

# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

## The Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2020



"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Matthew 2:6

### Rectory Office Hours

The Rectory will remain closed until further notice. If you need to contact the Rectory please email your request.  
[information@stwilliam.org](mailto:information@stwilliam.org)

### Parish Information

Office: 516.785.1266  
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### Banns of Marriage

*Michael Ryan*

SWA

&

*Amanda Kallas*

Rockville Centre

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

*Nicole Tedeschi*

from Artie & Gail Tedeschi

### Pray for the Sick

Richard Ford

### Pray for the Deceased

Helen Mayer

### Mass Schedule

#### Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:30am

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday 8:30am & 5pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 12pm

The Presider Schedule can be found on [stwilliam.org](http://stwilliam.org).

### Mass Intentions

**Monday, January 4, 2021**

James Gortych

**Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

Domenico D'Armi

**Wednesday, January 6, 2021**

Lois Gallagher

**Thursday, January 7, 2021**

Cathy Gallagher

**Friday, January 8, 2021**

Erika Fuessler

Anthony Millon

Gerard Black

Thomas W. Rhatigan

**Saturday, January 9, 2021**

Purgatorial Society

People of St. William's

**Sunday, January 10, 2021**

Ed Bowden

John & Eileen Valdin

Ryan T. Lacertosa

Francis Kelly

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.

# “Adeste, Fideles”

“O Come, All Ye Faithful!” Not many songs move me so powerfully as this song at Christmas time. To walk into a liturgy, and to see you all, the faithful of our church, beloved sons, and daughters of God, taking a moment to come and worship. And what do we come to? We come to the source of all we are looking for, for ourselves and our loved ones. It is the baby in Bethlehem who becomes the light and hope of the nations. And so, in 2021, what do we desire? So many things: for ourselves and for our families, for our country and for our world. But there are many things that are pulling at our hearts and for our attention. The coronavirus allowed for us to remove some of those distractions, and many of us found ourselves making just a little bit more time for God.

So, as we enter 2021, where will our focus go to? Are we to return to the same old thing? Those divisions, distractions, the ride schedules, and practice schedules that cut into our family time, and our time with God? We have the opportunity to put up good clear boundaries for our family, to rally around and protect them, but also to schedule a little time for God - each day, and each week. The invitation to “come all ye faithful” is not only for December 25 - will you allow for just a little time for God? And will you allow God to find you?

I ask that you take a few of these things into your personal prayer, and I offer you just a few gentle reminders as we continue in these very strange times. In case you forgot, we continue to experience a “global pandemic” that has affected all our lives, and the way we do things publicly, including entering the house of worship, our beautiful church St. William the Abbot. For public safety, we continue to wear masks at Mass, remain socially distanced, and we ask that you assist us in wiping down the pew area where you sit. In order for us to get the maximum amount of people inside the church, we ask you to fill in the transept first. Please be attentive to the direction of our ushers and volunteers. Here are a few other reminders:

- We are still dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass. As a parish we provide live-stream Mass on Sunday (12:00 N) and during the week (8:30 AM) in order to experience spiritual Communion.
- Our Mass schedule has changed since last March, and we will continue with that schedule of 8:30 AM daily Mass, 5:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass, and Sunday Mass at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 12:00 N.
- On Sundays, we will continue to offer Eucharist to be distributed following the 12:00 N Mass near the Abbey steps in the back parking lot.
- Daily Adoration and Confessions will be available Monday through Saturday at 7:30 AM.
- The parish ministries of Usher and Lector at Mass have been reinstated. All other ministries remain postponed and suspended until further notice.

St. William the Abbot school continues to thrive. I would ask you to pray for our school, and to discern if Catholic school may be a fit your family moving into the future.

Keep in mind these Anniversaries are approaching - the Parish's 95th (2023) and 100th (2028), and the 20th Anniversary of 9/11. How is the Lord calling us to Glorify Him with those events?

Ask yourself these questions - how can we as a parish grow in 2021? What ministries do we currently not have, that God may be opening the door for in 2021? Who are people (you) who may be able to serve the Mission of the parish and the Gospel who have not stepped forward in the past?

Please keep our Seminarians Herley Mendez and Joe Lettieri in your prayers as they prepare to return to Seminary school for their next semester in the journey to the priesthood. Pray for Fr Collins who will have the opportunity to return home to Ghana to visit his parents and family for about one month. He will also be able to manage some of his Visa and immigration paperwork before coming back in February. Continued Merry Christmas and Happy New Year - we are so ready for 2021.

As always, thank you for your presence and incredible generosity.

Peace,





## 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.



## 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.

## 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.



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-5pm to purchase your missal.

## Prayers for those in the Military

US Navy -  
Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald  
Ensign Michael Napolitano  
MMN2 Emily Partridge  
Commander Michael Sean Slatley

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  
Sgt. Brian Kirby  
Major Eamon G. McArdle  
Sgt. Donald Rogers  
Major Christopher James Ustler  
Major Kurtis Unger

USMC -  
Lt. Kevin J. Butler  
2nd Lt. Dana Duggan  
Corporal Frank A. Finocchio  
Private John Mosier  
Sgt. Robert Nesci  
LCpl Christopher Russell

US Air Force -  
Capt. Matthew B. Frasse  
AIC William Hughes  
Tech. Sgt. Karl Muench  
Major Thomas F. Shields

US Coast Guard -  
Lt. James Knudsen  
Daniel Timpanaro  
LT. Commander Katherine Ustler  
Frank Pristera

## Reconciliation

Reconciliation is offered Monday - Saturday from 7:00 am - 8:30 am.

You may also schedule your time for confession by emailing [priests@stwilliam.org](mailto:priests@stwilliam.org).



## LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

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

[stwilliam.org](http://stwilliam.org)

## Bereavement Ministry

Although we cannot hold actual Bereavement Ministry sessions at this time due to the restrictions of meetings, we want you to know that we care about the grief you are experiencing, Let us help you take the walk in your grief journey. Trained facilitators are available to support you. Our mission is to help you to find peace in the midst of dealing with your loss. Please call Parish Social Ministry at (516) 679-8532.

## Homebound

Do you know someone who is homebound or lonely? Please let us know so we can reach out to them in the spirit of Christ. Perhaps they need someone to food shop for them. Please call (516) 679-8532.

## Caring for the Caregiver

Although our program cannot currently meet we are reaching out to those who are caring for a homebound family member. You are filled with compassion for your loved one, it is not an easy situation. The time involved and the emotions you experience can be overwhelming. Particularly at this time you may be without a backup caregiver which compounds the stress. If you would like to call to speak to someone experienced with these situation, please do so (516) 679-8532.



## Light a Prayer Candle

Lighting candles has long been a sacred ritual in all traditions, creating precious moments in our own and other people's lives where we pray for loved ones, friends, and ask for or give support.





To My Parish Family,

Words can't express my gratitude for your generous acts of kindness to me at this very difficult time. I will keep you in my prayers and I ask you to please continue to keep me in yours. God is good all the time!

Peace and Blessings,  
Barbara Fuina

## Rectory News

The Rectory is issuing Mass Cards, enrollment in the Purgatorial Society, Memorializing the Wine, Host and Altar Flowers. Please call the Rectory for more information (516) 785-1266.

## CONTACT THE PRIESTS

Please send your email to [priests@stwilliam.org](mailto: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](mailto:pastoralcouncil@stwilliam.org).

## QUESTIONS FOR COMMUNICATIONS

Please send your email to [igomez@stwilliam.org](mailto:igomez@stwilliam.org).

## CONTACT FAITH FORMATION

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

## CONTACT SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

## CONTACT MUSIC MINISTRY

Please send your email to [mgeorgetti@stwilliam.org](mailto:mgeorgetti@stwilliam.org).

## QUESTIONS FOR THE RECTORY

Please send your email to [information@stwilliam.org](mailto:information@stwilliam.org).

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## Faith Formation

Healthy Happy New Year!! Things seem to be winding down. Maybe you took the Christmas Tree down, or most of the Christmas decorations were put away and there is less hustle and bustle. It is now the Epiphany of Jesus.

Epiphany in Greek means to reveal. Mary and Joseph showed Jesus to the Three Wise Men who journeyed to the Stable, so that they can see the miracle of Jesus' birth. King Herod had told the Three Wise Men, days before they arrived at the Stable, that a King was going to be born and he ordered them to bring the baby to him, for he did not want anyone else to be a King, but him alone. The Three Wise Men did not know or feel this is the correct thing to do, but they were forced to listen to the King. The Three Wise Men studied the skies and they saw a very bright star and they followed it and when they arrived and saw such a beautiful baby and then Mary, and Joseph, they knew they could do no harm. They immediately felt so much love, and such a calming feeling inside. They knew that this is the son of God. They decided not to go back to King Herod and traveled elsewhere for they felt this child is special.

Sometimes we are pressured to do something, and do not feel comfortable to do it. That is when you need to pray and ask for direction and to speak to Jesus and he will always lead you in any situation. Just like the Three Wise Men were on a journey to bring back Jesus to King Herod, they felt immediately this is wrong, God gave them guidance by the love of Jesus pouring into them. Jesus is here for all of us, especially in times of need you just have to ask for help.



The Faith Formation will be having Parent/Child Sessions during the week of January 4th. Below are the dates. If you have not signed up already, please do so. We need to make sure that we keep everyone socially distanced. You can contact us by email. [faithformation@stwilliam.org](mailto:faithformation@stwilliam.org).

Wednesday, January 6 at 4:30pm

Wednesday, January 6 at 7:00pm

Saturday, January 9 at 9:30 and 11am

Monday, January 11 at 4:30pm

Monday, January 11 at 7:00pm

Wednesday, January 13 at 4:30pm

Wednesday, January 13 at 7:00pm

# STUMP THE PRIEST !



Question:

Since Jesus is fully God, why did he submit himself to the Father?

Answer:

Yes, indeed Jesus is fully God, the second person of the Blessed Trinity, and the Son of God the Father. The answer to why he submitted to God the Father is what St. Paul puts beautifully in the letter to the Philippians:

“...Though he was in the form of God, Jesus did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness, and found in human form, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.” (Phil. 2:6-8).

From the quote, we know that he submitted himself to the Father in order to become a human being and die for the salvation of humanity. This is what we call the Incarnation-God becoming flesh and dwelling among us. (cf. Jn 1:14). Such is the great example of humility laid down by Christ for the imitation of all who believe and follow him.

So we can sum up the whole idea in this way: God the Father wanted to show incredible love to the world so he decided to send his only begotten Son for the salvation of the world. (cf Jn 3:16-17). Out of humility and obedience to the Father, Jesus the Son also accepted to come down on earth to incorporate our human nature into his divine nature so that he could redeem( in other words rescue) our fallen human nature and restore it to its original dignity. Like rescue operators do, he entered into our fallen state (without himself falling) in order to lead us out of our sinful state. This is what is called atoning death (to die for the sins of the other). It is important to note particularly that the Father's sending of the Son as well as the Son's humble and obedient submission all flow from love of humanity. Both the Father and the Son loved the world and hence, in Union with the Holy Spirit, wrought the salvation of mankind.

This is the great mystery we celebrate at Christmas. Therefore we should celebrate Christmas with great gratitude to the Trinity for the love shown to us while imitating the virtues of love, self-sacrifice, obedience and humility in our dealings with one another. Thank you.

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW CONSIDERING COMING INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH,  
OR ARE YOU ALREADY BAPTIZED AND WISH TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS OF EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION?

**BECOME CATHOLIC**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: JO-ANN METZDORFF AT [RCIA@STWILLIAM.ORG](mailto:RCIA@STWILLIAM.ORG)

W P O E I L O R D P W O I E E V E R Y O I N A T I O  
 B O I E W A J Y O U P W O I E J I O  
 Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.  
 B O E N A T I O N O P W O N I T H A  
 W P E A R T H O W W I L L O A D O R E K W A I S

## Saint John Bosco

Saint John Bosco had an important dream as a child. He dreamed that he was teaching children about God. When he grew up, his life was like that dream! He juggled and did tricks to get kids to listen to him, then he could teach them about God and they would all go to Mass together.



What color are the priest's vestments? We are still celebrating the Christmas season, so he is wearing white.



**Gospel** The Magi saw a star rise over Bethlehem and followed it to visit baby Jesus. They brought Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.









## *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.