

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 25, 2020

Rectory Office Hours

The Rectory will remain closed until further notice. If you need to contact the Rectory please email your request.

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"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment.- Matthew 22:36-38"

The Mass Intentions are celebrated each day by a member of the Clergy, in either a public Mass or private Mass. Please be advised the current Mass schedule may not allow the family to be present for all Mass Intentions celebrated.

Baptism

Lucia M. Guzzone

Alessia Vasquez

Michael Santor

Declan A. Reichert

Theodore C. Wildes

Let us welcome those children who were baptized this past weekend.

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:30am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 8:30am & 5pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 12pm

The Presider Schedule can be found on stwilliam.org.

Pray for the Sick

Denise Kane

James Pecoraro

Anthony Ferrara

Collin Clive

Carol Calderrazzo

Tom Quinn

Antoinette Richardst

Pray for the Deceased

Thomas P. Paolucci

Francis T. Kelly

Alphonse Cassillo

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 26, 2020

Joseph Api

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

Angelo Ferrara

Josephine Campbell

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Robert John Jackson

Vice Pres. Joe Biden

Brendan McGuire

Thursday, October 29, 2020

Lydia Andrews (liv)

Serafina Sciscioli

Pres. Donald J. Trump

Friday, October 30, 2020

Minita & Evans Andrews

Franklin Gwaltney

Saturday, October 31, 2020

Purgatorial Society

Steven Hornacek

Kathy & Bob Moulder

Sunday, November 1, 2020

Dorothy Neilsen

Joseph & Katherine Del Vecchio

Anna & Leonard Marino

Frank Pizzo

Espedicta Luna

Deceased members of the Valdez-Legoff families

Virginia Dalessio

Robert P. Rao

Holiness and Mission

This familiar mantra comes from an encyclical of Pope St. John Paul II: "The universal call to holiness is closely linked to the universal call to mission. Every member of the faithful is called to holiness and to mission" (Redemptoris Missio—90). From our Baptism, you and I are called to grow in holiness and the mission of telling others about Jesus' powerful and relevant Love. I often struggle and fail at both. The "Good News" is that the Lord does not give up on any of us, and is pursuing us, even when we drift away from Him. I often think of the unreasonable standards society holds up for us to grasp and achieve – unattainable perfection in parenting, beauty, children's achievements, personal career, and general standard of living. I only have to look at social media and see all the ways I do not measure up.

Fortunately, my value and worth does not come from a Facebook or Instagram poll. It comes from my identity as a Beloved Child of God. My (our) journey toward holiness is founded upon faith in Jesus Christ and is perfected in the love which comes uniquely from the grace of Our Lord. If we were to do an honest spiritual inventory after these past eight months, and ask, "How is my heart?" - what would be the result? For some of us the answer is, "my faith is stronger than ever!" For others it may be "I am really struggling to find God." BOTH of these answers are okay. The Lord is there in the midst of it. The hope is recognizing the "season of faith" we are in, and continuing to take another step toward God. That is what Holiness and Mission means.

I spent a great deal of time praying with Pope Saint John Paul II this week because his feast day was on Thursday, October 22. The Polish saint had such an impact on my life because of his striving for holiness, and of course, my own Polish decent. But it was his Catholic faith and intellect that influenced the whole world - diplomatic relations with over 85 nations, breakdown of communism, the advancement of technology to preach the Gospel, and allowing for a New Evangelization and Missionary Spirit. Pope Saint John Paul II had simple sayings that struck a chord in our hearts, like "Allow the light and the healing presence of Christ to shine brightly through your lives. In that way, all those who come in contact with you will discover the loving kindness of God." It is important for us to know that even here in Seaford it is through our kindness and Christian charity that the world will see Jesus in us, and may for the first time, or only time in their life, Encounter God through you (and I). Are we aware of that great privilege and responsibility?

My hope is that we can find new ways to bring about Holiness and Mission right here on the South Shore of Long Island. In addition, to be honest, from many of your questions and recommendations I can sense that you all desire the same. You have asked about the state of the parish - spiritually, financially, structurally, ministerially, as well as events that bolster joy and community. What are we doing for the homebound, the elderly, the youth, married couples and singles, separated and divorced, the unchurched, the hurt and abandoned by the Church? All great questions. When we are informed, or have a sense of the needs and direction we are going in, there exists a spirit of peace - which will allow us all to grow towards Holiness and Mission. There are currently many ministries on pause that we hope to re-engage soon, and there are ministries we have not even thought of yet that will address the needs of our parish moving into the future. I would ask you to reach out to me (or the other priests) at priests@stwilliam.org if you have any questions, concerns or comments. If you feel more comfortable, please send suggestions to the Pastoral Council at pastoralcouncil@stwilliam.org.

God is preparing us for Holiness and Mission - we only need to listen to His prompting, His direction; and then respond. We do that best when we gather and pray as a parish family - at Mass, the Rosary, lighting a candle, quiet prayer, and Adoration. How can we take another step toward the Lord? I would like to finish with Encouragement from Pope Saint John Paul II: "Prayer can truly change your life. For it turns your attention away from yourself and directs your mind and your heart toward the Lord. If we look only at ourselves, with our own limitations and sins, we quickly give way to sadness and discouragement. But if we keep our eyes fixed on the Lord, then our hearts are filled with hope, our minds are washed in the light of truth, and we come to know the fullness of the Gospel with all its promise and life."

As always, thank you for your presence and generosity.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fr. Joe".



The Holy Family has been installed in the Church. We would like to thank long time parishioner Charles Wroblewski, for this beautiful addition to the Baldacchino donated in honor of Harry and Marie Rudolph.

Food Donations

The food donations bins will no longer be located in the Church. Please bring all donations directly to Parish Social Ministry Office, the church no longer has donation bins. The Social Ministry office is located South of the Church.

Monday - Friday

9:30am - 4:00pm

Sunday

9:00am - 12:00pm

Food Pantry

White Rice	Decaffeinated Coffee
Potatoes	Cooking Oil
Sweet Potatoes	Low Sodium Soups
Dish Detergent	Chicken Broth
Hand Soap	Canned Chicken

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.

Knights of Columbus

Memorare Council 3476 – Recruitment Drive

The Knights of Columbus are considered to be the right arm of the Catholic Church. We are dedicated to serving our local Priests, Parishes and the community. In the past few years we have donated tens of thousands to not-for-profit organizations, contributed food to the needy and volunteered at local shelters. We are seeking others to join our ranks, stand up for the ideals of the Catholic Church and make our community better for all. Please consider becoming a Knight. For more information, please visit our website memorarekofc.org or email the Grand Knight Ben Vogt memoraregrandknight@gmail.com.



Feast of All Souls

On Monday, November 2 at 7:30pm, there will be a special Mass in which the people whose funerals were held at St. William the Abbot this past year will be remembered. All are invited to attend this special Mass.

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.



Thanksgiving Baskets

This thanksgiving will be different from what many of us usually experience but to the families we assist through our Outreach Program there is still a great need for your assistance. Please consider making a small gift basket or simply a plastic bag filled with thanksgiving related food items.



This is a great opportunity to involve your family in the message of thanksgiving and what it means to be Christ to others. We are also accepting food store gift cards that the families can use to purchase their thanksgiving day meal. Kindly bring your donations to Parish Social Ministry office by November 17 so we have enough time for distribution.

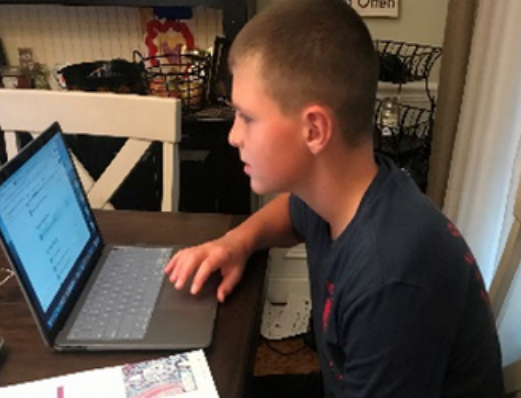
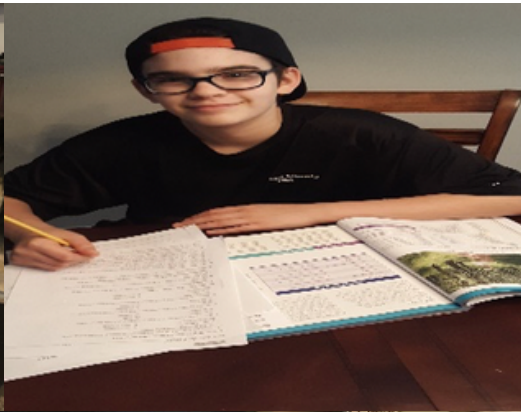
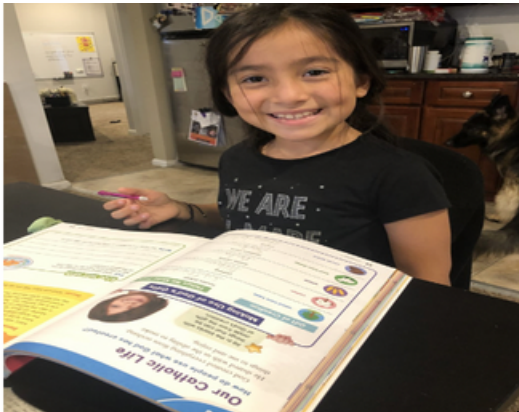
Faith Formation

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind."

We have completed our first set of parent meetings on the theme of God's Revelation. Parents were given the opportunity to reflect on their understanding of the many ways in which God makes himself known to us. The one word that stood out from these meetings was love. God loves each of us so much that he sent his only begotten Son to die for us. Parents were encouraged to go home and keep reinforcing the message to their children that each of us are beloved sons and daughters of God.

As our students continue to comprehend and recognize the many ways in which God breaks into our lives, our older students are contemplating ways in which they can live out the commandments that Jesus gave us; to love God with our whole being and to love our neighbor as ourself. One activity that they have been working on is to spend time examining their relationship with God and with others, especially their family. Some of the ways they have discovered that they can draw closer to God is by praying, reading the Bible, coming to Mass, receiving the Sacraments, and following the Ten Commandments. By working on this activity many students have recognized that their families are signs of God's love because family is the place where they are unconditionally supported, taken care of, and loved, just as God loves each of us. Our parents and students are also looking to the Holy Family as a model of faith. Aidan Lorenzo, an eighth grader wrote the following about our Blessed Mother:

"Mary, when visited by the Angel Gabriel, told her that she would become pregnant with Jesus. She accepted God's will without hesitation and demonstrated great trust and faith in God by doing so. There are times today when God calls me to do deeds, some of which may be difficult and not so easy to do. I can look at Mary's response to the angel and get strength to do the right thing."



**ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW CONSIDERING COMING INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH,
OR ARE YOU ALREADY BAPTIZED AND WISH TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS OF EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION?**

BECOME CATHOLIC

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: JO-ANN METZDORFF AT RCIA@STWILLIAM.ORG

Folk Group

Originally Pastor Msgr. Dermot Flynn appointed Jerry Salvato to put together a folk group for the teen agers in the parish. They began singing at the 10am mass in the auditorium, and at mass in the school basement. A few years later Sr. Margaret trained and put together a group from the school who played at the Saturday, 5pm mass in the auditorium. When Sr. Magaret was transferred Louise Seawall was asked to take over as was assisted for years by Mrs. Ellen Townsend.

In time Mrs. Sue Shields Frank (who now teaches in our school) and her friend Pat, with the assistance of Chris Reichart assembled a Family Mass group. Some of these were pre-schoolers who had to memorize the songs as they were not yet reading. They replaced the original teen group once a month at the 10am Family Mass in the Auditorium. After the church was renovated and expanded a new Family Mass group directed by Mrs. Jo-Ann Metzdorff, played at the 9am Family Mass.

When Jerry Salvato passed away, the HS teens ran the Senior group. Eventually they all grew up, went to college, work, married and moved away. All the groups merged into the one that played at the 5pm mass. Sr. Joan of Arc also sang and played flute with the group for many years.

We want to thank all of the members of the Folk Group for their years of service at St. William the Abbot: Louise Sewall, Joseph Agolia, Carlos Gutierrez, Christina Gutierrez, Jean Lynch, Denise Matera, Mariel Pacific, Joan Puglisi, Susie Quinn, Beverly Santini, and Barbara Haase.



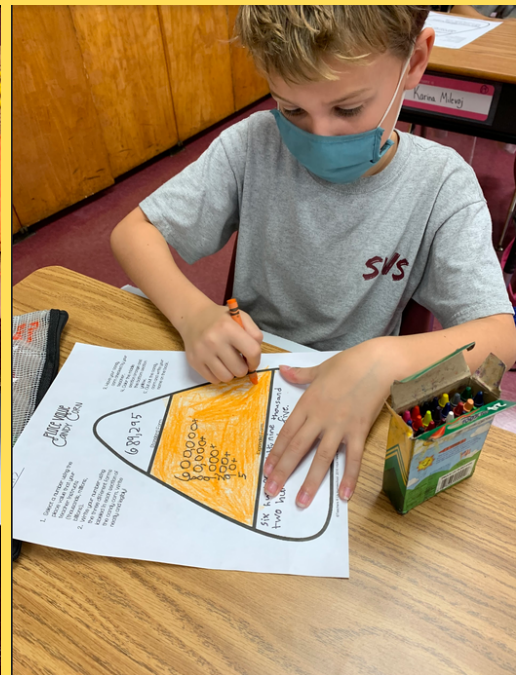
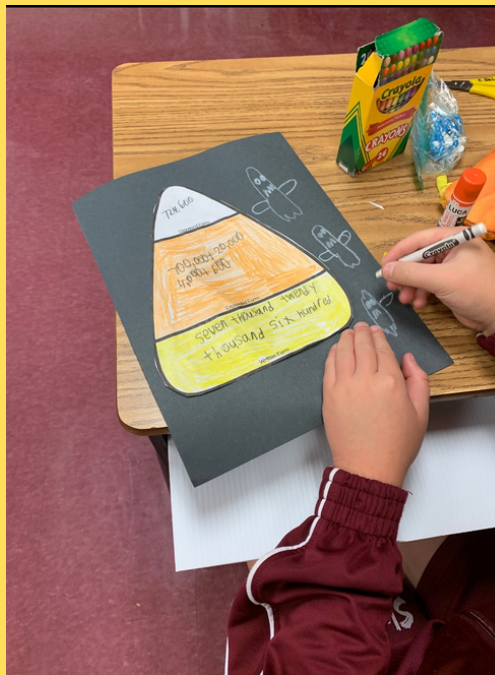
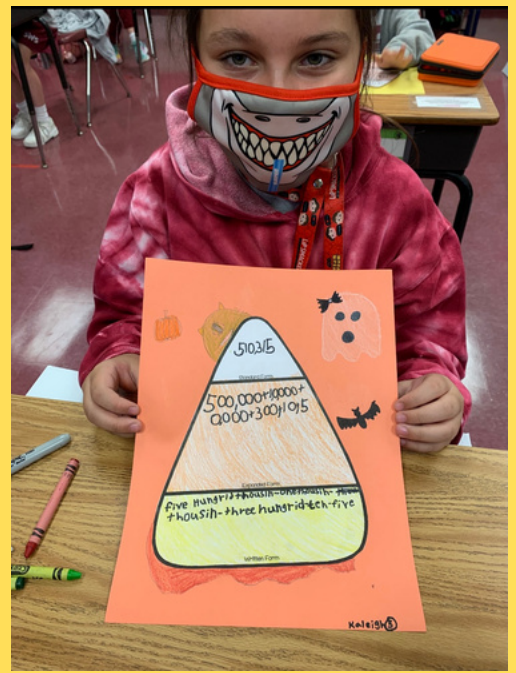
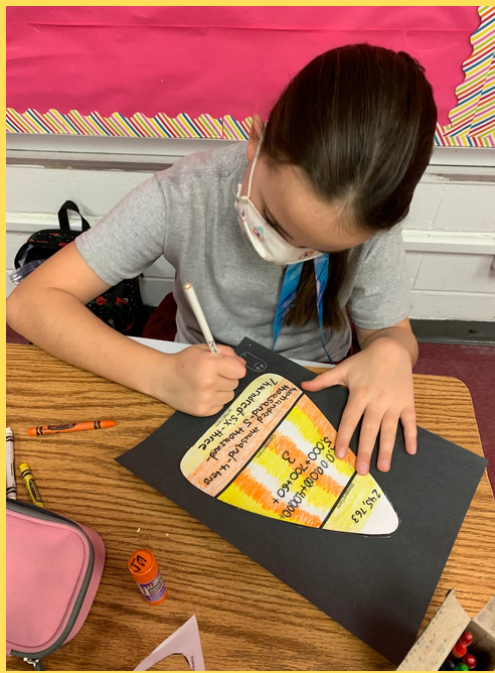
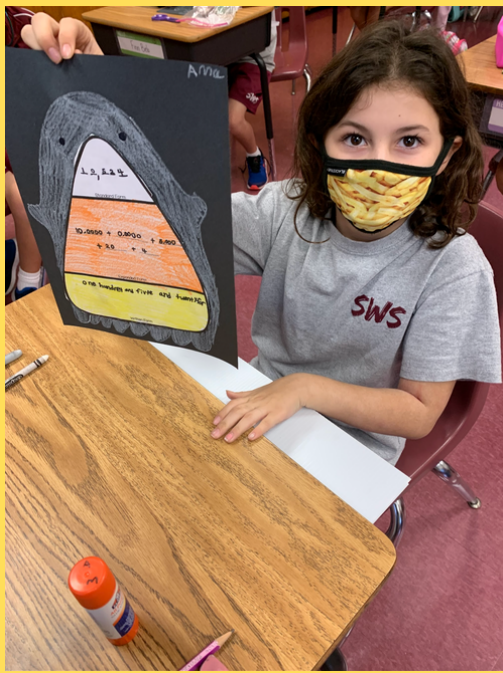
Thank You!





School Mass





As a means of Unit 1 review with a Halloween twist, 4th graders at SWS made up their own 6-digit numbers using a candy corn template. Students had to show their number in various forms. Each student was required to write their number in standard form, expanded form and written form. We also decorated our projects to match the Halloween theme!



#WEARESTWILLIAMS

Pastoral Council

On behalf of the parish, we would like to thank Catherine DuPlessis, Joseph Missilli and Susan Neubauer for their many years of service on the Pastoral Council. We thank them for their hard work and their dedicated service to making our church and community stronger.



CONTACT THE PRIESTS

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

CONTACT THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Please send your email to pastoralcouncil@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR THE RECTORY

Please send your email to information@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Please send your email to jgoldman@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR COMMUNICATIONS

Please send your email to igomez@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT FAITH FORMATION

Please send your email to faithformation@stwilliam.org or contact the office directly at (516) 679-9558.

CONTACT SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

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Please send your email to mgeorgetti@stwilliam.org.

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Magic of Lights Jones Beach Fundraising Event

This offer runs until October 31st. There are no black-out dates or limit to how many times the code can be used. From now until 10/31 St. William the Abbot RC Church will receive \$5 for every ticket purchased using our official code.

Visit <https://magicoflights.com/events/jonesbeach> to purchase 2020 Magic of Lights at Jones Beach tickets. Click on the "unlock" option after selecting how many tickets you want and enter passcode: **STWILLIAM**

LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

The Monday - Friday 8:30am Daily Mass and the Sunday 12pm Mass can be viewed on the parish website stwilliam.org.

Respect Life – Birthright Pregnant? Need Help?

24 Hour Hotline – 1-800-550-4900

"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, The unborn and the poor are masterpieces of God's creation And deserving of the utmost reverence and respect".
- Pope Francis' Day of Life Greeting



Reconciliation

Reconciliation will be held in the Church
Monday through Saturday 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM
and on Saturday from 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM.



Personal Prayer

In order to allow for quiet, personal prayer time, the Church will remain open
until 12:00 N Monday through Friday as of Thursday, October 1, 2020.
This will be suspended on days when we have scheduled Funeral Masses.



Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will be held from 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM
every day, Monday through Saturday.



Rosary

The Rosary prayer time will be held
Monday - Saturday after the 8:30 AM Mass.



Miraculous Medal

Novena Devotions will be held on Saturday's at 8:15 AM.



St. Peregrine

St. Peregrine a prayer group for cancer victims, families, and their care givers.
The Peregrine Hour of Prayer is held on the
first Monday of each month from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

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BOESTRENGTHPWOE

I love you,
Lord, my
strength.

BPWYOURPWEOKSIE

BOWELORDPWOASJEOWMYWPAI



How many times do you
say, 'Amen,' during
Mass today?

Saint Jude

Can you find
all the
symbols of
Saint Jude?



Saint Jude is the patron
saint of lost causes.
He helps out when nothing
else seems to work.
Pray to Saint Jude when you
have a bad day.



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Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all
your heart with all your soul, and with all your mind."

Live the Gospel of *Life*

"to imitate Christ and follow in his footsteps"

The Gospel of Life

<https://respectlife.drvc.org/>



THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics



Make an informed choice for this presidential election.
Every life counts.
Every vote counts.

Living the Gospel of Life, our office is dedicated to all areas of healing and evangelization.

Decisions regarding issues of human life must be clearly taken from the Gospel.

In a recently released statement, **Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann** of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities encourages faithful Catholics in this manner:

"...It is a time to focus on God's precious gift of human life and our responsibility to care for, protect, and defend the lives of our brothers and sisters..."

Last November, the U.S. bishops reaffirmed that 'the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed.' While we noted not to 'dismiss or ignore other serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism, the environmental crisis, poverty, and the death penalty,' **we renewed our commitment to protect the most fundamental of all human rights – the right to live.**

This past January, I shared with **Pope Francis** that the bishops of the United States had been criticized by some for identifying the protection of the unborn as a preeminent priority. **The Holy Father expressed his support for our efforts observing that if we fail to protect life, no other rights matter. Pope Francis also said that abortion is not primarily a Catholic or even a religious issue, it is first and foremost a human rights issue."**

Source: U.S. Bishops' Pro-Life Chair Launches Respect Life Month and Invites Catholics to "Live the Gospel of Life" September 24, 2020, Public Affairs Office

please call us at (516) 678-5800 x 626 to find out more -

~Ministry Feature for Week of October 25, 2020 ~

Conscience formation

Election Day is important this year for the issues of life.