

# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

## Twenty - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 2020

### Rectory Office Hours

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

[information@stwilliam.org](mailto:information@stwilliam.org)

### Parish Information

Office: 516.785.1266  
2000 Jackson Avenue  
Seaford, NY 11783  
[stwilliam.org](http://stwilliam.org)

### New Mass Schedule

#### Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:30am

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday 8:30am & 5pm

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

(12pm Mass is live-streamed on [stwilliam.org](http://stwilliam.org))

**The Church will remain closed when  
Mass is not being celebrated.**

### Pray for the Deceased

Virginia Donaldson  
Anthony Nacci

Margaret Hennessy  
Morris Orlando

### Pray for the Sick

Billy Kelly   Charles Ackerman   Anthony Ferraro   Denise Kanue  
Brian Peacock   Stephen Gaughran   Margaret Whyte

### Marriage Banns II

*Ryan Labua*  
RVC, NY

&

*Courtney Dean*  
RVC, NY



### Marriage Banns III

*Sean Bartlett*

SWA

&

*Brianna Pumilio*

SWA

*Brian Bironu*

Lindenhurst, NY

&

*Keleigh Wilson*

Lindenhurst, NY

### Baptism

*Cailee Rose Danielson*

*Domenick Marino Rytura*

*Mia Noelle Seijo*

*Shannon Jane Reilly*

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

### Mass Intentions

Monday, September 14, 2020

Rev. William Fitzpatrick

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Catherine & Henry Dredger

Sick & Deceased Friends of the Ursuline Sisters

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Anne Traynor

Friday, September 18, 2020

Michael Leo Macklin

Saturday, September 19, 2020

Purgatorial Society

Deceased Members of Kaley & Varvaro Families

Sunday, September 20, 2020

Nocturnal Adoration

Margaret Joan Breidebach

Lucy Hannan

Patrick Byrn

Joseph Franceschini

People of St. William

**"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."**

## “Focus on the Family”

The past six months have allowed for a great deal of family time for most of us. Very often, being in quarantine together has led to more shared meals, TV show watching, board games, and even just hanging out time around a fire pit or in the family den. It has allowed for us to focus on our families; and for the most part, it has been a good experience. I think of the Saint William the Abbot Parish Family too; we have experienced family rosary, family rock garden, and even Facebook Family Mass watching. Yes, miracles can happen.

The Lord has been working on all of us to strengthen the domestic church, which is nurtured in our own homes. When we were not able to physically attend the celebration of the mass, so many of you began to “do church” in your homes, around the kitchen table, and the experience was Sacramental. As many of you reached out to me yearning for the Eucharist, and for the church to be open, probably the strongest suggestion and recommendation was to place the tabernacle in the center of the church so that while watching the Facebook Masses you could see Jesus. As I was reminded, more than ever we needed to put Jesus front in center to get us through those tough times.

It did not take long, however, for a number of you to ask what would we do with the open space where the Blessed Sacrament was once located? A few different ideas came forward, but the most common theme was to place the Holy Family upfront. In the original St. William the Abbot Church, Mary and Joseph were up front by the altar, allowing people to focus on Jesus, Mary and Joseph. After a few casual conversations with parishioners, I was asked to look for a Holy Family statue that would be a good fit for our Church. When I came back with a few different possibilities, one parish family generously offered to donate the statue in honor of their family members and all SWA Families.

I am so grateful even during this challenging time, for all of your incredible generous offerings each week for our pantry, outreach, and the general day-to-day support of the parish. As we open up more opportunities for personal prayer, and how we participate in the liturgy, these additions will no doubt help you in connecting to the Lord. You will notice in the next few weeks the new statue going up, but also, we will be installing real votive candles that will be placed in front of the different statues and images throughout the church. You may be familiar in seeing them at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City when you have stopped in for a prayer. It will be a great addition to our improvements and renovations of the church these past few months.

As Catholic Christians, we know that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith and central to our belief. We also know that as the family goes, so goes our parish, our community and our world. Radical Hospitality has been such a major theme for us as our community has welcomed not only those who have already been coming to Church, but also the new faces who have returned after a long time and those who have recently moved in. As our faithful grow in their relationship with Jesus and the Church, it is the Encounter they receive in us that will make them want to stay for more. We know they will enter into a spirit of welcome that is already present, but also a beautiful worship space that keeps the Eucharist at the center and a focus on the family.

As we enter into our first full week of school, let us pray for a Spirit of calm, and that Holy Family guides and protects our families, and the St. William the Abbot Family.

Thank you for your presence and generosity.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Joe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

## 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 Social Ministry office is located South of the Church.

**Monday - Friday**

**9:30am-4:00pm**

**Sunday**

**9:00am -12:00pm**

**Please do not place any other items in the food bin other than food donations. We are not requesting clothes, household items or religious statues for donations.**

**To contact the office of Parish Social Ministry please email [socialministry@stwilliam.org](mailto:socialministry@stwilliam.org) or contact the office at (516) 679-8532**

The bread and wine this week are donated in the loving memory of

*Rev. William Fitzpatrick*

from Ann O'Brien

## Food Pantry

**Flour**

**Canned Beef Stew**

**Apples & Oranges**

**Potatoes**

**Shaving Cream**

**Dish Soap**

**Tissues**

Walkers and Rollators are available from Parish Social Ministry for any parishioner in need. We also have shower chairs and brand new commodes. Sometimes we have wheelchairs available too. These medical appliances are available and it is the intention that it will make your life a little bit easier. Please call (516) 679-8532 to arrange pick up.

Thank You for the generous donations of gift cards for Back To School Supplies. Your kindness helped us to assist many families right here in our own parish and community. The gift cards not only directly assisted the needs of the children but it eased the financial burden of the parents who wondered how they would be able to provide for their children. When the recipients asked how could they ever repay us, I simply told them that the best thanks would be to pray for those who made the donations. I hope you see this as a powerful gift to you, knowing that someone is praying for you.

## Faith Formation

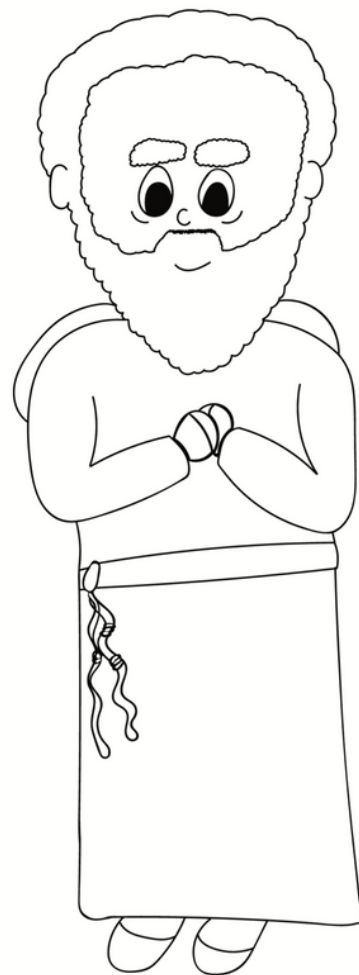
Each month our students and families in Faith Formation will learn about a Saint who lived a life of faith and showed it by words and actions. The students will find ways to imitate the Saint of the Month by completing suggested family activities.

The Saint for the month of September is St. Padre Pio, whose Feast Day is September 23. Living in Italy, he became a priest in 1910. He blessed countless sick people who came to him daily. Throughout his life, he celebrated Mass and shared with others God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. One day as he was hearing confessions, a miracle happened to him. The wounds of Jesus appeared on his hands and feet which made life a struggle for him. Saint Padre Pio was a person of prayer and brought many people closer to God. He would tell everyone to "pray, hope, and don't worry!"

The following are suggestions children and their families can do to emulate this humble Saint over the next few weeks. Make a list of people in your family, community, and the larger world, who you would like to pray for. Make a commitment to pray each night for one of the people on your list before dinner or at bedtime.

Read the story of Zacchaeus found in Luke 19:1-10 and discuss asking forgiveness of God and other people. Ask family members to describe a time it was difficult to forgive someone. Have the forgiver explain how it felt to really forgive and release ill feelings toward someone else. Have him or her speculate what the difference would be if s/he had held a grudge instead. Plan to come with your family to the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday afternoon or by appointment.

Help people who are sick. Donate children's books to a local hospital or write notes to people in a nursing home. Send get-well cards to those you know and tell them you are praying for them. Email us and let us know how you made the world a better place by celebrating the life of St. Padre Pio.



**Padre Pio**

**Feast Day: September 23**



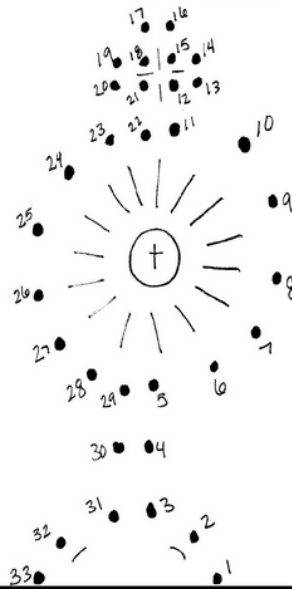
# Saint Padre Pio



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.



Year A: Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time



## Catholic Kids

September 13, 2020  
Ordinary Time  
Color: Green




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### The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

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

### How Many?

## Gospel



Jesus tells a parable today. Do you remember what parable means? It's a story that Jesus uses to teach a lesson. Today's lesson is about a man who was dishonest with money. Jesus reminds us that we should always be honest!