



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



January 29, 2023 Fourth 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

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Matthew 5:11-12

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023

People of St. William's

Adriana Perruccio

Rose Russo

Eddie Speidell, Jr.

Monday, Jan. 30, 2023

John McGrath

Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023

Patrick Keane

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023

Frank Perniola

Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023

Collective Intentions

Jeanne Bobby

Eleanor M. Foy

Helene Helmeyer

Joseph Duemig

Friday, Feb. 3, 2023

James Napoli, Jr.

Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023

Purgatorial Society

Gloria Quinn

Pray for the Deceased

Helen Elizabeth Johnson

Patricia A. Coughlin

Alice Gasparini

Pray for the Sick

Richard Fedyk

Robin Julian

Nancy Priola

Eric Thomas Guzzo

John Reynolds

Wayne Candreva

James Greico

Genevieve Greico

Kristin Valerga-Goetze

Keith Gorton

Denny Fercko

Lesa Laurence

Ann Marie Canale

Adrienne Harker

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.

“He Sat Down and Began to Teach Them”

As we enter into Catholic Schools week as one of the few parishes in our Diocese that still has a school, we reflect on Jesus the Teacher. Jesus “did” many things during His time on earth - His actions became a model of how to live, not just a way among many, but “The Way, The Truth, and The Life”! As Christians we are not only called to live like Him but to literally BE Christ in the world. Jesus did not only give us the model, but today in the Gospel, He gives us the directions, the manual, the full road map of how to live our lives on earth and how to get to Heaven. The Beatitudes (Matthew’s Gospel Chapter 5) are the opening section of the Sermon on the Mount - Jesus’ longest homily. The Sermon is really the essential teaching and pathway to holiness describing what it takes to mature as a human and a Christian disciple.

The Sermon was given to people who gathered that day from all over, but especially to many lifelong practicing Jews. A first century Jew would not have missed the significance of how Jesus was on a mountain and reveals these directives - very much as Moses would have presented the 10 Commandments. The Beatitudes are presented to us in order to live and love in greater freedom - NOT as an overbearing set of rules and regulations to restrict us. To journey down this road will actually allow for a liberation of our world, our culture, our families, and our own hearts. Pope Francis is often quoted pointing to the Beatitudes as the only solution to authentic personal happiness but also the only way we can rebuild our culture and society. Words like poverty, mourning, meekness, hunger, persecution, and purity have become curse words to be mocked in the modern world. As humans we always want to win and conquer but look at where we are because of that. International conflicts, political gridlock and inefficiency, the hectic pulse on our roadways or subway and LIRR platforms, impractical demands of the neighborhood restaurants and business owners, and we are still feeling the effects of school and education coming off of the Covid Pandemic for students and educators. Our expectations and demands can be combative and unrealistic. We often can begin our conversations with “I demand” instead of “good morning” or “how are doing today?”

Even in 2023 Jesus’ words are offering a new way - He breaks into our world and our lives, and invites us to calm down, to sit down, and to listen. The Beatitudes are just as relevant and important in this time as it was to the first century audience Jesus was speaking to. When we hear words like the poor in spirit, in many ways, we do not want anything that’s less than, or poor. But we know with all the excess that we have in our life, to declutter lessens the burdens on our hearts and minds. So today are we willing to look inside and listen to how these eight directives allow for us to gaze into the heart of God. They become windows for us to see the world a different way. To not just learn a set of theological or religious tenets, but to discover in a more profound way what it means to be human.

Here at St. William’s over the next few weeks and months my hope is for us to do a bit of a refresher in some of the ‘what’s and the why’s’ we do certain things as faithful Catholics and followers of Jesus. Some things are so ingrained in our habits, but we have either lost the understanding or never really knew why we did them in the first place. When Jesus gave us the Beatitudes, they were to serve to bring joy and happiness in our lives now, but also to bring us to eternal joy in heaven. The celebration of the Mass, devotions, prayers, liturgical movements, postures, and service to others assist us in getting to that place. My encouragement this week would be take out your family Bible, or look online (<https://bible.usccb.org/bible>) and read the whole Sermon on the Mount – Matthew - Chapters 5,6,7. It will probably take you about 30 minutes if you read it straight through, but take your time and try not to only read with your eyes, but read and listen with your heart. The Lord is teaching us right now, are we willing to learn and listen?

Have a blessed week and know that I am praying for you!

Peace,



Purgatorial Society

Joseph Cannizzaro, Sr., Doris Gabris, Frank Gagliano, John Kirby, Sr., Gerald Levano, Valentine J. Nacci, Rose Russo, Anna F. Ryan, Edward W. Spiedell, Annette L. Wagner, Bro. George McCloskey, Rosemary Hughes, Clifford Grohs, Thomas Dionis, Eileen Thornton

Anthony Palmerini, Rita Gallipani, Angela Santa Mastrandrea, Joyce Rollo, Francisco Vargas, Nancy Beato, Dom Ciriello, Dolores Wood, Gary Matthew Brendel.

Ursula Clancy, Cynthia Picorelli, Benny Vassallo, Jeanne Anastasiou, Peter Kelliher, Bobbie Denti, Marie M. Mertz.

Gloria Angerhauser, Francesco Briante, Joseph Byrne, Antoinette Capobianco, Angela Diangelo, Jessie Fiore, Rita R. Gallipani, Joan Moran, Frank Pellicani, Joseph Giambalvo, Eileen Lupo, Dorothy Costa, Thomas Lacertosa, Louise Gallo, Corey Phelan, Barbara Scott Farrand, Jose Gotay, Virginia A. Lehmann, Rachel Bisesto, Mary Ellen Ruddy, Ann Bauer, Anthony J. Cappello, Helen Gleave.

Eva Morales, Betty Scharff, Frank J. Adams, Patricia Simms, Mary-Ann Towers, Michael Koch, Audrey Kouzens, John Lucie, Mary Ann Munni, Michael Kiernan.

Loretta Swain, Gaetano Emmolo, Jr., Roberto Goffredo, Cathryn Passaro, Maria Rosa, Rose Mirabile, Charles Bullaro, Jerry Gorman, Gloradine Abenes, James Rodgers.

Christian Bekmessian, Madaline Cristallo, Frances H. Interrante, Melissa Lombardo, Doreen McCarty, Robert Neenan, Constance Rothfuss, Luigi Salamone, John Serio, Carmine Serravalli, Joseph Viscuso, Patricia Wills, Nathaniel Wynn, Iris Greco, Frank Meditz, Alec Cassillo, James Pecoraro, Trudy McAndrew, Donald Clark, Francesca Novello, Hilda Maria Rojas, Camille Panzarena, John Kilgus, Carol Carbone, Isabella Elissa Glauda, Vito Catalanotto, Jack Healy, Sr., Catherine Engert, Rev. John T. Murphy.

Pray for Those in the Military

USMC -

First Lt. Dana Duggan
L.Cpl. John Mosier

US Air Force -

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

US Coast Guard -

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

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 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 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

Baptisms

Let us welcome the following children who were recently baptized:

Olivia DiSalvo
Skylar Garcia
Declan Kublo
Landon Oliver
Hailey Panasuk
Zachary Testagrose
Layna Tannazzo

Palms

Anyone who would like to bring in their palms from last year to be burned for Ash Wednesday is asked to do so the weekend of February 11/12. Please place them in the baskets which will be located by the church doors.

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.

2024 Mass Intention Book

The 2024 Mass Intention Book will open on Tuesday, January 31st at 9:30 AM. We are limiting the number of Mass Intention requests to four per person, per visit, one visit per day. The Mass Intention stipend is \$20 for each Mass requested.

2024 Memorializations

We will begin accepting Memorials for the Wine and Hosts, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Candle and Altar Candles for 2024 on Tuesday, January 31st at 9:30 AM. We are limiting the number of Memorials requested to four per person, per visit, one visit per day.

Feast of St. Blaise

According to tradition, Blaise was of noble birth, became a physician, was educated in the Catholic faith and eventually became bishop of Sebastia, a city in Turkey. Blaise was martyred in 316 AD for the crime of being a Christian. The Feast of Saint Blaise is observed on February 3.

We know more about the devotion to Saint Blaise than we know about the saint himself. He was known to be a very holy priest. Legend has it that a mother came to Blaise with her young son, who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. Through Blaise's prayers, the child was able to cough up the bone. Thereafter, St. Blaise became the patron for the cure of throat illnesses. Many Catholics have long sought the annual Saint Blaise blessing of their throats.

In honor of the Feast Day of St. Blaise on Friday, February 3, 2023 there will be a blessing of the throats following the 8:30 AM Mass.



"For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy."

Psalm 63:7

ADULT CHOIR IS BACK!

All parishioners (over the age of 14) are encouraged to join us for our first rehearsal on Tuesday, February 7th at 6pm

Rehearsals will be Tuesday evenings from 6 to 7 in the Choir Loft

*No experience is necessary,
we just ask that you bring a love for worship music!*

Please contact jlynde@stwilliam.org with any questions

*Stay tuned for more information about Childrens Choir
and other music ministry opportunities!*

FAMILY SUNDAY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

**JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AND A
SPECIAL LESSON AS
WE PREPARE FOR LENT**

FOLLOWING 12N MASS IN THE ABBEY

Please contact priests@stwilliam.org if your family is interested in volunteering

BACK TO BASICS

Visit our socials every Tuesday and Thursday for our new video series explaining some of our practices and elements of our faith and our church!

St. William the Abbot Catholic School

Seaford, NY



📍 2001 Jackson Ave., Seaford, NY 11783

Join Us for OPEN HOUSE!

Sunday, January 29, 2023

10:30 AM Mass

11:30 AM - 2:00 PM Open House



Scan QR Code to Schedule a
Personal Tour at Open House

We are St. William's!

- 🏰 Mass Attendance and Daily Prayer
- 🏰 Formal STREAM Instruction in our newly renovated, state of the art Makerspace
- 🏰 Living Environment and Algebra Regents
- 🏰 National Junior Honor Society and Student Council
- 🏰 Middle School Sports including Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Cross Country, Bowling, Cheer, Softball, and Baseball
- 🏰 Extended Care Program to assist Working Parents (Grades N-8)
- 🏰 Spanish Grades K-8
- 🏰 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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A Legacy of Excellence

St. William the Abbot School

SWS students in K-8 and parents experienced a powerful assembly this past week! Rob Surette, Disney artist, visited our students to inspire them with his beautiful artwork and motivational words. Students were reminded to follow their dreams and to make a difference in the world. As Rob shared his artwork of those who have had a positive impact on the world, he ended with a beautiful portrait of our Lord Jesus Christ (see photo). At the moment he held up the portrait of Jesus, a deafening cheer arose from our students and there wasn't a dry eye for any of the parents or teachers in the room! It was a beautiful reminder of the mission of Catholic education and in particular, St. William the Abbot School! Your support of SWS is making a difference!



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

Shampoo
Conditioner
All Purpose Cleaner

Tomato Puree
Pretzels
White Rice

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.

Lowering your Energy Costs

There are currently multiple programs available to help families lower their energy costs. Check out the programs below and call the Social Ministry office if you have any questions or need assistance! Programs are income based and require application to the relevant agency.



- **Heating Costs:** To help with your home heating costs the state offers HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) and Emergency HEAP, which help low-income individuals and families pay for the cost of heating their homes. In addition, Project Warmth is available through the United Way to help with fuel costs once your HEAP benefits have been exhausted.

For HEAP, <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/>. For Project Warmth <https://unitedwayli.org/projectwarmth.asp>.

- **Heating Equipment:** If you need help with your heating equipment, the Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance (OTDA) offers repair or replacement benefits to low-income households facing no-heat situations. You can apply for up to \$4k for repairs or \$8k for replacement of a furnace, boiler or other heating equipment. The Weatherization Assistance Program through NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) can provide a home energy audit and free services to rectify weatherization issues for those eligible. To apply with OTDA, reach out to your local Department of Social Services. To apply with HCR visit <https://hcr.ny.gov>.

- **PSEG Overdue Bills:** PSEG offers payment plans and assistance programs for those struggling to pay their bill. PSEG advocates will guide customers through the eligibility requirements and application processes for these programs. Anyone currently part of the PSEG Household Assistance Program or the Emergency Rental Assistance Program may be eligible for a credit of up to \$2k toward a bill in arrears accrued before May 1, 2022. For more information call PSEG at 800-490-0025 or visit <https://psegliny.com/assistance>

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday February 7th. The meeting will occur 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!





DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 31, 2023
Memorial of Saint John Bosco

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year, the Church throughout the United States takes the opportunity to celebrate the gift of Catholic Education during Catholic Schools Week which, this year, began on January 29, 2023 and concludes on February 4, 2023. As Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, I want to express how incredibly proud I am of our Catholic Schools in the ways that they evangelize our young Catholics here on Long Island.

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis says, "Catholic schools, which always strive to join their work of education with the explicit proclamation of the Gospel, are a most valuable resource for the evangelization of culture" (§134). This mission-driven vision of Catholic Education is especially fitting as the Church in the United States participates in a national Eucharistic Revival, because the mission of the national Eucharistic Revival is embedded into the mission of Catholic Education. Assisting students to know and love Jesus through the transformative power of the Mass, and equipping them to evangelize their families and communities, is an extraordinarily beautiful and achievable goal that our Catholic Schools strive to achieve each day.

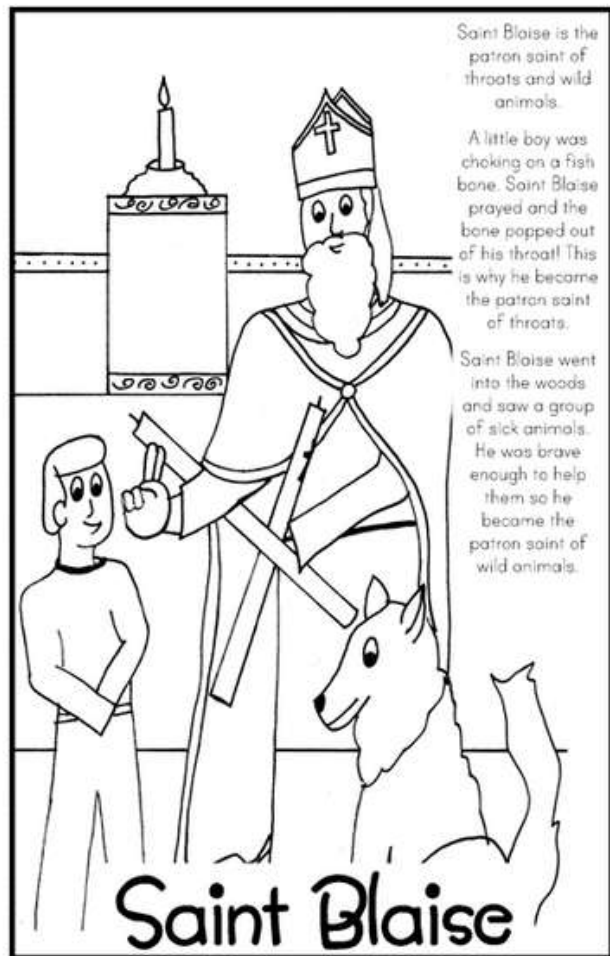
As schools throughout the Diocese celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2023 with Masses, open houses, and other various activities, we give thanks to the Lord for those who make these events and Catholic Education as a whole possible. To the dedicated and faithful administrators, teachers, and staff members: thank you for working tirelessly every day to advance the Church's evangelizing mission by your love for Christ and by helping his children to know the presence and power of his love in their lives. To the many parents and guardians who generously offer so much time to assist your pastors and principals in advancing the mission of Catholic Education in your parish and regional schools: your love for Christ and his Church is inspiring, and I am so grateful for your Good Samaritan charity, dedication, and perseverance. In addition, I want to express my gratitude to the Morning Star Initiative and the Department of Education staff who collaborate and work together in order to provide every student in our Catholic Schools with an education that is robustly Catholic, academically excellent, safe and supportive, and sustainable.

Today we celebrate the Memorial of St. John Bosco, who is one of the patron saints of school children. St. John Bosco understood the essential mission of Catholic Education in the world. He once said, "If we want to have a good society, we must concentrate all our forces on the Christian education of the young." Because of the fantastic work being accomplished in our Catholic Schools, I think we can have great hope in the future of society here on Long Island: a future that is filled with young Catholics who are on fire for Jesus Christ and his Church!

Through the intercession of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, the patron saint of Catholic Education, Saint John Bosco, and Mary, Star of Evangelization, may the Lord continue to bless the Morning Star Initiative, the Department of Education, our Catholic Schools, and all those involved in Catholic Education on Long Island, especially our students!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



Saint Blaise is the patron saint of throats and wild animals.

A little boy was choking on a fish bone. Saint Blaise prayed and the bone popped out of his throat! This is why he became the patron saint of throats.

Saint Blaise went into the woods and saw a group of sick animals. He was brave enough to help them so he became the patron saint of wild animals.

Saint Blaise

Year A, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Kids Bulletin
January 29, 2023
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Blessed are the
poor in spirit;
the kingdom of
heaven is theirs!

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There is a special Mass on February 3 to celebrate Saint Blaise. You can receive a blessing for your throat on that day.

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Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called...

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Gospel

In today's reading, we hear Jesus teaching about Heaven. This message has a special name called, "The Beatitudes." Try to learn some of the Beatitudes by listening carefully to the Gospel.

Year A, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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ascensionpress.com

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formed.org

Life Teen Youth Ministry

lifeteen.com