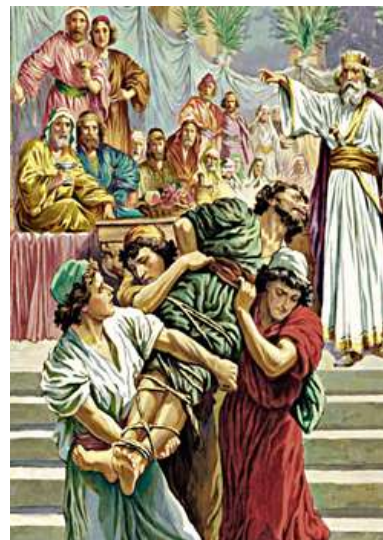




St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



October 15, 2023
Twenty-Eighth 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 - 8:30am

Saturday: 3:45pm - 5pm

Adoration

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

First Friday of the Month: 9am - 5pm

Private Prayer

Monday - Friday: 7:15am - 6pm

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Matthew 22:1-3

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023

William and Stella Power

Collective Intentions

People of St. William's

Diane Petrouskie

J. T. Bartolomeo

Edward Corry

Bishop James J. Daly

Jack O'Gara

Wednesday continued...

Antonio Valdez, Jr.

Christine Paulson

Rose Meeks

Millie O'Brien

Thurs., October 19, 2023

Deceased members of
the Maguire Family

Monday, Oct. 16, 2023

Hubert Leahy

Friday, October 20, 2023

Patrick Keane

Tues., October 17, 2023

Stella Power

Sat., October 21, 2023

Purgatorial Society

Ursuline Prayer Card

Enrollment Intentions

Wed., October 18, 2023

Collective Intentions

Joan Abt

Pray for the Sick

Richard Fedyk

Michael Brown

Sal Lupo

Marie Doka

Lesa Laurence

Marion King

Arlo Elliott

Eric Thomas Guzzo

Keith Gorton

Dana Aloï

Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass
this week have been donated in loving memory of
Bishop James J. Daly, D.D.
from Ann O'Brien

Baptism

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

Rosie Bella

Bree Budde

Craig Conaty

Sean Isler

Isabella Keating

Jack Smith

Pillar of Hospitality

This week, if you are able, perhaps pick up extra
groceries to donate to the Parish Food Pantry.

Reality vs. Appearance

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Do you refuse to come? Jesus spoke this parable to the chief priests and elders of the people because, even though they gave the impression to others that they were true followers of the will of God, they were, in fact, among those who refused to come to the wedding feast of the Lamb of God. The chief priests and elders of the people were masters at portraying themselves as something they were not. They knew how to look good in the eyes of the people, how to avoid public criticism, and how to appear as holy men. But they were none of the above. Inside they were hypocrites, liars and murderers.

In this parable, three invitations are sent forth. The first two are given to the invited guests. Though these “invited guests” refer especially to the people of Israel who were raised in the faith handed down from Moses and the prophets, we should also see in it those who have been raised within the Christian faith today. After the first invitation, those invited refused to come. After the second invitation, some who were invited reacted with indifference, while others reacted with hostility. These responses are common today.

When Jesus sends forth His invitation to share in His wedding banquet today, there are many different responses. Some are indifferent to our Lord. These are those who are so consumed with worldly endeavors that they give little time and attention to God. For them, the practice of the faith, such as daily prayer, attendance at Mass and ongoing works of charity, is not important. Making money, obtaining material possessions, indulging in entertainment and other secular pursuits are far more the focus of their time and energy. Others, like the chief priests and elders, are good at playing the part and acting as if they are faithful followers, but they are actually hostile to the will of God. They are concerned only about their appearance and not about the reality of their souls. If they are challenged in any way, they respond with anger and attack. They are not open to the truth of the Gospel and remain self-justified by attacking anything or anyone who dares to call into question the direction they have taken in life.

When the third invitation was sent forth to all people, some responded. How completely do you respond to Jesus’ invitation? To answer that question properly, we must “read” the invitation and know what we are invited to participate in. The invitation given to us is an invitation to share in the wedding feast of the Son of God. But to attend that banquet, we must be clothed in the garment of charity. Charity is the form of love that is sacrificial, selfless, and total. This form of love begins by making God the center of our lives and concludes by making His will the sole purpose of our lives. True charity will have the effect of purging all selfishness from our lives. This is why some were hostile to the invitation. When God invites us to a life of charity, we will be faced with a need to change. For some, this is very difficult. They react either with indifference or become defensive and lash out in hostility so as to protect the life of sin they have chosen.

The parable concludes with one of the invited guests being cast “into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth” because he doesn’t have on a proper wedding garment. But this wedding garment is a symbol of true charity that flows from an authentic worship of God.

Reflect, today, upon how charitable you are toward others, for that will determine whether you are fit to share in the banquet of the Lord. True charity always seeks to lavish the greatest good upon others. It seeks to do everything necessary to help others grow in love of God. True charity never leads a person to gaze upon themselves. It is always outwardly focused and selfless in its choices. As you reflect upon your charity, or lack thereof, be open to the purifying invitation from Jesus and do not react in hostility. Welcome His invitation to change and allow your wholehearted worship of Him to transform you into a gift of love for others.

Lord of perfect charity, You have invited all people to share in the glorious banquet of Heaven. The only requirement is that we allow all sin and selfishness to be purged from our lives so that we are covered with the garment of charity. I accept Your invitation this day, dear Lord, and commit myself to the purifying fires of Your perfect love. Jesus, I trust in You.

Banns of Marriage

Banns I

Alexa Benigno, St. Thomas the Apostle, West Hempstead
& Kristopher Coglietta, St. William the Abbot

Banns III

Samantha Berna, St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa
& Christopher Rigoli, St. William the Abbot

BACK TO BASICS

Visit the parish
Facebook and Instagram
(@stwilliamabbot) every
Tuesday and Thursday for
new videos!



Pray for Those in the Military

US Air Force -

Capt. Matthew B. Frasse
Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers
Airman Carlos Rosado
Major Thomas F. Shields

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

USMC -

First Lt. Dana Duggan
L.Cpl. John Mosier

US Navy -

Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald
Jr. Lt. Ryan Bayer
Jr. Lt. Rebecca Bayer
Jr. Lt. Ian Bayer
STSC (SS) Thomas Kerley
Lt. Michael O'Hara
MMN2 Emily Partridge
Commander Michael Sean Slatley
Lt. Michael Napolitano
Michael Vietri

US Coast Guard -

LT Commander James Knudsen
Daniel Timpanaro
LT Commander Katherine Ustler

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



Feast of All Saints and All Souls

Wednesday, November 1st is the Feast of All Saints. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 31st at 7:00 PM and Wednesday, November 1st at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

Thursday, November 2nd is the Feast of All Souls. There will be a special Mass at 7:00 PM in which the people whose funerals were held at St. William's this past year will be remembered. All are invited to attend this special Mass.

All Souls Envelopes

St. William's is preparing for its All Souls' Masses. In the month of November, 9 Masses will be offered for the All Souls Intentions. If you wish to have your deceased loved one remembered in these Masses, please fill out one of the All Souls envelopes and return it to the Rectory, or place it in the Sunday collection basket. This is an excellent way to pray and offer a sacrifice for those who have gone before us in faith.



MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY MASS

for married couples celebrating their
40th, 50th, 55th, 60th, or 65th+ anniversaries in 2023
(or who celebrated them in 2021 or 2022)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH AT 12N

- . couples should plan to arrive no later than 11:45am .
- . seating will be reserved for the anniversary couple only .
- . mass will be live-streamed on our website .
- . mass and group photos will be taken by our parish photographer .

REGISTER ONLINE OR RETURN THE BELOW TO THE RECTORY:

Couples participating must pre-register by Sunday, October 22nd to be included in this celebration

REGISTER NOW:



Last Name:

Wife's Name:

Husband's Name:

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

Wedding Date:

Anniversary Celebrating:

Please list church you were married in along with it's city and state:



St. William the Abbot School

Fifth Grade is off to a fantastic start! The group welcomed two new teachers - Andrea Kern and Michael Faherty - who have brought fresh energy to St. William's heralded tradition. In these photos, the students used essential vocabulary and spelling skills to quickly and correctly arrange the Scrabble tiles. At the same time, the students also practiced cooperation and teamwork. Learning infused with fun leaves an indelible mark. The Fifth Graders are working hard to establish strong academic habits and organization so that they will be set up for success in the future.





THANKSGIVING PIE & BREAD FUNDRAISER

St. William the Abbot School HSA

Featuring some of the Best Pies in America,
Delicious Breads & More from White Post Farms Bakery

Baked goods will be available for pickup in St. William's Church Abbey on Tuesday, November 21st from 2pm to 6pm
Please bring the completed order form and check in a sealed envelope labeled "SWS Thanksgiving Pie Sale" to the rectory
Please make checks payable to St. William the Abbot HSA. Orders must be submitted no later than Wednesday, November 8th.
Please contact Renee Frawley at stwilliampiesale@gmail.com with any questions.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

| Classic Pies (42 oz) | | | |
|-----------------------|-------|-----|-------|
| Item | Price | Qty | Total |
| Apple | \$25 | | |
| Apple Crumb | \$27 | | |
| Blueberry | \$26 | | |
| Blueberry Crumb | \$28 | | |
| Pecan | \$26 | | |
| Dark Chocolate Pecan | \$28 | | |
| Peach Raspberry Crumb | \$28 | | |
| Pumpkin | \$25 | | |

| Cookie Towers (12 oz) | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|--|--|
| Chocolate Chip | \$8 | | |
| Oatmeal Raisin | \$8 | | |
| M&M's | \$8 | | |

| Gluten Free (12 oz) | | | |
|--------------------------------|------|--|--|
| GF Banana Bread | \$10 | | |
| GF Banana Nut Bread | \$10 | | |
| GF Banana Dark Chocolate Bread | \$10 | | |
| GF Zucchini Bread | \$10 | | |
| GF Chocolate Chip Cookies | \$9 | | |

| Jumbo Breads (24 oz) | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----|-------|
| Item | Price | Qty | Total |
| Banana | \$15 | | |
| Banana Nut | \$15 | | |
| Banana Dark Chocolate | \$15 | | |
| Banana Campfire S'mores | \$15 | | |
| Hot Chocolate & Oreo Cookie | \$15 | | |
| Pumpkin | \$15 | | |
| Pumpkin Dark Chocolate | \$15 | | |
| Apple Crumb | \$15 | | |
| Zucchini | \$15 | | |
| Zucchini Nut | \$15 | | |

| Soups (1 qt) | | | |
|----------------------------|------|--|--|
| Butternut Squash & Apple | \$15 | | |
| Country Chicken Tortellini | \$15 | | |
| Broccoli Cheddar | \$15 | | |

| Dips & Sides | | | |
|---------------------------|------|--|--|
| Cranberry Relish (24oz) | \$12 | | |
| Creamy Spinach Dip (16oz) | \$12 | | |

| Social Ministry | | | |
|---|------|--|--|
| Donate an Apple pie to the St. William's Social Ministry for distribution to parishioners in need | \$25 | | |

Total # of Items Ordered: _____

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ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT

GOLF OUTING AND DINNER

HONORING CURTIS SCHMITT

OWNER OF THE CHARLES G. SCHMITT FUNERAL HOME

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

TOWN OF OYSTER BAY GOLF COURSE

WOODBURY · NEW YORK

TO RESERVE YOUR DINNER SPOTS OR VIEW OUR
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE VISIT



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DONATIONS OF NEW ITEMS, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, GIFT CARDS,
AND BOTTLES OF CHEER TOWARDS OUR RAFFLE PRIZES
WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED

PLEASE VISIT THE LINK ABOVE FOR MORE DETAILS

Faith Formation

Our Level 1 students and their parents visited this week for Church tours with Dr. Metzdorff to complete their assignments this month!



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VISIT OUR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FALL
OPEN HOUSES!

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE PREPATORY

SEPT 24TH / 2 - 4:30PM

ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL

SEPT 30TH / 9AM - 12N

OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY

OCT 1ST / 10AM - 1PM

CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL

OCT 14TH / 10AM - 2PM

KELLENBERG MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

OCT 14TH / 10AM - 1PM

SACRED HEART ACADEMY

OCT 14TH / 11AM - 2PM

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL

OCT 15TH / 10AM - 1PM

HOLY TRINITY DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL

OCT 21 / 10AM - 1PM

ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL

OCT 22ND / 11AM - 2PM

Second Collection - World Mission Sunday



Next weekend, October 21/22, we will unite with the global Church in celebrating World Mission Sunday. This year, Pope Francis illuminates our path with the theme, **"Hearts on fire, feet on the move."**

As we prepare to observe this special day, we are reminded to ignite our hearts with Christ's love and extend that warmth to the most vulnerable corners of our world.

Your fervent prayers and upcoming generosity in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will bolster the missionaries working in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and certain regions of Latin America and Europe. Let us come together to support them in their mission of love and service.



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Parish Social Ministry

Free Legal Consultation October 26th

On October 26 the Nassau County Bar Association will host an Open House Clinic where free consultations will be provided for all areas of law. Nassau Suffolk Law Services and the Safe Center will be present at the session. Please contact 516-747-4070 ext. 1231 or openhouse@nassaubar.org to request a free consultation.

Food Pantry Needs

| | |
|-------------|-------------------|
| White Rice | Mayonnaise |
| Brown Rice | Raisins |
| Breadcrumbs | Pasta Sauce |
| Ketchup | Laundry Detergent |

Thank You, 'Friends of the Poor Walk' Participants!

A number of Parishioners and their families joined us for the St. Vincent de Paul 'Friends of the Poor Walk' on Saturday September 30. Yes... it was pouring rain! But we still had a great turnout despite the weather. Thank you to everyone that walked, and also to those that made donations to support the St. William the Abbot conference of St. Vincent de Paul. We are grateful for your support!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be Tuesday October 17th 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!



Yarn Donations Needed

The Social Ministry is now collecting yarn donations for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Donations can be dropped off at our office at 2020 Jackson Avenue Monday through Friday, 9:30am until 4pm or by appointment. Donate your excess or unused yarn to a very worthy cause! All yarn is used to make items for those in need within our Parish community.

Upcoming HEAP Program Dates

New York's Home Energy Assistance is opening their applications for multiple programs that can help your household save money. On October 2, both the Clean & Tune Program and the Heating Equipment Repair and Replace Program opened their applications. These programs can provide energy efficiency services up to \$500 and help you repair/replace your furnace, boiler or other heating equipment. In addition, applications for regular HEAP will be accepted starting on November 1. If you are eligible, you may receive one monetary benefit per year to help pay for heating your home. Emergency HEAP will open on January 4, 2024.

Saint Therese the Little Flower

Saint Therese knew that she wanted to be a nun when she was a little girl. She visited Pope Leo XIII and begged to join the convent. He replied that she had to wait until she was older. When she turned 15 she was finally able to become a Carmelite Nun!



Saint Therese promised that when people prayed, she would send blessings from heaven that would fall like roses.

How many roses do you see falling on this page?



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I shall live in
the house of
the Lord all the
days of my life.

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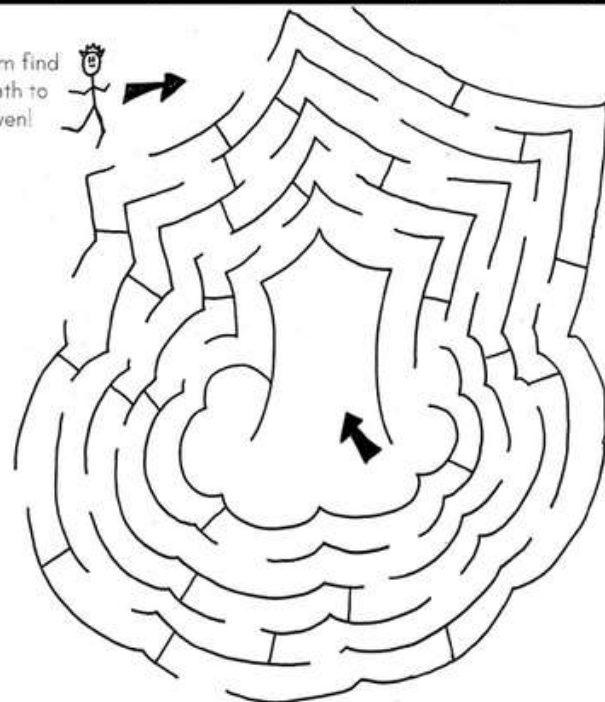
Remember that Mass is a prayer. How should you act during church to help you focus on prayer?

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Draw a picture of a party in Heaven.

Help him find the path to Heaven!



Gospel



In the parable, Jesus is telling a story of a party. Everyone was invited to this party, even the poor and the homeless. This reminds us that everyone is invited to heaven!

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A Legacy of Excellence - Nursery through 8th Grade

Our Seminarians

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

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Register as a St. William the Abbot Parishioner
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Catholic High Schools of Long Island
chsee.org

Diocese of Rockville Centre
drvc.org

Formed: The Catholic Faith. On Demand
formed.org

Tomorrow's Hope Foundation: Financial Aid for Catholic Schools
tomorrowshopefoundation.org

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