwilliam.org](mailto:information@stwilliam.org).

### Emergency

If there is an emergency in which you need to contact a priest immediately, please call the Priest Emergency telephone - 516-312-7361.

### Marriage Banns III

*Alexander Kamm*

&

*Allison Zack*

St. Thomas More, Hauppauge NY

SWA

### Pray for the Deceased

Ernest Corsini

Brett Anzalone

### Pray for the Sick

Kathleen Bayer

Louis Jannotte, Jr.

Larry Marini

# God Is Slowing Us Down

In this weekend's Gospel, Simon Peter's mother-in-law is stricken with a fever, and her regular rhythm of life comes to a halt until she can recover. So many of us can identify with her frustration and desire to serve and help others, and when we cannot, it can be so frustrating. We all have seen a major slowdown in the parish due to the pandemic, and even more so this past week with the snowstorm. We can make all the plans we want, but when Mother Nature rears her head, we are forced to stop. Perspective helps us to look at the experience of a snowstorm as both a terrible inconvenience, and also a gift that God can send us. The pause button is hit. In the Gospel, Jesus gives us the example of pulling away, slowing down, and going into dialogue and prayer with the Heavenly Father. That time alone with God is what actually drives Jesus' pastoral strategy and planning. He listens to the Father and then decides to move on to other places to do the ministry and work he was sent to do.

In many ways, I am so done with the coronavirus and the limitations it has placed on us to drive the Gospel message through our amazing ministries. But this strange time has also been a blessing. We have been able to focus and refocus what the core of our mission is. There have been great conversations with so many of you about our current ministries, and those that will come to the parish as we emerge from this pandemic.

My guess is for many of us, whether because we are football fans or just culturally connected, we recognize this Sunday as Super Bowl Sunday. It has grown to be so much more than a football game; fashion, entertainment, halftime performances, political statements, indulgence (or overindulgence) of food and drink, and the post-game discussion about which commercial was the best. We will fill our plates with wings and nachos, hero sandwiches and those famous homemade dips. The beverages will be flowing, and we will all wake up with a tummy ache and go to work on Monday. Do I have your attention?

I would like to challenge us to look a little further into February to another important date approaching - February 17th, which is Ash Wednesday. In the past we could have used the excuse that there was so much happening in our lives and we were not ready for Lent. That Lent snuck up on us. But just like Jesus in the Gospel, who is extremely busy with preaching, relating, healing, and so many other pastoral and ministerial things, he intentionally pulled away from the noise and prayed. It was in that time that he clearly heard the direction from the Heavenly Father, and we are told it was revealed to him his mission, the purpose that he came to earth.

And what about us? Is it all about driving the kids to another practice, or tutoring session, or play date; or is it about leading our family, and loving them into heaven? We have been given the opportunity to provide space and time for contemplation and preparation for this upcoming Holy Season. God has paved the way for this to be the "best Lent ever." We know that Brady and Mahomes, their teammates, and their coaches prepared a strategy and game plan to get to the Super Bowl - what are we willing to do to get our family into the great arena and stadium of heaven?

Thanks be to God the tough work has already been done by Jesus as he suffered and died on the cross for you and me. He went through the grueling pre-season of the Passion, and actually won the game for us on the cross; now we just have to show up. Not just to sit on the sidelines or being a couch-potato, but to get in the game. God has allowed this pause; we just need to open our hearts and be docile to the Holy Spirit in the direction that will lead us into a deeper and more intimate relationship with God. That does not happen without our willingness and preparation. We have been given the game plan of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving which help to combat the opponents of laziness, over activity, distraction, and "busy"-ness. I want to encourage you to keep an eye out for the many opportunities for spiritual growth and encounter we will provide this Lent. Some will be done in traditional ways here on campus, others will be through the gift of technology, but most importantly, it will be done in the quiet places in your own homes.

God is allowing us to slow down not to be annoying or to frustrate us, but so we can hear Him more clearly. Remember with Peter's mother-in-law, after the Lord touched her, and healed her she rose and was able to return to serving Jesus and others. That is our mission as disciples as well. In the next few weeks, allow yourself to slow down, pray, prepare, listen, and then respond. The Lord is beckoning us and inviting us to more!

Thank you for presence and generosity.

Peace,

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

# Rectory News



Jamie McSorley is excited to join the St. William the Abbot staff as a receptionist in the Rectory! She has been an active member of the parish from a young age. She played with the parish CYO basketball team from the third grade until she was a senior in high school. She has also enjoyed many summers volunteering at St. William's Summer Bible Camp. She graduated from Seaford High School last year and is currently attending Hofstra University majoring in engineering.

## Low Gluten Hosts

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.

## Year-End Tax Statements

Please note that year-end statements for your taxes will not be automatically mailed out. They may be obtained upon request from the Rectory. Please call 516-785-1266 to request your statement, or email your name, address, phone number and envelope number to [information@stwilliam.org](mailto:information@stwilliam.org).

## Memorializing

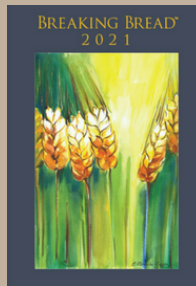
The Rectory is issuing Mass Cards, enrollment in the Purgatorial Society, Memorializing the Wine, Host, Sanctuary Candles and Altar Flowers. Please call the Rectory for more information (516) 785-1266.

## Memorials Available

We are pleased to announce that the Sanctuary Candle and the Altar Candles that are used at Mass throughout the week are now available as memorials.

Anyone wishing to donate the Sanctuary Candle or the Altar Candles in memory of a loved one or on the occasion of an anniversary, birthday, etc., can make this request at the Rectory. Please call 516-785-1266. The offering for the Sanctuary Candle is \$15 and the offering for the Altar Candles is \$30. The name of the person will be announced in the bulletin for each week the candles are donated.

## Missals



At this time we are able to offer the sale of individual missals for \$10 per missal. Please bring a check for \$10 payable to St. William the Abbot or \$10 exact cash to the rectory. There will be no change for cash purchases. We have a limited number at this time, so it is a first come first served basis. **Please come to the rectory door Monday – Friday from 9am-1pm to purchase your missal.**

# Safety

## Safety Protocols

As more of you are returning back to in-person Mass, we want to re-emphasize that all of our safety protocols are still in place. Please allow the ushers to seat you - they have been carefully trained in our seating arrangement that will enable us to get the maximum number of worshippers seated in the Sanctuary while maintaining social distancing.

## Arrive Early & Wear Your Mask

Also, we do ask that everyone arrive early so that we can everyone seated before the start of Mass. **We ask that all parishioners wear their mask covering their nose and mouth at all times while inside the church.**

## While attending Mass during this difficult time

- Please sanitize your hands
- If you are a family please occupy a pew
- Be kind and considerate
- Please keep social distance
- Don't congregate in the Church or parking or before or after Mass
- Touch a bulletin, please bring it home

**Love for our neighbors should be one of the primary considerations**

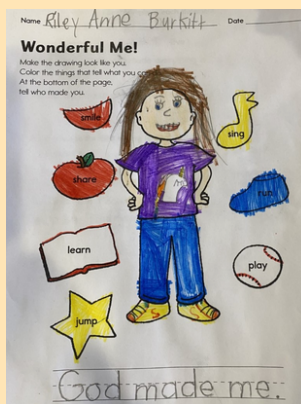
# Faith Formation

Today the reading is about "TO HEAL THE BROKENHEARTED." So many of us feel at times there is no hope or feel why bother trying or going on. Well, that is when Jesus is there for you. To lean on him and give him all your troubles. Not to give up or become weak. Jesus becomes your crutch to go on and be strong. You need to trust in Jesus and pray and ask for help and guidance. Jesus is there for you always.

The 8th Grade Faith Formation parents were sent two memos; 1st - CONFIRMATION NAME, SPONSOR NAME AND MEASUREMENT INFO and then 2nd - Save the Date. It is important that you read both memos. They were emailed out on January 26, 2021. If you have not received them, you can contact the Office of Faith Formation by phone at 516-783-2528 or email [faithformation@stwilliam.org](mailto:faithformation@stwilliam.org), however, please check your Spam/Junk email, it could have gone into that folder. The form asking for Confirmation Information will need to be handed in by March 3, 2021. Confirmation will take place sometime in the Spring, but no other information is available. When we receive more information, the parents will be contacted.

The Third Parent Only Session started on February 3rd. The next Sessions will be on February 6th, February 8th, and February 10th. Parents, you were sent an email which you must sign up for the Session that you will be attending. All the Sessions will be held in the Church.

Here is some work from our Students.



## Ash Wednesday - February 17, 2021



Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation and we are not obliged to attend Mass, or to receive ashes.

The reception of blessed ashes by the Catholic faithful as the hallmark of the beginning of the season of Lent remains very important. However, in the time of the pandemic, the imposition of ashes in the usual manner is not possible.

This year, in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, it is not permitted to impose ashes on the forehead of a member of the faithful with the thumb of the hand, even if that hand is gloved. Hands and gloves would be considered "contaminated" after each imposition of ashes if physical contact were made.

Instead, we will administer ashes to the faithful by sprinkling the blessed ashes on the top of the head of the recipient. Both the priest and the person receiving ashes should wear masks. Those receiving ashes are asked to bow slightly to facilitate the sprinkling. This is the traditional practice of the Roman Rite, and is currently observed in Rome, throughout Europe, and in various other parts of the world. This method, rooted in the scriptural tradition, will allow for ashes to be given easily without making physical contact. Interesting to note is that the Holy Father, Pope Francis, always receives his ashes on Ash Wednesday in this manner!

Mass will be celebrated at: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

There will be no Services on Ash Wednesday this year. The church will be open from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM and a Priest or Deacon will be in church to distribute ashes.

# Stump the Priests

## STUMP THE PRIEST !



### What is the meaning of Purgatory; Why is it that only the Catholic Church believes in Purgatory?

In simplest terms, the doctrine of Purgatory has its basis on God's justice. In God's justice, the souls who die in his grace but with imperfections in their lives to let them go straight or immediately into the joy of heaven will not suffer the safe fate as those who die not believing at all and let alone try living any saintly lives. It is simply inconceivable in accordance with the justice of God.

Consequently, Purgatory is believed to be a state of purification for those who die in God's friendship but still have the stain of venial sins. Unlike heaven, or Hell, Purgatory is a temporary state that permits these souls to undergo a purification after death so they can achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy Heaven. The suffering souls in Purgatory exist in a state of grace and are assured of Heaven but they must endure the inability to see God completely for a time in order to be freed from their sins and earthly attachments.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church has it that:

"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation but after death they undergo purification so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven " (CCC #1030)

The holy souls in Purgatory experience the love of God, a desire to see him, and the joy of knowing they will have that desire fulfilled. Their suffering consists primarily in having to wait to experience the vision of God's glory along with the purification that is required of them. Their suffering, though real, is in no way comparable to that endured by the souls in Hell. The state of purgatory is temporary and will end when the last souls leave to enter heaven.

It is not only the Catholic Church that believes in Purgatory. Other Christian denominations like the Anglicans, the Lutherans, the Methodists, and the Eastern Orthodox churches also hold the same belief and therefore pray for their departed brethren.

The belief in Purgatory does not have any direct reference from the scriptures. However, like the doctrine of the Trinity, it could be inferred from some passages in the Bible. For instance

In 1 Corinthians 3:12-14, Paul states that all saints must pass through fiery judgement in which each man's work will be manifest. This is clearly not a reference to the fires of hell, for he is speaking of the judgement of saints. This certainly sounds like undergoing purification so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter heaven.

Fire is a symbol for purification. So by referring to a person being saved "through fire" after being judged for his or her life's work, St. Paul seemed to be indicating that, for some, there is a purification process that takes place after death, and this is Purgatory.

## Prayers for those in the Military

### US Navy -

Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald  
Ian Bayer, Ensign  
Rebecca Bayer, Ensign  
Ensign Michael Napolitano  
MMN2 Emily Partridge  
Commander Michael Sean Slatley

### USMC -

Lt. Kevin J. Butler  
2nd Lt. Dana Duggan  
Corporal Frank A. Finocchio  
L.Cpl. John Mosier  
L.Cpl. Christopher Russell

### US Air Force -

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

### 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  
Sgt. Brian Kirby  
Major Eamon G. McArdle  
Sgt. Donald Rogers  
Major Christopher James Ustler  
Major Kurtis Unger

## Mass Intentions

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.

### LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

The **Monday - Friday 8:30am** Daily Mass  
and the  
**Sunday 12pm** Mass  
can be viewed on the parish website  
[stwilliam.org](http://stwilliam.org)

### CONTACT THE PRIESTS

Please send your email to [priests@stwilliam.org](mailto: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](mailto:pastoralcouncil@stwilliam.org).

### QUESTIONS FOR COMMUNICATIONS

Please send your email to [igomez@stwilliam.org](mailto:igomez@stwilliam.org).

### QUESTIONS FOR THE RECTORY

Please send your email to [information@stwilliam.org](mailto:information@stwilliam.org).

### CONTACT THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Please send your email to [jgoldman@stwilliam.org](mailto:jgoldman@stwilliam.org).

### CONTACT MINISTRIES

Please send your email to [mmailloux@stwilliam.org](mailto:mmailloux@stwilliam.org).

### CONTACT FAITH FORMATION

Please send your email to [faithformation@stwilliam.org](mailto:faithformation@stwilliam.org)  
or contact the office directly at (516) 783-2528.

### CONTACT SOCIAL MINISTRY

Please send your email to [socialministry@stwilliam.org](mailto:socialministry@stwilliam.org)  
or contact the office directly at (516) 679-8532.

### CONTACT MUSIC MINISTRY

Please send your email to [mgeorgetti@stwilliam.org](mailto:mgeorgetti@stwilliam.org).

### CONTACT THE SCHOOL

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## Parish Social Ministry

**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

### 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**

### Food Pantry

CHEERIOS	BROWN RICE
BROWNIE MIX	CANNED BEETS
STOVE TOP STUFFING	CANNED CORN
MAYONNAISE	CRACKERS
CLEANING SUPPLIES	SUGAR

### 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.

### HEAP Benefits –

#### Home Energy Assistance Program

is available to help with home heating in the winter months for income eligible homeowners or renters. An example of the HEAP monthly income level for a family of two is \$3,413 and for a family of four is \$5,019. Additionally, HEAP offers heating equipment repair and/or replacement benefit for homeowners with inoperable heating equipment. HEAP may help you pay for oil, electricity, propane, natural gas, wood, kerosene, coal or any other heating fuel. For further information, please contact HEAP 516-4327, for seniors 516-227-7386 or [www.mybenefits.ny.gov](http://www.mybenefits.ny.gov) or Rosemary at Parish Social Ministry 679-8532

### 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.



## *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.



# Catholic Kids

Bulletin

February 7, 2021  
Ordinary Time  
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Praise the  
Lord, who  
heals the  
brokenhearted.

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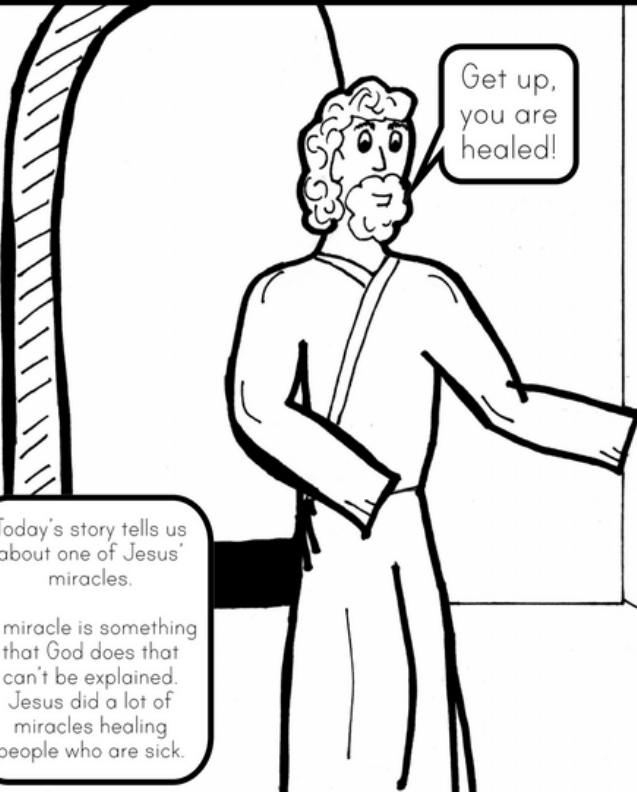
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When the priest says,  
"The Lord be with you,"  
you say, "And with your spirit."

## 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.



Get up,  
you are  
healed!

Today's story tells us  
about one of Jesus'  
miracles.  
  
A miracle is something  
that God does that  
can't be explained.  
Jesus did a lot of  
miracles healing  
people who are sick.



## Gospel

After teaching in the synagogue, Jesus went to Simon-Peter's house and found out that his mother-in-law was very sick. Jesus walked up to Simon's mom, took her hand, and helped her up. She got better right away. Jesus healed her!