St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

The Epiphany of the Lord **January 2, 2022**

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



"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Matthew 2:2

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, January 2, 2022

People of St. William's Matthew Elder Sam Marino Emma Ustler

Monday, January 3, 2022 Collective Intentions

Peter Puleo, Walter Lozoda, Mary Carlucci, Barbara Cipolla

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 Emma Ustler

Wednesday, January 5, 2022 Mary Ann Utrata

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Collective Intentions Maria Marrone, Grazietta & Donato Marrone, Frank Provenzano, Peter Keliher

Friday, January 7, 2022

Louise Stutterheim Pannenborg

Saturday, January 8, 2022

Purgatorial Society Nicole Tedeschi

Pray for the Deceased

Irene Mathewson

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

Walter F. Karas

From Karas-Fletcher Family.

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

The Tabone Family

From Elizabeth Brodsky.

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

Vinny Silvestri

From Pat & Lou Dipadova.

Pray for the Sick

Carol O'Connell Lee Samawi Tyler Donohue

Stephen Kirby

Paul Tuccillo Adrienne Harker Mike Igromino Gregory Pisani

Epiphany 2022

"We have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him"

I remember in the fall and early winter of 1999 there was a lot of talk about a possible crash due to Y2K. All the bank accounts would be wiped clean, the computers and robots would take over, all of our personal information would be public and spread throughout the world, and it was going to be the collapse of culture and society as we know it. And then January 1st came, and everything was fine. This year maybe you heard a rumor that all iPhones may crash and delete, or the destructive Tik Tok challenges, or maybe your favorite TV show or Netflix series would go off the air. More often than not these ridiculous rumors become distractions that keep us glued to our TV and computer screens and prevent us from looking up at the world racing by us. As we enter into this New Year of 2022, and the continued celebration of the Parish's 95th anniversary, we are challenged to take the focus off ourselves and our technological screens and look up at the bright lights that God is placing before us.

The feast of the Epiphany is the celebration of the manifestation and presentation of the Messiah to the rest of the world – to pagans and non-believers. This Christ Child was not just for the Jews but for all who would be willing to come, to know, to adore, and to worship. But let's face it, the innkeeper, the local townsfolk, King Herod, and the priests of the temple were all too busy to recognize that Jesus had entered into the world right in front of them. And so, it was those who were not necessarily the "chosen people" who first encountered Our Lord – the shepherds, the Magi, and the angels. We have a unique opportunity to be reminded and reawakened as we celebrate this Epiphany feast day and journey into this New Year. But we have to refocus and look up!

What has the past week looked like for you? Have you as a family engaged in quality time together? Deep, meaningful conversations? Strengthening of relationships with your spouse? Kids? Siblings? The Lord encourages us to direct our eyes up – if you have not done so already – to take a personal inventory of your life, family, and loved ones – and ask yourself where is your focus? Where is your time scheduled in your calendar or phone? The last thing we need is more screen time – social media, national news outlets, video games or Netflix series – these are "supposed" to keep us more connected, but we know that never in the history of the world has humanity been more isolated and alone. The Incarnation – where the God of 'way up there' comes to us and lives among us is a mission of physical presence. The Shepherds and Wise Men knew that and paid attention to the star, and the signs in front of them. Can we say the same? Are we paying attention?

It's time for a personal epiphany, or an "aha moment." We have the ability now to be intentional and focus our direction and attention on the things that will get us to heaven and not mindless distractions and time wasters. The Lord understands that life is busy and that we have responsibilities for ourselves and the ones we love, we are all part of the Human Experience. Jesus does not shy away from our messiness and imperfections but desires to enter in – but He will not force Himself on us – we must invite Him. When we choose to open ourselves up to a personal relationship with Jesus, we project a willingness to reveal our baggage – but know our God is merciful, forgiving, and loving. That is a message of Good News – the actual meaning of the word Gospel. When we are presented with good news, we have a desire and responsibility to tell others.

In 2022 what will that look like for you? Will it be an invitation of a neighbor or friend to attend Mass with you at St. William's? Or discerning as a family if Catholic school is the place for your kids or grandkids? Maybe it is bringing someone to morning Adoration and confession, or another prayer devotion that we offer in the parish? The disciples of John the Baptist reported back to him all the amazing things that Jesus was doing – "the blind could see, the deaf could hear, the lame could walk, and the dead were raised." The hope is we can say the same about the movement and ministries here, that Jesus is working through our gifts and talents and providing healing, relief, hope, forgiveness, faith, and love.

May I invite you to take some time this week and discern what your faith experience will look like in this New Year. Of course – daily prayer, grace before meals, reading the scriptures and Sunday Mass are on the top of the list for 2022. But also return to the basics - honor God, reconnect with the community, express gratitude, and dialogue with God regarding your blessings and challenges – and the hopes of what is to come. Trust me you will not be disappointed when you allow for more time with God. Remember the beauty of the scriptures from just a few days ago when the angels said: "I proclaim to you good news ... that will be for all the people... today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." Jesus brings to us Light, Hope, Peace, and Love to dwell with us, our families, our nation, and our world... and that my friends is the epiphany, the good news we are entrusted to tell others about. Continued Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Peace,



INSPIRE



Fr. Joe is calling all 8th - 12th graders to join him for the Diocese of Rockville Centre,
Youth Inspire Night on
Friday, January 7th at 7pm
in the parish of St. Barnabus the Apostle Church in 2320 Bedford Ave, Bellmore.

*We will meet there at 6:50pm

Arrive Early & Wear Your Mask

For the safety of all the community, staff, & Clergy. Face Masks will be required.

We do ask that everyone arrive early so that we can everyone seated before the start of Mass. We ask that all parishioners wear their mask covering their nose and mouth at all times while inside the church.



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

PARKING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



The Rectory has received several complaints from our neighbors on Jackson Avenue and on Wilburne Avenue. We ask that all parishioners refrain from parking and blocking the private homes driveways.

Pease be considerate during the upcoming holidays. Many of the Masses are crowded and parking is difficult. Please do not block the parishes garages. Try to arrive early and allow time to find parking. Keep in mind that there is a parking lot behind the school. Thank you!

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.

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



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.



Pray for those in the Military

USMC -

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

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 Navy -

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

US Coast Guard -

Lt. James Knudsen

Daniel Timpanaro

LT. Commander Katherine Ustler

Frank Pristera

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



YOUTH NIGHT JUST FOR FUN-EDGE NIGHT

MOVIE & CRAFT NIGHT



FRIDAY, JANUARY 14TH

Grades 6-8

THE NIGHT WILL BEGIN IN THE CHURCH AT 6:30PM

8

PICK UP WILL BE PROMPTLY AT 8:45PM IN THE ABBEY

*No RSVP Needed



YOUTH MASS



CALLING ALL OF THE YOUTH & FAMILY OF THE COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16TH 5PM

THE 7TH & 8TH GRADERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THESE SPECIAL MASSES TO PREPARE THEIR HEARTS FOR THESE SACRAMENTAL YEARS THAT ANCHOR THEIR FAITH.



LIFETEEN NIGHT

LIP SYNC BATTLE KARAOKE NIGHT



FRIDAY, JANUARY 21ST Grades 9-12

THE NIGHT WILL BEGIN IN THE ABBEY AT 6:30PM

8

PICK UP WILL BE PROMPTLY AT 8:45PM

OLIFE TEEN



YOUNG ADULT MASS
8

CORN HOLE MATCH CONTEST



SATURDAY, JANUARY 29TH

CALLING ALL OF THE YOUNG ADULTS TO ATTEND THE 5PM MASS FOR A SPECIAL BLESSING.

THEN JOIN US FOR THE YOUNG ADULT CORN HOLE MATCH IN THE ABBEY FROM 6PM – 9PM.

*No RSVP Needed

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH







SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2022

5PM

95TH ANNIVERSARY MASS IN THE CHURCH

Then join us for the Anniversary Gala Ball at 6pm Memorare Knights of Columbus 2183 Jackson Ave. Seaford

Cost is \$95 per person

Dress Code - Formal & Jacket's are required.





ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH





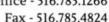


Cost is \$95 per person

- Get together your family & friends
- Set up a table of 12
- Choose a table Captain, place their name of the registration form below
-If you don't have a group to sit with, not a problem, we will find you a fun table to sit in

Seating is limited, all RSVP's must be in by March 4th 95TH ANNIVERSARY GALA BALL -REGISTRATION FORM

First & Last Name:	
Address:	
Email Address:	
Phone:	# of People:
Table Captain:	Amount Enclosed:





January 2, 2022

Dear Parishioners and St. William the Abbot School Parents,

The Parish of St. William the Abbot will prepare to celebrate its 95th anniversary! We have planned a special celebration for our parishioners and school families to celebrate our past and prepare for a future that will be as vibrant and productive as our past, with God-centered in our mission.

Save the date and plan to join us on Saturday, March 12, 2022, for a special 95th Anniversary Liturgy at 5 pm in the church, then immediately after, we will celebrate with our 95th Anniversary Gala Ball at the Memorare Knights of Columbus at 6 pm.

As a part of our celebration, we are working on a Journal that will be distributed. The journal will feature pictures and parish history and undoubtedly be a keepsake from this special year. I ask you, parishioners and school parents of St. William the Abbot, to consider taking an advertisement in the journal. We have so much to be grateful for and to celebrate.

The Journal Form outlines the various options available. Please attach a camera-ready print or personal message to the form. You can also email your journal add to priests@stwilliam.org. Please return your ad and payment, check or cash to the Rectory by February 4.

Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity, Pray that the 95th anniversary may be an occasion for renewal and spiritual growth for the entire campus of St. William the Abbot.

Sincerely,

Rev. Joseph H. Fitzgerald

Fr Joseph H Fitzenck

Pastor

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH





Journal AD FORM



PLEASE CONSIDER PUTTING A MESSAGE OR AD IN OUR JOURNAL BOOKLET.

\$5,000 - INSIDE FRONT COVER OF JOURNAL, TICKETS FOR

TABLE OF 12. AND SEATING WITH PASTOR FR. JOE FITZGERALD

-		\$3,000 - OUTSIDE BACK COVER AND TICKETS FOR TABLE OF 12		
-		\$2,000 - INSIDE BACK COVER AND TICKETS FOR 6		
_		\$1,000 GOLD PAGE		
_		\$750 - SILVER PAGE		
-		\$500 - FULL PAGE		
_		\$300 - HALF PAGE		
_		\$175 - QUARTER PAGE		
_		\$50 - NAME LISTING		
95TH ANNIVERSARY JOURNAL AD FORM				
First & Last Name:				
Address:				
Email Address:				
Phone:		Amount Enclosed:		

 * Please return the registration form to the rectory with payment; cash or check.



























Parish Social Ministry

Coming Soon...NEW COVID-relief Programs for Homeowners

The NYS Homeowners Assistance Fund will begin taking applications on January 3rd for programs to help low/moderate income homeowners who are behind on mortgage payments, property taxes and water or sewer bills. The programs will also offer help for owners of cooperative or condo units behind on maintenance fees. Eligibility requirements are based upon household income and delinquency status of existing housing payments. For more information on how to prepare to apply.

Call 1-844-77-NYHAF or visit the HAF website at https://www.nyhomeownerfund.org. Watch the bulletin for more information as it becomes available!

Holiday Hours

Please be aware of upcoming parish holidays when the Social Ministry office will be CLOSED:

Friday, Dec 24th, Monday, Dec 27th, Friday, Dec 31st and Monday Jan 3rd. If possible, kindly do not leave food donations (especially perishables) in the bin when the office is closed. If you are interested in donating, we recommend you call the office before visiting us. Thank you for your support!

Thank You Christmas Adopt-a-Family Donors!

Our parish responded in an outstanding manner to the Adopta-Family Program! All of the families we serve were adopted and we were able to provide gifts, food, coats and more to our families. In addition, due to your generosity we were also able to help the Eastern Farm Workers Association and Momma's House. God bless you all for your generosity!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please note that the next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be Tuesday, January 4th. Do you know someone in need of a prayer shawl? Contact the Social Ministry office at 516-679-8532.

Tornado Relief Efforts

We have received many inquiries regarding donations for relief efforts to help families and communities affected by the recent devastating tornadoes in the U.S. Catholic Charities USA is collecting for tornado relief and will work with local parishes in the affected areas in order to disburse funds and aid. 100% of your donations through Catholic Charities go to helping rebuild lives. If interested in donating, visit their website at https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/.

Donation Spotlight



A huge thank you goes out this week to the St. William the Abbot CYO Sharks Swim team for creating 56 Christmas stockings for our homebound parishioners. Stockings were lovinaly decorated and filled with goodies such as holiday cards, handmade drawings. crosswords. stationary, hand cream and more! All of the stockings were delivered with poinsettias by parish volunteers bring Christmas cheer and a message of caring to our homebound. God bless the St. William CYO Sharks for their generosity!!



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: JO-ANN METZDORFF AT RCIA@STWILLIAM.ORG

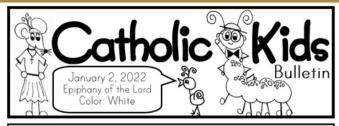
Consider Automated Giving

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.

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Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

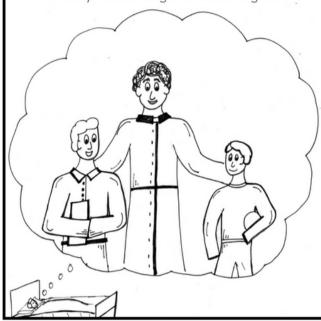
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What color are the priest's vestments? We are still celebrating the Christmas season, so he is wearing white.

Saint John Bosco

Saint John Bosco had an important dream as a child. He dreamed that he was teaching children about God. When he grew up, his life was like that dream!

He juggled and did tricks to get kids to listen to him, then he could teach them about God and they would all go to Mass together.







The Magi saw a star rise over Bethlehem and followed it to visit baby Jesus. They brought Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

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

Staying Connected

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.



Parish Contact Information

CONTACT THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Please send your email to pastoralcouncil@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR OPERATIONS



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QUESTIONS FOR THE RECTORY



Sue McCormick Office Manager

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QUESTIONS FOR MUSIC MINISTRY



Elizabeth Woods
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QUESTIONS FOR FAITH FORMATION



Maria Paguaga
Faith Formation Clerical

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

QUESTIONS FOR SOCIAL MINISTRY



Allison Marro Director of Social Ministry

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

CONTACT THE PRIESTS



Fr. Joseph H. Fitzgerald Pastor



Fr. James Hansen Associate Pastor



Fr. Collins Yeboah Associate Pastor

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CONTACT THE BUSINESS MANAGER



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CONTACT THE SCHOOL



Elizabeth Bricker Principal



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