



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were 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. Matthew 4:18-20

January 22, 2023 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 - 8:15am

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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023

Collective Intentions

People of St. William's

Edward Speidell, Jr.

Joann Brooks

Stephen E. Casey

Gloria Quinn

Richard Ford

Adelaide & Arma Salvadori

Wed., Jan. 25, 2023

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Rev. John Whalen

Bruce Brower

Becky Anderson

Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023

Patrick Keane

Friday, Jan. 27, 2023

Ann Falcone

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023

Purgatorial Society

Collective Intentions

Vito Magrino

Msrgr. William Varvaro

Maliszewski Family

Eddie Speidel, Jr.

Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023

Carmela Roumpas

Wed., Jan. 25, 2023

Collective Intentions

Edward Speidell, Jr.

Pray for the Deceased

Irene Molinaro
Vito Catalanotto

John "Jack" Healy

Pray for the Sick

Jack Sheehan
Richard Fedyk
Robin Julian
Nancy Priola
Eric Thomas Guzzo
John Reynolds

Wayne Candreva
James Greico
Genevieve Greico
Kristin Valerga-Goetze
Keith Gorton
Denny Fecho

Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated with birthday wishes in heaven for
Peter Montalbano
with love from Eileen and family

Dropping Your “Nets” to Follow Jesus

As some of you know, I had the great blessing to step away from the parish for about a week to do a personal retreat in order to reflect and pray into the beautiful Gospel passage of the Beatitudes. The reading is so familiar to us from the Sermon on the Mount, but sometimes can become too familiar and we might miss the great richness of that message - to know that God desires to nourish us with His Word. I especially received that during the retreat in a new way. I want to take a moment to also thank Father Anil for his time with us this past month, which allowed for me to attend to my dad and have a little rest. Fr. Anil has been coming to Saint William the Abbot for about 15 summers; the past few summers were challenging with COVID and immigration hiccups delaying his arrival. The visa we prepared for August 2022 did not clear until November, and we jumped at the opportunity for him to come at Christmas to take time and share his gifts and talents with us. We are hoping that he will return with us in the summer of 2023!

This past week was filled with several great Catholic feast days: Saint Anthony of the Desert, Saint Sebastian, and of course our Diocesan patroness, Saint Agnes. The Gospel today speaks about how Jesus encounters people and meets them right where they are - their lives change, and they follow him. Saint Anthony came from a wealthy Egyptian family who had many material goods, homes, and social status. But he traded all that in so he could spend time fostering a deeper relationship with Jesus in the desert. People would come to him for spiritual direction and life guidance, and because he was away from so much of the distractions of the world, his insight and recommendations were transforming. Saint Sebastian was also from the same time period. He was a Roman soldier that was murdered around the year 300. It was, of course illegal to be a Christian and yet he came to know the Lord, and to follow him despite the risk of being persecuted and killed. He is famously depicted as being shot by arrows, and is known as the patron saint of soldiers, archers, and athletes. The final witness of Christian life is the patroness of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Saint Agnes. Our Cathedral is named after this young saint who even as a young lady lived counterculturally and is heralded as the patron of young girls and survivors of sexual abuse. Her life was a living witness of virtue, charity, purity, and love for the Lord. A true model for our young women and men who strive for holiness and chastity in the world that often objectifies a very different way to live. These are all simple models of those who chose to follow Jesus when he called them.

As we enter this Ordinary Time period of the liturgical year, the scriptures move into a rhythm of unpacking Jesus' early ministry. It's an opportunity for us to put in right order our lives, and to follow Jesus' invitation to be a better Christian. If you were like me, even with the gift of the retreat, I find myself easily distracted by some of the tasks and responsibilities that I have. Instead of leaning into more quiet time and prayer, I will often grasp my phone, or aimlessly watch YouTube videos, or a Netflix series that more often than not numbs my mind. God desires more for us, and we can as a Parish community look at simple and ordinary ways to deepen our faith and strengthen our relationship with the Lord. Making quiet time, reading the Bible, praying the rosary, journaling, perhaps getting to daily Mass or coming to St. William's (or another church near school or work) to pray and light a candle. What appears to be so ordinary, can be extraordinary for our heart and soul.

My hope is to provide different opportunities for us in the next few weeks to do just that. Some of them will be here on the church campus, others might be small teachings, or social media posts to activate the faith muscles in our heart and brain. I would always recommend some of the great Catholic resources that are out there, like the Ascension Press publications *The Bible in a Year*, or *The Catechism in a Year*, or even simply reading or listening to the daily Gospel readings at www.usccb.org. I can be so quick to make excuses or fall into some old habits that prevent me from even taking the tiniest steps in my faith journey, but today's Gospel shows us a great example of how to hear Jesus more clearly. We are told that those first disciples “dropped their nets” and followed after Jesus. We all have different “nets” that keep us from hearing and seeing God. Those nets for us are usually distractions, disruptions, and even bad habits that the Lord is inviting us to leave behind and start anew. For this upcoming week, I am encouraging and challenging myself, and all of us to discern what are the nets or obstacles that prevent us from a better relationship with Jesus and the Church? When we do identify them, let's drop them, put them aside, and remove them, so we too can simply follow Christ.

Have a great week! And thank you for your presence and generosity.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fr. Joel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "F" and a stylized "J".

Christmas Offertories

As always, we thank you for your continued presence and generosity.

	2018	2019	2020**	2021	2022*
Attendance	3071	4444	1454	2238	3519
Christmas Masses	\$ 99,861	\$102,976	\$ 73,119	\$ 89,475	\$ 92,540
Christmas Mail-In	\$ 18,925	\$ 35,931	\$ 71,506	\$ 37,983	\$ 47,083
Total	\$118,786	\$138,907	\$144,625	\$127,458	\$139,623

*Christmas falls on a Sunday

**Covid Pandemic

Pray for Those in the Military

USMC -

First Lt. Dana Duggan
L.Cpl. John Mosier

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 Air Force -

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

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 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

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 29, 2023.

Pillar of Service

As baptized Catholics, we are called on a mission to spread the Good News to all we come across and to be at the service of God.

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.

St. William the Abbot Catholic School

Seaford, NY



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Join Us for OPEN HOUSE!

Sunday, January 29, 2023

10:30 AM Mass

11:30 AM - 2:00 PM Open House



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- 🏰 Mass Attendance and Daily Prayer
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- 🏰 Choir, Art, and Music
- 🏰 Band Grades 1-8
- 🏰 Drama Club
- 🏰 After School Enrichment Clubs Grades K-8
- 🏰 Field Trips in support of Curriculum

"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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My father always said, "Learn by doing." That is what we do in St. William's music classes: stamp, shake tambourines, sing, play xylophones, body percussion to Bach rhythms, actively listen to all kinds of music, conduct in patterns 2-7, throw scarves in the air, play recorders and compose on music software. I'm probably leaving a few things out, but you get the idea! Of course, we have a Christmas concert and a Spring concert, and I hope you'll catch some of our singing at the Catholic Schools Mass on January 29th.

Submitted by Mrs. Vincente Batsford, Music Teacher



Faith Formation



Some of our Faith Formation classes were on the move this week!

Mr. Mackay brought his class outside to the Grotto, Miss Kathy lead tours of the Church for the 4th and 6th Graders, and Mr. O'Keefe took to the hallway for a lesson on the Stations of the Cross.

By the look of it though, our other students seemed to be enjoying their in-class time!



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Friday, January 27th at 1pm - St. William the Abbot

Light refreshments to follow in The Abbey
Please RSVP or direct questions to awalsh@tildonkursuline.org / 718-591-0681 x2060

Parish Social Ministry

Grocery Bag Collection - Complete!

Thank you to everyone that donated grocery bags to the Parish Social Ministry! We had an overwhelming response, and we are now extremely well stocked.

Thank you all for your support! We will keep you posted in the future if we need to do another collection.

Pantry Needs

Canned Chicken
Mayonnaise
Canned Fruit
Raisins
Honey

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.

A Note From a Homebound Parishioner

Many parishioners donated items for our Homebound parishioners during the Advent season.

Due to your donations, we were able to distribute Christmas cards, handmade pictures from Parish children, gift-filled stockings from the CYO Swim Team, pies from the HSA's baked goods drive, and poinsettias that were delivered by our Eucharistic Ministers. We received many thank you calls due to your generosity, and recently a note for our parishioners which said: "Thank you for all of the beautiful gifts that you sent to my house. You make the homebound parishioners feel we are never forgotten, and your caring makes us feel special. I wanted to say thank you, thank you, thank you! I love you all!"



Looking to Donate Used Items?

We have updated the Parish Social Ministry section of the St. William the Abbot Parish website. We list multiple donation resources locally for your furniture, clothing, housewares and more! Check us out at www.stwilliam.org/social-ministry for more information!

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.

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.

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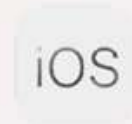
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Saint Josephine grew up in the Sudan and was kidnapped and enslaved when she was seven. She was taken by an Italian family that lived in Sudan. They were kind to her so when they moved to Italy, she asked to join them. In Italy, she was a babysitter for a young girl and attended a Catholic school with her. As she grew up, she realized that slavery was illegal in Italy, so she was free! She became Catholic and joined a convent. She spent the rest of her life praying for others and showing her trust in God.

A black and white line drawing of a woman in a historical costume. She has a high, rounded collar with three buttons, a long skirt, and a decorative headpiece. Her right arm is extended to the side.



Catholic Kids Bulletin

January 22, 2023
Ordinary Time
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Please pray for our Seminarians and for all
those discerning religious life

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