

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Second Sunday of Advent December 6, 2020



I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the holy Spirit." - Mark 1:8

Rectory Office Hours

The Rectory will remain closed until further notice. If you need to contact the Rectory please email your request.

information@stwilliam.org

Parish Information

Office: 516.785.1266
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Seaford, NY 11783
stwilliam.org

The Mass Intentions are celebrated each day by a member of the Clergy, in either a public Mass or private Mass. Please be advised the current Mass schedule may not allow the family to be present for all Mass Intentions celebrated.



The Second Sunday of Advent

Pray for the dedicated servants of Christ as you light the second violet candle on your Advent wreath.

Pray for the Sick

Carol Rosenhagen
Paul Rosenhagen

Diane Kimbley
Jimmy Smith

Pray for the Deceased

James Edward O'Bray

James J. O'Neill

Lucy Delpozzo

Carmela I. Angelone

Gerard Fitzgerald

Maria Wilson-Pooley

James Molner

Michelle Valletta

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:30am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 8:30am & 5pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 12pm

The Presider Schedule can be found on stwilliam.org.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 7, 2020

Ernst DeGraaf
Nancy & Frank Lamb
Stephen Mullen
People of St. William's

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Intentions of Valdez-LeGoff Families (LIV)
Basil Santini

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

William Dolloff
Josephine Clark

Thursday, December 10, 2020

Lillian O'Connor
Frank Albanese

Friday, December 11, 2020

Archbold & Durnin Families
Frank Albanese

Saturday, December 12, 2020

Purgatorial Society
George Cain

Sunday, December 13, 2020

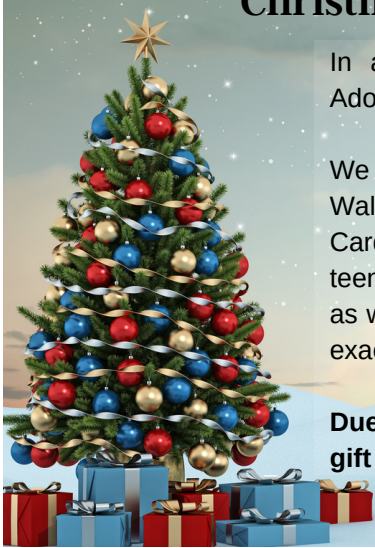
People of St. William
Baby David George Skennion
Michael & Mary Crehan-Hynes
Timothy F. Sullivan
Michael S. Hynes
Vincent Flaherty
Barbara & John Mullen
Diane Kelly

Christmas Star Program

In addition to the requested gifts in the Adopt-A-Family program.

We will be in need of Gift Cards to Target, Walmart, Westfield Mall, and VISA. Gift Cards are always a welcomed gift for teenagers who like to do their own shopping as well as for parents who can purchase the exact gift their child has requested.

Due to safety reasons, please drop off all gift cards in the Rectory drop box.



Christmas Flowers

It has been the tradition of St. William's for parishioners to contribute toward the purchase of our beautiful Christmas flowers and decorations. Envelopes are available for this purpose. You may place your contribution in the envelope and place the envelope in the collection basket or drop it off in the Rectory. Thank you for your generosity, our Church is transformed every year on Christmas Day.



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Please note that there will not be a Vigil Mass on Monday, December 7.

The following Masses will be held on Tuesday, December 8 - 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, and 7:00 PM.



THANKSGIVING THANKS!

A tremendous Thank You to everyone who so generously donated to our Thanksgiving Appeal. We not only received festively decorated baskets overflowing with the complete fixings for a delicious thanksgiving dinner but we also received bags and bags of food. The many food store gift cards were given to families to buy their turkeys and perishable food. Those who received the thanksgiving food were most grateful and promised to pray for all that made their dinner possible. We helped 84 families as well as other parishes. You have truly been Christ to others.

Parish Social Ministry,
Rosemary Graziano & Allison Marro

National Night of Prayer

Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, December 8, 8pm- 10pm



It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception that Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the Unborn, first appeared to St. Juan Diego. This year, we ask Our Blessed Mother to re-established a Culture of Life, return America to being One Nation Under God, restore Religious Liberty and make us worthy of Christ's Peace. All are invited.

We will be united in Churches across the country in prayer to end abortion, and to restore God's blessings of Life, Liberty, Faith, and His Peace in America and from here, the entire world.

Volunteers Needed

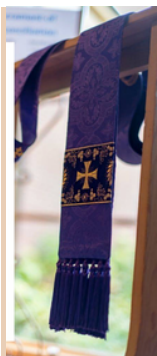
Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Church for Christmas on Wednesday December 9, at 12:30 PM. If you are interested in participating please call the Rectory at (516) 785-1266 and leave your name and contact number. Any assistance you can give will be greatly appreciated. We will meet in the main lobby of the Church.

Advent Reconciliation

Before the days of Christmas get too busy, please join us on December 12 & 19 from 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM.

Advent Prayer and Reconciliation -
Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00 PM.

Reconciliation is offered Monday - Saturday from
7:00 AM - 8:30 AM.



Please Be Considerate

Please be considerate during the upcoming holidays. Many of the Masses are crowded and parking is difficult. **Please do not block any driveways or 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!



2020 - From Lent to Advent

This past year will be connected to the longest Lenten season in history. If you can remember, we had just entered the desert of Lent when the shutdown of the coronavirus began. For Catholics, Lent is a Penitential Season to remove many of the extras, and we as a people of faith entered the dry season of fasting. (That may be the understatement of the year). But we entered in not alone. Jesus went with us into 2020 with “no Holy Week or Easter Sunday” experience. He was with us as businesses began to shut down, when there was no normal First Holy Communion or graduations, limited Mother’s Day and Father’s Day celebrations, and other national holidays. Jesus has been there with us through social distancing and mask wearing, and in the phenomenon of air/distant hugs. It has been a long nine months.

December has arrived. We now enter the Season of Advent, which is also a season of penitential reflection, and the Church in its wisdom challenges us to slow down, to keep watch, and to wait. If you are like me, in many ways I am “done” with waiting, but it helps me to look back at 2000 years of our faith history, and the tradition of almost 100 years in St. William the Abbot’s parish existence. We all know there is a tendency to rush past the lighting of the Advent wreath or opening up the Advent calendar one day at a time; to go from the violet/purple bows to the red bows of Christmas. We long for the evergreen trees and wreaths that bring us hope of the “new” – the Newborn King, the New Year’s celebrations, the new customs, traditions, and resolutions we add to our lives, family, and parish community. The Heavenly Father is calling us to slow down and focus on each of these Advent candles, slowly progressing from one to next. Each weekend they cause a spark, and collectively they bring more light in the Church. It is the same for you and me, and we are called to bring the light of Christ into the world.

As we draw closer to the end of another year, I have to say I am so ready for 2020 to be in the rear-view mirror. We cannot help but notice the winter shortened days in terms of sunlight. While it may seem at times that light fades under the power of darkness, it can never be entirely snuffed out. In fact, we know a transition happens just before December 25th – the light begins to come back stronger and fills the sky with more and more radiance and power. The glimmer of Christmas Hope turns in favor of more and more light. Even in the ancient pagan and secular world, the “sun god” would return triumphant over the power of the opposing god of darkness. But for us as Christians, we know it is Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, who dispels the powers of darkness and sin. Even during the apparent darkness of winter, even after the longest Lent in history; light begins to fill all of creation again and warms the life of a New Springtime. Hope begins to show its face in the form of a family, a child.

The powers of goodness and truth and life and light can never be extinguished; we only have to look at the heroic generosity of so many of you this past year. First Responders, the parenting and teaching your kids, grandparents assisting in raising the grandkids, random acts of kindness, generosity to Social Ministry and other parish needs, even in the Spiritual sense of the greater reliance on God through prayer and connecting virtually. These are small ways that God’s Light shines brightly in our hearts and minds as we make his Light shine forth in a chaotic and confused world. Although we desire to rush through to Christmas – take your time to notice God’s presence in the Advent Wreath and Candles – flashes of light in the next few weeks. Not just the inflatable Christmas lawn decorations or lights hung on our homes, but how others in your lives have reflected Christ’s Light in their Kindness, Goodness and Love. And then, let us BE the Light leading and pointing through Advent to Christmas.

I pray the Lord will send a double portion of blessings to you and your family, and as always thank you for your commitment to the parish in your presence and generosity.

Advent Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fr. Joe".

Caring for the Caregiver

Although our program cannot currently meet we are reaching out to those who are caring for a homebound family member. You are filled with compassion for your loved one, it is not an easy situation. The time involved and the emotions you experience can be overwhelming. Particularly at this time you may be without a backup caregiver which compounds the stress. If you would like to call to speak to someone experienced with these situation, please do so (516) 679-8532. We can also provide some resources. All conversations are strictly confidential.

Homebound

Do you know someone who is homebound or lonely? Please let us know so we can reach out to them in the spirit of Christ. Perhaps they need someone to food shop for them. Please call (516) 679-8532.

Bereavement Ministry

Although we cannot hold actual Bereavement Ministry sessions at this time due to the restrictions of meetings, we want you to know that we care about the grief you are experiencing, Let us help you take the walk in your grief journey. Trained facilitators are available to support you. Our mission is to help you to find peace in the midst of dealing with your loss. Please call Parish Social Ministry at (516) 679-8532 so we can discuss several options of discussions and conversations.

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

9:00am - 12:00pm

Food Pantry

ORANGES

RAZORS

PAPER TOWELS

DETERGENT

TISSUES

CANNED SPINACH

CANNED BEEF STEW

APPLES

Rectory News

The Rectory is issuing Mass Cards, enrollment in the Purgatorial Society, Memorializing the Wine, Host and Altar Flowers. Please call the Rectory for more information (516) 785-1266.

Faith Formation

We begin our 2nd week in Advent. It is the preparing of the coming of Jesus! Some of you may have a tradition where you light the candles on an Advent Wreath and say a prayer together as a family and some of you may not have a Wreath and just pray together. Either way we should prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus and this is such a perfect time during Advent to reflect and think about what you are grateful and thankful for and also what changes can you make, not only for yourself, but also as a family together to make things better all-around and become closer to God. It is a difficult time right now and we are making so many new adjustments that are going on in our own homes as well as the World. We are told this is the "new normal", and it may be for now, but we need to remember that God never fails us. He is always there through good times and the difficult times and we all need to continue to trust in God. Maybe it would be helpful to read stories with your family to help to prepare during Advent.

Here is a couple of suggestions – WALDO TELL ME ABOUT CHRISTMAS, by Hans Wilhem and another good one is TALE OF THE THREE TREES, by Angela Elwell Hunt.

Here are some of our Faith Formation students who took the time to help our neighbors to prepare for Thanksgiving. Thank you!



We have a new phone number for the Faith Formation Office. 516-783-2528. Please make a note of it.

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW CONSIDERING COMING INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH,
OR ARE YOU ALREADY BAPTIZED AND WISH TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS OF EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION?

BECOME CATHOLIC

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



Banns of Marriage I

Kevin Sostowski
SWA

&

Lauren Murphy
SWA

STUMP THE PRIEST !



Who is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception about? Is it about the conception of Mary or the conception of Jesus?

Answer:

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is rather about the conception of Mary. The Church believes and teaches that, as divinely revealed, Mary was conceived without the stain of original sin right from the womb of her parents Joachim and Ann. This could only happen because of God's own grace and privilege conferred upon Mary on account of the fact that she was to be the Mother of Jesus. The word "immaculate" comes from the Latin, Immaculatus, which means: spotless, pure, without stain.

Every person being brought forth through the union of a man and a woman gets stained by original sin at the moment of conception because of the disobedience of Adam and Eve, our first parents. However, in the case Mary, God, by his grace, gave Mary the singular privilege of being free from this stain of original sin even though she was also brought forth by human parents-Joachim and Ann. God has the foreknowledge of everything that was, that is and that is to be. So he foreknew Mary as one through whom Jesus, the savior of the world, would come and therefore preserved her "immaculate" right from the womb. This same grace of God kept Mary free from committing any personal sin. So the Church again believes and teaches that not only was Mary free from original sin, she was also free from committing any personal sin. Therefore, we proclaim her as Sinless Virgin Mary.

This is because Jesus was the All- Holy God the Son coming down from the All- Holy God the Father to take on the human body and nature to save humanity from sin. Therefore the vessel (Mary), through whom he was to come, ought to be holy, pure, spotless, and immaculate as befitting the Savior. The one coming to deliver from sin must himself be without sin.



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.

LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

The Monday - Friday 8:30am Daily Mass and the Sunday 12pm Mass can be viewed on the parish website stwilliam.org.

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.

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 MUSIC MINISTRY

Please send your email to mgeorgetti@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 THE SCHOOL

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Prayers for those in the Military

US Navy -	US Army -
Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald	Sgt. Craig Bianco
Ensign Michael Napolitano	SPC Anthony Caputo
MMN2 Emily Partridge	Capt. Michael DiPietro
Commander Michael Sean Slatley	Capt. Michael Fitzgerald
	Capt. Christopher J. Frasse
USMC -	Capt. Logan Lee
Lt. Kevin J. Butler	Lt. Col. John Kallo
2nd Lt. Dana Duggan	Capt. Caitlin M. Lee
Corporal Frank A. Finocchio	Sgt. Brian Kirby
Private John Mosier	Major Eamon G. McArdle
Sgt. Robert Nesci	Sgt. Donald Rogers
LCpl Christopher Russell	Major Christopher James Ustler
	Major Kurtis Unger
US Air Force -	US Coast Guard -
Capt. Matthew B. Frasse	Lt. James Knudsen
AIC William Hughes	Daniel Timpanaro
Tech. Sgt. Karl Muench	LT. Commander Katherine Ustler
Major Thomas F. Shields	Frank Pristera

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.

Background Screening Update

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People:

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) promulgated by the Bishops of the United States in 2002 outlines specific practices and guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. As directed in The Charter, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all employees, clergy, and volunteers to complete three requirements within thirty days of employment or volunteering:

1. Attend **Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)**
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct;
3. Complete a background screen application. The Diocese requires all those who remain in active ministry be rescreened at 5 yr. intervals. volunteers/employees.

A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OPFCYP) has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the three safe environment requirements in one step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

1. Register to attend a Protecting God's Children class and create a Virtus account on the Virtus website: www.Virtus.org
2. Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct- provided during the Virtus registration process.
3. Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application background offered during the Virtus registration process.

Active Volunteers:

If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus and have been background screened you may be at – or beyond- the **Syr. rescreening requirement**. If this is the case, you will receive an email from **Sterling Volunteers** asking you to complete the background screening application on-line. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account. **Please be aware-this is not a scam nor has your e-mail been hacked.** The OPFCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records and noted it is time for you to be rescreened. You may also be prompted to electronically resign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

Edit Your Virtus Account:

To access your Virtus account: www.Virtus.org You will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or helpdesk@virtus.org. Once in your account, review your account information-particularly your e-mail address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side of your screen in the green column click "Update My Account" You will be able to make the necessary changes-please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

Questions or concerns: mmcmahon@drvc.org; amendoza-cantos@drvc.org; jwinter@drvc.org; pditomasso@drvc.org

Thank you to all who continue to serve in a ministry during these extremely challenging days.



Reconciliation

Reconciliation will be held in the Church
Monday through Saturday 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM
and on Saturday from 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM.



Personal Prayer

In order to allow for quiet, personal prayer time, the Church will remain open
until 12:00 N Monday through Friday as of Thursday, October 1, 2020.
This will be suspended on days when we have scheduled Funeral Masses.



Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will be held from 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM
every day, Monday through Saturday.



Rosary

The Rosary prayer time will be held
Monday - Saturday after the 8:30 AM Mass.



Miraculous Medal

Novena Devotions will be held on Saturday's at 8:15 AM.



St. Peregrine

St. Peregrine a prayer group for cancer victims, families, and their care givers.
The Peregrine Hour of Prayer is held on the
first Monday of each month from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

Christmas Decor Items for Memorialization

Memorialization Form

Please indicate the quantity of the item selected.

2 Needed - 10'-11' Fraser Fir Trees (Sanctuary) \$350 each: Quantity _____

1 Needed - 8'-9' Fraser Fir Trees (Gathering Space) \$200 each: Quantity _____

8 Needed - 32" Christmas Wreaths \$100 each: Quantity _____
(body of church and front doors)

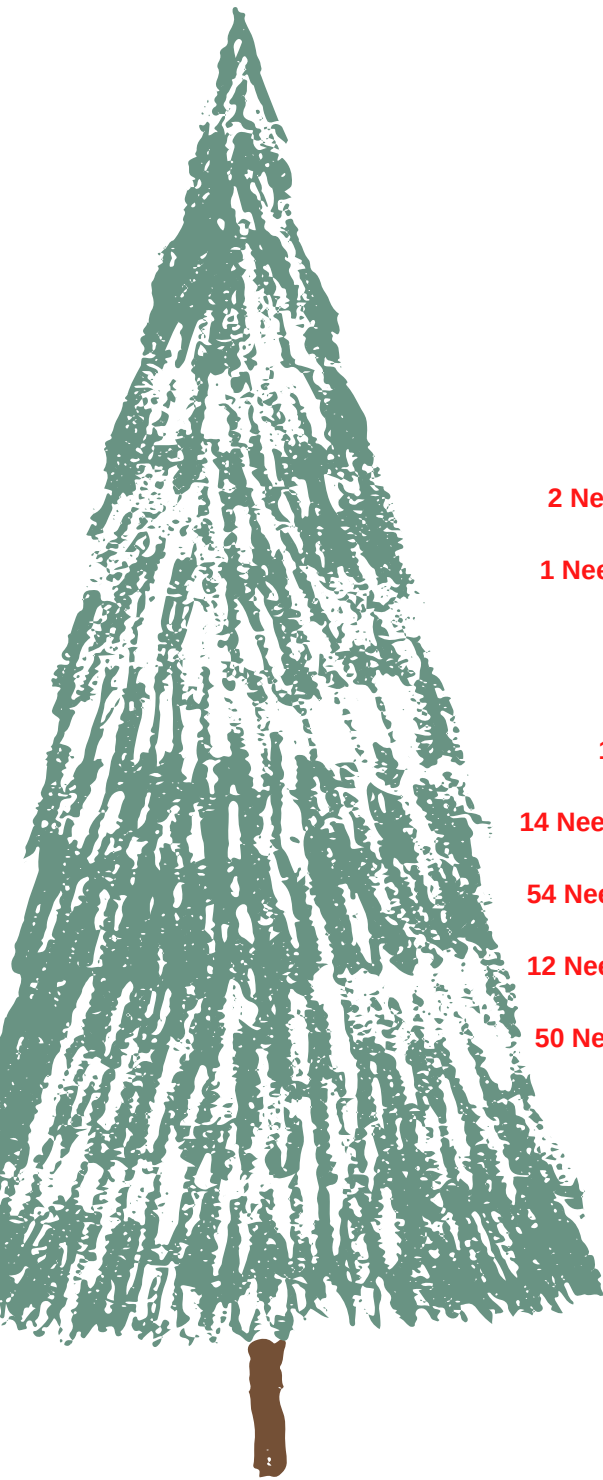
1 Needed - 48" wreath for Gathering Space \$200: Quantity _____

14 Needed - 12" Wreaths for outside doors of church \$35 each: Quantity _____

54 Needed - Red poinsettias 6" for Sanctuary/Shrines \$20 each: Quantity _____

12 Needed - White Orchid Cyclamen 6" or Creche \$15 each: Quantity _____

50 Needed - White Calandiva 4 ½" for Sanctuary \$15 each: Quantity _____



Name: _____

Name for Memorialization: _____

Contact Number: _____ Email: _____

Check/Cash Total: _____

Please return this form to the Rectory with payment by mail or to the drop-box.
All Memorializations will be on a first-come first serve basis.



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Reserve Your Commemorative 2020 Christmas Ornament Now!

\$20 Each

Ornaments are 3.5" inches in diameter
laser engraved cherry wood

Limited quantities available.

Name: _____

Tel Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Quantity Ordered: _____ **Amount Enclosed:** _____

Please return to Rectory drop box or by mail. Pick-up instructions will be emailed to you.

New Year's Eve Ball Drop Raffle

How it works:

When you enter the raffle you'll be assigned a numbered golf ball (entries are \$100 each) and you'll receive an email with your number once your entry has been processed.

On NYE all the numbered golf balls will be dropped from a height at the same time trying to hit one target.

We'll measure to determine 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and we'll announce the winners on the live stream and on our socials.

*Cash prizes will be based on total number of entries
and announced closer to the event.*

**Join us on stwilliam.org at 4pm on
New Year's Eve to watch!**



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NYE Ball Drop Entry Form

Name: _____

Tel Number: _____ Email: _____

Number of Entries: _____ Check Total: _____

Please return cash or check to Rectory drop box or by mail.

Due to the limited number of entries, number requests cannot be honored.

Parish Social Ministry

CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM



We are happy to once again offer the Christmas Adopt-A-Family Program! The Social Ministry serves over 80 families in the Seaford, Wantagh, and Massapequa areas. Each year we help these families with Christmas gifts as an act of being Christ to others in the true meaning of the Advent season.

This year there is an online option for you to select the item you purchase for one of our families, so log in and browse for the item(s) you would like to buy!

All gifts should be delivered unwrapped to the Social Ministry office by December 14th to allow enough time for distribution. Drop off is at St. William the Abbot Parish Social Ministry office, 2020 Jackson Avenue, weekdays between 9:30am and 4pm, Sunday mornings between 9am and 12pm, or by appointment.

Online instructions:

Go to website signupgenius.com



Click the magnifying glass in the upper right corner to search

Select “search for signup by creator email” and enter socialministry@stwilliam.org

Click on “Christmas Adopt a Family” and then select the items you would like to buy!

Note: For those that do not wish to use the online site, please call the Social Ministry office to adopt by phone at 516-679-8532 or 516-679-1083.

God bless you and your family this holiday season!

THANK YOU!

Rosemary and Allison



Catholic Kids

December 6, 2020
Advent
Color: Purple



Bulletin

PWOELORDPWLETOLUSOSEE

BKJSALVATIONWPEK

Lord, let us
see your
kindness, and
grant us your
salvation.

BYOURPKINDNESSPK

ANDGRANTUSYOURPWKEOIDWOS



Find the advent wreath in
your church. Which candles
are lit today? Color the
wreath and the candles.



Saint Nicholas



Saint Nicholas knew that a family needed help so he dropped gifts into the window of their home! We can celebrate his feast day by putting treats and gifts in people's shoes on December 6th.

Draw a picture of a gift that you would like to give to your family



Countdown
to Jesus'
Birthday...

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Sundays!

Gospel



John the Baptist baptized people so they were ready to see God. He said, "Prepare the Way of the Lord."