



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



May 19, 2024 Pentecost Sunday

Weekly Schedule

Daily Mass

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12n

Live-Streamed Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:30am

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 12n

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday - Saturday: 7:15am - 8:20am

Saturday: 3:45pm - 4:50pm

Adoration

Monday - Saturday: 7:15am - 8:20am

First Friday of the Month: 9am - 5pm

Private Prayer

Monday - Friday: 7:15am - 6pm

Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

John 20:21-23

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Joyce Jaffe

Maria Lanuto

Margaret Eagan

Collective Intentions

Mother's Day

People of St. William's

The Phelps Family

Peter Burke

Brian & Margaret Burke

Jerry Monk

Monday continued...

Richard McArdle

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Walter Ostrowski

Wed., May 22, 2024

Ed Tomczyk

Thurs., May 23, 2024

Anthony Fuina

Friday, May 24, 2024

Donald O'Brien

Saturday, May 25, 2024

Purgatorial Society

Joseph Bishop

Monday, May 20, 2024

Collective Intentions

Mother's Day

Antoinette Pregno

Eneo Pregno

Conor Cronin

Pray for the Sick

Sal Lupo

Richard Fedyk

Lisa Laurence

Michael Interrante

Vincent Casale

Keith Gorton

Kelly Rohan

Jeanine Tedeschi

Jerry Milbach

Jen Greico

Pray for the Deceased

Theresa V. Krushiniski

Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of

Joyce Jaffe

from The Zacharias Family

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of

Joseph Grzesik

from The Grzesik Family

Altar Candles

The Altar Candles used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of

William Benson, Jr.

from his loving family

Reconciled and Filled by the Holy Spirit

Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." John 20:21–23

Happy Pentecost! Today, throughout the world, our Church celebrates the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' first followers and upon all of us. Why do we need the Holy Spirit in our lives? This is an important question to ponder. Today, as always, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit work as One God. It is the Father Who wills that we be reconciled to Him; it was the Son Who made this reconciliation possible; and it is the Holy Spirit Who now accomplishes the completion of this act in our lives. At the heart of that gift of salvation is the remission of our sins. The passage above clearly reveals to us that Jesus bestowed a unique gift of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, His first bishops, entrusting them with the ability to forgive sins in His name and by His power.

As we celebrate Pentecost, it is a good opportunity to prayerfully consider the action of the Holy Spirit in your life. One of the greatest ways that the Holy Spirit is potentially active in your life is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Through that Sacrament, the Holy Spirit draws you to the Father and enables you to see and understand His perfect will, living more fully in union with the Son as a member of His Body.

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit are some of the other ways that the Holy Spirit helps us in our Christian walk. However, these gifts would be ineffective in our lives if we did not first receive the gift of forgiveness given through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. That is the first and most foundational action of the Holy Spirit and opens the door to every other gift. Perhaps that is why Jesus' first bestowal of the Holy Spirit focused upon the power given to His Apostles to forgive sins in His name.

Once we are reconciled to the Father and begin to live in a state of grace, the Holy Spirit will continue to deepen His relationship with us and bestow His help upon us for our Christian journey. This especially happens through the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The gifts most affecting our intellect are the Gifts of Wisdom, Understanding and Knowledge. Wisdom helps us to understand the inner life of the Trinity more clearly. Understanding helps us to make sense of our lives and mission in the light of the Gospel. Knowledge helps us make practical decisions in accord with God's will.

The gifts of Fear of the Lord and Piety assist us in our love of God. Fear of the Lord helps us to see how our actions help or hinder our relationship with God, helping to motivate us to avoid all that harms this relationship and choose all that strengthens it. Piety helps us to see the great dignity and beauty of God and enables us to have a deep reverence for Him and for all of His people.

Counsel and Fortitude are also given by the Holy Spirit and help us to firmly move forward in faith and love. Counsel especially helps us with love of neighbor, and Fortitude adds the strength we need to do all that we are called to do in love with unwavering commitment.

As we celebrate the great Solemnity of Pentecost, reflect, today, upon the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. If you want to be open to the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life and receive the many gifts you need for your journey of faith, then begin with the most fundamental gift. Begin with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Ponder the words Jesus spoke in our Gospel today and know that by entrusting the grace to forgive sins in His name to His first priests, Jesus was also calling you to embrace that gift. The Holy Spirit wants you to be cleansed of all sin. Allow Him to do so and you will be amazed at all the grace that follows.

My glorious Lord, You promised to send the Holy Spirit upon us to lead us into all Truth and to reconcile us to the Father. You were faithful to that promise at Pentecost and now continuously bestow the Holy Spirit upon all who believe. Holy Spirit, please come upon me, especially by forgiving my sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and by filling me with Your sevenfold Gifts. Jesus, I trust in You.

Banns of Marriage

Banns I

Kathryn Flynn, St. William the Abbot
& Kyle Frenger, St. James, Seaford

Banns II

Amanda Duncklee, St. William the Abbot
& Gregorio Ferrando, St. William the Abbot

Banns III

Jennifer Lynde, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst
& Mark Palminteri, Our Lady of Grace, Babylon

Augustine Dimilta, Holy Trinity, Whitestone, NY
& Nicholas Quod, St. William the Abbot



Anointing of the Sick

Anyone going to the hospital or who has a serious illness can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, which will be celebrated communally immediately following the 12:00 N Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024.

Baptism

Let us welcome the following child who was baptized this past weekend:

Connor Cahill

Pray for Those in the Military

US Air Force -

Capt. Matthew B. Frasse
Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers
Airman Carlos Rosado
Major Thomas F. Shields

US Army -

Capt. Caitlin M. Lee
Capt. Philip Lettieri, MD
CW2 Brian Kirby
Major Eamon G. McArdle
Spc. Brian Reip
Sgt. Donald Rogers
Lt. Col. Christopher James Ustler

USMC -

First Lt. Dana Duggan
Danny Dugan

US Navy -

Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald
Jr. Lt. Ryan Bayer
Jr. Lt. Rebecca Bayer
Jr. Lt. Ian Bayer
STSC (SS) Thomas Kerley
Lt. Michael O'Hara
MMN2 Emily Partridge
Commander Michael Sean Slatley
Lt. Michael Napolitano
Michael Vietri

US Coast Guard -

LT Commander James Knudsen
Daniel Timpanaro
Commander Katherine Ustler-Lodispoto

US Army -

Sgt. Craig Bianco
Capt. Michael DiPietro
Capt. Michael Fitzgerald
Capt. Christopher J. Frasse
Capt. Logan Lee
Lt. Col. John Kallo

Purgatorial Society

Giuseppe Fronda, Gina Pellettiere, Lauralee Miller, Joan Grimes, Millie Paradiso, Nancy Bryson, Maureen Upton, Lissette Baquero, Albina Sangemino, Virginia Svoboda, Ivan Drazenovic, Ida Connico.

Lois Anusiak, Teresa Angelastro, Walter C. Breslin, Thomas P. Calautti, Deborah A. D'Amore, Dean Gregorio, Chris Helgasen, Doris Mulcahy, Vincent J. Pernice, Thomas Reilly, Hildegard Robinson, Carl Scogmanillo, Kristin A. Valerga-Goetze, Margaret Burke, Patricia Baisley, Howard Batsford, Andrew Bricht, Dorothy Meinke, Edward Bolinger, Kelly Mooney Cordero, Catherine Koster.

Dorothy Meinke, Joan Kane, Kathryn & Robert Nesi, Dorothy L. Costa, Nelson A. Moret, George Jantzen, III, John M. Stolfi, Walter Ostrowski, Sebastian Panesci, Anthony Nicholas Diomede, II, Thomas Fitzgerald, Andrea Browne, Frank Alongi, John Kilgus, Tiddy Susi, Robert Charles Harter.

John Battiste, Marie Cosgrove, Joseph DePieiro, Thomas V. Fitzgerald, Jr., Mary Horne, Sal Locrotondo, Carol Locrotondo, Michael Maltese, Jr., Lydia Medina, Carla Jean Powell, Adele Riordan, Caroline Sivert, Kathy Abrescia, Donald Clark, Diane Gaskin, Richard McKenna.

Clifford Grohs, Daisy Martinez, Catherine Donoghue, Bobby Torressen, Steven Danko, Anna Clark, Andrew Bartolozzi, Eva Gerard, Gilda Russo, William Perez, Jr.

Carmela Farari, Lucy Rondazzo, Christine Pittelli, Ann M.Schaeder
Robert Russo, Stephen L. Kirryan, Susan Darowski

PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF JOSEPH LETTIERI & DENNIS GANNON



FIRST MASS AND PARISH RECEPTION OF SWA PARISHIONER JOSEPH LETTIERI

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH | 11AM
ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH | 2PM
ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT

Joseph is a life-long parishioner of St. William's. He was baptized here and received his First Holy Communion and Confirmation here as well. Along with his brothers and sisters, Joseph is a graduate of St. William the Abbot School (class of 2011). In addition to earning his Eagle Scout Award through our SWA Troop, Joseph has served the parish his whole life. He has served as an Altar Server, in the Music Ministry, CYO programs, and in countless other ministries. The Lettieri Family has been a blessing and has made St. William's a better place. Please join us as Joseph celebrates his first Mass as a newly ordained priest next month and we thank him for his service and vocation.

THE FEAST DAY OF ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT

TUESDAY JUNE 25TH

*6pm Mass followed by
Parish Celebration
(more details to come!)*

*Purchase 50/50 Raffle
Tickets by Visiting:*



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God Bless last week's First Communicants!





St. William the Abbot School

Earlier this month, our 2nd Graders received their First Holy Communion! After months of preparation and practice, it was a beautiful day. They also presented our monthly School Liturgy and May Crowning, followed by a Communion Breakfast hosted by the 3rd Grade parents.



SCHEDULE A TOUR OF OUR NURSERY - 8TH GRADE PROGRAMS TODAY (516-785-6784)



*Living Rosary
and Parish May Crowning*

**TUESDAY, MAY 21ST
6PM
FRONT LAWN OF THE SCHOOL**

Please bring your Rosary Beads

**THIS YEAR'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS
ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR
THEIR COMMUNION OUTFITS**



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Eucharistic Pilgrimage

May 26, 2024



Schedule

- Pilgrim's Mass at 11:00am at the Cathedral of St. Agnes with Bishop John O. Barres
- LIRR to Manhattan
- Join Archdiocese of New York Group at 2:30pm at the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in lower Manhattan
- Process with the Eucharist over the Brooklyn Bridge with Benediction at the mid-span
- Process to the Maronite Cathedral of Our Lady of Lebanon in Brooklyn
- Depart home via Subway/LIRR



On Sunday, May 26, 2024, we invite the people of God on Long Island to join in a special Eucharistic Pilgrimage as part of the National Eucharistic Revival. The National Eucharistic Revival is a three-year initiative sponsored by the Bishops of the United States encouraging a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist.

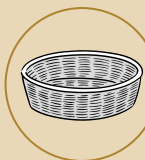
All participating pilgrims will be traveling on their own or in small groups, and responsible for all costs. For more information, please contact: mcooke@drvc.org



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival



Ways to Give



Include your donation in the collection baskets at Mass or in the boxes next to each entrance to the Church



Donations can be mailed to us or dropped in the Rectory Drop-Box. Please write “Donation” on your check made payable to “St. William the Abbot”



Make a donation using a credit or debit card, Apple Pay, Google Pay, or CashApp by visiting:



Download the form from our website to have your donation debited directly from your checking account each month. Visit stwilliam.org/ways-to-give for more information.

Your generosity allows us to continue our ministries and service to the people of our community

stwilliam.org/ways-to-give

ANNUAL DONATION STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE BY REQUEST FROM THE RECTORY STARTING IN JANUARY FOR REGISTERED PARISHIONERS

Parish Social Ministry

For the Pantry...

Memorial Day is right around the corner! If you're donating to the pantry over the next two weeks, think about bringing something for a Memorial Day meal such as hotdogs, hamburgers, buns, BBQ sauce, chips or salad dressing. We will be distributing these types of items the week before the holiday to ensure our parishioners in need can have a special meal on Memorial Day. Thank you for your generosity!

Pantry List

Cereal
Jelly Canned Carrots
Laundry Detergent
All-Purpose Cleaning Spray

Thank You to Our Loyal Donors!

Thank you to all parishioners that visit our food pantry each week with bags of grocery donations. Due to your generosity, we are able to support over 60 families in need with a pantry that is 100% donation based! We could not serve the community without the dedicated support of our parishioners. We are so grateful! Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



PSEG Assistance Available

PSEG offers multiple programs to help customers facing financial hardship. They offer the Household Assistance Program (HAP) which can provide a \$40 monthly credit to your bill. If you already receive assistance such as HEAP, SNAP or SSI, or if you are on Medicaid, you may already qualify for HAP! In addition, PSEG offers the Residential Energy Affordability Partnership (REAP) where a technician will perform a free home energy survey to find opportunities for energy efficiency improvements intended to lower your energy costs. You will receive a \$50 bill credit just for completing the in-person home energy survey! For more information call 1-800-263-6786 or apply online at PSEGLINY.com/assistance.

Gardens That Give Back



As you are planning and planting your vegetable gardens this Spring, please remember the Food Pantry. We will gladly accept donations of your surplus harvest! Fresh vegetables are a blessing for the families we serve.

Where Can I Donate Clothing?

Did you know that used clothing can be donated locally to be re-used by those in need? "The Boutique" in Amityville is run by the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless. This special distribution center allows people in need to come and pick out clothes and other essential items, all for free! Donations of new and used clothing are accepted Tuesday through Thursday, 10am to 3pm at their 600 Albany Avenue location, or by appointment. By helping The Boutique, you also help our Parish families in need, because we can send referrals for our families to shop there! To contact The Boutique, call 631-464-4314.





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Or visit
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A Legacy of Excellence - Nursery through 8th Grade

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Dcn. John Lynch

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SWA Parishioner

Please pray for our Seminarians and all those discerning the priesthood and religious life

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Resources

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
rcia@stwilliam.org | stwilliam.org/rcia

Baptisms & Weddings at St. William the Abbot
stwilliam.org/sacraments

Register as a St. William the Abbot Parishioner
stwilliam.org/i-am-new

Catholic High Schools of Long Island
chsee.org

Diocese of Rockville Centre
drvc.org

Formed: The Catholic Faith. On Demand
formed.org

Tomorrow's Hope Foundation: Financial Aid for Catholic Schools
tomorrowshopefoundation.org

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If there is an emergency where someone is critically ill or injured and needs a priest outside of office hours, please call 516-312-7361

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