

November 3, 2024 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

Mark 12:29-30

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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024

All Souls
People of St. William's
Anna & Leonard Marino

Charles & Teresa Moscato

Monday, Nov. 4, 2024

Collective Intentions
All Souls

Joyce Ja<mark>ffe</mark> Hilarion Be<mark>auz</mark>ile

Baby Christie Marie Kelly
Dolores Lombardo

Tuesday., Nov. 5, 2024

All Souls

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2024
All Souls

Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024 All Souls

Friday, November 8, 2024
All Souls

Saturday, November 9, 2024

Purgatorial Society
Collective Intentions
All Souls

People of St. William's Francis C. Hall Leon Kolakowski

Edmondo J. Russo

Pray for the Sick

Veronica Fields John Entenman Rosemary Averill Jen Greico

Michael D'Arpino Barbara Geraghty Sal Lupo Richard Fedyk

Pray for the Deceased

Robert D. Sullivan

Salvatore Frosina

Wine & Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of Joyce Jaffe from the Zacharias Family

Pillar of Praye1

Let the love of God and your love for God shine through you this week. Lift others up, be compassionate and encouraging, and spread God's Love.

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers used at Mass this week have been donated in honor of the Parishioners of St. William the Abbot

Love of God and Love of Neighbor

As Election Day 2024 approaches, I cannot help to think what a gift it is to be a citizen of the United States of America, a nation of free elections and the opportunity to express that with an individual's right to cast their vote. I, and so many of us, do that through the lens as Catholic Americans. When I think of beautiful slogans and mottos that have been a part of our American tradition like 'In God We Trust', or 'One Nation Under God', it brings a spirit of calm to my heart. I am proud to be a Catholic and an American.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is universal, today especially we hear a call to love God and love our neighbor - it is the foundation of the Golden Rule. We acknowledge the dignity of each person as Catholic morals and principles always apply equally to all people in all places in all cultures and under all forms of government. The Gospel holds true in the most remote part of the tribal villages in the Brazilian rainforest as it does in the concrete jungle of New York City. Catholic missionaries have brought the 'Good News' from the Middle East to medieval Europe to north and south of the equator, and even here to shores of our own republic, America. The Gospel is true and effective in all settings because it transcends all of them.

Many secular humanists (those who believe that human beings are capable of being ethical without religious) argue that Christian principles are too influential in modern government and politics. Some challenge whether it is wise, or even possible, for Christians to serve in politics. Is it appropriate for a Catholic to vote precisely as a Catholic or to make political choices based primarily on Christian values and principles? I believe at times as faithful Christians we can approach secular conversations from a place of weakness or inferiority. Whether it be some of the effects of the clergy abuse scandal, or even in many cases when we are challenged on a verse of scripture or Church doctrine, or Catholic social teachings and morals that we may be less familiar with.

It would be helpful to remind ourselves that our Catholic perspective on life or marriage or immigration or the economy does not originate with a political agenda, but with Jesus Christ, the only Son of our Creator. It was God the Father who created humanity and who established the human family. He is the one who understands how it is supposed to operate, and He is the one to consult when we are seeking wisdom about how to correct the problems caused by our human brokenness – not a preferred candidate.

Catholics are encouraged to form their consciences with our rich writings and doctrine from our Church fathers and mothers who have written extensively on all topics. When we present public issues through the lens of the scriptures or the catechism or a papal document, these themes have been grappled with in many cases for centuries. We call on the Holy Spirit to aid us to understand more clearly God's wisdom and plan for the human family – if we were to be honest, can we say that we have done that over the past few months? Or has it only been consulting (whatever your flavor is) News12, FOX, BBC, CNN, or YouTube?

When I encounter people who challenge me and say: "aren't you trying to impose your views on others?" Absolutely-through the lens of Christ, the teachings of the Church, and the Gospel!!! There is so much information and misinformation that is being presented by ads, social media posts, rallies, and polling, and I can tell you the Gospel message is not a priority in those advertisements. We know the nature of the American political process is to advocate positions an individual or party believes to be right and just, attempting to persuade others of their 'rightness'. That is precisely what every political party and every interest group tries to do. In a sense, it is what every citizen tries to do every time they cast a ballot or write a letter to their congressman or president.

My friends, the American political system is based on this continual tug of war where individuals and groups 'freely' present competing points of view – which is awesome, and a fruit of our freedom. However, to attempt to silence one participant in the process as some groups are trying to do with the Catholic Church is intellectually dishonest and an attack upon our American system, and our religious liberty and freedoms. Some would argue about the separation of church and state. Many use this phrase to mean in effect, separation of moral values and public policy, however we embrace the golden rule. Some have even gone so far as to insist that any position that can be traced to a Christian teaching should be banned from any political discussion.



Well, we only need to look at the state of our world and society when we remove God, our values, and morals. We have experienced the breakdown of the family, an increase in anxiety and worry, and the opposite of the lasting peace that Jesus offers to us and our families. Separation of church and state does not mean separation of values and voting. The US Constitution does not require that when we enter the polling place this week that we check our beliefs at the door. If you have not participated in early voting yet, please pray, do your homework, and form your consciences through the lens of your faith. This will help you distinguish which candidate can best serve and protect our most fundamental rights to love God and our neighbor. How will you vote? Will it be as a Catholic?

Thank you for presence and generosity.

Jr. Jol



St. Peregrine Prayer

The St. Peregrine Prayer Hour will be held on Monday, November 4th from 2:00 - 3:00 PM in the Church.

St. Peregrine is the patron saint of those suffering from cancer. Future prayer hours will be held on the first Monday of each month. Cancer victims, families, and their care-givers are all are invited to come and pray.

Baptism

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

Riley Anderson Jack Bischoff Liana Esposito Hugh Golden Matthew Malley

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) - Lt. Joseph Yahner (USA) - Pvt. Philip Zanardi (USAR)

Banns of Marriage

Banns I

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



Banns II

Sandra Vercillo, Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon & Keith Bobrick, St. William the Abbot Jacqueline Alibrandi, St. William the Abbot & Christopher Gil, St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa

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 burn them. Thank you.



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.



REGISTRATOIN AND PICK-UP INFORMATON REQUIRED BY VISITING STWILLIAM.ORG/YOUTHFAMILYMINISTRY





A lovely stroll down memory lane at our "Moms of SWS Alumni" event! The stories, the laughter, the joy of gathering together once again! We are grateful to SWS Moms for being the backbone of our school for 70 years, and counting!

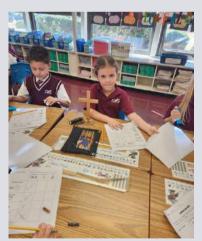








The students in Mrs. Kuehn's first grade have been very busy in learning centers. They have been working on their Math skills: rolling dice, counting dominoes, matching equivalent equations, and working on math puzzles. They have been building words, sorting words with like endings, strengthening reading skills, and practicing sight words. In science they have had fun with flashlights, testing different objects to see if they are transparent, translucent, or opaque. For the Halloween season, they tested a pumpkin to see if it would float. The first graders were amazed that it did! First grade is a fun place to be!









SWS Students participated in the Town of Hempstead's, "Thank-A-Firefighter" program, creating cards to thank those brave men and women for their service and courage!





THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH 4:45PM

LEARN SERVING TIPS AND GET UPDATES TO THE SERVING PROGRAM



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Ehildrens Ehoir

We invite all parish children in Kindergarten through 8th Grade to join us in this special choir to celebrate Gaudete Sunday & Bambinelli Sunday to start the 3rd week of Advent!

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 November 21st December 5th

5PM - 5:45PM in the Church Choir Loft

PARENTS SHOULD PLAN TO STAY DURING REHEARSALS IN THE MAIN PART OF CHURCH





CRECHE BLESSING & TREE LIGHTING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

> CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

THE FEAST OF ST. LUCIA
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH



to reserve a space as a verdor at the Christmas Fair, please scan the QK code





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A person wishing to volunteer in any parish or organization in the Diocese of Rockville Centre must first complete three requirements:

1. Attend an in-person "Protecting God's Children" (VIRTUS) training class

2. Sign relevant codes of conduct through your online

3. Complete a background screening every 5 years

A "Protecting God's Children" (VIRTUS) Training Class has been scheduled for Thursday, November 7th from 6:30pm-9:30pm at St. William the Abbot.

Registration is required by visiting www.virtusonline.org or using the QR code:



Please contact the DRVC Office For the Protection of Children and Young Adults with any questions by visiting: https://www.drvc.org/efforts-to-protect-children-and-young-people/



FOLLOWING THE 5PM MASS IN THE **SWS GYM**

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REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED SPACE IS LIMITED

WWW.STWILLIAM.ORG/NOVEMBERFEST24



Childhood Faith Formation



One of Level 2 classes re-enacted the Sacrament of Baptism



Level 8 students were hard at work with the help of the class facilitators



Mrs. Kearn's class learned the "Hail Mary"



Level 7 students attended a prayer service with their parents as they begin preparation for Confirmation



Trusted Online Resources

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: www.usccb.org

Catholic Online -The World's Catholic Library www.catholic.org

Ascension Press -Authentic Catholic Faith Formation www.ascensionpress.com

Are you being called?

CONSIDER JOINING ONE OF OUR MINISTRIES!

VISIT STWILLIAM.ORG/MINISTRIES TO LEARN MORE

Parish Social Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be Tuesday Nov. 5 at 10am in the Abbey. Interested in joining? 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!

Pantry List

Oatmeal Canisters
Apple Juice
Jelly
Kidney Beans
Cooking Oil

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Last week the Knights of Columbus Memorare Council 3476 made a large donation to the Outreach office for the care of local families in need. The Knights donated grocery store gift cards that will be used to supplement pantry orders and allow families the experience of shopping for themselves. Thank you, Knights of Columbus, for your support of our ministry, we are so grateful!

Thank You SWS Troop 3084

This month St. William the Abbot School Girl Scout Troop 3064 learned the skill of sewing and used it to create "pocket hugs" for parishioners that might need a little extra support. The pocket hugs were made with two pieces of fabric sewn together to make a heart and had an attached message reminding the recipient that their Parish family is praying for them and sending them lots of love (and hugs)! What a beautiful project with a heartfelt sentiment, thank you Troop 3064!



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This year our Thanksgiving program has even more opportunities for you and your family to make a positive impact on our community! Using our online program, you can select whether to donate individual food items or grocery store gift cards to one of our families in need. In addition, we are now offering the option for Parish families to 'adopt' another family for Thanksgiving by creating food baskets tailored for a specific household in need. A list of the baskets requested is provided online for you to review and then select the basket that you would like to create. Whatever donation option you choose, your assistance will go directly to needy families in our area!

All donations should be delivered to the Social Ministry office by November 15 to allow 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.

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



Go to website: www.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 "2024 Thanksgiving Food Drive" and then select the items you would like to donate!
Questions? Contact the Social Ministry at 679-8532.

Thank you!



Scan here to make a one-time donation by Credit Card, Apple Pay, Google Pay, or CashApp

Or visit stwilliam.org/ways-to-give



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If there is an emergency where someone is critically ill or injured and needs a priest outside of office bours, please call 516-312-7361

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