

# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

## Thirty - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 15, 2020



### 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](mailto:information@stwilliam.org)

### Parish Information

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Seaford, NY 11783  
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For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

- Matthew - 25:29

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.

### Baptism

*Leora G. Kelly*

*Christian T. Kuitwaard*

*Spencer S. Papageorge*

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 Presider Schedule can be found on [stwilliam.org](http://stwilliam.org).

### Pray for the Sick

Claire McMahon

Marie Herbert

Anne McNulty

### Pray for the Deceased

Joseph J. Castelli

Vincent A. O'Keefe

John C. Pratt

### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, November 16, 2020

Michael Litras

#### Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Betty Sarno

Dolores Marino

#### Wednesday, November 18, 2020

The Spahn Family (liv)

Helen Critelli

Delores Tiedermann

Francis Kelly

#### Thursday, November 19, 2020

Albert & Eleanor Stierheim

#### Friday, November 20, 2020

Stephen Mullen

#### Saturday, November 21, 2020

Purgatorial Society

Nicole Tedeschi

#### Sunday, November 22, 2020

People of St. William

Myrna Chinjen

Jennifer Dunne

Jennie Dubartell

John Vitkevich

# The Lord and Master vs. “The Masters”

For any of you golf enthusiasts out there, you know that this weekend there is a gathering of the sports elite in Augusta, Georgia. They will be playing a competition at the prestigious Augusta National Golf Course, one of the most beautiful venues in all sports. The golfers will compete for the coveted prize of the “Green Jacket” given to the champion. Although some people may disagree with me, the tournament is NOT a religious experience, but there are some “church-y” references and connections: the Masters is normally played on or around Easter Sunday, there is a portion of the course called “amen” corner, and, it is believed that some of the most famous golf shots took a little bit of skill and Divine Intervention!

Interestingly enough, in 2020 the Masters golf weekend corresponds with the Gospel reading using the language of “the Master” connecting with God. Like the golfers in Augusta, the servants in the Gospel have been given great gifts and talents. Our culture has lifted up most athletic competition and placed it on a sacred level. Think of how we respond to the Super Bowl, the Kentucky Derby, the World Cup, the Final Four, and NASCAR racing. There is almost a liturgical approach in the way people dress, the cheers and chants they make, the food and beverages they consume, and how people block off their calendars to make time in order to be present at the event. We can even look at how we make athletes godlike. Sports has become the modern-day religion.

It is unlikely we will have the same crowds in our beautiful church here in Seaford as they do at Yankee Stadium or other sporting arenas, but what we gather for allows us to acknowledge and celebrate our God-given gifts. God’s expectations are high, and we will be accountable whether we celebrate his gifts to us or if we choose to bury our talents. The golfer will be judged on the scale and accuracy of hitting a ball closest to the pin - for us it is different. How has God invited you to share your time, talent, and treasure? In the “big things,” like loving your spouse and family, getting to Sunday Mass (or watching it), being attentive and aware of the poor and vulnerable. And how about with the “small things,” like our daily prayer, acts of kindness and generosity, or simply being a catalyst of the “Master’s” joy with a smile or greeting someone. These are the ways that we show God what we have done with the gifts he has given to us, and how we give them back to him and others.

When we are faithful in small matters, the Master will trust us with greater responsibilities. In a world desperate for Christian joy, hope, and love we must be the beacons of that light and faith to everyone we meet. For those who have been given great things, more will be given, and more will also be demanded. Let us be faithful servants to the “true Master!”

## A few more questions:

**Father Joe, can you address the four-sided UFO hanging above the altar? Are those speakers that will be functioning when the new sound system is complete?**

Be at peace, we are not being invaded by Mars, or a Close Encounters of the Third Kind. The large structure hanging above the sanctuary is four lights that at one time worked and illuminated the ceiling space above the altar. I have connected with a few members of the Pastoral Council, as well as our Buildings and Grounds Committee and we would likely remove those non-working lights in the future. We have also begun preliminary discussions about addressing those lights and a few other structural projects as we draw closer to the 95th and 100th anniversary of the church. But as of now we are not prepared to begin any projects.

**You had mentioned Advent and Christmas approaching, I was at the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass last year in the school with my family and about 900 other parishioners. What measures are you taking to assure we can get as many people as possible to Mass for this Christmas?**

This is the question I probably pray about the most. I am in dialogue with the staff, Pastoral Council, and volunteers, and we hope to present the safest and most prayerful experience for Christmas 2020. I hope to release a modified schedule that will accommodate as many parishioners who feel comfortable enough to enter the Church and as many open spaces around the campus as we possibly can. Fr. James, Fr. Collins and I are committed to say as many Masses as we can. Along with technology and Livestreaming I feel we will have a beautiful Christmas Worship experience. We are going to be wise, safe, and patient, and the Lord will take care of the rest!

Thank you for your presence and great generosity.

Peace,



## 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 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

US Coast Guard -

Lt. James Knudsen

Daniel Timpanaro

LT. Commander Katherine Ustler

Frank Pristera

## Thanksgiving Baskets

This is a great opportunity to involve your family in the message of thanksgiving and what it means to be Christ to others. We are also accepting food store gift cards that the families can use to purchase their thanksgiving day meal. Kindly bring your donations to Parish Social Ministry office by November 17 so we have enough time for distribution.

This thanksgiving will be different from what many of us usually experience but to the families we assist through our Outreach Program there is still a great need for your assistance. Please consider making a small gift basket or simply a plastic bag filled with thanksgiving related food items.

### Thanksgiving Basket Item Suggestions:

**Mashed Potatoes**

**Stuffing**

**Assorted Vegetables**

**Cranberry Sauce**

**Gravy**

**Apple Cider**

**Caned Fruit**

**Pudding**

**Jello**

**Festive Napkins**

**Desserts**

**Apple Juice**

## Thanksgiving #UnitedInFaith Project



Parish families, join us in our Thanksgiving #UnitedInFaith Project. Decorate a pumpkin, fall vegetable, or gourd by placing your name or family name on it, write a word that has a strong meaning to you and your family, and place it in one of the baskets by the parish harvest area.

Please take a photo of it and email it to [priests@stwilliam.org](mailto:priests@stwilliam.org).

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Food Pantry

Canned Fruit

Canned Chicken

Jelly

Sugar

Flour

Honey

Detergent

Dish Soap

All Purpose Spray Cleaner

## 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**

## 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.





## 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](http://stwilliam.org).

## CONTACT THE PRIESTS

Please send your email to [priests@stwilliam.org](mailto: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](mailto:pastoralcouncil@stwilliam.org).

## QUESTIONS FOR COMMUNICATIONS

Please send your email to [igomez@stwilliam.org](mailto:igomez@stwilliam.org).

## CONTACT FAITH FORMATION

Please send your email to [faithformation@stwilliam.org](mailto:faithformation@stwilliam.org) or contact the office directly at (516) 679-9558.

## CONTACT SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

## CONTACT MUSIC MINISTRY

Please send your email to [mgeorgetti@stwilliam.org](mailto:mgeorgetti@stwilliam.org).

## QUESTIONS FOR THE RECTORY

Please send your email to [information@stwilliam.org](mailto:information@stwilliam.org).

## CONTACT THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Please send your email to [jgoldman@stwilliam.org](mailto:jgoldman@stwilliam.org).

## CONTACT THE SCHOOL St. William the Abbot School



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## 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. 679-8532 We can also provide some resources. All conversations are strictly confidential.

## 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

## Faith Formation

**“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you. - Matthew: 28: 19-20**

Jesus commanded his disciples go and make disciples. By virtue of our own Baptism, we, too, are called to make disciples. Most of us will not be called to travel to all nations to spread the good news, but we are called to make disciples in our homes, schools, neighborhoods, and workplaces. As Saint Francis de Sales said, “bloom where you are planted... for the love of God has been poured into our hearts by His Spirit dwelling in each one of us.”

Our students and their families came to our Parent/Child Sessions throughout this past week. The theme for these sessions was about one of the Church’s greatest mysteries:

The Holy Trinity; three Divine Persons in one God. Our students and their families learned that love is the answer to the mystery of the Trinity and our Triune God is a model for the connections, affection, and bonds we can make with one another. Families, schools, and groups of friends can mirror the unity of the Trinity.

Our younger students were shown examples from nature such as water, an apple, and a blanket to help them visualize and grasp the mystery of One God, three persons. Fr. Joe played his guitar and taught them a song. The parents and their children were engaged throughout the session. Our older students were given some instruction on the importance of modeling their relationships after the Trinity and learned that Christian love is a daily choice, not a feeling. Fr. Joe then led everyone in Adoration. The sessions were very powerful and prayerful, giving people the opportunity to just be with God. Love was felt all around, truly the Holy Trinity was present!







# 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](http://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](https://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](mailto: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*





## *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.

# St. William the Abbot RC Church



## 2020 Thanksgiving Magnets on Sale

Soft 4"x4" Magnets  
\$5.00 Each - Reserve yours today!



## Thanksgiving Magnet Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ Check/Cash Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the order form and payment to the Rectory office by mail or in the drop-off box.

**\*You will receive an email with pick-up information.**



# Catholic Kids

Bulletin

November 15, 2020  
Ordinary Time  
Color: Green



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Blessed are  
those who  
fear the Lord.



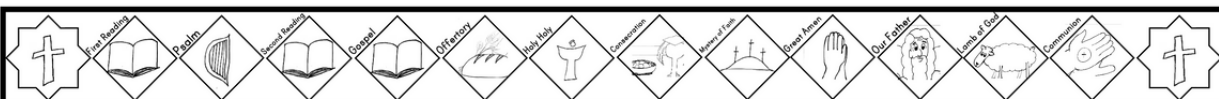
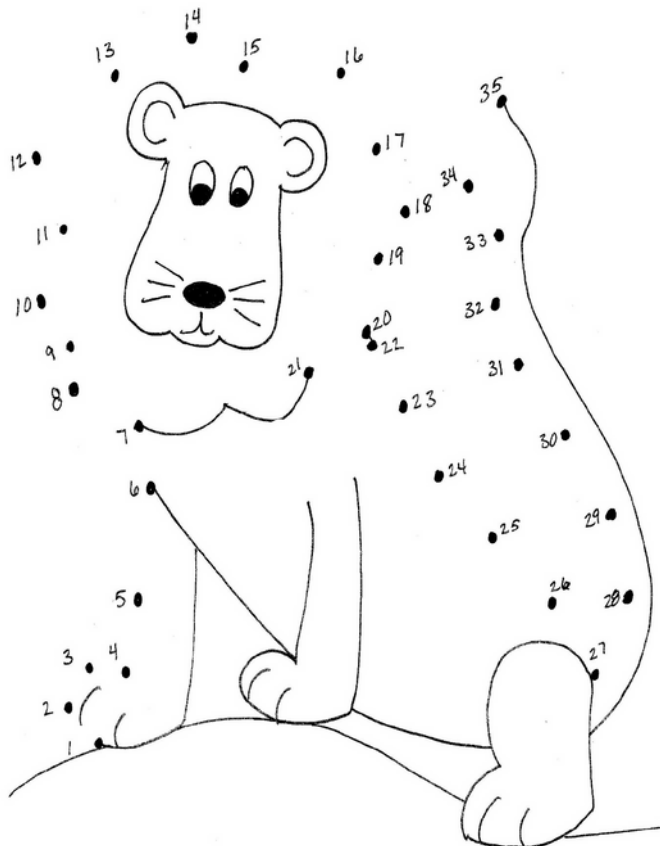
The person who reads the  
Lectionary during Mass is  
called the Lector.

## Saint Leo the Great

When Saint Leo the Great was the Pope, a lot of people made up  
lies about the church. He didn't believe them.

He wrote the TRUTH about the church.

Leo means lion and Saint Leo was as brave as a  
lion to stand up for his beliefs.



How can you use  
your gifts to help  
someone today?



### Gospel



Jesus told a parable in today's Gospel. A man gave talents (money) to a servant. The  
servant hid the money because he didn't want to lose it. He should have used the  
money, just like we should use our gifts!