

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

**Second Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2021**



Mass Schedule

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:30am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 8:30am & 5pm

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

Parish Information

Office: 516.785.1266
2000 Jackson Avenue
Seaford, NY 11783
stwilliam.org

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." - Mark 9:5

Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 28, 2021

Robert P. Jacoby
People of St. William's
Vinnie O'Keefe
Margaret Michna
Lucia DelPozzo
Teresa DelPozzo
Giovanni & Francesca Rutigliano

Monday, March 1, 2021

Peter Grennan

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Walter Karas

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Richard E. Ford

Thursday, March 4, 2021

Karl Fuessler

Friday, March 5, 2021

Francie Murphy

Saturday, March 6, 2021

Purgatorial Society
Loretta Power
Richard Brady
Casmille Laquidara
Mary Ann Utrata

Baptism

Thomas J. Flynn

Leah R. Serrano

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

The Bread and Wine used at mass this week were donated in honor of celebrating the 101st birthday of

Dorothy Meinke

from loving family.

The Altar and Sanctuary Candles used at mass this week were donated in honor of celebrating the 90th birthday of

Joe Byrne

from The Dolloff Family.

Pray for the Sick

Kathleen Finneran

Geralyn Serewko

Pray for the Deceased

Jeanne Tebbe
Carole Agnes Flynn

William J. Bialkoski

Rose Keller
Mary T. Bruns

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.

“It Is Good That We Are Here”

Peter was so moved by the experience of being on the mountain that all he could say was, “It is good that we are here!” He caught a glimpse of Jesus in His glorified state and Peter became a witness to how the Lord would appear in the kingdom of heaven. It is the hope that all of us will gaze upon our Lord for time and eternity in the throne room of heaven. What a great privilege and honor it was for Peter and those two disciples. Wow! But have you ever wondered why Jesus only invited those three? In our very human and wounded hearts, we can challenge the wisdom of the Lord and ask, was He being exclusive? Were the other ones just too busy or distracted? Or as usual with Jesus, was it intentionally done with a deeper meaning? I mean there were nine other Apostles and probably at this point in his ministry a few hundred other disciples who were regularly following him. What about your faith journey? Did you ever wonder why you, as a disciple are here each week? We know that there are approximately 5000 families registered in the parish of St. William the Abbot, and closer to 25,000 total people who could actually come to Mass. But last week we had just over 1000 total people come into the Church building and a few hundred views online. So where are the rest? And... how is that you are hearing and seeing God more clearly?

I have a Catholic friend who loves the Mass and our faith and speaks about the experience of Mass and the Eucharist as a higher discipline that, in his opinion, not everyone is quite ready to understand. We call the Eucharist the “source and the summit” - but for all of us believers, the reverence for the Mass comes to us in a progression of understanding. I do not mean in a gnostic, or special knowledge way, but more so like when we think about the elite forces in our military, for example the Navy SEALs or Army Rangers. There is certain training and preparation that is done at that level which is not exactly the same for a plebe or a buck private as they enter in the service. But the journey has to begin somewhere, push-ups, pull-ups, hiking, target practice, repelling and deep-sea swims. It is no different for the faith journey training and progression.

Let's face it, there is no way people can recognize Jesus in the Eucharist if they have not met Jesus in any other aspect of their life. We can help them with simple opportunities, such as bringing canned food to the pantry, or inviting someone to sit in the back of the church quietly for a few minutes of meditation, or to light a candle and intentionally pray for a family member. Maybe it is to walk around and show the Stations of the Cross inside the church, or the Padre Pio or Mother Mary statue on the grounds of the parish. I sometimes forget how powerful the Mass is with the regularity I get to participate in and celebrate it. The magnificence and wonder that is present at each of the Eucharistic celebrations has a spiritual power equivalent to an Atomic Bomb!

But sometimes we need to a gentle reminder that heaven and earth come together on the altar. When we encounter people who are new to the faith or have recently come back to worship, it is best to have them present and to save the explaining for later. Bishop Robert Barron once said, “If you want to get people excited about the sport of baseball, you do not begin by explaining the infield fly rule. You put a glove on their hand, walk them out onto a newly cut field, let them interact with their other teammates, and let them play.” We can do the same in our community by inviting them back not just to Mass, but to a relationship with Jesus, and the Church. Even at the Transfiguration, the three apostles were in a different place then when they were called off their boats.

When we look at the life and the ministry of Jesus, remember he did a lot of walking, and a lot of eating with other people - it was always about encounter and experiencing the other person. In the three years of public ministry, the celebration of Mass, “the Last Supper” did not happen until the very end of His earthly life. At that point the apostles were prepared and ready to see him at the breaking of the bread. And so, for you and me, let's be like Jesus and invite someone up the mountain. Maybe it is a delivery of groceries for Social Ministry, or a letter of thanks to our Ursuline or Dominican sisters in the convents or drawing a picture or offering to cook a meal for an elderly homebound parishioner, or perhaps it's five minutes of quiet time in the church with your grandkids on a Saturday afternoon. Peter, James, and John had no idea what they were doing with Jesus, but they trusted him and just wanted to be with him. There was no theological discourse on top of that mountain, just a simple message - “this is my beloved.” Couldn't we all hear just a little bit more of that message? That we are loved by God!

I hope that your Lenten journey continues to go well. For some of you it may be an exodus into the wilderness and desert of being enslaved by a sin or bad habit that must be redeemed by God's grace; or for some of you it is up a mountain of transfiguration and renewal with personal prayer, scripture, or another devotion that is moving your heart closer to God. To “see” Him differently. Either way, please be assured of my prayers for you all, and I look forward to seeing you soon, in church, online, or on the campus of St. William the Abbot. I think after this long year of the pandemic, when it comes to our beautiful Church on the hill, it is good that we are here!

Thank you for your presence and generosity.

Peace,



Rectory News

New Rectory Office Hours

The Rectory will be open
Monday through Friday - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Saturday - 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sunday - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

If you need to come to the Rectory, please be aware that visitors will only be permitted in the Rectory Vestibule. Anyone entering the rectory must always wear a mask. To maintain social distancing, only one person will be admitted at a time. If someone is already in the vestibule you are asked to wait outside until they leave. Please ring the doorbell before you enter. You can also email any requests to information@stwilliam.org.

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.

Little Black Books

The Little Black Book's containing prayers and reflections for Lent are available at the doors of the church. We ask that each family take only one copy.

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.

Church Opening During Lent

The Church will be open for private prayer Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM during Lent. 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.

Emergency

If there is an emergency in which you need to contact a priest immediately, please call the Priest Emergency telephone - 516-312-7361.

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

Year-End Tax Statements

Please note that year-end statements for your taxes will not be automatically mailed out. They may be obtained upon request from the Rectory. Please call 516-785-1266 to request your statement, or email your name, address, phone number and envelope number to information@stwilliam.org.

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. Please come to the rectory door Monday – Friday from 9am-5pm to purchase your missal.



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

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.

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH



Join Fr. Joe, Fr. James, & Fr. Collins

*Paint
Night
Fundraiser*

Friday, April 23

6pm - 8pm

2001 Jackson Avenue

St. William the Abbot School Gym

MASKS MUST BE WORN & SOCIAL DISTANCE PRACTICED

\$75 Per Painter

Raffles

50/50

Pizza

Dessert

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Amount of Painters: _____ Total amount enclosed: _____

Please mail or drop off the registration form to the Rectory office.
Registration is on a first come, first serve basis until spots are filled.

Lent Schedule

Finding Time for God in a Pandemic *Lenten Mission*

Church – 7:00 PM

The Lenten Mission will be live-streamed on the parish website stwilliam.org

Tuesday, March 2 – Msgr. Charles Fink - *Spiritual Warfare*



Tuesday, March 9 – Fr. Lachlan Cameron - *The Tender Heart of the Father*



Tuesday, March 16 - Mass with Fr .Pierre Toussaint, CFR
'Take up your mat and walk.' - John 5:11



Monday of Mercy

Monday of Mercy (Confession)
Church – 7:00 – 8:00 PM

March 1 – Faith Formation Gr. 2 only
March 8 – Faith Formation Gr. 2 only
March 15 – for the parish
March 22 – for the parish



Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be live-streamed on the parish website stwilliam.org, Facebook account, and Instagram TV on

Friday, February 26
Friday, March 5, 12, and 19
at 4pm.

Faith Formation

Today is the Second Sunday of Lent. We hear in the Gospel how God tested Abraham to see how loyal he is to God, and how Abraham proved to God that he would do anything for God and obeyed him. God was happy about this and he promised to bless Abraham and his family. As parents, we have as they say, a lot on our plate. We have our children to worry about, our everyday occurrences, and right now we are all trying to cope with this pandemic. Some of us have lost loved ones from this pandemic and even have lost a job and yet we get through the difficult days and get the strength that we need. We sometimes say to ourselves how much more can I take? Can I do this anymore? That is when you need to remember God is next to you and you just need to ask for his help especially when you are at your weakest point. Just like Abraham, he was confused, frightened, and he prayed. God helped him. So never be afraid to ask for help. Talk to God, pray, and thank God for his help. You will feel peace and calmness come over you. During Lent, it is a great time that you can reflect on what you need to change and become closer to God. Also, you can go to Confession to get things off your chest and speak with a Priest to help with what is bothering you. GOD IS ALWAYS BY YOUR SIDE.

Faith Formation will be starting the Third Parent/Child Sessions in March. Parents need to sign up if you have not done so already. Second Grade Parents were notified to sign up for their child's First Reconciliation. It will be on Monday, March 1st, 2021 and Monday, March 8th, 2021. Parents must attend with their child/ren on the date and time that they signed up for because of COVID-19, everyone must be socially distant. Any questions or concerns please contact the Faith Formation Office at faithformation@stwilliam.org or you can call the Office at 516-783-2528



Prayers for those in the Military

US Navy -

Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald
Ian Bayer, Ensign
Rebecca Bayer, Ensign
Ensign Michael Napolitano
MMN2 Emily Partridge
Commander Michael Sean Slatley

USMC -

Lt. Kevin J. Butler
2nd Lt. Dana Duggan
Corporal Frank A. Finocchio
L.Cpl. John Mosier

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 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
Sgt. Brian Kirby
Major Eamon G. McArdle
Sgt. Donald Rogers
Major Christopher James Ustler
Major Kurtis Unger

Purgatorial Society

Michael Annuziata, Katherine Buccellato, Angela Flori, Wilford Furley, Frances Giraldo, Paula Hagerman, Frank Jacono, Pilar B. Reyes, Lillian Rezoagli, Louie Rozzo, Basil "Buzz" Santini, Billy Kelly, Thomas Fitzmaurice, Ralph J. Hunt, Dorothy Holland, Nicola Campanella, Brendan McGuire, Vincent McGuire, Mary Barraco, Donald Clark, Helen Mayer, Carmela Artusa, Anthony Nacci, Mary Nacci, Clarice Prato, Carmela I. Angelone, Michael Attilibale, Mitzi Babich, Veronica Bolonga, Richard Ford, Malcolm Hewitt, Peter Ponterio, Louis Romano, Carmela Salerno, Ernest Corsini, Hazel Arrwda, Peggy Francis.

St. William the Abbot Families



The Season of Lent

Prayer.
Repentance.
Waiting for the Lord.



The Students of St. William the Abbot will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the season of Lent in the Church with Fr. Joe Fitzgerald, Fr. James Hansen, and Fr. Collins Yeboah.



Safety

Sacristy

For the safety of our Priests, we ask that parishioners refrain from entering the Sacristy. Please do not hand offering envelopes, letters etc. to the Priests. Please drop them off in the Rectory Mail Slot.



Arrive Early & Wear Your Mask



We do ask that everyone arrive early so that we can seat everyone before the start of Mass. **We ask that all parishioners wear their mask covering their nose and mouth at all times while inside the church.**

Safety Protocols



As more of you are returning back to in-person Mass, we want to re-emphasize that all of our safety protocols are still in place.

Please allow the ushers to seat you - they have been carefully trained in our seating arrangement that will enable us to get the maximum number of worshippers seated in the Sanctuary while maintaining social distancing.

Overflow Space

We do have overflow space in the Abbey for Masses. Please follow the directions of our Ushers if the Church reaches capacity and you are asked to attend the Mass in the Abbey.

While attending Mass during this difficult time

- Please sanitize your hands
- If you are a family please occupy a pew
- Be kind and considerate
- Please keep social distance
- Don't congregate in the Church or parking lot before or after Mass
- Touch a bulletin, please bring it home

Love for our neighbors should be one of the primary considerations.

Holy Communion



When it is time to receive Holy Communion, please practice social distancing as you walk in the communion line. On the way back to your pew please maintain spacing. Everyone will come down the center aisles to receive communion. Please do not rush back to your seats.

Help Youth & Young Adult Event

Fr. Joe and Fr. James hosted a youth and young adult Help night to gather ideas on ways to improve areas of the church for the future. Below you will find some of the topics and ideas.



- Opportunities for community/friends of faith
 - Retreats
 - Sports
 - Youth group
- Mentoring opportunities- teaching lessons/cooking, class/skills/talents to share
 - Invitation of more people
 - XLT
 - Guided Adoration
 - Modern Praise and Worship Music-
 - Game Nights
 - Midnight Run
 - Random acts of kindness
 - Movie nights
 - Social nights for kids

St. William the Abbot School



Students celebrate their 100th Day of School!



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PAOPTHEENLIVING

I will walk
before the
Lord, in the
land of the
living.

BEFOREPAHTEKLORD

DEWAINTHEPALANDOEIWJOSKAI



What did you give up for Lent? Ask your family to help you with your sacrifice.

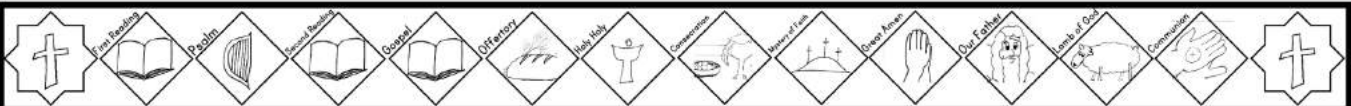
Saint Francisco and Jacinta Marto

Saint Francisco and his little sister Jacinta worked as shepherds near Fatima when Mary appeared to them! After they met Mary, they prayed the Rosary every day.

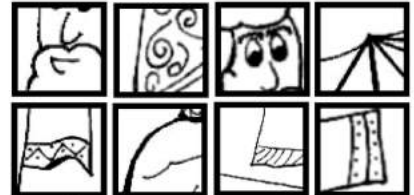


Fatima Prayer

Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy. Amen.



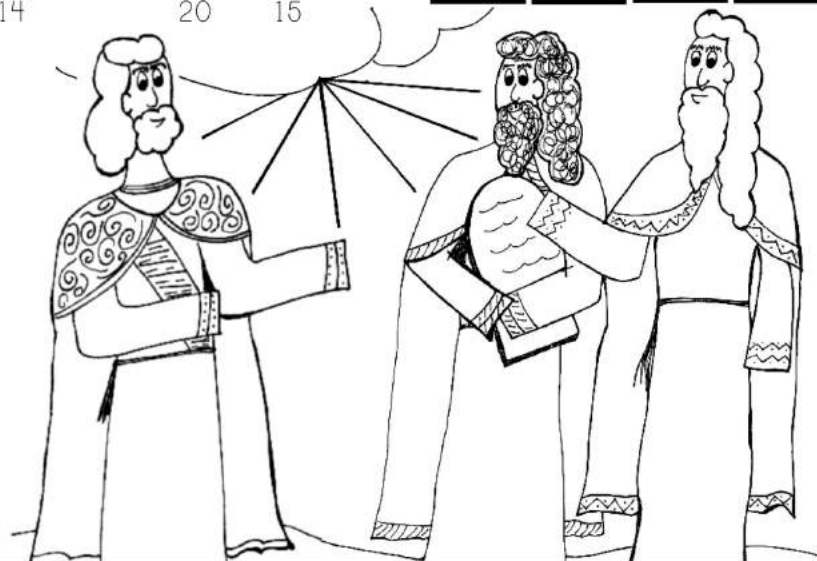
God spoke from Heaven and said, "This is my beloved son..."



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Gospel

Today's Gospel story is called the Transfiguration. Jesus went to the top of a mountain with some of His disciples and He suddenly looked different. His clothes were bright white! Elijah and Moses appeared on the mountain with Jesus.

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: _____

Parish Social Ministry

Medical Equipment

There is currently a hospital bed and hoist lift available for any parishioner in need. Anyone interested must make arrangements for pick-up. Please direct inquiries to the Parish Social Ministry at 516-679-8532.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Although the parish members of the prayer shawl ministry are unable to meet as a group, many parishioners are busy at home crocheting lap blankets and shawls for the sick in our parish, local women's shelters, soup kitchens and developmental homes where our parishioners reside. If you or someone you know would like to receive a prayer blanket just let Parish Social Ministry know and we will arrange for delivery. 516-679-8532

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



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2001 Jackson Avenue
Seaford, NY 11783
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(516) 785-6784

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

Frozen Vegetables

Fresh Fruit

Fresh Potatoes

Corned Beef Hash

Deodorant

Dish Soap

Ketchup

Cooking Oil – small bottles

Caring for the Caregiver

Although our program cannot currently meet we are reaching out to those who are caring for a homebound family member.

You are filled with compassion for your loved one, it is not an easy situation. The time involved and the emotions you experience can be overwhelming. Particularly at this time you may be without a backup caregiver which compounds the stress. If you would like to call to speak to someone experienced with these situation, please do so (516) 679-8532.

Homebound

Do you know someone who is homebound or lonely? Please let us know so we can reach out to them in the spirit of Christ. Perhaps they need someone to food shop for them. Please call (516) 679-8532.

HEAP Benefits –

Home Energy Assistance Program

is available to help with home heating in the winter months for income eligible homeowners or renters. An example of the HEAP monthly income level for a family of two is \$3,413 and for a family of four is \$5,019. Additionally, HEAP offers heating equipment repair and/or replacement benefit for homeowners with inoperable heating equipment. HEAP may help you pay for oil, electricity, propane, natural gas, wood, kerosene, coal or any other heating fuel. For further information, please contact HEAP 516-4327, for seniors 516-227-7386 or www.mybenefits.ny.gov or Rosemary at Parish Social Ministry 679-8532

Walkers & Rollators

If you or a family member are in need of a walker or rollator please call Parish Social Ministry 679-8532 to arrange for you to pick up or we can also deliver. We also have shower chairs and sometimes we have wheelchairs.



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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