



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



July 16, 2023
Fifteenth 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: 7:30am - 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

The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?" He replied, "Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. Matthew 13:10-12

Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 16, 2023

Helen Power
People of St. William's
Michael D'Alessio
Robert Jones

Wednesday continued...

Frank J. Adams
Pietrina Barrone Tonietti

Thursday, July 20, 2023

Florence Kleinfelder

Monday, July 17, 2023

Nicole Tedeschi

Friday, July 21, 2023

Joseph Astarita

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Louise F. Nugent

Saturday, July 22, 2023

Purgatorial Society
Susan Valdez-LeGoff

Wed., July 19, 2023

Collective Intentions

Caren Meyer
Domenico D'Armi

Pray for the Sick

Keith Gorton
Arlo Elliott
Richard McArdle

Eric Thomas Guzzo
Lesa Laurence
Adrienne Harker

Pray for the Deceased

Kathleen Gebhart Teresa Angelastro Madison Gerhard

Wine and Hosts

have been donated in loving memory of
Kristen Valerga Goetze
from Ann Marie and Mike Ferrante

Altar Candles

have been donated in loving memory of
Alexandra Anderson
from Lisa Koenig and family

Adoration Candles

have been donated in celebration
of the 60th Anniversary of
Jane and Jerry Milbach

Altar Flowers

have been donated in loving memory of
Edward and Evelyn Powers
from the Roche Family

Sanctuary Candle

has been donated in loving memory of
Jean Aube
from Amy and Jim Pfail

Growing Rich in Grace

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand.” Matthew 13:12–13

How is it that someone can look without seeing or hear without listening or understanding? This is only possible when one's eyes and ears are working properly, but the mind is distracted, not attentive to what is seen or heard. For example, say you were listening to a book being read and suddenly you realized that even though you heard what was read, your mind was elsewhere and you had no idea what was spoken. This is a common experience for everyone from time to time.

This portion of the Gospel quoted above comes immediately after Jesus spoke the Parable of the Sower to the crowds from a boat. In that parable, seed fell on the path, on rocky ground, among thorns and in rich soil. Only the seed on the rich soil grew and produced good fruit. Therefore, Jesus' teaching quoted above, as well as His parable spoken before it, teach that there were many who heard the Word of God and witnessed Jesus' miracles but failed to allow His teachings and miracles to produce faith in their hearts.

This Gospel passage is especially important for those who have been Catholics for many years but have become stagnant in their faith. When someone goes to Mass every week, listens to the Gospel and shares in the Eucharist but fails to continually grow in holiness and understanding of the Mysteries of Heaven, then they will slowly lose even the little faith they have. They will become lukewarm Catholics who go through the motions but fail to produce the good fruit that comes from authentic faith.

When you look back at your life as a practicing Catholic, what do you see from year to year? Was there a time when you were strong in faith but have slowly closed your ears to the Gospel and have drifted away from a deep and prayerful interior engagement with our Lord? Or when you look back do you see that the Lord has continuously given you more and more, leading you to a life of true spiritual riches? Has the Gospel entered not only your ears, but also your mind and your understanding? Do you both see and perceive the action of God in your life and in the world around you? Are you actively engaged with the life of grace and find that you grow closer to God every day? Or, sadly, have you lost interest and zeal and now find yourself slowly drifting away from the fruitful practice of your faith?

Reflect, today, upon these important questions and strive to answer them honestly. If you do not see yourself growing in faith every year and becoming truly rich in the grace of God, then know that something needs to change. Stagnation and lukewarmness in the faith are not good. They lead to the slow loss of everything. As you reflect upon your own faith journey, recommit yourself to a zealous embrace of the Gospel so that your soul will be truly rich soil that continually produces an abundance of good fruit.

Lord, You desire that all people hear Your Word and see Your action in their lives. Please continue to pour forth Your grace into my life so that I will continually grow rich in Your mercy. I pray that my eyes and ears will be open to You more fully every day. Jesus, I trust in You.

Banns of Marriage

Banns II

Kellie Paladino, St. William the Abbot
& Brandon Mincher, Our Lady of the Snow, Blue
Point, NY

Email List

Please register on the parish website if you are
not currently on our email list and would like to
receive the weekly bulletin and email updates on
parish news.

www.stwilliam.org

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.

Pillar of Formation

This week, let the seed of faith grow deeper within
you. Make time to read Sacred Scripture or learn
about a particular Catholic devotion - and make it a
part of your life.

Pray for Those in the Military

US Air Force -

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

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

USMC -

First Lt. Dana Duggan
L.Cpl. John Mosier

US Navy -

Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald
Jr. Lt. Ryan Bayer
Jr. Lt. Rebecca Bayer
Jr. Lt. Ian Bayer
STSC (SS) Thomas Kerley
Lt. Michael O'Hara
MMN2 Emily Partridge
Commander Michael Sean Slatley
Lt. Michael Napolitano
Michael Vietri

US Coast Guard -

LT Commander 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



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Youth Night

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FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 6 THROUGH 12 IN SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, July 19th

Drop Off: 6pm / Pick-Up: 8:30pm

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP IN THE BACK FIELD OF THE CHURCH

RSVP BY 7/16 REQUIRED:



stwilliam.org/youthnight

Greetings from Omaha!

Every year, a group of Seminarians spend the summer in Omaha, Nebraska to further their formation. This summer, Seminarian Herley and Seminarian Patrick are among those enjoying prayer, spiritual direction, learning, and even a bit of fun! Please remember them - and all our Seminarians - in your prayers!



Why St. William's?

Our students bring the light of Christ to a secular world which is often enveloped in darkness. We offer comprehensive programs pairing rigorous academics with instruction in art, music, physical education, and STREAM (science, technology, religion, engineering, arts, and mathematics) facilitating spiritual, academic, physical, and social growth.



Please contact us for more information or to schedule a tour for Nursery through 8th Grade
516-785-6784 - www.stwilliamtheabbot.net



2023-2024 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FOR GRADES 1 - 8



STWILLIAM.ORG/FAITH-FORMATION

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 31ST

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION WITH ANY QUESTIONS
FAITHFORMATION@STWILLIAM.ORG / 516-783-2528

Our Catholic Community on Long Island



July 29, 2023

St. Anthony's High School

For Students currently enrolled in
8th-12th grade (this school year)

**Spiritual Talks
Mass
Adoration
Lunch
Sports**

For more info/register:


<https://www.campquovadis.com>



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and support for families
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prenatal diagnosis.*

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TACHS EXAM

PREP COURSE

TEST DATE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

- ✓ Course dates: Saturdays 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/21, 10/28
- ✓ Time: 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
- ✓ Location: St. Dominic High School, Marian Hall
- ✓ Taught by St. Dominic High School Faculty
- ✓ Textbook included

REGISTER ONLINE AT HS.STDOMS.ORG (UNDER LATEST NEWS)

Students accepted on a first come - first serve basis.
There will be no refunds once the course begins.



For questions contact Monica Stutzmann at 516-922-4888 ext. 5241.



Parish Social Ministry

Summer Food Donations

During the summer break please remember our food pantry, and the more than 60 families we support in the area. Increased travel and vacations sometimes result in fewer food donations, but the need in our area remains the same! Even one item donated to our pantry makes a big impact on those concerned about feeding their family. Call our office for a drop off appointment, or simply stop by weekdays between 9:30am and 4pm. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Food Pantry Needs

Pasta
Frosted Flakes
Women's Deodorant
Paper Towels
Jello Gelatin
Canned Chicken

The Memory Cafe - Friday, July 21st

Nassau County Office for the Aging will offer a Memory Café on Friday, July 21 from 12pm to 2pm at Bethpage Senior Center. This is a free social engagement program that offers a way for people with early-stage Alzheimer's disease/dementia and their care partners to get out, get active and connect with one another. There will be live entertainment and lunch will be served. If interested, call 516-571-9910. Reservations are required.

Are You Looking for a Job?

The Nassau Workforce Initiative offers free comprehensive employment services for individuals living in Nassau County. They can provide resume assistance, case management, individual counseling and support, job placement and retention services, and tools to improve your skills for career advancement. Both virtual and in-person services are available! All adults living in Nassau County (of legal status) are eligible for services. For more information call 646-630-5509 or email jsarno@nadap.org.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on **Tuesday, July 18** at

10am in the Abbey. Interested in joining? 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!



Fall 2023 Bereavement Registration

If you or someone you know has experienced the loss of a loved one and would be interested in attending a small group session for support, please call the Social Ministry office. Sessions will begin October 4th and will be held at 11am on Wednesdays for seven weeks. Space is limited, register early! For more information about these sessions call us at 516-679-8532.

Friendly Visitors are Available

Are you homebound and lonely, or do you know someone that is? Contact the Social Ministry office to become part of the Friendly Visitor Program! Our volunteers will visit with those that are in need of friendly company to talk, pray, play cards or games, and bring news of Parish events. Friendly Visitors may visit weekly for up to an hour each visit. To request a visitor, call us at 679-8532.

Free Summer Meals for Kids and Teens

Kids age 18 and under can get free, healthy meals this summer at places nearby. No sign up is needed, just drop by when meals are served! To find the summer meal site nearest you, text "food" to 304-304 or visit SummerMealsNY.org. You can also dial 1-866-3-HUNGRY for assistance. Currently, the site nearest to Seaford that will be serving summer meals is Kingz Kidz in Amityville, serving breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday.

Consider Automated Giving

Automated giving provides a steady stream of support. It is a great way to manage your Sunday Offerings without the worry of missing a payment and the worry of forgetting your weekly envelope.

We are able to offer the ability of having Sunday Offerings deposited directly from your checking or savings account into the St. William's account. This would apply only to weekly collections, not to any second collections, such as Holy Days, Catholic Relief Services, etc.

The form to begin this process can be printed, filled out and mailed to the Rectory. Please be sure to attached a voided check.

Authorization Agreement for Automated Giving

I, _____, hereby authorize the R. C. Church of St. William the Abbot, 2000 Jackson Avenue, Seaford, NY 11783 to initiate debit entries to my Checking () Savings () account indicated below and the depository named below to debit the same such amount.

Amount \$ _____ Monthly on the fifteenth of the month.

Depository: Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Banking Transit ABA # _____
(always nine digits)

Bank Account Number _____

(Attach to this form a voided check if checking account debit or a pre-printed savings deposit ticket if savings account).

This authorization is to remain in full force effect until the R. C. Church of St. William the Abbot has received written notification at least five business days in advance of the desired termination date.

(Authorized signature for above account)

(Print Name)

Date: _____

If second signature is required:

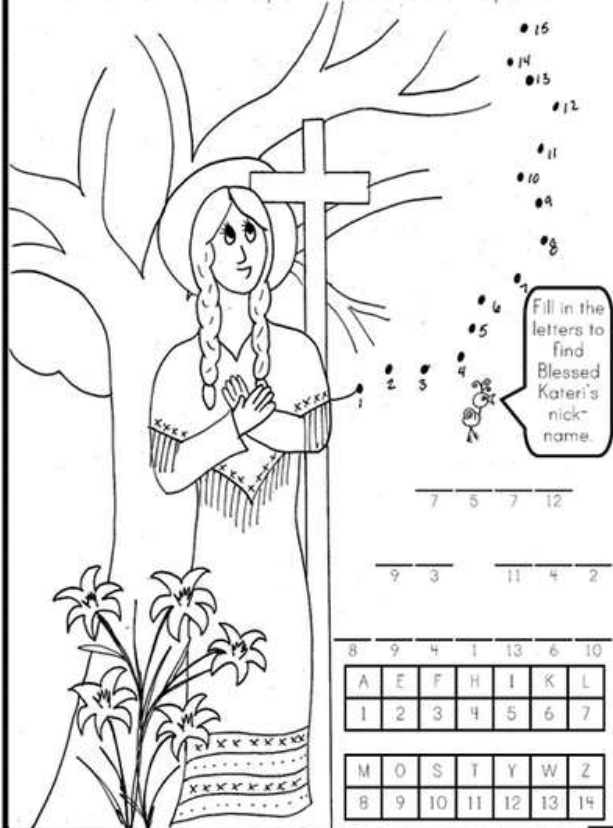
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Date: _____

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha became Catholic when she was 19 and prayed when she was out in nature. She is the patron saint of the environment. Add extra plants and animals to the picture.



Year A: Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



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The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

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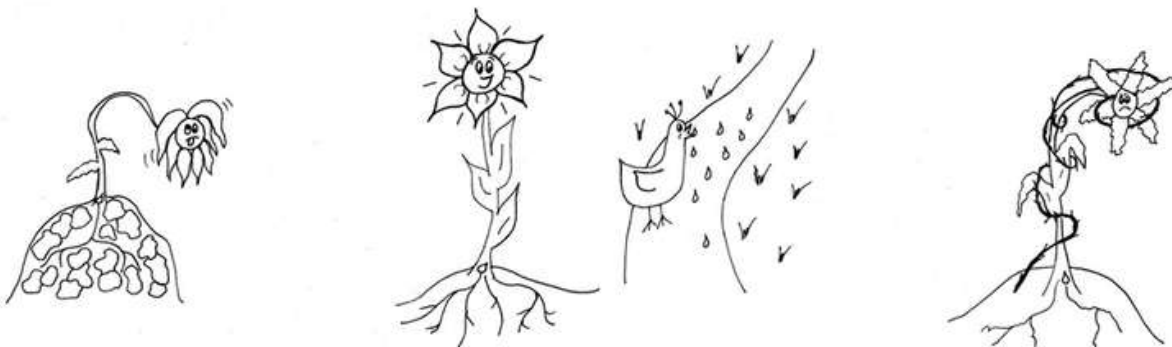
When a man becomes a priest, the Holy Spirit comes down to him so he can perform the Mass. When we say, "And with your spirit," we are remembering that the Holy Spirit is with him.

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Connect the words with the seeds.
Circle the seed that will grow and produce fruit.

Seed on good ground	Seed on rocky ground	Seed growing with thorns	Seed on the road
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Jesus tells a parable about seeds. The seed that grows in good soil will grow fruit. What can you do to be a seed that grows on good ground?

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Friday: 9am - 12n

Saturday: 9am - 12n

If there is an emergency where someone is critically ill or injured and needs a priest outside of office hours, please call 516-312-7361

St. William the Abbot School



Elizabeth Bricker
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516-785-6784

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A Legacy of Excellence - Nursery through 8th Grade

Our Seminarians

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SWA Parishioner

Herley Mendez
SWA Parishioner

Please pray for our Seminarians and all those discerning the priesthood and religious life

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formed.org

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tomorrowshopefoundation.org

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