

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot



Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday, February 2, 2020

Presentation of the Lord

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Luke 2:29-32

Parish Information

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Rectory Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9am - 9pm

Saturday

9am - 8pm

Sunday

8:30am - 5pm

Mass Schedule

Weekdays

Monday - Friday: 8am & 9am
Saturday Mornings: 8:30am

Weekends

Saturday Evenings: 5pm & 7:30pm
Sundays: 7:45am - 9:15am - 10:45am -
12:15pm & 5pm

Holy Days of Obligation

Eve of Holy Day: 7:30pm
Holy Day: 7:30am - 9am - 12pm & 7:30pm

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 3, 2020

8:00 AM James J. Maguire
9:00 AM Arthur Phelps

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

8:00 AM Philip Washburn
9:00 AM Martin C. Hartmann, Jr.

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

8:00 AM Raffaella Fonti
9:00 AM Robert P. Rao

Thursday, February 6, 2020

8:00 AM Collective Intentions
Mary Johnston,
9:00 AM Josephine Stence

Friday, February 7, 2020

8:00 AM Maxwell Matos
9:00 AM Martin Hartmann, Jr.

Saturday, February 8, 2020

8:30 AM Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM Nicole Tedeschi
7:30 PM Peter Manfredi

Sunday, February 9, 2020

7:45 AM John Giannone
9:15 AM People of St. William
10:45 AM Joseph Grignano
12:15 PM Collective Intentions
Philip G. Geraffo, Richard Rogers,
Donald Clark, Irene Salerno
5:00 PM William Mahlan

Prayers for those in the Military

US Navy -

Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald
Ensign Michael Napolitano
MMN4 Emily Partridge
Commander Michael Sean Slatley

USMC -

Lt. Kevin J. Butler
2nd Lt. Dana Duggan
Corporal Frank A Finochio
Private John Mosier
Corporal 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 Ketherine Sutler

Pray for the Sick

Cera Storer
Diane Kelly
Frank Pittelli
John Averill
Valentine Nacci, Jr.
Mary Nacci
Kathleen Leonard
Carol McElwee
Fr. Lukas Centeno, OSB

Pray for the Deceased

Margaret Butler
Pauline M. Macchio
Lena Visconti
Wilson Smith Hoyt
Herbert Muscarello

Holy Baptism

First, Third, and Fifth Sunday of each month at 2pm. Parents must contact the Rectory Office 516.785.1266 to register.

Communion & Anointing of the Sick

Those who are unable to attend Mass because of age or declining health may arrange with the Social Ministry office to receive Holy Communion at home. Please call 516.679.1083 or email socialministry@stwilliam.org.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements should be made six months prior to your wedding. Please call the Rectory 516.785.1266.

Reconciliation

Monday through Friday: 7am-8am
Saturdays: 7:30am - 8:30am & 4pm - 4:45pm
Eve of Holy Day: 4pm - 4:45pm
Thursday before First Friday: 9:30am & 4pm

You may also schedule penance by appointment by contacting the Rectory Office (516) 785-1266.

Prayers & Devotions

Morning Prayer

Monday through Friday:
After 8am Mass
Saturdays: After 8:30am Mass

Miraculous Medal: Saturdays
8:15am

Rosary: Monday - Saturday after
8am/9am Masses

Feast of St. Blaise

Monday, February 3 is the Feast of St. Blaise. There will be a special blessing in honor of the Feast day following the 8am and 9am Masses.

There will also be a special Blessing of the Throat service at 1pm in the Church for the school. All are welcome to attend.

“A Light to the Nations”

This weekend we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord, and it brings us 40 days from Christmas and the Incarnation when the Source of all Light and Love came into the world. Today, Jesus is brought to the Temple. Customarily we anoint the candles used for the St. Blaise Blessing of the Throat which takes place Monday after the 8 and 9 AM Masses, as well as a special service at 1 PM. This is a great tradition and devotion of our Church asking, St. Blaise to protect us from any ailments and diseases of the throat. Why? So, we can be a Light and a Voice to the Nations proclaiming Christ to all with our lives.

Anna and Simeon from the Gospel were elders in the faith community, and they had their habits and customs, which they practiced throughout their life. But when Jesus entered the temple, their lives were changed forever. They could no longer “do the same things over and over.” They were called to conversion and renewal, even being “advanced in years.” We hear that they “gave thanks and spoke about Jesus to all.” It is no different for you and I, young and old, individually and as a parish. We are called to tell others about how meeting Jesus here each week is transforming our lives and our families. This may be a new approach for some of you who are reserved about your faith journey – but it is an instruction we hear at the end of each Mass, to “Go announce the Gospel with your life.” God is encouraging us to take a step, to grow, to revive and renew.

Newness and change can be difficult for all of us. Like any living organism, there are times we need to evaluate, re-evaluate, and when necessary, prune. Those who know gardening, know it is essential to prune for the harvest, for the bloom to come to fulfillment. Our faith and our parish is a living organism destined for growth. My hope is that our ministries and incredible volunteers will continue to grow and expand as we invite new parishioners into service. These new gifts, ideas, and strengths will only enhance our incredible ministries and the parish. I ask you to continue to pray with me at this time. Join the priests and I, and so many other parishioners at Morning Adoration, and to trust the direction the Holy Spirit is leading us in prayer.

As our mission statement says, Saint William is a community that provides a welcoming environment of worship, evangelization, and fellowship, responding to the Holy Spirit to build up the Body of Christ. For over 90 years we have done that, even as things changed: Latin, Altar Rails, Increased Lay Involvement, native-born priests, international priests, post-Vatican 2, in-home religious education, cassocks and surplices, cellphones, and even new websites and bulletins. The core of who we are is Jesus Christ, I ask you to help me journey into this new season of Evangelization and continue to be “a light to the nations!”

As always, thank you for your presence and generosity.

Peace,

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

Our Parish Staff

Rev. Joseph H. Fitzgerald
Pastor

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Associate Pastor

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Associate Pastor

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Gift Box

1/25/20 \$50 - C & R Giallorenzo, Wantagh

1/26/20 \$50 - Ken Seyfert, Massapequa

1/27/20 \$50 - Maureen McGrath, Smithtown

1/28/20 \$50 - Mach Family, Millersville

1/29/20 \$50 - Kaley Family, Winter Garden

1/30/20 \$50 - Antonella Bianco, Farmingdale

1/31/20 \$100 - Marion & Larry Schwanzer

Food Pantry

These items are always need:

Mayonnaise

Coffee

Cooking Oil

Pasta Sauce

Cereal

The following items are often needed:

Crushed tomatoes

Pancake Mix

Syrup

Sugar

White & Brown Rice

Diapers - Size 6

Jelly

Deodorant

Pregnant? Need Help?

Birthright

24 Hour Helpline

1.800.550.4900

RCIA

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? To Learn more contact Joanne Metzdorff at rcia@stwilliam.org.

“Behold the Lamb of God” John 1:29

Eucharistic Adoration Schedule

Monday through Friday -

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM - Church

Saturdays - 7:30 - 8:30 AM - Church

First Friday of the month -

12:30 - 1:30 PM - Church

Third Saturday of the month - 8:30 PM -

11:30 PM - Convent Center Chapel