

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 17, 2021

PARISH INFORMATION

RECTORY

Office: 516.785.1266
2000 Jackson Avenue
Seaford, NY 11783
stwilliam.org

RECTORY HOURS

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

MASS TIMES

The presider schedule can be found on the parish website 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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 17, 2021

Phil & Phylis Tretola
Collective Intentions

Domenico D'Armi, Theresa Borowski,
Kenneth Grof, Anton Giese
People of St. William's
Stella Power

Monday, October 18, 2021

Michael & Jackie Hayes (LIV)

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

George Erkmann

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Collective Intentions
Donald Clark, Emma Ustler, Brian
Kolakowski, Michael Rinaldi

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Ursuline Sisters Prayer Cards
Enrollment Intentions

Friday, October 22, 2021

Joseph Bishop

Saturday, October 23, 2021

Purgatorial Society
The Saporito Family



"For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." -

Mark 10:45

Baptism

Claudio C. DePinto

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

Pray for the Deceased

Joan Mary McGrath

Vito A. Troiano

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

Stella & William Power

From Mary Mastrianni.

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

Gabrielle Petito

From Pat & Lou DiPadova.

Pray for the Sick

Manolo Martinez
Susan Mateiko
Carol Calderazzo

Mary Teresa Agolia
Adrienne Harker

“Can You Drink the Cup That I Drink?”

Mark 10:38

That question from Jesus to His followers comes right after his discussion on Marriage and Divorce, and the encounter with the rich young man in Mark’s Gospel. Jesus is inviting us into a relationship with Him and the community of the church. In doing so he lays forth some parameters or guidelines to assist us in the journey towards holiness. On paper many of these expectations seem to be achievable, but we know that souls and humans are not made of paper. In our humanity and relationships, we are dealing with real flesh and blood, passion, and the joys and challenges that come with life. We hope for and live for the ideal but live in a fallen world where we experience selfishness, brokenness, and sin. The Church tries to provide an avenue for a couple to live “until death do us part,” or even the fairy tale of “happily ever after” in the Sacrament of Matrimony. Today we will speak into when that does not happen.

Married couples have always experienced problems that threaten their union: jealousy, infidelity, addictions, and conflicts. These issues arise from the impact of sin, both Original and actual. The first sin disrupted the original communion of man and woman. Despite this, God’s plan for marriage persisted. He never failed to provide mercy and healing grace to help couples sustain their marriages. Sadly, some spouses fail to benefit from the Lord’s help and from the many pastoral resources and support offered to them. The Church’s fidelity to Christ’s teaching on marriage and against divorce does not imply insensitivity to the pain of the persons facing these unhappy and at times unbearable situations. When divorce is the only possible recourse, the Church offers her support to those involved and encourages them to remain close to the Lord through frequent reception of the Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist. At these moments clarity in explaining truthfully the Church’s teachings related to marriage will dismiss any misconceptions. Remember through Christ and the Church, brokenness can be healed, self-worth can be affirmed, and isolation can be overcome.

Some separated and divorced Catholics believe that their situation and experience puts them outside the Catholic community. This could not be further from the truth. For crystal clarity, please know that divorced Catholics are not excommunicated under church law, and they still maintain their right and responsibility to participate in the life of the Church which they possess by virtue of Baptism. All of us are invited into the participation in the life of the Church in order for us to maintain continued growth in the faith journey.

It is true that Catholics who are divorced and civilly remarried present a unique challenge for the Church’s ministry. In faithfulness to the teaching of Christ and the instructions of canon law, the civil union is invalid. Couples in these situations therefore find themselves in a situation that objectively violates God’s law. They may not receive the Eucharist or exercise other official functions within the Church until their situation is resolved. For some of you reading this, it may be the first time you were made aware of this, but know that divorced and civilly remarried Catholics can and should remain active in many other ways. We enter in deeper by reflecting on the Word of God, attending Mass, participating in apostolic works of charity and justice, cultivating a spirit and practice of penance, and continuing to guide and teach their children in the Catholic faith.

The Church’s diverse response to Catholics who are separated or divorced is always faithful to Christ’s teaching on the indissolubility of marriage and the Church’s vigilance concerning scandal. Our team of the priests and staff, in collaboration with the diocesan offices, have allowed for powerful opportunities of healing and reconciliation assisting in exploring the various options that are available for remedying these experiences. The Gospel message makes evident the truths that sin and suffering will continue to exist, even within marriages of well-intentioned Catholics, and that God’s everlasting love is revealed in the Lord’s unending promise of forgiveness and the hope of a new beginning. Christian hope “affords us joy even under trial,” allowing us to embrace and proclaim that we can drink the cup that Jesus drinks, even enduring through the struggle and affliction.

My hope is to continue the conversation with individuals and families to bring us to a greater place of understanding and when possible, reconciliation and healing. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead desires to transform what is unfinished or broken in our lives. Please come to me or one of the other priests if you have a question or want to discuss more the topic of marriage or even the experience that you or family are currently in to bring greater clarity. My hope next week is to open the conversation on the annulment process, as well as discuss civil unions and other non-sacramental unions – which also affect many of us and our families. Let us pray for each other, our families, and the parish – that the Lord who invites us to drink from the cup of salvation and sacrifice will also strengthen us with wisdom and understanding regarding human love in the Divine Plan.

As always it is we deep gratitude I acknowledge your presence and generosity.

Peace,



Rectory News

Wedding Banns I

Corey L. Luksch

Our Holy Redeemer, Freeport NY

&

Carly E. Bock

St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh NY



Have a question for the priests?



Stump the Priest questions can be emailed to priests@stwilliam.org.

Emergency Line



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

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 to schedule a walk.

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 to learn more.

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.



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 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.

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 12:00 PM

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.

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

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.

Please do not leave any food donations in the Church.

Fellowship & Parish Events

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

Staying Connected

With St. William the Abbot visit us at stwilliam.org to view our bulletin online, presider schedule, and see other parish information.

Facebook: Find us at:
stwilliamabbot

Instagram: Follow us:
@stwilliamabbot

YouTube: Find us at:
YouTube.com — St. William the Abbot Church

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."

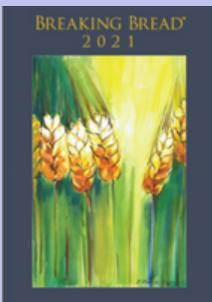


We will begin to extend the opportunity to come together after selected Masses each weekend just as the Israelites did with a Fellowship Meeting Tent. The Fellowship Meeting Tent will take place at two selected Masses each weekend. The selected Masses will be announced in future bulletins and our social media. Each week the tent will feature refreshments.

Fellowship Tent of Meeting Schedule Sunday, October 17 - 9am & 5pm Mass

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.



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.

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.

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 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 Navy -

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

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

USMC -

Lt. Kevin J. Butler
2nd Lt. Dana Duggan
L.Cpl. John Mosier

St. William the Abbot RC Church



ALL SAINTS' DAY



**In honor of All Saints' Day
we invite the youth to dress up
as their favorite Saint
on Sunday, October 31, 2021
for the Sunday Masses.**

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, & 12 pm in the Church

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH



YOUTH NIGHT

Just for Fun Night!

Calling all 6th - 12th Graders!



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22
6:30 PM - SCHOOL GYM**

**JOIN US IN THE SCHOOL GYM FOR VOLLEYBALL,
BASKETBALL, AND GAMES. PIZZA WILL BE
SERVED!**

**NO RSVP IS REQUIRED, COME ON DOWN
AND JOIN IN ON THE FUN!**



ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH



GET INVOLVED

JOIN THE CONNECT TEAM

CALLING ALL 7TH - 12TH GRADERS

An awareness of the importance of and vital need for performing service to others is critical. Throughout Scripture, we are called to love God and to show this through love toward our neighbor. Service is something we do because we recognize the presence of Jesus in all persons and in all of God's creation.

JOIN THE CONNECT TEAM, ASSIST WITH FUN DUTIES AT THE MASSES AND EARN APOSTOLIC HOURS!



PLEASE EMAIL [PRIESTS@STWILLIAM.ORG](mailto:priests@stwilliam.org) TO
SIGN UP & GET MORE INFORMATION!



St. William the Abbot RC Church



First Friday's

A “First Friday” is the first Friday of the month and is often marked by special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus since Jesus died for us and won our salvation on a Friday.

**Join us for
Adoration in the Church
on every First Friday of
the month from
9am - 5pm.**

STWILLIAM.ORG





5th grade enjoyed an afternoon game of kickball with Father James.
#wearestwilliams



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

Hearty beef soups

Dish soap

Salad dressing

Cooking oil

Brown rice

Oatmeal canisters

Canned spinach

Canned chicken

Parish Contact Information

CONTACT THE PRIESTS

Please send your email to 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.

QUESTIONS FOR COMMUNICATIONS

Please send your email to igomez@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR THE RECTORY

Please send your email to information@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Please send your email to jgoldman@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT FAITH FORMATION

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

CONTACT SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

CONTACT THE SCHOOL

St. William the Abbot School



Office: 516.785-6784
2001 Jackson Avenue
Seaford, NY 11783
stwilliamtheabbot.net

Overdue Energy Bill? Help Up to \$10k per Family Available!

HEAP is offering a one-time benefit available to their eligible households that have an electric/gas account in arrears. This benefit is called "RAS" (Regular Arrears Supplement) and is available from September 22, 2021 through September 30, 2022 or until funds are exhausted. Applicants must meet HEAP requirements and have a past-due utility bill in active collections or facing termination of service. Apply by phone at 800-342-3009 or in-person at the Social Services office.

Peer Support for Children

There are peer support groups available for children touched by emotional suffering caused by a death, divorce, separation or other significant event-based trauma. Frequently children are better able to bounce back from these events with help. Support groups provide children with an opportunity to meet other children who have shared similar experiences and to have caring, trained adults guide them as they sort through and understand their emotions. For more information please contact the Social Ministry office at 679-8532.

Called to Volunteer?

St. William the Abbot Parish is home to a St. Vincent de Paul Conference that serves 30 families in the local community. This conference is a small group of parishioners that work on a volunteer basis in partnership with the Parish Social Ministry. We offer services such as financial assistance, food distribution, advocacy and spiritual guidance to those in need. We are looking for new volunteers to join our conference and help support the families we serve. Please consider becoming a member to help those in need in your community. For more information, contact the Social Ministry office.

Donor Spotlight

The Parish Social Ministry food pantry received a huge donation from parishioner Aliceanne Guida, and to say we are grateful is an understatement! Aliceanne visits us every week faithfully to donate in memory of her late husband Jim Guida. "Jim was full of good deeds," Aliceanne tells us, "The world would be a better place if there were more people like him. I love doing this in his memory and knowing I am helping people." God bless the Guida family, and all of our donors! Generous parishioners are what allow our food pantry to operate 100% donation based, serving 80 families in the Seaford area.



St. William the Abbot Community

UPCOMING

EVENTS

**October
17**

Family & Youth Mass

Youth & Family Youth Mass in the Church with an intentional Mass dedicated for the youth of the community. The 7th & 8th grade Faith Formation students are required to attend this Mass.

**October
22**



Youth - Just for Fun Night! (JFF)

Calling all 6th - 12th graders to join us for a night of fun, we will meet in the school gym at 6:30 pm for Basketball, Volleyball, and fun games. Pizza will be served! Parent pickup will be at 9pm. There is no RSVP required. 

**October
22**

Young Adult Night - 18 and over

Young Adults are invited to join us in the Church at 7pm for Adoration and a talk, social activity to follow in the Abbey. There is no RSVP required.

**November
20**



St. William the Abbot - Turkey Trot Run

Join Fr. James Hansen on the First Annual Turkey Trot Run, more information to come soon!

**December
10**



Christmas Tree Lighting & Blessing of the Creche

Join for the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, more information to come soon!

**December
2**

Women's Night

A special night for all the women of the parish, more information to come soon!

**December
13**



Christmas Advent Concert

This upcoming Advent and Christmas season will feature a special Advent concert. The night will feature hymns, lively carols, and an Advent message of hope with a special guest.

Consider Automated Giving

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.

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: _____



Catholic Kids Bulletin

October 17, 2021
Ordinary Time
Color: Green



LWLORDPLETPAYOURPMWAIS

BOURTRUSTPINYOU

Lord, let your
mercy be on
us, as we place
our trust in you.

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Remember that Mass is a prayer. How should you act during church to help you focus on prayer?

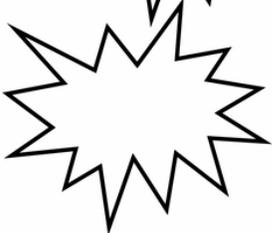
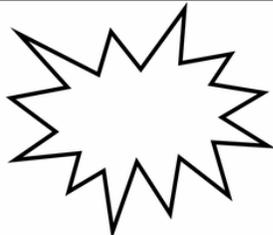
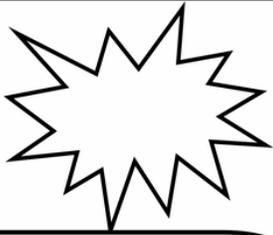
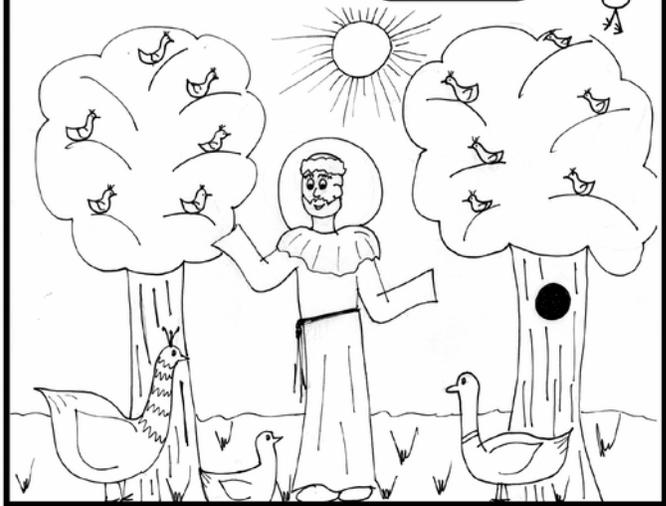
Saint Francis of Assisi

Saint Francis of Assisi was a monk who gave away everything he had. He was very cheerful and helped others to be happy.

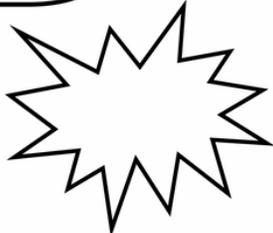
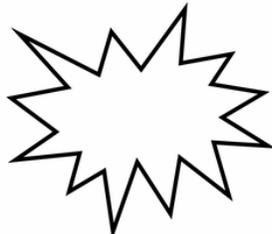
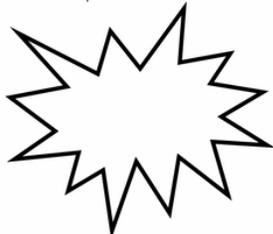
What can you do to make someone happy today?

He was a great preacher—even the birds listened when he talked about God.

Count how many little birds are listening to Saint Francis.



Jesus told his disciples to serve others. Fill each sign with something you can do to serve your friends and family.



Gospel



The disciples, James and John, asked Jesus if they could sit by him in Heaven. He told them that if they want to be great, they should serve others instead of trying to get the best seats in Heaven.