



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



November 27, 2022 First Sunday of Advent

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

As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew 24:37-39

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Nov. 27, 2022

Ann Marie West
People of St. William's
James E. Anderson
Fred Potter

Wed. Nov. 30th continued

William Zorn, Sr.

Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022

Nicole Tedeschi

Monday, Nov. 28, 2022

Domenico D'Armi

Friday, Dec. 2, 2022

Collective Intentions

Fred Potter
Domenico D'Armi
Dennis DeMille
Richard Pardo, Sr.

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2022

Josephine Delgado

Wed., Nov. 30, 2022

Collective Intentions

Mr. & Mrs. Michael DeVincent
John DeVincent
Fred Potter
Robert John Jackson

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022

Purgatorial Society
Bridget Sullivan

Pray for the Deceased

Andrew J. Walsh

Pray for the Sick

Eric Thomas Guzzo
John Reynolds
Kristin Valerga-Geotze
Robin Julian

Keith Gorton
Richard Fedyk
Frances Interrante

Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of Fred Potter on the anniversary of his death with love from his wife, Roseann Potter

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle used at Mass this week has been donated in loving memory of Michael Dalessio's birthday in heaven from Lou and Pat DiPadova

Altar Candles

The Altar Candles used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of Thomas Joseph Manning from his wife, Judy

Advent 2022 – A Season of Gratitude, Anticipation, and Hope

What an incredible week – we were able to celebrate a faithful disciple from the past, Anna Guardino, who served as principal of St. William the Abbot school for 24 years. Attending the celebration of Mass, the renaming of the Bus Dropoff Circle (Guardino Way), and the reception that followed were a number of priests, current and former faculty, staff, administrators, religious, and so many families affected by her wonderful leadership and faith. I am still stuffed from all the turkey, pies, fixings, and family time I partook in on Thanksgiving. God is so good! He has revealed to us his love, and even though some of us have experienced difficulty and loss over the past year - when we gather as a community of faith and put Christ at the center of it, we are able to grow in our life and faith journey.

The season of Advent is once again upon us, and St. William the Abbot is in “full preparation mode” for the birthday of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and the Savior of the world. Yes, as soon as you entered the Church you experienced a shock to your senses - the music, the sights, and colors, and most importantly a Spirit of Hopeful Anticipation and Welcome. The Church in her wisdom desires that each one of us, her children, be ready in a spirit of prayer and wonder for the coming of the Son of God to dwell among us and IN us. For Catholics, Advent is a particular time of grace, a season of waiting, and ultimately of hope in God’s promise of a Messiah. What does the Lord have in store for us and our parish family this year?

Last year, I presented a little spiritual bootcamp of ideas in the bulletin to assist us in encountering the Lord which proved to be helpful to many of you. Once again, during the four weeks of Advent the Church sets before us in the scriptures, the music, and the liturgy different ways to reveal the story of God’s faithfulness and the promises to His people made so long ago, in the coming of the Messiah. Post-pandemic St. William’s is ready to up our game for opportunities for spiritual growth - some together, and some individually. Every year I have conversations with parishioners who often say “Father, the ‘holidays’ snuck up on me again and I feel like I was not prepared.” Let’s not let that happen this year. May I suggest a few ways to grow in your faith – and as best you can, begin today.

Similar to Lent, Advent does have a Spirit of Prayer and Abstinence – so how will we add or take away in support of our Spiritual Journey towards holiness? Perhaps it is fasting from screens – instead of sitting in different rooms of the house streaming our favorite sitcom or series – maybe we watch part of The Chosen series, or one of the newer faith-based movies (The Nativity Story, The Shepherd, Veggie Tales Christmas, or Charlie Brown Christmas). For some of us it is not just less scrolling, it is fasting from sugar, desserts, or gossip and/or complaining, sarcasm, or unnecessary buying. If you have struggled with some of these things, it is time for confession, a little clean-up of the soul before Christmas Eve. Pick a day, and maybe ask someone to come with you. Let’s try to do it together, meaning – ‘with’ your spouse, kids, grandkids, and maybe even you and some of your SWA ministry or pew mates can try this together.

As the prophet Isaiah reminds us: “A voice cries out in the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!” That voice is the voice of Jesus inviting us all into a deeper friendship with Him, the Father, and the Holy Spirit. The friendship and intimacy with God is present most especially during the Mass and the Sacraments. In some ways we become like Mary who prepared every cell of her being to receive Jesus. Do we do the same as we come to Mass or even into St. William to pray? We have the opportunity to allow for our hearts, our family, and our households to become spiritual mangers for the Newborn King.

This first week of Advent we call out – “O Come, O Come Emmanuel!” – may we become small, so that Jesus can become big in us. The Christmas rush can become overwhelming when we focus on things that really do not matter – gifts, and stocking stuffers, and front lawn inflatable decorations - these can overshadow the real reason for the season. During Advent 2022 – these next four weeks, let’s Keep Christ as the priority – the center and focus of who we are – then we will not have any excuses that Christmas snuck up on us. People get ready, Jesus is coming!! Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families. Have a blessed and Happy Advent Season. Prepare the Way of the Lord!



The First Week of Advent: Hope

O Lord, as we enter this season of Advent, this time of waiting and anticipation, fill me with the hope of Christ. Help me to wait in great expectation for your great light to shine in this world, for all who are living in darkness to see the dawning of your light. This world can be so dark, so troubling, so full of despair, yet you are light and love. May your light fill all the darkest corners of this world, and all the darkest corners of my own heart. May your love conquer all despair and hate, leading us all to a better life in you. This is the hope of Christmas, that the birth of a baby – Jesus Christ, your Son – will change the world, and will work a change in my own life. Lord, I pray to be filled with this hope that light will triumph over darkness, love will conquer evil, and Jesus will save us all. Amen.

This week, you will light one purple candle on your Advent Wreath

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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

Welcome Home!



Last weekend, we had the great privilege of welcoming many familiar faces back home as we celebrated Mrs. Anna Guardino with the dedication of "Guardino Way". It was wonderful to see so many past and present SWS families, teachers, and clergy who returned for the festivities!

Pictured here are Fr. Eric Fasano, Msgr. Bob Hayden, Mrs. Elizabeth Bricker, Mrs. Anna Guardino, Fr. Brian Ingram, Msgr. Steve Camp, and Fr. Joe Fitzgerald

Wedding Banns

Banns II

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

Banns III

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

Pillar of Hospitality

As we enter Advent, make a point to grow as a Christian and become a better person. Start by asking the Holy Spirit to guide you and help you become more hospitable to those around you.



Christmas Memorializations

| <i>Item</i> | <i>Needed</i> | <i>Cost</i> | <i>Quantity</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|--|---------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Christmas Tree - 12'-15' (Rectory Lawn) | 1 | \$ 550 | | |
| Christmas Trees - 9'-11' (Sanctuary) | 2 | \$ 500 | | |
| Straw and Greenery for Nativity Creche | 1 | \$ 325 | | |
| Creche Christmas Trees - 8'-9' (Vestibule) | 2 | \$ 275 | | |
| Christmas Wreath - 48" (Vestibule) | 1 | \$ 225 | | |
| Christmas Trees - 5'-6' (Creche) | 2 | \$ 165 | | |
| Christmas Wreaths - 32" (Church Interior) | 12 | \$ 110 | | |
| Christmas Wreaths - 12" (Exterior Doors) | 18 | \$ 55 | | |
| Red Pointsettias - 6" | 75 | \$ 30 | | |
| White Pointsettias - 6" | 40 | \$ 30 | | |
| White Orchid Cyclamen - 6" | 12 | \$ 30 | | |
| White Calandiva - 4.5" | 75 | \$ 25 | | |
| | | | <i>Total</i> | |

All memorializations are on a first-come, first-served basis.

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO RECTORY WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Name for Memorial Listing: _____



Advent

AT ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT

NOVEMBER
26/27

Advent Blessings

BRING YOUR ADVENT WREATHS AND/OR CANDLES FOR A SPECIAL BLESSING AT THE CLOSE OF ALL MASSES

NOVEMBER
29

"The Cultural Encounter in the Scriptures"

ADULT FAITH FORMATION WITH BISHOP RICHARD HENNING - 7PM (CHURCH)

DECEMBER
2

First Friday Adoration

9AM - 5PM (CHURCH)

DECEMBER
2

Christmas Tree Lighting & Creche Blessing

6PM (FRONT OF CHURCH)

DECEMBER
3/4

Christmas Fair

10AM - 4PM (MSGR. THOMAS G. LEAVEY AUDITORIUM - SWS)

DECEMBER
10/11

Bambinelli Sunday

CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THE BABY JESUS FROM THEIR FAMILY'S NATIVITY SCENE FOR A BLESSING AT ALL MASSES

DECEMBER
13

Candlelight Holy Hour

7PM (CHURCH)

DECEMBER
19

Multi-Parish Evening of Confession

7PM (CHURCH)

PLEASE EMAIL [PRIESTS@STWILLIAM.ORG](mailto:priests@stwilliam.org) IF YOUR FAMILY IS INTERESTED IN LIGHTING OUR ADVENT WREATH PRIOR TO MASS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES:
THE CULTURAL ENCOUNTER IN THE SCRIPTURES



WITH
BISHOP RICHARD HENNING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH
7PM IN THE CHURCH

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*

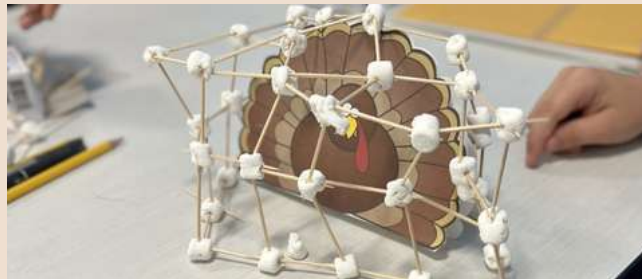
St. William the Abbot
45th Annual
Christmas Fair
December 3rd & 4th
10am-4pm

**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

Ms. Bongermينو's 5th-grade class spent time in the iCenter preparing for Thanksgiving. Students were challenged to tackle some Turkey Trouble! Armed with toothpicks and marshmallows, groups were tasked to work together to create a plan and build either a cage, platter, or table for Tom the Turkey. Once completed students were asked to reflect on what was successful in carrying out their plan, what they learned from the experience, and how they would make changes to their original design.



Parish Social Ministry

Happy Thanksgiving!

Thank you to everyone that participated in our Thanksgiving Program. We received so many wonderful items that were packaged and distributed to the families we serve. Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to bring wonderful Thanksgiving meals to the tables of those in need. We also received many grocery store gift cards which were given to families so that they could purchase anything additional that they might need. We are so grateful! Thank you for showing your support to members of our Parish community that needs it. God bless you for your generosity!



CYO Swim Team's Thanksgiving Placemats

The St. William the Abbot CYO 'Sharks' Swim Team donated over 60 Thanksgiving placemats to the Social Ministry to be sent to our homebound parishioners. Thanksgiving pictures were colored and decorated by swim team members, and then laminated to become a reusable placemat. The placemats were a wonderful surprise for everyone that received them! How generous of the Sharks to spend time on this project to bring holiday joy to our parishioners at home. Thank you, Sharks, for your generous spirit and dedication to our Parish! You have helped to ensure our homebound parishioners know how important they are to our Parish family.

Thank You Toys for Tots!

Earlier this month, the Toys for Tots organization donated 15 huge frozen turkeys to the Parish Social Ministry which were distributed to the families we serve for their Thanksgiving dinners. In addition, they donated a crate full of toys for distribution next month as part of our Christmas program.

Retired Marine Major Charles Kilbride facilitated these donations for Nassau County Toys for Tots. We are so grateful for their generous work within our community, and their support of our ministry!

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!



Christmas Adopt-A-Family Program

The Parish Social Ministry is happy to offer the Christmas Adopt-A-Family Program! We serve over 60 families in the Seaford, Wantagh and Massapequa areas. Each year we help these families with Christmas gifts as an act of being Christ to others in the true meaning of the Advent season.

All gifts should be delivered unwrapped to the Social Ministry office by December 14th to allow enough time for distribution. Drop off is at St. William the Abbot Parish Social Ministry, 2020 Jackson Avenue. We are open weekdays between 9:30am and 4pm, or by appointment. For security reasons please do not leave gifts in the food bin.

Simply log on via the below website and browse for the item(s) that you would like to donate!



Go to website: signupgenius.com

Click the magnifying glass (upper right corner) to search

Select "search for signup by creator email" and enter socialministry@stwilliam.org

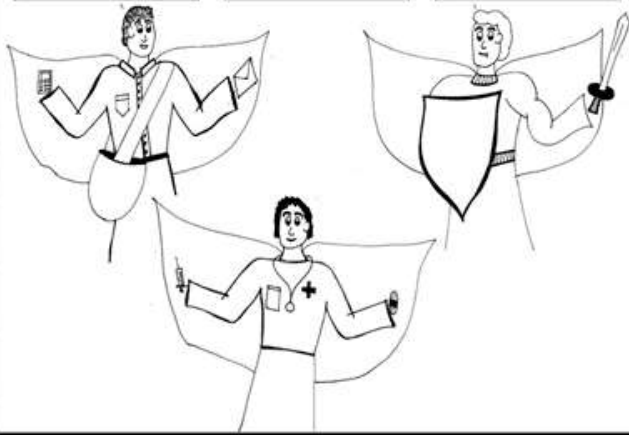
Click on "2022 Christmas Adopt a Family" and then select the items you would like to donate!

The Archangels Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel

Archangels are very special Angels that all have different jobs.

Saint Michael is a warrior, Saint Raphael is a healer, and Saint Gabriel is a messenger.

Draw a line to connect the Archangel to his name.



Year C: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Kids Bulletin
October 30, 2022
Ordinary Time
Color: Green

WOIWAWILLBPRAISEYOUR

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ZOBNAMAEOSKFORW/P

I will praise
your name for
ever, my king
and my God.

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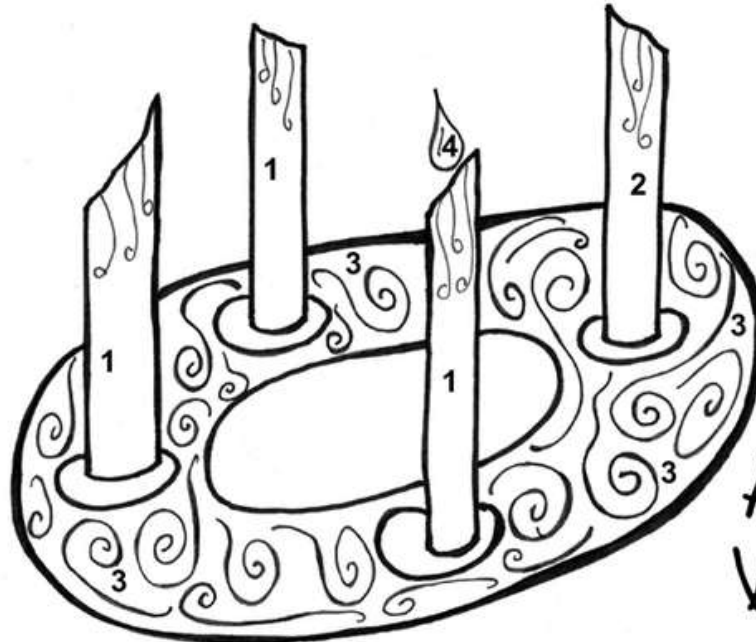
The readings at church are organized in a book called the **Lectionary**.

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Color the Advent Wreath.

1: Purple
2: Pink
3: Green
4: Yellow



Countdown to Jesus' Birthday...
4
Sundays!

Advent Wreath



Jesus told the disciples that He will come back to earth! We should always be ready for Jesus to come back. We practice waiting during Advent while we wait for Christmas.

Year A: First Sunday of Advent

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Please pray for our Seminarians and for all those discerning religious life

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