

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Twenty - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 6, 2020



Rectory Office Hours

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

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Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Again, [amen,] I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.

- Matthew 18:18-19

Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 6, 2020
Jane & Patrick Gillespie
Baby David George Skennion
Thomas J. Ward, Sr.
Joseph Grignano
People of St. William

Monday, September 7, 2020
Alexander Diachok, Jr.
Mary Croker

Tuesday, September 8, 2020
Vincent Dioguardi

Wednesday, September 9, 2020
Gene Goettlicher

Thursday, September 10, 2020
John & Jean Friel (liv)
Sigurd Svalesen

Friday, September 11, 2020
Basil Santini

Saturday, September 12, 2020
Purgatorial Society
Nicole Tedeschi

Sunday, September 13, 2020
Daniel Callahan
Catheribe Costa
Diane Kelly
People of St. William
George Cain
Catherine Dummier
Dolores Healy

"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."

Pray for the Sick

Stephen Gaughran

Pray for the Deceased

Maria L. LaRocca

Mass Schedule

The following Mass schedule will end on
Friday, September 11, 2020.

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:30am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 8am, 10am, & 12pm

(12pm Mass is live-streamed on stwilliam.org)

New Mass Schedule

The following Mass schedule will begin on
Saturday, September 12, 2020

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)

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

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts!"

The Lord is constantly attempting to connect with us in the most obvious and subtle signs. The challenge, of course, is if we are paying attention to them. This past week I've seen the Lord in many subtle ways, reminding me that I am known and loved by Him by the blessing of the ministry and people I serve. God is there - do not let our hearts be troubled or hardened.

My sisters and brothers in Christ, I write this to you from the rectory at Our Lady of the Magnificat on Fire Island. I have actually run into a few St. William's families and a few of our All Star students from the school!! I have been able to pray, rest, and recuperate from my surgery on Tuesday. The good news is the doctor feels confident they were able to get all of the pre-cancerous cells that were present from the lifeguarding years of my teens and 20's. Remember to ALWAYS wear that sunscreen!

As we move into September with school starting up, Faith Formation beginning, and just the general hustle and bustle of Parish life, I wanted to use this opportunity to bring you up to speed on a few more things. I will be sending you a letter explaining the new schedule for weekday and daily Masses, the current Rectory office availability, and general caution of entering into some of the ministries and group gatherings. We as a State and parish community have done so well to keep the virus impact low due to careful and diligent protocols protecting our community. My hope is that we have weathered the major COVID-19 storm; however, we will continue to proceed with caution in order to protect our most vulnerable old and young of St. William.

With the adjustment and growth of the Mass schedule, (please see new schedule attached) you will also see a few more additions to our dedicated Parish Corona Task Force. This will allow a larger team to serve the community and assist us in the logistics and movement during Mass and other prayer opportunities. I recognize the ushering, social distancing, and hurrying out after Communion has been a challenge for so many of us. I continue to ask for your patience as we review a few options to allow for more quiet personal prayer in the Church and during Mass. We are close to a more familiar experience of the Mass and Sacraments, but I want to acknowledge and thank the First Holy Communion families, wedding couples, baptism families, and those who have finally celebrated funerals for their loved ones; these protocols have made the worship experience different, but no less beautiful.

You will likely notice a few other adjustments in the Church, school, and around the whole campus in the areas of sanitation and security. We have increased the presence of the cleaning company and our dedicated maintenance staff to ensure the worship space and other areas remain clean and sanitized. This ensures that we will be able to keep the Church open as a safe haven of prayer and solace, even if we see resurgence in the Virus outside of the parish.

You are well aware of the security cameras we added in the late spring. The cameras have revealed to us that in both the school and the church parking lots there have been parked cars, commercial vehicles, and "late night visitors" who are not necessarily from the Saint William the Abbot family. We will be securing the parking lot of the school and the church as well as adding some fencing to keep that activity to a minimum overnight. I recognize that our parking lots became a safe haven during the Pandemic for families, youth, and others just trying to get outside of their homes, but for security purposes it now becomes necessary to close off that access. Again, thank you for your understanding and patience.

Finally, the scripture challenges us to be aware of God's voice trying to break into our hearts and our lives. Life is once again getting fast and noisy. This upcoming week we will see two powerful days that connect us as Americans - Labor Day, a time to celebrate the blessings of work, the end of the summer, and a time to rest, and the 19th anniversary of 9/11, when we recognize the devastation of that attack on our nation where we experienced so much loss; but also the heroic actions of so many connected to our parish. I pray in these days we will experience a time of rest and remembrance – and that we will be open to the Lord's voice speaking to us. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

May God bless you, your families, and Our Nation.

As always thank you for your presence and generosity.



We remember the 9/11 victims from our parish and Seaford Community:

George Cain

Wayne Saloman

Timothy Haskell

Robert Sliwak

Thomas Haskell

Stan Smagala

John Perry

Paul Talty

Tim Roy

Michael Wittenstein



Marriage Banns I

Ryan LaBua

RVC, NY

&

Courtney Dean

RVC, NY

Marriage Banns II

Sean Barlett

SWA

&

Brianna Pumilio

SWA

Brian Bivona

Lindenhurst, NY

&

Keleigh Wilson

Lindenhurst, NY

Faith Formation

After so many months of not being able to meet for Faith Formation classes, we are very excited to implement a new program which will begin at the end of September. Registrations are continuing to come in and our office is preparing for the upcoming year. Textbooks have been ordered and the schedule for Parent and Parent/child sessions is being finalized. All registered families will receive the schedule of dates for these sessions shortly and the dates and times to come for book pick up. The office is open, ready, and willing to assist you. Please continue to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have, and we ask that you send in your registration form if you have not already done so.

All Parent Sessions and Parent/Child Sessions will be offered at three different times throughout the month for each grade level. During the month, parents will have a choice to come to a session in the afternoon or evening during the week. Sessions will be combined for Grades 1-3, 4-6, and 7-8. Depending upon your child's age, he/she will learn and understand the faith material in an age appropriate manner. Suggestions on how to work with your child at home will be offered at these meetings. Age appropriate materials will also be handed out. A Saturday morning session will be offered each month for families who cannot make the weekday or evening sessions. The Saturday session will be for all grade levels (1-8).

We are in the process of setting up a Flip Grid. Each month, we will be sending each grade level a parent lesson, activities, videos to watch and games to play for enrichment. We are also developing a Flip Grid for families with multiple children. Parents with more than one child will be sent via the Flip Grid, resources for a family session. Parents can sit down with their family only once throughout the week, instead of multiple times. As the program is spiral shaped, each grade level works on the same theme at the same time. All children will learn developmentally appropriate and unique information about each topic. Parents will be able to facilitate conversations with all family members on the monthly theme and Saint of the Month. For multiple grade family sessions, videos and activities will also be provided. The program will provide each family the opportunity to grow in faith and knowledge of God and to grow closer as a family.

We are very happy to accompany each of you on your journey of faith; to offer moral support, assistance and to see how you are progressing. Know that we are praying for all our families as they begin this new year of Faith Formation.

Baptism

Bode Maverick Woll

Riley Bridget Lappas

Adeline Ryan Quealy

Declan Barbera

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

Baptisms

Baptisms have resumed and can be scheduled until
Sunday, September 27. Please email
priests@stwilliam.org for more information.

Need to contact one of the Priests?
Need to schedule a Confession appointment?
Have a prayer request?

priests@stwilliam.org

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 or contact the office at (516) 679-8532

Food Pantry

Apple Juice

Jelly

Tuna

Coffee

Sugar

Ramen

Bread Crumbs

Dry Dog & Cat Food

Tissues

ISLAND HARVEST – HOME MEAL DELIVERY

Island Harvest and Town of Hempstead will provide and delivery 14 heat and serve meals weekly to your home within the Township of Hempstead. This is intended for Veterans, Seniors 55+, people with Disabilities or Immune Compromised. Call 516-456-2403 to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements should be made six months prior to your wedding. If you need to make changes to your current date please contact the Rectory. Please email priests@stwilliam.org.

Prayers for those in the Military

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

US Air Force -

Capt. Matthew B. Frasse
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

USMC -

Lt. Kevin J. Butler
2nd Lt. Dana Duggan
Corporal Frank A. Finocchio
Private John Mosier
Sgt. Robert Nesci
LCpl Christopher Russell

US Navy -

Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald
Ensign Michael Napolitano
MMN2 Emily Partridge
Commander Michael Sean Slatley

**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

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT



LIVE-STREAMED MASS

We will begin to live-stream the
Monday - Friday 8:30am Daily Mass
on Monday, September 14, 2020.

WEEKEND MASSES

We will continue to live-stream the
Sunday 12pm Daily Mass

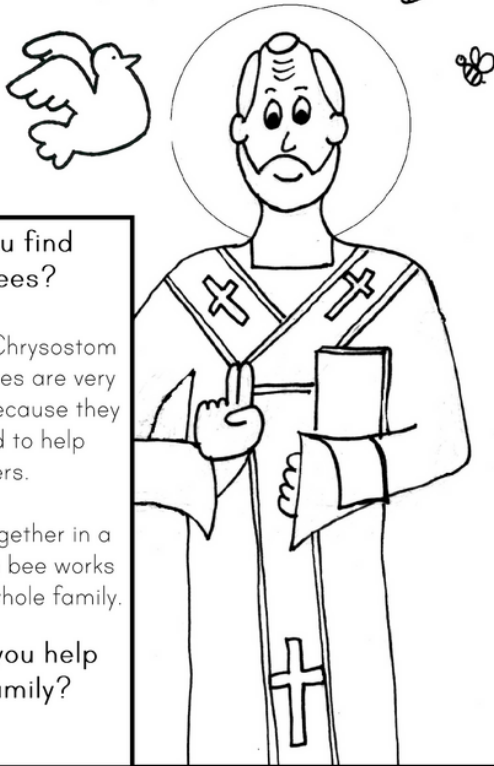
HOW TO WATCH THE LIVE MASSES

Visit the parish website - **stwilliam.org**

The live Masses can be viewed on the
main home page. You can scroll to the
middle of the page to view the Mass or
you can click on the link on the top of
the page that says "view live Masses."

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?



WEEK IF TODAY P W YOU I HEAR

BOE HEARTS OWIEKD

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

BOW HIS PA VOICE OK

BOW HARDEN P W NOT P S YOUR PEKS



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

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Use the coordinates to finish the sentence.

Jesus said,
"Where two or three are gathered..."

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	T	I	L	R	I	N	O
2	F	S	T	H	E	X	F
3	M	I	D	S	T	X	R
4	O	F	P	L	K	J	H
5	C	B	T	H	E	M	X
6	H	E	B	E	A	Q	R
7	S	J	R	L	M	G	H

1,A 2,D 2,E 6,G 5,E

6,E 3,A 3,B

1,E 1,F 5,C 2,D 6,B

3,A 1,E 3,C 7,A 5,C

4,A 4,B 5,C 2,D 6,B 3,A



Jesus is teaching the disciples about the church. The church isn't just the building—it's all of the people that worship God!