

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot



The Ascension of the Lord Sunday, May 24, 2020

Rectory Office Hours

The Rectory is closed until further notice.

Parish Information

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"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

Need to contact one of the Priests?

Have a prayer request?

priests@stwilliam.org

Private Prayer

The church is open daily from
8:00am - 11:45am for private prayer.
Masks are required.

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.

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

What a Day!

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this Memorial Day Weekend, I have two very important messages I would like to communicate to you, one from the Bishop's Office about upcoming directives for returning to Mass, and the other from me to thank and honor our Veterans.

First, yesterday afternoon the Diocese of Rockville Centre issued directives regarding having public liturgies once again. Below I have summarized the extensive guidelines. Quotes from the diocesan directives are in boldface. My comments are not bolded.

- 1) Be reminded that the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect for ALL Parishioners. The sick and vulnerable should also remain at home. As per the recommendations of the Health Organizations, the very young and those over 65 years old are at higher risk for severe illness. If you or your family members are within these age groups, we ask you to follow the protocol for health and safety.
- 2) Holy Communion: Until further notice, Holy Communion will not be distributed at any liturgies, including Weddings and Funerals. While I realize this continues to be a spiritual hardship to the faithful, I pray that the duration of this restriction will be very short-lived. In the meantime, as we have done during our Facebook Live masses, spiritual communion is the next best option.
- 3) Funerals, Weddings, and Baptisms (with no more than 10 people in attendance) may begin as of this weekend. This is good news. Not having funerals has been a painful situation for families who are grieving. This allows funerals, either with Mass (without the distribution of Holy Communion) or at a Liturgy of the Word, to take place. We are also ready to schedule individual baptisms at a family's request.
- 4) Confessions can be scheduled with six feet of distance between the priest and penitent. Outdoor Confessions are permitted, following the same rules. We will continue to take individual Outdoor Confession requests by appointment – please reach out to us by email, priests@stwilliam.org, to set up a time to meet with one of the priests.
- 5) "Drive-in" Masses or "Mass on the Grass": These are permitted where possible, provided that social distances are maintained. This is exciting news; however, Holy Communion will not be distributed. We are told that directives will be published soon that will allow for the distribution of Holy Communion. Plans for "Mass on the Grass" are being formulated, using our back-parking lot and field. We are working on the logistics of a reverent altar space, appropriate sound, and safe access to the space. Parishioners would be encouraged to bring their own seating/chairs and be socially distanced. This would provide us with a better experience of worship and prayer. As I hear more information from the Bishop's Office – I will communicate that all to you.

So, in summary, while some progress is being made, it is still not ideal. My hope is that these restrictions will end soon and we will gather again as the Faith Family of St. William the Abbot! Until then, we will continue to have daily and Sunday Masses available on Facebook Live.

And now to our Veterans, I want to begin by saying Thank You. The first image that comes to my mind for Memorial Day each year is the image of a worn, tattered, "red poppy" on the car visor above my dad's head.

Every year at the beginning of the summer, he would make a donation to the American Legion/Amvets/VFW – and place it in that sacred place. It was a reminder for us as kids (as we were coming or going to the beach or pool), to always be thankful for the men and women who were currently serving overseas, and especially those who did not make it home. As we were enjoying the fun of summer, there were others out there – deployed across our world and nation, protecting our freedoms. The "Real Lifeguards".

Memorial Day 2020 will be a bit different – but it is always a time to remember, reflect, and celebrate those people who gave their lives for America's freedom. It is also a day to honor loved ones who have gone before us, paving the way for our family's futures; built our communities, and changed history so that we could participate in the success of the best and most blessed nation in the world. To be honest, with our country in disarray over closures, bans, and distance. But also, to simply remember those who made the supreme sacrifice for our FREEDOM.

My father passed on many attributes to my sisters and brother and I, but one of the best is a great love for our country and flag. Although never privileged to fight or defend the flag as a US serviceman, as a US Olympian, I was overwhelmed with pride when I wore the USA flag on my uniform and walked behind the flag at Opening Ceremonies. Red, White, and Blue! To this day as Old Glory goes by in a parade, I stop, remove my cover and show a sign of respect for those who fought and died for that simple Flag – 13 Stripes, 50 Stars – but so much more. A sign, a symbol, and a reality of Opportunity, of Hope, of Honor and Freedom.

My prayer for us as a parish is that we will be able to come together soon to praise and worship God, but also to honor so many that the Corona Virus has kept us from. Our Military Heroes, our Moms, Anniversary celebrations, First Responders, First Holy Communicants, Graduates, the sick and recovered, and those who died. This Memorial Day weekend we have much to be thankful, and many to remember. May the Lord Jesus, and His Mother Mary guide and protect us all.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Joe". The ink is a light blue or grey color. The signature is written in a fluid, personal style with a long, sweeping underline for the "e" in "Joe".

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 18, 2020

8:00 AM Basil Santini

9:00 AM Mother's Day

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

8:00 AM

9:00 AM Rev. James T. Rooney

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

8:00 AM Larry Jaipaul (LIV)

9:00 AM Rose Ippolito

7:30 PM John Salice

Thursday, May 21, 2020

7:30 AM Marguerite DeRudder

9:00 AM Collective Intentions

Edward Ottinger, Thomas Ward Sr.,

Joseph P. Ippoliti, Basil Santini

12pm People of St. William

7:30 PM Michelina Villano

Friday, May 22, 2020

8:00 AM Ed Tomczyk

9:00 AM Edward Ottinger

Saturday, May 23, 2020

8:30 AM Purgatorial Society

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Kaley
& Varvaro Families

7:30 PM Stella Power

Sunday, May 24, 2020

7:45 AM Collective Intentions

Joyce Jaffe, Robert Kowalski, Diane
Kelly, Barbara Hunter

9:15 AM Edward (Chuck)

Sweeney 10:45 AM Susan Bailey

12:15 PM People of St. William

5:00 PM Frank & Michael DeLuca

Food Pantry

Tomato Puree

Tomato Paste

Canned Spinach

Mashed Potatoes

Coffee & Tea

Pancake Mix

Canned Fruit

Bread Crumbs

Cookies

Pretzels

Shampoo & Conditioner

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

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.

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

2021 Mass Intention Book

Mass Intentions for 2021 are now available. Due to the restrictions imposed upon us because of COVID-19, we will be handling the scheduling of Mass Intentions a little differently than in the past.

We will be accepting 4 Mass Intention requests for 2021 per person and ask that you mail your requests to the Rectory (2000 Jackson Avenue, Seaford, NY 11783), along with your offering of \$20 for each Mass requested. The Mass Intentions will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. You can also place your requests in the drop-box of the Rectory. We will not be able to take any requests over the telephone or email.

We ask that you send the name of the person that the Intention is for and the date and time you are interested in. Please indicate if you would be flexible and allow us to schedule the Mass Intention as close to the date and time that you would like if your original date is not available.

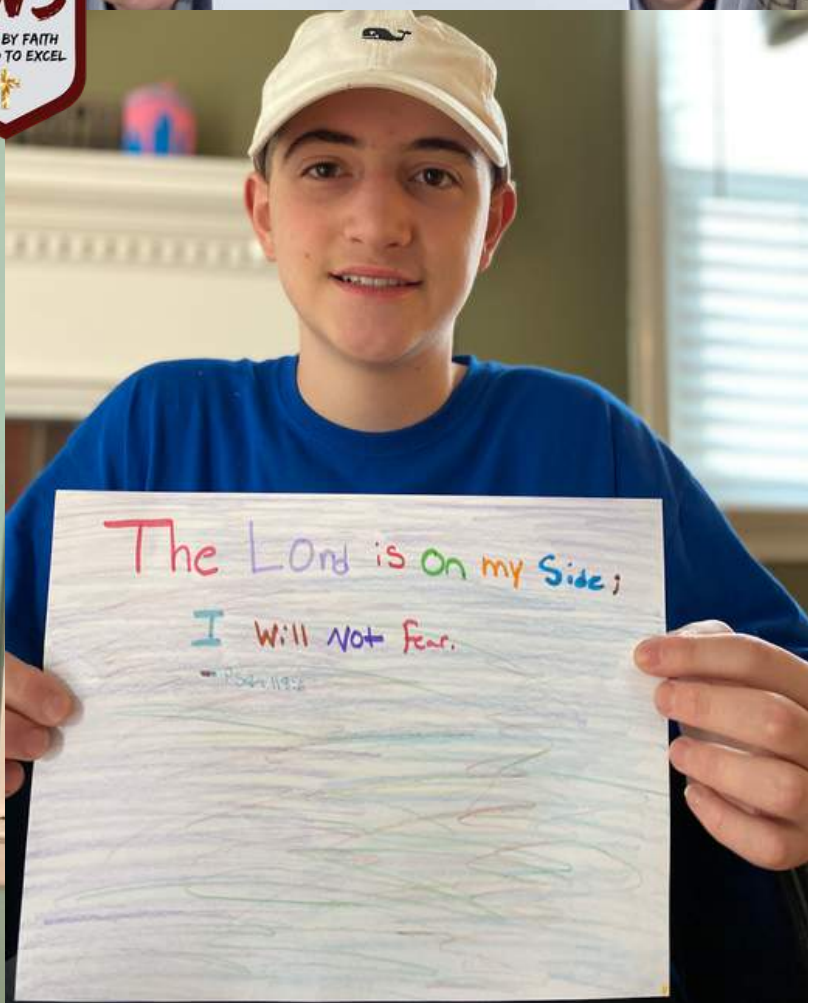
We will not be able to issue Mass Cards at this time. Be sure to include your name, address, telephone number and email address along with your request and we will send you confirmation of the dates that have been secured for your Intentions.

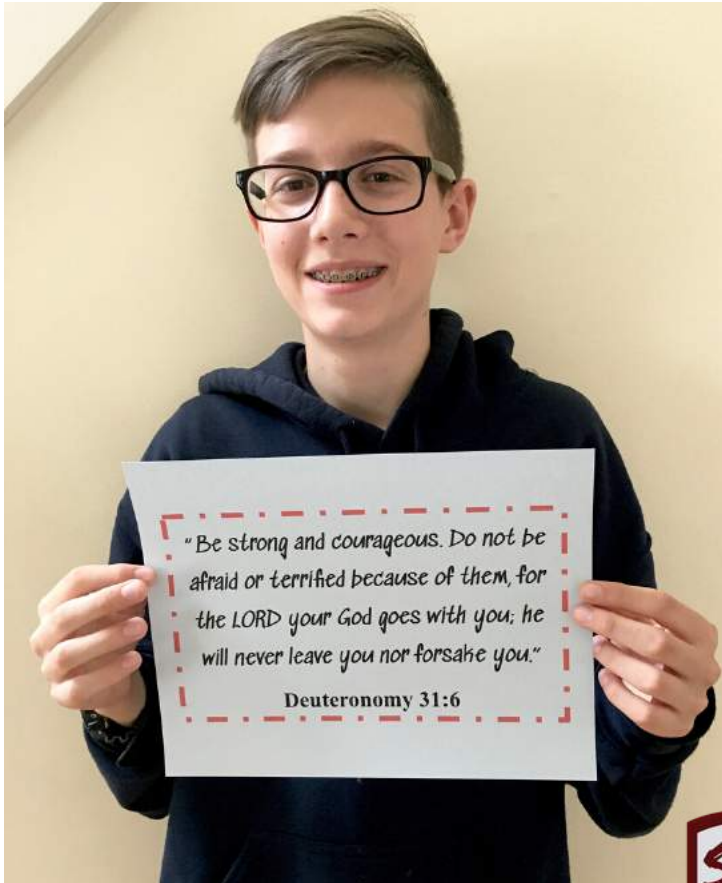
This information is for 2021 Mass Intentions only. We are not accepting any additional Mass Intentions for 2020 at this time.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



St. William the Abbot School





Although the SWS School building is closed, students are still participating in clubs and activities...VIRTUALLY! The Top Chef Club is "virtually" cooking and learning new recipes. Through the magic of Google Meetings, Mrs. Schuler and her student chefs are creating delicious recipes to be shared with their families. So far our chefs have made desserts (Vanilla Pudding Trifle and Ice Cream Sandwich Cake) as well as Taco Salad. Future recipes will include Lasagna Cupcakes and Easy Chocolate Pie!! Rachel Ray has some competition in these budding chefs!



Fourth Graders also celebrated Earth Day by using recycled goods to create robots for a STEM project! Students used Flip Grid to share how they made their robots!


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Background Layout Theme Transition

About the ride

Barca Dash is a 3D ride where you sit in a soccer ball with one other person and you travel through Barcelona stadium. It is an interactive ride where you get to move the players using a controller. The players have to do different drills/obstacles and have to hit targets. As you complete the drills and hit targets, you earn points and are playing against the other person in your soccer ball. Since the ride is 3D, you have to wear 3D goggles.


Barca Dash would be at Disney World near the ESPN Wide World of Sports. It would be at Disney World because that is my favorite amusement park and Barcelona is my favorite soccer team.



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Electricity on this Ride



- My ride will use electrical energy for light and motion. For example, there will be lights used all over the ride. The lights will be hidden away but the light will guide the sailboat throughout all of the ride. The ride will use motion to make the sailboat move from the start of the ride to the island at the end of the ride.
- My ride will need to use an electrical current as the sailboat moves through the ride. It will need a circuit to keep the ride moving. The ride will also have a large switch to turn the ride on and off.
- My ride will most likely need to be connected to a transformer too. The ride will be very large and spread out so the transformer will help provide the large amount of power it will need.




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How will electricity be used to power Tessa's Twisty Turny Roller Coaster.

- Electric motors change electrical energy into motion.
- The electric motor in my roller coaster will be used to move the carts along the tracks.



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Solids, Liquids and Gases in this ride

The ride is made up of different types of matter.

Solids: The first solid is the carts. The carts help carry people through the ride. The next solid is the goggles. The goggles help make the ride even better because it is a 3D ride. The last solid is the controllers. The controllers let you control the players.

Liquids: Water, which is a liquid, will be used on the ride. When the players get sweaty, water shoots out of your car so it feels like you are sweating.

Gases: Smoke, which is a gas, will be used in the ride. When a player hits a target, smoke will shoot out of the car.

In fourth grade students virtually went on a field trip and enjoyed the ride, "Peter Pan's Flight". Students were asked to jot down their noticings during their ride experience. With this information, students were then asked to creatively come up with their own roller coaster or ride. Fourth graders needed to describe the use of electricity, use of simple machines and how forms of matter all played a role in their designing. They then used Google Slides to share their projects with me! Students also had the opportunity to draw a picture of what their rides would look like.



**Letter to the Catholic Faithful of the Diocese of Rockville Centre
From Bishop John O. Barres
Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 24, 2020**



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

In Saint John's Gospel this weekend, the Seventh Sunday of Easter, we proclaim that "Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you...'"

In reflecting on this passage, I immediately began to think about our priests in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, who glorify the Father by serving the faithful daily. These are enormously trying times for all of us, but our priests and pastors have risen to the occasion in so many creative ways. They serve the people of God through on-line Masses, blessing homes in their parishes, curbside adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and much more.

I am so grateful to each and every one of our priests who are working tirelessly to serve the people in their parishes while they are helping grieving families and tending to the sick. However, as they are doing all of this, we are not able to gather our congregations on weekends and therefore, are not receiving the offertory collections that are so very important to the financial health of our parishes.

Appreciating the anxieties you are facing, we urge you to please continue supporting your parish with weekly offertory donations. These funds are critical for the continued operation of your parish. Every day, your parish provides for the pastoral and spiritual care of its parishioners. It is there in the happiest moments in your life - weddings, baptisms, first Communions - and is a source of comfort during the most challenging times such as our current crisis or the death of a loved one. There are senior services, food pantries, youth ministries, schools, and on-going religious education. All of this depends on you! We must also prepare to fully reemerge when the crisis is over and we are able to join together again as the Body of Christ. We ask that you please consider making the sacrifice, at a minimum, to continue your current weekly level of support.

One easy way to do so is through your parish's online giving provider. Your parish may have an online giving account that can be accessed through the parish website. We have also developed a "Text to Give" option for each of our parishes enabling you to make a weekly donation on your smart phone. To access information regarding this innovative form of giving, please go to the following website <https://www.drvcmissionarygrowth.org/text2give>. I know that the faithful on Long Island understand this and will and respond as you always do in times of crisis.

Please know that you and your family are remembered in my daily prayers and Masses.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre