

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ November 22, 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

Parish Information

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"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne."

- Matthew 25:31

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 23, 2020

Brigid Valenza (LIV)

With gratitude for the Seaford Fire Department

Gregory Gallina

Brendan McGuire

Vincent McGuire

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

James Witkowski

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

Espedicta Luna de Cruz

Ed Tomczyk

Thursday, November 26, 2020

Blake Crownover

Domenico D'Armi

Francis Kelly

Anthony Musacchia

Alan Neubauer

Friday, November 27, 2020

Josephine Gatto

Dorothy & Robert Rohan

Saturday, November 28, 2020

Purgatorial Society

People of St. William

Sunday, November 29, 2020

Robert Napolitano

Dennis DerbyJohn

Averill Rose

Marie Marino

Lydia Cuascut

Wanda Lutynski

Eugene O. McDonough

Joseph A. Agolia

Baptism

Aly Palazzolo

James C. Lomonico

Charles G. Hahn

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

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.

Pray for the Sick

Carol Rosenhagen

Paul Rosenhagen

Claire McMahon

Marie Herbert

Pray for the Deceased

Barbara R. Congema

Gerard E. Black

Angela Huckle

Margaret Vanden Heuvel

Anne M. McNulty

Peter G. Grennan

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.

“Give Thanks to the Lord, for He Is Good; His Love Endures Forever”

- Psalm 106

One of the great themes of the Bible is a spirit of Gratitude, and that we are to be a people of Thanksgiving, not just one particular day of the year, but as Christians, we are to be thankful daily. When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, that high point, the Source and Summit of our Faith, we especially give thanks to Almighty God. November 2020 brings us to a new season, different than any other in the history of St. William the Abbot Parish. On behalf of our Parish Team who are so blessed and privileged to serve you all, I wanted to take a moment to send a note to let you know we are thinking about you during this special time of the year.

I know that we are being particularly cautious in gathering this year, and for many of you the tradition of starting Thanksgiving Day with Mass at St. William's will continue, even though for some it may be a virtual experience this year. There may be a little less of “over the river and through the woods” in 2020, and more FaceTime, Zoom, and social distance celebrations.

Through it all, God will be present, and will surely be your source of strength and comfort this year as He has been in years past.

The Gospel reading selected for Thanksgiving is often the story of the healing of the 10 lepers, and only one of them returns to give thanks to Jesus. This national holiday shows the wisdom of the first American settlers to acknowledge and thank the Lord for both the blessings and the challenges of that year. Today, in 2020, we too can do the same. It is important to recognize that during COVID, we have witnessed many heroic and courageous efforts from all walks of life - those who have put themselves in harm's way; families adjusting on how to “do life” in the new normal; and the transition into the many new changes of masks, socially distancing, and “Fauci Reports!” With great dignity you have responded.

We also recognize that many of us have also experienced loss these past eight months - loss of life, of livelihood, and the comfort of the known. Our Thanksgiving tables may have one or more loved ones not present this year. Yes, with heavy hearts, and maybe a few questions for the Lord, we still give thanks. In many ways the world is very different from our pilgrim ancestors who paved the way for the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave. The year 2020 will be one not long forgotten, but easily moved past – we look to 2021 with hope and promise, as nation, and a church. I would like to finish with a Dear Abby letter from the past that I have never forgotten:

Are you concerned about our country's future? Hooray! Our system has been saved by such concern. Concern for honesty in government, concern for peace, and concern for fair play under the law. Our country may not be a rose garden, but it also is not a patch of weeds. Freedom rings! Look and listen. We can still worship at the church of our choice, cast a secret ballot, and even criticize the government without fearing a knock on the head or a knock at the door at midnight.

Father Collins is always quick to remind me of the blessing of living in the United States of America, One Nation Under God, a land of opportunity and promise, a country of Greatness with the humility to have room to improve. As always, I am so grateful for your presence and generosity which allows us to continue the Mission of Christ and His Church. I would especially like to acknowledge and thank you the parishioners, the priests and staff of the parish and school who I am so blessed to serve with, our first responders and front line workers, in particular our police, firefighters, EMT's, troopers, doctors and nurses, teachers, mail carriers and delivery services, the local businesses who delivered our meals, the grocery store employees, LIRR and transport workers (of people and goods), the countless volunteers from the community and parish, and our service men and women who protect our freedoms each and every day. Let us pray for wisdom, vision, and hope for our future.

Peace and God Bless you, Happy Thanksgiving!

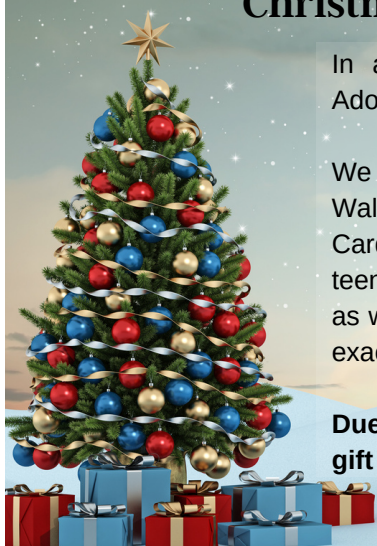


Christmas Star Program

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.



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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Mayonnaise
Canned Spinach
Sweet Potatoes
Dish Soap
Paper Towels

White Rice
Pancake Mix
Salad Dressing
Canned Chicken

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

**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



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.

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Prayers for those in the Military

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 Army -

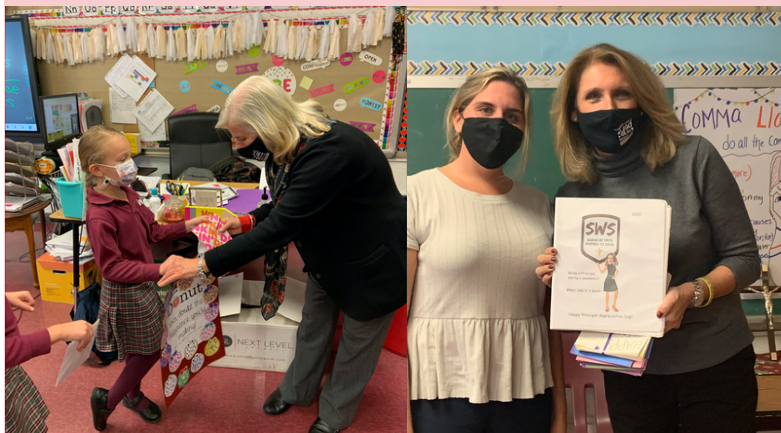
Sgt. Craig Bianco
SPC Anthony Caputo
Capt. Michael DiPietro
Capt. Michael Fitzgerald
Capt. Christopher J. Frasse
Capt. Logan Lee
Lt. Col. John Kallo
Capt. Caitlin M. Lee
Sgt. Brian Kirby
Major Eamon G. McArdle
Sgt. Donald Rogers
Major Christopher James Ustler
Major Kurtis Unger

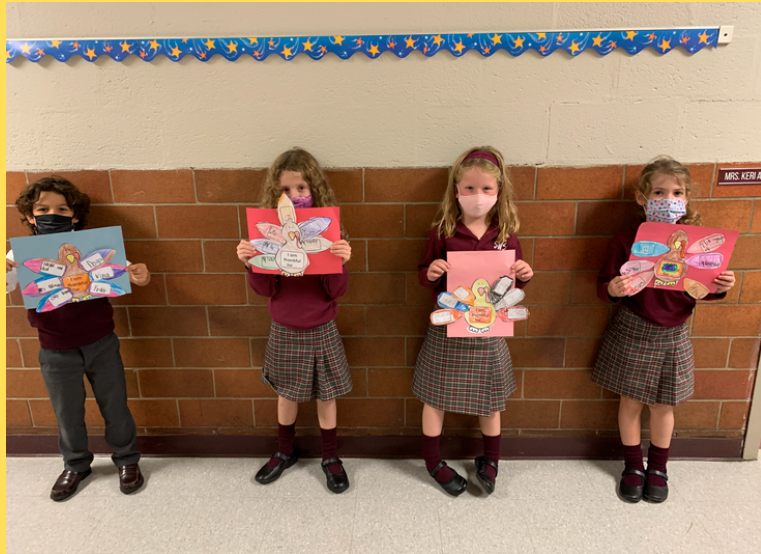
US Coast Guard -

Lt. James Knudsen
Daniel Timpanaro
LT. Commander Katherine Ustler
Frank Pristera



*Happy Principal
Appreciation Day!*

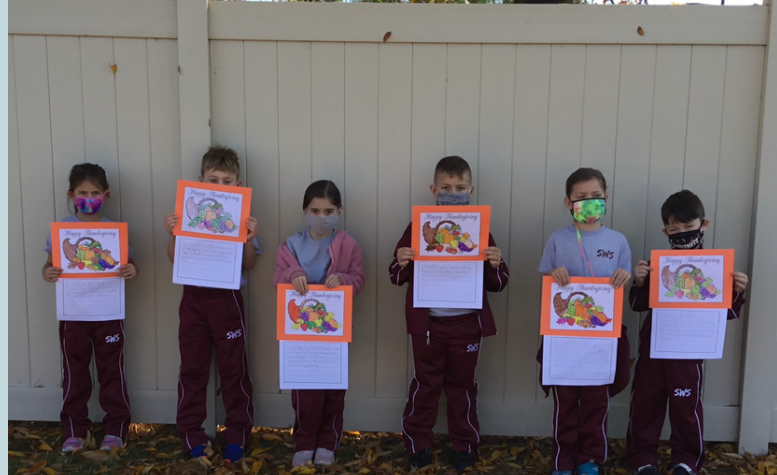




With Thanksgiving approaching, this week class 1-2 discussed what they were thankful for. Students' examples were their families, friends, school, teachers, and God.



November is the month that brings to mind how thankful we should be to God for all He has given us. Mrs. Hettler's second grade has been learning in Religion that God gave to us His only Son and that all things come from God. The students wrote about how thankful they are to God for their faith, parents, school, friends and the wonderful world. Our wish for everyone is a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.



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



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.

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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.**


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The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

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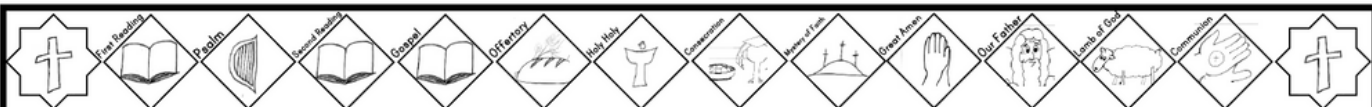


The Lector reads from the Lectionary from a stand called the Ambo.

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary was a princess. She spent the royal money to buy bread for the poor. Some people were mad because she was giving away bread.

When they came to yell at her, she opened her coat to show them that she didn't have any bread—it had turned into a bouquet of flowers!



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of the Jews.

