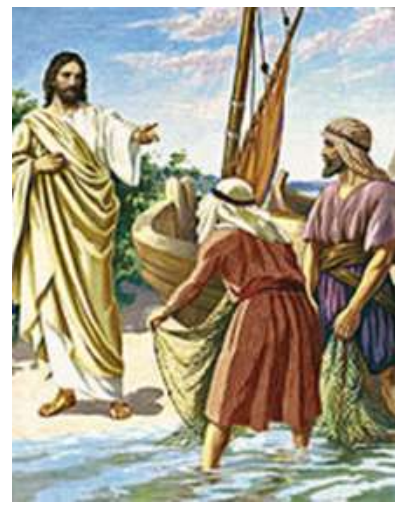




St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



January 21, 2024
Third 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

As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him.

Mark 1:16-18

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024

Leo Dobrzeniecki

Richard Ford

Ann Serzanin

Francesca & Giovanni

Rutigliano

Monday, Jan. 22, 2024

Ann Gorecki

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024

Louise Veronica Mayer

Wed., Jan. 24, 2024

Collective Intentions

Carmela Roumpas

Thomas P. Quinn

Thomas J. Quinn

Patrick Cicalese

Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024

Pete Montalbano

Friday, Jan. 26, 2024

Vito Magrino

Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024

Purgatorial Society

Collective Intentions

People of St. William's

Msgr. William Varvaro

Jennifer Lynn McKnight

Sandy Carlino

Mary Anne McAuley Roth

Pray for the Sick

Richard Fedyk

Jacqueline Denhard

Donald A. Porzio

Jacinta Whiston

Sal Lupo

Arlo Elliott

Keith Gorton

Barbara Mitchell

Pray for the Deceased

Kathleen A. Verderber

Anthony Abbruzzese

Kathleen P. Abrescia

Margaret R. Kellner

Wine and Hosts

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

Thomas Fitzgerald

from Nicole and John Kallo

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of

Bernard L. Kluender

from Dorothy Kluender

The Kingdom of God Is at Hand!

Recently, I had a conversation with a few of my brother priests regarding a desire to expand current ministries and identify new ministries within the parish structure post COVID. One of the pastors lamented recently of approaching members of his parish to serve in various roles, such as usher, catechist, trustee or a member of the parish or finance council. The frequent answer was, "I'll have to get back to you on that," or "Let me go talk about it with my husband/wife." There was a consensus that this was respectful to consider how their decision to say yes might affect those closest to them. But rarely if ever did anyone reply yes immediately on the spot. There is a pause, a hesitation, and in many cases a protection of our most important commodity, our time. This trend has been pressing in on our parish, but also many other volunteer driven organizations. Surprisingly, many people would rather opt out of volunteering, and in some cases, make a monetary donation rather than offer their time.

There are probably good reasons to consider that pause or discernment to serve, but we see at various times in Scripture when those whom Jesus calls to follow Him said yes right on the spot: the calling of Matthew at the tax station, and, of course, in today's Gospel, the disciples "abandoned their nets and followed him." What if any of these whom the Lord called told him, "I'll have to get back to you on that, Jesus," or "Let me go talk about it with my husband/wife?" What if that hesitation had cost them the best thing that could ever happen to them – a chance to be a close friend of our Lord Jesus Christ? We also see in Scripture a time when some would-be disciples gave the "OK, but first..." answer to Jesus, and they are told they are not fit for the kingdom of God! For many of us that can seem harsh. Throughout our days we are presented with many opportunities to follow Christ, whether it's putting our own plans for the day aside to care for a sick child or parent or offering to help a relative or friend even if it means giving up our own free time. Are we prepared at every minute to drop everything and say yes to Jesus's call to serve?

The invitation to friendship and intimacy with Jesus continues even in 2024, and like the shoreline of Galilee, He is searching the shoreline of Seaford, Massapequa, and Wantagh for you and me. Those first disciples had work, and life, and family issues they were being attentive to. In hindsight some would say those chosen by Jesus do not appear to be the most qualified for the mission at hand. They were fishermen, publicans, finance people, as opposed to students of theology or philosophy. The chosen disciples were wounded, busy, distracted, "everyday" people dealing with common issues and problems. Honestly not much different than any of us here at St. William the Abbot. But they responded when called – and their lives, and the world was forever changed.

When I think of the past five years we are individually and collectively mending our nets – the physical, spiritual, and emotional ones. Like the apostles in the Gospel today, we are fatigued after a long day, and gather as families assessing, mending, and trying to be attentive to all that has occurred. The make-up of our parish has not really changed significantly, this part of Long Island identifies overwhelmingly as Roman Catholic. Most of us are first or second-generation transplants from "the city." The foundational values that made the Catholic Church explode post World War II, Vietnam, and even 9/11 has not significantly shifted or changed. What has shifted is the sense of personal accountability and ownership in the parish and school community; and doing whatever it takes to advance the Gospel.

We are blessed to have incredible core long-term volunteer disciples who have strengthened and sustained our ministries, and the mission of our parish. Our rectory staff and ministry team continue to provide new, creative, and innovative ways to proclaim the Good News, as well as relying on classic time-honored ways to evangelize. Where we are struggling is engaging and motivating the next generation of believers to have that same passion and drive for the parish as they have for town sports and community activities. Our parish is led by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Sunday Eucharist, not by programs, song selections, or social gatherings. Those activities can help, but at our core, we are a Christ centered Eucharistic people.

Jesus simply invited others to "come," and they responded because they were distracted, anxious, and hurting and wanted more for their life. He is still inviting you and I today, but he is also asking us to invite others – to come and see how their lives can be more joyful and fulfilled. Not by a bunch of rules and commandments, or an organization, or even by social activities and special events – but by a person – Him. He is the Good News that can transform our hearts and our world, to bring freedom to the captive, sight to the blind, peace to the anxious, and hope to the downcast. Are you willing to do your part, to share your gifts and talents for the mission? Then come, let us also be 'fishers of men'!

Thank you for your presence and generosity.

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

Purgatorial Society

Horace Staniger, Maureen Elizabeth Barbara, Antonette Cherenfant, Florence Golden.

Mary V. Reed, John Cuminala, Sharon Justine Virostek, Lucas DeSario, Joseph M. Marino, NYS Senior Court Officer (Ret.)

James Marino, Paul Hudak, Mary Lou Donahue, Kathleen Arcuri.

Virginia Goldhammer, Ethel Ann Miceli, Thomas Adams, James O'Brien, Raymond Thomen, Salvatore Yannetti, Jason Acosta, Joan Alossa, Francois Ponzio.

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Giuseppe Fronda, Gina Pellettiere, Lauralee Miller, Joan Grimes, Millie Paradiso, Nancy Bryson, Maureen Upton, Lisette Baquero, Albina Sangemino, Virginia Svoboda, Ivan Drazenovic, Ida Connico.

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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
Lt. Col. Christopher James Ustler

USMC -

First Lt. Dana Duggan
L.Cpl. John Mosier

US Navy -

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

US Coast Guard -

LT Commander James Knudsen
Daniel Timpanaro
Commander Katherine Ustler-Lodispoto

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

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, January 28, 2024.

Second Collection - Church in Need

Next weekend, January 27/28, a collection will be taken for "The Church in Need." The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is particular need for help: the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America and the Church in Africa. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



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OFFICE OF CLERGY PERSONNEL

ANNOUNCEMENT

In 2022, James Hansen chose to leave ministry, and subsequently, voluntarily requested a dispensation from the obligations of Holy Orders. This request was granted by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, and became effective January 10, 2024. As such, James Hansen has returned to the lay state and no longer serves as a priest.

Please keep him in your prayers.

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

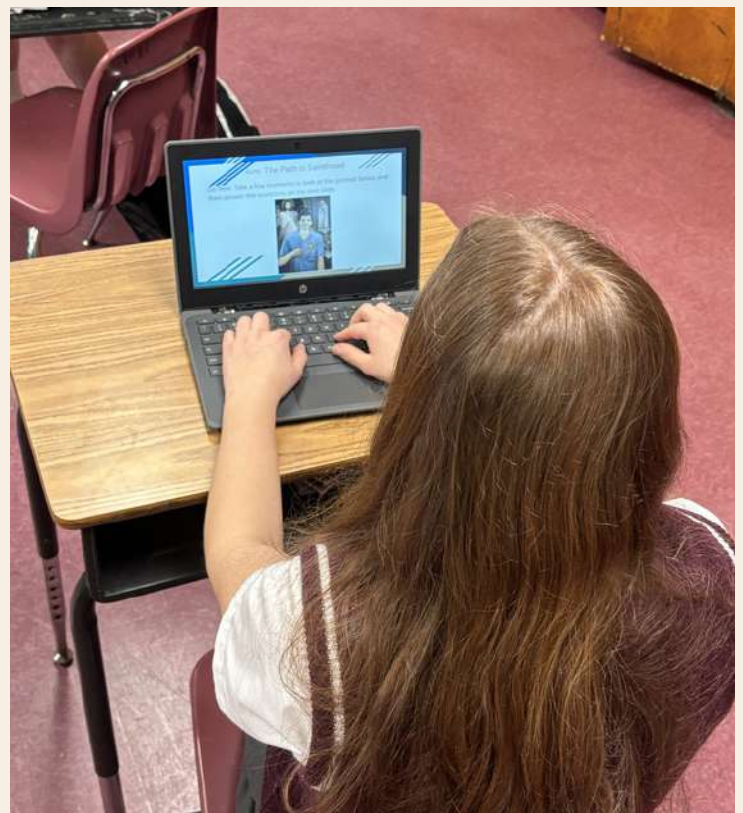


A Legacy of Excellence



St. William the Abbot School

Students in 8-1 spent time this past week learning about Bl. Carlo Acutis, an Italian 15 year old boy on his way to sainthood. Students watched a video on Bl. Carlo and learned about his life that he so lovingly dedicated to God. Students completed a presentation on the newest beatified teen and researched his exhibit, "The Eucharistic Miracles of the World." After, students explored a few of Bl. Carlo's favorite saints, and wrote about their extraordinary lives. What beautiful role models to look to on the 8th graders path to Confirmation.



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**.

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'



Join us for an
exhibit of

THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 26TH YOUTH NIGHT

6:30PM - 8:30PM IN THE ABBEY

View the exhibition & engage in peer
discussion followed by Eucharistic
Adoration for those in 6th - 12th Grade.
Please pre-register at
stwilliam.org/carloacutis24



SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH

ALL WELCOME

1PM - 4:30PM IN THE ABBEY

COME AND LEARN ABOUT THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF OUR NEWEST BEATIFIED TEEN AND HIS
DEVOTION TO THE REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST BASED ON THE WEBSITE HE
DEVELOPED WITH HIS COMPUTER TALENTS

Parish Social Ministry

Pantry Needs

Cereal
Tea
Pretzels
Tissues
Shampoo
Dish Soap

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.



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>.

Affordable Connectivity Program

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is offering an Affordable Connectivity Program which provides a \$30/month subsidy to pay for broadband internet services. This subsidy can be used for any internet service provider. In addition, 20 internet service providers have committed to offer discounted service plans for those using the subsidy. This program has income eligibility requirements, but your household automatically qualifies if you currently receive SNAP, National School Lunch/Breakfast Program, Medicaid, SSI, WIC, Veterans Pension or Survivors Benefits. Visit the FCC's website to apply at www.fcc.gov/acp.



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/>

Saint Basil the Great

A monk named Saint Basil thought up a plan to help people who were being robbed.

Saint Basil asked some rich men to give jewels and money to the robbers so they would leave the poor people alone. Saint Basil was surprised when those mean men wouldn't take the money! They learned that they were being bullies and gave all the money back.

Saint Basil didn't know how to give all the money to the right people, so he baked a cake with the jewels baked inside. Everyone shared the cake and got to keep the jewels from their slice. Yum!



Year B: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Catholic Kids Bulletin

January 21, 2024
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Teach me
your ways,
O Lord.

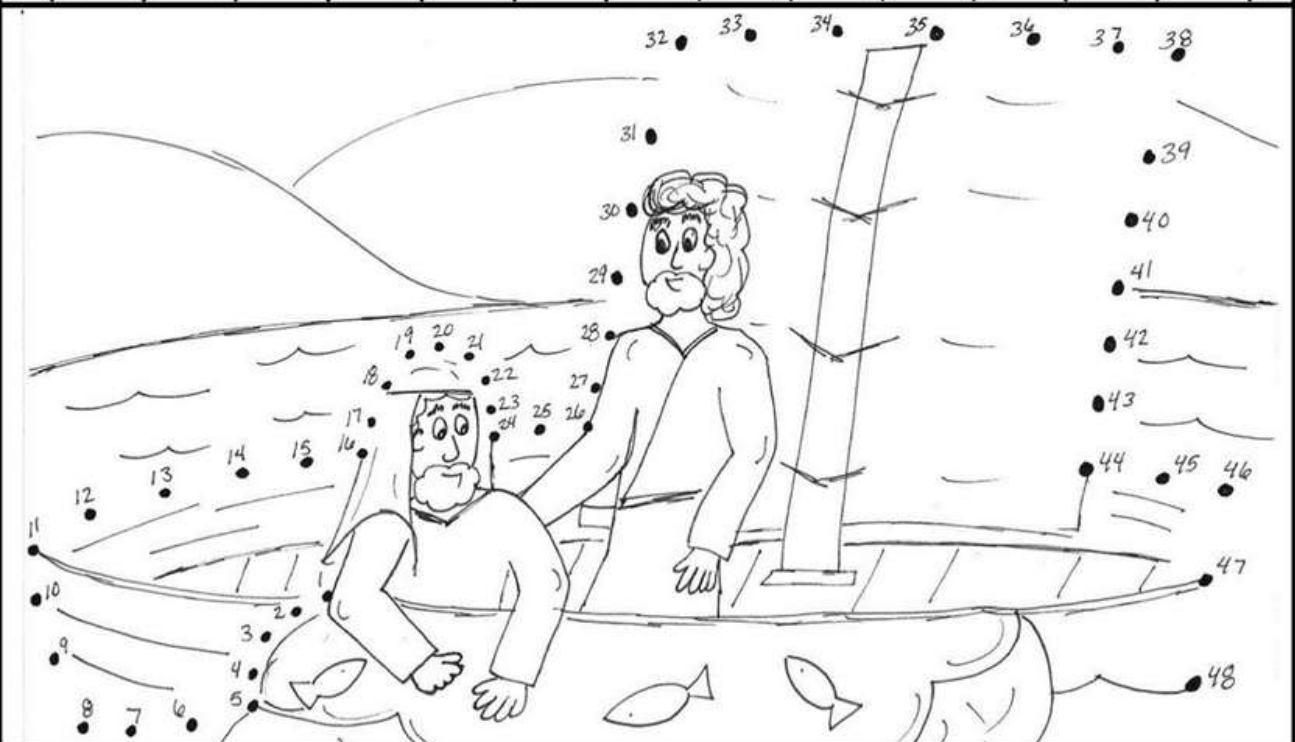
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What color is the priest wearing today?
It is Ordinary Time.

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James and John were fishermen. Jesus met them and said,
"Come after Me, I will make you fishers of men."
They stopped fishing and followed Jesus.

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*Please pray for our Seminarians and all those
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stwilliam.org/sacraments

Register as a St. William the Abbot Parishioner
stwilliam.org/i-am-new

Catholic High Schools of Long Island
chsee.org

Diocese of Rockville Centre
drvc.org

Formed: The Catholic Faith. On Demand
formed.org

Tomorrow's Hope Foundation: Financial Aid for Catholic Schools
tomorrowshopefoundation.org

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