



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



"The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you."

Luke 17:5-6

October 2, 2022 Twenty-seventh 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 - 8:15am

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, October 2, 2022

Peter & Margaret Meany
Jeffrey Saporito
Barbara A. Leddy
People of St. William's

Monday, October 3, 2022

Eileen Flynn

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

James Beadle

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

Collective Intentions

Richard Davis
Robyn Doyle (liv)

Wednesday continued...

Chris Paulson
Donald O'Brien

Thurs., October 6, 2022

Kathy Higgins

Friday, October 7, 2022

Robert Rohan, Jr.

Saturday, October 8, 2022

Purgatorial Society
Collective Intentions
People of St. William's
Vincent Avellino
Fred Sortino

Pray for the Deceased

Ruth T. Schneider

Thomas J. Lacertosa

Pray for the Sick

Adrienne Harker

Ann Marie Canale

Anna Clark

John Michael Primavera

Paul Gatto

Kristin Valerga-Goetze

Margaret Barbeau

Eric Thomas Guzzo

Nancy Zachry

Joseph Astarita

Richard Fedyk

Keith Gorton

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle used at Mass this week have been donated with prayers for
Al Savino (liv)
from the Lou and Pat Dipadova

Altar Candles

The Altar Candles used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of
Colleen M. Kelly
from the Kelly Family

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of
Anthony Fuina's 5th Anniversary in Heaven
from Barbara Fuina and Family

Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of
Patricia McArdle
from Our Lady of Mercy Academy

As I prepare for the upcoming Bible Study on the Book of Psalms, I thought it would be appropriate to use the Psalm for this Sunday – ***"If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts!"*** During life's trials and joys, the Lord is trying to pierce through that noise to connect with us - to speak to us - assuring us that He is near to guide and protect us. The past year has been a challenge for us as a parish, and for me personally, navigating a parish and school community through a global pandemic, adjusting to priestly ministry with the loss of Father Collins and Father James, attending to my father's illness, and discovering the theft of parish finances by an employee, forcing me to rely even greater on the Lord, and to listen to His voice for comfort and direction. As I look back at how we as a parish community responded to all those experiences, the Lord continues to gift us with an overabundance of grace and blessings. Due to your presence and generosity, we have not only survived, but thrived.

In August I had announced from the pulpit that when I had new information regarding the case pertaining to the arrest and grand larceny charges of our former employee, I would update you. At the submission of this article, the Assistant District Attorney informed me that the case has been postponed to a later date, and we are facing three possible outcomes: 1) another possible postponement; 2) a plea of guilty; or 3) if there is no resolution, the case may go the grand jury. When I know more, I will inform you.

Please know we have made significant adjustments in our operations for the parish and school offices following this investigation and we have updated and added levels of checks and balances on our processes and procedures. After working with an independent forensic accountant, we will also have the added oversight of the Diocesan Parish Services for a time to be sure all the procedures have been properly implemented. This, of course, was discussed and approved by our Parish Trustees and Finance Committee. Our claim to recover the loss from the theft has been submitted to our insurance company, and the Diocesan Office of Risk Management has also assisted in moving the claim forward. Again, as I receive more information, I will bring you all up to speed pertaining to these matters.

Lastly, in a spirit of transparency, I share this: in the past three years you have heard me say that when it comes to showing the success or blessings of a parish community, I believe that it is revealed by motivated disciples, on fire with the faith. Pastors are required by Canon Law to display the parish's financials once a year in the bulletin and to discuss from the pulpit in "the state of the union," which I have done, and will continue to do, each year. Shortly after I arrived, I removed certain figures displayed in the bulletin that Father Bob implemented in his time, and a few other local parishes reveal in their bulletins as well - benchmarks like weekly attendance, collection figures, or other assets. After discovering the theft in the Spring, I discussed with the Trustees and Finance Council displaying those figures once again for a time, and their recommendation was to start when the new fiscal year began in September.

At the beginning of each month, I will display a snapshot of the previous month's financials compared to a few previous years (2014, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021) to give you a sense of where we are and where we were. I ask you to take note of a few things in this study - in 2014 and 2018 there were 4 priests here under the leadership of Fr. Bob, and in September of 2019, we had only 3 priests. The pandemic hit in March 2020, and we reduced the number of weekend masses from 7 down to 5. Also, in 2018 and 2019 there were 5 weekend masses instead of the usual 4 weekends – all these factors impacted the direction and movement of St. William's parish and the figures on the next page.

The generosity of St. William the Abbot has always extended beyond the physical boundaries of the parish, and in a particular way the support of the Diocesan programs and ministries. The Catholic Ministries Appeal is a support system which financially assists individuals and programs such as the Seminarians, Catholic Charities, college campus ministry, and food and housing for our senior citizens. I have also listed our parish totals for CMA over the past few years – and you can see in the rubric how we have responded. Each year a number is established as a goal for St. William's to meet – through the years that figure has grown as the needs of the Diocese has grown. In 2014 our goal was \$132,700, our parishioners pledged \$182,158, and we actually paid out \$171,628. But there is also a category for "rebate" because when the parish reaches a certain percentage of our goal, we receive money back to benefit our own ministry programs – in 2014, for example, \$57,682 was returned to us. You will notice the # of donors has dropped significantly over the past few years and we have not reached the goal set for us. The pandemic, the effects of the priest scandal, and the major drop off in church attendance have all played a part in this.

As a parish community we have been so blessed for 95 years - we are a community on fire with faith in Christ and the Church. As we come through this difficult year, the Fall always brings back a sense of reconnecting. School starts up, ministries reopen, family faith formation drop-offs and pick-ups begin, it is like we reconnect and remember God and our faith as a priority following the summer months. As you look back on how the parish has been present for you and your family over the past year, I would ask that you consider maintaining or slightly increasing your weekly/monthly support of the mission entrusted to us. I encourage you to discern making a gift to the 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal to support those programs beyond the immediate boundaries of the parish that have benefitted us – especially the Seminarians studying for the priesthood.

Our God has remained faithful to us, and clearly by the results revealed on the next page, you have remained faithful to Him and the parish. Thank you for that. I pray the Our Lord and Our Lady will continue to bless and shower us with graces. God Bless you.

Peace,



September Offertory

	2014	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Attendance	8656	6997	9247	2896	5416	5049
# of Sundays	4	5	5	4	4	4
Total Collected	\$ 85,007.00	\$ 110,891.00	\$ 106,516.00	\$ 90,634.00	\$ 98,840.00	\$ 97,278.00
Avg WE Collection	\$ 21,251.75	\$ 22,178.20	\$ 21,303.20	\$ 22,658.50	\$ 24,710.00	\$ 24,319.50
Avg WE Attendance	2164	1399	1849	724	1354	1262

Diocese of Rockville Centre Catholic Ministries Appeal - Parish Totals

	2014	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 - YTD
Goal	\$ 132,700.00	\$ 136,700.00	\$ 136,700.00	\$ 146,700.00	\$ 151,400.00	\$ 162,000.00
\$ Pledged	\$ 182,158.00	\$ 142,107.00	\$ 142,360.00	\$ 121,048.00	\$ 114,461.00	\$ 103,324.00
\$ Paid	\$ 171,628.00	\$ 140,827.00	\$ 139,348.00	\$ 120,018.00	\$ 113,786.00	\$ 89,019.00
# of Donors	1,153	603	550	480	440	382
SWA Rebate	\$ 57,682.00	\$ 30,642.00	\$ 31,368.00	\$ 2,934.00	0	-

Pray for Those in the Military

USMC -

First Lt. Dana Duggan
L.Cpl. John Mosier

US Air Force -

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

US Coast Guard -

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

US Army -

Capt. Caitlin M. Lee
CW2 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
STS1 Thomas Kerley
Lt. jg Michael O'Hara
MMN2 Emily Partridge
Commander Michael Sean Slatley
Lt. jg Michael Napolitano
Michael Vietri

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

Brianne Lanier, Our Lady of Mercy
& Travis Langen, St. William the Abbot

Banns II

Christine Mackay, St. William the Abbot
& Christopher Dolley, St. Barnabas the Apostle,
Bellmore

Elizabeth Cioffi, Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne
& Nicolas Interrante, St William the Abbot

Francisca Opoku Asamoah, Seaford
& Trevor Wiltse, St. William the Abbot

Banns III

Kristina Lavin, St. William the Abbot
& Sean Hannan, St. William the Abbot

St. Peregrine Prayer Hour



The Saint Peregrine Prayer Hour will be held on Monday, October 3rd from 2:00 - 3:00 PM. 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 invited to come and pray.

Pillar of Prayer

Whenever we feel powerless, trapped or hopeless, we should realize that we have an important tool in our arsenal - prayer. Next time you are disturbed, pray with faith that God will guide you through your struggles.

fall ^{into} faith



at St. William the Abbot

WEDNESDAY 9/28	BEREAVEMENT ALUMNI	11am in The Abbey Registration is required: socialministry@stwilliam.org
THURSDAYS 9/29 - 11/17	ENDOW Women's Prayer & Study Group	7pm in The Abbey Registration is required: information@stwilliam.org For more information on ENDOW visit www.endowgroups.org
SUNDAY OCTOBER 2ND	FAMILY SUNDAY	Following 12pm Mass in The Abbey Family Activities/Service Projects and Fellowship
MONDAYS IN OCTOBER	THE PSALMS: A CONVERSATION WITH GOD "THE PRAYERS OF JESUS" Fall Bible Study with Fr. Joe	After 8:30am Mass in The Abbey All are welcome / Please bring your Bible and notebook
1st & 3rd TUESDAYS	PRAYER SHAWL	10am - 12pm in The Abbey Volunteers that crochet and knit blankets, lap robes, shawls, hats, and gloves for those in need
TUESDAY OCTOBER 4TH	BLESSING OF ANIMALS Feast of St. Francis of Assisi	5:30 PM / Location TBD Bring your pets or favorite stuffed animal! <i>All animals should be leashed or in appropriate carrier</i>
WEDNESDAYS 10/05 - 11/09	BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT	11am in The Abbey Registration is required: socialministry@stwilliam.org
FRIDAY OCTOBER 21ST	YOUTH NIGHT	7-9pm in the SWS Gym Activities - Fellowship - Games - Prayers - Music <i>All parish children in grades 7-12 are welcome</i>
TUESDAY OCTOBER 25TH	ADULT FAITH FORMATION WITH FR. PATRICK GRIFFIN, SJ: "INTRODUCTION TO PAUL"	7pm / Location TBD
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6TH	FAMILY SUNDAY	Following 12pm Mass in The Abbey Family Activities/Service Projects and Fellowship
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18TH	YOUTH NIGHT	7-9pm in the SWS Gym Activities - Fellowship - Games - Prayers - Music <i>All parish children in grades 7-12 are welcome</i>
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 29TH	ADULT FAITH FORMATION WITH BISHOP RICHARD HENNING: "THE CULTURAL ENCOUNTER IN THE SCRIPTURES"	7pm / Location TBD

The Truth About **Abortion** & **Women's Health**

Abortion does not save women's lives.

Abortion is the **direct** and **intentional** killing of a child in the womb.

Abortion is never medically necessary. It does not treat or solve any pregnancy-related complication.

Outlawing abortion will not affect treatment for miscarriage.

Treatment for miscarriage and abortion is not the same thing.

There is a complete moral and legal difference between losing a child through miscarriage and intentionally taking the life of a child.

In the tragic case of miscarriage, surgery may be necessary—and is an ethical treatment—to remove the remains of an unborn child who has already died.

While the same surgery is done to perform an abortion, abortions impose this procedure on a living child with the **intention** of ending his or her life.

Women can get the lifesaving treatments they need—without abortion.

In rare cases, and in the absence of better alternatives, life-threatening maternal health conditions may require interventions that **indirectly** and **unintentionally** lead to the death of an unborn child. **Abortion restrictions will not prevent women from receiving these treatments.**

When the lives of mother and child are in immediate danger, the goal is to fight to save both patients. **Effective treatments exist that seek to save the life of the mother and never to intentionally harm her unborn child.**

When a woman's life is at risk in pregnancy, preterm delivery may be used as a lifesaving medical intervention to preserve the life of both mother and child.¹

Ectopic pregnancies result when an embryo implants outside the uterus—often in the fallopian tube. Sadly, such embryos cannot survive and this condition can pose serious risks to the mother. While ectopic pregnancies sometimes resolve naturally, interventions are often necessary.

When done ethically, treatment for an ectopic pregnancy is not abortion. Ethical interventions include the removal of the damaged fallopian tube containing the embryo or, if embryo death has already occurred, medication can be used to resolve the ectopic pregnancy.

Bottom line: **Abortion restrictions never prevent women from receiving life-saving treatment.**²

If you or someone you know is struggling after involvement in an abortion, the Church offers confidential, compassionate help through Project Rachel Ministry. Visit www.hopeafterabortion.org for more information.

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¹ Buskmiller, C. 2018. "The ethics of interstitial and cesarean scar ectopic pregnancies: four case studies and a review of the literature". The Linacre Quarterly 85(3): 252-269.
² For further information on these topics, reference: [1] National Catholic Bioethics Center, "Medical Interventions During Pregnancy in Light of Dobbs," <https://www.ncbcenter.org/ncbc-news/bioethics-public-policy-report-august-12-2022-egx2>. [2] American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, "Myth vs. Fact: Correcting Misinformation on Maternal Medical Care," <https://aaplog.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/AAPLOG-Myth-vs-Fact-v5.pdf>.

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
Blessing of Animals



Tuesday, October 4th
5:30pm
Front Lawn of Rectory

Bring your pet or
favorite stuffed animal!

*Please keep your pet on a leash or in
appropriate carrier*

CYO Swim Team Registration

Registrations for the St. William the Abbot Sharks CYO
Swim Team for boys and girls between the ages 7 & 18 is
still open!

To sign up please visit

<https://stwilliamcyo.sportngin.com/register/form/516686864>

All new registering swimmers must prove their ability to swim a non-stop 25 yard
lap at practice. Please note that some age groups will fill up quickly.

Sundays at the Seminary

Looking for something to do on Sundays in the Fall? Consider
"Sundays at the Seminary" beginning Sunday, Oct. 2nd from 2 to
4 PM. Bishop Robert Barron's DVD series, "The Pivotal Players,"
on four Sunday afternoons will introduce you to four
extraordinary men and women - "heroes who shaped the Church
and changed the world." Discussion to follow.

Oct. 2 - St. Catherine of Siena - Dr. Michael Hoonhout

Oct. 16 - Cardinal John Henry Newman - Msgr. Charles Fink

Oct. 23 - Flannery O'Connor - Daniel Pertuccio

Nov. 13 - Bishop Fulton J. Sheen - T.B.A.

Registration: bmalone@icseminary.edu or 631-423-0483, x 102.

..... **FALL BIBLE STUDY**

with Fr. Joe



**A Bible Study on the Psalms:
A Conversation with God
"The Prayers of Jesus"**

Please bring your Bible and a notebook

Every Monday in October following the 8:30am Mass in the Abbey



Open Meeting

for anyone interested in joining the
Knights of Columbus or Columbiettes

Wednesday, October 5th at 8pm

www.memorarekofc.org

Memorare Council #3476

2183 Jackson Ave, Seaford

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments
of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more
about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church
and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments during the Easter
season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your
questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For information please contact or visit www.stwilliam.org/rcia or
rcia@stwilliam.org

St. William the Abbot School

Pre-K 1

Pre-K 1 read the story *Corduroy* by Don Freeman. We discussed friendships, feeling a sense of belonging, kindness and love.



Parish Social Ministry

New Guidelines for Child Care Assistance!

Many people who were not able to get assistance paying for childcare in the past may now be eligible to receive it! The childcare subsidy can help pay for before and after school programs, and even pay family members for childcare in some cases (they must register as providers). Starting 8/1/22, households with income up to 300% of the State Income Standard are eligible for this subsidy. For example, a family of 4 with household income of up to \$83k can apply for childcare assistance. Applications can be submitted through Nassau or Suffolk Department of Social Services, or by mail. For more information, visit DSS online or call our office for help.

Pantry Needs

Brown Rice	Cooking Oil
Peanut Butter	Salad Dressing
Canned Spinach	Beef Gravy
Canned Tuna	Shampoo
Sugar	Dish Soap

October Prayer Shawl Schedule

Please note that the Prayer Shawl Ministry will only have one meeting this month which will occur on Wednesday October 18th. The meeting will begin 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!

Upcoming Medicare Seminars



We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting an educational seminar covering “The A, B, C and D’s of Medicare.” This seminar is available on two dates/times for your convenience: Thursday 10/6 at 11am and Monday 11/7 at 6pm. The seminar will take place in the Abbey and will address the big question, “What happens when I turn 65?”

It will specifically cover Medicare Advantage Plans, Supplement Policies, Prescription Drug Plans, and what General and Special Election Periods mean to the Medicare recipient. Watch the bulletin for additional information or call our office with questions!

October Evening Group Sessions: Understanding Alzheimer’s and Dementia

This October there will be two evening group sessions to address the challenges associated with “Understanding Alzheimer’s and Dementia.” The sessions will take place from 6pm-8pm on Tuesday October 11th and Tuesday October 18th in the Abbey. All are welcome to attend.

Refer a Friend in Need

Do you know someone in need of assistance? Your Parish Social Ministry offers confidential support and advice regarding hardships experienced by adults and seniors who may be struggling with sensitive issues.

We have access to relevant state, local and charity-based programs that may help, and we offer other services such as client advocacy and regular use of our food pantry. Partnering with our St. Vincent de Paul conference, we help with budgeting, expense management and building financial independence. For more information call the Parish Social Ministry office 516-679-8532

Donation Spotlight - Seaford Memorable Knights of Columbus

A very special thank you to the Seaford Knights for their generous donations to our food pantry last week! The Knights donated multiple cases of cereal, crackers, chicken broth, coffee, pasta and children’s snacks. They also donated large quantities of hand sanitizer which will definitely help us to keep our families healthy this winter season! By bringing us pantry staples, the Knights enable us to bring some normalcy to families currently under financial stress and pressure. Their generosity is a blessing to our Parish!



Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary

The rosary is a prayer that has a lot of smaller prayers in it. Ask an adult to help you pray the rosary this week.

Solve the puzzle to learn another name for Mary.

E = ♥ M RY, QU
 A = ♦ ♦ ♥ ♥ ♥ O
 N = O of H V
 ♥ ♦ ♥ O



WIEIFPTODAYWOYOUWLZOE
 WYURPAHEARTSO
 If today you
 hear his voice,
 harden not
 your hearts.
 WPHEAROWHISOVOI
 WAPVOICEOHARDENPNOTOWKEI

Before Mass starts, kneel and pray, thanking God for His blessings.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	

The apostles said to the Lord... →

A mustard seed is smaller than this dot.

Even if your faith is that small, you still believe!

Gospel

Jesus said, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

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Joseph Lettieri



Herley Mendez

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

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ascensionpress.com

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formed.org

Life Teen Youth Ministry

lifeteen.com