

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

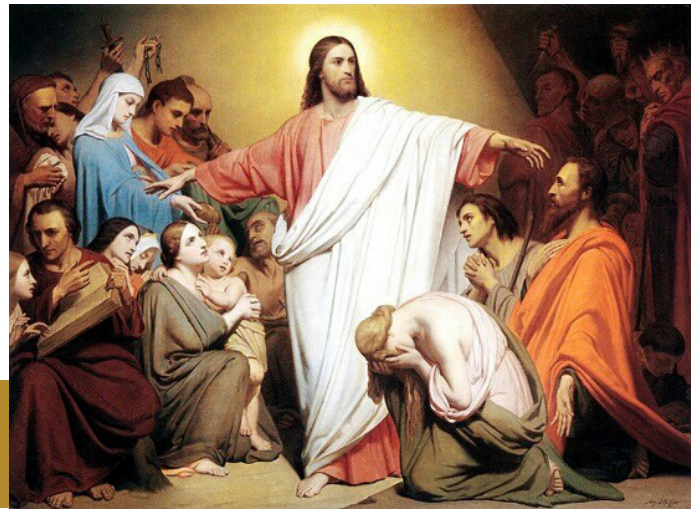
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, July 5, 2020

Rectory Office Hours

The Rectory will remain closed until further notice.

Parish Information

Office: 516.785.1266
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Seaford, NY 11783
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"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." - Matthew 11:28-30

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

priests@stwilliam.org

Mass

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:30am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 8am, 10am, & 12pm

The 12pm Mass will also be on Facebook Live.

The Church will remain closed when Mass is not being celebrated. This will allow for deep cleaning to be performed in between Masses.

Food Pantry

Instant coffee
Sugar
Rice a Roni
Cake mix
Canned chicken
Dry dog food
Laundry detergent
Deodorant
Razors
Shampoo/Conditioner

Baptism

Daly Camryn Noelle

&

Bermeo Alice Bianca

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

Banns of Marriage

Banns II

Morven Rodrigues

(St. John Vianney)

&

Colleen O'Brien

(SWA)

Pray for the Sick

Tom Lynch
Mary Bahret
Karen Duncan

One Nation Under God

As some of you may remember, I lived in Atlanta, Georgia for about eight years, and my experience of church was very different than here in the Catholic Northeast. It had a Southern Charm and a lot of Holy Spirit! I once heard a homily that always stuck with me from an elderly African-American priest. He shared about how amazed his mother (the granddaughter of a slave, marched with Martin Luther King Jr, and grew up in very simple and humble beginnings) reacted the first time she saw a top load washing machine. Most of her life was spent hand-washing clothes in a washbasin getting water from a backyard pump. The priest explained to her that the water source came through a hose in the wall, you add in fancy soap and fabric softener, and after 50 minutes - clean clothes. Her response was profound, "it's not the soap, it's not the water" she pointed to the center counsel and then showed her hands - "it's the agitator".

As we look back on our history as Christians, but also as Americans celebrating 244 years of freedom, it took a group of agitators who saw the wrong in our world or the injustices in society to band together and become the revolutionary thinkers that eventually led us to Independence and Freedom. The words of our nation's forefathers come from the foundation of our Christian dignity, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights - Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness". These past four months have challenged me to look inside a great deal, and my call/vocation to be an agitator for Christ. To recognize the great dignity in every human person. So often we can become relaxed or complacent in our Faith Journey - and we know that God does not call us into comfort, but into growth. But growing means change, and change is difficult.

I have been attentive to those who have challenged and peacefully protested the closing of churches, small businesses, and offenses against our First Amendment Rights. More recently the treatment of People of Color in our society in general, but particularly by certain individuals of authority, has motivated people to exercise their 1st Amendment Right to assemble. This has challenged me to look differently at a number of social, cultural, and religious issues, and reevaluate my perspective. It would be inaccurate and unfair to take a big brush and say "ALL" of the authorities have expressed prejudice or racism, however, in conversations with dear friends who are Black, Spanish, or Middle Eastern ancestry they have at times experienced profiling or even harassment because of the color of their skin. I (we) may disagree, but it is their experience, and it should cause us to perk up and be attentive to those who look different than ourselves. If the words of the Declaration of Independence are true, then all of our citizens are covered under that incredibly well-written document. Which makes us One Nation, Under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for ALL.

But recently, in the United States of America, we have not been as unified - politically or philosophically, and in some ways that have crept into our Church. The 4th of July 2020 challenges us as Catholic Christians to remain focused on our roots of justice, mercy, and compassion. These values come to us from God, who is the source of unity and freedom. With so many outside distractions, that Divine message, and truth can be lost by a false narrative that very often comes from a manipulative media or well known talking heads. I am not suggesting that you completely stop watching the news outlets or social media timelines, but perhaps you can take a little time to listen to God. Compared to Fox News or CNN, how much time are you spending in prayer each day? Reading the scriptures? Watching a FORMED or Word on Fire video? The news outlets are geared to cause division and disruption, Our Lord (the Greatest Agitator) ultimately leads us to a Spirit of calm and peace. When was the last time we experienced that?

As we continue to open up to a more familiar rhythm of life, perhaps you will be at mass this weekend, or at a family barbecue, or a socially distanced block party with fireworks. I encourage and challenge you to be the instrument of unity and faith to those around - be an agitator of peace and prayer. Our great nation has a long history which includes selfless acts of heroism, creative minds of innovation, and a land of opportunity that has allowed the most simple to become the most blessed. We too, at times as a nation have failed, made errors and hurt individuals and communities. It is all part of our story. As Americans, we know we have the ability to do better. As Catholics, we know we must improve our circumstances.

The 4th of July brings back so many memories of summers from our past, hot dogs, ice cream, fireworks, sweltering heat, the beaches and pools, and being together as a family. It also reminds us of the great blessing it is to live here, where people from all over the world still long for these Golden Shores. Let us ask God's protection upon those who defend and protect us domestically and globally, let us pray for those first responders and essential workers who continue to put themselves in harm's way for all of us, and let us pray for a Spirit of Peace and Unity in our hearts, nation, and Church. Thank you for your presence and great generosity - May God bless our parish family, and May God continue to Bless the United States of America - One Nation Under God!

Thank you for your Presence and continued Generosity.

Peace,



Mass Intentions

Monday, July 6, 2020

8:00 AM 9:00 AM

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

8:00 AM Jay Callahan

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

8:00 AM Rev. Eugene Conlan

Thursday, July 9, 2020

8:00 AM Ernst DeGraaf
9:00 AM Kevin Leimeister

Friday, July 10, 2020

8:00 AM Frances Gauci
9:00 AM Kevin Leimeister

Saturday, July 11, 2020

8:30 AM Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM Collective Intentions
Josephine Fazio, Raymond
Kennedy, John Salice, Mary Nacci

Sunday, July 12, 2020

7:45 AM People of St. William
9:15 AM Dr. Edward C. Nunziato
10:45 AM Colleen Marie Kelly
12:15 PM Michael McDermott
5:00 PM Collective Intentions
John Vitkezych, Beatrice Hyltan,
Thomas O'Brien, John & Mary
Marinello

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-3:00pm

Sunday

9:00am -12:00pm

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 Coast Guard -

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

US Navy -

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

USMC -

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

US Air Force -

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

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 any backup caregiver which compounds the stress.

If you would like to call to speak to someone experienced with these situation, please contact Parish Social Ministry at (516) 679-8532. All conversations are strictly confidential.

Baptism



Baptisms will resume from
Saturday, June 20, 2020 - Sunday, September 27, 2020

They can be scheduled for
Saturday's- 11am and 1pm
Sunday's - 2pm
Tuesday's- 7pm

To schedule please email Fr. Collins Yeboah at cyeboah@drvc.org

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.

For parish news and the Mass schedule please visit the parish website stwilliam.org

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? To learn more contact **Joann Metzdorff** at rcia@stwilliam.org

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION



Do you BELIEVE, maybe it's time to BELONG.

Faith Formation

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek, and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy and my burden light.”

At times we all experience aspects of life that are overwhelming and difficult. We become weighed down with problems and worries. Jesus’ words in this week’s Gospel are as apropos today as they were when he first spoke them. We are living in a time of pandemic and worldwide civil discord. Many of us are out of work, sick or have lost a loved one. Jesus tells us that it is at precisely these times when we need to turn to him. It is a reminder that whatever our burden might be; God will not turn us away. God will welcome us and give us rest for he loves and is always with us.

When we realize just how generous and loving God is with us, we have a responsibility to be generous and welcoming with others. We are to strive to be meek and humble, like Jesus. In today’s world that can be looked upon as a sign of weakness, but for the most important things in life, gentleness will be the strength that is life giving. Look at the flowers in your yard. A bad storm could destroy them, but with the warmth of the sun and the gentle touch of the gardener, they will bloom and thrive. What an appropriate message for the 4th of July!

As we celebrate Independence Day this weekend with our family and friends, let us remember the words that are inscribed on the Statue of Liberty which was written by Emma Lazarus in 1883. They sound a lot like Jesus’ words.

“Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”

Let us look to Jesus who is the Light of the World as our model. Let us seek ways to respect and reach out to those who are sick, different from us, and hungering for love and acceptance. As Jesus promises to comfort us and bring us peace when we are feeling down, let us build up God’s Kingdom by doing the same for others.

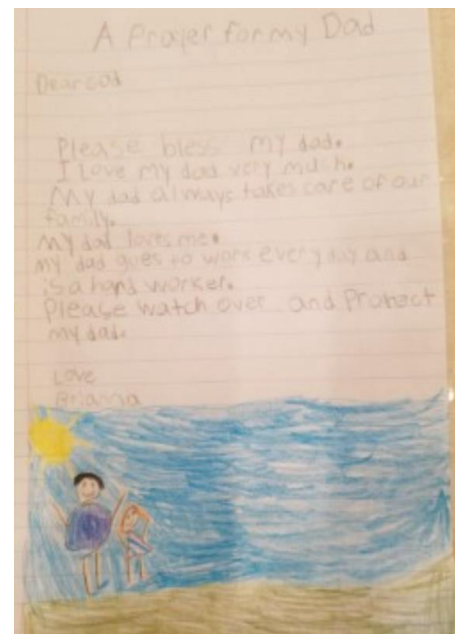
Happy Independence Day!

Please pray for our second - grade students. They will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time at the end of July and the beginning of August. Letters will be sent home shortly to their families with the details of this long- awaited day. We are very excited to be able to welcome these children and their families to the Table of the Lord. Many thanks to their catechists, teachers, and family members for guiding and supporting them.

A few people have been enquiring about registration and the timing of Confirmation. Confirmation will take place sometime in the spring of 8th grade. We will have to wait for notification from the Bishop’s Office. We may not have the exact date until the new year.

Letters for Registration will be sent home by mail by the end of July or the beginning of August. We are finalizing our plans for online classes and in person monthly catechesis. Details will follow.

Here are some prayers from our students expressing their gratitude to God.



Dad’s smile
Dad’s love
Dad’s hugs.
Thank you, God for my
Dad

Marley’s Prayer for Dad!



St. William the Abbot School

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mrs. Mary Bradley

**The Long Island Council for the Social
Studies Middle/Junior High School**



TEACHER OF THE YEAR!

Catholic Kids Bulletin

July 5, 2020
Ordinary Time
Color: Green

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I will praise
your name
forever, my king
and my God.
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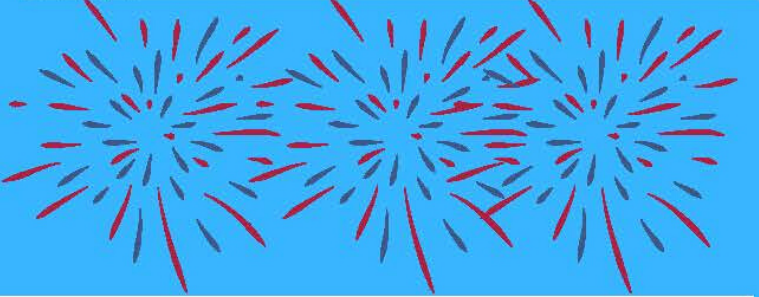
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During Mass, how many times do you say, "And with your spirit?"
Try to say it in Latin:
"Et cum spiritu tuo."



Mandy Grace '15

ministry-to-children.com



**"REJOICE HEARTILY,
O DAUGHTER ZION,
SHOUT FOR JOY,
O DAUGHTER
JERUSALEM!"
- ZECHARIAH 9:9**

Gospel

"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones."