

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 11, 2021



He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave from there. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." - Mark 6:10-11

PARISH INFORMATION

RECTORY

Office: 516.785.1266
2000 Jackson Avenue
Seaford, NY 11783
stwilliam.org

RECTORY HOURS

Monday - Friday
9 AM - 5 PM
Saturday
9 AM - 3 PM
Sunday
9 AM - 1 PM

MASS TIMES

The presider schedule can be found on the parish website stwilliam.org

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
8:30 AM

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday
8:30 AM & 5 PM
Sunday
7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM, & 12 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 11, 2021

Collective Intentions
People of St. William's,
Johnston Family,
Maliszewski Family,
Valouch Family
Jim & Pat Elliot (LIV/50th Anniversary)
Robert E. Jones
Mary Ann & Joseph Toscano

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Emanuel & Marguerite Pietroforte

Thursday, July 15, 2021

Catherine Malvasio

Friday, July 16, 2021

Helen Power

Monday, July 12, 2021

Frances Gauci

Saturday, July 17, 2021

Purgatorial Society
Joan Tynan

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Collective Intentions
Rev. Eugene Conlan, Donald Clark,
Rose Fileccia, Ann Zorn

The Wine & Hosts used at mass this week have been donated in loving memory of

Robert E. Jones

from The Jones Family.

The Sanctuary Candles used at mass this week have been donated in loving memory of

Colleen Kelly

from loving family.

Pray for the Sick

Arlene M. Finlay Louise Sullivan
Laurie Wasserman Larry Weinroth Dorothy Meinke

Our Identity is In Christ

Every once in a while, I come upon an article, or a book that catches my attention. There is a young Catholic man who "BLOGS" to the young church named Brendan Hagan, he recently wrote on the pressures of fitting into the box the world is pressuring us to conform to. With the 4th of July Holiday celebration and family time upon us, I decided to share this with you all and I think his words will connect.

Peace,



Personal Brands and Muddled Identities - The pressure is real: to look, be, and act a certain way... It can be exhausting. We create brands so others perceive us the way we want them to. Where is the line between our authentic identity and the personal "brands" we create? On one hand, we curate what other people see of us (on social media, and often in real life too) because we want others to only see our good side and appreciate what we do. On the other hand, we must be true to ourselves and not be consumed worrying about how others perceive us. We have to be true to ourselves and our identity in God because if we aren't, we will always be left feeling incomplete. The solution to our heart's longing is in who we are as a child of God, not in how others perceive us or the likes we get on social media. On top of that, nobody likes counterfeit, so why do we get so caught up trying to make others think we are perfect? There is nothing savory about being fake, yet so many of us try to hide our imperfections.

God has given us identity and He wants us to be true to it. So, how can we be authentic? Well, we live in a world where our identity can feel very muddled. Answering the question "who are you?" is not easy. It can feel like a wrestling match with our family, friends, God, the culture, and even ourselves. In the Bible, Jacob took his turn struggling with identity. Jacob pretended to be his older brother, Esau because he wanted his father's blessing for himself. He was envious of what he perceived his brother had instead of appreciating what God had already given him. It seems Jacob had a hard time being comfortable with being Jacob.

Are you comfortable with who you are or do you struggle with being you? Have you envied what somebody else has or failed to appreciate what God has given you?

It's okay if you struggle — Jacob did too, and God found a way to challenge him. God wanted Jacob to know his identity, and it took a wrestling match for Jacob to figure it out. In Genesis 32:24-31, Jacob finds himself wrestling with God over his identity. After wrestling through the night, God asks Jacob, "what is your name?" Finally, Jacob is ready to be Jacob. He says, "I am Jacob." He is no longer pretending to be something else. Wrestling with identity is challenging, even when we find it, we usually get a few scars along the way. Jacob walked away knowing his name, but he also walked away limping.

So, what are you wrestling with? Do you have scars? Do you know who you are? Are you okay with being you?

These are important questions that I have wrestled with and that I want you to consider. I want you to be authentic because running from who you are and pretending to be something else is exhausting. More importantly, I want you to be you because God made you perfectly, and your identity exists in who you are as His creation. With that in mind, here is what I have learned about cultivating authenticity and I hope it will help you. Think of it as a three-part formula for cultivating authentic identity: authenticity, intentionality, and consistency. (You could say I try to push the envelope for authenticity).

Be authentic! The first part is obvious but not easy. Be who you are, dang it. However, there is an addendum to that: be who God created you to be. If "being who you are" means rebelling against God's plan, then you will always struggle to be content with who you are. Being authentic means actively becoming who God created you to be by living according to the dignity with which He created you.

"The dignity of man rests above all on the fact that he is called to communion with God. This invitation to converse with God is addressed to man as soon as he comes into being. For if man exists it is because God has created him through love, and through love continues to hold him in existence. He cannot live fully according to truth unless he freely acknowledges that love and entrusts himself to his creator" (CCC 27).

We cannot live fully or authentically unless we realize our identity is grounded in God and we entrust ourselves to Him. Now, this does not mean we have to give up the things we enjoy and be the same, boring, God-loving Christian as everyone else. Accepting our identity in God is the fullest and most exciting journey we can embark on in this life. It does not take away from who we are. Rather, it sets us on fire and equips us to use the gifts God gave us in the way he intended us to use them. That is powerful and that is exciting. If God calls you to be a priest, go be the best priest ever! If He wants you to be a parent, go be the best parent ever. Whatever God calls you to be, go be the best version you can be. Ride that roller coaster of life with all of its hills and valleys. We each have our own unique adventure and God gives us special gifts to succeed along the way. Because God has a unique plan for each of us, we have to discern what is a part of that plan and what is not a part of that plan, which is the second part to being authentic.

Be intentional! This one is short and simple but very important: have a reason for what you do that is grounded in who God is calling you to be. We need to learn what to say “yes” to and what to say “no” to. Say “yes” to the things that help you be the best version of who God is calling you to be and say “no” to the things that do not.

Be Consistent! Do not change your values depending on the situation. Act and behave in a way that reflects who God is calling you to be no matter what situation you find yourself in. Do not go with the majority just because it is easier if it is not what you believe. Do not compromise your values just to fit in. Pretending to be someone else is exhausting, and when we each have a God-given plan and identity, there is too much at stake to waste our time altering our identity to be something else or to appease someone else. This also means we have to be careful about how we choose to “brand” ourselves. If we brand ourselves without a clear sense of our identity, then it will be difficult to be consistent. I would encourage you to prayerfully and honestly consider who God is calling you to be and how you are projecting yourself to be. Does the way you brand yourself consistently reflect your authentic identity or is it a filtered imitation? In any case, learn to be authentic no matter the situation.

Learning to Wrestle! Developing your identity and being authentic is like learning to wrestle. It takes a lot of practice and continual exploration. When we get started, it can be difficult. We may take a lot of punches. However, as we learn and grow, we get more confident in who we are and our ability to be authentic. Keep exploring and always get back up! Stay authentic, stay intentional, and be consistent.

Brendan J. Hagan

Pray for our Seminararians!



Joseph Lettieri



Herley Mendez



Gregory Marino

**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

St. William the Abbot RC Church



**Join us in celebration of the
Feast Day of Saints Anne and Joachim**

Grandparents Day

Monday, July 26

8:30 am Mass in the Church

Celebration on the front lawn of the Church to follow



Faith Formation

Today, we hear, Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. Jesus said to his disciples to go and teach about God to all the people and heal those who need to be healed. Some people who the disciples preached to were ill and they were anointed with oil, there were also people who said evil things, but listening and hearing about God, they too were healed, and as it is stated, the Demons were removed. He asked them to go to new towns and not to take anything with them, but just a walking stick. They did not take any food, nor money, not even a change of clothing. Jesus wanted the disciples to rely on the individuals that they met. The people should be kind and generous by inviting the disciples to stay with them and to share their food and home. If people did not welcome them, they were to dust their feet off and leave the place. Jesus did not want his disciples to stay anywhere that was not welcoming. We all have the same blood, which God has given to us. Everyone should care and help each other. From time-to-time people need to talk to someone or as we say vent, and all you have to do is just listen and the individual will feel better. God works in us many ways and we are all given different talents however, it does not make the person better than another person. Sometimes talking to a Priest can help you especially if you have sinned, and then you are forgiven and can start off with a clean slate. If we all do our part of spreading the good news, helping one another, and be kind to one another, then we can be disciples of Jesus like he wants us to be.

Faith Formation will soon be sending to the Parents information regarding registering your child/ren for 2021-2022 and how the program will run. It will be sent through an email. If you have a child who will be entering 1st grade, a copy of their Baptism Certificate will be needed even if they were baptized at St. William the Abbot.

Seminarian Greg Marino's Corner

J.M.J.

Similar to last week, today we will remember some of the religious men and women who have come from this parish. Here are some of the names that I could find from some research on the topic. Just like last week, this is not a list every single religious brother and sister that have come from this parish; there are many more, but I could not dig up every one, so these are a few that I found and would like to share:

Br. Hank Hammer

Sr. Michelle DeCarlo

Sr. Regina Ryan

Sr. Donna Buckley

Next week's corner is a surprise; I only have 2 weeks left here at SWA, so I will do my best to make the most out of the next few weeks I get to share the faith with all of you.



PODCAST CONVERSATIONS WITH PODRE

WEEKLY PODCAST EPISODES
POSTED ON WEDNESDAYS AT 5PM

Associate Pastor
FR. JAMES HANSEN



LISTEN ON:
FIVE PODCAST EPISODES
AVAILABLE ON
SPOTIFY.COM
APPLE PODCAST
AND
STWILLIAM.ORG

LIFE TEEN Leading Teens Closer to Christ

St. William the Abbot desires to partner with parents and young adults to reach the next generation for God's Glory. We have many Core volunteer opportunities, please email priests@stwilliam.org if you wish to share your gifts with the youth of our community.

Missals



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.

Rectory News

Wedding Banns II

Donald Harris
Maria Regina, Massapequa
&
Nicole Martinek
St. William the Abbot

Oswaldo Crespo
St. Anthony's, Oceanside
&
Lauren Calderaro
St. William the Abbot

Michael Turturro
Good Shepherd, Brooklyn
&
Lisa Paguaga
St. William the Abbot



JOIN US IN CELEBRATION FOR THE
10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION
OF

Fr. Collins Yeboah

Sunday, August 8, 2021

12 PM Mass

St. William the Abbot Church

*"Glorify the Lord with me;
together let us extol his name."
Psalm 34:4*

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Memorializing

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

LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

Join us online to view our live-streamed masses on the parish website stwilliam.org.

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 12:00 PM

Dispensation from Mass

As a reminder, the dispensation from the requirement to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect. Those who are most vulnerable and at a greater risk (due to age, preexisting health conditions or being in close proximity to vulnerable people) are encouraged to remain home at this time.

If a person shows any symptoms of illness, they are asked to please not come to church. We encourage you to join us for Mass online on the parish website stwilliam.org

Emergency

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

Safety & Mask Protocols

We do ask that everyone arrive early so that we can seat everyone before the start of Mass.

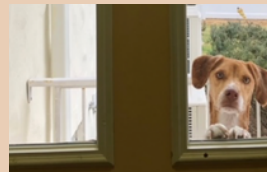
We ask that all parishioners that are **NOT VACCINATED** wear their mask covering their nose and mouth at all times while inside the church.



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.



Take a walk with Father James and Kolbe! All dogs welcome!
Email priests@stwilliam.org to schedule a walk.

Sacristy

For the safety of our Priests, we ask that parishioners refrain from entering the Sacristy. Please do not hand offering envelopes, letters etc. to the Priests. Please drop them off in the Rectory Mail Slot.



Have a question for the priests?

Stump the Priest questions can be emailed to priests@stwilliam.org.



Parish Social Ministry

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

By Appointment Only

Food Pantry

Dish soap

Shampoo

Conditioner

Laundry detergent

Fresh vegetables

Fresh fruit

Coffee

Parish Contact Information

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.

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 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 THE SCHOOL

St. William the Abbot School



Office: 516.785-6784
2001 Jackson Avenue
Seaford, NY 11783
stwilliamtheabbot.net

Medical Equipment Available

If you need medical equipment, please call the Social Ministry office to see if we have what you need! We currently have crutches, walkers, rollators, canes and an extended shower chair. If you are looking to donate, we are able to take wheelchairs at this time. Thank you!

Furniture Donations?

Our parish is blessed to host a St. Vincent de Paul Conference, which offers a variety of extra assistance for the families we serve. One example of this is our ability to refer families to St. Vincent de Paul for their furniture needs. If you have gently used furniture that you donate to St. Vincent de Paul, you may be directly helping one of our Social Ministry families! If you are interested in scheduling a furniture pickup, call (516) 746-8250 or visit www.svdpli.org.

Keep in Mind....

As the weather gets warmer it is best to drop off your food donations during Social Ministry business hours, rather than placing donations in our food bin where they will be exposed to the heat. Our hours are Monday through Friday from 9:30am until 4pm. If that does not fit your schedule... we understand! Call our office and arrange a drop off appointment at 516-679-8532. We frequently have evening and Sunday appointments throughout the month. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

Attention Homebound Eucharistic Ministers

If you are a Eucharistic minister to the homebound and have not yet contacted the Social Ministry office, please give us a call to review the process and get started. Eucharist is now available to be brought to the homebound on Sundays after the 12pm Mass. Eucharistic ministers that have attended the parish's information sessions are eligible to begin right away.



Volunteers Needed

Coming out of the COVID pandemic we are hearing from more people than ever that are struggling with loneliness and isolation. Would you be interested in volunteering your time to visit with parishioners that may be homebound or lonely? We would love to hear from you! This volunteer opportunity is open to people of all ages and is eligible for service hours. If interested, please call the Social Ministry office at 516-679-8532.

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Lord, let us see
 your kindness,
 and grant us
 your salvation.

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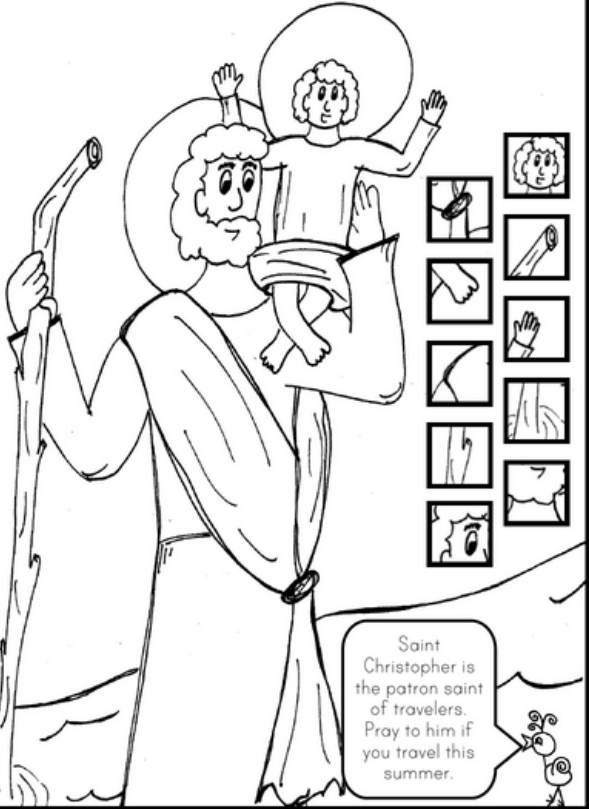
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After the priest says, "The Lord be with you," we say, "And with your spirit." We will say, "And with your spirit," 5 times during Mass today!

Saint Christopher

Saint Christopher was a VERY strong man who carried people across a scary river. One day, a young boy that he was carrying got heavier and heavier. Finally, Saint Christopher realized that he was carrying baby Jesus and the weight of the world.



Saint Christopher is the patron saint of travelers. Pray to him if you travel this summer.

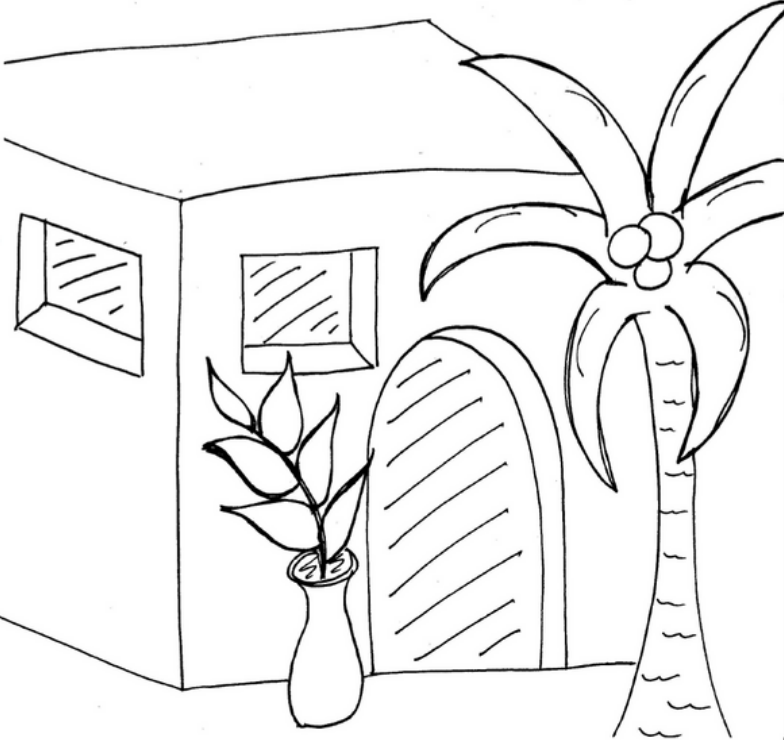


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Solve the puzzle to learn what the disciples said when they entered a new house.



Gospel



Jesus sent disciples out to teach about God. He asked them to walk to a new town without taking anything with them. The disciples stayed with people who welcomed them and helped them get ready to meet Jesus.