



# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



**January 14, 2024**  
**Second 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 – 8:20am

Saturday: 3:45pm – 4:50pm

### Adoration

Monday – Saturday: 7:15am – 8:20am

First Friday of the Month: 9am – 5pm

### Private Prayer

Monday – Friday: 7:15am – 6pm

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

John 1:35–36

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024

#### Collective Intentions

People of St. William’s

Marie Carpenter

Melvin Carpenter

Nora Arnold

Jo A. Mather

Carol Bamonte

Elizabeth Young

### Monday, Jan. 15, 2024

Betsy Young

### Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024

Vito Catalanotto

### Wed., Jan. 17, 2024

#### Collective Intentions

Jack Healy

### Wednesday continued

Paul Thompson

Kristin A. Valerga-Goetze

Kathleen Missilli

### Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024

Joseph Jencen

### Friday, Jan. 19, 2024

Gloria Gallipani

### Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024

Purgatorial Society

#### Collective Intentions

People of St. William’s

Philomena Rollino

Nicholas Russo

Annette Brooks

## Pray for the Sick

Richard Fedyk

John L. Fox

Anthony Abbruzzese

Jacqueline Denhard

Donald A. Porzio

Jacinta Whiston

Sal Lupo

Arlo Elliott

Keith Gorton

## Pray for the Deceased

Joseph Boyle

Joan B. Winiarski

Robert F. Magee

Ann M. Schaedler

## Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in memory of  
Thomas Fitzgerald  
from Karen and David Tuttelman

## Altar Candles

The Altar Candles used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of  
Diane Lynn Petrouskie  
from Dan, Matthew and Tom Petrouskie

## **“What Are You Looking For?”**

A blessed and Happy New Year! I know, I know it's already January 14th, but the past few weeks have been a challenge for me personally and for my family as we were attentive to my dad with his sickness and eventual death. However, the support that you all and so many others have offered to my family and I these past four years, and at the very end, has been a true gift. We are celebrating the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. This time is called the time of hope, and the readings this weekend show that. John the Baptist points to and shows us how to follow the Lamb of God, the one who takes away the sin of the world – the one who restores and makes all things new. The Lord is inviting us to keep our eyes on Him – He is the answer to who and what we are looking for.

The saints throughout history tell us that following Jesus is the greatest adventure a human can experience, but Jesus does not want disciples who follow Him from afar, but to walk with Him. As those first disciples stood on the shoreline observing, Jesus simply invites them, “to come and you will see” – and the adventure began. They dared to step away from their comfort and allowed the Lord to enter into their story – it was such a profound encounter; they remember the exact time it happened: ‘four in the afternoon’. As your pastor, I ask the same question, in 2024, in your Catholic Faith journey, what are you looking for? Would you like to learn more about Jesus? The Scriptures? Your faith in general? Or perhaps is the Lord calling you to serve Him and His Church in a new way, as a lector, to visit the homebound, to share your gift in the choir or music ministry, or greet new parishioners? The Gospel tells us that after Andrew left Jesus, he found Simon Peter and told him about the Lord. He evangelized; he went and told others the Good News. The mission continues today.

As Saint William the Abbot approaches 100 years as a parish community, Jesus is calling us and others to come after him in order to find the fullness of life and joy we are all searching for. We can be the catalyst of hope and joy to bring more of Christ's light in this new year and spread the fire of evangelization here on the South Shore of Long Island. Andrew simply tells Peter, “We have found what we all have been looking for” – and it is not a set of rules, or an organized social club, it is a person, and his name is Jesus. Jesus is the answer to the unrest and division in our world and nation. He is the answer to the anxiety and worry our families and young people face each day. He is the answer to the fulfilment and purpose we all desire and seek. We do not have to be afraid to respond and follow Him – it will become a great adventure.

These past few years have been hard for all of us; the pandemic did a great deal of damage and pushed many people away. It is time to return, time to rebuild all the damage that was caused – the suspicion, confusion, and lack of trust. Who better to do that than all of us – as one family working together united in faith. Encouraging and inviting others into a relationship and friendship with Jesus and the Church. The small country Church on Jackson Avenue in Seaford has served as a beacon of light and hope for almost 100 years, and we continue to do that – to be a light. I pray that we will have the courage to ask some of our loved ones and friends the same question Jesus did – “what are you looking for?” Let's listen to them, and then, like Andrew - let's bring them to the Lord, and let the adventure begin!

Thank you for your kindness, care, presence, and generosity.

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



# ADORATION

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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH**  
**9AM - 3PM**  
**IN THE CHURCH**

## ***Baptism***

Please welcome the following children who were baptized this past weekend:

Joseph Aquilina  
Ada Bellew  
Lyla Kimbley  
Avery Marzella

## ***Pillar of Formation***

As Catholics, we are called to bring others to the Church. Brush up on Church teachings and ask God to help you evangelize.

## ***Pray for Those in the Military***

### **US Air Force -**

Capt. Matthew B. Frasse  
Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers  
Airman Carlos Rosado  
Major Thomas F. Shields

### **US Army -**

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

### **USMC -**

First Lt. Dana Duggan  
L.Cpl. John Mosier

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Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald  
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Jr. Lt. Rebecca Bayer  
Jr. Lt. Ian Bayer  
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Michael Vietri

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Capt. Logan Lee  
Lt. Col. John Kallo  
Capt. Caitlin M. Lee

## ***Year-End Tax Statement***

Please note that year-end tax 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](mailto:information@stwilliam.org)

## ***Welcome to St. William the Abbot!***

If you are new to the parish, please stop by the Welcome Desk in the vestibule of the Church after Mass to register your family with us, or visit our website - [www.stwilliam.org](http://www.stwilliam.org).

## ***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.

## ***Stay Connected!***



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# St. William the Abbot Catholic School

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## Join Us for OPEN HOUSE!

**Sunday, January 28, 2024**

10:30 AM Mass

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Open House



Scan QR Code to Schedule a  
Personal Tour at Open House

## We are St. William's!

- Mass Attendance and Daily Prayer
- Living Environment and Algebra Regents
- National Junior Honor Society and Student Council
- Middle School Sports including Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Cross Country, Bowling, Cheer, Flag Football, Softball, and Baseball
- Extended Care Program to assist Working Parents (Grades N-8)
- Spanish Instruction Grades K-8
- Middle School Latin Instruction
- Choir, Art, and Music
- Art with STREAM Instruction in our state-of-the-art Makerspace
- Band Grades 1-8
- Drama Club
- After School Enrichment Clubs Grades K-8
- Field Trips in support of Curriculum
- Parent Involvement - Home School Association, School Board, Father's Club

*"Sending our daughter to St. William's is a decision my husband and I can feel good about every day. We know that from the moment we drop her off to the moment she comes back home, she is loved, safe, supported, and challenged. We have been welcomed with open arms into a community that shares our values. We know that sending our daughter to SWS will set her up for success - academically, socially, and spiritually- for the rest of her life. It's the best gift we can give her."*

*~ The DeBardelaben Family*



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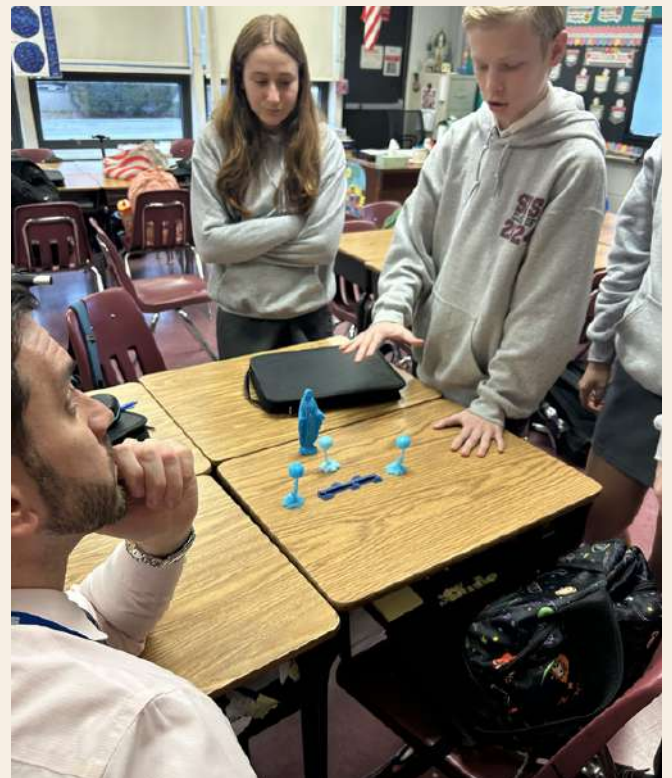
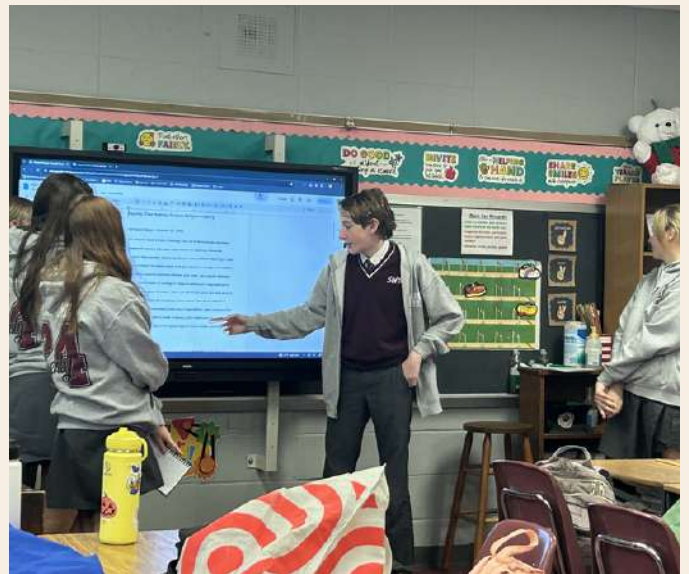
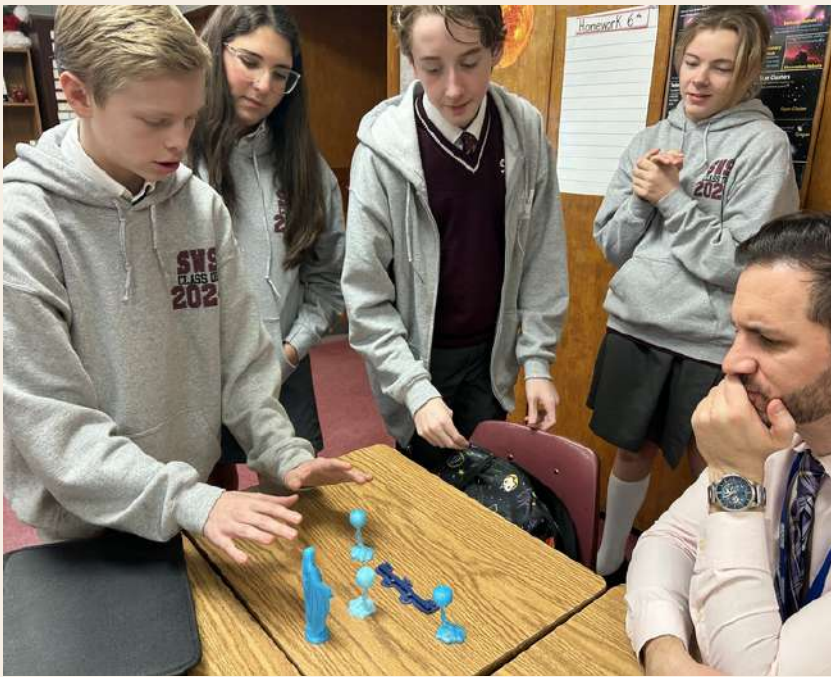




## *St. William the Abbot School*

The inaugural SWS Aquinas Team, with members Christian Bayer, Jenna Caniano, Gianna Falco, James Holian, and Tessa Mullin, met with Mr. Brian Colomban, Diocesan Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, to discuss the progress they have made on their Aquinas Project. Our students are developing a research-based project in response to the essential question, What is 'time,' and where does God exist in relation to 'time?' The Team will present their research at the Aquinas Expo at Holy Trinity HS in April.

The Aquinas Program, sponsored by the DRVC, seeks to create a self-guided learning experience that transcends the four walls of the classroom, promoting collaboration and critical thinking skills in students. The program challenges students to become autonomous learners and scholars. Good luck to the SWS Aquinas Team!



**A VIRTUS training session specifically for parishioners of St. William the Abbot has been scheduled for Thursday, January 25th at 7pm in The Abbey.**

**This training is required for all volunteers of any ministry within the parish and for all volunteers of SWS and the Faith Formation program.**

**Please note that space is limited and you must register online (no calls, please) prior to the class by using the instructions below provided by the Diocese of Rockville Centre.**

For Volunteers in the Diocese of Rockville Centre

A person wishing to volunteer in any parish or organization in the Diocese of Rockville Centre must first complete three requirements:

1. Attend Protecting God's Children (Virtus)
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct
3. Complete a background screening application.  
(Background screening is conducted on all volunteers and employees every 5 years.)

Directions to Complete the 3 Requirements:

1. Sign up to attend a *Protecting God's Children* class by visiting **[www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)**.

When you log on to the Virtus website, you will create a Virtus account.

- a. If you have not attended a Virtus class, you are a first time registrant.
- b. The first screen will ask the name of your organization—from the drop down list, please select Rockville Centre-Safe Environment.
- c. Follow all directions on the next screens.
- d. One screen will have the Codes of Conduct. Please acknowledge the Codes of Conduct.
- e. Continue with the registration process and select the class you will attend.
- f. After selecting the class, you will be instructed to complete the background screening application.

2. Background Screening Application:

- a. Sterling Volunteers is the company providing the background screening.
- b. Follow all the directions to complete the background screening application. **DO NOT STOP ONCE YOU BEGIN THE APPLICATION!** If you stop—you are locked out of the process due to security procedures.
- c. You will need to provide your Social Security Number  
(if you do not provide a Social Security number, you will be charged a fee)
- d. After completing the application, hit the 'Submit Button'



## ***Parish Social Ministry***

### ***Pantry Needs***

Hearty Chicken Soup  
Honey Nut Cheerios  
Peanut Butter  
Pretzels  
Laundry Detergent  
Conditioner

### ***Prayer Shawl Ministry***

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday January 16 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!

### ***Spring 2024 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 20 and space is limited! For more information about these sessions call us at 516-679-8532.

### ***Thank You Daisy Troop 3296***

The Seaford Manor kindergarteners of Daisy Troop 3296 did a holiday collection of personal care items for our parishioners in need. The troop collected items such as shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, paper goods and cleaning supplies. They targeted these items because they are not covered by SNAP (food stamps), so offering these items to families in need really makes a difference! Thank you, Troop 3296, for your kindness and generosity!



### ***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.

### ***Home Heating Assistance Available***

Applications for obtaining HEAP benefits are currently being accepted. HEAP is the Home Energy Assistance Program, which helps low-income individuals and families pay for the cost of heating their homes. Eligibility and benefits are based on multiple criteria such as income, household size and heating source. If you are eligible, you may receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year. You could also be eligible for emergency HEAP benefits if you are in danger of running out of fuel or having your utility service shut off. For more information or to apply, visit <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/>

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Bishop John Barres on St. Agnes,  
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of the Diocese of Rockville Centre

## The Diocese of Rockville Centre GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

### Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2024 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

**Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.**

The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre  
Celebrant: Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski  
Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 16, 2024

**Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.**

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue  
Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle  
Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 30, 2024

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Available January 18th  
at [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org).






When Saint Thomas Aquinas was young, he talked very slowly and carefully. The kids at school called him, "Dumb Ox."

Thomas was actually VERY smart and is one of the Doctors of the Church! He wrote books that people still learn from today.

## Saint Thomas Aquinas

Year B: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



# Catholic Kids Bulletin


January 14, 2024  
Ordinary Time  
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Here am I,  
Lord; I come  
to do your  
will.


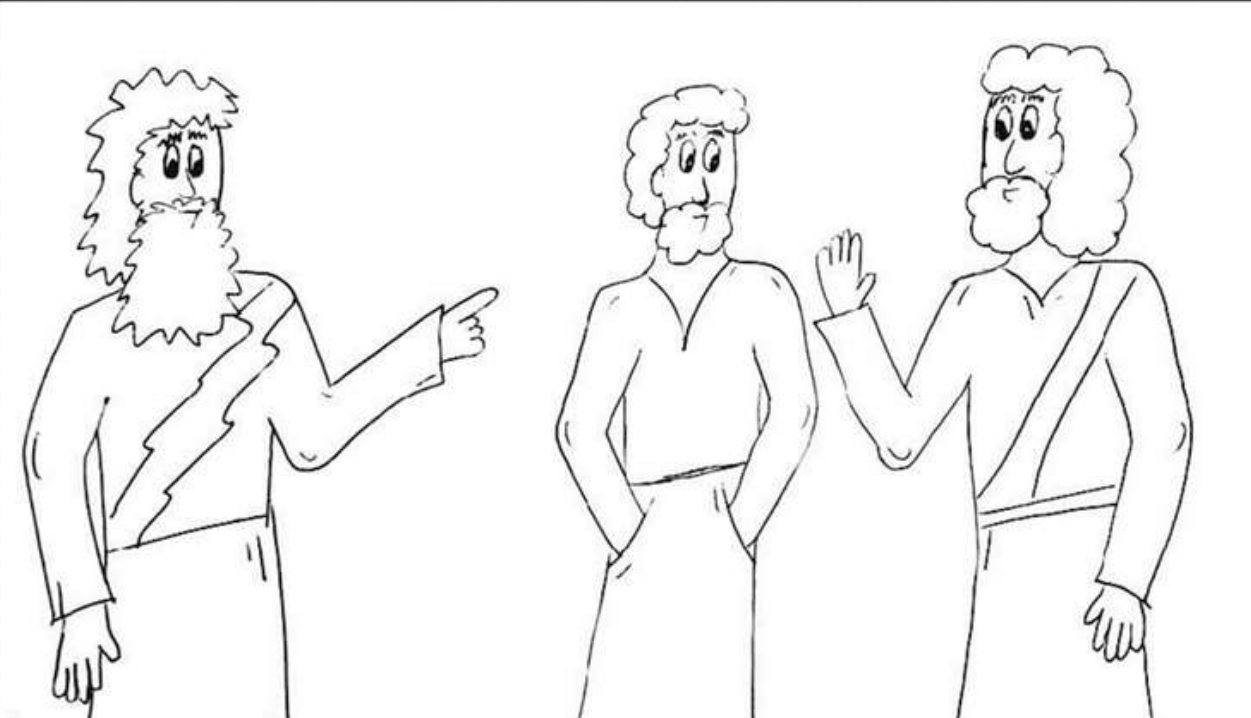
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Read the Psalm in the box above. Try to pray the Psalm with everyone during Mass today.

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## Gospel

Peter met Jesus because of John the Baptist. John the Baptist told Peter's brother, Andrew, that Jesus was the Lamb of God. Andrew went to Peter and told him that he had found the Messiah! Peter followed Jesus and became the first Pope.

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Dcn. Joseph Lettieri  
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Herley Mendez  
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