

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 24, 2021



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

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"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

- Mark 1:15

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 25, 2021

Diane Lynn Petrouskie

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Vincent Flaherty

Courtney Matejka

James Harford (liv)

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Deceased and Sick Friends and Benefactors of the

Ursuline Sisters

Thursday, January 28, 2021

Donald Clark

Maureen Dobbin

Friday, January 29, 2021

Michael Murphy

Saturday, January 30, 2021

Purgatorial Society

Patrick & Kathleen Morley

Sunday, January 31, 2021

Diane Kelly

Eileen Hobin

Michael Murphy

Ralph Cavalliere

Edward Marsh

People of St. William's

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.

New Rectory Office Hours

The Rectory will be open **Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM until 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.

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

Baptism

Elle O. Lager

Audrey L. Lager

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

The bread and wine used at mass this week were donated in loving memory of

Peter T. Pirone

from the Pirone Family.

Pray for the Deceased

Barbara Ann Clive

Sean Dean

Pray for the Sick

Kathleen Bayer

Louis Jannotte, Jr.

Larry Marini

Richard Ford

Dominick Gudice

Patricia Swedenberg

What Is Your Call?

The Scriptures this week continue to be focused on “the call,” the unique and specialized mission that God has for each and every one of us. Our Vocation. The first reading reveals the story of Jonah going to Nineveh, challenging, and inviting the people to repent and change their ways. Nineveh would be similar to a big city like Manhattan but was often known as the toilet bowl of the ancient world, with debauchery and negativity. In fact, Jonah did not want to respond to the assignment, that’s why he ended up in the belly of the whale for three days. Eventually he is thrust out of that whale and would go to the people of Nineveh and encourage them to transform their lives into the love and knowledge of God. The crazy thing is this, they actually do repent and change their ways. The task that seemed so daunting and almost impossible for this prophet or even you and I, was not and is not impossible for God.

The vocational call continues today, whether it be Jonah, or for the apostles, or for each of us here at St. William’s - God is inviting us to be missionaries. We are being called uniquely at this time in the history of the church and our parish to respond to God’s invitation. Over the next few weeks and months, we are going to be looking at all our current ministries, and those new ones that the Lord will put in front of us, specifically in this upcoming year. I desire to do that for several reasons. First and foremost, as we prepare later in the year to return to service and ministerial work, I want to be sure that we are strengthening, adding, and even pruning certain aspects of how we can serve the community better. This will also allow me to reconnect and get to know so many of you in a deeper way than I was able to previously do in my first few months as Pastor, and the whole global pandemic which threw a monkey wrench into everything.

You will also see announced in the bulletin this week that one of our Ministerial Pillars, Rosemary Graziano, who has so generously guided and mentored not only Parish Social Ministry, but so many of our other ministries, has decided to retire and spend more time with her family. We are so blessed to have Allison Marrow come on as Acting Director of Outreach, and I am confident the level of pastoral care will continue to thrive and grow. It will be important for Allison, myself, and Mary Mailloux - our Director of Ministries, to evaluate the many incredible ways we have served and will continue serve the Parish and community.

After our amazing response these past 10 months, and especially during Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year, please know that 2021 will not be a time to recede and pull back in our ministries, but to reevaluate, re-strategize, and to move forward to bring the Gospel. Pope Saint John Paul II often spoke of a New Evangelization. The Gospel message remains the same beautiful story, but how it is presented and to whom is New. And we have already seen that in ways like Livestreamed Masses, Zoom Pre-Cana Courses, Outdoor Christmas Eve Mass (with an FM modulator), virtual family rosary, Google Classroom for school, Faith Formation, and the “Virtual” Christmas Star Adopt-A-Family. God continues to call us and move us in new and exciting ways. Thank you for your openness and desire to serve.

As early as next week we will begin connecting with our youth and young adults to determine what and how we will be able to serve them better. Meeting in the Church after the 5 PM Mass and listening to them, not telling them what has been done here in the past or telling them what we think they should see as important. The youth are not the future of the Church, they are just as much of the NOW, and so I want to hear from them - now. We will then begin to encounter each of the 40-50 ministries, and their leadership, who met regularly in the past. As a reminder, we will not be opening up meeting spaces, or the Abbey, or even the school until we have a better sense of appropriate and safe cleaning. I had mentioned recently that we are spending \$20 K in cleaning bills per month right now, and that is without any of our ministries or activities taking place in the buildings. Until we can assess how to safely gather on campus and prepare for the next day’s events, onsite, and in-person meetings will not be happening. The Church however - which has had Mass, Adoration, and all the other sacraments occurring in it since June, will be the place for those I had mentioned meeting as the place where we can safely gather.

Obviously with the effects of a Global Pandemic we are going to do so in such a way that will wisely protect those of us who are on the front lines of ministry, and those people who are receptive to sharing their gifts and talents. The Gospel continues to be preached – the Lord continues to move in our hearts and in this parish. Let us pray for each other, for the parish, and for our future. As always, thank you for your presence and generosity.

Peace,





HELP! THE CHURCH NEEDS YOUR HELP

CALLING ALL KIDS, TEENS, AND YOUNG ADULTS



JOIN FR. JOE & FR. JAMES ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 30 6PM - 7PM

AFTER THE 5PM MASS IN THE CHURCH FOR A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH



Must be worn at all times.
For your safety and others,
please wear your mask properly
covering your nose and mouth.



Practice social distancing.



If you are not feeling well or have been
around someone with Covid within the last
14 days. Have a cough or fever. Have been
diagnosed with Covid-19 Coronavirus.
For the health and safety of yourself and our
community, we ask that you stay home.



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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

APPLE JUICE
RICE A RONI
MASHED POTATOES
TOMATO PASTE

TOMATO PUREE
CANNED CHICKEN
CANNED BEEF STEW
PRETZELS

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.

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.

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.

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.**



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

2021 MARCH FOR LIFE

How to #whywemarch during covid

JAN 29

www.drvcMarchforlife.com in the Diocese of Rockville Centre

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.**

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.

Rectory News

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.

Reconciliation

Reconciliation is offered Monday - Saturday from 7:00 am - 8:15 am and Saturday from 3:45pm - 4:45pm.

You may also schedule your time for confession by emailing priests@stwilliam.org.



STUMP THE PRIEST !



Why is there a crucifix on the altar?

In order to understand the importance of having an altar cross, we must first make sure we understand what the Church teaches in regards to the celebration of the Mass. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines the liturgy as follows:

The liturgy is the celebration of the mystery of Christ and in particular his paschal mystery. Through the exercise of priestly office of Jesus Christ, the liturgy manifests in signs and brings about the sanctification of humankind. The public worship which is due to God is offered by the Mystical Body of Christ, that is, by its head and by its members. Catechism n. 218

At the heart of the liturgy, we believe is Christ, the Eternal High Priest and the reality of His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Throughout the history of the Church, the sign chosen to help the Mystical Body unite to this reality has been Christ crucified. In the Cross, we see the Sacrifice of Christ and the ultimate sign of God's love for humankind.

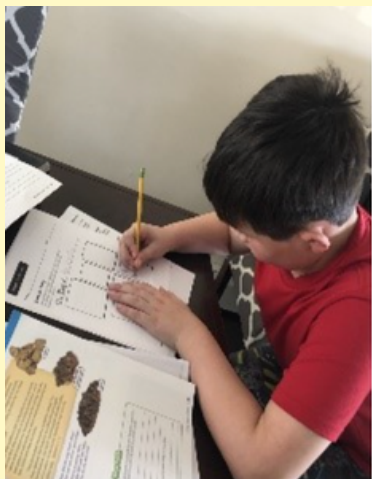
The Cross of Christ is referred to as the first altar on which Jesus offered the sacrifice of His life. At the sacrifice of the Mass, the altar is the sacred place that unites us to the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the Sacrifice of Christ offered by Christ on Calvary once and for all. The Mass "re-presents" those followers of Christ at the Last Super, at the Crucifixion, and at the Empty Tomb.

At the moment of consecration, we as Catholics believe that Christ is truly made present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. As we gaze upon this great mystery and gift, it is a blessing to be able to gaze upon the crucifix and recognize that we are truly present at the sacrifice of Christ. The Mass is rightly described as a sacrifice – with Christ as the victim and the priest.

In order to enter into this reality, it is essential that the Cross of Christ be present at the celebration of the Mass. We are blessed to have the beautiful Crucifix that the congregation can look upon during the Sacrifice of the Mass. It is also important that the priest be able to reflect and gaze upon the Cross during the Sacrifice of the Mass.

Faith Formation

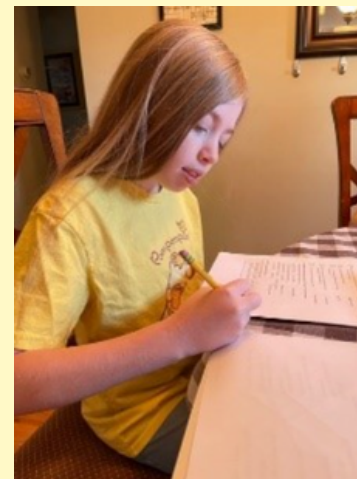
God calls us all to service. You need not be an adult to follow or hear His call. Jesus spoke in the Temple at age 12. Last year Carlo Acutis became one of our youngest saints. Last week's 1st reading talked about a young Samuel being called by the Lord. Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your Servant is Listening". As young Catholics, answering the Lord's call or serving the Lord can be a simple act of opening our hearts and asking what does God want from me? When we are called to action, remember what young Sa muel said, "Speak, for your Servant is Listening".



Ryan Kind



Jeziorski family



Jeziorski family

Parish Social Ministry

After much prayer and discernment I have decided to retire on March 26th. Be assured that this was not an easy decision. During my 9 ½ years here I have tried to dedicate myself to our parish which has become home and the parishioners who have become family. Thanks to our collaboration the parish ministries have grown and you have helped my spirituality to flourish. More and more I came to see Christ in the faces of our parishioners and those who reached out for assistance. Thanks to your support, together we were able to overcome Super Storm Sandy and now the issues associated with Covid-19. Your consistent generosity allowed Parish Social Ministry to assist families, singles and seniors in need. Thanks to you we were able to bring Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas into many, many homes. The overwhelming food donations filled our neighbors' pantries on a weekly basis. These services will not stop. Allison Marro will pick up where I am leaving off. She has been with us as a volunteer with St. Vincent de Paul Society and most recently as my assistant. Little did she know that she would be on the frontline addressing the impact of Covid-19 on our families. She stepped up to the challenge and surpassed. To say thank you for all your kindness seems inadequate but be assured it is very sincere. You will be in my prayers and I ask you to pray for me! Allison Marro will be in the interim Director of Social Ministry.

Rosemary Graziano



LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

The Monday - Friday 8:30am Daily Mass and the Sunday 12pm Mass can be viewed on the parish website stwilliam.org.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Mission of the Society refers to the fact that the Society is inspired by the Gospel values and hopes to build a more just world by service to people in need. Here at St. William we have a very active and involved Society that works together with Parish Social Ministry to assist our parishioners in need. On a monthly basis we have approximately 80 singles, families and seniors that reach out to us. If you or someone you know needs assistance please let us know. Let us live the Gospel message and be Christ to others. All information is strictly confidential. Parish Social Ministry, (516) 679-8532

CONTACT THE PRIESTS

Please send your email to 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.

QUESTIONS FOR COMMUNICATIONS

Please send your email to igomez@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT FAITH FORMATION

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

CONTACT SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

CONTACT MUSIC MINISTRY

Please send your email to mgeorgetti@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR THE RECTORY

Please send your email to information@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Please send your email to jgoldman@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT THE SCHOOL

St. William the Abbot School



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Seaford, NY 11783
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(516) 785-6784

Dear St. William the Abbot Parish,

Rosemary Graziano, Director of Social Ministry has been an integral part of our parish family for almost 10 years. She has dedicated countless hours to lovingly serve all those who enter through the doors of Social Ministry – and always seeing the Face of Jesus in them. Under her leadership, we have been able to provide support and care to those parishioners who have come to us for help for a season, or for long term help and encouragement, and always done so with great dignity. We are all familiar with her guidance to so many parish ministries, identifying Apostolic Service for our faith formation students, Eagle Scout or Life Projects, homebound visits, St. Vincent de Paul mission and outreach, the overflowing Thanksgiving baskets of meals to our families, and assisting in making the miracle of Christmas happen for families each year, and countless other ways where she made Jesus Christ present!

She has lived Radical Hospitality. Please see below for some words from parishioners who have been blessed by your generosity this past holiday season and the work that Rosemary has done in Social Ministry.

Parishioner thank you's;

"I wanted to write this personal thank you for your kindness and generosity. My Pantry is full and I'll use the gift cards to replenish. The robe, pj's & sweats were perfect. I've worn all of them. The poinsettia is thriving. It has been a difficult time for me between the loss of my son and this virus but your caring and kindness makes me smile. God Bless"

I wanted to express my gratitude for everything you have done for me. The Christmas gifts you bestowed on me just knocked me for a loop, I cried with every one I opened. The gifts great niece were extremely generous and so adorable and perfect. To top it off, an envelope of much needed gift cards. I honestly was overcome with emotions for all of it.

I really want to thank you , your staff, and all the parishioners for really giving me a Christmas , that I would otherwise never have had this year! You are truly all angels, I appreciate you everyday. May God Bless you always! Have a safe , happy and healthy New Year!

We are so grateful for her sharing her heart, and her gifts here at St. William the Abbot and the many sacrifices she made to be away from her (husband / Children and grandchildren by name). We wish her the best in her retirement from ministry, and that she may rest in the Love of God who speaks so clearly through her life and service – "Well Done Good and Faithful Servant!"

Peace,



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.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2021

January 29th

St. William the Abbot Church

due to COVID-19 we will not be traveling as a parish to Washington D.C.

ADORATION: 1-3PM

TALK: 1:30PM

ROSARY: 2PM

We will be gathering in the Church for this event. If you are unable to attend in person this will be livestreamed on the parish website.

Join as a parish family to pray for the Sanctity of Life in solidarity with those marching at our Nation's Capitol. Let us pray for the unborn, their parents, families, our communities, our nation, and our leaders.

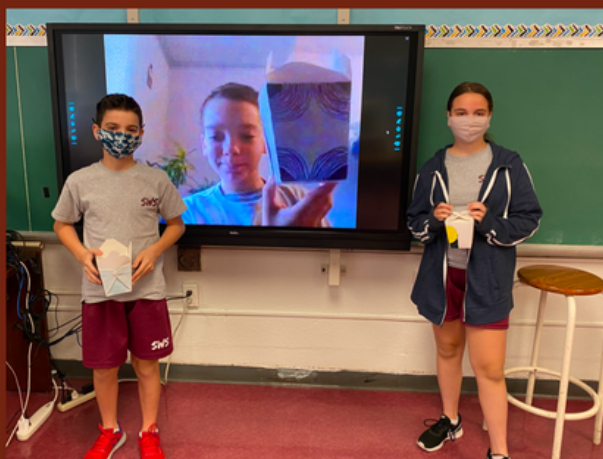


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St. William the Abbot School

Seaford, NY



CALL TODAY TO SCHEDULE A TOUR FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK SUNDAY

JANUARY 31, 2021
10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

(516) 785-6784

***REGISTRATION AVAILABLE**
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UPON REQUEST.

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Catholic Kids

January 24, 2021
Ordinary Time
Color: Green



Bulletin

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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.

Saint Basil the Great

A monk named Saint Basil though 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 slide. Yum!



Gospel



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.

Catholic Schools Week Virtual Open Houses, Jan. 31 - Feb. 6

**This year, our Open Houses
will be at *your* house.**



**Attend a virtual Open House,
and see the Catholic School difference
from the comfort and safety of home.**

Find a Catholic Elementary School near you,
at www.LICatholicElementarySchools.org.

Click on "Find A School".

