

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 25, 2021



When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." - John 6:14

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 25, 2021

People of St. William's
Alexandra Anderson
Eugene McGrath
Michael Dalessio

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Bernard Kluender

Friday, July 30, 2021

Collective Intentions
Joseph Zorn, Rolf Beyer, Anthony
Brennan, Peter Puleo

Monday, July 26, 2021

Grace Balme

Saturday, July 31, 2021

Purgatorial Society
Patrick & Kathleen Morley

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Margaret Geis

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Collective Intentions
Donald Clark, Norbert Weiss,
John Joseph Lugo,
Vincenza D'Attoma

Baptism

Brayden R. Dawber	Ava Negron
Lena J. Fiorilli	Elianna G. Vogt
Ashley E. Fitzgibbon	Sofia Santos
Petra G. Mangouranes	Connor J. Molinet

**Let us welcome those children who were
Baptized this past weekend.**

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

Bernard Kluender

from Friends of Bernard Kluender.

Pray for the Deceased

Hugh McGurrin	Susan Spanarelli
Rose M. Moniaci	Adele DiCocco

Pray for the Sick

Arlene M. Finlay	Michael Alleva
Keith Gorton	Helen Johnson
Alfred Allongo	Sr. Eileen Corcoran O.P.
	Arlene M. Finley

“This Is All I Have”

Our Gospel story this weekend is one of my favorites. It shows the practical doubt of the disciples, and the potential - miraculous hope which Jesus desires to offer us. For me, this is a daily battle - trusting that God will provide. When we look at our situations, we often find ourselves saying “there’s just not enough to go around for all of these needs and stresses that are in front of us.” Perhaps you can identify with the Gospel story and dilemma the Apostles face in your own life - your family, the demands at work, and the many expectations that others placed on you. “I am running on empty; this is all I have!” At times it is simply wondering if there is enough to make ends meet - for the mortgage, food, the bills, and the many family activities you support. Or even more challenging is finding enough “time” in the day just to call people back, to sit with and talk, to finish the school or work project, or even just to pray and give thanks to God. We look at the 24 hours given to us, and the burdens placed before us, and wonder how can we possibly do it all?

But remember, as followers of Jesus we are a people of hope, of miracles, and of abundance. The Lord takes even the little we have to offer, and just like at Mass, HE blesses, and HE multiplies it. If you are like me, I look with a very human lens and think I do not have enough time, resources, or even the intellect to accomplish the tasks that are at hand. I believe that is the fundamental message of this Gospel, we don’t, we can’t, we won’t. But... HE does, HE can, HE will!

Remember, Jesus invites the crowd to come together, to rest, to offer what they have, and then to trust in HIM. Then He receives, gives thanks and blesses, and then it is He who breaks and distributes. When it is all said and done, there is plenty for all, in fact there is an abundance. All were fed and satisfied, and still there was a surplus in those baskets. So, think to yourself, what are the fragments that have been given to you, but you hold back, or hold onto? Those things are the very things the Lord is inviting us to offer to Him. What are the barley loaves or the fish that we have been blessed with, that Jesus is encouraging us to place before Him so He can do more with?

Good Stewards offer their Time, Talent and Treasure. So, is it our precious time? In order for us to stay in prayer and to dialogue with Him about family, or life, or the future – we must make a little space and time for Him to enter. All the Lord is inviting us to do is place our schedule before Him – He will anoint what we give and help us to be more organized and efficient to serve others. Is it one of our talents? In this season of our lives, is there a ministry that God may be calling you to bless the parish with your expertise? Please know that your gifts, and your presence will Glorify God and help others come know Him more – are you willing to share? Perhaps it is your treasure. Let’s be honest, you may desire to offer your time and talents, but because you are in a season of your life where your time and talents are so focused elsewhere (work, travel, your kids, or grandkids activities); perhaps the Lord calling you to be generous to help serve the parish’s mission and ministries financially. He will move your heart to discern and decide what that offering is best and most appropriate for you and your family.

My guess is that the young boy in the Gospel did not think that the little he had would be able to do so much - but he humbly offered it to Jesus. As we come out of this Pandemic, and experience a more familiar rhythm of Life, of Ministry, and of Church, it forces us to look at things a little differently. Through a lens of looking back at some of the great traditions and ways we have done things here for almost 95 years, but also looking ahead at innovative and new ways to encounter people who do not know Jesus. When Bishop Fulton Sheen used the gift of radio and TV to proclaim the Gospel, or when Bishop Robert Barron so effectively used the internet and modern technology to bring Jesus close to the atheists and UN-churched - many of the faithful struggled with these “New Evangelization” practices. It has been no different for us here at St. William the Abbot – Mass, School, Faith Formation, even Outreach have used technology and media to get the message and word out. Not everyone’s area of comfort, but those tools helped us to bring comfort when we could not gather together as a community of faith. But as we begin to move back into being more in-person for our faith experiences, how may God be calling you at this time in your life and the history of our parish to respond. Look ahead to the Fall, September and beyond, and pray - as a steward of His gifts and charisms in your life – how is God calling you to share? If you are like me – you think to yourself, “how can I be helpful – this little bit is all I have.” Just like the young boy in the Gospel, when we offer with generous hearts, God receives, blesses, and multiplies. Have a great week!

As always, I am so grateful for your presence and generosity to the parish.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Joe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rectory News

Wedding Banns I

Brian LeGrande

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, NY

&

Brianne Doherty

St. William the Abbot

Vincent Grieco

Mineola, NY

&

Chelsea Geiger

Flushing, NY

Franco Pellicciotta

St. Denis Church, Havertown, PA

&

Katelyn Rose

St. William the Abbot

Joseph Tracy

Rockville Centre, NY

&

Deanna Crisci

Seaford, NY



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.

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.

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

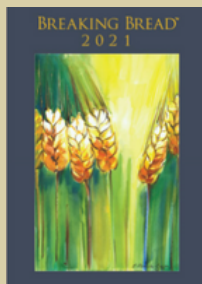


Safety & Mask Protocols

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.

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.

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.

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.

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



Have a question for the priests?

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

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

EMERGENCY



Fellowship Tent of Meeting

In Exodus 33:7-11, the intimate prayer of Moses with God is described. A designated place for prayer, a "tent of meeting," was set up outside of the Israelite camp. As Moses would enter this tent, a "column of cloud" would descend upon it, signaling the presence of the Lord, to whom Moses would then speak "face to face, as one man speaks to another." With their intercessor standing before God, the Israelites would then begin to pray "at the entrance of their own tents."

We will begin to extend the opportunity to come together after selected Masses each weekend just as the Israelites did with a Fellowship Meeting Tent. The Fellowship Meeting Tent will take place at two selected Masses each weekend. The selected Masses will be announced in future bulletins and our social media. Each week the tent will feature refreshments.

Fellowship Tent of Meeting Schedule

Sunday - July 25, 9am Mass

Sunday - July 25, 10:30 Mass - Farewell Seminarian Gregory Marino

Sunday - July 25, 12pm Mass

Saturday - July 31, 5pm Mass

Sunday - August 1, 9am Mass

General Dispensation Update

When the Pandemic began, Bishop Barres allowed for a dispensation for the faithful from physically attending Mass. So many of you "attended" Mass virtually through Facebook Live Masses until we were able to establish the YouTube channel providing Mass each day. We also made available Communion on Sundays following the 12 noon live-streamed Mass outside in the parking lot near the Abbey entrance. Please know that as of August 15th, 2021, that dispensation from physically attending Sunday Mass will no longer be granted, and we will no longer provide Communion after the 12 noon Sunday Mass. Obviously, if you are not well and are unable to attend, for your safety and health, and for the rest of the community, please stay home and watch. We can also identify a priest, deacon, or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to bring Communion to your home.

Please contact the Director of Parish Social Ministry Allison Marro to be placed on the Home Bound list via email socialministry@stwilliam.org or (516) 679-8532.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models and to put charity and community first.

Since 1882, membership in the Knights of Columbus has been open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics in union with the Holy See. Since that time, the Knights of Columbus has understood "practical catholic" to mean a Catholic who accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church. The Memorare Council has served Long Island for over 70 years and consists of members from St. William the Abbot and St. Rose of Lima. If you are interested in getting more information on joining the council please feel free to contact Grand Knight - John Silvestro via email at memoraregrandknight@gmail.com.

The Knights of Columbus have reopened their facilities. The Memorare Caterers is once again committed to serving the community. The facilities are here to serve your event needs and can accommodate events large and small. Memorare Caterers is conveniently located on the South Shore of Long Island, nestled in the historic seafaring community of Seaford. Memorare Caterers offers more than 60 years of catering experience, delivering delicious cuisine, impeccable service and an affordable, cost-effective alternative for your special event. For more information about our facility, to schedule a food tasting, or how to book your next event please call our Banquet office at 516.826.1542.

Stump the Priest



WHERE IS IT IN THE BIBLE? (CONTINUED)

Continuing from where we left off last week, we remind ourselves that the writing of the New Testament books did not happen right at the time when Jesus walked this earth; neither were they written immediately after his ascension. For long the Christian Church had no literature of its own, and the Bible which was read was the Old Testament or more appropriately, the Hebrew Bible. When the Church began, there was no such thing as a book called the New Testament or any parts of it, for the books of the New Testament had not yet been written. A period of at least fifty years passed before Christian literature emerged. And the reasons for not writing and then for writing at a later time have all been given in the previous bulletin.

The question to answer then is: How did the New Testament come together as one collection of books?

Once the early disciples realized the need to write, the books became numerous. For instance beside the four Gospels we have now, a large number of Gospels, all purporting to represent Jesus's life and teachings, had also been written. Some of them were the Gospels according to Thomas, according to Matthias and according to Bartholomew. There was also the Gospel of the Twelve Apostles among others. Equally many books of Acts had emerged- the Acts of Thomas, the Acts of Paul, the Acts of Peter and all. Again there were other books of Revelation (like the Revelation of Peter) beside the Revelation of John. There were also quite a good number of books such as The Teaching of The Twelve Apostles, the First Letter of Clement to Rome, the Letter of Barnabas, and The Shepherd of Hermas and so on. What was worse, the content of many, if not all, of these books were dangerous and misleading in relation to the faith.

So given this avalanche of Christian literature as separate documents circulating independently, and with them, the potential spread of falsehood, the Church had to determine what was to be regarded as Scripture, and what was not, what was to be completely banished and discarded, what was to be tolerated and even encouraged for private reading, as well as what was to become part of the final compilation making the New Testament.

Consequently, certain measures or criteria were also set for deciphering the truly inspired books. One measure for a books authenticity and authority was it being read at public worship of the Church. Once a book began to be so read, it had acquired a status which set it apart from the tons of circulating books. Another criterion was whether a book was apostolic or not. In other words, was it written by an apostle, or at least by an author who was in direct contact with the circle of the apostles.

A further proof of authenticity was whether the books speaks of Christ and presents an accurate account for instruction and for building up in the faith. So thus far what we know is that before the New Testament book came to be part of the compilation we have today, they underwent some stages of development. It took a long time for them to be written, they were written as single books or letters circulating independently of each other, they had to be widely read, they had to be accepted as useful for life and for doctrine and to make their way into the public worship of the Church. Finally they had to be officially approved by the voice and decision of the early Church.

Let us end on the note and then leave for the subsequent bulletin why the church had to put the selected books together and seal them as one collection of books which we call New Testament today. Then from what has been built up so far we shall draw out conclusions on why not every religious belief or practice of the Church can be found categorically stated in the Bible.

Pray for our Seminarians!



Herley Mendez



Joseph Lettieri



Gregory Marino

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



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

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

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

Cooking oil	Regular coffee
All-purpose cleaner	Canned spinach
Tissues	Canned fruit
Napkins	Applesauce

It's (Almost) Back to School Season!

Even though it seems as if the summer just started, before we know it school will be back in session! Are you interested in helping our social ministry families with school supplies for their children? We will be collecting Target and Walmart gift cards to help our families with back-to-school purchases. Gift cards will give families the flexibility to meet the demands of a new school year, and the many different items required for either in-person or remote learning. It also lets children enjoy the excitement of picking out their own items. Donations or questions can be directed to the Social Ministry office.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are pleased to announce that the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be restarting in-person meetings on August 3rd! Meetings will take place on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 10am to 12pm in the Abbey. This ministry crochets and knits beautiful items for those in need such as lap robes and shawls for the sick, and hats and scarves for the homeless. Items are delivered to hospitals, nursing homes, veterans centers and shelters. In addition, items are frequently sent to our own parishioners for comfort and support. Interested in joining this worthwhile ministry? Call the Social Ministry office at 679-8532 for more information.

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.

Catholic Charities Senior Housing Programs

Catholic Charities offers housing programs for seniors 62 and over in 16 complexes throughout Nassau and Suffolk County. For individuals with annual income below \$45,500 (couples below \$52,000), rent is calculated based on income at 30%. There is currently a 2 to 3 year wait list for housing, so if you are considering this option it is best to apply early! For information about housing locations and applications, please call the Social Ministry office at 679-8532.

Child Care for Essential Workers

The Office of Children and Family Services is now offering childcare scholarships for essential workers. These scholarships are awarded weekly through payments made directly to child care providers. This program applies to children 6 weeks through 12 years old. For more information or to apply, visit <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/contracts/funding/COVID-relief/essential-workers.php>

CONTACT THE SCHOOL St. William the Abbot School



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

Gardens that Give Back

As your garden starts to flourish this summer, remember the families in our parish that are hungry. Consider donating some of your fresh vegetables to the food pantry. Fresh vegetables are a blessing for the families that we serve!

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:

(Authorized signature for above account)

(Print Name)

Date: _____

Saint Anne

Saint Anne is Mary's mom. That means that she is Jesus' grandma! Say a special prayer for your grandparents today.

Mary is the little girl in this picture. Color her clothing blue.



Catholic Kids Bulletin

July 25, 2021
Ordinary Time
Color: Green

P T H E L W H A N D O W O F K T H E O K O

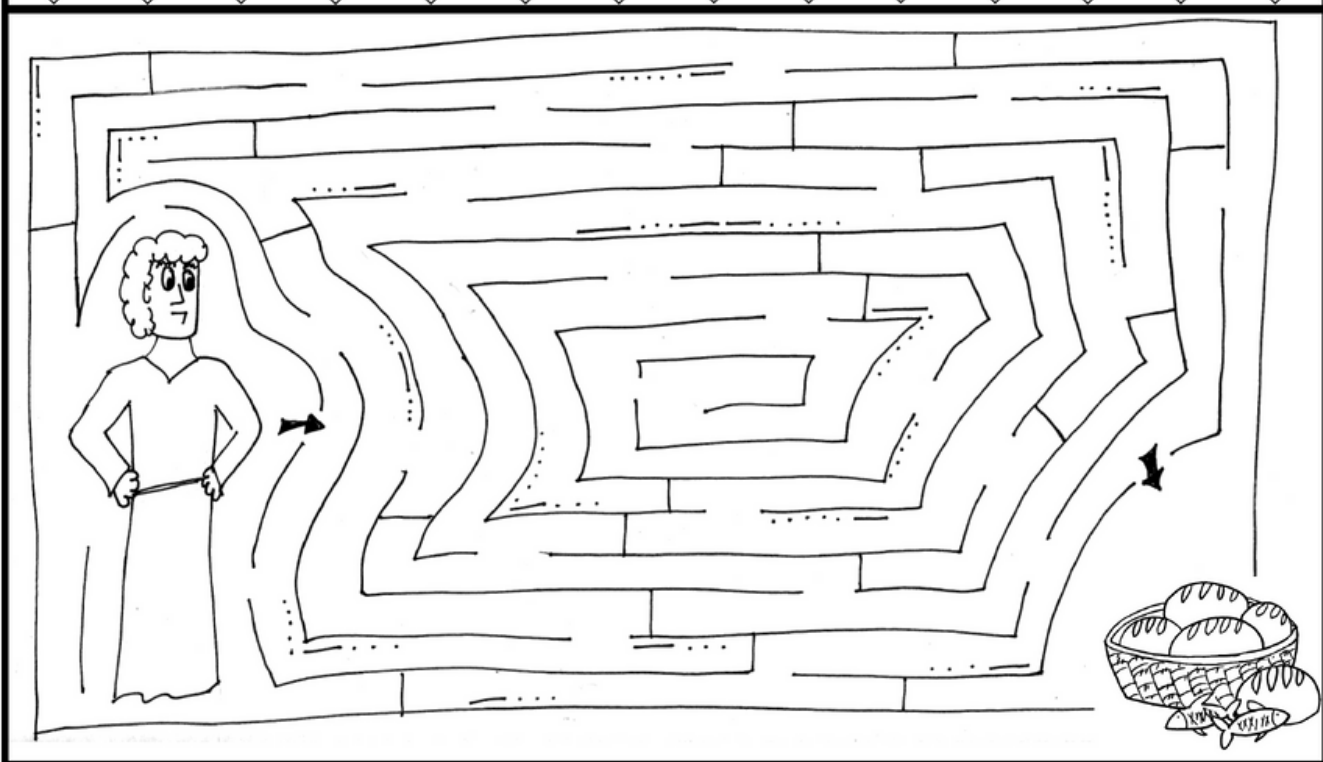
B C E W N E E D S P W K A O X

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

R P C L O R D P W F E E D S K I

B A Q U S O H E O A N S W E R S P A L L F O U R P

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



Gospel

Jesus was teaching 5000 people about God, and it was time for lunch. Oh, no! They didn't have enough food! Jesus blessed 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish and everyone had enough to eat. It was a miracle!