

# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

**Third Sunday of Lent**  
**March 7, 2021**



## Mass Schedule

### Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:30am

### Weekend Mass

Saturday 8:30am & 5pm

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

## Parish Information

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

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - John 3:16

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, March 7, 2021

John Giannone  
Baby David George Skennion  
People of St. William's  
John Facarile

### Monday, March 8, 2021

Marion Lynch Busch

### Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Collective Intentions  
Rose Marino  
Elizabeth Bricker (liv)  
Louis DiVenuta  
Mary Jo Conerty

### Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Collective Intentions  
Donald Clark  
Christopher Sarro  
Richard E. Ford  
Victor Sicuranza  
Buzz Santini

### Thursday, March 11, 2021

Patricia Hagland

### Friday, March 12, 2021

Mary Holohan

### Saturday, March 13, 2021

Purgatorial Society  
Anna Grimaldi

The Bread and Wine used at mass this week  
were donated in loving memory of

*Margaret Michna*

from the Milbach Family.

The Altar Candles used at mass this week  
were donated in loving memory of mom,

*Eileen Cameron*

from your children.

## Pray for the Sick

Gerry Polizzi	Gigi Priola	Gary Panzl
Kathleen Finneran	Lauren Connell	Geralyn Serewko

## Pray for the Deceased

Barbara Benoit	Christina Grennseich	
Prisco Anthony Panza Jr.	Annette McCourt	Lucille M. Durso

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.

## A Good Problem to Have

As many of you have observed, we are seeing a significant growth in the return of the faithful to Mass each weekend. Since January 1st, we have increased about 100 more people each month. In a world of social distancing and intentional deep cleaning, it challenges us to accommodate the worship space, and we are utilizing the Abbey to for the overflow. This, however, is a good problem to have, allowing us to celebrate a second Mass at 5 PM on Saturday and 12 Noon on Sunday. The overflow Masses in the Abbey have been described as “intimate,” “prayerful,” “focused,” “fulfilling,” and “FAST”!!! We are looking at ways to expand and accommodate the return, especially as we draw closer to Easter, the good weather, and more parishioners receiving the vaccine. Brainstorming sessions have produced such ideas as outdoor Masses (like Christmas Eve), opening the gym (as in past years), and even expanding the Church (don't worry, that's not going to happen). But, until the COVID protocols, cleaning needs, and social distancing expectations change, we are doing our best to allow for more people to return into the Church.

This past week we celebrated First Penance with our second graders who are preparing for First Holy Communion, allowing for the children and their parents to encounter and experience God's tender mercy. I remember my first pastor once described First Penance as being pelted/stoned by cotton balls. The innocence and beauty of God's favored and beloved children in the process and recognition that sometimes we fail (SIN) and are called to ask for forgiveness. Like the scripture story of the Prodigal Son, we return to a Loving Father waiting for us with open arms and heart.

For all of us, Lent allows us to do an examination of where we are in the spiritual journey. Monsignor Charlie Fink came and shared with us during the Mission the pitfalls we can encounter as we respond to the beckoning of God to be a follower, a disciple. Discipleship can at times be a battle, and like any soldier, we must be prepared for the physical and spiritual war. If you were not able to join us in the Church for the Mission, know that you can watch Monsignor Fink's presentation on our social media - Facebook, YouTube page, and our website – [www.stwilliam.org](http://www.stwilliam.org). Next Tuesday night, Fr. Lachlan Cameron will speak into the Tender Heart of the Father – Keeping Us Close to the Mercy of God.

In one of the Lenten Devotionals I was praying with this past week – I was moved by a reflection and wanted to share this with you:

The Father's Mercy: The Father is infinitely merciful. He is ready to forgive anyone who asks for pardon, no matter how big the sin is. He forgave the disobedience of Adam and Eve—the greatest sin in history. He would have forgiven Judas if he had asked for forgiveness. Even if our desire for forgiveness is not perfect – even if our motivation is only to avoid going to hell rather than sorrow for having hurt others or offended God – the Father is willing to forgive. The Father's mercy is to be the measure of his disciples' mercy. What is Mercy? Jesus explains in the Gospel (Luke 6:36-38) what he expects when he asks for mercy: Stop judging. Stop condemning. Forgive. Too often we compare ourselves to others because we want to justify ourselves. That leads to judging and condemning others. Instead, we should strive to be merciful because everyone is living a difficult life! Mercy requires that we assume everyone is doing their best and, like ourselves, often falling short of their own ideals. By looking at others this way, forgiveness becomes much easier.

We are now three weeks away from Holy Week. Let's slow down and reflect on how we have been making time and space for the Lord. Has this Lent allowed us to open our hearts to be more merciful, prayerful, forgiving, loving, and hopeful? And if not, if we are honest with ourselves, can we say that we have been intentional and generous with our time towards God? Have we embraced the three pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving? Let this week be a week to reset and if necessary, refocus ourselves on the Lord. God is the source of all that we desire for ourselves – and when we are connected to the Lord, we can bring those abundant graces to others. Those graces attract others to what we possess, a relationship and intimacy with God – which will ultimately lead others to God. And that is a good problem to have, my friends, a good problem to have!

Have a great week and thank you for presence and generosity.

Peace,



# Lent Schedule

## Finding Time for God in a Pandemic *Lenten Mission*

Church – 7:00 PM

The Lenten Mission will be live-streamed on the parish website [stwilliam.org](http://stwilliam.org)

Tuesday, March 9 – Fr. Lachlan Cameron - *The Tender Heart of the Father*



Tuesday, March 16 - Mass with Fr. Pierre Toussaint, CFR  
*'Take up your mat and walk.'* - John 5:11



### Monday of Mercy

Monday of Mercy (Confession)  
Church – 7:00 – 8:00 PM

March 8 – Faith Formation Gr. 2 only  
March 15 – for the parish  
March 22 – for the parish



### Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be live-streamed on the parish website [stwilliam.org](http://stwilliam.org), Facebook account, and Instagram TV on

Friday, March 12, and 19  
at 4pm.

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH



**Join Fr. Joe, Fr. James, & Fr. Collins**

*Paint  
Night  
Fundraiser*

**Friday, April 23**

**6pm - 8pm**

**2001 Jackson Avenue**

**St. William the Abbot School Gym**

**MASKS MUST BE WORN & SOCIAL DISTANCE PRACTICED**

**\$75 Per Painter**

**Raffles**

**50/50**

**Pizza**

**Dessert**

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Painters: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail or drop off the registration form to the Rectory office.  
Registration is on a first come, first serve basis until spots are filled.

# Rectory News

## New Rectory Office Hours

The Rectory will be open  
**Monday through Friday - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**Saturday - 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM**  
**Sunday - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**


If you need to come to the Rectory, please be aware that visitors will only be permitted in the Rectory Vestibule. Anyone entering the rectory must always wear a mask. To maintain social distancing, only one person will be admitted at a time. If someone is already in the vestibule you are asked to wait outside until they leave. Please ring the doorbell before you enter. You can also email any requests to [information@stwilliam.org](mailto:information@stwilliam.org).

## Memorials Available

We are pleased to announce that the Sanctuary Candle and the Altar Candles that are used at Mass throughout the week are now available as memorials.

Anyone wishing to donate the Sanctuary Candle or the Altar Candles in memory of a loved one or on the occasion of an anniversary, birthday, etc., can make this request at the Rectory. Please call 516-785-1266. The offering for the Sanctuary Candle is \$15 and the offering for the Altar Candles is \$30. The name of the person will be announced in the bulletin for each week the candles are donated.

## Little Black Books



The Little Black Book's containing prayers and reflections for Lent are available at the doors of the church. We ask that each family take only one copy.

## 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.

## Church Opening During Lent

The Church will be open for private prayer Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM during Lent. 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.

## Emergency

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

## Memorializing

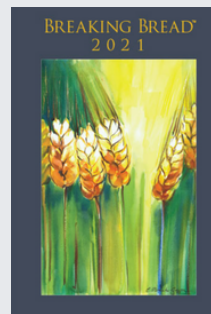
The Rectory is issuing Mass Cards, enrollment in the Purgatorial Society, Memorializing the Wine, Host, Candles and Altar Flowers. Please call the Rectory for more information (516) 785-1266 or email [information@stwilliam.org](mailto:information@stwilliam.org)

## Year-End Tax Statements

Please note that year-end statements for your taxes will not be automatically mailed out. They may be obtained upon request from the Rectory. Please call 516-785-1266 to request your statement, or email your name, address, phone number and envelope number to [information@stwilliam.org](mailto:information@stwilliam.org).

## Missals

At this time we are able to offer the sale of individual missals for \$10 per missal. Please bring a check for \$10 payable to St. William the Abbot or \$10 exact cash to the rectory. There will be no change for cash purchases. We have a limited number at this time, so it is a first come first served basis. Please come to the rectory door Monday – Friday from 9am-5pm to purchase your missal.



## 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**

## Light a Prayer Candle



Lighting candles has long been a sacred ritual in all traditions, creating precious moments in our own and other people's lives where we pray for loved ones, friends, and ask for or give support.

# Faith Formation

We begin our third week in Lent. Today in the Gospel you hear about the Ten Commandments that God wants us to follow. The Commandments are a set of rules for us to respect and obey God. Just like we have laws we follow; we also need to do our best obeying the Ten Commandments. No one is perfect, and when we fall off course that is when we can go to confession to ask for forgiveness and get back on track of what God wants us to be and do to be a better individual.

In Faith Formation, there were some of our 2nd Grade Students who did their First Reconciliation. On Monday, March 8th, is the completion of the First Reconciliation for our 2nd Graders. Wednesday, March 10th, and Thursday, March 11th are the next Parent and Child Sessions. Parents should have signed up already especially because of COVID-19, we need to social distance everyone. Friday, March 12th will be the Retreat for our 8th graders with the names ending with Adamo - Mener. Any questions or concerns please contact Faith Formation at [faithformation@stwilliam.org](mailto:faithformation@stwilliam.org) or call 516-783-2528.



## Prayers for those in the Military

### US Navy -

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

### USMC -

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

### US Air Force -

Capt. Matthew B. Frasse  
Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers  
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

### 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

# Safety

## Sacristy

For the safety of our Priests, we ask that parishioners refrain from entering the Sacristy. Please do not hand offering envelopes, letters etc. to the Priests. Please drop them off in the Rectory Mail Slot.



## Overflow Space

We do have overflow space in the Abbey for Masses. Please follow the directions of our Ushers if the Church reaches capacity and you are asked to attend the Mass in the Abbey.

## Arrive Early & Wear Your Mask



We do ask that everyone arrive early so that we can seat everyone before the start of Mass. **We ask that all parishioners wear their mask covering their nose and mouth at all times while inside the church.**

## While attending Mass during this difficult time

- Please sanitize your hands
- If you are a family please occupy a pew
- Be kind and considerate
- Please keep social distance
- Don't congregate in the Church or parking lot before or after Mass
- Touch a bulletin, please bring it home

**Love for our neighbors should be one of the primary considerations.**

## Safety Protocols



As more of you are returning back to in-person Mass, we want to re-emphasize that all of our safety protocols are still in place.

Please allow the ushers to seat you - they have been carefully trained in our seating arrangement that will enable us to get the maximum number of worshippers seated in the Sanctuary while maintaining social distancing.

## Holy Communion



When it is time to receive Holy Communion, please practice social distancing as you walk in the communion line. On the way back to your pew please maintain spacing. Everyone will come down the center aisles to receive communion. Please do not rush back to your seats.



## St. William the Abbot School

Mrs. Diodati's Kindergartners are 100 days smarter! What a great day they had! The children counted out and ate 100 snacks, made a necklace with 100 beads, made a crown counting by 10's, did 10 exercises/ 10 times teach and even dresses like they were 100 years old! They even made goals for their next 80 days of kindergarten!





# Catholic Kids

March 7, 2021  
Lent  
Color: Purple

Bulletin



WOALORDPWYOUUPHAVEOTKI

BPEWALIFEPSKCIW

Lord, you have  
the words of  
everlasting  
life.

BOWTHEOWORDSPA

BWOFPEVERLASTINGPWKEITHOK

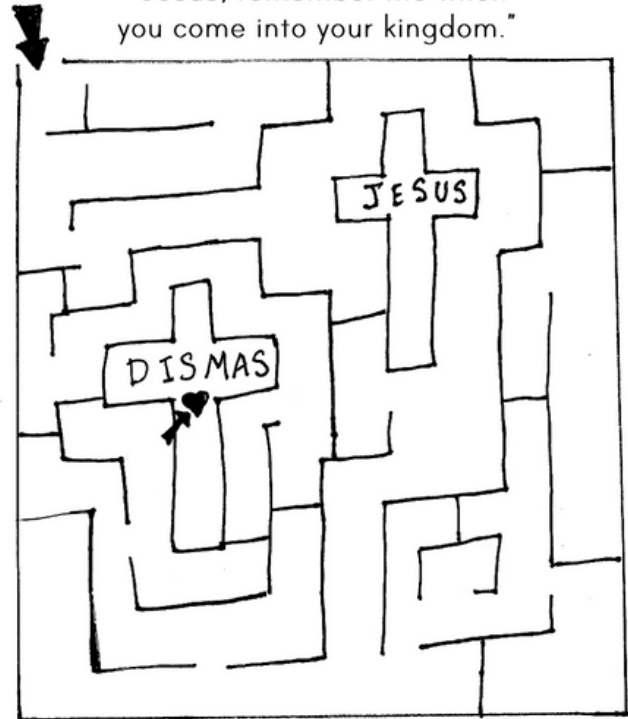


We don't say, "Alleluia," during Lent. What do you sing before the Gospel instead of the Alleluia?

## Saint Dismas

Saint Dismas was crucified on the cross next to Jesus. Saint Dismas was a criminal, but he asked for forgiveness before he died.

Saint Dismas said,  
"Jesus, remember me when  
you come into your kingdom."



## Gospel

People were selling sheep and oxen in the temple. Jesus knocked over the tables and told them to stop! He said, "Destroy this house and in three days I will build it up." They thought that He was talking about the temple, but He was talking about Himself! He knew that He would die and rise three days later.



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

# Parish Social Ministry

## Easter

Looking for a special family activity to do for Lent? Why not create an Easter food basket that can be donated to Parish Social Ministry? These baskets will be given to the families we support for their Easter celebrations. Baskets can be decorated for the holiday and can include things such as breakfast and dinner items, and perhaps a little Easter candy. Baskets should be small to medium in size to ensure our clients are able to easily lift them. If you would prefer to make a donation instead of a basket, grocery store gift cards are always welcomed for families to purchase fresh foods such as dairy and produce.

## 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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2001 Jackson Avenue  
Seaford, NY 11783  
[stwilliamtheabbot.net](http://stwilliamtheabbot.net)  
(516) 785-6784

## 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**

**9:00am - 12:00pm - By Appointment Only**

## Food Pantry

**Tomato Puree  
Canned Chef Boyardee  
Tissues  
Egg Noodles**

**Mashed Potatoes  
Brown Rice  
Canned Spinach  
Crushed Tomatoes**

## Medical Equipment

There is currently a hospital bed and hooyer lift available for any parishioner in need. Anyone interested must make arrangements for pick-up. Please direct inquiries to the Parish Social Ministry at 516-679-8532.

## Caring for the Caregiver

Although our program cannot currently meet we are reaching out to those who are caring for a homebound family member. You are filled with compassion for your loved one, it is not an easy situation. The time involved and the emotions you experience can be overwhelming. Particularly at this time you may be without a backup caregiver which compounds the stress. If you would like to call to speak to someone experienced with these situation, please do so (516) 679-8532.

## Homebound

Do you know someone who is homebound or lonely? Please let us know so we can reach out to them in the spirit of Christ. Perhaps they need someone to food shop for them. Please call (516) 679-8532.

## HEAP Benefits –

### Home Energy Assistance Program

is available to help with home heating in the winter months for income eligible homeowners or renters. An example of the HEAP monthly income level for a family of two is \$3,413 and for a family of four is \$5,019. Additionally, HEAP offers heating equipment repair and/or replacement benefit for homeowners with inoperable heating equipment. HEAP may help you pay for oil, electricity, propane, natural gas, wood, kerosene, coal or any other heating fuel. For further information, please contact HEAP 516-4327, for seniors 516-227-7386 or [www.mybenefits.ny.gov](http://www.mybenefits.ny.gov) or Rosemary at Parish Social Ministry 679-8532



## Reconciliation

Reconciliation will be held in the Church  
Monday through Saturday 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM  
and on Saturday from 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM.



## Personal Prayer

In order to allow for quiet, personal prayer time, the Church will remain open  
until 12:00 N Monday through Friday as of Thursday, October 1, 2020.  
This will be suspended on days when we have scheduled Funeral Masses.



## Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will be held from 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM  
every day, Monday through Saturday.



## Rosary

The Rosary prayer time will be held  
Monday - Saturday after the 8:30 AM Mass.



## Miraculous Medal

Novena Devotions will be held on Saturday's at 8:15 AM.



## St. Peregrine

St. Peregrine a prayer group for cancer victims, families, and their care givers.  
The Peregrine Hour of Prayer is held on the  
first Monday of each month from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

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