

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot



Pentecost Sunday Sunday, May 31, 2020

Rectory Office Hours | Parish Information

The Rectory is closed until further notice.

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When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. - Acts 2:1-4

**Need to contact one of the Priests?
Have a prayer request?**
priests@stwilliam.org

Private Prayer

The Church will be closed
Monday June 1st - Friday June 12th

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. Finocchio
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

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. You can also place your request in the drop-box of the Rectory.

Please submit your request no later than June 15, 2020.

Come Holy Spirit

As we await the coming of the Holy Spirit this Pentecost 2020, perhaps you, like me, have had that “spirit” of anticipation with the movement to open up in the business and financial world. We have heard over and over that we are “opening up” and there have been guidelines and percentages revealed with the hope of resuming public worship and prayer as well. I wish I had better news to give you about returning to Daily and Sunday Mass, but today I do not. Nothing has changed from what I reported last week. We are still only permitted gatherings of 10 people or less without the distribution of Holy Communion.

I and several Pastors across Long Island have requested permission from the Diocese to celebrate an outdoor “Mass in the Grass” style liturgy with social distancing. Permission was not granted due to the complexity of a safe and secure environment. We will honor the expectations of the Bishop’s Office and the Local Government. We are a People of Easter Hope, and it is likely in the near future we will have permission to open St. William and other parishes based on a percentage of their occupancy limits (750-800 person), but that permission has not been granted yet. Until we are able to identify a safe, thorough, and approved plan for reopening, we will continue to celebrate the Daily and Sunday Mass on Facebook.

One of the positives of this downtime is we have identified several projects and areas of improvement around the campus that need attention. With limited activity, I have decided to move on those projects over the next few weeks. Please know that the Church building will be closed for personal prayer from June 1 - June 12. Our hope is that the projects will be complete before then, but in order to not have to change the date multiple times, this is the best course of action. To give you a sense and scope of what needs to be done, we have created a short video on social media, and I will list the projects below.

- There is a 35-foot crack on the southside of the altar that has developed from what appears to be the settling of the transepts as well as the weight of the marble altar, ambo, and tabernacle stand. The crack runs from the sacristy door almost to the Baptismal Font. We will investigate the foundation, and need to do tile work
- We will need to reinforce part of the sanctuary to sustain the weight of the three marble pieces (altar, ambo, and tabernacle stand)
- It has been recommended we make adjustments to the confessionals in order to provide appropriate social distancing between the penitent and priest
- We will be painting the inside of the Church
- There are a few other safety and security projects between the rectory, convent, and school pertaining to entrances and meeting spaces.

I will keep you updated on these projects as they develop as well as the timeline of when we can begin the return to some form of beautiful and safe prayer and worship. These are challenging times and we all desire to be back in the place of comfort and solace that St. William the Abbot has always provided for us. Do not hesitate to reach out to me or any of the other priests regarding specific spiritual or temporal needs. Our team is ready to serve you and provide any services that you may need.

Lastly, I ask for your patience as we adjust to how exactly the parish will provide the many sacramental and prayer experiences in the “New Time”. The weather is getting nicer, things are moving quickly, and we all desire to return to some sense of normal, but as a pastor, it is my responsibility to protect our dedicated parish and school staff, the committed volunteers, the devoted parishioners, and your faithful and unworthy servants.

Until I am confident, we are safely prepared, we will hold off on public liturgies.

As always thank you for generosity and love of St. William the Abbot,



Mass Intentions

Monday, May 25, 2020
8:00 AM Collective Intentions
Anthony Fuina, Seamus Durnin,
9:00 AM Joseph J. Bishop

Tuesday, May 26, 2020
8:00 AM Henry & Rose Thoben
9:00 AM Robert Pedretti

Wednesday, May 27, 2020
8:00 AM Jeanne Laddomada
9:00 AM Judy Canzoneri

Thursday, May 28, 2020
8:00 AM Donald O'Brien
9:00 AM Jessica C. Mullen

Friday, May 29, 2020
8:00 AM Laura Davis
9:00 AM Basil Santini

Saturday, May 30, 2020
8:30 AM Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM Vito Magrino
7:30 PM Mary Beth Lange

Sunday, May 31, 2020
7:45 AM Julia LeBarr
9:15 AM Kenneth Deel
10:45 AM Patricia & William Doering
(LIV)
12:15 PM Collective Intentions
John Callahan & Susan Ferris, Arthur
Budich, Kathleen McGee Alexander,
Martha Thompson
5:00 PM People of St. William

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements should be made
six months prior to your wedding.
Please email priests@stwilliam.org.

Baptism

Parents must contact the
Rectory Office via email: information@stwilliam.org to register.

Food Pantry

Flour
Decaf Tea
Applesauce Jars
Canned Spinach
Canned Peaches
Brownies
Pretzels & Chips
Diapers - 5
Laundry Detergent
Dish Detergent

Bereavement

When someone you love has died, your grief journey begins. Let us help you along this road to acceptance and peace. Dealing with grief is a daunting challenge. Call Parish Social Ministry so we can assist you with information or refer you to programs. (516) 679-8532

Parish Social Ministry

If you or a friend has been financially impacted by the Covid-19 virus, you are welcome to contact Parish Social Ministry for the use of our food pantry and to discuss other available options and programs. (516) 679-8532

Sunday, May 3, 2020

Wine & Host -

In loving memory of

Wayne M. Hack

from Brothers and Sister

Sunday, May 10, 2020

Wine & Host -

For the 1st Birthday of

Vincent Zapone

with Love, Stephen, Cindy, & Isabella

Sunday, May 17 2020

Wine & Host -

In loving memory of

Joyce Jaffe

from The Zacharias Family

Sunday, May 24, 2020

Wine & Host -

In loving memory of

Barbara Hunter

from The Coughlin Family

Come, Holy Spirit.

FAITH FORMATION

fill my heart
with love.



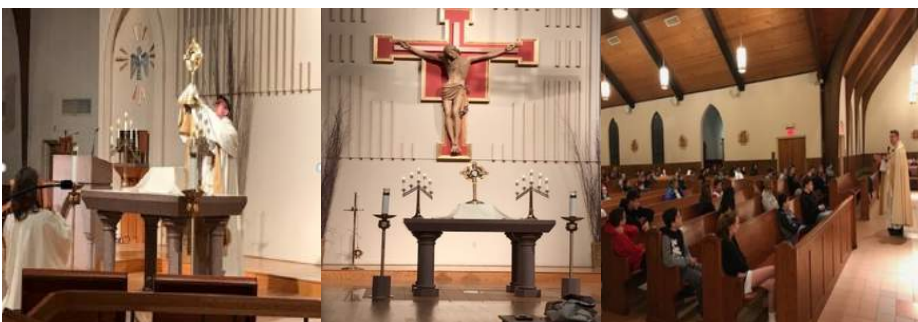
CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Jesus prepared his followers for his departure and promised that the Advocate would come to help and guide them. The readings over the past few weeks have prepared us for the great celebration of Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We are reminded that not only does Jesus pray for his disciples, but for each one of us.

Our young students in Faith Formation have been praying a modified Children's Liturgy at home. They have been preparing their hearts to receive the Holy Spirit by praying for their families, friends and for an end to the virus. It has been heartwarming to see that many of the children have sent me copies of their prayers and drawings.

All students have been encouraged to join our parish each week at a livestream Mass. It has been difficult for all of us to not gather as a community, but we can still pray the Mass at home united with one another. When Jesus prayed for his followers, he prayed to be able to give to them what he eternally gives to God, his Divine life and his Divine love. He offers his love and life to us each time we receive him in the Eucharist. We do that now spiritually.

Jesus is truly present to us in the Blessed Sacrament. Right before we began our quarantine, the 7th graders attended Adoration which was explained to them by Father Joe. The students were attentive and prayerful. As we continue to practice social distancing, let us pray for and with one another for the outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we may live as authentic disciples of Christ.



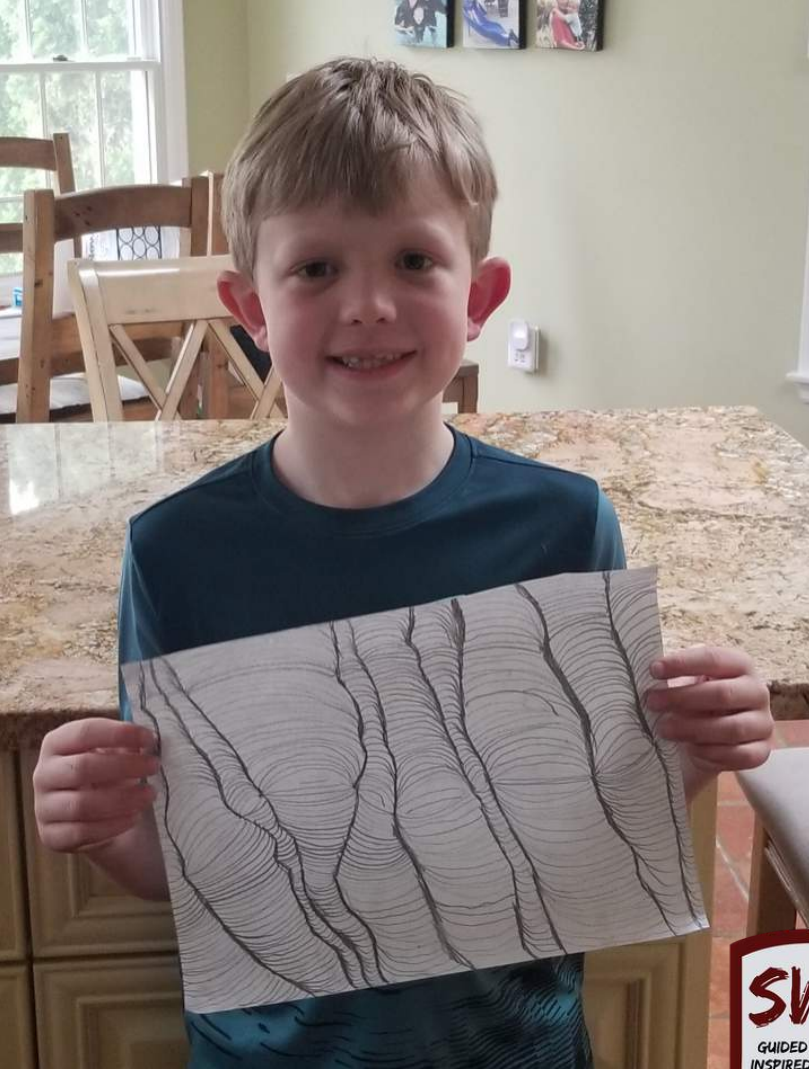
UPDATES

The Faith Formation office staff is anxiously awaiting to open its doors to the public once again. Although the office is not open, all inquiries can be sent to Mrs. Laura Walsh at faithformation@stwilliam.org. Families should regularly check their emails for correspondence regarding information and prayer suggestions. A notification will also go out when we are ready to receive registration forms.

Faith Formation classes will resume in the fall. We are actively preparing for the upcoming year and exploring different approaches to ensure that our children can continue to be formed in the faith in a safe manner. Virtual and online learning will play a big part in this year's catechesis. Right now, we are in the process of attending instructional webinars with the latest materials and technology and formulating a plan with our Pastor, Fr. Joe Fitzgerald.

As of now there has been no date set for First Holy Communion. We are awaiting word from the diocese and will inform our families with the good news as soon as we have a date. Our Confirmation candidates will continue their preparation to receive the sacrament in the upcoming year.

We are excited to partner with St. William's families in the faith formation of their children in these changing times. Updates will be provided as our planning unfolds.



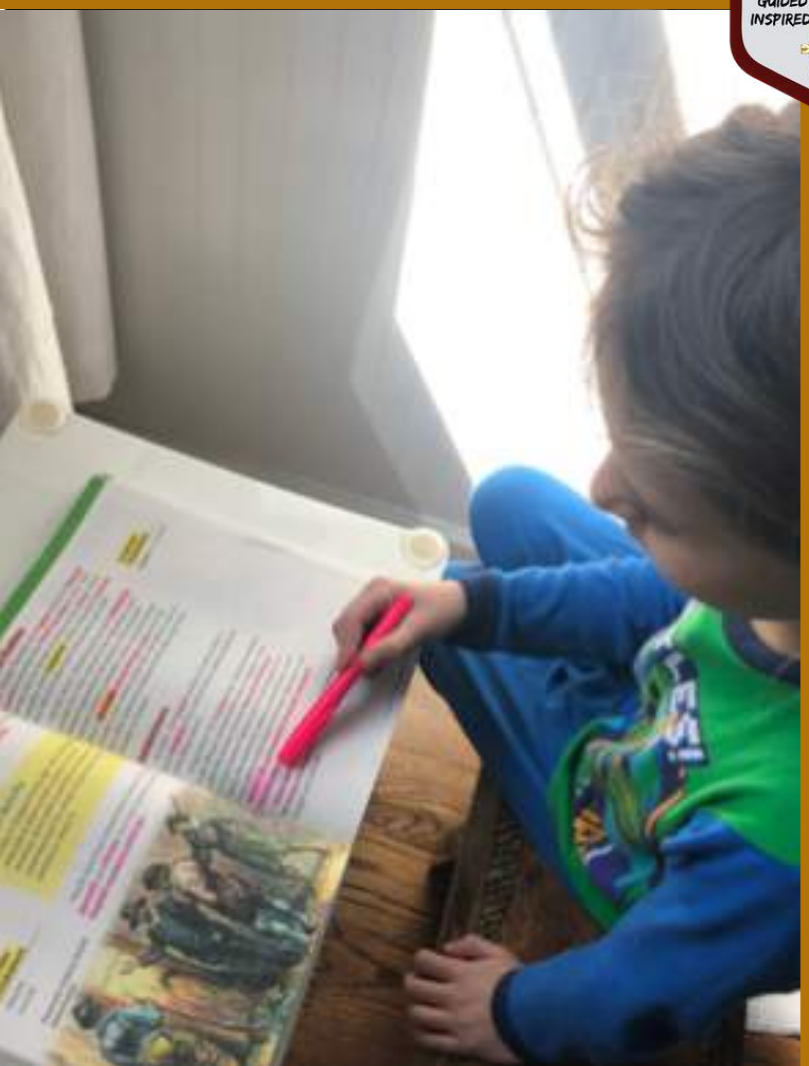
Over the past few months students at St. William the Abbot School have been getting creative from their own homes! Remote learning sure hasn't been easy, but our students have been having fun on Fridays taking art classes together through Google Meet and working on projects throughout the week. They've been recreating famous art through photography, creating art using materials found in nature, searching for items around their homes to form the colors of the color wheel, and learning how to draw optical illusions. Not being in the classroom together has been difficult, but it also has given our students an opportunity to create using materials they would not normally have access to in school.



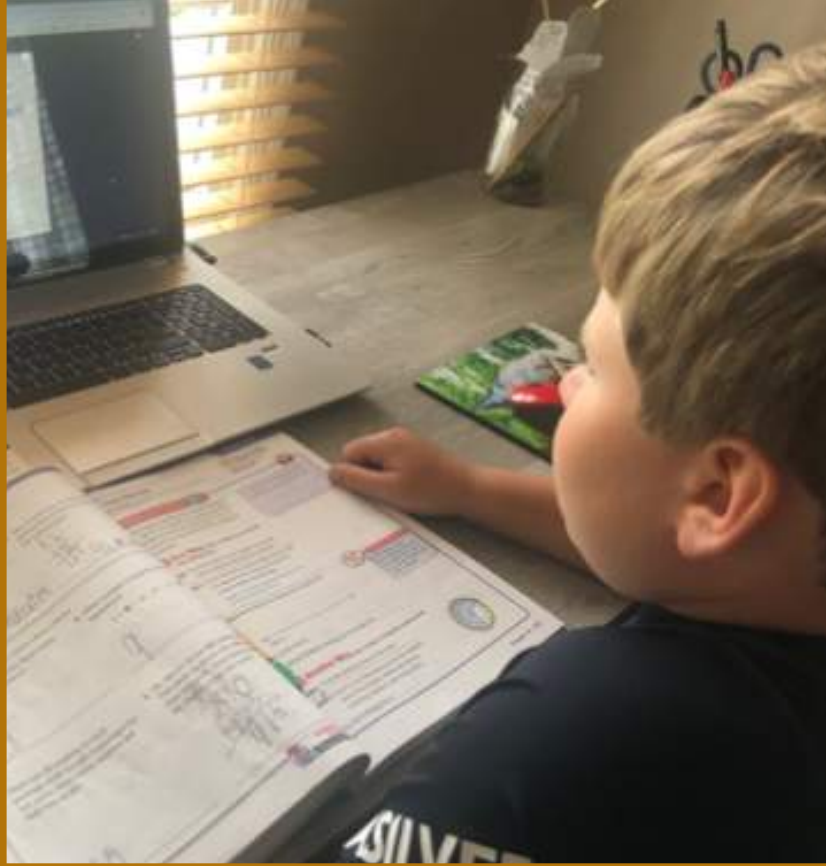
Remote Learning in 3-2 has never looked better! We have been meeting every day for all subjects! We have learned about fractions, time, forces in motion, the Constitution, and parts of the Mass. We even meet with Fr. James once a week! We are currently reading Peter Pan as a class, and have been working on our opinion writing. We have also been working on so many fun projects! We started with a Quarantine Cuisine Cookbook, followed by an Earth Day Recycling Project, a Saint Research Project, and we are now in the middle of a Flat Ms. Suppe Project! Here are some pictures of our hard work!







SOCIAL STUDIES TEST



VIRTUAL LEARNING

