

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, July 26, 2020

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Matthew 13:44

Rectory Office Hours | Parish Information

The Rectory will remain closed until further notice. If you need to contact the Rectory please email your request.
information@stwilliam.org

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Grandparents Day

In honor of the Feast day of Saints Anne and Joachim, the grandparents of Jesus. We invite you to share photos of you and your grandparents with us, please send them to priests@stwilliam.org.

Need to contact one of the Priests?
Need to schedule a Confession appointment?
Have a prayer request?
priests@stwilliam.org

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 27, 2020
9:00 AM Jack Kilkelly

Saturday, August 1, 2020
8:30 AM Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM Benjamin Rivera

Tuesday, July 28, 2020
8:00 AM Joseph Zorn

Sunday, August 2, 2020
7:45 AM Barbara Dobrzeniecki
9:15 AM Collective Intentions
Robert Coughlin, Eda Meyer,
John & Mary Marinello,
Peter Manfredi
10:45 AM Espedicta Luna Alicea

Thursday, July 30, 2020
8:00 AM Alice & Charles Antonetti
9:00 AM Sam Marino

12:15 PM Rose Paradiso
5pm People of St. William's

Friday, July 31, 2020
8:00 AM Collective Intentions
Angela McGrath, Anne Gardner

Mass

Daily Mass
Monday - Friday 8:30am

Weekend Mass
Saturday 5pm
Sunday 8am, 10am, & 12pm

The Church will remain closed when Mass is not being celebrated.

Banns of Marriage III

Brian Ahearne

(SWA)

&

Kavita Baichan

Brooklyn, NY

Baptism

Nicolas Vincent Dorby

&

Vito Antonio Bitetto

&

Vincent Michael Degrazia

Let us welcome those children who were baptized this past weekend.

Pray for the Sick

Billy Kelly
Paul Rosenhagen
Carol Rosenhagen

Eugene McGrath
Anthony Ferraro
Margaret Whyte

Pray for the Deceased

Christopher Pisano Michael Cannon Phyllis Catterson

What is essential to the Mission?

The gospel this weekend provides a few great images to ponder, the treasure in the field, the pearl of great price, and the net that gathers many different types of fish. These examples challenge us to look at what are the essential priorities of our lives. Living in quarantine lockdown the past few months has been difficult, and also has become an opportunity to look at what are our essential priorities individually, as a community, and world. Although conditions have been restrictive, we have seen an increase in family time, prayer time, and reaching out to relationships that have been previously neglected because we have been so distracted and busy. As we move through the transitional phases of opening up, we can see the assault on the areas of our life that were protected just a few short weeks ago. Family dinners, game night, fire pit conversations, early morning quiet time, and even the virtual happy hour! These are being replaced with a return to busyness and over-activity.

I wanted to take a few moments and just present these questions to you all individually, as a family and a parish community: what is essential for our mission? Ultimately as a Catholic believer, it is an encounter with God that leads us to eternity in heaven. But how does that happen for us? As you discern that in your household, I too must do the same for our parish family in light of this global pandemic.

Over the past few weeks I have tried to share with you updates that have been communicated to me from Diocesan and Governmental protocols. I think we can all agree we are living in a very different time. But the past week I have been reflecting on not so much where we are restricted, but where we have grown and what we have been able to do as a parish. This past weekend we were almost at capacity in the Church as more parishioners have returned to worship. We also provided a Communion Station in the parking lot following the 12-noon livestream mass and close to 40 cars of people who are not ready to be inside the building came to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

The Diocese has asked us to halt most ministries and all public gatherings of groups on the Parish Campus and we will continue that until at least October 1. But you have found new, creative ways to connect, pray, and serve Jesus. Zoom prayer meetings and support groups, unofficial in-home prayer groups and rosary gatherings are popping up, and you are continuing to support the needs of our Parish Outreach. The gospel still needs to be proclaimed even during the Pandemic, and you as the people of God are not being limited to a parish office or meeting room. Thank you for doing that safely and cautiously

There is still so much unknown in our future, and in my human desire to know everything, it causes just a little anxiety in my heart. Maybe you too have been thinking, will School and Faith Formation open up or not in the fall? What will that look like for my family, job, child care? Will some of the ministries and activities I love so much begin again in September? October? Or Ever? What about masks, socially distancing, and all the new cleaning protocols? These questions keep me up at night, so I ask for your patience - I just do not know right now – and even if we did, some regulations are changing day to day.

Trust me, this is as frustrating to me as it is to you. In an effort to better communicate with you I'm going to try to use the resources of technology, the newsletter, the bulletin, and even letters home to keep you better in the loop. I can only imagine the frustration for so many of you who have been so faithful to mass, the parish ministries, and simply serving Christ and the Church.

I ask you to pray with me, asking for the Wisdom and the Guidance of the Holy Spirit to determine what the essentials are for St. William the Abbot in order to continue the mission of fostering a relationship with Jesus for all of us and others. We have been commissioned together to go "Make Disciples" and draw our loved ones and others into a relationship with a person, not a list of rules. That person is Jesus. So, what are the essential things that can allow that to happen in our parish?

Celebrating the sacraments, outreach to the poor, and strengthening the formation of the People of God. There is a great deal of unknown in the near future, but what we do know, is that we journey forward together, and the promise that God is with us.

Thank you for your presence and generosity.

Peace,



Faith Formation

Adjusting our lives to the virus, Covid, this special day is not how their families anticipated it to be. Despite their disappointment, we know that Jesus comes to us in the most lowly and humble of circumstances. It will be a time to celebrate not only for the children's families, but for everyone in the parish. Our students will finally be given their long-awaited gift of Jesus in the Eucharist. As we continue to pray for these children, let us give thanks to God for the life-giving gift we are privileged to receive each week in the Eucharist.

To help this special day go smoothly, we have some directives and reminders to assist you in preparing your child. Please continue to practice receiving the host with your child. In the communion packet there is a diagram along with a booklet that should aid you with this. Fr. Joe will demonstrate "how to receive", prior to the beginning of Mass." Therefore, all children and their families should arrive at the Church a half an hour before their designated time.

Each child will have the opportunity to work on their communion banner with their family and hang it on their pew during the Mass. If you have not already picked up your child's banner, please contact Mrs. Walsh to arrange to pick it up. Banners have also been left at the rectory and can be picked up Monday – Friday, before 4:00 PM. The banner will be a keepsake for years to come.

Your child can bring their Mass booklet with them to the Mass to assist them with their prayers. We encourage all to prayerfully respond in word and song. Mrs. Gaylynn Innes will be taking pictures in the church to capture this special moment in the life of your child. We know how special this day is to your families, so we will be livestreaming Mass on our parish Facebook page so others can participate at home. Our parish priests are doing everything they can to make this day special under the circumstances. Thank you for your understanding.

Please know that the priests and parish staff are holding all children and their families in prayer.



"Joe, Artie, and the rest of their team have spent the past few months preparing our church for our parishioners to return to a cleaner, brighter, and safer St. William the Abbot Parish.

Their most recent project has been converting our confessionals to be socially distant! Thank you, Joe and Artie, for your generous dedication to caring for our church!"

Food Pantry

Oatmeal	Stove Top Stuffing	Sugar & Flour
Red Kidney Beans	Cooking Oil	Toothpaste
Canned Mushrooms	Apple Juice	Dish Detergent

Baptisms

Baptisms have resumed and can be scheduled until Sunday, September 27. Please email priests@stwilliam.org for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements should be made six months prior to your wedding. If you need to make changes to your current date please contact the Rectory. Please email priests@stwilliam.org.

Parish Calendar

It is important to bear in mind that because of COVID-19 restrictions, at this point in time we are uncertain what scheduling any activities for next year will look like. We are gathering requests as we normally would, but cannot make any promises that your requested activity will be scheduled.

If you were on last year's September through August calendar and wish to be on the 2020 – 2021 calendar, please send your written request listing the name of your organization and the approximate number of people using the facility, the exact dates, times (beginning and ending time, making sure to include additional time for set-up and clean-up, if necessary), and room requested, together with your name, address, email address and telephone number to Susan McCormick in the Rectory – 2000 Jackson Avenue, Seaford, NY 11783 or via email – information@stwilliam.org. You can also place your request in the drop-box of the Rectory.

RIGHT OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION



Congratulations! The RCIA Ministry celebrated the Confirmation of James Pietrowsk and Amanda Ryley.

Purgatorial Society

Martin Paragham, Anthony Ammirati, Edward Nunziato, Louis Thomas Albertini, Robert Mammen, Joseph Maggio, Anthony Christodoulou, Joseph C. Minio, Sr., Michele Aufiero.

Lorraine A. Andrews, Rosemary Arietta, Elaine Barone, Regis V. Benevelle,, Irene Berg, James Clarke, Joyce Doughergy, Frank Hujber, Karen Jennerich, Erin Kearns, Angelina Licari, Joseph Losinno, Michael Leo Macklin, Helen M. Matera, Sandra L. McIntyre, Patricia Ronga, James Michael "Mike" Ross, Bernard L. Sprague, Michael Macklin, Geraldine Clark, Patrick H. McDermott, Cornelius (Neil) O'Conner, Susan Monahan, Mrs. Human, John Anselmo, Richard Carden, Aldo DiChiara, William Carroll, Marie Carroll, Frances Mestranderea, Mary James, Michael W. Kane, Peggy O'Connor, Fr. William Cleary, John & Jennie Giannone, Julia & Joseph LeBarr, Troy William Jobin, Tara Josephine Hofmann.

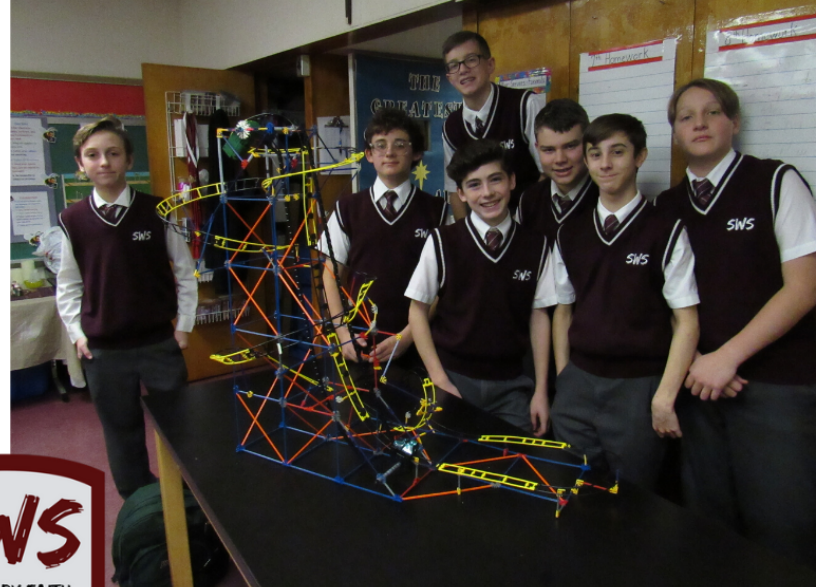
Rose DiFonzo, Carmine Vitale, Clare A. Hanley, Phyllis Pellegrino, Michael & Mary Crehan-Hynes, Timothy Sullivan, Michael Stephen Hynes, Michael DeLuca, Carol Brennan, Gerard Rogers, Sien Kee Tan, Geraldine Epp, Virginia M. Baierle, Kathleen Kern, Bridget J. Cronin, Teresa D. Amaya, Mary Surico.

Santa Testani, Jennifer Dunne, Ronald MacLachlan, Maria Frandy, Clau Kwok-Chue, Frank Faraci, Antoinette Santillo, Mary Simonetti, Christine Reid, Frank Kubicki, George Tocci, Maureen Kenlon, Olga Maffei, Theodore Wett.

Timothy Farrell, Michael Connolly, Michael Cerasali, Guillermo Rolan, Paul A. Muhs, Lucille Bussetti, Vito M. Ameruoso, Bea Carlson, Eileen Shaw, Loretta Moen, Helen Franzese, Rose Santagata, Antoinette Gentile, Erika Fuessler, John Malone, Marcella Geigle, Bruno Anzola.

Lilla May Ackermann, Robert T. Bonomo, Ruth M. Brower, Rose Camizzi, Judith Ann Canzoneri, George J. Cavaliere, Claudio Facchini, Gary Gruber, Joseph Horodecki, Mary Surico, Vito Tripi, John F. Tynan, Karen J. Urrutia, Patricia K. Vogel, Patricia Morris, John Solice, Marion Dellisanti, Josephine A. Diehl, Limbania Martinez, James Brennan, Dilia DaSilva, Matthew Frank "Dezy" DiStefano, Jean Marie, Laura Godek, William Connors, Edward Anderson, Barbara Hunter, Pat Conroy, John & Mary Marinello, John McFadden, James Sternkopf.

Joseph Carra, Patricia Conroy, Rebecca Dela Cruz, Rose C. Cuva, Josephine Diehl, Santo M. Forlani, Celeste Gouono, John and Mary Marinello, Marcella Miller, Howard Minami, Mary E. Nacci, Lloyd Newell, Lawrence T. Paretta, Donna Richter, Louise Rozzo, John Runney, Joseph Vallone, Thomas Phillip Smith, Ronald Cabrijan, Christine Glouster, Thomas Larkin, Pat Barbera, Barbara McShane, Angela Zottola, Joseph Ippoliti, Anne M. Bahnken.



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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.

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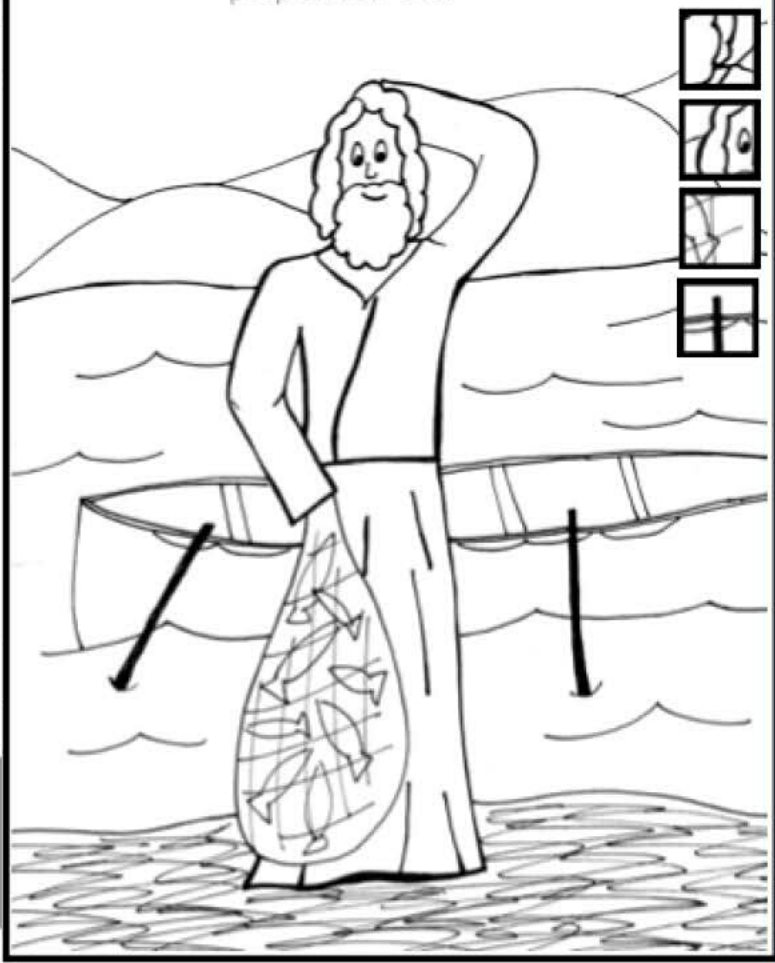
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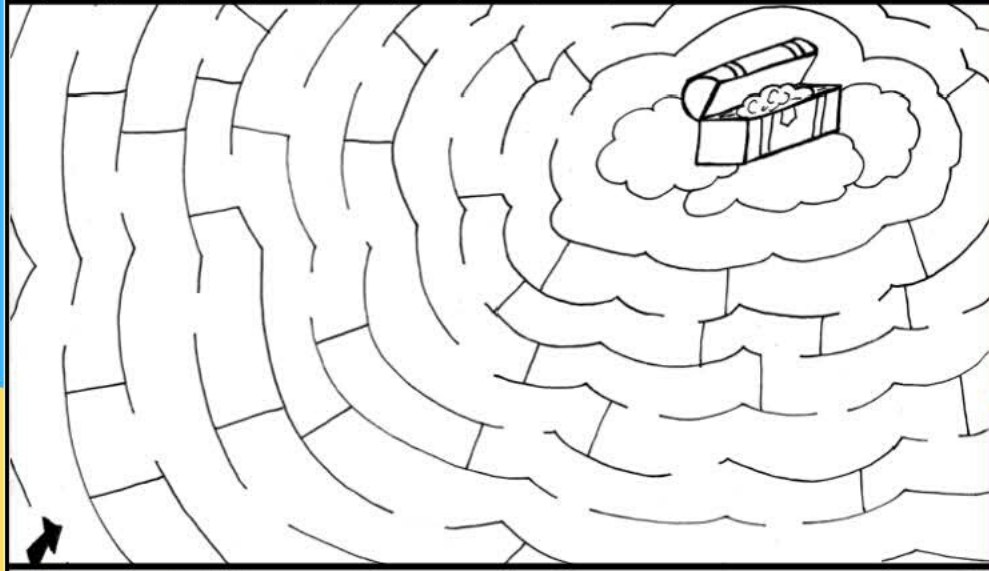
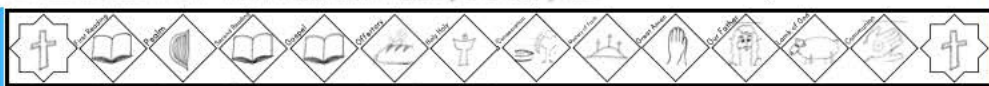
Lord,
 I love your
 commands.

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



SOLOMON ANSWERED,
**"I AM A MERE YOUTH,
 NOT KNOWING AT ALL
 HOW TO ACT..."**
 GOD SAID TO HIM,
**"I GIVE YOU A HEART SO
 WISE AND
 UNDERSTANDING."**



Gospel

In the Gospel today, Jesus is talking about Heaven. Heaven is as awesome as finding a buried treasure.