

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Twenty - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4, 2020



Rectory Office Hours

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

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Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes'? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

Baptism

Francis S. Backus *Carl J. Winter* *Raegan S. Loeb*

Michael A. Daidone *Anthony E. Sebastian*

Isia G. Kolakowski *Lucas M. Rothwell*

Eliana A. Cracchiolo *McKinley E. Mormondo*

Let us welcome those children who were baptized this past weekend.

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:30am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 8:30am & 5pm

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

The priest schedule can be found on stwilliam.org.

Pray for the Sick

Lois Gallagher

Maria Herbert

Miguel Cuascut

Anne McNulty

Jerry Black

Marie Herbert

Pray for the Deceased

Rita M. Schilling

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Ryan Thomas Lacertosa

James Joseph Murtha

Douglas Collins

Stephen J. Gaughran, Jr.

John Gasparini

Angelina Bongermينو

Andrew Wittschen

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Anthony Fuina

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Colleen Kelly

Anthony Mattiolo

Vincent Avellino

Friday, October 9, 2020

Betty Welch

Saturday, October 10, 2020

Purgatorial Society

George Cain

Sunday, October 11, 2020

Emma & Justin Valenza (LIV)

Nancy Tumielewicz

Ann & Andrew Cannella

Anthony Nacci

Thomas Donovan

Deacon Paul J. Murray, Sr.

Nancy Ilardi

Tom Allegra

"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."

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

That opening line of the prayer of St. Francis is so familiar to us, and needed now more than ever. Our parish has become a protected harbor and safe haven from the disruptions and distractions so present in the world today. A lot is going on - the virus, the election, and the most recent announcement of Diocesan Chapter 11 protection. If you are like me, when so much is happening, just entering into the cover and safety of the Saint William the Abbot Church building brings an almost immediate sense of peace and solace. We still have the remnants of the Corona Virus protocols and adjustments – but the month of October is also bringing us back to a more familiar rhythm of prayer and worship. That experience brings us peace and helps all of us to become a channel of peace.

In this first weekend of October you will notice a return of the Ministries of Lectors, Ushers, and Greeters. Our Spirit of Radical Hospitality and welcome is still very present, although the masks, social distancing, and exiting protocols remain in effect. Kneeling has returned during the liturgy and the intentional, reverent prayer time after Communion. For those who still are not ready to join us inside the church building, the 12:00 N Mass with Reception of Communion in the parking lot (or Spiritual Communion) will continue as we navigate the possibility of a second wave of the virus in the Fall. These options and opportunities allow for a stronger peace in all of our hearts in the hope and greater awareness of how we all play a role in bringing that peace to others when we are conscientious, kind, and welcoming, even when we might be a little uncomfortable with the current situation.

As we begin the journey into October, the Fall, and this mindful awareness for the reverence and respect of all human life, Saint Francis of Assisi, whose Feast Day we celebrate today, is an amazing ambassador for all of us. The Franciscan order has always been on the forefront of honoring God's Creation, and the restoration and strengthening of the Church.

The Franciscans have been a beacon and light in the recognition of the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. I (and so many of you) have walked arm and arm with the Friars to bring about a greater awareness to protect and defend life – not only at abortuaries that destroy life in the womb, but also in support of the special needs child, the breast cancer survivor, the undocumented immigrant, for our brave law enforcement officers putting themselves in harm's way, for those people of color inside and outside the Church who have experienced discrimination and racism, and for our vulnerable old and young poor, who are often marginalized and their temporal and spiritual needs forgotten.

That same Franciscan spirit has challenged us into a greater awareness to protect life in all of God's creation. On Sunday at 3:00 PM we will have the Blessing of the Animals for our parish. Saint Francis had a great love for the animals of our planet who were given a special dignity from the very beginning of the book of Genesis, as well as our environment - natural resources, air, clean water – be it the beautiful ocean and coast line of Long Island or the mountains of the Adirondacks. The way we care for God's creation is also part of this month of awareness and respect.

Saint Francis of Assisi was also charged by Jesus in prayer to “rebuild my Church!” The Catholic Church has seen its ups and downs over the centuries, and in 2020 here in Rockville Centre, we face adversity once again. By now many of you have seen that the Diocese has filed Chapter 11 protection in response to the clergy abuse cases. These sins against humanity and lack of Respect for Life are horrific. I would ask that we continue to pray intentionally for the victims and their families. In the next few weeks I will share with you all the information I am aware of about the effects of Chapter 11 on the Diocese and for us as a parish. The mission of Jesus continues, especially here for us in Seaford. Like St. Francis who led the way in 1200's, we will do our part as modern-day saints to help reignite the mission of Christ on Long Island. Lord, we too ask you make us a channel of your peace.

Let us turn to St. William, to Saint Padre Pio, and to Mary, Our Blessed Mother - the Queen of Peace to guide and protect us.

Thank you for your presence and generosity.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Joe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marriage Banns II



Ryan Murphy
Cure of Ars, Merrick
&
Bridget Walsh
SWA

Marriage Banns III

Michael Santeramo
Holy Name of Mary Church
&
Amanda Sciscioli
SWA

John Kelly
SWA
&
Jennifer Villano
SWA

Donald Campbell
Sacred Heart, Merrick
&
Kelly Mackay
SWA

Rectory News

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

St. William the Abbot Family Rosary Project

In honor of our Blessed Mother,
join us in praying a family Rosary
each day for the month of
October.



We invite you to join us in this St. William the Abbot Parish community project. For the Rosary project, you will create a video of you and your family gathering to pray the Rosary. The entire process will take no more than 20 minutes. If you are interested in joining us, please email Sue McCormick at information@stwilliam.org, you will then be assigned a specific Rosary day, Mystery of the Rosary, and you will receive additional instructions.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary this week have been donated
in memory of

Frank Rugnetta Jr.

from his children and grandchildren.

The Bread and Wine used this week have been donated
in memory of

Frank Rugnetta Jr.

from Helen Rugnetta.

World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday, World Mission Sunday, we are called to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, supporting mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need. As Catholics around the world, here at home and in the missions, gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, let us pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work and offer financial help through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.



HOLY TRINITY DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

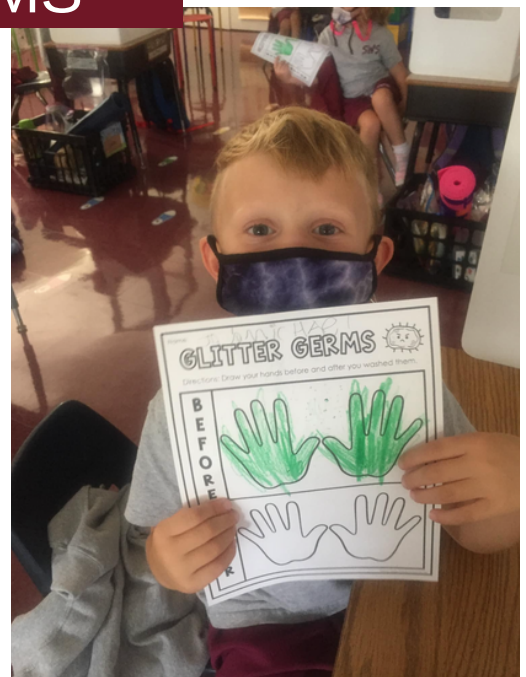
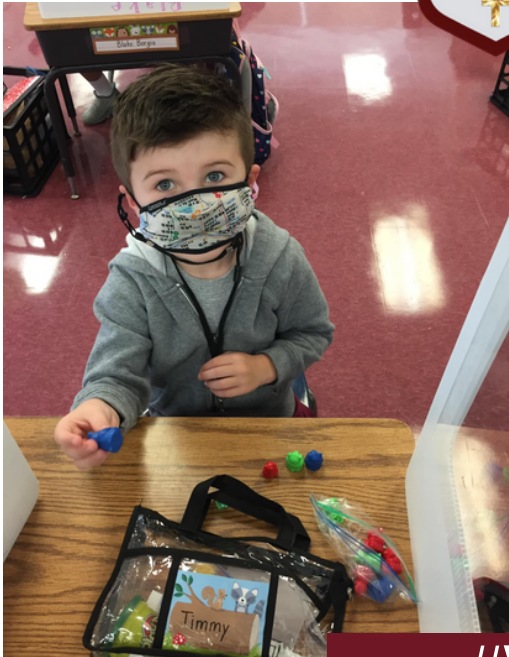
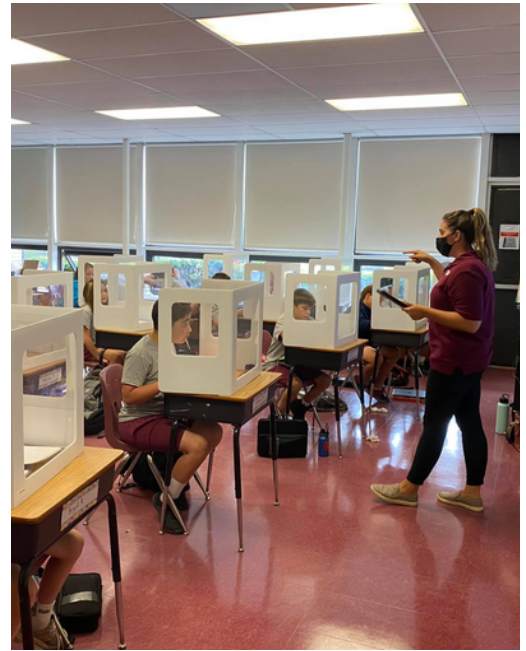
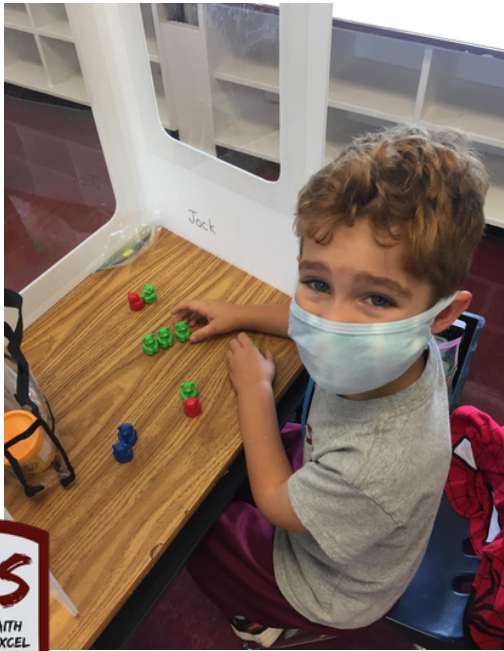
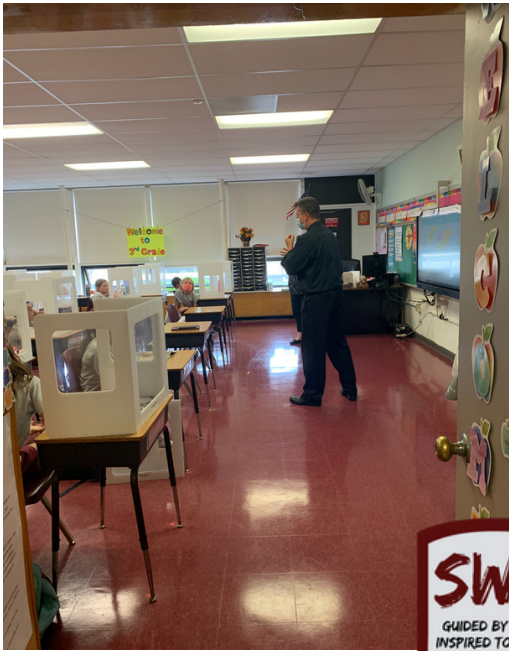
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
11:00AM - 2:00PM

- VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS
- GOOGLE MEET CAMPUS TOURS
- CONTINUOUS, IN-PERSON TOURS
(SPACE IS LIMITED FOR IN-PERSON TOURS)
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER,
PLEASE VISIT
• WWW.HOLYTRINITYHS.ORG/ADMISSIONS-EVENTS



Live-Streamed Mass

We have begun to live-stream the daily Masses, Monday - Friday at 8:30 am. We will also continue to live-stream the Sunday 12:00 pm Mass. To View the Masses please visit the parish website stwilliam.org.



#WEARESTWILLIAMS

Faith Formation

"I praise you, so wonderfully you made me; wonderful are your works!"

Our first parent sessions have taken place and will continue throughout this upcoming week. It is great to officially be back and how wonderful it was to see everyone gathered in Church. Parents came to hear more about the program and to pick up their books. They were given the opportunity to pray and to reflect upon how much God loves each of us. Fr. Joe led us in prayer and gave a reflection on this month's theme, God's Revelation. He really drove home the point that we are beloved in the eyes of God and that parents should be at peace about teaching their children. The Staff of St. William the Abbot are happy to accompany our parish families on their continued journey of faith.

We will be holding two parent sessions this week: Monday, October 5th and Wednesday, October 7th. An afternoon and evening session will be held for both dates. After coming to the parent meetings, parents will be sent an email with the necessary links to access online materials. Please contact us for more information. If you have not yet registered your child, our staff is ready and willing to assist and guide you through this process.



**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

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

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.

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 THE RECTORY

Please send your email to information@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Please send your email to jgoldman@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) 679-9558.

CONTACT SOCIAL MINISTRY

Please send your email to socialministry@stwilliam.org or contact the office directly at (516) 679-1083.

CONTACT MUSIC MINISTRY

Please send your email to mgeorgetti@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT THE SCHOOL St. William the Abbot School



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Food Pantry

Sugar
Taco Shells
Paper Towels
Diapers - 5 & 6

Apple Juice
Bread Crumbs
Hot Chocolate
Pasta Roni

Respect Life – Birthright

Pregnant? Need Help?

24 Hour Hotline – 1-800-550-4900

"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, The unborn and the poor are masterpieces of God's creation And deserving of the utmost reverence and respect".
- Pope Francis' Day of Life Greeting

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 679-8532 so we can discuss several options of discussions and conversations.

WALKERS & ROLLATORS

If you or a family member are in need of a walker or rollator please call Parish Social Ministry 679-8532 to arrange for you to pick up or we can also deliver. We also have shower chairs and sometimes we have wheelchairs



Virtual OPEN HOUSE

launching online beginning
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020

Visit kellenberg.org/openhouse



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.

October 4, 2020
Ordinary Time
Color: Green


Bulletin

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary

The rosary is a prayer that has a lot of smaller prayers in it.

Solve the puzzle to learn another name for Mary.

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A = ◇ of H V
N = ○

of H V




How many stars
are surrounding
Mary's head?

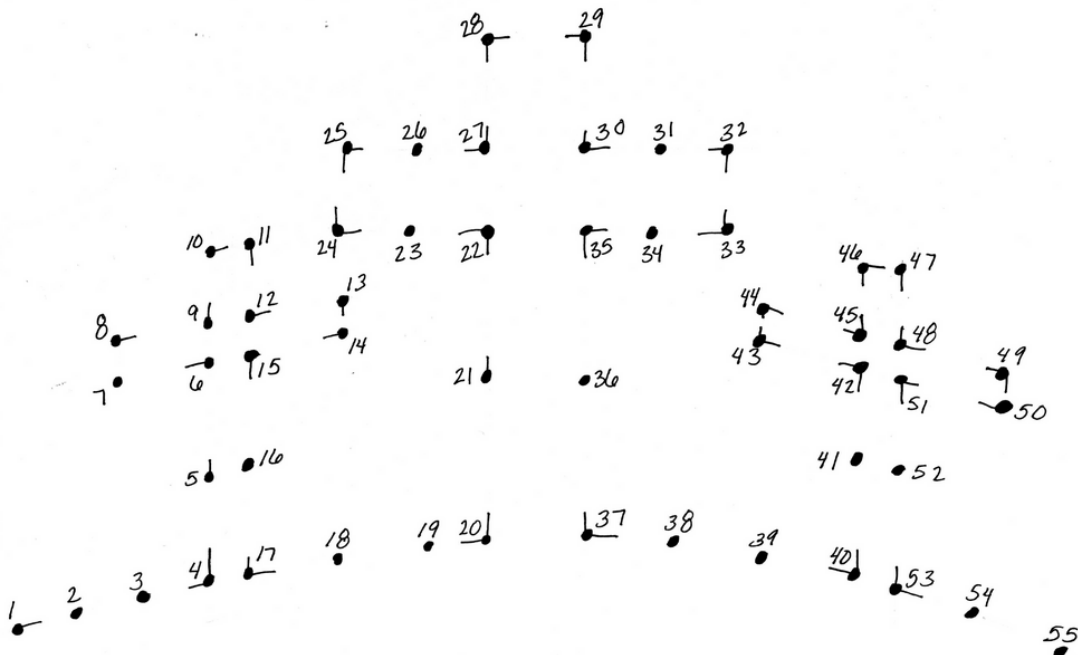
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Before Mass starts, kneel
and pray, thanking
God for His blessings.



Gospel

Jesus tells a parable about a vineyard. The people who were working at the vineyard killed the owner's son. This parable helps us remember that God sent his son, Jesus, to save us from our sins and he was killed on the cross.



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.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

October 1, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Today, I have some important but difficult news to share with you. Earlier this morning, the Diocese of Rockville Centre has filed a voluntary petition for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. This decision was not made lightly. However, in the year since the passage of the Child Victims Act, more than 200 lawsuits alleging sexual abuse have been filed against the Diocese of Rockville Centre. What became clear is that the Diocese could not continue to carry out its spiritual, charitable and educational missions while also having to shoulder the increasingly heavy burden of litigation expenses associated with these cases.

Filing for Chapter 11, we believe, is the only way for the Diocese to ensure a fair and equitable outcome for everyone involved. That is because the bankruptcy court will centralize all litigation and oversee a settlement that ensures that no survivor is left out or gets unfair compensation at the expense of another survivor.

During this period of restructuring, most Diocesan operations and ministries will continue without interruption. We anticipate that current and future financial liquidity will be sufficient to fund normal operations and services during this restructuring process. Our employees will be paid their normal wages. Benefit programs will continue, uninterrupted. Our vendors will be paid for all goods and services after filing, and ordinary operations will continue as before.

We know that most people experience the life of the Church through their parish, so it is important to note that the good work of our parishes and Catholic schools is expected to continue as normal. **Since the parishes and schools of the Diocese of Rockville Centre are separate legal entities, they are not included in this Chapter 11 filing.** But it is also the case that after Chapter 11, the Diocese will have fewer financial resources to help struggling schools and parishes.

I also would like to stress that the practice of our Catholic Faith and administration of the sacraments continues just as it has and will not be affected by this legal filing. It is my hope and prayer that operations will be unaffected during the restructuring process as we work to maintain the stability of our many ministries. We will certainly need to prioritize the charitable missions that are essential to Long Island, but the work of the Church must continue. Catholic evangelization must and will continue.

We know that this is hard for people across the Diocese to digest and especially difficult for the many people of Long Island, both Catholic and non-Catholic, who depend on the Church in so many ways. Parishioners will certainly have many questions, so it is important for everyone to understand what this decision means, to avoid any misconceptions.

A settlement will be determined based on the assets of the Diocese and will not include any parish offertory donations collected during Mass or any contributions to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our financial and legal advisors are maximizing the availability of insurance coverage and investment proceeds. It is important to note that in bankruptcy, all assets of the Diocese are part of the court record and therefore publicly available and that the process is completely transparent. All public information relating to the filing can be found on a dedicated Chapter 11 website, which can be found by clicking on the Chapter 11 icon found on the diocesan website at www.drvc.org.

For the Diocese, fair and equitable treatment for survivors of sexual abuse has always been a top priority. That is why we created the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program in 2017. Since then, the program has assisted approximately 350 survivors of sexual abuse. But that program also has greatly depleted our financial resources, leaving us with fewer resources to be able to litigate the CVA cases.

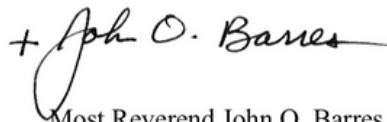
Over the last year, our advisors have studied our financial and legal situation extensively and concluded that a Chapter 11 filing was the only way to ensure an equitable settlement for abuse survivors, help us manage litigation expenses and carry out our essential mission and ministries.

We will work diligently with all survivors, creditors and ministries to maintain open communication while we work toward our goal of completing a settlement and a restructuring plan that includes a comprehensive resolution for those suffering survivors. Our Diocese underwent extensive reforms in 2003 with the creation of our Office for the Protection of Children and Young People. We will continue to be vigilant in our commitment to child protection.

I ask each and every Catholic on Long Island during these painful times to embrace the power of the Cross of Jesus Christ and His Divine Mercy, and to help others carry their crosses, especially survivors of clergy sexual abuse. Together, we ask for the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, Mother of the Church, that she continue to intercede for a spirit of holiness and mission in this Diocese and the raising up of a new generation of saints on Long Island to serve the Church and the world. All of us, as members of the faithful, are called to find strength in the Word of God and the Sacraments and to live Christ's spirit of humility, charity, compassion, sensitivity and courage. We ask for the intercession of our patroness, the courageous martyr Saint Agnes, for the fortitude to joyfully and charitably proclaim the Gospel and the Splendor of Truth in every public square.

Please know that I am praying for each and every one of you and your families and in a special way for the survivors of clergy sexual abuse. I also pray that through this restructuring process, the Diocese can emerge stronger, having resolved these issues with dignity and fairness and put everyone in a better position to move forward and heal.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

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Parish Questions and Answers Regarding the Diocese Filing- General Q&A

1. What is Chapter 11?

Chapter 11 is a legal mechanism for court-supervised reorganization or restructuring of a corporation's obligations. Chapter 11 provides a way for a corporation to address its financial condition in order to remain a viable entity, while continuing day-to-day operations.

2. Why did the Diocese of Rockville Centre (The Diocese) file for Chapter 11?

The Diocese took this action to ensure the viability of its ongoing mission and charitable services, while it works toward a fair and equitable way to compensate survivors of sexual abuse who brought lawsuits under the Child Victims Act. Ensuring fair and equitable settlements with all survivors requires the Diocese to manage the increasing costs of this litigation. Filing will allow the Diocese to work toward a settlement with survivors AND, at the same time, maintain its mission; serving the common good of all.

3. What entities are included in the Chapter 11 filing?

Only the Diocese itself is included in the filing. Parishes, Catholic schools and religious orders within the Diocese are not included in the filing. The Diocese of Rockville Centre is a distinct religious corporation from the Parishes, some of which include Catholic Schools as part of their missions.

Some of the Parishes are named in Child Victims Act lawsuits along with the Diocese. The Diocese will ask the Bankruptcy Court to "stay," or halt, any civil actions against the Parishes and bring these cases under the umbrella of the process to resolve abuse lawsuits that they expect to set up in the Chapter 11 case.

4. How does the Chapter 11 filing impact DRVC Schools?

Parishes, elementary schools and high schools are separate legal entities from the Diocese and are not filing Chapter 11. The Chapter 11 filing is not expected to have a direct impact on the day-to-day operations of our schools or parishes. The continued employment, salaries, and benefits of DRVC school employees also will not be impacted by this filing.

5. Why choose bankruptcy?

We hope this choice will establish a single process to compensate all survivors. We believe this offers the best opportunity for equitable settlements for all survivors.

6. Why now?

The Diocese has been named in more than 200 lawsuits since the Child Victims Act went into effect August 14, 2019. It has become clear to the Diocese that, to ensure that available financial resources are distributed fairly, it must mitigate the increasing litigation expenses and implement a comprehensive and equitable settlement with all survivors.

7. Is the bankruptcy a way to minimize your financial responsibilities to the victims?

No. The bankruptcy process will provide a transparent look at the Diocese's financial status. All documents filed in a Chapter 11 are available publicly, including information about financial resources, borrowing, insurance coverage, investments, pension obligations and expenses. It will be plain to see what the Diocese can afford to pay survivors. Our goal is to compensate the survivors of abuse as equitably as possible while continuing with our charitable missions.

8. What happens to the lawsuits that have been filed against the Diocese?

The Chapter 11 filing triggers a "stay" that essentially freezes all litigation against the Diocese. The Diocese will work with all survivors, within the Chapter 11 process, to finalize a settlement of the litigation claims. The claims and settlement will be part of the Diocese's Plan of Reorganization and must be approved by the Court before the Diocese can emerge from bankruptcy.

9. Does the Diocese have enough money to continue operating?

The Diocese believes its current and future liquidity will be sufficient to fund normal operations and services during the restructuring process and beyond. Vendors will be paid for all goods and services after the filing, and transactions that occur in the ordinary course of business will continue as before. Employees will be paid their normal wages, and health and benefits programs will continue uninterrupted.

10. How long will the Diocese be in Chapter 11?

The Diocese of Rockville Centre will work to emerge from Chapter 11 as soon as possible. Given the seriousness of this situation, and the importance of dealing fairly with the survivors of abuse, we cannot give a definitive end date at this time.

11. Have other Dioceses filed and come out of Chapter 11?

Yes. Since the Child Victims Act was enacted and the window opened on August 14, 2019, four of the eight dioceses in New York have filed Chapter 11. While the New York Dioceses are still in the reorganization process, many other dioceses across the country have, through the Chapter 11 process, reached settlements with survivors of abuse.

12. Will my gift/donation to the CMA or other specific funds to be used to pay legal settlements?

No. Gifts and donations that are made to the CMA or to support specific ministries and programs will only be used for those purposes. Designated gifts can only be used for the purposes for which they were and are given.

13. Where did the Diocese file? Who is the judge? What is the case number?

The petitions were filed in U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. The judge is the Hon. [name]. The main case number is [to be provided].

14. Where can I find Chapter 11 case information?

To ensure access to all restructuring information, the Diocese of Rockville Centre has created a link to its Reorganization Information page on the diocesan website, www.drvc.org, which contains a variety of information on our Chapter 11 restructuring. The Diocese has also set up a toll-free information line for inquiries at (888) 490-0633. For access to certain court documents and other information about our Chapter 11 case, please visit <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>.

Parish Q&A

1. Is our Parish included in the DRVC Chapter 11 filing?

No. Our Parish is a separate legal entity and therefore not included in the Chapter 11 filing of the Diocese.

2. Will our Parish file bankruptcy too now that the Diocese has filed?

No. There are no plans for parishes to file for Chapter 11.

3. What if our Parish has been named in a sexual abuse lawsuit? Will we need to file for bankruptcy to resolve it?

The Diocese will ask the Bankruptcy Court to "stay" or halt any sexual abuse actions against parishes and bring these cases under the umbrella of the process in order to resolve them.

4. Will my donation to the Parish during Mass now be used to settle sexual abuse lawsuits?

No. Monies collected from donors and parishioners will not be redirected toward litigation settlements.

5. What effect will the filing have on the operations and stability of Elementary and High Schools?

Each school is a separate legal entity from the Diocese and is also not included in the bankruptcy filing. Schools continue to pursue a variety of initiatives aimed at stabilizing and revitalizing. Today's Chapter 11 filing, and the related legal proceedings, will not have direct impact on their day-to-day operations. The continued employment, salaries, and benefits of school employees will not be impacted by this filing.

6. Is there a chance that money for the DRVC schools could be used to pay abuse settlements?

Tuition, philanthropic support, and parish support of schools will, as always be fully dedicated to funding the operations of the schools are not impacted by the Diocese's Chapter 11 filing.

7. If a parishioner has made a designated gift or donation to this parish, will that money remain here, or can it be moved to the Diocese for settlement purposes?

Designated gifts and donations are protected under New York state law and cannot be used to settle claims.

8. Will the Diocese lay off any employees as a result of the restructuring?

The Diocese has already made extensive budget cuts that resulted in the reduction of approximately ten percent of its workforce. At this time, no additional layoffs are expected.

9. The Diocese administers the lay and clergy pension and 403B funds, along with health and welfare benefits for parishes. Will there be changes in these programs? Will these funds be available to use for settlements?

The Diocese serves only as the administrator of these funds. The actual funds are held in trusts that are not available to any party for reasons other than the payments to beneficiaries as laid out in the various programs. We expect no changes in these programs as a result of the Diocese's filing.

10. Is there a chance that the Diocese will sell this Parish or other real estate to help settle claims?

No. This parish and any real estate surrounding it are property of this parish, which is a separate legal entity from the Diocese. The Diocese does not have a legal right to sell property that belongs to a parish corporation.

11. If our parish has been the subject of a sexual abuse allegation or lawsuit, what impact does the Diocese's filing have?

The bankruptcy process should bring closure to the lawsuits facing the Diocese and a release for all parishes from any and all abuse claims. As we move through the settlement process, additional information will be available.

Additional Information is also available by clicking on the restructuring icon on the DRVC website: www.drvc.org.

sept 23rd to nov 1st 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Pro Bikers For Life sponsoring 40 DAYS FOR LIFE campaign
Planned Parenthood Hempstead Long Island NY 11550
INFO & sign up: www.40daysforlife.com/Hempstead

Pro Bikers For Life
social distancing & 🍷

October 2020 • RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Live the Gospel of Life "to imitate Christ and follow in his footsteps" The Gospel of Life

THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics

Living the Gospel of Life, our office is dedicated to all areas of healing and evangelization.

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~Ministry Feature for Week of October 4, 2020 ~

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be "islands of mercy in the midst of a sea of indifference." Everyone in the parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need. The 25th anniversary year of Evangelium vitae gives us a wonderful opportunity to assess, expand, and communicate resources to pregnant moms and families in need. We are inviting parishes, through the support of their bishop and pastor, to join a nationwide effort from March 25, 2020 to March 25, 2021 entitled: "Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service."

go to Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics website for information and healing opportunities:
<https://respectlife.drvc.org/>

<https://www.walkingwithmoms.com/>
Walking with Moms in Need
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