St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 27, 2022

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

Sunday

8:30 AM & 5 PM

7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM, & 12 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 27, 2022

Collective Intentions

Joan Brennan

Grazietta & Donato Marrone

Patricia Grieco

Barbara Leddy

Rose Moniaci

People of St. William's

Nancy Tarantino

Monday, March 28, 2022

Gene Goettlicher

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Stephen Mullen

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

Thomas Francis Quinn

Thursday, March 31, 2022 Ryan Bailey

Friday, April 1, 2022

Alan Neubauer

Saturday, April 2, 2022

Purgatorial Society

Collective Intentions

Vincenza D'Attoma

Emma Ustler

Mary Carlucci

Tina Rubano



He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found." Luke 15:31-21

Pray for the Sick

Sr. Teresita Carol Rosenhagen Michael D'Arpino Steven Post

Elizabeth Post Adrienne Harker Ann Marie Canale Michael Ricciardi

Pray for the Deceased

Frank Kimick, Jr. Charles H. Kiefer

Michael P. DeMeo Edward W. Speidel, Jr.

Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of Mario Restrepo from Natalia Restrepo, Myriam Restrepo and

Diana Amira

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Do You Really Know the ONE That Looks for You?

No matter how many times I read this powerful story and parable that Jesus tells us today, I cannot help but get emotional at the line, "and still while a long way off, his father caught sight of him." This means that although the son turned away from the father, and walked away from his true inheritance, the father began to search for him. His truest inheritance and identity was that he was a Beloved Son - not the financial, or the property, the livestock, and fields, but that he was a son of a father who would walk out in search for him every day. If we were to break down sin at the most basic level, it literally means to turn ourselves away from the gaze of God's love. It is when we look for fulfilment and choose other things besides God, and what God desires to give us. Although we look and search for other things in the world, the gaze of the father never comes off us. He never ceases from looking upon us. I would encourage you just to sit with that for a moment - the look of God's love never comes off us - no matter how bad our sin is, or how bad we think it is. The Lord is pursuing and searching for us. That is the rescue mission of Jesus, he comes to find and save us.

Unfortunately, in our lives we have all been the victim of misinformation and false tales about God the Father - sometimes by our loved ones, and sometimes by Church leaders. There have been seasons in our Church's history where God the Father has been presented as an angry and condemning God. The Lord wants our full heart and attention, because He knows what is best for us, and when we live in Him and look with His lens, our lives are better. So often our focus is short sighted and on this world, not the world to come. We have at times thought of God as this distant entity that lives way "up there" and remains disconnected and uncaring. But it is Jesus who becomes flesh and dwells among us who fully reveals who the Father is - "if you have seen me, you have seen the Father" (John 14.9). Jesus humbles himself and he shows us the way to live in order to have the greatest joy. To be God-centered and not self-centered, to serve others. We can see in the story of the prodigal son that the son only wanted to serve himself. To take care of his needs. But Jesus shows us that we are called to be offerings, and to offer ourselves to others.

But that can be hard, because things like pride, and feeling that we always have to be right, hold us back from God and cause division in relationships. That's why on the spiritual journey humility is the key. To be humble is to recognize that we are not perfect, that we are not the source of all knowledge, and that we are in need to offer our lives and to look with a lens of mercy on ourselves and others. We can be pretty harsh on ourselves, and then we project that image as if God looks at us and others in the same way. The Gospel today dismisses that understanding of a condemning God and reinforces a God that is merciful. We often begin with "how could I have been so silly?" "How could I have done that same sin again?" "What do I have to do to stop falling into that same pit, or habit, or destructive pattern?" We always put the focus on ourselves, but God desires for us to look into his eyes, to focus on him, his strength, and his grace.

Our journey brings forth many lessons that God desires for us to learn, but also to pass on to others who struggle with the same difficulties. I believe that God sometimes lets us struggle for a time even with uncomfortable or embarrassing sins - before he gives us the grace to overcome them. These pet sins keep us in a posture of humility, and do not allow us to have the arrogance to say that we did something to overcome them. The breaking of the chains of sin is not about doing a spiritual workout, such as three sets of ten genuflections, or a rosary, or lighting a candle – it is simply approaching the cross. Just as Jesus says, "into your hands Father – I commend everything – I entrust everything – I hand all over to you!"

It is at the moment of His greatest weakness that Jesus shows himself to be the strongest. We know that the Heavenly Father weeps as his Son suffers, and he does the same when we all suffer as well. The father in the Gospel desired for his son to return and to claim his inheritance that was never lost – or sold – or traded. Even though the son forgot who he was, the father never did. It is the same for you and me. We too may have been battling and struggling with difficulties and past sins for weeks, months or even years, but the Lord desires for us to return home – to Him, to His love, and mercy.

And so, I encourage you and your loved ones to take that time in these next few weeks to prepare for Holy Week and if necessary to come celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to experience the embrace of God's mercy and love in the confessional. It is there that we get to encounter and know the ONE who looks for us.

Thank you for your presence and generosity,

Peace.

Fr. Jol

Rectory News

Baptism

Let us welcome the following children who were baptized this past weekend.

Michela Capritto
Leila Fuessler
Hanna Grimm
Isabella McDermott
Andrew Murphy
Alexandra Salem
Nolan Vagnone
Carter Vidaic

Easter Flowers

Envelopes for Easter Flowers have been sent to parishioners who receive their monthly envelopes. These envelopes provide an opportunity to remember loved ones this Easter by providing Easter Flowers. Additional Easter Flower envelopes can be found at the doors of the church. Please place the envelope in the collection basket or bring to the Rectory.



Low Gluten Hosts Available at Mass

For those who must avoid gluten in their diet, the parish has low-gluten hosts available for Holy Communion. If you wish to receive such a host, please arrive prior to Mass and inform the priest and he will place your host in a pyx.

Pillar of Hospitality

This week, take a look back to the beginning of Lent. How have you been more hospitable to your brothers and sisters these past weeks? What is one way you could show more love to those around you?

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held outdoors in the Church parking lot on Friday, April 1st beginning at 7:00 PM and will be led by Faith Formation families.



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



Private Prayer

The Church will be open for private prayer Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM. If there is something taking place in the church such as a funeral, wedding, class, parent meetings, RCIA, etc., parishioners should understand that they should not remain in church during these activities.

Light a Prayer Candle

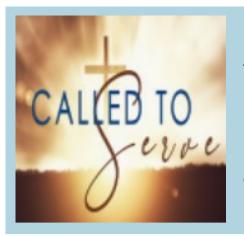


Lighting candles has long been a sacred ritual in all traditions, creating precious moments in our own and other people's lives where we pray for loved ones, friends, and ask for or give support.

Reconciliation and **Eucharistic Adoration**

Reconciliation will be held in the Church Monday through Saturday from 7:15 AM - 8:15 AM and on Saturday from 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the Church from 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM every day, Monday through Saturday.



Liturgical Minister Training

The Diocese of Rockville Centre will offer training in late April and early May for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist of Holy Communion and Lectors.

If you are a registered parishioner who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation and have a desire to serve God as a Eucharistic Minister or Lector, please email us at priests@stwilliam.org for more information.

Memorializing

The Rectory is issuing Mass Cards, enrollment in the Purgatorial Society, Memorializing the Wine and Hosts, Altar Candles, Sanctuary Candle and Altar Flowers. Please call the Rectory for more information - 516-785-1266.

PARKING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



The Rectory has received several complaints from our neighbors on Jackson Avenue and on Wilburne Avenue. We ask that all parishioners refrain from parking and blocking the private homes driveways.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

This Lenten season the '40 Days for Life' organization will be hosting peaceful prayer vigils at the Massapequa Planned Parenthood during their regular business hours. There will be a kickoff event on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, from 10:30 AM-11:30 AM to pray the rosary at Planned Parenthood when it opens at 11:00 AM. The goal is to have individuals praying at the location from March 2nd until April 9th during regular business hours. For more information or to sign up for vigil hours call Paul Arena at 516-848-1562 or go to www.40daysforlife.com/massapequa



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.

Year End Tax Statements

Please note that year-end statements for your taxes will not be automatically mailed out. They may be obtained upon request from the Rectory. Please call 516-785-1266 or email information@stwilliam.org



Garden Ministry

The Garden Ministry is looking for volunteers to help with gardens in need

of some TLC. This is a great opportunity to serve our parish's needs!

Please email us at: information@stwilliam.org if you are interested in becoming involved in this rewarding ministry.

Email List

If you are not currently on our email list and would like to receive email updates on parish news and the bulletin, in your inbox please register on the parish website.

www.stwilliam.org

ST WILLIAM THE ABBOT PARISH

95 Years of Faith, Family, and Community



THOME GROWN

MONDAY, MARCH 28TH 7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH

CHARLES WROBLEWSKI

"Our Catholic Faith – Near and Far, what it means to me!"



Charles Wroblewski moved to Seaford in 1948 at age six. The parish of St. William the Abbot has been a focal point of his life and formation, recalling the impact of his First Communion and Confirmation as powerful transformative events. Charlie was molded in the Catholic Culture and influence of his Polish American heritage. He graduated from St. John's University College and Law School. He generously served in the US Army, as a Staff Judge Advocate stateside in Georgia and overseas in Korea. Charlie later went on to serve as an FBI Agent in various Field Offices and at FBI Headquarters and eventually returned to Seaford – his "HOME" in 2005. He has been an active member of the Seaford American Legion, Seaford Lions, 9/11 Committee, Seaford Historical Society, St. John's University Alumni Society, and St. William the Abbot community. He was recognized as the Seaford Herald Citizen of the Year 2016 and Former Agents of the FBI Foundation Humanitarian Award in 2021.



SACRIFICE + PRAYER + ALMSGIVING

HOW IS GOD CALLING YOU TO TRANSFORMATION?

LENTEN MISSION: SWA 95 YEARS OF FAITH "HOME GROWN" Monday Nights 3/14 + 3/21 + 3/28

CONFESSION

Monday through Saturday 7:15 - 8:15 AM

> **S**aturday 3:45 - 4:45 PM



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday Nights



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ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



St. William's is excited to announce that we will begin training new Altar Servers!

All students Grades 4 and above who are interested in learning to serve in this very important ministry are invited to attend the following meeting:

Tuesday, March 29th at 7:00 PM.

The meetings will take place in the Church. Please complete the bottom portion of this form and return the following information at the meeting.

Name:
School & Grade:
Parent Email:
Home Address:
Parent Contact Number:



reconciliation MONDAY

April 11

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Visit a Catholic church near you during our extended Confession hours. To find a church and continue your Lenten journey, visit:

Archdiocese of New York

ArchNY.org/Lent

Diocese of Brooklyn

DioceseofBrooklyn.org/Lent2022

Diocese of Rockville Centre drvc.org

Purgatorial Society

Theresa Nortwaich, Joan McKeon, Donato Marrone, Carl Erickson, Charles Randiolo, Andre Vill, Diane Roberts, John Reeves, John Devaney, Lawrence E. Schoenfelder, Edilberto Torres.

Jane Courtien, Mary Carlucci, Raymond Patrick Sipperley, Jean Marie Mapplebeck, Myron Martinetion, Stephen R. Ward. Gordon Hinds, Margaret Barrett, Frank Flanagan, Kelly Anne Groom, Girolamo Dalessandro, Thomas Dredger, Colleen Mary Arena, Miriam Nagle, Mary E. Lally, John J. Wilcox, Thomas F. Quinn, Gasper DiPeri.

Linda Annett, John Arcese, Joseph Attanassio, Hank Brehl, Frank Cannata, Catherine J. D'Arco, Steve Delvaney, Douglas Evelly, Anthony Farraye, Doug Kind, Marie Largaste, Camille McMahon, Maria Milovcic, Teresa Murphy, Nora Nangle, James Newhook, Joanne Parasole, Madeline Pellegrino, LeeAnn Rosner, John Searing, Claire Whalen, Catherine Williams, Maureen Van der Waag, Sonia Calamia, Kathy Van-Norman, George Cangero, Russell T. Dackow, Richard Marschean.

Joan A. Carey, Linda Iwanski, Connie Leto, Howard Conklin, Theresa Amalfitano, Grace Lettieri, Donald Clark, Rose and Gerald S Attanasio, Joseph Attanasio, Alex Effio, Jeremy Mendoza, Kenneth J. Bowe, Pedro Perez, Cindy Agosta.

Gerry Palmeri, Susan Arnott, Joseph Dragisics, Daniel Cotter, Patricia Blennau, Frank Perniola, Christine Paulson.

Catherine Rancine, Wanda Velez, Francesco Catanzaro, Michael Gubista.

Pray for those in the Military

USMC -

Lt. Kevin J. Butler First Lt. Dana Duggan L.Cpl. John Mosier

US Army -

Capt. Caitlin M. Lee
CW2 Brian Kirby
Major Eamon G. McArdle
Sgt. Donald Rogers
Major Christopher James Ustler
Major Kurtis Unger

US Air Force -

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

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 Coast Guard -

Lt. 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

Grade Five

The students in Mrs. Frank's Fifth Grade Science Class learned about the phases of the moon using Oreo cookies. Science is always fun and sometimes even delicious! Of course, students were able to eat the cookies when they were done.















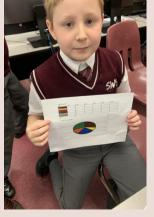


Grade Three

Understanding graphs and using a spreadsheet can be difficult, but once third graders understand the concepts, creativity and time-saving methods of formulas are just around the corner. Students were given an assortment of M&M's to sort, collect and enter data, ending with creating a pie chart of their findings. Who doesn't love M&M's?!









Parish Social Ministry

Ukraine Conflict Emergency Relief

As the first signs of crisis emerge in Ukraine, Catholic Relief Services is helping Caritas to respond to humanitarian needs across the country. Inspired by Gospel values and Catholic Social Teachings, Caritas Internationalis is a confederation of 162 Catholic relief organizations that responds to disasters, promotes human development, and advocates on the causes of poverty and conflict. Right now, Catholic Relief Services and Caritas are responding to urgent needs in Ukraine including evacuation, food, and safe shelter. If you would like to with these help efforts. please visit www.support.crs.org/ukraine or call 1-877-HELP-CRS.

Easter Baskets for Parish Families in Need

This will be our last week collecting Easter baskets for families in need, so that we may begin our distribution process. If you are interested in preparing a simple Easter basket for a family or a small basket for a child, please return it to our office by Friday, April 1st. Grocery store gift cards will also be distributed to help a family with their purchase of food for Easter dinner and beyond. For any questions, please feel free to call our office at 679-8532.

Pantry Needs

Canned Spinach
Pasta Roni
Bread Crumbs

Canned Beets
Disposable Razors
Shaving Cream

Thank You Girl Scout Troop 3606!

The 3rd Grade Girl Scouts of Seaford Manor and St. William School recently donated 36 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies to our food pantry. These cookies are always a welcomed treat for the families we serve in the Seaford community! It is so admirable that these Scouts are living the Girl Scout Promise to "serve God" and "to help people at all times." We are so grateful that they chose our ministry to benefit from their kindness!

Cash Assistance through SNAP

Inflation and rising food prices have put undue economic pressure upon many families. NY State has approved additional assistance through the Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund (PEAF) and is distributing funds through the SNAP (food stamp) program. These emergency allotments are approved and distributed on a month-by-month basis and will continue until the public health emergency is lifted in our nation. These funds may be withdrawn as cash from the SNAP program! Recent distributions included \$140 per eligible child for diapers, and \$730 per eligible adult in multi-generational households. If you or someone you know is considering applying for SNAP, now is the time to do so! Please call the Social Ministry office for more information at 679-8532.

Donation Spotlight Boy Scout Troop 690

Last weekend Boy Scout Troop 690 conducted their "Scouting for Food" event, and our Parish Food Pantry was honored to be the beneficiary! Each Scout ran a food drive in their neighborhood to gather supplies for those in need. They delivered hundreds of pounds of food to our pantry last Sunday, where they were met by our volunteers and even Fr. Joe! Troop 690 ran this event in order to help alleviate pressure on local families due to the COVID 19 pandemic. We are so grateful for their service to the Parish and the community!











St. William the Abbot's 95th Anniversary Gala!

























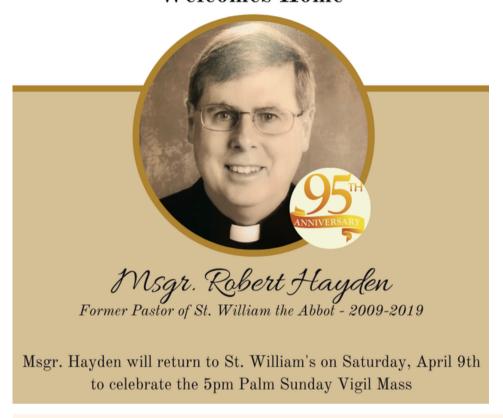








Welcomes Home



First Friday



A "First Friday" is the first Friday of the month and is often marked by special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus since Jesus died for us and won our salvation on a Friday.

Join us for Adoration in the Church on every First Friday of the month from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

2022 Lenten Parish Mission "Home Grown"

Heather O'Sullivan and Stephen Harth spoke of "Staying Catholic in an Ever-Changing World & Shifting Culture" at our second Lenten Mission, which was held on Monday, March 21st.







Saint Katherine Drexel grew up very rich. As an adult, she used all of her money to build schools for Native Americans and African Americans. Ask Saint Katherine to pray for your school.



Year C: Fourth Sunday of Lent

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laste and see the goodness of the Lord.

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There are pictures or statues of the Stations of the Cross in your church. Ask your family to help you find them.

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Father, Welcome back! I missed you I'm sorry! and I love you. Which path will lead the son back to his home? Jesus told the parable of the Prodigal Son. A man had two sons. One son helped his father while the other son left to have fun. When that prodigal son returned, his father forgave him.

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Fr. James Hansen Associate Pastor

Please send your email to priests@stwilliam.org to contact Fr. Joe or Fr. James directly.

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Dcn. John Lynch
Dcn. Michael Metzdorff
Dcn. Joseph Tumbarello
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Allison Marro

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SCHOOL

Elizabeth Bricker Principal Christine Bendish Assistant Principal

St. William the Abbot School



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PASTORAL COUNCIL

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YouTube: Find us at:

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Staying Connected

If you are not currently on our email list and would like to receive email updates on parish news and the bulletin, in your inbox please register on the parish website stwilliam.org.



Emergency Line



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