

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021

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
8:30 AM & 5 PM
Sunday
7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM, & 12 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 28, 2021

People of St. William's
Karen Hewitt
Domenica Augello
Vincent J. Russo

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Nicole Tedeschi

Thursday, December 2, 2021

Joan Tynan

Monday, November 29, 2021

Collective Intentions
John M. DeVincent, Robert John
Jackson, Kathleen Walsh,
Pierino Giancaterino

Friday, December 3, 2021

Bridget Sullivan

Saturday, December 4, 2021

Purgatorial Society
Collective Intentions
Joseph Del Gais, Tom Ward, Sr.,
Sheila Kitt, Jimmy Flor

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Patricia Ann Stephens



Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." - Luke 21:36

Pray for the Deceased

Susan M. Coyle
Toni E. Sulzbach
Helen R. Burbige
Thomas F. Quinn

Brian G. Tyler
May Wasleben
Jeffrey Saporito

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

Joanna Colton

From Regina Brandt and Olivia Mendoza.

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

Joanna Colton

From Geraldine & Roy Krueger.

The Wine and Host used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of

Joanna Colton

From Geraldine & Roy Krueger.

Pray for the Sick

Mary Lanzone
Adrienne Harker
Richard Gallo

Paul Tuccillo
Tommy Gallagher

Advent 2021 – Prepare the Way of the Lord

The season of Advent is once again upon us, and with it is the Church's time of preparation for the birthday of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and the Savior of the world. 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. Like any season there is a time of preparation. In sports, education, business, and the Church we adjust our lifestyle for what is approaching. Athletes prepare their bodies, educators their minds, and even the corporate business world prepares a strategy to do well and succeed. For people of faith, Advent is a particular time of grace, a season of waiting, and ultimately of hope in God's promise of a Messiah. I encourage you to discern this year, 2021 - How can you prepare your heart?

Last week I presented a little spiritual bootcamp of ideas in the bulletin to encounter the Lord. During the four weeks of Advent the Church sets before us in the scriptures, the music, and the liturgy 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. This is the Good News of the Gospel: that the God of way up there, desires to be close to us, to walk alongside each one of us in our journey of life through the abiding presence of His Son, Emmanuel – God-with-us.

God has done the heavy lifting, so what are we to do? We begin by acknowledging His presence in our lives – especially in the ordinary events of our daily living, by supporting those around us. Many of you have responded to the needs of Parish Social Ministry at Thanksgiving and have already stepped up for Adopt-A-Family – now we can move closer to home. The family member away from the Church, the classmate that is not easy to get along with, the neighbor with the extravagant Christmas light display (yikes) – can we be as generous and reach out and be Jesus to them? Almighty God does not expect extraordinary deeds or outstanding accomplishments from us, but faithfulness and integrity in doing those little things, which make up our lives. Those opportunities become clearer when our hearts and minds are purified – and we do that through adding a little bit more prayer, quiet time, and pruning away “distractions” (screens, over-activity) and “overindulgences” (food, drink, your ‘pet’ sin).

Advent and the coming birth of Christ are intended to remind us in a powerful way of God's love and mercy, shown in the gift of His only Son, born in the stable in Bethlehem 2000 years ago. I pray that this holy time of Advent may open our hearts once more to the wonder of the Incarnation and help us to rediscover those sacred memories and moments of our past. But that can only happen if we clear away those obstacles that we put in front of God's time and voice. 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!”

During this Advent 2021, not only for us, but also for those we love, let this be the best Advent yet. Through the Mass and the Sacraments, the Church constantly brings God's mercy to us His people, but God also intends the face of the Church to be a face of mercy and of welcome for everyone. At SWA we hope to always offer Radical Hospitality and Fraternal Fellowship to all who come on this campus. No one, especially those weak in faith and who may even be lapsed in practice, should feel distant from the light of the Advent Wreath, the creche and stable in Bethlehem, or the gentle touch of Jesus' Divine Mercy. This time of year becomes a reminder to so many of years long ago – the childhood traditions of the Advent Calendar with the expired little chocolates, making an Advent wreath at the dining room table, and of course the decorating of homes. When we remember, we are able to celebrate, which helps us to believe.

How is God calling us to grow? Who can we invite back home this year? God is moving, He desires to enter in, we just need to be ready, and prepare the way of the Lord!

Thank you for your presence and Generosity.

F. J. Joe



Rectory News

Wedding Banns I



Tim Ciarnello
St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage
&
Brittany A. Bilello
SWA

Christopher Agostinelli
SWA
&
Julianna Eckert
SWA

Matthew Tamborrino
St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa
&
Meghan Carey
St. Bernards, Levittown



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.

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

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.

Global Pandemic have your dog's social life looking "ruff"?



Take a walk with Father James and Kolbe! All dogs welcome!

Email
priests@stwilliam.org to
schedule a walk.

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.

Memorializing

The Rectory is issuing Mass Cards, enrollment in the Purgatorial Society, Memorializing the Wine, Host, Candles and Altar Flowers. Please call the Rectory for more information (516) 785-1266 or email information@stwilliam.org

Help Keep the Church Clean

We ask that those visiting the Church do not leave flowers, religious cards, holiday cards, bibles, or religious artifacts in the church, near the Religious Statues, or on the Sanctuary. It is acceptable to discard these items or bury them.

Please do not leave any food donations in the Church.

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 oyx.

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.

Fellowship & Parish Events

Due to COVID regulations and food allergies, we ask that no food or drink be donated for social gatherings on campus. If you are interested in donating towards the cost of the Fellowship Tent refreshments. Please email information@stwilliam.org

Fellowship New Location

We will continue to extend the opportunity to come together after selected Masses each weekend just as the Israelites did with a Fellowship Meeting Tent. The Fellowship after the selected Masses will take place in the Abbey at two selected Masses each weekend. The selected Masses will be announced in future bulletins and our social media. Each week the tent will feature refreshments.

**Fellowship will be located in the Abbey
Sunday - 12/5 at 10:30 am Mass**

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2021 Advent Challenge



Dear Saint William the Abbot Family,

It is hard to believe that next week begins the Season of Advent – a time to reflect on and prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus in Bethlehem. I know there is much going on in all our lives and our families as we prepare for Thanksgiving and Christmas, shopping, ordering online, running the kids/grandkids to countless activities. This movement and activity can overwhelm and distract us from how God is trying to gently enter into our lives. Advent can be overshadowed by excess and bigness - but I thought maybe as we head into Advent, which begins November 28th, we can intentionally look at the spiritual journey for those upcoming four weeks leading into Christmas.

I want to lay down a 2021 Spiritual Exercise and Challenge to prepare for Christmas. A few possibilities may be for you and your family to purchase an Advent Calendar and do the activities, open the scriptures and do the daily readings for Mass during Advent: <https://bible.usccb.org> – or attend one more Mass a week besides on Sunday. We have 8:30 AM Mass Monday through Saturday. Maybe for you it is entering into the quiet and calm of morning Holy Hour at home or in the Church at 7:30 AM. Perhaps it is keeping with the penitential spirit of Advent and fasting from screens (Netflix binging, or social media scrolling), or dessert, or gossip and/or complaining, sarcasm, meat on Wednesday or Friday, or unnecessary buying. We are all on a journey towards holiness and heaven and as a community of faith, let us try to do that together. Encourage your spouse, kids, grandkids, SWA pew mates, to join you – maybe pick a day for confession – and make this the best Advent ever. Know I am praying for you and your families. Have a blessed and Happy Advent Season. Prepare the Way of the Lord.

Would you and your family be willing to light the Advent wreath at Mass? Contact us at information@stwilliam.org to sign your family up.

Purgatorial Society

Patricia Seibert, Peter Jones, Arthur McCauley, Edna Hughes, Julia Sandiford.

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.

Pray for those in the Military

USMC -

Lt. Kevin J. Butler
2nd Lt. Dana Duggan
L.Cpl. John Mosier

US Air Force -

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

US Coast Guard -

Lt. James Knudsen
Daniel Timpanaro
LT. Commander Katherine Ustler
Frank Pristera

US Army -

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

US Navy -

Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald
Ryan Bayer, Ensign
Rebecca Bayer, Ensign
MMN2 Emily Partridge
Commander Michael Sean Slatley
Lt. jg Michael Napolitano

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





SARAH
KROGER



THE LIGHT HAS COME

CHRISTMAS TOUR

CHRISTMAS TOUR WITH SARAH KROGER. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER, DOM QUAGLIA
A NIGHT OF SONGS, PRAYERFUL REFLECTION AND HOPE. BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13
7PM IN THE CHURCH

\$20 EACH TICKET - FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE



Name: _____ Ticket Amount: _____

Contact Number: _____ Email: _____

Check/Cash Total: _____ Optional Donation: _____

Please return this form to the Rectory with payment by mail or to the drop-box.
Tickets will be sold on a first-come first serve basis.

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT



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CHRISTMAS FAIR

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT SCHOOL
MSGR. THOMAS G. LEAVEY AUDITORIUM
2001 JACKSON AVE. SEAFORD, NY

DECEMBER 4TH & DECEMBER 5TH

10AM - 4PM

MORE THAN 75 ARTISANS FOR YOUR SHOPPING
PLEASURE, FOOD, FRESH EVERGREEN WREATHS, BAKED
GOODS, RAFFLE BASKETS, GRAND 50/50, AND OF
COURSE, A VISIT FROM SANTA CLAUS!

NEW YEAR EVE

Ball Drop Raffle



How it works:

When you enter the raffle you'll be assigned a numbered golfball (entries are \$100 each) and you'll receive an email with your number once your entry has been processed.

On New Year's Eve all the numbered golfballs will be dropped from a height at the same time trying to hit one target.

We'll measure to determine 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and we'll announce the winners on the live stream and on our socials.

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 12/29!

Join us on the parish website stwilliam.org at 4pm on New Year's eve to watch!

New Year's Eve Ball Drop Entry Form

Name: _____

Email: _____

Number of Entries: _____ Check/Cash Amount: _____

**Please return cash or check to the Rectory drop box or by mail.
Due to the limited number of entries, number requests can not be honored.**

Parish Social Ministry

Thank You to our Thanks "Giving" Donors!

We are always humbled by the generosity of our Parish. Being able to run our food pantry based 100% on donations is truly a blessing. However, this Thanksgiving season your donations to our pantry have left us speechless with gratitude! We not only were able to provide Thanksgiving bags to the families that we support, but we also provided each family with a grocery gift card, and over 50 Thanksgiving gift bags to our homebound parishioners! Thank you for your generosity!

Furniture Donations?

Our parish is blessed to host a St. Vincent de Paul Conference, which offers a variety of extra assistance for the families we serve. One example of this is our ability to refer families to St. Vincent de Paul for their furniture needs. If you have gently used furniture that you donate to St. Vincent de Paul, you may be directly helping one of our Social Ministry families! If you are interested in scheduling a furniture pickup, call (516) 746-8250 or visit www.svdpli.org.

Donation Spotlight

In our donation spotlight this week is Girl Scout Troop 3491, the 4th grade troop from St. William the Abbot School. The girls stopped by this week to donate bags of Thanksgiving food and gift cards for the families we serve. What a great example of faith in action! Thank you Troop 3491!



Christmas Adopt-a-Family Program

Our Adopt-a-Family Program is well underway...please see the flyer in this week's bulletin for instructions on how to access the website. Not all of our families have submitted their wish lists so far...so if you don't see what you're looking for initially, continue to check the website for additions!

In addition to the Adopt-a-Family Program, we are always in need of Target, Walmart, and Visa gift cards. Gift cards are helpful for families with teenagers that like to do their own shopping, and for parents to be able to purchase the exact gift their child has requested. All donations should be dropped off during Social Ministry business hours (Monday thru Friday, 9:30am-4pm), or by appointment (call 679-8532). Kindly do not leave gifts or gift cards in the food bin. Thank you!

Wheelchairs Needed

If you have a new or gently used wheelchair that you are no longer using and would be willing to donate, please let us know! We would be happy to take it and arrange for its use by another parishioner that needs it.

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 15th to allow enough time for distribution. Drop off is at St. William the Abbot Parish Social Ministry at 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 "2021 Christmas Adopt a Family" and then select the items you would like to donate!



Christmas Decor Memorialization Form

Please indicate the quantity of the item selected.

14 Needed - Red poinsettias 6" for Sanctuary/Shrines \$25 each: Quantity _____

14 Needed - White poinsettias 6" for Sanctuary \$25 each: Quantity _____

1 Needed - White Orchid Cyclamen 6" for Creche \$25 each: Quantity _____

41 Needed - White Calandiva 4 ½" for Sanctuary \$20 each: Quantity _____

Name: _____

Name for Memorialization: _____

Contact Number: _____ Email: _____

Check/Cash Total: _____

Please return this form to the Rectory with payment by mail or to the drop-box.
All Memorializations will be on a first-come first serve basis.

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BOWASOULWPEOZK

To you, O
Lord, I lift
my soul.

BOWKIRDLPORDPWAI

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Find the advent
wreath in your
church.

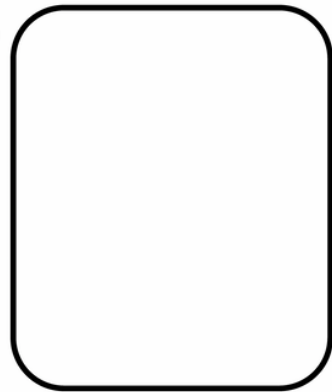


Saint Nicholas



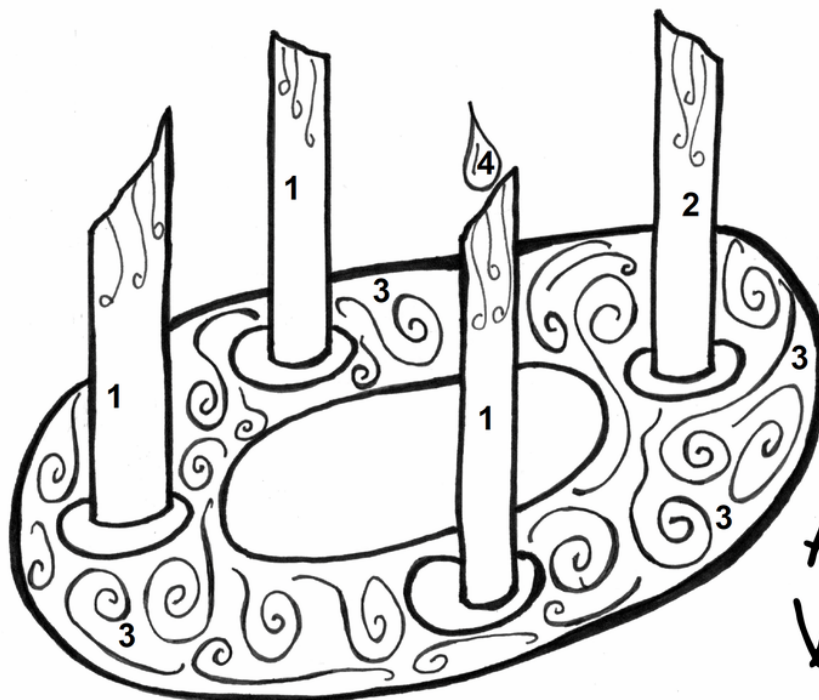
Saint Nicholas knew that a family needed help so he dropped gifts into the window of their home! We can celebrate his feast day by putting treats and gifts in people's shoes on December 6th.

Draw a picture of a gift that you would like to give to your family



Color the
Advent
Wreath.

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



Countdown
to Jesus'
Birthday...

4

Sundays!

**Advent
Wreath**



Gospel

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.

Staying Connected

With St. William the Abbot visit us at stwilliam.org to view our bulletin online, presider schedule, and see other parish information.

Facebook: Find us at:
stwilliamabbot

Instagram: Follow us:
@stwilliamabbot

YouTube: Find us at:
YouTube.com — St. William the Abbot Church

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.



Parish Contact Information

CONTACT THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Please send your email to pastoralcouncil@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR OPERATIONS



Iris Gomez
Director of Mission & Evangelization

Please send your email to igomez@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR THE RECTORY



Sue McCormick
Office Manager

Please send your email to information@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR MUSIC MINISTRY



Elizabeth Woods
Director of Music Ministry

Please send your email to ewoods@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR FAITH FORMATION



Maria Paguaga
Faith Formation Clerical

Please send your email to faithformation@stwilliam.org or contact the office directly at (516) 783-2528.

QUESTIONS FOR SOCIAL MINISTRY



Allison Marro
Director of Social Ministry

Please send your email to socialministry@stwilliam.org or contact the office directly at (516) 679-8532.

CONTACT THE PRIESTS



Fr. Joseph H. Fitzgerald
Pastor



Fr. James Hansen
Associate Pastor



Fr. Collins Yeboah
Associate Pastor

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

CONTACT THE BUSINESS MANAGER



Judy Goldman
Business Manager

Please send your email to jgoldman@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT THE SCHOOL



Elizabeth Bricker
Principal



Christine Bendish
Assistant Principal

St. William the Abbot School



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