

# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

## Fourth Sunday of Lent March 14, 2021



### PARISH INFORMATION

#### RECTORY

Office: 516.785.1266  
2000 Jackson Avenue  
Seaford, NY 11783  
[stwilliam.org](http://stwilliam.org)

#### RECTORY HOURS

**Monday - Friday**  
9 AM - 1 PM  
**Saturday**  
9 AM - 6 PM  
**Sunday**  
9 AM - 1 PM

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - John 3:17

### MASS TIMES

The presider schedule can be found on the parish website [stwilliam.org](http://stwilliam.org)

#### DAILY MASS

**Monday - Friday**  
8:30 AM

#### WEEKEND MASS

**Saturday**  
8:30 AM & 5 PM  
**Sunday**  
7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM, & 12 PM

#### Pray for the Deceased

Giorgio Gugliemi

Margaret Mary Geis

#### Pray for the Sick

Lauren Connell  
Gerry Polizzi

Gary Panzl  
Vittoria Tacchetti

Gigi Priola  
Dorothy Meinke  
John Finan

*Lucas James Tuxen*

*Lily Anna Wallace*

*Wyatt Michael Waller*

Let us welcome those children who were Baptized this past weekend.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, March 14, 2021

Jeannine Kelly  
The Ritter Family (liv)  
Collective Intentions  
Tom Gallagher  
John & Maria Mio  
Pasquale Serenita  
Nicole Teseschi  
People of St. William's

#### Monday, March 15, 2021

Buzz Santini

#### Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Gerard Black

#### Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Patricia Trotta

#### Thursday, March 18, 2021

Anne Marie McNulty

#### Friday, March 19, 2021

James Power

#### Saturday, March 20, 2021

Purgatorial Society  
Eileen Dvorak

The Sanctuary Candles used at mass this week were donated In loving memory of

*Harriet and Bernard Phillips*  
from the Phillips Family.

The Altar Candles used at mass this week were donated In loving memory of

*Carole Flynn*  
from the DuPlessis Family.

The Wine and Hosts have been donated in celebration of

*Isabella Rubina's 5th Birthday*  
with love from Stephen, Cindy and Vincent.

## A Heartfelt Thank You

It is hard to believe we have just hit the one-year mark of the experience and impact of the Corona Virus Pandemic. The staff and I looked at the figures and statistics of opportunities to serve and be present on the campus for worship and social events. One year ago, our Mass attendance was at 2,775 people over the weekend. The school was in a good place with students and a strong faculty and curriculum. Our ministries were flowing, and we were looking forward to some of the annual parish gatherings and "FUN" raisers.

BOOM! Shut down. No Family Festival, Christmas or Spring Fair, Golf Outing, Mass on the Grass, Oktoberfest, or Christmas Tree Lighting; our school went remote. The public celebration of the sacraments was changed and continues to be adapted to allow for current CDC and State recommendations. Everything we had once known was changed forever. Yet in typical St. William the Abbot Parish fashion, you put your love of the Lord, this parish, and others into overdrive.

On March 13, 2020, with the decision to close the school and the campus we embarked on a swift adaptation to engage with our parishioners and community with new online capabilities. The initializing of live-streaming Masses using Facebook, or our new system, allowed many of you and the homebound to stay connected to the community through Mass, devotional prayer times, and online informational videos. The gift of technology has allowed the parish to serve those families that are distant or that are not able to attend in-person weddings and funerals.

As the state and CDC slowly began to lift regulations, the parish and school began to plan and implement new safety protocols to ensure the safety of students and parishioners. New cleaning regimens, PPE, and safety protocols were investigated and allowed the students and parishioners to be safe on the school and parish campus.

The pandemic year also challenged us with an abundant number of snowstorms adding to the routine of Covid-19 cleaning with additional winter storm clean-ups.

Currently, we can estimate that about 1,200 people are physically coming to Mass, growing each week. The school has 425 students, our Parish Social Ministry is supporting even more families in need than in previous years, and we are preparing to reengage our ministries. Throughout the year, your prayerful and financial support has allowed us not only to maintain our high-level of service but to actually grow and thrive.

I want to acknowledge our incredibly creative and dedicated members of the SWA staff, the parish, and the school, who have put themselves in harm's way coming in each day to keep the Mission moving throughout the pandemic! To all of you parishioners as well, who maintained the financial support by dropping off weekly envelopes, electronically giving, or using the PayPal option to continue with your weekly offerings. Because of that generosity, we have been able to continue to thrive as a parish.

As we move into this new season as a parish, and for many of you, as you discern where to send your blessings from God, we recognize that the pandemic has had a spiritual and financial effect on all of us. Please prayerfully consider the parish and, in particular, these four options - the weekly collection/offering, Parish Social Ministry, St. William the Abbot School, and the Catholic Ministry Appeal. Recognizing that any form of generosity you contribute is a great sacrifice for you individually and as a family, these are the areas I see as the most critical in order for us to grow.

As always, thank you for your presence and generosity.

Peace,



# Rectory News

## Daylight Savings

It is time to Spring Forward!  
Sunday, March 14th Daylight Saving  
Time begins and clocks will move forward  
one hour. Remember to note that when  
coming to/watching Mass!



## 2022 Mass Intention Book

The 2022 Mass Intention Book will open on Tuesday, March 16th at 9:30 AM. We are limiting the number of Mass Intention requests to 4 per person, per visit. The Mass Intention Stipend is \$20 for each Mass requested.

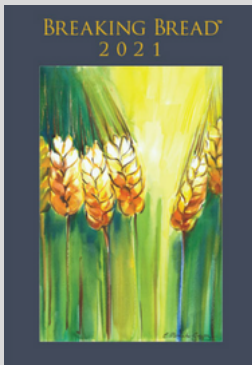
As a reminder, to maintain social distancing, only one person will be admitted to the Rectory at a time. If someone is already in the vestibule you are asked to wait outside until they leave. Anyone entering the rectory must wear a mask. Please ring the doorbell before you enter.

## Memorializing

The Rectory is issuing Mass Cards, enrollment in the Purgatorial Society, Memorializing the Wine, Host, Candles and Altar Flowers. Please call the Rectory for more information (516) 785-1266 or email [information@stwilliam.org](mailto:information@stwilliam.org)

## 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.



## 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.

## Emergency

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

## 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).

## 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.

## LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

Join us online to view our live-streamed masses on the parish website [stwilliam.org](http://stwilliam.org).

**Monday - Friday 8:30 AM**

**Saturday 5:00 PM**

**Sunday 12:00 PM**

## 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.

## 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.

## Email List

If you are not currently on our email list and would like to receive email updates on parish news and the bulletin, in your inbox please register on the parish website.

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

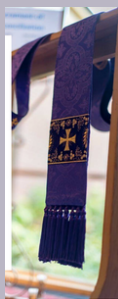
# LENT SCHEDULE

## Finding Time for God in a Pandemic *Lenten Mission*

Church – 7:00 PM

The Lenten Mission will be live-streamed on the parish website [stwilliam.org](http://stwilliam.org)

Tuesday, March 16 - Mass with Fr. Pierre Toussaint, CFR  
*'Take up your mat and walk.'* - John 5:11



### Monday of Mercy

Monday of Mercy (Confession)  
Church – 7:00 – 8:00 PM

March 15 – for the parish  
March 22 – for the parish

### Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be live-streamed on the parish website [stwilliam.org](http://stwilliam.org), Facebook account, and Instagram TV on

Friday, March 12, and 19  
at 4pm.

## 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

### US Air Force -

Capt. Matthew B. Frasse  
Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers  
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

### USMC -

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

### US Coast Guard -

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

# Faith Formation

It is the start of the 4th Week of Lent and we hear at Church – “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so everyone who believes in him might have eternal life”. Many times, we forget that God gave his only son, Jesus, to us. Jesus was put on Earth to show us that he is human. He had good days and bad days. Jesus was in pain, suffered, and was crucified. Just like Jesus we too have good and bad days. Sometimes we are in pain and suffer quietly. Pray to God to be given the strength and patience to get through the bad days. Prayer is so powerful, and you will feel the healing powers. We all need to remember though that because of Jesus dying on the Cross for us, there will be eternal life where no more pain and no more suffering will exist.

Faith Formation had their Parent/Child Sessions. Mrs. Walsh, Ms. Atanasio, and the Priest's, Fr. Joe, Fr. Collins, and Fr. James spoke to the Parents and Students about the Seven Sacraments. Each Sacrament was broken down so that there would be a better understanding.

The 8th Grade Students whose name ends with Milevoj to Yahner are assigned for Friday, March 19, 2021 at 6pm to 8:30pm to attend the Retreat. Please bring your child/ren to the Abbey at 5:45pm. Parents do not stay. Parents will pick up their child/ren at 8:30pm in the Church. If you have any concerns, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 516-783-2528 or email us at [faithformation@stwilliam.org](mailto:faithformation@stwilliam.org)



ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH



**Join Fr. Joe, Fr. James, & Fr. Collins**

*Paint  
Night  
Fundraiser*

**Friday, April 23**

**6pm - 8pm**

**2001 Jackson Avenue**

**St. William the Abbot School Gym**

**MASKS MUST BE WORN & SOCIAL DISTANCE PRACTICED**

**\$75 Per Painter**

**Raffles**

**50/50**

**Pizza**

**Dessert**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Painters: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail or drop off the registration form to the Rectory office.  
Registration is on a first come, first serve basis until spots are filled.

# Safety

## Sacristy

For the safety of our Priests, we ask that parishioners refrain from entering the Sacristy. Please do not hand offering envelopes, letters etc. to the Priests. Please drop them off in the Rectory Mail Slot.



## Arrive Early & Wear Your Mask



We do ask that everyone arrive early so that we can seat everyone 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.**

## 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.

## Overflow Space

We do have overflow space in the Abbey for Masses. Please follow the directions of our Ushers if the Church reaches capacity and you are asked to attend the Mass in the Abbey.

## 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 lot before or after Mass
- Touch a bulletin, please bring it home

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

## Holy Communion



When it is time to receive Holy Communion, please practice social distancing as you walk in the communion line. On the way back to your pew please maintain spacing. Everyone will come down the center aisles to receive communion. Please do not rush back to your seats.

# Stump the Priest

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### Question - Which vaccine should we use?



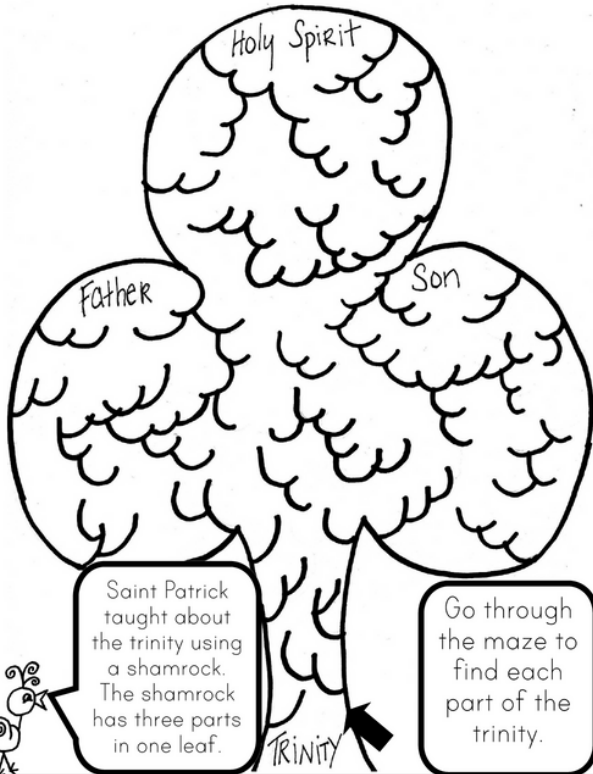
WASHINGTON— On March 2, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Doctrine, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued a statement on the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine recently approved for use in the United States.

"The approval of Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine for use in the United States again raises questions about the moral permissibility of using vaccines developed, tested, and/or produced with the help of abortion-derived cell lines.

"Pfizer and Moderna's vaccines raised concerns because an abortion-derived cell line was used for testing them, but not in their production. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine, however, was developed, tested and is produced with abortion-derived cell lines raising additional moral concerns. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has judged that 'when ethically irreproachable Covid-19 vaccines are not available ... it is morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process.' [1] However, if one can choose among equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen. Therefore, if one has the ability to choose a vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna's vaccines should be chosen over Johnson & Johnson's.

# Saint Patrick

Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He was a Bishop and helped a lot of people learn about the Catholic Church.



Saint Patrick taught about the trinity using a shamrock. The shamrock has three parts in one leaf.

Go through the maze to find each part of the trinity.

# Catholic Kids

March 14, 2021  
Lent  
Color: Purple

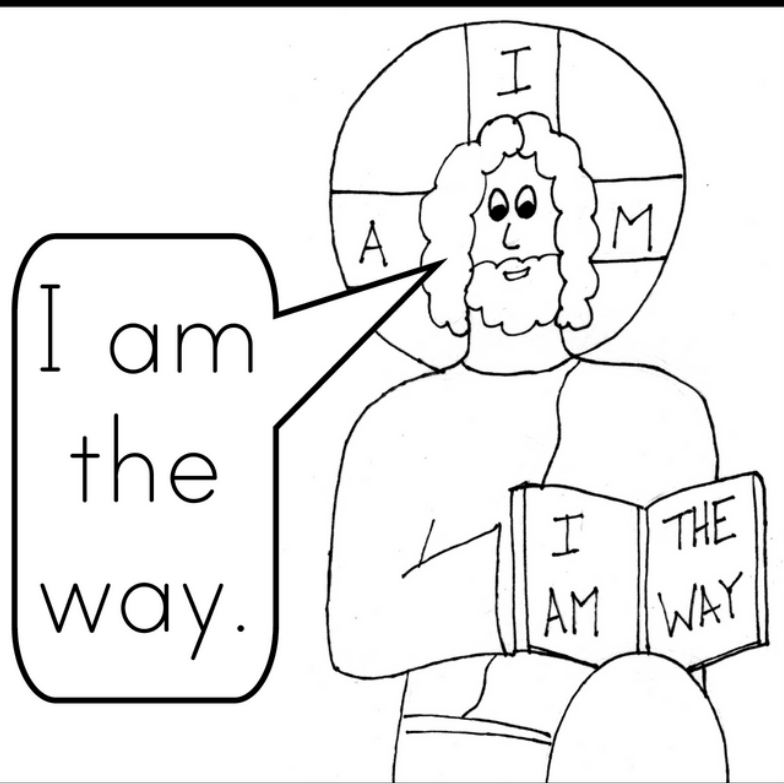
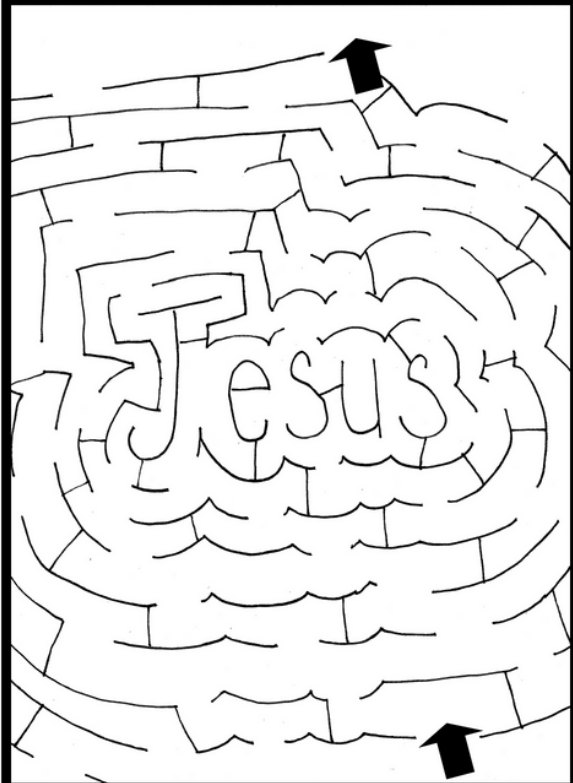
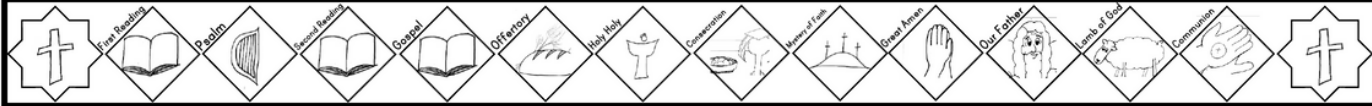
Bulletin

PWALETPTYPTONGUEPBEOU

Let my tongue  
be silenced,  
if I ever  
forget you!

PEVERPWOFORGETPWKSIZHEOSK

There are pictures or statues of the Stations of the Cross in your church. Ask your family to help you find them.



# Gospel

God loved us all so much that He sent Jesus to earth to help us!  
Jesus died for our sins so we can live with God in Heaven.



# Consider Automated Giving

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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.

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## 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).***

This authorization is to remain in full force effect until the R. C. Church of St. William the Abbot has received written notification at least five business days in advance of the desired termination date.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized signature for above account)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If second signature is required:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized signature for above account)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Parish Social Ministry

## Easter

Looking for a special family activity to do for Lent? Why not create an Easter food basket that can be donated to Parish Social Ministry? These baskets will be given to the families we support for their Easter celebrations. Baskets can be decorated for the holiday and can include things such as breakfast and dinner items, and perhaps a little Easter candy. Baskets should be small to medium in size to ensure our clients are able to easily lift them. If you would prefer to make a donation instead of a basket, grocery store gift cards are always welcomed for families to purchase fresh foods such as dairy and produce.

## Parish Contact Information

### 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 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 THE SCHOOL St. William the Abbot School



Office: 516.785.1266  
2001 Jackson Avenue  
Seaford, NY 11783  
[stwilliamtheabbot.net](http://stwilliamtheabbot.net)  
(516) 785-6784

## 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**

**By Appointment Only**

## Food Pantry

**Stuffing  
Crackers  
Salad Greens**

**Taco Kits  
Diapers size N and 1  
Napkins**

## Medical Equipment

There is currently a hospital bed and hooyer lift available for any parishioner in need. Anyone interested must make arrangements for pick-up. Please direct inquiries to the Parish Social Ministry at 516-679-8532.

## Caring for the Caregiver

Although our program cannot currently meet we are reaching out to those who are caring for a homebound family member. You are filled with compassion for your loved one, it is not an easy situation. The time involved and the emotions you experience can be overwhelming. Particularly at this time you may be without a backup caregiver which compounds the stress. If you would like to call to speak to someone experienced with these situation, please do so (516) 679-8532.

## 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