



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



“What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’”
Luke 15:4-6

September 11, 2022 Twenty-fourth 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, Sept. 11 2022

People of St. William's

Karl H. Fuessler

Barbara Ann Fasolino

Collective Intentions

Richard F. Migliorato

Grace Reilly

Giovanni Caprio

Donald Clark

Thurs., Sept. 15, 2022

The Ursuline Sisters

Prayer Card Enrollment

Intentions

Friday, Sept. 16, 2022

Charles P. Candreva, Sr.

Sat., Sept. 17, 2022

Purgatorial Society

Collective Intentions

Bagarozzi Family

Deceased members of the

Kaley & Varvaro families

Nicole Tedeschi

Bridget Ann Pulver

Monday, Sept. 12, 2022

Buzz Santini

Tues., Sept. 13, 2022

Daniel Callahan

Wed., Sept. 14, 2022

Maria M. Palmiero

Pray for the Deceased

Lucrecia Michalopoulos

Charles S. Corsitto

Pray for the Sick

Keith Gorton

Michael D'Arpino

Michael Swiderski

Gen Greico

Jim Greico

Jeannine Tedeschi

Richard Fedyk

Frances Interrante

Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of
Rev. William Fitzpatrick
from Ann O'Brien

Altar Candles

The Altar Candles used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of
Katie Tartamella
from Ann Marie, Walter & Alannah Plunkett

September 11, 2022 – The Greatest Story Ever Told!

Once again as a nation and a community of faith we approach the memory of September 11, 2001, a day forever etched upon our minds and hearts. As Catholics we do that through the lens of our faith, and at this Eucharistic celebration - the parable told by Jesus which is arguably the greatest story ever told. Of an action and movement of human love that connects us to the Divine Love of God the Father. The return of the Prodigal Son and the forgiveness of the father is communicated on this Memorial Day of possibly the greatest example of sinful, broken, human hate in the history of mankind.

Those of us who were alive and experienced that day in real time can easily think of where we were when those terrible events unfolded. We remember the clear day, we remember being at home, or traveling to work, or at school, and hearing the odd news broadcast that a plane had crashed into the World Trade Center in New York City. Was it a small Cessna? How could a plane get off course to do that? Eventually we were drawn to the TV screens – not our Motorola Startac flip phones or Nokia Compact phones which did not have the bandwidth or screens to display what was occurring. Those who were too young or not yet born cannot fathom what was occurring, especially with the easy access of modern technology and social media today. Eventually we knew this was not an accident, but a terrorist attack. We also became aware of the almost superhuman actions of first responders.

As the day dragged on – and we anxiously awaited the contact and confirmation of loved ones – I had the opportunity to leave Douglaston Seminary and to hunker down with dear friends who lived in the area. I remember driving down Union Turnpike and being stuck at a red light – and across the lane, also stalled, was a man clearly in traditional Muslim attire in my direct sight. After hearing reports that this attack was allegedly done by Islamic extremists, and that certain predominantly Muslim NY neighborhoods were allegedly cheering about the Towers – a feeling of anger came across my whole being. I know, I know, I was in the Seminary studying to be a priest, the God Guy, a Holy Roller – but at that moment I went to a dark place. The return from that dark place took time – to be honest, I held onto anger in general for not only those who participated in this heinous act, but I jumbled a lot more people into this cauldron of hate. And I would stir up that stew of rage and negativity and lack of forgiveness longer than I should have.

In today's scriptures we hear of not only the Prodigal Son, but of the Forgiving Father. If we unpack what is really being said when the son asks for his inheritance - he is basically wishing his father dead. "I do not need or want you in my life anymore, you are dead to me! I am taking what is deservedly mine and leaving you!" For most of us, our human response would NOT be able to be printed in this letter nor would it be very Christian. "You hurt me; I will hurt you more." But that is not the response of the Father in this story. We are told that basically each and every day he went to the end of his property with hope that there would be a change of heart, and that his son would return to him. The example and forgiveness are of a Holy and Divine Father.

On a weekend like this I believe the Lord is calling us to remember many things. The heroic actions of the first responders and the everyday-ordinary people. The loss of the victims and the families who still experience the vacuum of presence. The memory of joy and smiles of a simpler time but also the hurt that for some has been calmed by time and God's love. The Gospel story begins with the one lost sheep and the one lost coin pursued and found by the Master. All of us know a prodigal son or daughter, a lost sheep or coin, that has been disconnected from family, friends, God, and the Church. Some of them have done and said things that have really hurt or offended us, and perhaps we have come to the end of patience and hope for them. I challenge you to pause for a moment and think, who is that one person for you?

On this solemn day we look back with heavy hearts but also hopeful ones of where we have come from since 9/11 2001. The Scriptures are a reminder and gift to us of God's never-ending love and pursuit of His beloved children. He never gives up. Today – September 11, 2022, He invites us and sends us to go on a mission to look for, find, and encourage those who may be away from loved ones, and HIM - to come home. To be sure that they know they can come home. For many reasons, those persons out there may have forgotten about God and forgotten who they were at their deepest core and identity. Favored and Beloved children of God. That can never change. When we come to that realization, that God loves us so much he would do anything for us, like send His Son in the world to suffer and die for our sins. Today, God the Father sends us to tell them, because it is only through your gifts and talents, your voice, and how you love others that will help those Lost Sheep, Lost Coins, and Prodigal Children find themselves and then invite them home. To be seen, embraced, and welcomed by the Father. When we remember that my friends, that is the greatest story ever told!



Wedding Banns

Banns I

Brittany Antonacci, St. Bernard's, Levittown
& Jack Hartofilis, St. William the Abbot

Banns II

Lauren Martin, St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa
& Nicholas Laquidara, St. William the Abbot

Joanie Grosso, St. William the Abbot
& Glenford Sebastian, Massapequa Park, NY

Jacquelyn Durant, St. William the Abbot
& Michael Quintiliano, St Rose of Lima,
Massapequa

Pillar of Hospitality

Sometimes it just takes a nice word or smile to brighten someone's day. This week show your Christian love to all those around you. Your act of kindness may be what brings someone back to Jesus.

Baptism

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

Adriana Armstrong

John Constantino

Jack Danielson

Adalene Fiorello

Liliana Kostyshyn

Pray for Our Seminarians



John Brusa
Summer 2022



Joseph Lettieri



Herley Mendez



Patrick O'Brien
Summer 2022

Pray for Those in the Military

USMC -

First Lt. Dana Duggan
L.Cpl. John Mosier

US Army -

Capt. Caitlin M. Lee
CW2 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
Major Thomas F. Shields

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

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



Endow calls women (ages 18+) together to study the important documents of the Catholic Church. Through Endow groups, women encounter their identity as daughters of God, enabling them to grow in their faith and ultimately discover their mission in life.

Thursdays
SEPTEMBER 29TH - NOVEMBER 17TH
7PM
THE ABBEY

\$35
per person

payable to
 St. William the Abbot

Name: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

I would be interested in being a small group leader: (Someone will reach out with more information)

For more information visit endowgroups.org or email us at information@stwilliam.org
 Space is limited. Please return enrollment slip and check to the Rectory drop-box.

Parish Social Ministry

Looking for Work?

The Town of Hempstead will be holding a job fair on Thursday September 15th at the Freeport Recreation Center at 130 East Merrick Road. The fair will open from 10am – 10:30am for Veterans and individuals with disabilities, and then open to the general public from 10:30am until 3pm. To attend, register at www.hempsteadworks.com/job-fair. Employers at the event will include the US Postal Service, MTA-LIRR, NYS Police, Orlin & Cohen, UPS, Amazon, Catholic Health, Hyatt Place and Hampton Inn, FedEx, A1 Roofing and Siding, Cold Spring Harbor Lab, Mavis Discount Tire, Schivo Medical, NICE Bus, and many more!

Fall 2022 Bereavement Registration

If you or someone you know would be interested in attending our Fall Bereavement Group, please call the office to register. Sessions will begin **October 5th** and space is limited! For more information about these sessions call us at 516-679-8532.

Mark Your Calendar - Upcoming Medicare Info Session

We are pleased to announce that coming this Fall we will be hosting 'The ABC's of Medicare' on October 6th at 11:00 AM and November 7th at 6:00 PM (please note change of date). The session will guide participants through Medicare enrollment and options. Watch the bulletin for additional information or call our office with questions!

Pantry Needs

Stuffing	Pretzels
White Rice	Laundry Detergent
Coffee	Egg Noodles
Sugar	Raisins

Bereavement Alumni Meeting

September 28th - All are Welcome!

We are pleased to announce the start of our Bereavement Alumni Program. All past participants of the Bereavement Group are invited to attend four sessions a year to visit with past participants and moderators, engage in group discussion, share support with your peer group, and enjoy some hospitality! The first session will be held on September 28th at 11am in the Abbey. Please call our office at 516-679-8532 to RSVP.

Rental Assistance Available

The Town of Oyster Bay Emergency Rental Assistance Program is still open and is taking applications through 9/16/22. Funds are available for rent and utility assistance for residents of the Town of Oyster Bay, and are intended to assist renters having difficulty paying due to effects of COVID-19. Both tenants and landlords may apply online, and could be awarded up to 18 months of assistance. To begin the process, apply at:

www.lihp.org/TOBerapintake.html.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday, September 20th at 10am in the Abbey. This ministry meets twice a month to knit and crochet 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!

Donation Spotlight - Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

Last week the Social Ministry was blessed with a visit from local Seaford Charity 'Take Me Out to the Ballgame.' This organization is focused on improving the quality of life for children in need. They do this by hosting interactive family activities and by providing tools children need to thrive at home, school and play. Take Me Out to the Ballgame dropped off a huge donation of healthy meal proteins such as fish filets, sausage, beef, chicken breasts, legs, thighs...and even whole chickens! Families are really struggling right now due to inflation and rising food prices, but this donation will make a huge impact on the families that we support. Thank you Take Me Out to the Ballgame for your ongoing support and generosity, we are so grateful!





Save the Dates

Bible Study

Join Fr. Joe every Monday in October after the 8:30am Mass in the Abbey

These sessions will be taped and available to view at a later time for those unable to attend in person

Teen/Youth Nights

Friday 10/21
Friday 11/18
Friday 12/16

Activities - Music - Prayer
Games - Fellowship

7pm - 9pm in the SWS Gym

Adult Faith Formation

Tuesday 10/25
Tuesday 11/29
Tuesday 12/27

7pm
Locations TBD

Family Sundays

Sunday 10/02
Sunday 11/06

Meet in the Abbey after 12pm Mass for Fellowship & Activities

Bereavement Support

Wednesdays
10/05 - 11/09
at 11am in the Abbey

Registration is required:
socialministry@stwilliam.org

Bereavement Alumni

Wednesday
9/28
at 11am in the Abbey

Registration is required:
socialministry@stwilliam.org

Prayer Shawl

Join our volunteers as they crochet and knit blankets, lap robes, shawls, hats, and gloves for those in need.

1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month in the Abbey from 10am to 12n
All levels of expertise are welcome!

ENDOW

An encounter for women to grow as daughters of God and nurture their faith.

Thursdays 9/29-11/17
\$35

Registration is required - Please see bulletin for more information

The Education of A Lifetime

You're invited to explore the benefits of a Catholic High School Education at our open houses:

September:

24 - Saturday

St. Anthony's High School (10am-1pm)

25 - Sunday

St. Mary's College Preparatory High School (2pm-4:30pm)

October:

1 - Saturday

Chaminade High School (10am-2pm)

Kellenberg Memorial High School (10am-1pm)

Sacred Heart Academy (11am-2pm)

2 - Sunday

Our Lady of Mercy Academy (10am-1pm)

St. Dominic High School (1pm-4pm)

15 - Saturday

Holy Trinity Diocesan High School (10am-1pm)

16 - Sunday

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School (10am-1pm)

Follow us on Social Media @CatholicHSofLI



Register by October 27th for the
Test for Admission to Catholic High Schools (TACHS)
www.tachsinfo.com



St. Peregrine Prayer Hour

The St. Peregrine Prayer Hour will be held on Monday September 12th from 2:00 - 3:00 PM in the Church.

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 are invited to come and pray.

Second Collection Next Weekend:



St. Pius X Residence for Retired Priests

Caring for those who cared for us

Saint Pius X provides a comfortable and safe home for our retired priests whose lives embody the essence of giving. From them we learn firsthand what it means to sacrifice, for they give their own lives as an offering to God, for our sake. From our baptism, to our first communion, to our final goodbyes, we entrust our souls into their hands. And with great love, they accept.



CYO Swim Team Registration

2022 Division Champs

The St. William the Abbot CYO Swim Team will be holding on-line registration between September 11th and September 30th for boys and girls between the ages 7 & 18

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 and we may close them prior to the 30th, so please don't delay.

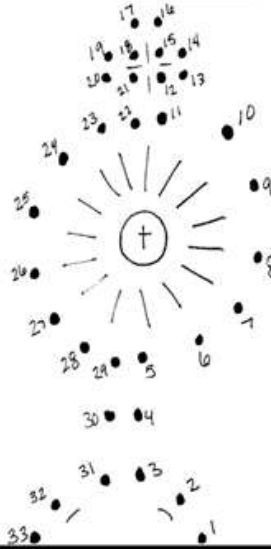
Saint Padre Pio



Follow the dots to draw a Monstrance. A monstrance is a special place to hold the Eucharist.

Saint Padre Pio told people to pray, go to church, and go to confession.

When people went to confession with him, he KNEW when they were forgetting something. He would help them remember so they learned from all of their sins.



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WPFATHERLWOCKBI

I will rise
and go to
my father.

WPANDOWKGOPAKT

WPALTOPWMEMYOFIKEOWKZOE



Have you ever seen the monstrance in your church? Ask your priest if he can show it to you and your family.

Gospel



If you had 100 sheep and you lost one, what would you do? Would you look and look until you found it? Jesus feels that way about us. He cares for each of us and listens to our prayers.

Connect With Us

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Elizabeth Bricker
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Dcn. John Lynch Dcn. Joseph Tumbarello

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