



# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



## November 17, 2024 Thirty-Third 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 - 8:20am

Saturday: 3:45pm - 4:50pm

#### Adoration

Monday - Saturday: 7:15am - 8:20am

First Friday of the Month: 9am - 5pm

#### Private Prayer

Monday - Friday: 7:15am - 6pm

“But in those days,  
following that distress,  
“the sun will be  
darkened,  
and the moon will not  
give its light;  
the stars will fall from  
the sky,  
and the heavenly  
bodies will be shaken.”  
Mark 13:24-25

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, Nov. 17, 2024

Michael Litras

Nicole & Jeanine Tedeschi

Dolor Marino

#### Collective Intentions

People of St. William's

Agnes Lahey

May Walsleben

Rose M. Cigna

Frederick Disert

#### Monday, Nov. 18, 2024

Gloria Affel

#### Tuesday., Nov. 19, 2024

Dorothy Meinke

#### Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024

Stephen Mullen

#### Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024

#### Collective Intentions

The Turk & Kilgus Family

Virginia M. Lochner

Earl Johnson

John Friel

Michael Williams

#### Friday, Nov. 22, 2024

James Pellechia

#### Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024

Purgatorial Society

People of St. William's

### Pray for the Sick

Barbara Geraghty

Sal Lupo

Richard Fedyk

Arlo Elliott

Grayson Danielski

Michael D'Arpino

### Pray for the Deceased

Barbara Lynch

Richard Olsen

Jack P. Lampasone

Anthony Joseph Barry

### Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers used at Mass this week have  
been donated in loving memory of

Bob Sullivan

from the St. Vincent de Paul SWA Conference

### Altar Candles

The Altar Candles used at Mass this week have  
been donated in loving memory of

Carol A. Lowell

from the Diodati Family

### Pillar of Formation

We know neither the day nor the hour that we will be called home. Start improving your relationship with the Lord now and let it continue to grow.

## **“Are We in the End Times?”**

Wars, earthquakes, storms, terrorism, floods, droughts, brush fires, countries aggressively overtaking each other... those are the headlines on the daily news feed - is it the apocalypse? The scriptures today also describe a daunting experience of what is to be known as the ‘time of tribulation.’ “The sun will be darkened, the moon will not give light, the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in heaven will be shaken.” But our hope is in the “the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.” People ask me, “Fr. Joe, where is this world headed?” But the better question for us to ask is, “when the Lord calls me, where is my soul headed?” “What is my eternal destination?” We do not know the day or hour, and it is just as well, for that would be difficult knowledge to endure. But the Lord is not so gently reminding us to be ready to meet him, whenever he comes.

As a Catholic, how do we wait for the coming of the Lord? Are we prepared? Are our ducks in a row? Have we tied up all our loose ends? Have we made peace with those we are separated from? Have we made peace with God? My friends, we will have to give an account of all our actions and our omissions. The readings this weekend prepare us for the end of the liturgical season and the coming of Christ the King – the solemnity we celebrate next weekend. Before we know it, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving, the weeks of Advent, and then Christmas will be upon us. Many of us have begun the conversation with our family members and loved ones about who's hosting and what we might be bringing or making because we don't want to be surprised as the host or a guest. We make a list of the main dishes and the sides, the desserts and the beverages, the polished silverware and the fine China. No stone or crumb goes unturned.

For my family, this will be the first time in my 53 years that my father will not be sitting at the head of the table at Thanksgiving and Christmas. I am grateful for the many life lessons I learned from him as a dad, but most importantly as a man of faith. To the best of my ability, I tried to be attentive to the needs of my father, especially as he grew sicker and declined last year. I can say with great confidence that he prepared himself with the tools of the Church - his personal prayer, rosary, the celebration of the sacraments - Eucharist and confession, and the anointing of the sick. My family and I will miss him deeply and will likely have a place setting at the table to remember him. But these eschatological (end time) scriptures challenge me and force me to question how am I living my faith and preparing not just for the holidays, but for eternity?

Our vision of the ‘end times’ should not sink us into fear or despair at our human failures and sinfulness. We are called to an awareness and a responsibility of our soul and our loved ones entrusted to us by God. Jesus promised us that he would return and all of us will meet the King of Kings in most cases through the natural progression of a full happy life. Others we know will be called suddenly and unexpectedly. “But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” With the busy-ness of life it is easy to forget about our faith in the second coming of Christ. With the busy-ness of life it is easy to dismiss our mortality and disregard the importance of our daily and weekly choices of inviting God in. The great beauty of these Holy Days, Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas is the natural desire to offer gratitude and share gifts to God and others.

How will we prepare ourselves for the season? And for God? How will we get ready and assure that the Lord recognizes us and our loved ones? Christ the King is approaching, we all know the verse in Matthew's Gospel: “The King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, I was thirsty, a stranger, naked, ill, and in prison and you recognized and took care of me and the least of my sisters and brothers’.” Let's prepare ourselves and our families for this upcoming holiday season in our faith and spiritual journey, first and foremost at the Mass. But perhaps also to attend Adult Faith Formation with Seminarian Kevin, the Saint Lucy Prayer Night, morning adoration, lighting the Advent Wreath as a family, allowing for more quiet time and prayer. Please consider supporting Parish Social Ministry, our food pantry, Christmas Adopt-a-Family, Christmas memorialization, Saint Vincent de Paul Ministry, or the needs of the school or parish in general.

God is so Good, and even when we have experienced difficulty in our parish and personal lives, our Catholic faith has both prepared us and sustained us. Today, we live in the moment. We love God and others today, which prepares us for eternity. The Gospel story may shock us, and we recognize that the trials and tribulations of life will come, but our Hope and Trust is in the Lord who made heaven and earth.

In gratitude for your presence and generosity.

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

## ***Anointing of the Sick***



Anyone going to the hospital or who has a serious illness can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, which will be celebrated communally immediately following the 12:00 N Mass on Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024.

## ***Baptisms***

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

Santino Buzzetta  
Loyal DiLauro  
Adrian Haxhaj  
Aleia Haxhaj  
Alyana Haxhaj  
Ava Shenocker

## ***Pray for Those in the Military***

Jr. Lt. Ian Bayer (USN) - Jr. Lt. Rebecca Bayer (USN) - Jr. Lt. Ryan Bayer (USN) - Sgt. Craig Bianco (USA) - Capt. Michael DiPietro (USA) - First Lt. Dana Duggan (USMC) - Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald (USN) - Capt. Michael Fitzgerald (USA) - Capt. Christopher J. Frasse (USA) - Capt. Matthew B. Frasse (USAF) - Lt. Col. John Kallo (USA) - STSC (SS) Thomas Kerley (USN) - CW2 Brian Kirby (USA) - Lt. Commander James Knudsen (USCG) - Capt. Caitlin Lee (USA) - Lt. Col Logan Lee (USA) - Capt. Philip Lettieri, MD (USA) - Lt. Cpl. Kevin Marshall (USMC) - Major Eamon G. McArdle (USA) - Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers (USAF) - Lt. Michael Napolitano (USN) - Lt. Michael O'Hara (USN) - MMN2 Emily Partridge (USN) - Spc. Brian Reip (USA) - Sgt. Donald Rogers (USA) - Airman Carlos Rosado (USAF) - Major Thomas F. Shields (USAF) - Lt. Col. Michelle Simpson (USAF) - Commander Michael S. Slatley (USN) - Daniel Timpanaro (USCG) - Lt. Col. Christopher J. Ustler (USA) - Cdr. Katherine Ustler-Lodispoto (USCG) - Michael Vietri (USN) - 2nd Lt. John Whidden - Lt. Joseph Yahner (USA) - Pvt. Philip Zanardi (USAR)

## ***Banns of Marriage***

### **Banns I**

Milena Llerena & Marco Baldan, both St. William the Abbot

### **Banns III**

Jaclyn Mangone, St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa & Nicholas LaSala, St. William the Abbot



## ***Purgatorial Society***

Robert Russo, Stephen L. Kirtyan, Susan Darowski

Elfriede Bennett, Carol George, Virginia M Lochner, Salvatore J. Comigliaro, Patrick Garland, Jason Nolin, William R. Sohmer, Helen Calame, Jacqueline Godek, Keith Gorton, John Hager, John Sheridan, William Francis, Ezio Traina, John Viggiano, Linda Wempe, Patricia Lee Frank, Nicholas Anthony Sicoli.

Patricia Overs, So Keung, Jackie Denhard, Anthony Toro.

Jim Hammill, Pellegrino Sibilla, Louise Sewall, Ellen Doody.

Michael Bonacum, Filomena Capogna, Christopher J. Carini, Richard Colton, Joanne Dougherty, Patricia Gorman, Brian LaValle, Thaddius Leland Mayfield, Matthew F. Pich, Louis Ruocco, Al Thomas, Caroline Fina, Magdalene Vogric, Jack Weston, Albert Giugliano, John M. Stolfi, Victor Letellier, Jr., Elizabeth Faul, Laurence Furnell.

Vincent Servedio, Ella Dalton, Nini Demerest, Harriett Kane, Anne Grandinetti, Helen Jeanne Tobin.

Rene Romaro, Dorothy Karas



# 2024-2025 MISSAL MEMORIALIZATION OPPORTUNITIES

*Submissions must be received by  
Wednesday, November 20th*

The “Breaking Bread” missals are invaluable worship aids that include prayers, the order of Mass, readings, and music selections. They are changed each year to coincide with the first week of Advent, which is the start of the new liturgical year. Memorializing a missal is a wonderful way to remember a loved one or honor someone important to you.

Memorialization stickers will be placed on the front of the missal itself and we would encourage anyone using the book to offer a prayer for the person or family whose name is displayed on it.

Please return the below to the Rectory with a check for \$25 payable to St. William the Abbot or complete the form online by visiting [stwilliam.org/christmas2024](http://stwilliam.org/christmas2024)

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# Thanksgiving Mass and Food Blessing

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH - 9AM

## Childhood Faith Formation

Our Level 7 students began their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation with an in-class retreat. They enjoyed prayer time, enrichment activities, and adoration together to set the tone for the next two years of their religious studies. Please keep them in your prayers!



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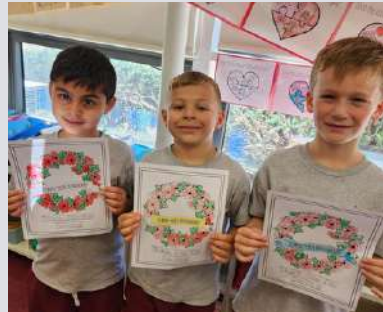


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To participate, you must attend at least 2 of the 3 rehearsal dates and be available to sing at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, December 15th.

### Rehearsal Dates:

November 14th  
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## Parish Social Ministry

### **Pantry List**

Cooking Oil	Raisins
Apple Juice	Shaving Cream
Sugar	Laundry Detergent

### **Coming Soon - Christmas Adopt-A-Family Program**

This year the Parish Social Ministry will once again conduct an online Christmas Adopt-a-Family Program. The website will open Thanksgiving week...just in time for black Friday shopping! Keep watching the bulletin for more information.

### **Thank You Thanksgiving Donors**

Donations received for the Thanksgiving Program have been extremely generous! Parishioners created over 25 beautiful gift bags and baskets of Thanksgiving items for families in need. In addition, pantry food donations received so far have been plentiful! We are so grateful for the kindness and generosity of our parishioners. Thank you for ensuring local families in need have enough for their Thanksgiving dinner and beyond. God bless our donors!



### **Still Interested in Donating for Thanksgiving?**

Feel free to check our Food Drive website this week for updates on any last minute needs!



Go to website: [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com)

Click the magnifying glass (upper right corner) to search.

Select "search for signup by creator email" and enter [socialministry@stwilliam.org](mailto:socialministry@stwilliam.org)

Click on "2024 Thanksgiving Food Drive" and then select the items you would like to donate!

Questions? Contact the Social Ministry at 679-8532.

Thank you!

### **HEAP is Open! Apply Now for Heating Assistance!**

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### **Prayer Shawl Ministry - Spreading God's Love**

Recently the Prayer Shawl Ministry donated over 40 shawls that went to parishioners attending the All Souls' Day Mass. Recipients were so grateful for this lovely gesture of comfort and support, and they were touched by the effort that went into each shawl. Our Parish is so fortunate to have the Prayer Shawl Ministry – thank you members for your hard work and dedication!



Interested in joining this worthwhile ministry? New members at any skill level are always welcome, and yarn is provided! The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting this week on Tuesday November 19th at 10am in the Abbey.



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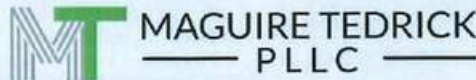


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