



# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Luke 11:9-10

## July 24, 2022 Seventeenth 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

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, July 24, 2022

Thomas Quinn

#### Collective Intentions

People of St. William's  
Grazietta & Donato Marrone

Larry Gulitti

Peter V. Burke

Jerry Laurino

David Gracheck

#### Monday, July 25, 2022

Susan Spanarelli

#### Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Eugene McGrath

#### Wednesday, July 27, 2022

John Hull

#### Thursday, July 28, 2022

David Brandt

#### Friday, July 29, 2022

Michael & Jackie Hayes (liv)

#### Saturday, July 30, 2022

Purgatorial Society

#### Collective Intentions

People of St. William's

Sam Marino

Lilly Alaggia

Giovanna Florimonte

### Pray for the Deceased

Daryl Washington

### Pray for the Sick

Martha Thompson

Keith Gorton

Michael D'Arpino

Frances Interrante

Joe Fagliano

John Finan

Walter Breslin

Richard Fedyk

Eric Thomas Guzzo

Adrienne Harker

Ann Marie Canale

### Wine and Hosts

have been donated in loving memory of  
Rev. Eugene Conlan  
from the Ann O'Brien

### Altar Flowers

have been donated in loving memory of  
Nicholas Caico  
from Carol Caico

### Altar Candles and Sanctuary Candle

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## *Praying for the Will of God*

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”

Luke 11:9

If we were to take this statement of Jesus in a very literal way we could easily conclude that Jesus will give us anything we ask for in a prayerful way. But we know this is not what happens. Perhaps everyone has prayed hard for this or that and the request was not answered in the way we wanted. Why is that? Did we simply fail to pray with faith? Will Jesus do whatever we ask of Him when we pray for it with all our might? Certainly not.

This passage goes on to say, “If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?” (Luke 11:13). Within this context, and within the context of everything that Jesus has taught us, it’s important to know that there is one thing and one thing only for which we ought to pray. And when we pray for this one thing, we can be assured of obtaining it when we pray for it in faith. What is that one thing? It’s the will of God.

If we sincerely and wholeheartedly ask for and seek the will of God, we can be certain that our Lord will give us the Holy Spirit and that the Holy Spirit will, in turn, lead us into the will of God for our lives. The problem is that too often we end up praying that “MY will be done” rather than “THY will be done.” This is an important difference.

True prayer is ultimately about trust and surrender to God. We trust in His perfect plan and surrender to that perfect plan in our lives. When we do this, we can be assured that the Lord will hear and answer this perfect prayer.

Reflect, today, upon that simple prayer in the Lord’s Prayer: Thy will be done! Strive to trust in God’s perfect plan for your life and do all you can to surrender to it. With this form of prayer we can be assured that the Holy Spirit will come to us, leading us into His holy will.

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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TEACH US TO  
PRAY

## Wedding Banns

### Banns III

Grace Budde, St. William the Abbot  
& Sean Hanson, St. William the Abbot

Sheila O'Sullivan, St. William the Abbot  
& Jonathan Bellon, St. Peter of Aldcantare, Port  
Washington

## Baptisms

Let us pray for those who were baptized this past  
weekend:

Luciana Bracco



## 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.

## Pray for Our Seminarians

Joseph Lettieri  
Herley Mendez  
Patrick O'Brien  
John Brusa

## Pillar of Prayer

Make a habit of praying (at the very least) daily, this week. God is always listening and wants you to speak to Him.

## Patrick O'Brien's Seminararian Snippet: God's Gifts and My Final Weekend

Dear Saint William's,

I cannot believe that this is my final weekend with you in this wonderful parish community. It feels like I just arrived, and I am so grateful for all the conversations and experiences we have shared, for the way you have received me, welcomed me with open arms, and for how you have revealed God's love to me. In chapter 17 of John's Gospel, Jesus prays to the Father, and says of His disciples, "Father, they are Your gift to Me." I cannot help but feel the same way about this place and you all. God has really given me this time with you as His gift to me, so that I may know Him more, and serve Him with a greater humility. I am grateful to the priests I have spent time with, to those in the offices, ministry volunteers, and all those who have been witnesses to God's love for me. I hope to return over Christmas break to serve and see many of you! In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus tells us to pray the Our Father, and ask God to pour out His Holy Spirit on us. Let's all ask for that gift this weekend. He tells us to ask, seek, and knock. He wants to give us gifts, but we must be open to receive them! When we are open to receiving those gifts, we grow in our relationship with God, and can also be God's gift to others. I am so grateful to God for this summer with you all. Keep asking, seeking, and knocking. Keep praying! Be open to what God wants for your life! God bless you all!



## 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  
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

### 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





- THE FEAST OF STS. JOACHIM AND ANNE -



# GRANDPARENTS' *Day*

TUESDAY, JULY 26TH

WE INVITE ALL GRANDPARENTS TO JOIN US WITH THEIR  
GRANDCHILDREN FOR 8:30AM MASS AND FELLOWSHIP &  
FUN ON THE FRONT LAWN



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Office of Faith Formation  
516-783-2528



# 2022-2023 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

**FAMILIES CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN OUR PROGRAM WILL HAVE THE  
REGISTRATION MATERIALS EMAILED TO THEM**

**NEW FAMILIES AND THOSE WITH CHILDREN ENTERING 1ST GRADE (LEVEL 1)  
ARE ASKED TO REGISTER IN PERSON BY VISITING THE FAITH FORMATION  
OFFICE IN THE CONVENT CENTER ON THE CORNER OF  
JACKSON AVE & MAPLE STREET (BLACK GATE)  
PLEASE CALL 516-783-2528 BEFORE ARRIVING**

**ALL FAMILIES MUST BE REGISTERED PARISHIONERS OF ST. WILLIAM THE  
ABBOT AND NEW FAMILIES MUST LIVE WITHIN THE PARISH BOUNDARIES**

**PAYMENT BY CHECK IS DUE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION**

Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if you are new to the program. If you are transferring from another parish, you must provide an official letter of transfer from your previous parish stating the child's formation and sacramental information.

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**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION IS A TWO-YEAR  
PROGRAM. CHILDREN MUST ATTEND LEVELS 1 AND 2 BEFORE THEY  
CAN RECEIVE FIRST COMMUNION.**



# Parish Social Ministry



## Assistance is Available

Are you or someone you know in need of assistance? Your Parish Social Ministry offers confidential

support and advice regarding hardships experienced by adults and seniors who may be struggling with sensitive issues. We have access to relevant state, local and charity-based programs that may help, and we offer other services such as client advocacy and regular use of our food pantry. Partnering with our St. Vincent de Paul conference, we help with budgeting, expense management and building financial independence.

For more information call the Parish Social Ministry office 516-679-8532.

## Pantry Needs

Oatmeal (Cannisters)

Canned Fruit

Canned Carrots

Cooking Oil

Cane Sugar

Laundry Detergent

## Fall 2022 Bereavement Registration

If you or someone you know would be interested in attending our Fall Bereavement Group, please call the office to register. Sessions will begin September 28th and space is limited! For more information about these sessions call us at 516-679-8532.

## Gardening for God

If your garden has begun to flourish and you have extra vegetables, please remember the Social Ministry! We would love to pass along some of your home-grown bounty to Parish families in need. Thanks to our generous parishioners, we are sometimes able to stock these items! To drop-off, come by Monday through Friday 9:30 AM-4 PM, or call to schedule a drop-off appointment.

## Back-to-School Supplies Drive!

Our office is now gathering school supplies to help families send their children back to school with everything they need this Fall! School supplies donated will benefit children served by our Parish Social Ministry and our Parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Some items requested are listed here, or gift card donations to Target are accepted to allow families to do some of their own shopping!

- ★ Markers
- ★ Colored Pencils
- ★ Number 2 Pencils
- ★ Crayons (24 ct.)
- ★ Highlighters
- ★ Glue Sticks
- ★ Marble Notebooks
- ★ Folders, 2 pocket
- ★ Pencil Cases
- ★ Fine Point Sharpies
- ★ Binders ( 1 and 2 inch)
- ★ Post-Its (3x3)



## Donation Spotlight - Homebound Cards by Parish Children

Last week we received more greeting cards for our homebound parishioners from the children of St. William the Abbot Parish. Emma E., a 13-year-old from Seaford High School completed a beautiful group of cards that were mailed out this week. Thank you Emma, we are so grateful! We are still offering service hours for students that wish to make cards. For questions, please call our office at 516-679-8532.



GOD BLESS

# Seminarian Patrick

AS PATRICK'S SUMMER ASSIGNMENT WITH US COMES TO AN  
END WE THANK HIM FOR HIS MINISTRY AND THE JOY HE  
BROUGHT TO ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR HIM, JOE, HERLEY, JOHN, AND  
ALL THOSE DISCERNING RELIGIOUS LIFE.



## MASS for VOCATIONS

ON THE FEAST OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4 at 7 PM

at the Church of Curé of Ars  
2323 MERRICK AVENUE, MERRICK

with veneration of a first class relic



JOIN US AS WE RECONSECRATE THE PARISH GROUNDS IN CELEBRATION OF

## The Queenship of Mary

MONDAY, AUGUST 22ND AT 6:30PM

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

### Marriage Struggling?

- Do you feel alone?
- Are you frustrated or angry with each other?
- Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?
- Are you separated or divorced, or thinking about separation or divorce?

ANOTHER MARRIAGE-SAVING WEEKEND IS  
COMING TO THE METRO/NEW YORK AREA:  
SEPTEMBER, 9-11 2022

1-800-470-2230

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

# RETRouvaille

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES



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)



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### 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.

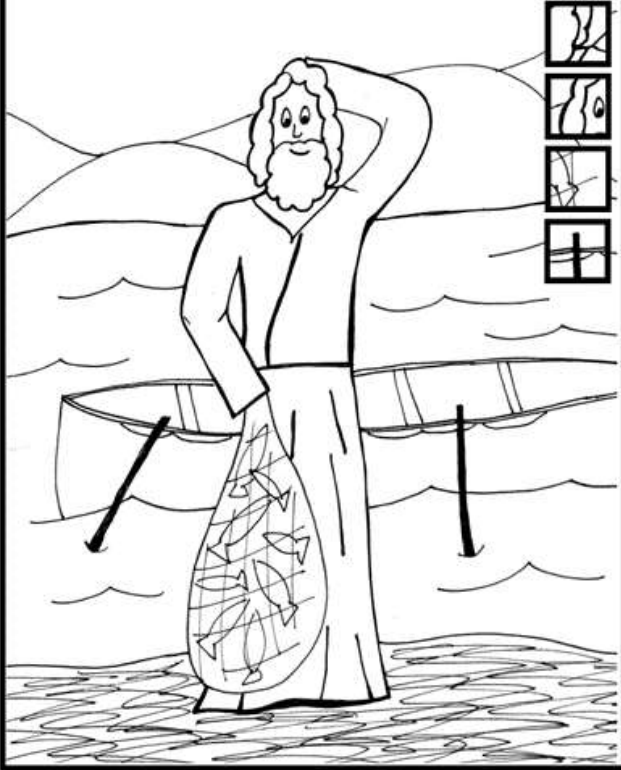


Please contact us for more information or to schedule a tour for Nursery through 8th Grade  
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# Saint James

Saint James loved being a fisherman but when Jesus asked him to leave his boat and become a "Fisher of Men," Saint James said, "Yes!" He followed Jesus and taught people about God.



Year C, Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



# Catholic Kids

July 24, 2022  
Ordinary Time  
Color: Green



# Bulletin

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WOANSWEREDWPME

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

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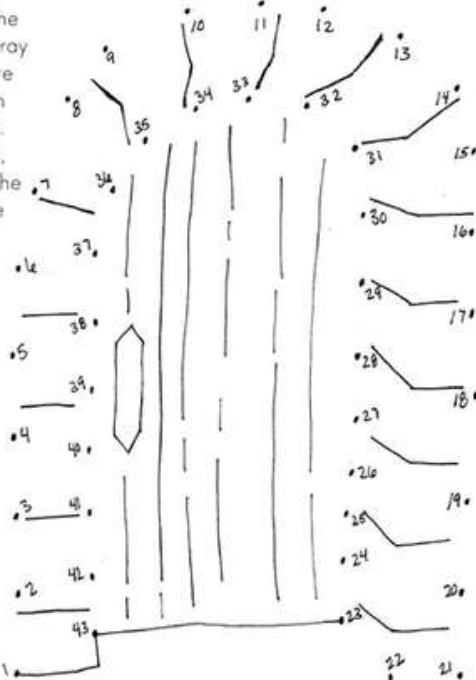


Look at the artwork in your church. Are there any pictures of heaven?

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Jesus tells the disciples to pray as if they are knocking on God's door. Jesus says, "Knock and the door will be opened to you."



P R A Y O P R A Y P  
R G P R A Y L A A R  
A J P R A Y R E R A  
Y P R A Y P D E P Y  
P R A Y N B Y C X Z  
S F Y J P R A Y J H  
P R A Y Y A R P K I  
L O P R A Y P P O K



Circle "PRAY" in the puzzle. How many times can you find the word? Try to pray that many times today.



In today's Gospel, a disciple asks Jesus how to pray. Jesus teaches him the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father". Do you know that prayer? Pray the "Our Father" prayer during Mass today.

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