

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Sunday, June 7, 2020



Rectory Office Hours

The Rectory is closed until further notice.

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Finally, brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.
Corinthians 13:11

**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.

Holy Trinity Sunday

In this time of disruption and confusion, I cannot help but think of the early disciples as the church developed in the first century. In many ways, not much different than today – they could not pray or worship in the temple/synagogue, the culture was hostile toward the faith, the leadership went into hiding and was silent, and yet, in the end, what emerged was a stronger and greater community of faith led by the Spirit. I am confident that at the end of this time, it will be the same for us. We too have come through the Paschal Mystery (Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection) in 2020, plus we have been faced with a global pandemic, a Nation divided, and quiet from the church leadership.

I have received many emails and letters from you with concerns and disappointment in the Pope, Bishops, President and the Legislators, people inside and outside the church, and of course, me as well. "Where is our response?" We are all looking for answers but honestly, where are the first places we look? Social media posts, Fox or CNN news, or the latest rant on Facebook or Twitter! Look at those sources – so often called Fake News. We all fall into it, but for us as faithful Catholic Christians, we must always begin with the "true source", the Lord and His Word.

Being separated from Mass and receiving the Eucharist has been extremely difficult, but what is filling that time? More noise and distractions through screens and negative talk? When we experience disruption and commotion in our lives, where do we turn? God is speaking to us every day - powerful messages like "the Lord himself will fight for you, you only have to be still" (Exodus 14:14). Are you allowing yourself to quiet your heart, turn off the fake news outlets, and pray? If so, you know that scripture tells us "be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:11). God is God, and we are not – so be at Peace.

When I think of the political landscape in our nation, the cultural and racial divisions, the socio-economic changes and transitions, it causes a bit of anxiety in my heart. And then I remember from the letter to the Hebrews "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). The Word of God quickly calms my heart. I am once again reminded about the great experience this past week where I had the privilege of being with and speaking to so many of you. Since the church has been closed, (thanks to Father James' house blessing project); the church came to see some of you last weekend. Many of you spoke of your concerns about sick family members, about loved ones working on the front lines, the death of George Floyd and the reaction, and several other topics and concerns.

What was so powerful for me about the experience was that we were able to pray together, share our stories, and express the hopes that even in the uncertainty that God will show up. God will respond. Maybe not in the timeframe we desire, or the exact way we want, but that God is "IN" the midst of the storm we are facing. Your witness of faith has been a reminder to me of the foundation of who we are at St. William the Abbot, that we were set on the foundation of Christ and His church. (Matthew 16:18)

We now enter into this Holy Trinity Sunday, possibly the most challenging of all concepts in our faith experience, Three Persons in One God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. But if we go deeper and realize the key concept of God is a powerful relationship that reveals unity, communication, peace, justice, mercy, and love – we can grasp onto that. The gospel tells us today that "God so of the world that he sent his Son not to condemn us but to save us" (John 3:16). And so, let us be witnesses as disciples to a UNITY that reveals this when events or conversations turn towards division. Let us be the ones that always point to communion when the news or the culture speaks of disruption. Our world and church must grow and transform into the Kingdom of God – and that is the Mission of the Church.

As we journey into this upcoming week with the hopes of "New News" about coming together in Worship and Prayer inside the church – I challenge you to invite our Lord into every aspect of your week. Allow prayer and His word into the conversations and dialogues you are part of. This is what will transform our culture, our society, and our church. Not the election of the next pope, or president, but when we put Christ at the center of everything. Perhaps we can all take that into prayer this week, do we put the Lord off to the side, or behind us? Do we forget about his presence – a presence that comes to us even through the walls of the church? Let us petition the Holy Trinity:

O Most Holy Trinity, Undivided Unity, Holy God, Mighty God, God immortal, be adored!

Thank you for your support, prayers, and witness to faith.



Mass Intentions

Monday, June 1, 2020
8:00 AM Greg Goldman
9:00 AM

Tuesday, June 2, 2020
8:00 AM Lorraine Licardi
9:00 AM Frances Gauci

Wednesday, June 3, 2020
8:00 AM Catherine Gallagher
9:00 AM Dorothy Rohan

Thursday, June 4, 2020
8:00 AM Carlo & Concetta Favuzzi
9:00 AM Jean Keenan

Friday, June 5, 2020
8:00 AM Judith Canzoneri
9:00 AM John Kilgus

Saturday, June 6, 2020
8:30 AM Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM Vito Magrino
7:30 PM Johnston Family

Sunday, June 7, 2020
7:45 AM Joseph S. LeBarr
9:15 AM Collective Intentions
Jean Keenan, William Wilson,
John Kemitch, Robert Kandybowicz
10:45 AM William & Amelia Foran
12:15 PM Concetta Mosca
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

Peanut Butter
Jelly
Pudding
Jello
Canned Beef
Apple Sauce
Decaf Coffee
Instant Coffee

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, a friend or someone you know 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 assistance and programs (516) 679-8532.

If you, a friend or someone you know, especially senior citizens and those who are homebound, needs assistance with food shopping or other issues, please call Parish Social Ministry (516) 679-8532.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please continue to make your blankets and shawls. To other members of the parish – you are welcome to make lap size blankets for our homebound parishioners as well as local nursing homes. To all – we can always use lap size blankets in a red, white and blue pattern which we give to our veterans in the State & National Nursing Homes here on Long Island. We also have yarn available for anyone crocheting or knitting for us. Please call Parish Social Ministry (516) 679-8532 with your questions.

Faith Formation



On Trinity Sunday we are reminded that there are three distinct persons in one God. The Holy Trinity is a relationship of love between God, the Father, God, the Son and God, the Holy Spirit. Our Triune God wants to share that love with us! When we live a life of faithfulness, we are joining the life of the Holy Trinity.

This past week our students prayed at home on the Solemnity of Pentecost, joining our Parish for Mass and praying at home with suggested activities. Our younger students watched a video entitled "The Coming of the Holy Spirit: Day of Pentecost. After watching, they wrote reflections about what they learned. From their feedback, I ascertained that they understood that when the Holy Spirit descended upon the first Disciples, they were empowered and gifted with courage to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. The children also understood that through the power of the Holy Spirit, they too, can heal the hearts of others by their kindness and good works.

Our older students reflected on the Gift of Courage. Courage is the ability to face difficulties, overcome fear, and give witness to our faith. The students wrote to me about how they prayed for courage to try new things, to stand up for themselves, to do what is right and to act as disciples of Jesus Christ. By reflecting they also learned that not only can they pray to God, the Holy Spirit, for help, they can reach out to trusted loved ones for help and guidance. A good lesson for all of us.

The next time we make the Sign of the Cross, let us do so prayerfully; mindful that we are praying to our Triune God. We are praying to God our Creator, Jesus, his Son who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and came to live among us and to the Holy Spirit who is God at work within us. Our God always acts as a God of love and our faith response to that love is by professing our belief in the Holy Trinity.

Faith Formation - Courage

John Sampogna

5 grade

My Act of Courage

One time I had courage was when I told my parents and my principal that I was being bullied. We had a meeting about it and we came up with solutions to deal with it.



Feast of Pentecost
Sunday, May 31st
12 pm Mass

* What is courage? *



Even though it does not seem like it, the Faith Formation team is busy getting ready for the fall. We are still in the planning stages. Mrs. Walsh attended several publisher's webinar workshops this week to view the new materials they have developed under the current circumstances to aid all parish programs. There were many suggestions on how to proceed in the fall under different scenarios; traditional (attending class at the parish), a combination of traditional and online resources and full instruction online. This will all depend on government and diocesan directives.

Mrs. Walsh also attended a brainstorming webinar with Bishop Andrzej and leaders from the Western Vicariate. All parishes seem to be in the same situation, discerning on how to offer meaningful faith formation classes. The Bishop and the Diocesan Faith Formation Office wants to ensure that we will be able to provide meaningful catechesis. Both offices are ready and willing to help develop new programs to fit the needs of each parish. Within a few weeks we should be able to update you on how Faith Formation Classes at St. William's will take place. Just like the rest of the world, we are learning the virtue of patience.

All students are receiving weekly age appropriate material and prayer suggestions for the Sunday Gospel's. Technology has provided us a way to stay connect via emails and the scanning of work and pictures. If anyone is not receiving these emails, please notify Mrs. Walsh at faithformation.org with your email address. Please feel free to send any questions or suggestions. We would also like to inform you that Carol Chisarik, one of our office secretaries, has decided to retire. She has been an integral part of our team and has assisted all our families with genuine helpfulness and courtesy. We wish her well in her next stage of life and will miss her dearly.

St. William the Abbot School

The 4th grade each year has a "Famous New Yorker" project that they present. They select a famous person from NY to research. They prepare a slide show outlining that person's life. They create slides showing their person's early life, what they are famous for, and their legacy. In a normal year they would make a presentation board, dress up as that person, and then have a show that other classes would visit. This year they were only able to do their slideshows. However the students were real troopers. They were able to present wonderful slide shows that demonstrated what they learned about their person.

