



# St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



## April 12, 2026 Divine Mercy 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

*“Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”*

John 20:21-23

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, April 12th

7:30am: Eneo & Antoinette Pregno, Richard Wolf, Diane & Melissa Kelly, Roy Ellis

9am: Eileen Shields

10:30am: Patricia McNulty

12n: Theresa Vetere

#### Monday, April 13th

8:30am: Augustine Colletti

#### Tuesday, April 14th

8:30am: Daniel Barrett (liv)

#### Wednesday, April 15th

8:30am: Ed Booth

#### Thursday, April 16th

8:30am: Mark Scofield, Arthur R. Welsch, Catherine Magito, Grace Smith

#### Friday, April 17th

8:30am: Frank Pittelli, Josephine Pyryt, Nicholas L. Roccanova, Jillian Shillaber

#### Saturday, April 18th

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: Virginia Dalessio

### Pray for the Sick

Richard Fedyk - Rosemary Averill - Charlie Herbert - Frances Speidell

Thomas Stolfi - John Gemski - Brendan Mannix - Cristina Papola

### Pray for the Deceased

Most Rev. William F. Murphy - Frances L. Japertas

#### The Adoration Candles

have been donated in honor of the Parishioners of St. William's

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## *Divine Mercy Sunday – Our Friend Jesus has Returned*

Jesus returns in a posture of mercy, forgiveness, and love for His friends and His first words to the disciples are “Peace be with you!” This weekend, we begin with a celebration that was established by Pope St. John Paul II in the Jubilee Year 2000 honoring a Polish religious sister - St. Faustina Kowalska. St. Faustina received visions from Jesus beckoning her to promote a devotion in the Church so that all people would know about God's desire to forgive and love all His Lost Sheep.

The past 8 days, known as the Easter Octave, are literally and liturgically an 8-day continuous celebration of Easter Sunday. It becomes a daily snapshot of the Resurrection accounts from the Gospels - Mary Magdalen at the tomb, the Emmaus walk, Peter and John running to the tomb, and of course, today, with the once “doubting” Thomas’ proclamation of faith. My sisters and brothers, Easter is not just one day – in fact we spend 50 days attempting to celebrate as if it is a single joyful feast known as the “Eastertide”. It is a time to remember that Jesus does not rush to ascend, these next 50 days become a time to celebrate and prepare for the mission to tell the Good News!

Divine Mercy Sunday is a launching pad for that mission focusing us on the gift of God's mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. Today, not only has our friend Jesus returned, but we are visited by other dear friends who have returned to Seaford – the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal coming from the Most Blessed Sacrament Friary in Newark, New Jersey. The CFR Friars will celebrate the 10:30am and 12n Masses to prepare us for our 3pm Divine Mercy celebration, where there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a reflection on Divine Mercy, confessions, charismatic prayer, and praise and worship music led by the CFR Friars. Please join us later to encounter Jesus’ transforming love and mercy.

The Easter journey of transformation and renewal continues for us individually and as a parish as we move towards the Ascension and Pentecost. The Lord desires to offer His Mercy in a profound way this weekend. Perhaps you were able to participate in our “Mercy Monday” confession marathon, or perhaps you regularly come in the morning to confession and adoration, or maybe it has been many years since you have come to confession. Jesus invites us into the suffering and sacrifice of the cross where forgiveness and healing pour forth from His Most Sacred Heart.

If you carry the burdens of life, the burdens of sin, and need to experience the healing love of God through the mission and charism of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, then please join us Sunday afternoon. These joyful Friars, who love the Lord, and love to serve the poor - both the temporal and spiritual - will share their gifts and talents and help to bring our parish community joyously closer to Our Lord Jesus and closer to His Divine Mercy!

As Pope Francis said, “*God never tires of forgiving...We are the ones who tire of asking for forgiveness!*”

Peace,

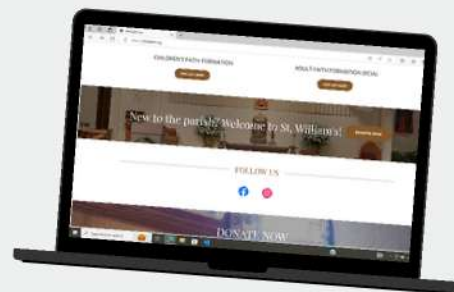


## Are you a registered parishioner?

Registering as parishioners allows us to have an accurate count of our families, which in turn helps us to plan liturgies, have the appropriate clergy coverage, and helps us to determine what enrichment programs and events may be beneficial.

Parish registration is also needed should you be asked to serve as a godparent or Confirmation sponsor.

Visit [stwilliam.org/parish-registration](http://stwilliam.org/parish-registration) to get started!



## Banns of Marriage

### Banns II

Gabriella Deliguori; St. William the Abbot & Dylan McCutchen; Holy Trinity, Whitestone  
Carly Spadafora; St. Dominic, Oyster Bay & James Frank; St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh



### Banns III

Megan Walsh & James Soares, Jr.; both Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church, Deer Park

## Pray for Those in the Military

Lt. Ian Bayer (USN) - Lt. Rebecca Bayer (USN) - Lt. Ryan Bayer (USN) - Sgt. Craig Bianco (USA) - PFC Jake Cilento (USA) - LCPL Ryan Daly (USMC) - Lt. Col. Michael DiPietro (USA) - LCpl Daniel Dugan (USMC) - Capt. Dana Duggan (USMC) - Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald (USN) - Capt. Michael Fitzgerald (USA) - Capt. Christopher J. Frasse (USA) - Capt. Matthew B. Frasse (USAF) - Lt. Col. John Kallo (USA) - STSC (SS) Thomas Kerley (USN) - CW2 Brian Kirby (USA) - Lt. Commander James Knudsen (USCG) - Capt. Caitlin Lee (USA) - Lt. Col Logan Lee (USA) - Major Philip Lettieri, MD (USA) - Lt. Cpl. Kevin Marshall (USMC) - Major Eamon G. McArdle (USA) - Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers (USAF) - Pvt. Juliana Miller (USA) - Col. Sean Morrow (USA) - Lt. Michael Napolitano (USN) - Lt. Michael O'Hara (USN) - MMN2 Emily Partridge (USN) - Spc. Brian Reip (USA) - Sgt. Donald Rogers (USA) - Airman Carlos Rosado (USAF) - Lt. Col. Thomas F. Shields (USAF) - Lt. Col. Michelle Simpson (USAF) - Commander Michael S. Slatley (USN) - SR Ella Tietz (USCG) - Daniel Timpanaro (USCG) - Lt. Col. Christopher J. Ustler (USA) - Cdr. Katherine Ustler-Lodispoto (USCG) - Michael Vietri (USN) - 2nd Lt. John Whidden (USMC) - Lt. Joseph Yahner (USA) - Pvt. Philip Zanardi (USAR)



During last week's Easter Vigil, we had the privilege of welcoming 6 adults into the Catholic faith after completing our OCIA program. God bless Cameron, Debra, William, Joan, John, and Hope! We welcome them home and thank our OCIA team for all their hard work and dedication to sharing their faith.

If you are interested in learning more about our OCIA process, please contact [ocia@stwilliam.org](mailto:ocia@stwilliam.org).

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From the Diary of St. Faustina...



O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in you!

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, soul and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

For the sake of his sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. (699)

Be not afraid of your Savior; O sinful soul, I make the first move to come to you, for I know that by yourself you are unable to lift yourself to me. Child, do not run away from your Father; be willing to talk openly with your God of mercy who wants to speak words of pardon and lavish his graces on you. How dear your soul is to Me! I have inscribed your name upon My hand; you are engraved as a deep wound in My Heart. (1485)

In the Old Covenant I sent prophets wielding thunderbolts to My People. Today I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart... Before the Day of Justice I am sending the Day of Mercy. (1588)

Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour & Confession  
with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal  
Sunday, April 12th at 3pm



Our students took part in a Silent Retreat Day before break to begin their journey into Holy Week. During this special day of prayer, grades 4-8 participated in a Passover Seder Meal followed by a beautiful presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross by the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade for all students and the parish community.



HOLY WEEK



EASTER



ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT SCHOOL

# Spring Plant Sale

PLEASE USE THE QR CODE TO DOWNLOAD/PRINT THE ORDER FORM. PRE-ORDERED PLANTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PICK-UP ON MAY 6TH



## Our Catholic Community on Long Island

**SOUTH SHORE CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS**

# PORTUGAL & SPAIN

Young Adult Pilgrimage | Ages 21+ | July 22 to August 1, 2026

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LONG ISLAND CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS  
AGES 21-35

Deepen Your Faith | Surrender Yourself to Christ

JUNE 6TH-7TH, 2026

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A CONTEMPLATIVE SYMPOSIUM 2026

# "STS. FRANCIS & DOMINIC & A MYSTICISM OF THE WORD IN THE WORLD"

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JULY 26, 2:00 pm

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GUESTROOMS AVAILABLE  
SPACE IS LIMITED

 Bishop John O'Brien	 Bishop James Manca	 Fr. Ignatius John Schweitzer, OP	 Fr. Francis Mary Reilly, CFB	 Fr. Anthony Guadagnoli, CP	 Fr. Salinas M. Beahm, CFB	 Fr. Bill Garron, OP
 Dr. Mary Healy	 Dr. Ann Claire Richardson, DLJC	 Dr. Anthony Lillis	 Dr. Nora Beasly	 Dr. Owen Sullivan, OIP	 Dr. Thomas Carr	 Pat Carr

monthly holy hour | confessions | social

# Nightwatch

**Friday, April 17**

7:00PM: DOORS OPEN  
7:30PM: ADORATION & SPEAKER  
8:30PM: DODGEBALL & SOCIAL

with Guest Speaker  
**Father Richard Veras**

Director of Pastoral Formation and Associate Professor of Homiletics at Saint Joseph's Seminary and Director of Seminarians for the Archdiocese of New York.

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## ***This Weekend's Music Selections***

We invite you to participate by using the song numbers below and the missals found in the pews.

Entrance Hymn: "Lift High the Cross" (#712)

Offertory Hymn: "We Walk by Faith" (#482)

Communion Hymn: "Peace" (#476)

Communion Meditation: "Cornerstone"

Recessional Hymn: "Alleluia #1" (#610)

Our Children's and Adult Choirs are back in session - visit [stwilliam.org/music-ministry](http://stwilliam.org/music-ministry) for more information on joining!

*"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing." Psalm 100:1-2*

## ***Parish Social Ministry***

### **Pantry Needs**

Apple Juice - Juice Boxes - Mac & Cheese - Spaghetti - Mustard - Pretzels

### **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

Last week the Social Ministry was blessed with a visit from local Seaford Charity *Take Me Out to the Ballgame*. This organization focuses on quality of life for children in need by hosting family activities and providing tools children need to thrive. A frequent supporter of our outreach ministry, Take Me Out to the Ballgame dropped off a large donation of fresh hams for families to enjoy at Easter Sunday dinner. Thank you Take Me Out to the Ballgame for your ongoing support and generosity



### **Memory Care Events**

The Nassau County Office for the Aging will hold weekly memory care events in April for adults with dementia and their caregivers. These "Drum Circle" events will be on Wednesday April 15, Tuesday April 21 and Wednesday April 29 at Wantagh Park at 2:30pm, and are one-hour interactive sessions. The Drum Circle allows participants to experience the power and connection of drumming in a group setting which can build community, reduce stress, and improve social engagement. All instruments are provided, and no musical experience is necessary. Reservations are required for each session, please call 516-227-8900 to reserve your spot!

### **HEAP Cooling Application - Begins April 15th**

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps people pay the cost of heating and cooling their homes. Starting Wednesday April 15, you can apply for cooling assistance to buy and install an air conditioner or fan for your home. You may qualify if you already receive SNAP, HEAP heating or public assistance. You also may qualify if you have a documented medical condition that is aggravated by heat, if your household contains vulnerable members (age <6 or age >60) or if you meet specific income guidelines. To see the full list of eligibility guidelines and to apply, visit <https://www.otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/>

### **Used Clothing & Furniture Donations**

Our parish is blessed to have its own St. Vincent de Paul conference. This conference works with the Social Ministry office to provide clothing and furniture vouchers to the families we serve. Donations of used clothing can be dropped off in the St. Vincent de Paul donation bins located in the St. William the Abbot School's front parking lot. For furniture donations, please call St. Vincent de Paul at 516-746-8250 to schedule a pickup at your home. By donating to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, you will be donating items that may be used by one of your local neighbors in need!



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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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Dcn. Herley Mendez  
*SWA Parishioner*

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

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**Resources**

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