



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



May 29, 2022 The Ascension of the Lord

Weekly Schedule

Daily Mass

Monday - Saturday: 8:30 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9 am, 10:30 am, 12 n

Live-Streamed Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 12 n

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday - Saturday: 7:15 am - 8:15 am

Saturday: 3:45 pm - 4:30 pm

Adoration

Monday - Saturday: 7:30 am - 8:15 am

First Friday of the Month: 9am - 5pm

Private Prayer

Monday - Friday: 7:15 am - 6 pm

"I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

John 17:26

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 29, 2022

People of St. William's
John E. Kelleher
Joan Bruno
JoAnna Wilson

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

Frances Gauci

Thursday, June 2, 2022

Dorothy Rohan

Monday, May 30, 2022

Collective Intentions

Susan Bailey
Domenico D'Armi
Loubert Cayo & Amelie Bien-Aime
Mary Peterson

Friday, June 3, 2022

Robert Kandybowicz

Saturday, June 4, 2022

Purgatorial Society
Emma Ustler

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

Collective Intentions

Gina Schlegel (liv)
George Harth
Michael and Jackie Hayes (liv)
Yolanda Astarita

Pray for the Deceased

John Kirby, Sr.

Pray for the Sick

Keith Gorton
Jeannine Tedeschi
Adrienne Harker
Anne Canale

Richard Fedyk
Antonio Valdez, Jr.
Sonia Juanico

Baptism

Let us welcome the following children who were baptized last weekend:

Ryan George
Casey Keyer
Dylan Lago
Thomas Loeb

Adrianna Merlo
Angelo Parrella
Reese Roberts
Rev. John Whalen

Altar Flowers

have been donated in loving memory of
the Grandparents
of the Burke and Bonocore Families

Wine and Hosts

have been donated in loving memory of
Eileen Flynn
from her friends of the SWA Prayer Ministry

Altar Candles

have been donated in loving memory of
the Grandparents
of the Burke and Bonocore Families

“That They May Be One, as We Are One”

My sisters and brothers - we are facing a challenging time in our faith and life journey with the confusing headlines and world events we face each day. The war in the Ukraine continues, the terrible events and life loss that took place in Buffalo two weeks ago, and the devastation of the shooting and murder of the children and teachers in Texas this past week. We can also look at the state of our nation, politics, the economy, the divide over misinformation and rhetoric involving the preservation and protection of LIFE in the womb, the assault on reason and truth when it comes to personhood, family, and marriage! Who do we listen to? Who do we believe? Where is God in all of this?

History and the scriptures reveal that being a faithful Catholic has always been a counter-cultural way of life. The world and society are not usually receptive to protecting the dignity of the most vulnerable. We only have to look at the events of what happened at the Uvalde, TX elementary school to see that there is something just a little off in our world. We are looking for the something or someone to blame. The list can be long - the breakdown of the family, mental illness, an overwhelming self-centeredness, an absence of God. To be a woman or man of faith is often a life lived in direct contradiction of the values and principles of the modern world. Saint Paul wrote so many years ago to the people of Ephesus – “For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens.”

The mechanisms used by the devil have adjusted and advanced in time - the internet, entertainment, TV, and movies - are as alluring and deceptive as they have ever been. And as the devil continues to deceive and attempt to divide us, we must look to the Lord and the encouraging words directed to the Heavenly Father that we hear in the scriptures this Sunday. UNITY!! To stand together in this assault against humanity, this very real battle - and stay focused on God – and His love for us. His pursuit of our Soul and eternal joy.

The devil will try to focus our attention on the difficulty and hardship we experience in the world – and attempt to chip away at the foundation of our Faith. “If there is a God – and He is all powerful and loving, why does He allow evil? Why would He not prevent certain events? Where is your God when bad things happen to good people?” These questions are real and difficult to answer in these uncertain times. But we are invited to turn to the scriptures, and even the direct words of Jesus when he says: “I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world.” In our sinful human nature, we can turn to earthly things to distract us or numb us from our struggles, these things never seem to fully satisfy or quench our appetites or desires.

The past week has had its challenges, but also great glory stories of God’s movement here at St. William the Abbot. If you have not met him yet, you will be moved by our summer Seminarian Patrick O’Brien and his love for God and serving God. We celebrated Confirmation on Monday, Bishop Barres spoke of the hope and inspiration our teens are for the Church – not in 10 years but hope for our Church now! Our Ministry of Consolation has offered such great support and comfort to families and friends of those who have recently died in the community – they have been God’s healing hand and voice. Our Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion were blessed to take part in a Communion Breakfast and motivating talk. Our choirs, St. Vincent de Paul, ushers, lectors, altar servers, outreach team, RCIA – so many ways in which God is shining his light into this world and on our Parish. As we await the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, let us pray together for the spirit of wisdom, and a spirit of fervor and evangelization to spread Christ’s love to the world. My sisters and brothers, let us be one, as the Father and Jesus are one! Have a safe and Blessed Memorial Day Weekend.

Peace,



Wedding Banns

Banns I

Kira Golden, St. William the Abbot
& Anthony Scalamandre, St. William the Abbot

Banns II

Rosa Baez, Our Holy Redeemer Church, Uniondale
& Rafael Rivera, Seaford

Corinn Piazza, St. William the Abbot
& Ryan Devir, New York City

Gabrielle Dundas, St. Henry, Bayonne, NJ
& Frank Serravalli, St. William the Abbot

Banns III

Katherine Burke, St. William the Abbot
& Andrew Bonocore, St. Patrick, Huntington



As we remember those who have passed, we pray for our current troops, our retired service people, and the families who support them.

Pray for Our Seminarians

Joseph Lettieri
Herley Mendez
Patrick O'Brien
John Brusa

Patrick O'Brien's Seminarian Snippet - Eucharistic Adoration

A few nights ago, a long-time friend of mine came to the parish and we had a time of Eucharistic Adoration. I lit 10 candles, turned off all the lights, and there in the mostly dark Church, was my old friend, myself, and Jesus, present in the Eucharist. It was a beautiful experience that I won't soon forget! What a gift that as Catholics, we can have time with God, face to face! To come before God in Adoration is a gift, and when we receive Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass, we are experiencing Heaven on Earth! When we come into Church, God is really waiting for us in the tabernacle, waiting for us to speak with Him, to listen to Him, and to spend time together. A study came out a few years ago saying that 70% of Catholics believe the Eucharist is only a symbol of Christ. Brothers and sisters, God is real, He loves us, and He is truly present in the Eucharist, in our Church, and in every Catholic Church in the world! When we come to Mass, we have a real encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ, as He gives Himself to us, so we may be changed for the better, and our hearts may be transformed. In the coming weeks, keep your eye out for an announcement for an evening of candlelit Adoration in the Church, when we can come together as a community of faith and take some extra time outside of Mass to be with the Lord, and with one another in prayer. God bless you!



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

Purgatorial Society

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 Evely, Anthony Farraye, Doug Kind, Marie Largaste, Camille McMahan, 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.

Camille Annunziata, John Brancato, John Brown, Joan Cabble, Carole Corado, Charles Corsitto, Frank Cottone, Pat Crispi, Anthony Donofrio, Hedwig Oma Flori, Frank Gagliano, Lorraine Kelly, Frank Kimick, Jr. Lina Lalicata, Wilfred Lugo, Michael Maher, Irene Matthewson, Anthony Naples, Anna Neglia, Norma J. Paoli, Joseph Rapisardi, Edward F. Restivo, Ann Santoni, Dominick Saurato, Charles Tonna, Anne M. Tucker.

Robert Perryman, Edward Golemme, Mauro DiCillis, Michael DeMeo, Irene Mandra, Patricia Keene, Eunice Huiso, Peggy Finnerty, Patricia Mink, Frank Blue.

Frances Pittelli, Robert Spina, William R. McGlone, Brendan McGarry, William Benson, Michael DeMasi, Ann Kidger, Joseph J. Cannizzaro, Sr., Christiana Durosemi Charles, Luigi Lora, Peter Agati, Mary Buckley, Peter Burke, Raymond Spinelli, Thomas Gattringer, Valentino Mattieucci, Anna Kishazy, Alfredo Taddeo, Jim Taverner.

Come Holy Spirit!

We invite all adults who entered Full Communion or Confirmation through our RCIA Program to a special celebration on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th at the 10:30 Mass as we celebrate Adult Confirmation followed by fellowship in the Abbey.

We would love to see you and to share your stories about what RCIA meant for you and where you are in your faith journey today. No matter how long it has been, we would love you to join us!

Please RSVP to rcia@stwilliam.org or to Jo-Ann Metzдорff at 516-783-2528 (Faith Formation Office) by May 30th.

6th Grade Girls CYO Summer Basketball Registration

St. William's CYO will be entering a CYO summer basketball team for girls who will be entering 6th Grade this September.

This season runs from July 6th through August 26th.

To register for this team, please go to the website:

st-williams-cyo.sportssignup.com

The fee for this team is \$80.

*Join Us to Celebrate the
15th Anniversary of Fr. Joe's Ordination*

THURSDAY, JUNE 9TH

HOLY HOUR INSIDE CHURCH

6PM

CELEBRATION ON RECTORY LAWN

7PM



**FEAST OF
ST. WILLIAM
THE ABBOT
SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH**

**4 PM
OUTDOOR MASS ON
FRONT LAWN OF THE RECTORY**

**5 PM - 11 PM
FEAST BEHIND
SCHOOL**

FOOD · MUSIC · GAMES · ACTIVITIES

Please consider volunteering for this event:

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Area of Interest: Set-Up/Break-Down Food Activities General Volunteer

Please return to the Rectory Drop Box or email information@stwilliam.org

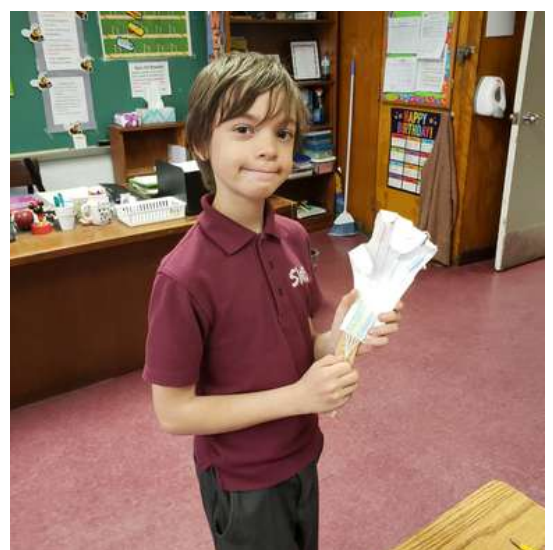
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St. William the Abbot School News

Ms Berghammer's 5th Grade is taking advantage of the beautiful spring weather and having religion lessons outside. What better way to learn how to care for God's creation than to be outside surrounded by it. We even had a special visitor.



Mrs. Frank's Fifth Grade Science Class is learning how Science, Technology, and Engineering work together to solve problems. After learning the steps in the design process, students created a prosthetic hand. They were able to use the hand to pick up a ball of paper, have a game of catch, fist bump, and high five. They did a fantastic job!



Confirmation



Parish Social Ministry

Registration Open - Support for Caregivers

Are you caring for a loved one and in need of support? We are currently taking names of interested participants for a Caregivers Support Group. The group would provide an opportunity for sharing experiences, advice and understanding with people going through similar challenges and circumstances. If you are interested, please call our office as soon as possible to pre-register! Day/time information to be determined based upon registrant feedback.

Child/Teen Volunteer Opportunity: 6/4



Long Island National Cemetery is looking for volunteers for Memorial Day flag removal on Saturday June 4th beginning at 8:00 AM. This is a great opportunity for kids or teens of

the Parish in need of community service hours. If your child needs a form signed to verify service hours, they should bring it with them to be signed at the event.

Pantry Needs

Apple Juice
Corn Flakes
Rice Krispies

Raisins
Pretzels
Dish Soap

Free Counseling Available

NY Project Hope is offering free, confidential, and anonymous counseling for those struggling with issues during COVID. They will assist with anything from economic hardships to behavioral health issues. Crisis counselors are available to provide self-help tips and a plan to assist individuals to become their own advocates. Many resources are available to help people bear the burden of the uncertainty and anxiety of these unusual times. In addition, beginning June 15th a weekly Google Meet will be available to discuss how to manage stress during COVID. For more information, please call the Social Ministry office.

Infant Formula Shortage - A Message from Catholic Charities



The recent news of an infant formula shortage has resulted in many different approaches as people try to help parents in need of supplies. The Director of Nutrition and Maternity Services at Catholic Charities, Amy Agiato, has released their suggested advice. In summary, they are recommending that people NOT start formula collections, in order to avoid making the situation worse. She states "if formula is sparse and someone who has no need for it purchases it to donate, it removes the formula from the shelves for the mom who has been searching store to store for the food her baby needs. While it sounds like a nice thing to do, it actually just makes it harder for families to find infant formula. Only buy the product if you have a need or know someone who does, otherwise leave the cans on the shelf for the next parents who are shopping." Catholic Charities is actively working to help pair excess formula with families in need. Call us if you need assistance and we will liaise with them to try and help!

Donation Spotlight – Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Last week the Social Ministry was blessed with a visit from local Seaford Charity, 'Take Me Out to the Ballgame.' This organization is focused on improving the quality of life of children in need. They do this by hosting interactive family activities and by providing tools children need to thrive at home, school and play. Take Me Out to the Ballgame dropped off a huge donation of healthy meal proteins such as fish filets, sausage, beef, chicken breasts, legs, thighs...and even whole chickens! Families are really struggling right now due to inflation and rising food prices, but this donation will make a huge impact on the families that we support. Thank you Take Me Out to the Ballgame for your ongoing support and generosity, we are so grateful!



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Principal

Christine Bendish
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Dcn. John Lynch **Dcn. Anthony Tumbarello**

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