

# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



"It is written: 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.'" - Matthew 4:4

## Welcome to St. William the Abbot Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, August 2, 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

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"When seminarians Joseph and Herley are not studying, they spend their time assisting St. William the Abbot! This summer, both Joseph and Herley played an integral part in bringing live streamed Masses to our parishioners at home and also worked with our maintenance team. We are so blessed to have them be a part of our St. William the Abbot family! Thank you, Joseph and Herley, and we wish you the best as you continue to pursue your priestly vocation!"

### Mass Intentions

#### Wednesday, August 5, 2020

8:00 AM Susan Bailey  
9:00 AM Anna Marino

#### Saturday, August 8, 2020

8:30 AM Purgatorial Society  
5:00 PM Erika Fuessler

#### Sunday, August 9, 2020

7:45 AM Mary Ryan  
9:15 AM Rose & Anthony Laurandi  
10:45 AM Collective Intentions  
Alan Neubauer, Patrick Brennan,  
Erika Fuessler, John Averill  
12:15 PM Ruth Lawlor  
5:00 PM People of St. William

### Mass

#### Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:30am

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 8am, 10am, & 12pm

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

### Banns of Marriage I

*Joseph Whitman* - (SWA)

&

*Kristn Chieco* - (SWA)

### Baptism

*Frances Holly Stergakos*

&

*Kayla Marie Burban*

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

### Pray for the Sick

Eugene McGrath  
Anthony Ferraro

Margaret Whyte  
Carol Calderazzo

### Pray for the Deceased

Anthony E. Marino    Pietro Troisi    Eugene F. McGrath

## What is God saying to us?

The conversations I have had with many of you over the past five months have been raw, real, and fruitful. I have been asked questions like, "How can God allow this virus to attack us?" "Why did he allow my loved one to die?" "My spouse lost their job, and I am an essential worker on the front lines, will God protect me?" "Why are graduations, communions, birthdays, weddings, baptisms, school, or life in general not the same way they always were?" "Where is God?" My challenge to those questions is not so much where God, but what is he trying to say to us.

As parents, we have to make decisions to protect and provide for our families. What parent would not adjust their life and the life of the family when one of the children is struggling? If they struggled with a sickness, or an academic difficulty, a mental illness or addiction, or just over-activity, a loving parent would change the course of their lives to help their child.

These past few years we have been on a treadmill that is going so fast, and the only option we think we have is to keep up with everyone else and attempt to go faster. I believe that God has broken the treadmill. He has forced us to slow down and look at our lives, our families, and our priorities. Recently we have all experienced a true gift of being together as a family and sharing meals and stories, as opposed to jumping in the car from one activity to the next with earbuds in and another fast food meal being consumed on the commute, whether that be for sports, play dates, religion class, or other good things. But God is saying slow down, take baby steps, taste the food, notice the sunset, and listen to the birds and the ocean waves.

As I shared this past week in my homily, as well as a short video, and the letters sent home, I do not have all the answers as to what the future has in store for us. But I believe that God is calling us as a parish to strip away the extras and focus on the essentials of His mission entrusted to us. Everything we do moving forward will point to allowing us to enter into a deep relationship with Jesus Christ. We are going to offer the essentials that only the Catholic Church can provide, the sacraments, formation/education of the faithful, and outreach to the poor and needy. At this point, we know there are a number of "good things" we do here, including AA, blood drives, CYO sports, and scouting, but our focus right now will be to provide an experience for people to Encounter Jesus Christ in the three examples above: Sacraments, Formation, and Apostolic Service.

The week has brought us great joy as we celebrated our First Holy Communions; our little disciples are being sent on Mission. The experience was very different from the past, but the enthusiasm and excitement from the children and their families was contagious. I, too, am excited and hopeful for what God has in store for us at Saint William the Abbot in the near future. Although at times I have a tendency to be self-reliant, and feel I need to have all the answers, there is a great freedom in trusting more in God. And knowing He actually does have all the answers! As we cautiously await the announcements of the opening of school, adjusting prayer and worship, and getting updates on general public protocols for future sacraments, know that when I receive the information, I will discuss them with the priests and deacons, our dedicated staff, and the ministry leaders and then inform you. But for now, I ask you to pray that God grants us all wisdom and guidance. I also ask you to quiet your heart, and pray into that question, "What is God saying to us at this time?"

Thank you for your presence and continued generosity.

Peace,



# RIGHT OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION



*Congratulations!*

This past Sunday Fr. Joe celebrated three Sacraments at Mass, Takiyah Romero was Baptized into the Catholic faith, she and her husband Paolo received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and Takiyah and Paolo's civil marriage was Convalidated and sacramentalized according to the rites of the Church. Congratulations to them both.

## Parish Calendar

It is important to bear in mind that because of COVID-19 restrictions, at this point in time we are uncertain what scheduling any activities for next year will look like. We are gathering requests as we normally would, but cannot make any promises that your requested activity will be scheduled.

If you were on last year's September through August calendar and wish to be on the 2020 – 2021 calendar, please send your written request listing the name of your organization and the approximate number of people using the facility, the exact dates, times (beginning and ending time, making sure to include additional time for set-up and clean-up, if necessary), and room requested, together with your name, address, email address and telephone number to Susan McCormick in the Rectory – 2000 Jackson Avenue, Seaford, NY 11783 or via email – [information@stwilliam.org](mailto:information@stwilliam.org). You can also place your request in the drop-box of the Rectory.

## Baptisms

Baptisms have resumed and can be scheduled until Sunday, September 27. Please email [priests@stwilliam.org](mailto:priests@stwilliam.org) for more information.

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

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

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## Faith Formation

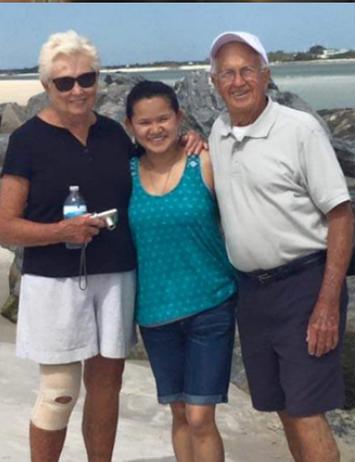
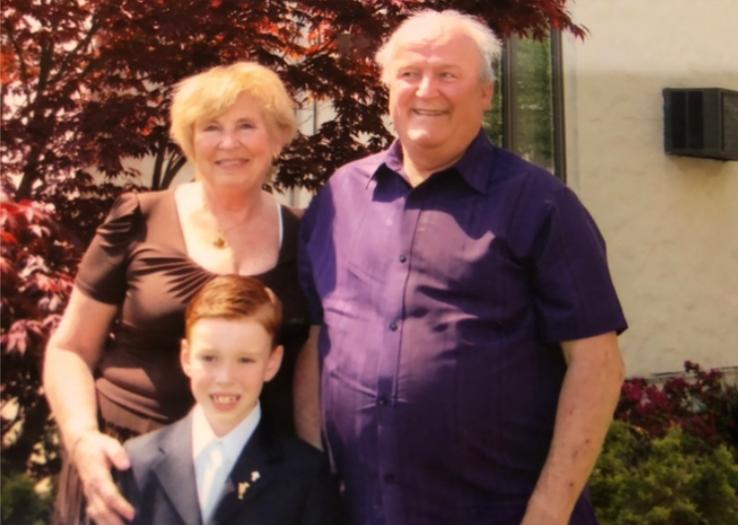
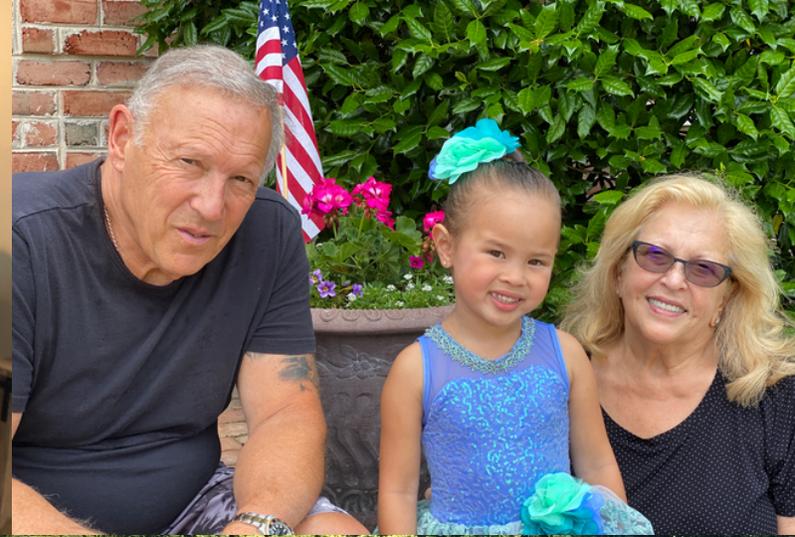
We are a full staff once again in the office and are ready and willing to assist you. Many people have been enquiring about registration, especially those who are new to the parish or have an incoming first grade student. Please contact the office at 679-9558 or send an email to [faithformation@stwilliam.org](mailto:faithformation@stwilliam.org) to leave us your name and contact information. Registration has not begun for the 2020-2021 school year, but someone will get back to you to let you know when we will be accepting registration forms and to guide you through the process.

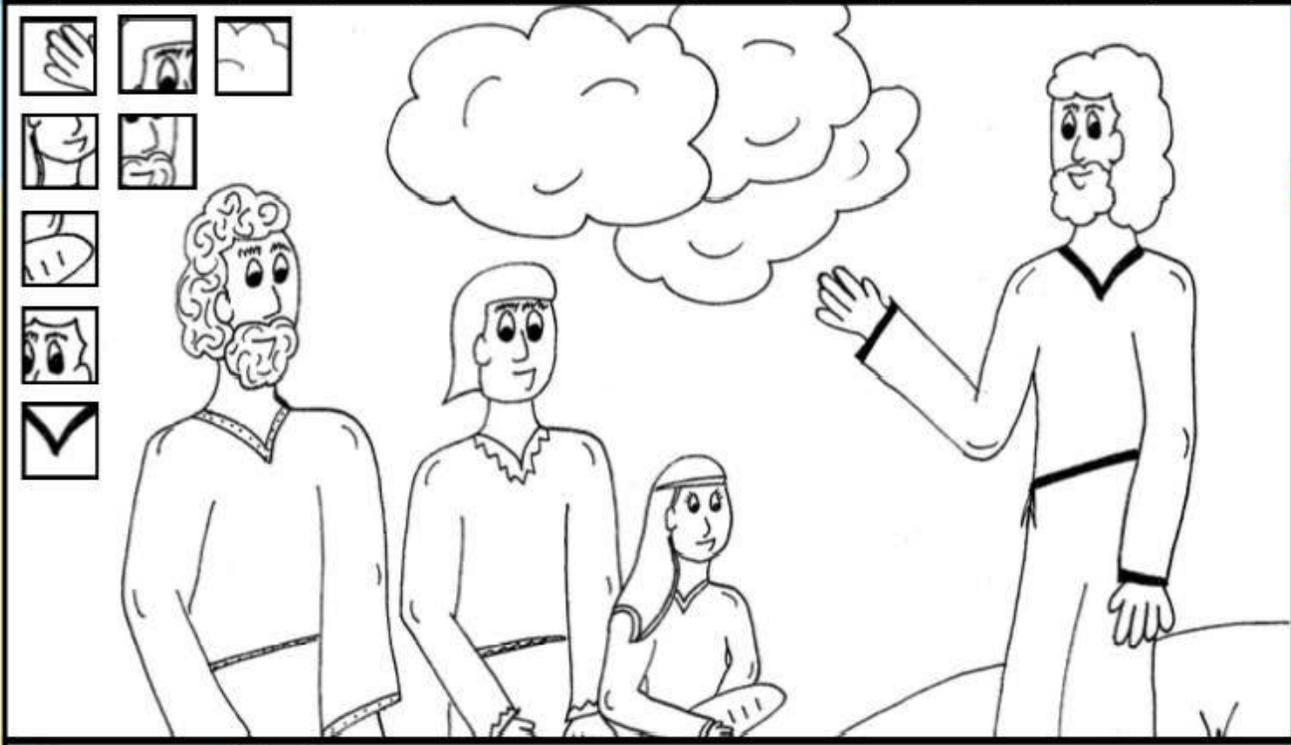
All First Communicants have received a Mass booklet. The booklet is a wonderful teaching tool as it contains all the prayers of the Mass. Inside the front cover and margins of the booklet are pictures to guide each student on what to do throughout the Mass such as when to stand, sit or make the Sign of the Cross. The SWS student booklets were mailed home and the Faith Formation student booklets were in their communion packets. We have extra copies in the office if you should need one. Please have your child bring the booklet to First Communion and to each Sunday Mass.

If you have an updated email, please send it to us. All families should continue to check their emails for updated information and for suggestions on how to pray with your child the readings for the Sunday Liturgy. It is important not only as a family, but for your child's faith formation to continue preparing for Mass. Videos and other materials are sent home each week via email, that are age appropriate to help you pray the Sunday Gospel. Thank you for your continuous support and cooperation in passing on our rich heritage of faith to your child.

Once again, we are reminding all parishioners that the Sunday Liturgy is livestreamed on the St. William facebook page and that all First Communions will be livestreamed as well. We ask everyone to continue to pray for our First Communicants who will be receiving Jesus for the first time. We look forward to accompanying our families on their journey of faith and hold them in prayer. We ask that you pray for us as we continue to minister to our students in new and exciting ways.







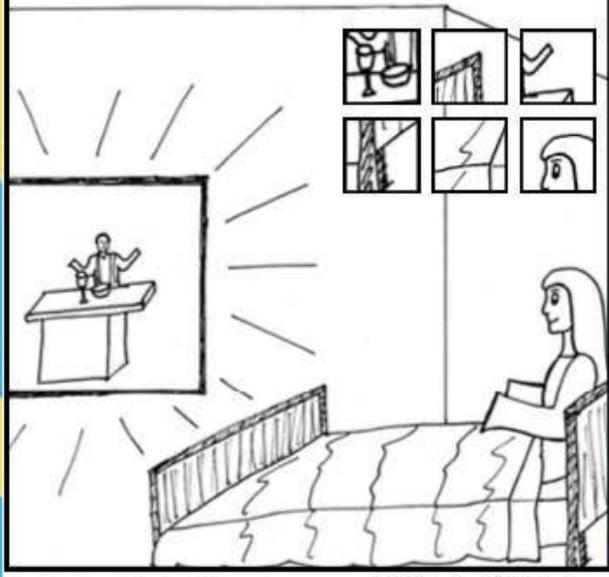
**Gospel**  Jesus was teaching 5000 people about God and it was time for lunch. Oh, no! They didn't have enough food! Jesus blessed 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish and everyone got enough food. It was a miracle!

## Saint Clare

Saint Clare founded the Poor Clare nuns and spent her life quietly praying.

Saint Clare lived before TV was invented, but she is the patron saint of TV. Can you guess why?

When she was too sick to go to church, she saw a vision of Mass on her wall. It probably looked like a flat screen TV!



**"COME TO ME  
HEEDFULLY,  
LISTEN,  
THAT YOU  
MAY HAVE  
LIFE."  
- ISAIAH 55:3**



# Catholic Kids

August 2, 2020  
Ordinary Time  
Color: Green



## Bulletin

W O A I F P W T O D A Y W O D K Y O U P

Q P W O H E A R T S C O B J J

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

W P H E A R Q H I S V O I C E

P A Z H A R D E N W N O T W P Y O U R E I A P X K



Mass is a meal with your Catholic family!