

# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 5, 2021**



## PARISH INFORMATION

### RECTORY

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

### RECTORY HOURS

**Monday - Friday**  
9 AM - 5 PM  
**Saturday**  
9 AM - 3 PM  
**Sunday**  
9 AM - 1 PM

They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and [the] mute speak." - Mark 7:37

## MASS TIMES

The presider schedule can be found on the parish website [stwilliam.org](http://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

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

*Leonardo J. Cocuzza*

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, September 5, 2021

Ed Tomczyk  
Baby David George Skennion  
People of St. William's  
Franklin Gwaltney

### Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Francis & Ellen O'Brien

### Thursday, September 9, 2021

Gene Goettlicher

### Monday, September 6, 2021

Collective Intentions  
Donald Clark,  
Antonino Scalamandre,  
Vincent D'Angelo,  
Jane & Pat Gillespie

### Friday, September 10, 2021

Collective Intentions  
Alice Geldmacher,  
Dr. William G. Corbett,  
Anthony Quondamatteo,  
Carol Maitland

### Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Alexander Diachok, Jr.

### Saturday, September 11, 2021

Purgatorial Society  
William Power

## Pray for the Deceased

David Nguyen-Galante      Thomas O'Keeffe

## Pray for the Sick

Adrienne Harker      Rosie Wolf  
Diane Zukaitis      Carolann Cippoletti  
Carol Rosenhagen      Walter Ostrowski

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

*Jeanne Cox*

From Kevin Cox.

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

*Thomas McHugh*

From Duplessis family.

# **“Be strong, fear not! Here is your God.”**

## **Isaiah 35:4**

You cannot look at some of the recent events taking place in our world, natural movements like the fires in California, the earthquake in Haiti, and of course the recent hurricanes from the Gulf of Mexico up the East Coast. We can look at the Middle East as well - what is happening in Afghanistan, the blatant disregard of human life and dignity with those vivid scenes at the Kabul airport. The effects of the global pandemic, especially as we prepare to open our schools. We can see the passion and the fear in the continued discussions regarding the protection of our most vulnerable, the children, and the elderly. With all those things happening, we are as a people of faith encouraged to look and hold onto the beautiful verse from Isaiah – “Be strong, fear not! Here is your God.”

At the center of our faith experience is that we are a people of hope, ‘where the blind will see, the deaf will hear, the lame will walk, and the mute will speak.’ Even in the experiences of dryness, or the desert, our Lord God promises ‘pools and springs of refreshing water for all those who hunger and thirst.’ But the only way we can experience that, or encounter the love of God, is if someone can point us to the Lord, or bring us to Him.

In the Gospel this weekend we hear the people brought to Jesus a deaf man in order for the Lord to heal him. For those of us who experience sickness or disease in our own families, there is nothing that we would not do to bring our loved one to health, and wholeness. We live in a world that is so broken and confused that we grasp onto the things that may alleviate some of the symptoms, but do not go to the core of the disease. People come from all over the world to go to the Mayo Clinic, Sloan Kettering, St. Francis Heart Center, Johns Hopkins Hospital, or Massachusetts General Hospital because they know of the care and expertise at those facilities and institutions. But when it comes to their spiritual well-being how quickly we turn to self-help articles, psychics, soothsayers, yogi masters, or eastern “spiritualities.” When we embrace anything besides God, it is an offense, A SIN, against the First Commandment.

So, let’s be honest - during these past 18 months where have you brought your concerns? Worries? Fears? Have you kept your focus on God? And his healing powers? Or in the midst of your despair and hopelessness, and even darkness, have you asked the question, “Where is God?” And yet, we have not invited Him into our fear, our family’s struggle, the sickness, or loss of a loved one. How can God help and heal something that has not been presented to Him?

Rediscover the Sacred. For the upcoming year this will be a theme for us as a parish. For almost 95 years St. William the Abbot has been a Lighthouse of stability, strength, guidance, and faith for this powerful community on the South Shore of Long Island. We have celebrated countless Baptisms, Communion, Weddings, Anointings, Funerals – in the moments of joy and difficulty – God has been there for us. If you or people you know and love have put God on the back burner because of the Pandemic, or fear, distraction, or maybe even laziness, can I encourage you to make this season a time to do just that – Rediscover the Sacred. Pull out the old Baptism, Confirmation, or Communion albums, or even better the Wedding video. Look at the beauty of St. William Church. We can discuss the hairstyles and the fashionable collars and shoe styles in another letter, but return to that feeling, that spirit, and the emotions from that special place.

As I reflect on the 20th anniversary of 9/11 – and how our hearts were turned to God – and in many cases the Church pews were full, I ask, do we need God less now? I would say it is just the opposite – it is now time to return – not just because school has started, or Faith Formation, or because all the vacation trips are over. The Lord is waiting and beckoning for us to come to Him – to be seen, cared for, and loved. To draw into a deeper friendship and intimacy. Make time for God. We know the world and our lives are a little crazy, busy and distracted, but as the scripture reminds us - “Be strong, fear not! Here is your God.”

As always, I am so grateful for your presence and generosity.

Peace,



# Rectory News

## Wedding Banns II

**Edward Bergin**

St. Matthew's Church, Sidney MT

&

**Christina Romano**

SWA

**Daniel Parsell**

SWA

&

**Gina Forlani**

SWA



## Thank you!

I wanted also to take a moment to thank all of you for your kind notes, letters, cards, gifts, snacky snacks, prayers, and masses to be said in honor of my birthday. It's hard to believe at times the great gift of my 50 years on this planet - to reflect about family, friends, parishioners, and most importantly the blessing of my priesthood, which I am able to share with you all. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families, and again thank you for your incredible kindness, witness and example of faith, hope, and love.

*F. Joe*

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

## Have a question for the priests?

Stump the Priest questions can be emailed to [priests@stwilliam.org](mailto:priests@stwilliam.org).

## CYO Swim Team

The St. William Swim Team will be holding on-line registration between September 12th and September 30th. Please go to [http://St-Williams-CYO\\_sportssignup.com/](http://St-Williams-CYO_sportssignup.com/) for sign up. All new registering swimmers must prove their ability to swim a non-stop 25yd. lap at practice. Registration fee \$200.



**LIFE TEEN**  
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

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](mailto: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](http://stwilliam.org).

**Monday - Friday 8:30 AM**

**Saturday 5:00 PM**

**Sunday 12:00 PM**

## Anointing of the Sick



Anyone going to the hospital or who has a serious illness can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, which will be celebrated communally immediately following the 12:00 N Mass on Sunday, September 26th.

## The Catholic University of America Collection

Next weekend, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting both future Catholic leaders, religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, Faith-inspired education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. The Catholic Project - an initiative that brings together clergy and laity to address the challenges that the Catholic Church faces in the U.S. contributing education, formation, research, events, and media, a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers are a few examples how the University is serving the Church and nation. Please give generously. Support collection at: [futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org](http://futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org).

## 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](mailto:priests@stwilliam.org) to schedule a walk.

## 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.

## 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](http://stwilliam.org)

## Save the Date



Calling all the Youth of the St. William the Abbot Parish and the Parish Community to join us on Sunday, September 19, 2021, at 5:00 PM for our Family and Youth Mass.

## 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.

## Fellowship Tent

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](mailto:information@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.

## Staying Connected

With St. William the Abbot visit us at [stwilliam.org](http://stwilliam.org) to view our bulletin online, presider schedule, and see other parish information.

Facebook: Find us at:

**[stwilliamabbot](https://www.facebook.com/stwilliamabbot)**

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## 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](mailto:priests@stwilliam.org) to learn more.

## Fellowship Tent of Meeting



In Exodus 33:7-11, the intimate prayer of Moses with God is described. A designated place for prayer, a "tent of meeting," was set up outside of the Israelite camp. As Moses would enter this tent, a "column of cloud" would descend upon it, signaling the presence of the Lord, to whom Moses would then speak "face to face, as one man speaks to another." With their intercessor standing before God, the Israelites would then begin to pray "at the entrance of their own tents."

We will begin to extend the opportunity to come together after selected Masses each weekend just as the Israelites did with a Fellowship Meeting Tent. The Fellowship Meeting Tent will take place 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 Tent of Meeting Schedule

**Sunday, September 12 - 10:30am Mass**

**Sunday, September 12 - Noon Mass**

# Faith Formation

Today we hear how Jesus helped a man who could not hear nor speak clearly. Jesus put his fingers in the man's ears and touched the man's tongue, looked up at heaven and said, "open up", and the man was able to hear and speak clearly. Jesus ordered the people to not say anything. However, the people did not listen and were telling everyone they saw how Jesus can heal the deaf and that the mute can speak. All who heard were amazed and felt it was necessary to spread the news, but Jesus did not want that. How many times are you told something, and you do not listen? You may feel it is not a big deal to tell someone something, even if the person said not to. It can be good or bad news, however the person said not to say anything.

We need to learn to listen, be respectful, and to also speak up when you see something is not correct. There can be bullying going on in school, work, or even in a playground, which is totally wrong, and you become scared to say what is right. Jesus asks of us to try and speak out for what we believe. It is not easy, but we can pray to Jesus and ask for the help that we need.

Today our World has many problems going on and so we need to pray for peace and to become more caring, respectful, and loving to one another. Peace....

The Faith Formation students in grades 7th and 8th are invited to attend on September 19th the 5pm Mass in the Church. After Mass they will pick up their books. As soon as the students are placed into our System a letter to show which class the child is in along with a calendar will be mailed out. Please contact us at [faithformation@stwilliam.org](mailto:faithformation@stwilliam.org) with any questions or concerns. Have a wonderful Labor Day weekend!!

**ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW CONSIDERING COMING INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH,  
OR ARE YOU ALREADY BAPTIZED AND WISH TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS OF EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION?**



**BECOME CATHOLIC**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: JO-ANN METZDORFF AT [RCIA@STWILLIAM.ORG](mailto:RCIA@STWILLIAM.ORG)**

## 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 Coast Guard -**

Lt. James Knudsen  
Daniel Timpanaro  
LT. Commander Katherine Ustler  
Frank Pristera

### **US Air Force -**

Capt. Matthew B. Frasse  
Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers  
AIC William Hughes  
Tech. Sgt. Karl Muench  
Major Thomas F. Shields

### **USMC -**

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

### **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

### **US Navy -**

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

WELCOME BACK, WELCOME BACK, WELCOME BACK

# ALTAR SERVERS



## Calling back our Altar Servers that have served before!

St. William's is excited to welcome back Altar Servers from Grades 6 - 12 to begin serving at Masses. We ask all those interested in Altar Serving again to please attend one of the following three meetings: **September 8, at 2:45pm** , **September 9, at 7pm**, or **September 10, at 7pm**. The meetings will take place in the Church. Please complete the bottom portion of this form and return the following information at the meeting.

\*At this time we will not be offering training sessions for new Altar Servers. Please stay tuned for future announcements.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School & Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Contact Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are there siblings who are Altar Servers ?** \_\_\_\_\_  
**If yes, do they need to be scheduled at the same Masses?** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Any there any Mass assignment restrictions we need to consider?** \_\_\_\_\_

# 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

**Canned spinach**

**Diced tomatoes**

**Apples**

**Oranges**

**Hot dogs**

**White rice**

**Beef gravy**

**Canned mixed vegetables**

## Prayer Shawl Ministry begins Tuesday, October 5th

The first meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will take place on Tuesday, October 5th. Meetings will take place on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 10am to 12pm in the Abbey.

This ministry crochets and knits beautiful items for those in need such as lap robes and shawls for the sick, and hats and scarves for the homeless. Interested in joining this worthwhile ministry? Call the Social Ministry office at 679-8532 for more information.

## Project Hope – Coping with COVID

Are you having trouble understanding your emotions and reactions during COVID? Are you struggling with economic hardship and/or behavioral health issues from the pandemic?

NY Project Hope has crisis counselors that understand what you are going through. They will give you self-help tips and a plan to help you become your own advocate. Project Hope has many resources available and offers free, confidential and anonymous counseling. They also offer weekly group sessions via Google Meet to discuss how to manage stress during COVID. Call 855-818-HOPE or visit [www.nhcc.us](http://www.nhcc.us) for more information.

## Parish Contact Information

### CONTACT THE PRIESTS

Please send your email to [priests@stwilliam.org](mailto: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](mailto:pastoralcouncil@stwilliam.org).

### QUESTIONS FOR COMMUNICATIONS

Please send your email to [igomez@stwilliam.org](mailto:igomez@stwilliam.org).

### QUESTIONS FOR THE RECTORY

Please send your email to [information@stwilliam.org](mailto:information@stwilliam.org).

### CONTACT THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Please send your email to [jgoldman@stwilliam.org](mailto:jgoldman@stwilliam.org).

### CONTACT FAITH FORMATION

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

### CONTACT SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

### CONTACT THE SCHOOL St. William the Abbot School



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### Additional Bereavement Resources

St. Bernard's Parish Social Ministry (Levittown) will be offering two targeted bereavement groups in September. One group will counsel parents that have lost a child, and the second will counsel those that have lost a loved one to suicide. Interested individuals should contact Sister Christine Sammons at 516-731-6074. There is a \$25 registration fee.

### Sign-Up for the St. Williams Bereavement Group

We are now taking names for our bereavement group sessions to begin in October. If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and would be interested in attending a small group session for support, please call the Social Ministry office. Sessions may fill up quickly, please call today!

### Gardens that Give-Back

It's that time of year...vegetable gardens are in their full glory! Did all your tomatoes ripen at the same time? Are cucumbers taking over your yard? Do you have a rogue eggplant you don't know what to do with? Feel free to drop off your extra vegetables at the Social Ministry office. We have many families that are grateful to receive your fresh produce!



# Stump the Priest



## WHY DO WE NEED TO CALL A PRIEST FATHER AND THE POPE HOLY FATHER; DOES IT SAY THAT IN REFERENCE TO THE BIBLE?

To begin with, let us consider this quote from Paul in his letter to the Romans.

“For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, “Abba, Father!” The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. (Romans 8:15-16)

An analysis of the text reveals that all believers become children of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. Now when God became man in the person of Jesus Christ, he conferred this power of the Holy Spirit on the men he had chosen (The Apostles) to continue his ministry.

We can find proofs of this in scripture first at the resurrection appearance: Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” (John 19:21 -23)

Second, on the occasion of the great commissioning: “Go, therefore, and make and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you...” (Mt 28:19-20)

These were means by which God empowered chosen human beings to act in his name and with the power of the Holy Spirit. By these same means therefore, Bishops and Priests, called and chosen to act in the name of God and pass on his divine life to believers through spiritual birth in Baptism, come to share in the fatherhood or paternity of God. So they are called “Father” by analogy; in the sense of participation, imitation and sharing in the universal fatherhood of God. They stand in for God as his physical representatives here on earth. For this reason another title for Priests is: Alter Christus- a Latin expression meaning another Christ.

Acting in the name and power of God as spiritual leaders of a parish, each priest assumes the spiritual care of the faithful people of God. They give spiritual birth to the faithful in baptism, pass on the faith to them, and counsel them as a natural biological father would do for his sons and daughters.

Fundamentalists have often quoted Matthew chapter 23:8-10 that Jesus forbade calling any man on earth father, teacher or master. However, these words of Jesus were strictly with regard to the pride and arrogance of the Pharisees who diverted all attention to themselves to the point of literally taking over the place of God as the one with ultimate and absolute authority over humanity. He was using hyperbole (exaggeration to make a point) to show the scribes and Pharisees how sinful and proud they were for not looking humbly to God as the source of all authority, fatherhood and teaching, and instead setting themselves up as the ultimate authorities, father figures, and teachers. In effect that quote should be appropriately understood as “call no one who makes himself God your father.”

The word “Abba” in the text above is the Hebrew word for Father. Its translation in English is “Abbot” referring to the father or head (in the faith) of a group of monks. For example, the Patron Saint of our Parish, Saint William, was the founder and father of the monastery of Monte Virgine hence he had the title The Abbot. This means to become the leader of a faith community is to have become their “Father”

For this reason, Saint Paul referred to himself as the father of the Christians of Corinth in Christ Jesus because he had preached the gospel to them and, as it were, begotten them in the faith. (1Cor. 4:14-15)

With the same understanding he spoke of individuals like Timothy (Philippians 2:22) and Onesimus as his children (Philemon v. 10), meaning he had become a father to them in the faith.

The Jews or the Israelites and of course all Christians refer to the Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as “our fathers” in the faith. This usage of father here is clearly not in the sense of denying God’s universal fatherhood but in the sense of them being our pioneers or mentors in the faith journey with God.

This same spiritual fatherly relationship existed between the prophets Elijah and Elisha. So when Elijah was carried up in a whirlwind Elisha cried out: “my father! My father!” (2Kgs 2:12)

Mahatma Gandhi is known as the father of Indian independence. The early leaders of every nation are referred to as Founding Fathers.

Therefore, the words of Jesus in Matthew 23:8-10 are not to be understood as forbidding the use of the title father for all of these levels of relationship but as criticism of a group of self-righteous religious leaders.

Another theological reason for the use of “father” also comes from an understanding of the Church as the Family of God. In the Jewish culture the father is considered the head of the family. So when we regard the Church (which came out of the Jewish culture) as the family of God, then the head is called father. On the other hand when the Church is regarded as the “sheep” of God (the term Jesus used when entrusting his church to Peter. cf John 21:15-17), then the head or guardian of the sheep of God is known as “Pastor.” Pastor is the English word derived from the Latin Pastores-meaning shepherd. The Catholic and the Anglican Churches use these two titles of “Father” and “Pastor” interchangeably to refer to the same leader of the Church but Protestants are more at home with the term Pastor.

It is with the same understanding, as the head of the entire Catholic Family of God, that the Pope is also called “Father”. The Latin word for Father is Papa and it is from this “Papa” that we derive the English word Pope. So the head of the Catholic Family is either called the Pope or the Holy Father; all have the same meaning.

The attribute “Holy” is one that flows from occupancy of the seat as the human representative of Christ, the Holy one of God, rather than a personal achievement or spiritual status of the Pope. Aware of this, Popes, including the present one, have often referred to themselves as sinners in need of God’s mercy. The Pope has a confessor to whom he goes for the confession of his sins. All Christians are called to holiness; and the Pope, like all others, strives to achieve that too.



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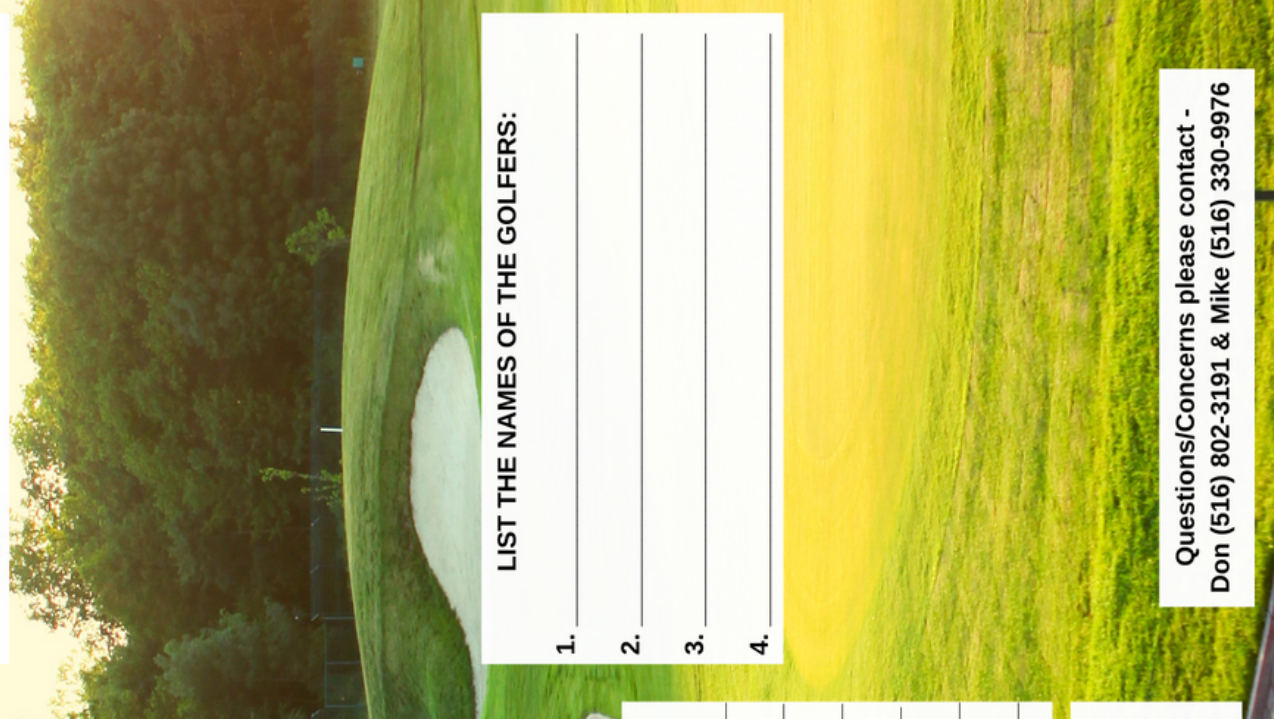
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# EVENT SCHEDULE

**11:30 AM - Registration & Lunch**

**1 PM - Shot Gun Start**

**5:30 PM Reception & Dinner**



# St. William the Abbot



# GOLF OUTING

Honoring Msgr. Robert L. Hayden



## Eisenhower Golf Course

1899 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow NY

## October 18, 2021

LIST THE NAMES OF THE GOLFERS:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

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Questions/Concerns please contact -  
Don (516) 802-3191 & Mike (516) 330-9976



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**SOLD** Camp Christ

## PASTOR SPONSOR

- One foursome including a Golf Gift Bag for each, lunch, cocktail reception, & dinner
- One table at the reception & dinner with four additional guests
- Logo recognition in one Social Media post
- Logo recognition on the SWA event page website
- Company logo included in program, full page AD
- Pin flag
- One Tee Sign

## LUNCH SPONSOR \$3,500

- One foursome including a Golf Gift Bag for each, lunch, cocktail reception, & dinner
- One table at the reception & dinner with four additional guests
- One Tee Sign
- Company logo included in program, half page AD
- Logo recognition on the SWA event page website
- Logo recognition in one social media post

## GOLF CART SPONSOR \$3,000

- One foursome including a Golf Gift Bag for each, lunch, cocktail reception, & dinner
- One table at the reception & dinner with four additional guests
- Company logo included on golf carts
- Logo recognition in one Social Media post
- Logo recognition on the SWA event page website
- Company logo included in program, half page AD
- Pin flag

## SWA SPONSOR \$2,500

- One foursome including a Golf Gift Bag for each, lunch, cocktail reception, & dinner
- One table at the reception & dinner with four additional guests
- Logo recognition as the **St. William the Abbot** Sponsor on all bracelets given to golfers participating
- Logo recognition in one Social Media post
- Logo recognition on the SWA event page website
- Company logo included in program, half page AD
- Pin flag

## EAGLE SPONSOR \$2,000

- One foursome including a Golf Gift Bag for each, lunch, cocktail reception & dinner
- Table at the reception & dinner with two additional guests
- Logo recognition in one Social Media post
- Logo recognition on the SWA event page website
- Company logo included in program, half page AD
- One Tee Sign

## BIRDIE SPONSOR \$1,500

- Two Golfers including a Golf Gift Bag for each, lunch, cocktail reception, & dinner
- Table at the reception & dinner with two additional guests
- Logo recognition in one Social Media post
- Logo recognition on the SWA event page website
- Company logo included in program, quarter page AD
- One Tee Sign

## PAR SPONSOR \$1,000

- One Golfer including a Golf Gift Bag for each, lunch, cocktail reception, & dinner
- Table at the reception & dinner with two additional guests
- Logo recognition in one Social Media post
- Logo recognition on the SWA event page website
- Company logo included in program, quarter page AD

## PIN FLAG \$350

- Company name on Pin Flag, displayed on the course during the event. Keepsake pin Flag will be returned to your company

## TEE SIGN \$250

- One Tee Sign to include your company name and displayed at the "Tee Box" during the event.

## SPONSOR A PRIEST/SEMINARIAN \$225

- One Golfer including a Golf Gift Bag, lunch, cocktail reception & dinner

## INDIVIDUAL GOLFER \$225

- One Golfer including a Golf Gift Bag, lunch, cocktail reception & dinner

## COCKTAIL RECEPTION & DINNER \$100



## ***Background Screening Update***

### ***The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People:***

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) promulgated by the Bishops of the United States in 2002 outlines specific practices and guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. As directed in The Charter, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all employees, clergy, and volunteers to complete three requirements within thirty days of employment or volunteering:

1. Attend **Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)**
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct;
3. Complete a background screen application. The Diocese requires all those who remain in active ministry be rescreened at 5 yr. intervals.  
volunteers/employees.

### **A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:**

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OFPCYP) has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the three safe environment requirements in one step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

1. Register to attend a Protecting God's Children class and create a Virtus account on the Virtus website: [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org)
2. Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct- provided during the Virtus registration process.
3. Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application background offered during the Virtus registration process.

### **Active Volunteers:**

If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus and have been background screened you may be at – or beyond- the **5yr. rescreening requirement**. If this is the case, you will receive an email from **Sterling Volunteers** asking you to complete the background screening application on-line. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account. **Please be aware-this is not a scam nor has your e-mail been hacked**. The OFPCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records and noted it is time for you to be rescreened. You may also be prompted to electronically resign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

### **Edit Your Virtus Account:**

To access your Virtus account: [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org) You will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or [helpdesk@virtus.org](mailto:helpdesk@virtus.org). Once in your account, review your account information-particularly your e-mail address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side of your screen in the green column click "Update My Account" You will be able to make the necessary changes-please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

Questions or concerns: [mmcmahon@drvc.org](mailto:mmcmahon@drvc.org); [amendoza-cantos@drvc.org](mailto:amendoza-cantos@drvc.org); [jwinter@drvc.org](mailto:jwinter@drvc.org);  
[pditomasso@drvc.org](mailto:pditomasso@drvc.org)

Thank you to all who continue to serve in a ministry during these extremely challenging days.

# Consider Automated Giving

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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.

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## 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: \_\_\_\_\_



Please join the Seaford community in honoring our  
five Seaford H.S. alumni  
and all those who tragically lost their lives on  
September 11, 2001.

**9/11 MEMORIAL CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY**  
will be held at  
**Seaford High School**  
**Saturday, September 11th at 7 P.M.**

Rain or Shine; Keily Drive entrance open; parking in HS parking lot available;  
refreshments will be served.

Service Commitment Pledges will be honored.

Questions? Contact Lynda at [LSchachner@seaford911.org](mailto:LSchachner@seaford911.org)  
[www.seaford911.org](http://www.seaford911.org)



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Praise  
the Lord,  
my soul!

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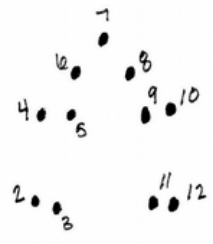
Practice the psalm before church so you can sing with the congregation during Mass.

## Saint Gregory the Great

Saint Gregory the Great was a Pope. Do you remember the name of our current Pope?

Pope Francis

Follow the dots to draw the Papal Crown worn by Pope Gregory. It looks like three crowns stacked together.



Gregorian Chant is music named after Saint Gregory. The squares tell people what notes to sing. The words are in Latin. It means, "Pray for us to God. Alleluia."



Ora Pro Nobis Deum

Alleluia



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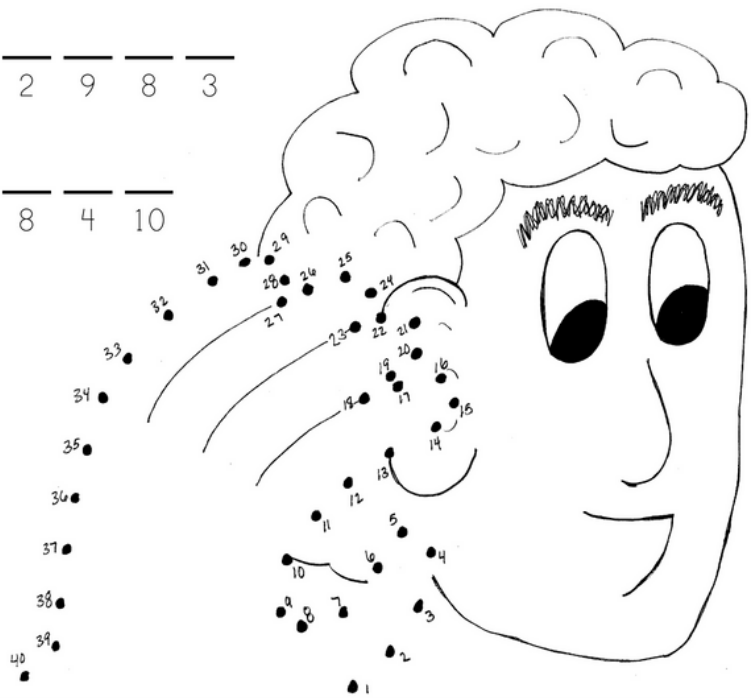
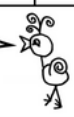
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After Jesus healed the deaf man, people said...



## Gospel



A man who couldn't hear asked Jesus for help. Jesus put his fingers in the man's ears, talked to God, and the man could hear!