



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church

September 4, 2022 Twenty-third 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

"If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14:26-27

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Sept. 4, 2022

Grace Reilly

Baby David George Skennion

Joan Brennan

Michael Shawn Breen

Monday, Sept. 5, 2022

Collective Intentions

Ed Tomczyk

Franklin Gwaltney

Antonino Scalamandre

Diane O'Neill

Tues., Sept. 6, 2022

Jane & Pat Gillespie

Wed. Sept. 7, 2022

Alexander Diachok, Jr.

Thurs., Sept. 8, 2022

Collective Intentions

Rev. William Fitzpatrick

Frank Perniola

Christine Paulson

Daniel Cotter

Friday, Sept. 9, 2022

Gene Goettlicher

Sat., Sept. 10, 2022

Purgatorial Society

George C. Cain

Pray for the Deceased

Marie C. Cacciato

Nicholas A. Magrino, Jr.

Joseph Byrne

Jeanne Anastasiou

Phillip Forelli

Pray for the Sick

Adrienne Harker

Ann Marie Canale

Richard Fedyk

Linda Pirro

Patricia Rogers

Allen Tillis

Jeannine Tedeschi

Keith Gorton

Michael D'Arpino

Michael Swiderski

Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of

Patricia McArdle

from Our Lady of Mercy Academy

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle used at Mass this week has been donated for

Michael and Jackie Hayes (liv)

from Chrissy

Altar Candles

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

Thomas Joseph Manning

from his loving wife, Judy

Are We Calculating the Cost?

Being a disciple of Jesus is hard! To be a Roman Catholic in 2022 is not what it was in 1962 or even 2002 - there are no doubt a number of distractions that pull people away from the practice of faith and that has always been a challenge. But a major difference is that for the past few decades, little by little, and almost generation by generation, we have put so many other things before time with God, and Sunday worship - that church and faith have become an afterthought for most people in our culture and society. That seems to be trending for us too here at St. William the Abbot.

Activities like sports, dance, tutoring, yard work, gym membership, and children's athletic training practices have become more important than a relationship with God and the Church. In and of themselves those activities are not bad things for ourselves and our families, but always in the context of balance. I would argue that in 1962 and 2002 the world presented just as many distractions that could keep us from prayer, Mass, and parish events as in 2022 – but today our awareness and practice of faith do not have the same significance. Most people are not actively participating in the life of the parish, and most importantly the Sunday Eucharist. We have 5,000 registered families and in the past six months we have averaged about 1,500 people attending the FIVE weekend Masses. Those are tough words and figures to digest – but they are real.

The scriptures today tell us that “large crowds were gathering and traveling with Jesus” – but He speaks pretty bluntly about what a follower must do. A true disciple cannot put spouse, child, parent, activity, difficulty, cross, or even their own life before God. Jesus does not hold back – it is a matter of death and Eternal life, and we are called to be all in. As we calculate the game plan for ourselves and our families in order to participate in that great gift that God the Father has to offer us, it all comes down to simple choices. Will we love God above all things – and then others? The past few years have driven many people into themselves – and their own wants and needs first.

We cannot lessen the impact of the Pandemic – we have seen, heard, and experienced the selfless generosity of many people who risked their own lives at times for others. But we have also seen an incredible selfishness in the scramble for individual and personal comforts that did not echo the selfless example of the Greatest Generation of the 1930's and 1940's. Those were heroes who lived the virtues of sharing, community, volunteerism. Christian Charity was stamped into their DNA - the sharing of meals, recycling rubber, metal, and whatever else was needed to help the troops or society in general. It was God, Family, and Country, not hoarding and fighting over extra rolls of toilet paper and hand sanitizer!

The past few years Bishop Barres has entrusted our parish with young men who are studying for the priesthood - we truly have been blessed. Did you know that we have 15 men currently studying for the whole Diocese of Rockville Centre? There are over 130 parishes, and about 1.6 million “Catholics.” That is not a big number proportionally – but as you have seen the men who served here are strong candidates. In the recent past, with me currently the only priest, so many of you have asked when will they (the Diocese) send us a priest or priests to help here in a parish that once had seven priests living here? In the past I would often ask, how many of your children or grandchildren are in the Seminary or in the Convent? Forget that question, a more challenging question is how many of our loved ones are going to Mass each Sunday? Remember to be a Catholic Disciple costs much.

And yet, so many of you and your families are living it - and courageously doing it each day and week. You get here, arrange, and rearrange your schedules in order to pray - and also to serve in the ministries as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, and Ushers. You choose vacation destinations that will allow you to get to Mass, you have chosen Catholic school for your children to counter the confusion and lies of the world. You have been arranging to help with drop off and pick up at Faith Formation for your grandkids or godchildren. You have consistently been generous to the parish each week and month to be sure that we can continue our mission of service to those who are most in need. Like the Gospel, we are building up the foundation of a tower set firmly on faith and family. You also recognize we are in battle with a culture that is trying to destroy our souls and our families. And the result I see each week is a strong faithful parish family striving, not necessarily to be perfect, but striving towards heaven.

Thank you for that witness!!! Thank you for calculating the cost! You are truly growing as a disciple and servant here at Saint William the Abbot – and our Heavenly Father sees that and rejoices over you!

In gratitude for your presence and generosity.

Peace,



Wedding Banns

Banns I

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

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

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

Banns III

Andrea Fiore, St. William the Abbot
& Matthew Galati, St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa

Pillar of Formation

Make a habit of saying, "Jesus, I trust in you," when times are difficult. Trust in Him to help you carry your cross.

Baptism

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

Lowen Bivona
Landry Boese
Matthew Haubert

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



Our 9/11 cross will be displayed in the Church
Saturday, September 10th and Sunday, September 11th

We invite you to come in and say a prayer in memory
of those we lost



As part of our memorial this year, we ask you to email the names of
parishioners who were lost on or because of September 11th to
priests@stwilliam.org by 12 noon on Tuesday, September 6th

PLEASE JOIN THE SEAFORD COMMUNITY AT THE
SHS 9/11 MEMORIAL CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

SEAFORD HIGH SCHOOL
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH - 7PM

SERVICE COMMITMENT PLEDGES WILL BE
PRESENTED DURING THE CEREMONY



RAIN OR SHINE - KEILY DRIVE ENTRANCE OPEN - PARKING AVAILABLE IN HS LOT



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stwilliam.org

Office of Faith Formation
516-783-2528



2022-2023 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

FAMILIES CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN OUR PROGRAM WILL HAVE THE
REGISTRATION MATERIALS EMAILED TO THEM

NEW FAMILIES AND THOSE WITH CHILDREN ENTERING 1ST GRADE (LEVEL 1)
ARE ASKED TO REGISTER IN PERSON BY VISITING THE FAITH FORMATION
OFFICE IN THE CONVENT CENTER ON THE CORNER OF
JACKSON AVE & MAPLE STREET (BLACK GATE)
PLEASE CALL 516-783-2528 BEFORE ARRIVING

ALL FAMILIES MUST BE REGISTERED PARISHIONERS OF ST. WILLIAM THE
ABBOT AND NEW FAMILIES MUST LIVE WITHIN THE PARISH BOUNDARIES

PAYMENT BY CHECK IS DUE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION

Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if you are new to the program. If you are transferring from another parish, you must provide an official letter of transfer from your previous parish stating the child's formation and sacramental information.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION IS A TWO-YEAR
PROGRAM. CHILDREN MUST ATTEND LEVELS 1 AND 2 BEFORE THEY
CAN RECEIVE FIRST COMMUNION.

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!

Pantry Needs

Canned Fruit
Flour
Chicken Broth

Rice Krispies
Napkins
Mayonnaise

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Reaches 10-Year Anniversary!



Congratulations to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for reaching its 10-year anniversary at St. William the Abbot Parish! This ministry meets twice a month to knit, crochet, pray and

reconnect with each other, all while in service to those in need. They produce many beautiful items such as lap robes, shawls, blankets, hats and scarves which are distributed to hospitals, homeless shelters, veteran centers and even our own parishioners in need. Their next meeting is September 6th, at 10am in the Abbey. New members at any skill level are always welcome!

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.

Donation Spotlight - Blood Drive Donors

On August 24th the Parish held its first blood drive since the COVID pandemic. Our parishioners came out in full force, making over 60 successful donations which can save close to 200 lives! What a beautiful example of living the words of Mark 12:31 "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." God bless all of our blood donors, thank you for your kindness and generosity!



Thank You Back-to-School Donors!



We want to thank all of the generous parishioners that donated school supplies to us this year. Thanks to you, our local families will send their children back to school with everything they need! We received an amazing response, and as such we were able to help children served by both our Parish Social Ministry and our St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Thanks to your generosity, we were also able to help Catholic Charities with school supplies for the children in their 'Independence and Special Needs' division. We are so grateful for your kindness!

A Back to School Prayer

God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers and staff.
Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for
understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



St. Peregrine Prayer Hour

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the St. Peregrine Prayer Hour will be held on Monday September 12th from 2:00 - 3:00 PM in the Church, not September 5th as originally scheduled.

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.

Marriage Struggling?

- Do you feel alone?
- Are you frustrated or angry with each other?
- Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?
- Are you separated or divorced, or thinking about separation or divorce?

ANOTHER MARRIAGE-SAVING WEEKEND IS
COMING TO THE METRO/NEW YORK AREA:
SEPTEMBER, 9-11 2022

1-800-470-2230

HelpOurMarriage.org

RETRouvaille
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Second Collection Next Weekend

THE **CATHOLIC**
UNIVERSITY
OF AMERICA 

Next weekend, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. By giving to the collection, you are supporting both future religious and lay Catholic leaders, Please give generously.

Support the collection at:

futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org.

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:

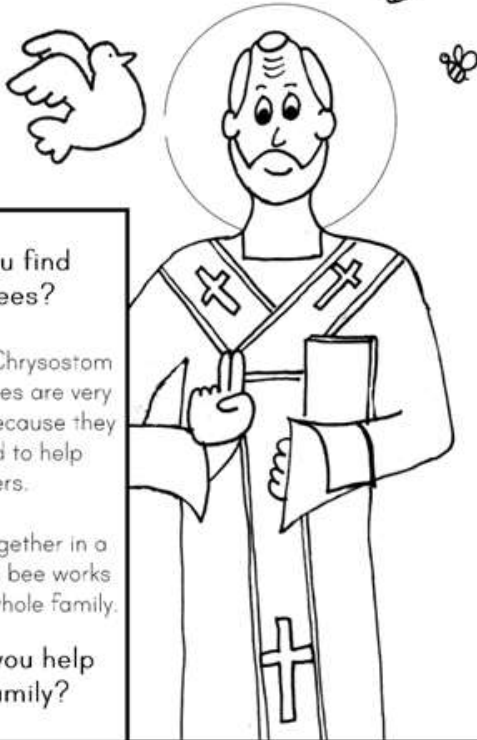
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(Print Name)

Date: _____

Saint John Chrysostom

Saint John Chrysostom was known as Golden Mouthed because he was a great speaker. He talked to people about Jesus.



Can you find the bees?

Saint John Chrysostom said that bees are very important because they work hard to help others.

Bees live together in a family. Each bee works to help the whole family.

How do you help your family?



Catholic Kids

September 4, 2022
Ordinary Time
Color: Green




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BPREFUGEPWKZIEJ

In every age,
O Lord, you
have been
our refuge.

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WHAVEPBEENWOURPEKGOWJZIE



The candles in the church are made from beeswax. How many candles are in your church?

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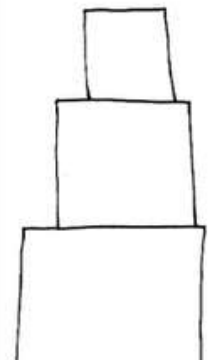
Year BooksPrayersScriptureGospelOffertoryHoly MassCommunionPrayer of the FaithfulOur FatherPrayer of the FaithfulCommunion

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Help me finish this comic. Listen to the Gospel to help you draw pictures.

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.


This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.



When a king is still far away, he will send a group of soldiers to ask for peace.



Gospel



Crowds of people followed Jesus to hear his teaching. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus teaching them how to become his disciples. We can all be disciples by listening to Jesus' teaching.

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