

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time October 31, 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, October 31, 2021

Edgar Messemer
Franklin Gwaltney
People of St. William's
Kathy & Bob Moulder

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Collective Intentions
All Souls,
Domenico D'Armi,
Robert Bennett,
Sara Robitaille

Monday, November 1, 2021

No Mass Intentions
Robert P. Rao

Thursday, November 4, 2021

All Souls

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

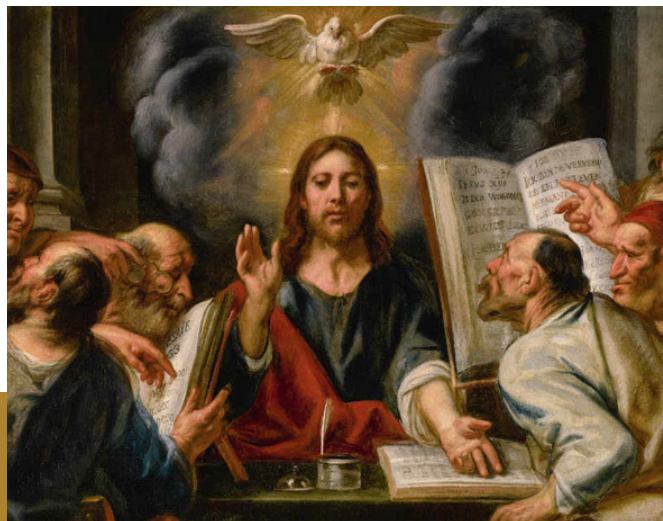
Collective Intentions
All Souls,
Ursuline Sisters Prayer Cards
Enrollment Intentions,
Donald Clark,
John Ashdown

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mary Rooney,
All Souls

Saturday, November 6, 2021

Purgatorial Society
All Souls



And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." - Mark 12:33

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

*the deceased members of
the Valdez and LeGoff Families*

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

Steven Hornacek

From the Hornacek Family.

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

James Egan

From the Kelly Family.

Pray for the Deceased

Helen Nelson
Frances DePeri

Pray for the Sick

Carol Calderazzo
Adrienne Harker
Mary Teresa Agolia
Emma Bojsa
Thomas Quinn

“You Shall Love the Lord Your God... and Your Neighbor as Yourself”

Mark 12:30,33

This scripture verse is at the center of our mission as the parish of St. William the Abbot and has been for the almost 95 years of our existence - to put the love of God and others as our main focus. As we look ahead into the next few weeks, particularly drawing closer to Thanksgiving and Christmas - I want to begin this letter by saying thank you for the positive feedback and encouragement from last weekend's "state of the parish" talk. I think we all recognize that the pandemic has been a difficult and challenging time for us, and throughout the past 20 months you have responded with a spirit of awareness and generosity for those in need. I know we will make it through this season too and come out on the other end continuing to thrive as a vibrant community of faith. As I mentioned last week we will present a snapshot of the parish financial shortfall along with the projects, extraordinary COVID expenses, and where we are making adjustments in an upcoming bulletin. This week's letter will be a quick overview from last week and a glimpse of what is to come.

Prayerful discernment of an increase in Parish Offering

Stewardship is such a strong virtue of St. William's. It was a blessing for me to have a number of conversations following the Masses last week when many of you came up to me and asked, "Father Joe, if our family wanted to make an adjustment in our weekly/monthly offering, and we are currently doing it electronically, how would we make that adjustment?" If you are already donating electronically utilizing our Automated Giving Program and wish to increase your monthly donation you can email the Rectory – information@stwilliam.org and let us know that you would like to increase your donation. Please include your name, envelope number and the amount you would like to donate each month. If you would like to begin using our Automated Giving Program, please complete the form included in this week's bulletin and submit it to the rectory, along with a voided check or pre-printed savings account deposit ticket. You can also use PayPal to make electronic donations, or you can make arrangements with your bank to make automatic direct deposits to St. William's.

November Happenings at SWA

First Friday - all day Adoration will take place on Friday, November 5. It will begin after the last morning Mass and go until 5:00 PM. If you and your family members would like to stop in to pay a visit for prayer time, or to sign up for an hour slot of Adoration let me know. As a reminder we have daily Adoration and Confession from 7:30 AM until the 8:30 AM Mass, as well as confession on Saturday afternoon from 3:45 PM until the 5:00 PM Mass. We will also celebrate the Family/Youth Mass on Sunday, November 21 at 5:00 PM. This is to bring our seventh and eighth grade confirmation students and their families to the Eucharistic celebration, but of course all members of the Parish are welcome.

All Saints' Day - All Souls' Day

November 1 and 2 are the celebrations of All Saints' Day (those Saints the Church acknowledges are in heaven), and All Souls' Day (those we pray for are or will one day be in the presence of God). On Monday, All Saints' Day, we will celebrate Mass at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, and 7:00 PM - although not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, please come and celebrate as a parish.

On Tuesday, **All Souls' Day**, we will have one Mass at 7:00 PM. Very often this is for those families who experienced a loss in this past year. We also invite the many families who were not able to truly honor and celebrate a funeral during Covid, and we invite the community to please come out and support the families as well. We will pray the names of all those who died this past year. If you have not done so already, I encourage you to take an All Souls' envelope and put the names of your loved ones who have died in the past on it. One of the great gifts of my prayer time during November is to sit and read the names of all the loved ones and parish foundational pillars who have died. They will never be forgotten!

Fr. James Marathon and 5K

We wish Fr. James good luck on behalf of the parish in the New York Marathon next week. Turkey Trot participants should get ready for the 5K run with Fr. James which will be held at St. William's in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and support of the parish.

Fr. Joe



Rectory News

Wedding Banns III

Corey L. Luksch

Our Holy Redeemer, Freeport NY

&

Carly E. Bock

St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh NY

Wedding Banns II

Nicholas Wolfson

SWA

&

Emma Von Glahn

SWA



Have a question for the priests?

Stump the Priest questions can be emailed to priests@stwilliam.org.

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.

Email List

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.

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.



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

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.

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

Eucharistic Minister

If you are a registered parishioner who has received the sacrament of confirmation and have a desire to serve God in this way, we would love to have you inquire on how to become a Eucharistic Minister. All interested parties are encouraged to email us at priests@stwilliam.org to learn more.

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

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, October 31 -
9am Mass
12pm Mass**



**Special Treats will be served, come down and
grab your bag of candy too!**



Missals

At this time we are able to offer the sale of individual missals for \$10 per missal. Please bring a check for \$10 payable to St. William the Abbot or \$10 exact cash to the rectory. There will be no change for cash purchases. We have a limited number at this time, so it is a first come first served basis.

Memorials Available

We are pleased to announce that the Sanctuary Candle and the Altar Candles that are used at Mass throughout the week are now available as memorials.

Anyone wishing to donate the Sanctuary Candle or the Altar Candles in memory of a loved one or on the occasion of an anniversary, birthday, etc., can make this request at the Rectory. Please call 516-785-1266. The offering for the Sanctuary Candle is \$15 and the offering for the Altar Candles is \$30. The name of the person will be announced in the bulletin for each week the candles are donated.

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.

Attention All Lectors

The 2022 Lector Workbooks are available for pick up this weekend. They are in the Usher's Closet in the Church. Please be sure to sign the Workbook Pick Up Sheet when you take your book.

The new readings begin the First Sunday of Advent, November 28th, so be sure to take your copy as soon as possible. Thank you.

Pray for those in the Military

US Army -

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

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 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

USMC -

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

Stump the Priest



HOW IMPORTANT IS IT TO BAPTIZE AN INFANT WHEN ONE PARENT IS NON-PRACTICING CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC AND THE OTHER PARENT IS OF ANOTHER FAITH?

The Catholic Church has been baptizing babies ever since Christ commanded His apostles to baptize all people in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit because the Church recognizes that salvation is necessary for all. Because babies are born with original sin, they need baptism to cleanse them, so that they may become adopted sons and daughters of God and receive the grace of the Holy Spirit. Accordingly, parents bring their babies to the waters of baptism by professing a belief in Christ on behalf of the child, and promising to raise him or her in the faith.

In the Gospels we read that Jesus became indignant at even his disciples for preventing people who were bringing infants close to him. (Lk 18:15-17)

Again we read in the Acts of the Apostles that Peter in his speech at the event of the Pentecost ordered his listeners to be baptized for the forgiveness of their sins and he added emphatically that the promise of the Holy Spirit was also meant for children. (Acts 2:38-39)

Other references for possible baptism of infants in the Scriptures can be found in Acts 16:15; 33-34. These accounts tell of whole households (which most likely would include infants) being baptized.

Furthermore, in the letters of Paul, he argues that baptism replaces the Old Testament practice of circumcision as the way by which one is incorporated into the covenant relationship with God. Therefore since circumcision was also infants, baptism could as well be for infants.

These, among others, are the arguments backing the centuries old practice of baptizing infants in the Church.

Parents are responsible for bringing their child to the Sacrament of Baptism as soon after birth as possible. However, it is required that the parents, or at least one of them, give a consent and a promise to raise the child in the faith of the Church. In the case of a child whose parents are not practicing the Catholic faith, the Church allows for a Sponsor known to be practicing Catholic to stand in for the parents and get the child baptized if the parents so will it. The laws of the Church require that a person may only have one or two godparents (also called sponsors); if two are chosen, they must be male and female.

In order for someone to be eligible as a godparent they must be chosen by the parents, have the ability and the intention to fulfill the role, be at least 16 years of age, and be a confirmed Roman Catholic, who has already received the Most Holy Eucharist, is leading a life in harmony with the Catholic Faith (including Marriage) and will be a good role model for the one being baptized, and be neither the father nor the mother of the child.

So, as a matter of necessity, there must be assurances that the child will be given the benefit of the Christian upbringing required by the sacrament. If there is satisfactory assurance, that is, any pledge giving a well-founded hope for the Christian upbringing of the child, the child can be baptized without hindrance on the basis of the faith of the designated sponsor and, of course, the support of the entire church community. If there is insufficient assurance, it will be prudent to delay the baptism, while keeping contact with the parents in the hope of securing the required conditions for celebrating the sacrament.

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH



GET INVOLVED

JOIN THE CONNECT TEAM

CALLING ALL 7TH - 12TH GRADERS

An awareness of the importance of and vital need for performing service to others is critical. Throughout Scripture, we are called to love God and to show this through love toward our neighbor. Service is something we do because we recognize the presence of Jesus in all persons and in all of God's creation.

JOIN THE CONNECT TEAM, ASSIST WITH FUN DUTIES AT THE MASSES AND EARN APOSTOLIC HOURS!



**PLEASE EMAIL [PRIESTS@STWILLIAM.ORG](mailto:priests@stwilliam.org) TO
SIGN UP & GET MORE INFORMATION!**

St. William the Abbot RC Church



ALL SAINTS DAY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1 MASS SCHEDULE

7:00 AM

9:00 AM

7:00 PM

***THE 7PM MASS WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED ON THE PARISH WEBSITE,
STWILLIAM.ORG.**

We invite all the community that has lost a loved one to attend these Masses.

ALL SOULS' DAY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 MASS SCHEDULE

8:30 AM

7:00 PM - MEMORIAL MASS

***THE 7PM MASS WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED ON THE PARISH WEBSITE,
STWILLIAM.ORG.**

*Parishioners are encouraged to fill out the envelopes that are located in the entrance of the Church, to have the names submitted of loved ones who have died. These names will be prayed for.



St. William the Abbot Roman Catholic School

Thanksgiving Pie & Bread Fundraiser

Order award winning fresh baked pies and breads from White Post Farms Bakery!

Baked goods will be individually wrapped or boxed and available for pickup at St. William's on Tuesday, November 23rd (time TBD)

Please bring the completed order form and check in a sealed envelope labeled "SWS Thanksgiving Sale" to the rectory office.

Please make checks payable to St. William the Abbot HSA.

All orders must be submitted no later than Wednesday, November 10th.

Please contact renee.frawley@gmail.com with any questions.

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Email:** _____

10" Pies			
Item	Price	Qty	Total
Apple	\$20		
Apple Crumb	\$22		
Blueberry	\$20		
Dark Chocolate Pecan	\$22		
Fruits of the Forest	\$20		
Peach	\$20		
Pumpkin	\$19		
Pecan	\$20		

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

Gluten Free Breads (12 oz)			
Item	Price	Qty	Total
GF Banana	\$11		
GF Banana Dark Chocolate	\$11		
GF Banana Nut	\$11		
GF Zucchini	\$11		
GF Zucchini Dark Chocolate	\$11		
GF Zucchini Nut	\$11		

Other White Post Favorites			
Item	Price	Qty	Total
Chocolate Chip Cookies (12oz bag)	\$8		
GF Chocolate Chip Cookies (12oz bag)	\$8		
Oatmeal Raisin Cookies (12oz bag)	\$8		
Butternut Squash & Apple Soup (1 qt)	\$12		
Spinach Dip (1 lb)	\$10		

Social Ministry	Price	Qty	Total
Donate an Apple Pie to the Social Ministry for distribution to parishioners in need:	\$20		

Total # of Items Ordered: _____

Total Cost of Items Ordered: \$ _____



The newest SWS tradition combining the First Grade Mission Mass with the upcoming Feast of All Saints, which is celebrated on November 1st. Our first graders dressed as Saints today for their Mass! Thank you to our celebrant, Fr. Joe, and teachers Mrs. Kuehn and Ms. Fasolino.



SWS collected children's books from all grade levels. We were able to collect hundreds of books, which were donated to The Book Fairies organization. The Book Fairies is an organization, located on Long Island, that accepts new and gently used books. They offer these books to libraries, schools and organizations that do not have the funds to provide children with books of their own. It is a great way to foster the love of reading in children. St. William the Abbot School is proud that we could be a part of their mission. Every child should have access to great books.

Thank you to our RTI teacher, Mrs. Schuler, for coordinating.



St. William the Abbot RC Church



YOUTH MASS

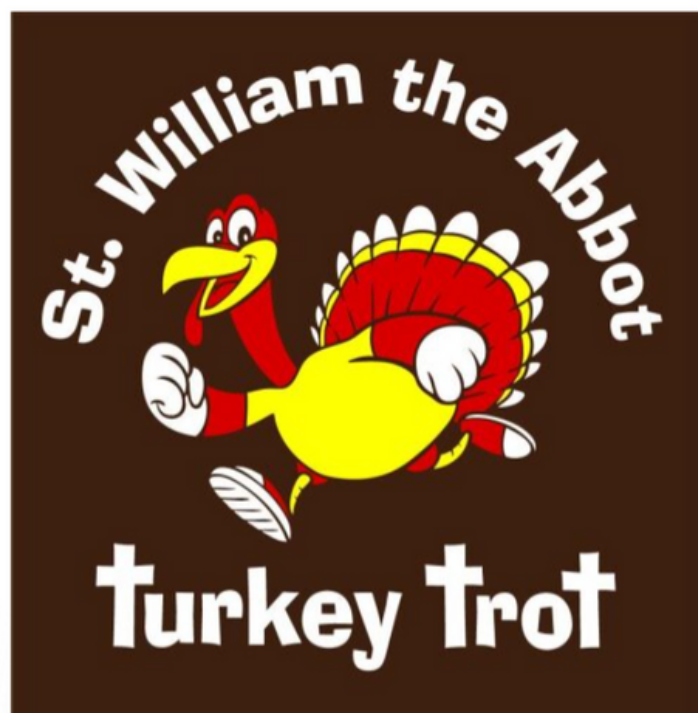
**Join us for the
Family and Youth Mass**

**7th & 8th Grade Students
must attend the Mass**

**Sunday, November 21, 2021
5pm
In the Church**

**Calling all the Youth of the St. William the Abbot Parish
and the Parish Community to join us.**

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH



TURKEY TROT

**FUN RUN &
5K RUN/WALK**

REGISTER NOW AT THE PARISH WEBSITE - STWILLIAM.ORG

NOVEMBER 20TH

FUN RUN BEGINS AT 8:30 AM

5K RACE BEGINS AT 9AM



**ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH
2000 JACKSON AVENUE**

\$15 FUN RUN OR \$25 5K RUNNER

HOSTED BY FR. JAMES HANSEN

St. William the Abbot RC Church



YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOUR



**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19
7PM**

TALK & ADORATION

IN THE CHURCH

SOCIAL TO FOLLOW IN THE ABBEY

**NO RSVP IS
NEEDED TO ATTEND**

St. William the Abbot RC Church



First Friday's

A “First Friday” is the first Friday of the month and is often marked by special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus since Jesus died for us and won our salvation on a Friday.

**Join us for
Adoration in the Church
on every First Friday of
the month from
9am - 5pm.**

Friday, November 5

STWILLIAM.ORG



St. Peregrine Prayer Group



Those suffering from cancer, caretakers, friends and family are welcome to join us for this hour of silent prayer. Stay for the hour, stay for 10 minutes. The important thing are the prayers for yourself or your loved ones.

**First Monday of each month in the Church
from 2pm-3pm.**

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH



YOUTH NIGHT

Just for Fun Night!

Calling all 7th - 8th Graders!



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5
7 PM - SCHOOL GYM

**JOIN US IN THE SCHOOL GYM FOR ARTS &
CRAFTS, BOWLING, AND GAMES.
PIZZA WILL BE SERVED!**

**COME ON DOWN
AND JOIN IN ON THE FUN!**



Parent Pickup is at 9pm (Sharp)



Thanks “Giving” Gift Bag Program

Share your blessings by giving back
to your parish community.

Fill a gift bag with Thanksgiving items
for a family in need or a homebound parishioner.

How to participate:

- Visit our table in the Church vestibule for a gift bag and suggested donations list
- Fill the gift bag with your selected donations
- Return the gift bag to the Social Ministry office by **Friday, November 12th**.

Our food pantry is 100% donation
based thanks to your generosity,
serving over 65 families
in the Seaford area.

Happy Thanksgiving!
St. William the Abbot Parish Social Ministry

Parish Social Ministry

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

By Appointment Only

Food Pantry

Soap
Shampoo
Laundry Detergent

White rice (bags)
Cookies
Raisins

Parish Contact Information

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 COMMUNICATIONS

Please send your email to igomez@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.

CONTACT FAITH FORMATION

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

CONTACT SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

CONTACT THE SCHOOL

St. William the Abbot School



Office: 516.785-6784
2001 Jackson Avenue
Seaford, NY 11783
stwilliamtheabbot.net

Donors in the Spotlight

Thank you to Sheryl VanKuyk and her friends for delivering 350 hand-made baby hats to the Parish Social Ministry! These hats will be delivered by the Prayer Shawl Ministry to local hospitals and shelters for babies in need. The craftsmanship of each hat shows they were made with loving attention to detail, each packaged separately with an adorable children's sticker decorating the bag. Thank you to Sheryl and her friends Chrissy Redash, Pamela Shields, Jean Tobin and Genevieve Keddy for this heartfelt donation!



Looking for a Job?

There are multiple job fairs being held on Long Island during the month of November. These job fairs cover careers such as civil service, residential service to adults with disabilities, and many more! For information on the dates and times of these job fairs, please contact the Social Ministry office.

Thanksgiving Donations

The Social Ministry will be collecting donations to be distributed to our families so that they can make their Thanksgiving meals. Thanksgiving themed bags are available in the church lobby along with lists of donation ideas to make your shopping easy. Shop for a family or an individual, donate one item or multiple, it's all up to you and it all makes a difference! Pick up a bag after Mass and return your donations to the Social Ministry office. Please call our office with any questions.

Christmas Adopt-a-Family Program

This year the Social Ministry office will run an online Adopt-a-Family program similar to last year. We are currently in the process of gathering wish lists from our families, and we intend to open the Adopt-a-Family website November 13th. Please watch the bulletin or listen for announcements at Mass for more information.

Consider Automated Giving

Automated giving provides a steady stream of support. It is a great way to manage your Sunday Offerings without the worry of missing a payment and the worry of forgetting your weekly envelope.

We are able to offer the ability of having Sunday Offerings deposited directly from your checking or savings account into the St. William's account. This would apply only to weekly collections, not to any second collections, such as Holy Days, Catholic Relief Services, etc.

The form to begin this process can be printed, filled out and mailed to the Rectory. Please be sure to attached a voided check.

Authorization Agreement for Automated Giving

I, _____, hereby authorize the R. C. Church of St. William the Abbot, 2000 Jackson Avenue, Seaford, NY 11783 to initiate debit entries to my Checking () Savings () account indicated below and the depository named below to debit the same such amount.

Amount \$ _____ Monthly on the fifteenth of the month.

Depository: Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Banking Transit ABA # _____
(always nine digits)

Bank Account Number _____

(Attach to this form a voided check if checking account debit or a pre-printed savings deposit ticket if savings account).

This authorization is to remain in full force effect until the R. C. Church of St. William the Abbot has received written notification at least five business days in advance of the desired termination date.

(Authorized signature for above account)

(Print Name)

Date: _____

If second signature is required:

(Authorized signature for above account)

(Print Name)

Date: _____



What is RCIA?

RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, and it is the process by which unbaptized adults become Catholic. It is also the way those baptized in other Christian faiths to enter into full communion with the Church by receiving Communion and Confirmation, or for baptized Catholics to complete these sacraments if they haven't already.

How long does it take to become Catholic?

There is not a one size fits all answer to that question. Adult baptisms for Catechumens usually take place at the Easter Vigil, the night before Easter Sunday. Ideally the process would last most of a year or longer depending on the situation. For a baptized Christian of another faith community, the process could proceed rather quickly, only a few months, or longer depending on their own formation and participation in their present faith community. For Catholics who are missing sacraments the process can take a few months or longer.

Why is it important for a baptized Catholic to complete their sacraments?

Baptism is the entryway into life with Christ, but no one is fully initiated until they receive Confirmation and Eucharist. Confirmation is also needed in order to become a Godparent or Confirmation sponsor, or for marriage to another Catholic with a few exceptions. Eucharist is the summit and source of our faith, and if we can't receive it we are missing out on the graces we receive through Holy Communion.

Are their tests or homework?

The simple answer is no! However we encourage Catechumens and Candidates to read and explore things on their own, to keep a journal of their thoughts, insights and questions, and to talk things over with sponsors. Of course we expect them to attend Sunday Mass with the parish community and get involved.

Can you become Catholic if you are divorced?

Yes, but with caveats. It depends on the situation of the previous marriage, and that of the current spouse, if there is one. Some marriage situations are easy to rectify and some take a bit longer. Marriage situations do not preclude candidates from attending sessions to prepare to enter the Church. One of our priests will assist the candidate in this regard.

What are these rituals?

There are a number of rituals that occur at a Sunday Mass. These are steps, so to speak, to enter the Church. They are public rites, and the parish community prays with the Catechumens and candidates at this time. For those who will be baptized at Easter, they will come together.

How much does all this cost?

One of the best things about RCIA is that it is FREE!

BECOMING CATHOLIC - DID YOU KNOW

I am already Catholic, why should I know about RCIA?

We all may know family members or friends who are not Catholic but may have shown some interest in our faith, or those who have not completed their sacraments. As Catholics we are called, by Christ, to share the Good News with others. This might mean making suggestions to others that they explore Catholicism. If you know about RCIA you can let them know about it and how to go about getting started.

What does Catechumen mean?

There are a lot of churchy words in RCIA. A Catechumen is a person preparing for Baptism. It is an ancient term meaning one who receives instruction by word of mouth. A candidate is someone from another Christian faith or a Catholic preparing for Confirmation. There are other words that are learned as the person goes along in the process.

What do RCIA sessions look like?

Sessions are usually held once a month on Sunday after Mass. We meet, discuss the Sunday scriptures, and then have a presentation on Catholic teachings. Sessions are informal and are not classes but faith sharing and exploration of our relationship with Christ, always striving to go deeper into that relationship with God and the Parish community. Our textbook is the Bible, videos, and other materials exploring the Catholic faith.

What is a sponsor?

A sponsor is someone who accompanies a person on their RCIA journey. Sponsors are usually from the parish community, but sponsors may be chosen by the person if the sponsor is a practicing Catholic who has received all their sacraments of Initiation and is in good standing with the Church. A Catechumen may also choose Godparents in addition to a sponsor.

Can children be in RCIA?

RCIA sessions are geared for adults. However children do take part in certain rituals that are part of the process. They are usually catechized through the parish school or faith formation. In cases with older children or teens, there may be specific sessions set up for them and their parents.

Can I accompany someone to RCIA sessions?

Of course! Many Catholics who join a relative or friend at sessions find that they learn things about the Catholic faith that they did not know before. It also gives the Catechumen or Candidate someone else to discuss things with after the sessions.

How does someone get started in RCIA?

Go to our website at stwilliam.org/rcia. Fill out the registration form and the Inquiry form and email it back to rcia@stwilliam.org. You will be contacted by our coordinator regarding starting sessions.



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I love you,
Lord, my
strength.

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The readings at church are
organized in a book called the
Lectionary.

Saint Martin de Porres

Saint Martin de Porres is known as the Saint of the Broom. He served everyone as a way to serve God. He worked in a monastery and took care of the priests and brothers. He cooked, cleaned, and cared for the sick. He did every job without complaining.

Pray to Saint Martin instead of complaining when it is time to clean your room.



YOU shall LOVE the

LORD your GOD

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Gospel



Jesus told the scribes the most important commandments. The first is to love God, the second is to love your neighbor as yourself. How can you show love to God and your neighbors?