

# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

## Twenty - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 20, 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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"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard."

- Matthew 20-1

### New Mass Schedule

#### Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:30am

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday 8:30am & 5pm

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

(12pm Mass is live-streamed on [stwilliam.org](http://stwilliam.org))

The Church will remain closed when Mass is not being celebrated.

### Pray for the Deceased

Margaret Hennessy

Paul Joseph Murray

Brian Peacock

Mary L. Witzke

### Pray for the Sick

Charles Ackerman

Denise Kanue

Margaret Whyte

Maria Herbert

Stephen Gaughran

Anthony Ferraro

Billy Kelly

### Baptism

*Hayley Rose Fiorello*

*Jack Peter Dizinno*

*Kiernan Stephen Burger*

*Liliana Lucia Illuzzi*

*Ethan Parker Carey*

*Mckenna Rose Phillips*

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

### Mass Intentions

Monday, September 21, 2020

Daniel Buckley

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Robert Kandybowicz

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Anthony Fuina

Margaret Fehling

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Jennifer Bernstein

Friday, September 25, 2020

Sue Kane

Saturday, September 26, 2020

Purgatorial Society

Bagarozzi Family

Loretta Manning

Francis O'Meara

Mary Nacci

Sunday, September 27, 2020

Virginia Accinelli

Gerard Rogers

Dorothy Kolakowski

People of St. William

Salvatore & Regina LoStrappo

"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, Hope, and Don’t Worry”

Those words are familiar to so many Catholics as the Mantra of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, whose feast day we celebrate this week (September 23). The life of Padre Pio was filled with prayer and suffering; suffering united to the cross of Jesus. He was gifted with the stigmata, a physical condition that causes a person to exhibit the physical wounds of Jesus to their body. These people’s hands, feet, forehead, side, and back develop the same wounds suffered by Jesus at the time of the crucifixion. This phenomenon has happened to faithful disciples who have been both blessed and burdened to unite their suffering to Christ’s on the cross.

The Parish of Saint William the Abbot has held a strong devotion to Padre Pio, and the statue and shrine on our campus has served and continues to serve as a beacon of prayer and hope during the COVID-19 Pandemic. This quiet, humble, Italian priest has served as a bridge and doorway with so many people in the history of the church, those who are faithful, and those not as connected to their Catholic faith. Saint Pio has been dead over 50 years, and continues to inspire and bring people into relationship with Christ and the church.

I have had wonderful and thought-provoking conversations with Christians who at times have challenged me, and the teachings of the Church about Saints, shrines, and devotions. They often ask, “why not go with a direct line to Jesus?” God is so good and is able to do and use just about anything to attract people to Himself, such as a young Jewish girl from Nazareth, an imposing Roman torture tool, and even a simple priest from South-Central Italy. Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior and a relationship with him is the way to salvation and eternal life. That relationship happens within the context of the Church and all of its wonder, beauty, and at times dysfunction.

If you are like me, there have been seasons in your life when you did not feel worthy or deserving of God’s love. So perhaps it took a random scripture verse, or a story of the life of a saint, or even a medal, cross or rosary beads to reconnect you with Christ and the church. Maybe it was praying a particular devotion, such as the rosary, daily mass, or a novena prayer that in its discipline and repetition helped you stay grounded and faithful. These are the gifts of the church. Yes, Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and Life, but God allows sacramentals to help us.

As a Parish community, we have had long-standing devotions that were put on pause during the Pandemic, and our hope is to reignite some of them in the next few weeks. Daily Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and Rosary, the Saint Peregrine Cancer Prayer Group, Miraculous Medal Novena, and quiet personal prayer before and after Mass. I am so grateful for your flexibility and cooperation as we navigate these strange times. Safety and cleanliness are still our top priority. Each day our task force cleans after mass, and our deep cleaning service comes in to disinfect around 1:00 PM. In October, except when there are funerals following the 8:30 Mass, the Church will remain open until 12 PM – for individual prayer.

Although we have adjusted certain protocols, methods and expectations, the Lord has remained present in our community. We have kept Christ at the Center of the St. William the Abbot Family. The hope over these next few months is in many ways to build on the foundation that has been long established here. Our focus will be on celebrating the Sacraments really well; our focus will be on forming and educating the faithful; and our focus will be reaching out to the most vulnerable in the community. The past six months have been challenging. We are actually re-learning certain aspects of church, liturgical movements, and “how to” do ministry post corona virus. However, what has remained constant is the love God has for each of us. In our almost 100-year history, Saint William the Abbot Church has stood as a rock of strength through World Wars, financial booms and busts, political highs and lows, 9/11 terrorist attacks, and even a global pandemic. We make it through those difficulties with God at the Center, a focus on our families, and the simple mantra of Padre Pio. Pray, Hope, and Don’t Worry!

Thank you for your presence and generosity.

Peace,



### Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

*“We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern.” - Pope Francis, 9/16/13*

<https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship>

## Marriage Banns I

*Michael Santeramo*

Holy Name of Mary Church

&

*Amanda Sciscioli*

SWA

*Donald Campbell*

RVC, NY

&

*Kelly Mackay*

St. Mary's

*John Kelly*

SWA

&

*Jennifer Villano*

SWA



## Marriage Banns III

*Ryan Labua*

RVC, NY

&

*Courtney Dean*

RVC, NY

## 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**

**Please do not place any other items in the food bin other than food donations. We are not requesting clothes, household items or religious statues for donations.**

To contact the office of Parish Social Ministry please email [socialministry@stwilliam.org](mailto:socialministry@stwilliam.org) or contact the office at (516) 679-8532

**Maternity Clothing needed for our mothers-to-be. Please donate your nearly new maternity clothing to Parish Social Ministry.**



The bread and wine this week are donated in the loving memory of

*Robert H. Cox*

from Patty, Robert, Jillian and Chris



**Eucharistic Adoration and Confession to begin**

**Thursday, October 1, 2020**

**7:30 AM - 8:30 AM**

**This is scheduled every day,  
Monday through Saturday.**

**Novena Devotions to begin again**

**Saturday, October 3, 2020 at 8:15 AM.**

**Held every Saturday.**

**St. Peregrine Hour of Prayer to begin**

**Monday, October 5, 2020 from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM.**

**This is held on the first Monday of each month.**

**Rosary to begin on Thursday, October 1, 2020**

**Monday - Saturday after the 8:30 AM Mass.**

**\*Except when there are funerals following the 8:30 Mass**

## Food Pantry

White Rice

Rice A Roni

Cannellini & Kidney Beans

Apple Sauce

Chicken Broth

Pancake Mix

Mashed Potatoes

Salad Dressing

Cleaning Supplies

## 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

In a little over a week, Faith Formation will begin for our students and their families. Dates for Parent Meetings and Parent/Child Meetings have been sent out to all registered families. Our first Parent Meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 30, 2020. We have asked families to let us know which session they will be attending so we can safely accommodate them. Three different sessions are being offered per grade level. Families are not locked into a time and day of the week. They can choose the session each month that works best with their schedule. Parents will come every other month by themselves and the following month they will come with their child/ren. The meetings are being held to help the parents catechize their child and parent/child sessions are scheduled to supplement what is being taught in the home. These sessions will consist of teaching, activities, Adoration, and the celebration of Mass.

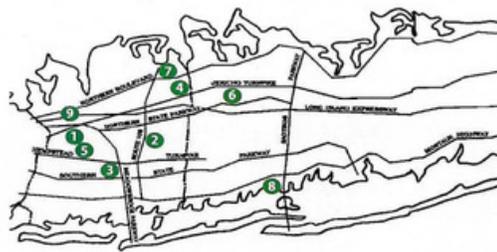
It is very nice to see so many of our families feeling comfortable to come to Church and celebrate Mass once again. This past Sunday, Shane Guidi and Viola Gruber received their first Holy Communion at the 12:00 PM Mass. Fr. James presided at the Mass and pointed out to the children that when they receive the Eucharist, Jesus is present, holding them in love and security. The Mass was beautiful, and the congregation warmly welcomed these children and their families with a round of applause. We are so very proud of Shane and Viola. May their First Communion be a beautiful beginning of a life-long relationship with Jesus.

The office is open to assist you through this registration process and signing up for Parent Meetings. Please contact the Faith Formation Office with any questions or concerns you may have via email [faithformation@stwilliam.org](mailto:faithformation@stwilliam.org).



## DATES TO REMEMBER OPEN HOUSE PROGRAMS

Open House programs present students and parents with a special opportunity to gain information about the curriculum, faculty, and facilities of the Catholic high schools on Long Island. Administrators, faculty members, staff, and students are available to describe school programs and to answer questions at the Open House events. For additional information on particular schools, plan to attend one or more of the Open Houses.



DATE	TIME	SCHOOL
<b>SEPTEMBER 2020</b>		
SATURDAY, SEPT. 26	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.	SACRED HEART ACADEMY
SUNDAY, SEPT. 27	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL
SUNDAY, SEPT. 27	2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	ST. MARY'S COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL
<b>OCTOBER 2020</b>		
SATURDAY, OCT. 3	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	KELLENBERG MEMORIAL H.S.
	2 - 4 p.m.	CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL
SUNDAY, OCT. 4	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY
	1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL
SATURDAY, OCT. 17	11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	HOLY TRINITY DIOCESAN H.S.
SUNDAY, OCT. 18	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOCESAN H.S.

- 1 Chaminade High School
- 2 Holy Trinity Diocesan High School
- 3 Kellenberg Memorial High School
- 4 Our Lady of Mercy Academy
- 5 Sacred Heart Academy
- 6 St. Anthony's High School
- 7 St. Dominic High School
- 8 St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School
- 9 St. Mary's College Preparatory High School

## 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.



## 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?

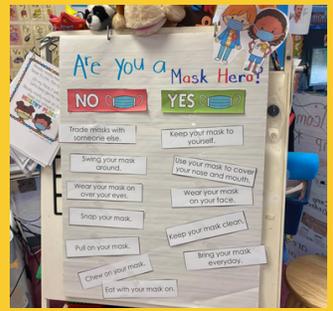
RCIA sessions are geared for adults. However children do take part in certain rituals that are part of the process. They are usually catechized through the parish school or faith formation. In cases with older children or teens, there may be specific sessions set up for them and their parents.

## Can I accompany someone to RCIA sessions?

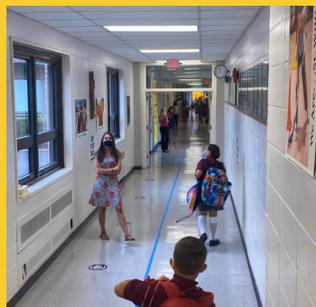
Of course! Many Catholics who join a relative or friend at sessions find that they learn things about the Catholic faith that they did not know before. It also gives the Catechumen or Candidate someone else to discuss things with after the sessions.

## How does someone get started in RCIA?

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



# WELCOME BACK!



ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT SCHOOL



# WELCOME BACK SCHOOL MASS

Monday, September 21, 2020  
10:45am

Join us on the school website

**[stwilliamtheabbot.net](http://stwilliamtheabbot.net)**

to view the live-streamed Mass.



## Saint Vincent de Paul

Saint Vincent de Paul spent his life helping poor people. He brought toys and food to poor children and helped to bring them closer to God.

Go to the poor: you will find

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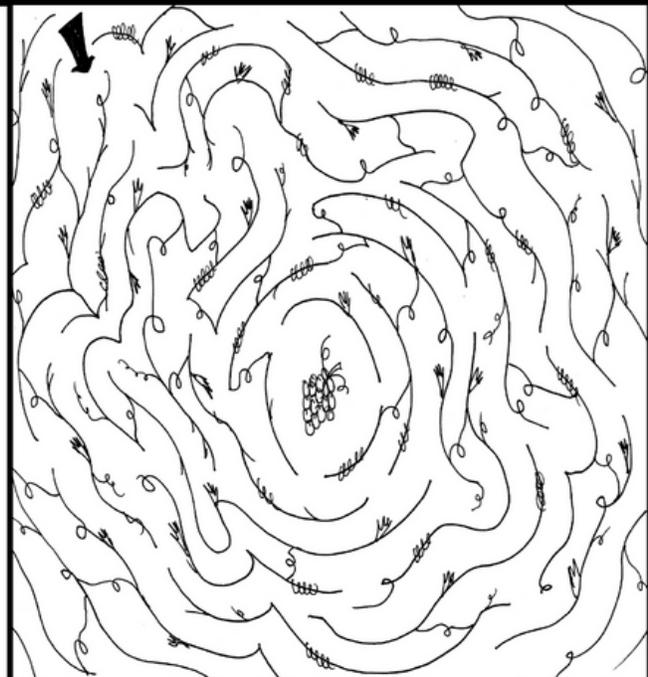
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During the Sanctus (Holy), we remember that the Angels are worshiping with us.



In the Gospel, people are hired to work in a vineyard, a field where they grow grapes.  
Draw people picking the grapes.



## Gospel



In this parable, people are jealous because a landowner is giving everyone the same payment at the end of the day. Jesus reminds us that everyone will go to Heaven if they believe in Him. It's never too late to believe in God.