

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Twenty - Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18, 2020



Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life. - Philippians 2:15D, 16A

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

Bishop James J. Daly

from Ann O'Brien.

Baptism

Kayla Grace Garcia

Anthony Magri

Sean Joseph Grupp

Sofia McDaniels

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.

Pray for the Sick

Tom Quinn

James Pecoraro

Marie Herbert

Carol Calderazzo

Denise Kane

Antoinette Richardst

Pray for the Deceased

Julia Badamo

Vincent D. Wildt

Peter J. Grogan

Ralph Cavaliere

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 19, 2020

Anthony Fuina

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Rose Thoben

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

John M. Kemitch

Sick & Deceased Friends of the Ursuline Sisters

Thursday, October 22, 2020

Joseph J. Bishop

John M. Kemitch

Teresa Marini Bavaro

Ada & Armand Bottega

Pres. Donald J. Trump (liv)

Friday, October 23, 2020

Peggy McCloud

Filomena Amira

Saturday, October 24, 2020

Purgatorial Society

Nicole Tedeschi

Phyllis Pellegrino Drum

Mary E. Nacci

Francis O'Meara

Sunday, October 25, 2020

Thomas & Ruth Lawlor

Cecilia & George Lambert

Leon Pawelczyk

People of St. William

Ruth Lawlor

"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."

“It Is Jesus You Long For”

At times during prayer, I have experienced my mind racing with 1000 different thoughts and worries. I desire to focus on the Lord, and to sit in His gaze and love, but I can be so easily distracted. Of late, my mind goes to looking ahead - into the Fall, the daylight savings time change, Halloween, All Saints and All Souls Day, Election Day, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, and New Year's. Yikes! Just thinking about it makes my heart restless. What will it all look like this year? What will we do as a family, as a parish, as a world? Perhaps you have been thinking or feeling the same way. The quote above comes from Pope Saint John Paul II, and it speaks into the core of who we are as humans. We are searching for connection and community, especially with God. But, if we do not slow down and take some time to focus, we will miss God's presence right in front of us. It is Jesus we are longing for.

This past week I met with some of the staff and leadership of the parish regarding what is to come for St. William the Abbott. There is no doubt we will experience many new things, new traditions, new protocols and processes, even new ministries in the future. Many of us can be uncomfortable with all this 'newness and change' that the corona virus has brought to us. It has challenged us to take approaches we may not be comfortable with, or to be honest, actually want to do. But, we are called to be a vibrant community open to growth and renewal, not a parish that manages decline. In many locations across the diocese, there has been a decline in participation and presence in areas such as physically being within the church building, specific ministries, overall generosity to the needy and the parish in general. This has been a result of the global pandemic we have all experienced. But, for us here at St. William's, we have been able to weather the storm overall and can even look into the future with some hope because of your generosity and presence.

One thing we know for sure is that we cannot do all of the same things, in the same way, as we have done in the past. The ways we serve in ministry must be “turned out” of the actual campus and church building and into the community. The parish of Saint William the Abbott cannot be a social club for ‘the few’ that addresses and feeds certain needs and comforts. We must be a charging station for disciples to fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ. Jesus did not ‘suggest’ for us to be missionaries, he ‘commanded’ us to go to the nations to proclaim the Kingdom of God is among us. We must be orientated toward going out, especially here in Seaford, Massapequa, and Wantagh. Pope Francis often talks about a church that turns in on itself is unhealthy and begins to rot from self-preservation. We must be missionary.

That missionary experience has an effect that allows us to discover new ways to serve the Church. For some of us it is in a ministry or a way you have never before considered, such as reaching out to the homebound, writing a note or calling a neighbor who you have not seen in a while, or simply just praying for the parish. It may also be time to step away from a ministry or invite others to participate in a ministry you've been involved with for years. God may be prompting you to discern a new ministry that can help advance the Gospel. I would have never believed that we would have to live-stream Masses each day, but it has become a way for so many parishioners to stay connected to St. William's. God may be calling you to share your gift of technology with the parish – assisting at Masses, funerals, or weddings as a volunteer to work the camera, computer or sound. These are interesting times.

Throughout the history of the church, there have been holy women and men who have risen up to serve the Lord, familiar names like Pope Saint John Paul II, Carla Ronci, Dorothy Day, or Carlo Acutis. Now it is our time to rise up and serve. Each of us has a unique dignity in the eyes of God, and certain gifts that can be shared for the Glory of God. In Saint Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, he says, “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.” How might God be calling you at this time in the history of the church to respond to your Baptismal Call – to be a disciple, to be a missionary?

I have been so encouraged by the creativity of many of you these past six months. Ministries that have traditionally taken place here on campus have taken on new locations and services. A backyard fire-pit has become a Bible Study classroom, the picnic table has become an assembly line for sandwich making or prayer blankets, and walking the dog has become a way to visit neighbors who have been isolated and alone. You have been the hands, and voice, and heart of Jesus. We know that it is Jesus that you and I long for, but that longing is also in so many hearts who are out in the neighborhoods and communities that we live in. The Lord desires for us to connect with them, invite them, and reach out to them with the unique gifts given to us. How can we “grow and go” as a disciple at this moment in our lives? If we are consumed by God's love and on fire with our faith others will see it and desire it as well. We just need to be willing to share Jesus with others. Let's be bold. Let's dream of new ways to “make disciples of all nations.”





"It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your heart your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle.

It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal."

— Pope John Paul II

Holy Family Arrival & Preparations



St. William Parishioners, Staff, and Clergy remain focused on the Holy Eucharist and remain centered on the Holy Family. Our maintenance staff prepares the Church for the installation of the Holy Family this week.

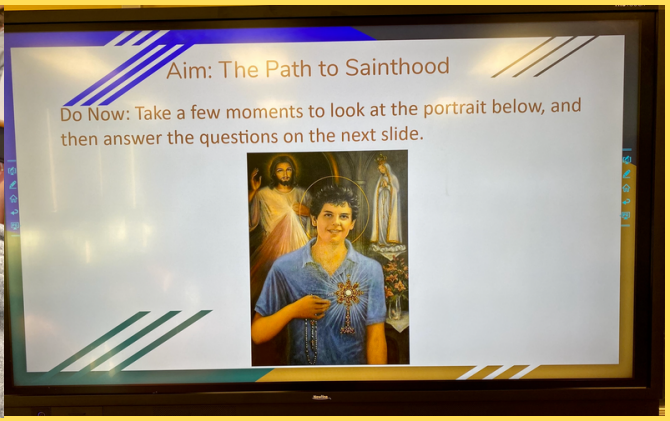
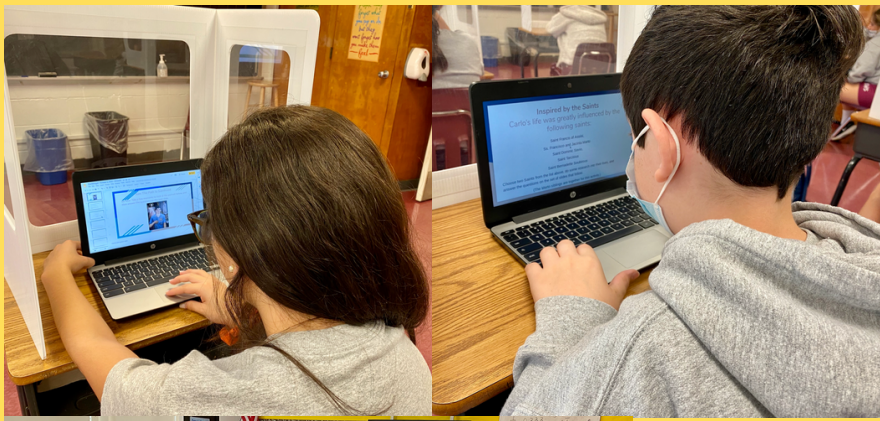


We congratulate the 2020 Jubilarians Sisters of Tildonk, that served in St. William the Abbot, honoring these women for their lifetime of service dedicated to God. Celebrating 70 Years Sr. Teresita Catalano, OSU Sr. Mary James Fox, OSU Sr. Mary Grace Hodnett. Celebrating 60 Years OSU Sr. Bridget Olwell.

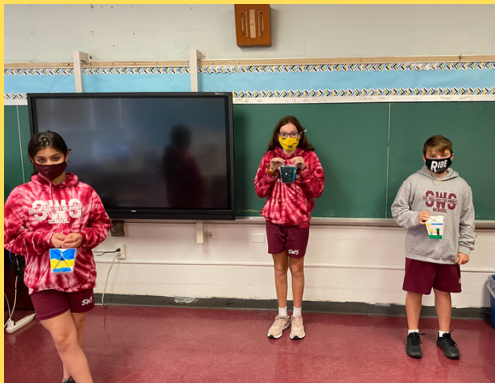
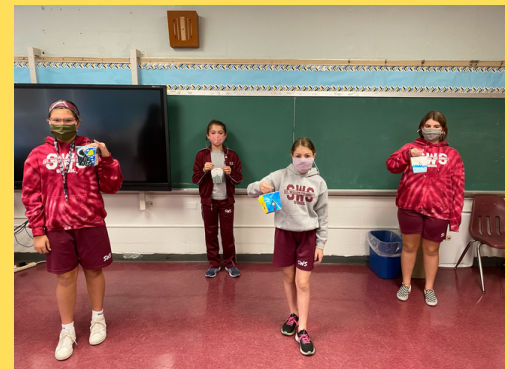
**ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW CONSIDERING COMING INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH,
OR ARE YOU ALREADY BAPTIZED AND WISH TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS OF EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION?**

BECOME CATHOLIC

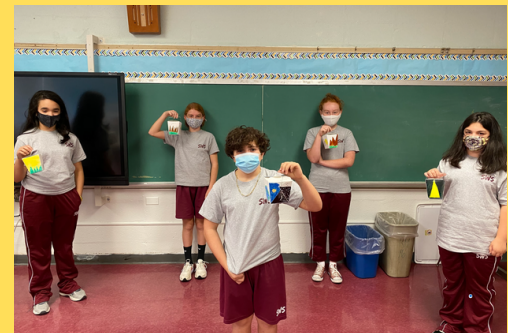
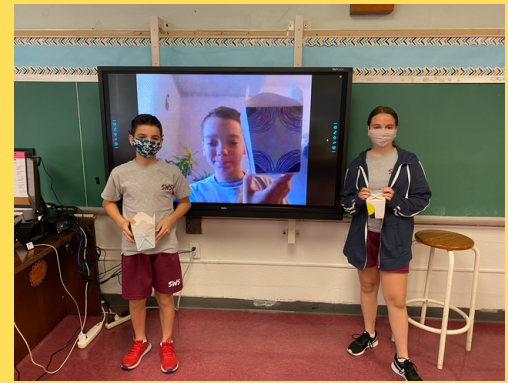
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: JO-ANN METZDORFF AT RCIA@STWILLIAM.ORG



Ahead of his Beatification on Saturday October 10, Mrs. Bradley's Religion class took the opportunity to explore the life of Venerable Servant of God Carlo Acutis. The students read a variety of articles and watched videos in order to learn about his life, and even visited the website he created before his death at 15. On this site, he cataloged the Eucharistic Miracles that have taken place throughout the world. They also researched the process of becoming a Saint and the Saints who served as inspiration for Carlo Acutis during his lifetime. The students were able to make meaningful connections between their lives and the life of Carlo Acutis, who played video games, loved soccer, and used the internet. His life will continue to serve as an inspiration for all young Catholics.



Studying the Old Testament is the main focus for the sixth graders at St. Williams. This time of year they get to use their creative juices on a Days of Creation Project. Each student illustrates one day of creation per each side of a Chinese take out box. The students not only learn to value God's revelation of Himself through Creation, but have fun showing off their artistic talents as well!





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



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.

Knights of Columbus

Memorare Council 3476 – Recruitment Drive

The Knights of Columbus are considered to be the right arm of the Catholic Church. We are dedicated to serving our local Priests, Parishes and the community. In the past few years we have donated tens of thousands to not-for-profit organizations, contributed food to the needy and volunteered at local shelters. We are seeking others to join our ranks, stand up for the ideals of the Catholic Church and make our community better for all. Please consider becoming a Knight. For more information, please visit our website memorarekofc.org or email the Grand Knight Ben Vogt memoraregrandknight@gmail.com.



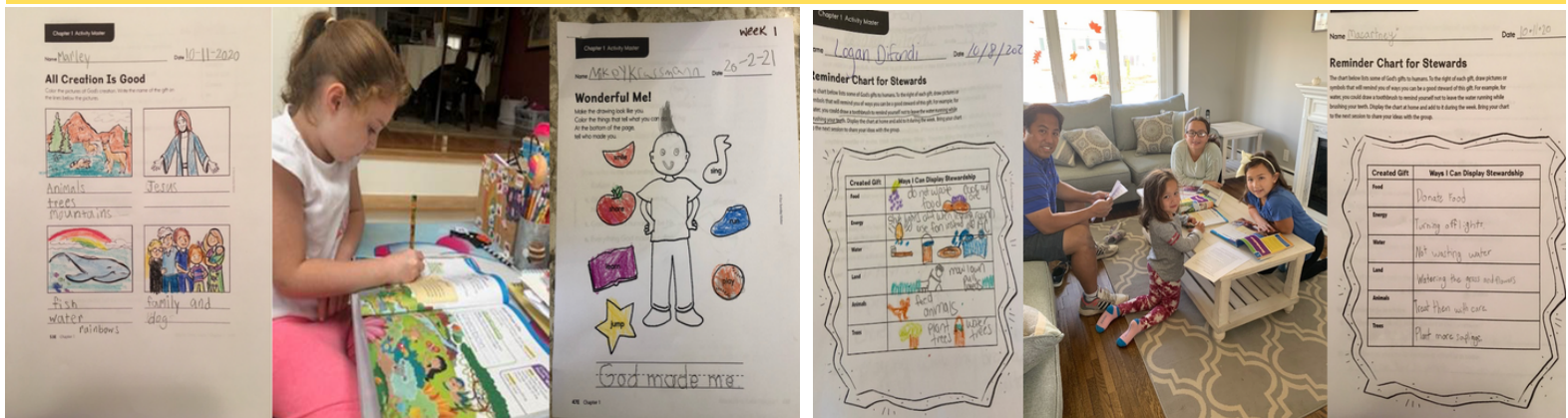
Feast of All Souls

On Monday, November 2 at 7:30pm, there will be a special Mass in which the people whose funerals were held at St. William the Abbot this past year will be remembered. All are invited to attend this special Mass.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation is off to a great start. Many families are still contacting the office to register. We will be holding another meeting next week. Please contact the office if you have not yet registered for details, as it is not too late to begin the program.

This past week all grade levels continue to work on the theme of Revelation. Made in God's image, they are discovering that God wants them to use their gifts for the benefit of mankind and all created things. All are reading the Creation stories with many grades exploring original sin, God's covenants, and reflecting on what attributes that they would give to God. Parents have shared with us that discussions are taking place within the home. Confirmation level students are interviewing older family members on the things they value and if, and when they realized their purpose in life. One boy was troubled knowing that God created everything, why did he create the coronavirus? Fr. Collins was happy to answer this child. He stated that God created everything good and that everything has a purpose. Sometimes people do not listen to God and sin. He used the analogy of fire and gasoline. Both are good and have a purpose, but if combined it would be explosive and even deadly. Our students are certainly thinking! Thank you, Fr. Collins for clearing this up and many thanks to our parents who are taking the time to share their faith with their families.





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.

Food Pantry

Instant Coffee		Kidney Beans
Plain Oatmeal	Dry Dog Food	Canned Peas
Apple Juice	All Purpose Cleaning Spray	Cookies
Apple Sauce		Hearty Beef Soup

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) 679-8532.

CONTACT MUSIC MINISTRY

Please send your email to mgeorgetti@stwilliam.org.

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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.

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



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL
DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE...





OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18TH
10:00AM - 1:00PM

APPOINTMENTS TO TOUR OUR FACILITIES
& ATTEND OPEN HOUSE ARE REQUIRED THIS YEAR
TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE
CALL OUR ADMISSIONS OFFICE: (631) 587-8000 x113

*PLEASE NOTE: TOUR APPOINTMENT SLOTS ARE LIMITED AND MASKS ARE REQUIRED
IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND OPEN HOUSE A VIRTUAL TOUR
& ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE (SEE LINK BELOW)*






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Catholic Kids

Bulletin

October 18, 2020
Ordinary Time
Color: Green



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Give the
Lord glory
and honor.

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Bow your head while you
pray to help you focus
on being humble to God.

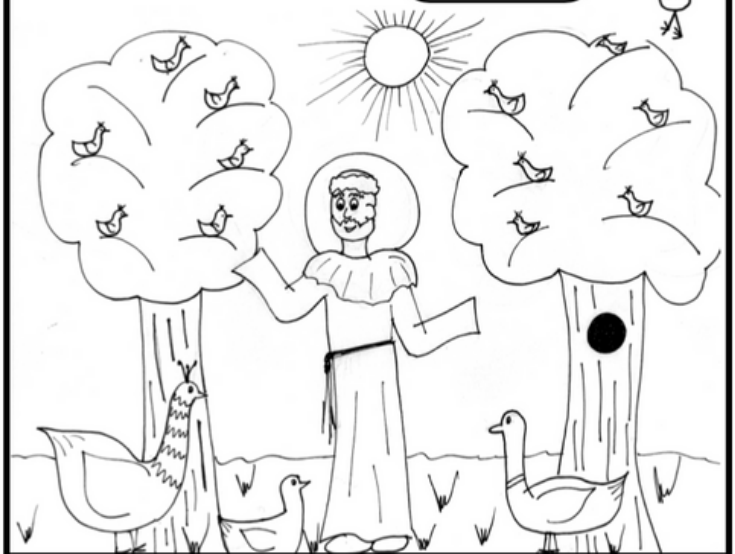
Saint Francis of Assisi

Saint Francis of Assisi was a monk who gave away everything he had. He was very cheerful and helped others to be happy.

What can you do to make someone happy today?

He was a great preacher—even the birds listened when he talked about God.

Count how many little birds are listening to Saint Francis.



Circle the gifts that you have. Use those gifts to help people learn about God!

Sports Music
Friendship Kindness
Sharing Listening
Cooking Reading
Math Building
Helping



Gospel



Jesus is teaching his disciples to give to Caesar what is Caesar's and give to God what is God's. What gifts do you have to give to God?



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.



What is RCIA?

RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, and it is the process by which unbaptized adults become Catholic. It is also the way those baptized in other Christian faiths to enter into full communion with the Church by receiving Communion and Confirmation, or for baptized Catholics to complete these sacraments if they haven't already.

How long does it take to become Catholic?

There is not a one size fits all answer to that question. Adult baptisms for Catechumens usually take place at the Easter Vigil, the night before Easter Sunday. Ideally the process would last most of a year or longer depending on the situation. For a baptized Christian of another faith community, the process could proceed rather quickly, only a few months, or longer depending on their own formation and participation in their present faith community. For Catholics who are missing sacraments the process can take a few months or longer.

Why is it important for a baptized Catholic to complete their sacraments?

Baptism is the entryway into life with Christ, but no one is fully initiated until they receive Confirmation and Eucharist. Confirmation is also needed in order to become a Godparent or Confirmation sponsor, or for marriage to another Catholic with a few exceptions. Eucharist is the summit and source of our faith, and if we can't receive it we are missing out on the graces we receive through Holy Communion.

Are their tests or homework?

The simple answer is no! However we encourage Catechumens and Candidates to read and explore things on their own, to keep a journal of their thoughts, insights and questions, and to talk things over with sponsors. Of course we expect them to attend Sunday Mass with the parish community and get involved.

Can you become Catholic if you are divorced?

Yes, but with caveats. It depends on the situation of the previous marriage, and that of the current spouse, if there is one. Some marriage situations are easy to rectify and some take a bit longer. Marriage situations do not preclude candidates from attending sessions to prepare to enter the Church. One of our priests will assist the candidate in this regard.

What are these rituals?

There are a number of rituals that occur at a Sunday Mass. These are steps, so to speak, to enter the Church. They are public rites, and the parish community prays with the Catechumens and candidates at this time. For those who will be baptized at Easter, they will come together.

How much does all this cost?

One of the best things about RCIA is that it is FREE!

I am already Catholic, why should I know about RCIA?

We all may know family members or friends who are not Catholic but may have shown some interest in our faith, or those who have not completed their sacraments. As Catholics we are called, by Christ, to share the Good News with others. This might mean making suggestions to others that they explore Catholicism. If you know about RCIA you can let them know about it and how to go about getting started.

What does Catechumen mean?

There are a lot of churchy words in RCIA. A Catechumen is a person preparing for Baptism. It is an ancient term meaning one who receives instruction by word of mouth. A candidate is someone from another Christian faith or a Catholic preparing for Confirmation. There are other words that are learned as the person goes along in the process.

What do RCIA sessions look like?

Sessions are usually held once a month on Sunday after Mass. We meet, discuss the Sunday scriptures, and then have a presentation on Catholic teachings. Sessions are informal and are not classes but faith sharing and exploration of our relationship with Christ, always striving to go deeper into that relationship with God and the Parish community. Our textbook is the Bible, videos, and other materials exploring the Catholic faith.

What is a sponsor?

A sponsor is someone who accompanies a person on their RCIA journey. Sponsors are usually from the parish community, but sponsors may be chosen by the person if the sponsor is a practicing Catholic who has received all their sacraments of Initiation and is in good standing with the Church. A Catechumen may also choose Godparents in addition to a sponsor.

Can children be in RCIA?

RCIA sessions are geared for adults. However children do take part in certain rituals that are part of the process. They are usually catechized through the parish school or faith formation. In cases with older children or teens, there may be specific sessions set up for them and their parents.

Can I accompany someone to RCIA sessions?

Of course! Many Catholics who join a relative or friend at sessions find that they learn things about the Catholic faith that they did not know before. It also gives the Catechumen or Candidate someone else to discuss things with after the sessions.

How does someone get started in RCIA?

Go to our website at stwilliam.org/rcia. Fill out the registration form and the Inquiry form and email it back to rcia@stwilliam.org. You will be contacted by our coordinator regarding starting sessions.

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~Ministry Feature for Week of October 18, 2020 ~

In 2016, we opened the first Gianna Center for Women's Health and Fertility on Long Island through Catholic Health Services.

We now have affiliates in Babylon, Rockville Centre and Manhattan where women can access high quality, scientifically-based reproductive healthcare that is authentically Catholic in respecting a woman's dignity and the sanctity of life. Through Pre-Cana and clinical outreach, engaged and married couples have received training in fertility awareness methods that are safe, effective, morally sound and actually strengthen marriages.

Gianna Center Website: <https://www.chsli.org/gianna-center>

*Conscience
formation*

*Election Day is
important this
year for the
issues of life.*



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