



# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One." The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Luke 23:35-38

**November 20, 2022**

## The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

### 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 - 8:15am

Saturday: 3:45pm - 4:30pm

#### Adoration

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

First Friday of the Month: 9am - 5pm

#### Private Prayer

Monday - Friday: 7:15am - 6pm

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022

People of St. William's

Stephen Mullen

Emil Gerhard

#### Collective Intentions

Jenny DuBartell

Lauren DuBartell

Nora Lynch

Michael & Emanuele Mosca

#### Monday, Nov. 21, 2022

Donald O'Brien

#### Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2022

Christine Paulson

#### Wed., Nov. 23, 2022

Ed Tomczyk

#### Thursday, Nov. 24, 2022

Alan Neubauer

#### Friday, Nov. 25, 2022

Laura Davis

#### Saturday, Nov. 26, 2022

Purgatorial Society

#### Collective Intentions

Michael Valletta

Michelle Jaques

Tony & Fran Cedrone

and Family

Daly & Phelps Family

### Pray for the Deceased

Catherine E. Berthold

Louis Mastrobuoni

### Pray for the Sick

Jean Lynch

John Reynolds

Adrienne Harker

Kristin Valerga-Goetze

Ann Marie Canale

Robin Julian

Eric Thomas Guzzo

Keith Gorton

### Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated with prayers for Isabella Zafonte (liv) with love from Mom, Dad and Vincent

### Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle used at Mass this week has been donated in loving memory of Antonio Valdez, Jr. from Andy, Sonia, San and Bong

### Altar Candles

The Altar Candles used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of Antonio Valdez, Jr. from his Family

# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe!! Or Is He?

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King – a newer feast in the Catholic liturgical calendar which began about 100 years ago. Pope Pius XI saw a rampant and rising denial of the Lordship of Jesus Christ and felt he needed to act. The Pope attributed much of this dismissal and denial of Jesus to an increase in secularism. During the late 1800's and early 1900's there was a massive push in governments and universities to separate religion from the land - to remove God from the conversation – socially, educationally, and politically. Meaning any influence of religious belief would no longer be welcomed in the conversation of the advancement of a society. Sound familiar to our modern day? To deny the influence of Christianity in the origins of modern civilization is to rewrite a historical narrative that is just not true or accurate.

Western Civilization has grown and thrived thanks to the education, structure and advancement of intellect and reason because of the Church and Christ Jesus. The main reason for the existence of the Church is to advance the Good News – to tell the world of Salvation through Jesus. Our Catholic Faith is not an option among many other teachings and philosophies – it is the basic truth that God sent His only begotten Son into the world to save it, not condemn it. There are certainly interesting and helpful ideologies, messengers, and teachers who reveal to us certain techniques, behaviors, and ways to live. But Jesus Christ is “the way, the truth, and the life...and no one comes to the Father except through Him.” John 14:6

If we were to be completely honest, can we say that Christ is the King of our lives? The King of our calendar? Our time and energy? Our bank account? The King of our computer/Netflix/Amazon account history? Our conversation about the in-laws or out-laws? Our discussions at work? As Communism and Naziism was beginning their assault on the world and the Church – Pius XI used this Solemnity to refocus the faithful – and it worked. Think of the great Saints that rose up during this time – St. Faustina, St. Maximillian Kolbe, St. Katherine Drexel, St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. Gianna Molla, and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassatti to name only a few. Their journey towards holiness began with small steps of putting Christ first, making Him the King of the parts of their lives that were wounded and sinful. And Jesus transformed them.

The Church in 2022 has entrusted to us the next generation of potential saints. Yes, the Parish Church of St. William is called to be a seedbed of future saints that will not only impact the Catholic Church on Long Island, but the greater Church throughout the world. As I look at how the Pandemic has affected families and individuals, I believe the Lord is calling us to be that 'lighthouse of hope' here on the South Shore. But this can only happen if we place Jesus at the center and truly make Him the King of hearts and lives.

The next few weeks there are several opportunities to place God right in the center of our lives here at Saint William's. We can crown the Advent season by being a bit more intentional and making space for God. The easiest way of course is in with quiet time and prayer, at home or here for adoration before Mass. Perhaps during the season of Advent as an individual or family adding one daily Mass during the 4 weeks – and being sure that Sunday Mass is the priority. Come to Bishop Henning's or Deacon Tony's adult faith formation classes to strengthen and prepare during Advent. To commit to making (or buying) an Advent wreath or having dinner (or breakfast) and praying grace before meals each night or morning. Advent is a season of anticipation and waiting, but also a time to prepare our homes and hearts for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. We have confession and adoration each morning – let's not wait until the 4th week of Advent to go as a last-minute afterthought.

I do not intend to sound like a Scrooge, but as I drive around Seaford, Massapequa, and Wantagh, we are certainly making the time and investment to prepare our front lawns for the season. Nothing says Merry Christmas more than the scary Grinch in Santa suit, or the inflatable Sesame Street character nativity set; and who can forget the extra bright Frosty the Snowman and Peanuts characters. Obviously, those decorations can be fun and a great way to gather the family for memories and traditions, but does it express that Christ is the King of our family, household, and front lawn? Christ the King catapults us into a season and spirit of Hopeful Anticipation – Advent 2022!

This year let's not allow any distractions or excuses hold us back to support the parish, our prayerful and apostolic events, and those that we serve with our time, talent, and generosity. In the Gospel, the Good Thief asks Jesus to remember him when the Lord enters His Kingdom. We must do our part – and be sure to remember Jesus in this Season and put Him first – and let Him reign over ourselves, our families, and the parish.

Thank you for your presence, and generosity. Have a Blessed Advent!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Joe".

## ***Thank you, Mrs. Guardino!***



As our community comes together to honor Anna Guardino this weekend, we thank her for her years of service as Principal of St. William the Abbot School!

She set the standard of excellence St. William's School still has today and led the community with grace, compassion, and love for 24 years.

## ***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, November 27th.

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

### **USMC -**

First Lt. Dana Duggan  
L.Cpl. John Mosier

### **US Army -**

Capt. Caitlin M. Lee  
CW2 Brian Kirby  
Major Eamon G. McArdle  
Spc. Brian Reip  
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  
Michael Vietri

### **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

## ***Wedding Banns***

### **Banns I**

Maggie Kammerer, St. Barnabas, Bellmore  
& Vincent Lettieri, St. William the Abbot

### **Banns II**

Amy Rose DeGennaro, St. William the Abbot  
& James Ruggiero, St. Joseph, Kings Park

### **Banns III**

Samantha Lombardo, St. William the Abbot  
& Salvatore Tuttle, Our Lady of Lourdes,  
Massapequa Park

## ***Baptism***

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

Giovanni Citrangola  
Sabrina Giglio  
Aiden Lau  
Jacob Miller  
Nicholas Obrochta  
Jonathan Schill  
Adaline Senatore  
Emilia Shenocker

## ***Pillar of Service***

This week, in Thanksgiving for all God has done for you, do something for someone else. Perhaps help out with the cleaning after Thanksgiving dinner, or serve at a food pantry.



## **Welcome Deacon Steven McClernon**

To the parishioners of St. William's,

I feel so lucky to be a part of your parish community as a transitional deacon. I grew up in Holbrook, with my parents, Diane and Bob, and my two siblings, Tim and Emily. I received all my sacraments from our home parish, Good Shepherd Church. After graduating from Sachem North High School, I attended both Suffolk Community College and St. Joseph's College and received a degree in child study. I taught for two years in Eastern Suffolk BOCES and Connetquot School District. After many years of discernment, I entered the seminary in 2016 and now I am about six months away from being ordained a priest.

It is very providential that I will spend my final months in seminary formation here at St. William's as there is a strong bond with Seaford. My dad's family grew up in Seaford and attended this parish; in fact, much of my extended family still attends Mass here. I have been to numerous weddings, baptisms, communions, and funerals at this church. I have also been running in the annual Hot Chocolate Run for about ten years. In some ways, Seaford has been like a second hometown. An additional bonus is that Fr. Joe was the Vocation Director when I entered the seminary; essentially, he helped guide me through the application process. He helped begin my seminary formation and now he will help conclude it as I prepare for Holy Orders. I am looking forward to being part of this vibrant community. It will be a pleasure to serve with and for you over these next few months.



*Deacon Steven was recently ordained a Transitional Deacon as he prepares for his Priestly Ordination in June. He will be with us on the weekends and will be assisting with liturgies and ministries throughout the Parish.*

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES: THE CULTURAL ENCOUNTER IN THE SCRIPTURES



WITH  
BISHOP RICHARD HENNING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH  
7PM IN THE CHURCH

Morning Enrichment Class:

## **THE EVOLUTION OF THE MASS**

*From Apostolic Times Through Today*  
*with Deacon Tony*

Monday, November 21st  
Following the 8:30am Mass in The Abbey



WISHING YOU  
A BLESSED

*Thanksgiving*

Join us for  
Thanksgiving Mass and Food Blessing on  
Thursday, November 24th at 9am

*Thanksgiving Grace*

Blessed are you, Lord our God, maker of heaven and earth and Father of all Your people: we give You glory for Your goodness and for Your loving care for us. Bless this food and grant that all who eat it may be strong in body and grow in Your love. Blessed are You, Lord our God, for ever and ever.

Amen





# Preparing for Advent

As we prepare to celebrate the first week of Advent next weekend, we invite you to bring your Advent Wreaths and/or Advent Candles for a special blessing at the close of all Masses on November 26th and 27th.



If your family is interested in lighting our Parish Advent Wreath prior to Mass during this season, please email [priests@stwilliam.org](mailto:priests@stwilliam.org).

## SHOPPING ON AMAZON PRIME?

VISIT [SMILE.AMAZON.COM](https://smile.amazon.com) TO SET ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AS YOUR PREFERRED CHARITY AND AMAZON WILL DONATE A PORTION OF YOUR PURCHASES BACK TO US AT NO COST TO YOU!

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND CRECHE BLESSING**  
MUSIC | ACTIVITIES | TREATS

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2ND**

**6PM**

**IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH**

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*"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11*

**St. William the Abbot**  
**45th Annual Christmas Fair**  
**December 3rd & 4th**  
**10am-4pm**

**75+ ARTISANS RAFFLES**  
**VISIT WITH SANTA CLAUS**  
**HOURLY 50/50**  
**GRAND 50/50**  
**PICTURES WITH SANTA**  
**SWEET TREAT BAKERY BOOTH**  
**FRESH EVERGREEN WREATHS**  
**SWS CONCESSION CAFE**  
**FESTIVE MUSIC HOT COCOA**  
**UNIQUE GIFTS FOR ALL AGES**

St. William the Abbot School  
Msgr. Thomas G. Leavey Auditorium  
2001 Jackson Ave. Seaford, NY 11783



# St. William the Abbot School

Mrs. Frank's class made Geodes with beautiful crystals growing inside. Students learned the virtue of patience waiting for their crystals to grow. It was worth the wait!





## Parish Social Ministry

### **Thank You Thanksgiving Food Donors!**

Thank you to everyone that participated in our Thanksgiving Food Drive! We received so many wonderful items that will be packaged and distributed this week to the families we serve. Thanks to your generous donations, we can bring a wonderful Thanksgiving meal to the table of someone in need. Thank you for showing your support to members of our Parish community that need it. God bless you for your generosity!



### **Thank You Girl Scout Troop 3728**

Last week 6th graders from Seaford Middle School Girl Scout Troop 3728 conducted a collection to benefit the Social Ministry office. The Scouts collected items not covered by SNAP benefits such as soap, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste/toothbrushes, razors and shaving cream. They also collected paper products and cleaning supplies. Given the current focus of most donors on Thanksgiving foods, the Scouts really helped us to replenish items currently in short supply! This Thanksgiving, we are so thankful for Troop 3728! Great job girls!

### **Seaford Knights of Columbus Memorare Food Drive**



Last weekend the Seaford Knights did a food drive to benefit the Social Ministry – and what a benefit we received! All of our pantry tables were completely covered with boxes containing pantry staples such as pasta, sauce, macaroni and cheese, canned tuna and chicken, and soups. The Knights also brought us paper products and laundry

detergent. All of these items are so important to the families we serve!

Delivering the items for the Memorare Council were Gary Fernado, Chancellor, and Larry Goggin, previous Grand Knight. We are so grateful to the Knights for always supporting us! We truly couldn't do it without the support of dedicated parishioners such as the Knights.



### **Christmas Adopt-a-Family Program Opens Next Week**

This year the Parish Social Ministry will once again conduct an online Christmas Adopt-a-Family Program. The website will open Thanksgiving weekend! Instructions for the program will be in the bulletin on Saturday Nov 26th and Sunday Nov 27th. Black Friday shoppers can access the bulletin online on Friday Nov 25th at [www.stwilliam.org](http://www.stwilliam.org).

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday December 6th. The meeting will occur at 10am in

the Abbey. This ministry knits and crochets lap robes, blankets, hats, scarves, and other items for the sick and needy of our community. Yarn is provided, and new members at any skill level are always welcome!





# Saint Cecilia

Saint Cecilia is the patron saint of musicians. Saint Cecilia sang songs of love for Jesus. Listen to the music in church today. Do any of the songs sing about love?

When you sing, pray to God and tell Him that you love Him!



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WLETPZLWIDUSOWGWQPQO

CKWOTHEPZZLORDK

ZLBREJOICINGOWMAO

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

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Next Sunday is the beginning of a new season. What is that season called?

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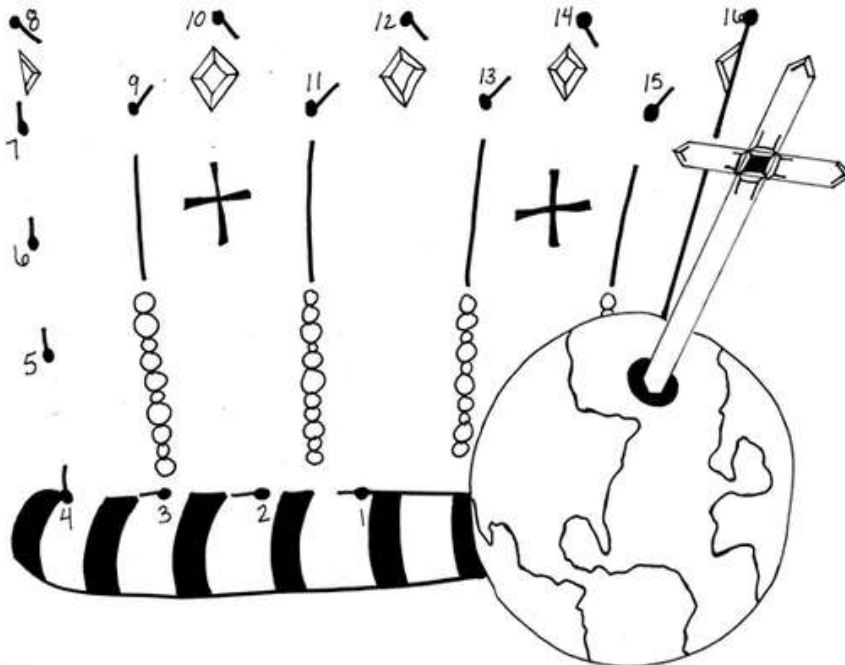


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of the Jews.



# Gospel



Today we celebrate that Jesus is the King of the Universe. He rules over Heaven and earth!

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Transitional Deacon 2022-2023



**Herley Mendez**  
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*Please pray for our Seminarians and for all those discerning religious life*

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