



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.”

John 15:9-10

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 5, 2024

James Jaronczyk
People of St. William’s
Henriette & Louis Marino

Collective Intentions

The Daly Family
Charles Trail
Ian Dobbie
Anthony Gurino
Thomas Emmett Johnston

Monday, May 6, 2024

Danielle Gabriel

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Dolores & Sam Marino

Wed., May 8, 2024

Maureen T. McDonough

Thurs., May 9, 2024

Ascension of the Lord

Collective Intentions

Thomas Fitzgerald
Linda Keller
Russell Goldsmith
John F. Santora
James Jaronczyk
People of St. William’s

Friday, May 10, 2024

Edward Miller

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Purgatorial Society
People of St. William’s

Pray for the Sick

John O’Hara
Dylan Walsh
Jerry Milbach
Anna Guida

Jeanne Tedeschi
Keith Gorton
Sal Lupo
Richard Fedyk

Pray for the Deceased

Florence Oliveri

Robert E. Satnick

Adoration Candles

The Adoration Candles used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of
Carol A. Lowell
from the Diodati Family

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle used at Mass this week has been donated in loving memory of
Bernard L. Kluender
from Dorothy Kluender

Altar Candles

The Altar Candles used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of
Thomas Ferrente
from the Santini Family

“This Is My Commandment - Love One Another as I Love You”

Jesus is once again crystal clear in the scriptures this weekend, not offering a suggestion, but a commandment, a mandate, a clear guideline. He instructs us to 'love one another as he has loved us;' we only need to look at the cross and his humble witness of sacrificial love to understand what he means. In the past few years, we have seen the ups and downs and the effects of the global pandemic within our society, our family, and ourselves. There have been moments where we have seen extreme selfishness, self-absorption, and the lack of the most basic awareness of others. At times it was almost the exact opposite of what Jesus asked and the mantra - "it's my world and you live in it" has reigned in the hearts of many at times. It certainly does not help when our media coverage exploits those moments as well in movies, TV shows, and the nightly news. That sentiment is finding its way in the global, local, and political ideologies which focus more on the "self-centered" as opposed to "other-centered." Jesus, our King, our leader, and our example says that we as Catholics must live differently.

Although the darkness of sin and confusion can show itself, if we look deeper we can see the glimmer of hope that our world has to offer. I certainly experienced that most recently from so many of you who expressed and extended the love of God to my family and I at the tragic loss of my cousin Ed Boden. His sudden death has been both terrible and beautiful for all those who knew and loved him. To be the pastor at St. William the Abbot is an incredible privilege and a great honor and gift for me. As the shepherd and spiritual guide of our parish, I too face the human experiences of joy and sorrow and triumph and tragedy that any Christian disciple might face. The beauty of this role entrusted to me is how I most recently experienced the powerful love of God through so many of you who extended your condolences to me personally, to my aunt, to Eddie's wife and sons, to his siblings, and the other members of our family and his lifelong Seaford friends. Thank you for that expression of tenderness and care. In the moments of confusion, disappointment, and even doubt, God has a way of piercing through in the way others love us.

I would like to share a particular experience of that subtle and powerful way God reveals himself. I have witnessed a number of fascinating sights on Jackson Avenue in front of the church and the school through these past five years. We have had beautiful sacramental moments of weddings, communions, and graduations. Unfortunately, we have also seen reckless driving, careless litter bugs, and shall I say a few "interesting characters" walking from the Seaford train station into our neighborhoods. At the funeral last week, there was one of those "restore your hope in the future" moments at the very end of the liturgy. My cousin Ed was a Navy submarine veteran, who so bravely protected our country and freedoms in a time when we were still in the Cold War with Russia and the beginning of the conflict in the Middle East. Very often at the end of a veteran's funeral, there is a presentation of the American flag to the family. It is powerful to experience live and in person. Someone at the funeral took a picture during that beautiful ceremony and, in the background, you could see one of the classes from St. William the Abbot School standing at attention. The class was on its way to a field trip, but they paused to pray in honor, reverence, and in a show of respect for the deceased and his family.

If you are like me, there may be times when you can be somewhat concerned and disappointed by the challenges that we see in the world and for our future. Sometimes I wonder about my nieces, nephews, and godchildren as well as what is in store for your children and grandchildren. What will the world be like for them? What is so beautiful about our scripture verse today is that if we follow the commandment that Jesus puts forth, to love one another as he has loved us, then our world will change for the better. I think about the impact of those young children who stood at attention during the funeral. They did so because they are being formed at an early age by their teachers, our principal, and of course, their parents. Division, hate, racism, and discrimination does not develop in our genes, our heart, and our mind - they are learned. I am so grateful for Mrs. Abbate's 3rd Grade class, who to the best of their ability, are living that commandment that Jesus has put forth to us. They are learning how to live and love like Jesus. It encourages me and it challenges me, to do the same.



In this month of May, a month dedicated to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, the woman who formed, taught, and guided our Lord Jesus from an early age within the Holy Family, let us ask for her intercession upon our parish, our families, and our children. Let us pray for the grace to live and love one another as Jesus did!

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Joe".

Banns of Marriage

Banns I

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

St. Peregrine Prayer Hour

The St. Peregrine Prayer Hour will be held on **Monday, May 6th** from 2:00 - 3:00 PM in the Church. St. Peregrine is the patron saint of those suffering from cancer. Cancer victims, families, and their care-givers are all invited to come and pray.



Our Mother's Day Novena of Masses will begin on Mother's Day, May 12th. Cards and envelopes for the Mother's Day Novena of Masses are

available at the doors of the Church and in the Rectory. If you would like to have your living mother remembered, kindly take a donation envelope and card. If you would like to have your deceased mother remembered, please use a donation envelope only. Please place all donation envelopes in the collection basket or return them to the Rectory.

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

Baptisms

Let us welcome the following children who were baptized this past weekend:

Christopher Bartoloma	Michael Kadel
Kaylee Brown	Nico Pozzi
Olivia Cantore	Addison Russo
McKenna Gately	Sofia Tamburio
Anthony Goodwin	

Pillar of Hospitality

Let this week be the week to mend fences with those whom we have a strained relationship with. Also, try to be more empathetic this week - instead of thinking the worst about someone who has wronged you, try to be more forgiving and give them the benefit of the doubt.

the feast of
The Ascension

Holy Day of Obligation Mass Times:
Wednesday, May 8th: 7pm
Thursday, May 9th: 7am, 9am, 7pm

WE'RE PARTNERING WITH THE TOMORROW'S HOPE FOUNDATION TO SPONSOR A STUDENT TO ATTEND ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT SCHOOL NEXT YEAR!

To donate to our community STAR
(Student Tuition Assistance
Relationship) Program, please use the
QR code or send a check with
"St. William the Abbot Community
STAR" in the memo to:

Tomorrow's Hope
50 Charles Lindbergh Blvd; Ste 500
Uniondale, NY 11553



*All donations will be used for tuition assistance
for students of St. William the Abbot School!*

The mission of Tomorrow's Hope Foundation is to ensure
the excellence as well as the continuance of Catholic
schools on Long Island by increasing awareness and by
providing scholarship and program funding for the needs
of students and schools.

Visit www.tomorrowshopefoundation.org for more
information.

We invite you to come and see what makes
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SCHOOL**
so special . . .

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AND TO SET UP A TOUR
WWW.STWILLIAMTHEABBOT.NET

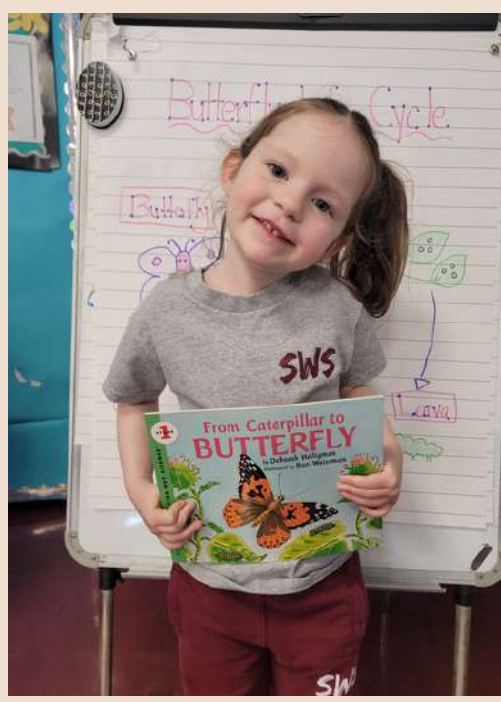
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NURSERY - 8TH GRADE





St. William the Abbot School

Ms. Walsh's Nursery class recently began a unit of study on butterflies. Today, the students listened to the story "From Caterpillar to Butterfly" and learned all about the life cycle of a butterfly. The students then worked on a fun craft demonstrating the life cycle process.





ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT SCHOOL *Field of Honor*

Each year, to celebrate Memorial Day, our school honors veterans and active military personnel with a "Field of Honor." The field consists of 3x5' flags mounted on 8' poles and placed in precision rows on the front lawn of the school.



Flags will be flown May 18th - June 15th

Cost is \$25 | Order by May 10th

Each flag comes with a ribbon that can be personalized to honor a specific Veteran

There is a limit of 200 flags - order early!

Upcoming Events

*Living Rosary
and May Crowning*

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

PLEASE BRING YOUR ROSARY BEADS

THIS YEAR'S 1ST COMMUNICANTS ARE
ENCOURAGED TO WEAR THEIR
COMMUNION OUTFITS

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION
OF
JOSEPH LETTIERI & DENNIS GANNON**

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



**FIRST MASS
AND
PARISH RECEPTION
OF SWA PARISHIONER
JOSEPH LETTIERI**

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

**THE FEAST
DAY
OF
ST. WILLIAM
THE ABBOT**

TUESDAY, JUNE 25TH

... more details to come!

Parish Social Ministry

Pantry Needs

Oatmeal Canisters
Pasta Sauce
Cookies
Pretzels
Dish Soap
Dog Food (small bags)

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday May 7 at 10am in the Abbey. This ministry knits and crochets lap robes, blankets, hats, scarves, and other items for the sick and needy of our community. Yarn is provided, and new members at any skill level are always welcome!



Vet Fest May 18th - Farmingdale

Veteran services and resources will be available at the Farmingdale Village Green on Saturday, May 18 from 10am to 2pm. Resources such as Veteran Benefit Agencies, Health Screenings, Mental Health Resources, Financial Advisory Services, and Housing, Employment and Legal Resources will be available. Free entry, no need to register. Food and drink will be available! Farmingdale Village Green is located at 361 Main Street in Farmingdale. Rain date May 19.



Nassau County Rental Assistance Available

There is a rental assistance program open for Nassau residents called The Nassau County Homeless Prevention Program. This program is designed to prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless. The program provides significant economic relief to qualifying households by providing rental arrears or temporary rental assistance. Eligible residents must show evidence of imminent homelessness and show that their inability to pay was the result of a sudden reduction of income or other unexpected circumstances. For more information on this program, its required qualifications and how to apply, please contact the Social Ministry office.

Memory Café May 17

Nassau County will host a session of the Memory Café on Friday May 17 in Freeport. This is a free early-stage social engagement program that offers a fun and comfortable way for people with early-stage Alzheimer's disease/dementia and their caregivers to get out, get active and connect with one another. The event is from 12p-2pm, and there will be live entertainment and lunch provided! Reservations are required, please call 516-571-9910 if interested.

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.



Background Screening Update

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People:

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) promulgated by the Bishops of the United States in 2002 outlines specific practices and guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. As directed in The Charter, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all employees, clergy, and volunteers to complete three requirements within thirty days of employment or volunteering:

1. Attend **Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)**
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct;
3. Complete a background screen application. The Diocese requires all those who remain in active ministry be rescreened at 5 yr. intervals. volunteers/employees.

A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OFPCYP) has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the three safe environment requirements in one step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

1. Register to attend a Protecting God's Children class and create a Virtus account on the Virtus website: www.Virtus.org
2. Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct- provided during the Virtus registration process.
3. Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application background offered during the Virtus registration process.

Active Volunteers:

If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus and have been background screened you may be at – or beyond- the **5yr. rescreening requirement**. If this is the case, you will receive an email from **Sterling Volunteers** asking you to complete the background screening application on-line. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account. **Please be aware-this is not a scam nor has your e-mail been hacked.** The OFPCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records and noted it is time for you to be rescreened. You may also be prompted to electronically resign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

Edit Your Virtus Account:

To access your Virtus account: www.Virtus.org You will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or helpdesk@virtus.org. Once in your account, review your account information-particularly your e-mail address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side of your screen in the green column click "Update My Account" You will be able to make the necessary changes-please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

Questions or concerns: mmcmahon@drvc.org; amendoza-cantos@drvc.org; jwinter@drvc.org;
pditomasso@drvc.org

Thank you to all who continue to serve in a ministry during these extremely challenging days.

Blessed Imelda Lambertini

Blessed Imelda Lambertini wanted to receive Holy Eucharist, but she was too young. She knelt by the tabernacle and prayed that God would let her receive communion. The Eucharist miraculously floated out of the tabernacle for her First Communion!



Year B: Sixth Sunday of Easter



Catholic Kids

May 5, 2024
Easter
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the nations his
saving power.

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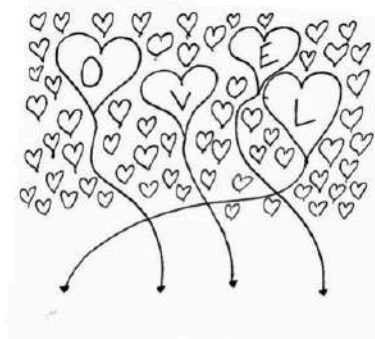
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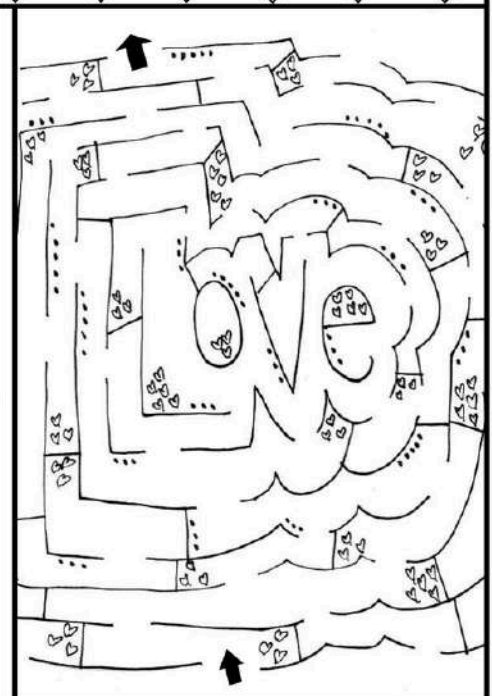
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Use this box to draw a picture of **LOVE**.
How do you show people that you love them?





Gospel

Jesus asks us keep his commandments and show love to everyone. Jesus' favorite commandment is to love one another.

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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

St. William the Abbot School



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A Legacy of Excellence - Nursery through 8th Grade

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

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