



St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



April 26, 2026
The Fourth 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

"But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers".

John 10:5

Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 26th

7:30am: The People of St. William's, Charles Kenney, Richard Wolf, Joan Rispoli

9am: John Laddomada

10:30am: Mary Ellen Hillman

12n: Joseph P. Jackson

Monday, April 27th

8:30am: John Gauci

Tuesday, April 28th

8:30am: Margaret & William Hempel

Wednesday, April 29th

8:30am: Deborah Camp, Melissa Doreson, Catherine A. Cincotta, Richard Mehrman

Thursday, April 30th

8:30am: Anne Callahan

Friday, May 1st

8:30am: Joan Dondiego (liv), Gerald A. Morgan, Phyllis Dunsmore (liv), Joseph Sanders

Saturday, May 2nd

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: People of St. William's

Pray for the Sick

Richard Fedyk - Rosemary Averill - Charlie Herbert - Frances Speidell - Thomas Stolfi
Elsis Torres - Maria Elena Torres - Penny Duggan

Pray for the Deceased

Giuseppa Carollo

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Good Shepherd - What Must We Do?

I feel like this is the year of the Good Shepherd and the grateful sheep. The theme of the sheep coming home to the pasture of St. William the Abbot has been an incredible one in this, our 99th year in existence. Some of us are devoted, committed, and faithful sheep who never left; some of us are sheep who are just a little bit lost, and some of us are sheep who are in a season of wandering. I cannot help but think of the that great line from the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy: "Not all who wander are lost!" Our God is a patient and loving God and desires for all His sheep to be safely home with Him. Where are you? And what might the Good Shepherd be inviting you to do for the Kingdom?

We hear in the Acts of the Apostles today about the first Christian communities as 'the people were cut to the heart by Peter's preaching' and asked a question that echoes across every generation: "What must we do?" St. Peter, the first Pope, had a clear and direct response – 'repent, be baptized, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit!' This was not simply a one-time instruction, but a new way of life. Repentance calls us to turn away from all that distracts us and lessens our dignity. Baptism reminds us of who we are - claimed and loved by God, and the Holy Spirit strengthens us to live lives of courage and conviction. These basic core qualities of Christian discipleship should be lived out in our homes, our relationships, and even in the quiet moments no one else sees.

As modern-day disciples, we are integral members of the flock, and Jesus deepens this connection in the Gospel of the Good Shepherd. He is not distant or detached - He knows His sheep, calls them by name, and lays down His life for them. Again, we can ask the questions – what must we do, how are we doing, and, honestly, how are we shepherding those entrusted to us? As parents, grandparents, spouses, friends - are we attentive, present, and intentional? Or have we become distracted, pulled in too many directions, slowly drifting into a kind of spiritual absenteeism? Are we committed to praying with our family? Grace at meals? Morning and bedtime prayers? And especially attending Sunday Mass? These actions are the weapons that can conquer evil.

The Lord warns us that there are wolves - forces in our world that seek to confuse, divide, and pull our loved ones away from truth and from God. The word diabolical means to separate violently – just look at our world today. We are more divided than ever. The family structure, divorce, parents and children, the economy, domestic policies, politics in general, and even the Church. Peter speaks with conviction when he says "save yourselves from this corrupt generation". In our common baptism we become united in Christ. But we must respond with vigilance and put our faith into action. Being "all in" matters – at work, with community activities, sports teams, school, and here at Church. Our vocation is not passive; it is deeply active and rooted in God's love.

When we take this responsibility seriously - when we truly guide, protect, and lead others toward Christ - we begin to see the promise Jesus makes fulfilled in our lives: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." This abundant life is not found in comfort or ease, but in our faithfulness. It is found in choosing Christ over and over again, and in helping others to do the same. My friends, the question remains before us: what must we do? The answer is not complicated, but it is demanding. It forces us to act, to walk with and to stay close to the Good Shepherd. To listen for His voice. And then to lead one another, with discipline, love, and courage toward the fresh and green pastures of eternal life.



Banns of Marriage

Banns II

Alyssa Seminario; St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage & Robert Moulder; St. William the Abbot



God Bless the Children Baptized Last Weekend

Lacy Herman - Hudson Lang - Miles Marietto - Madison Mincher - Madeline Vento - Pia Vilete

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)

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Rev. Francis X. Debold
1928-1931

*"I have called you friends."
John 15:15*

*"The priest, in fact, is a friend of the Lord, called to live with him a personal and trusting relationship, nourished by the Word, the celebration of the sacraments, and daily prayer."
Pope Leo*



Rev. Joseph H. Fitzgerald
2019-Present



Rev. Charles B. Garvey
1931-1937



Msgr. Robert L. Hayden
2009-2019

Good Shepherd Sunday 2026

We thank all of the pastors, parish priests, and seminarians who have served the people of St. William the Abbot over the past 99 years



Rev. Herman J. Volkenberg
1937-1941

*"Thank you for what you are. Because you remind us all that being a priest is beautiful, and that every call from the Lord is, above all, a call to his joy. We are not perfect, but we are friends of Christ, brothers and sisters among ourselves, and children of his tender mother, Mary, and that is enough for us."
Pope Leo*



Most Rev. William Koenig
2000-2009



Rev. Patrick J. Bulger
1941-1944



Rev. John Lee
1944-1949



Msgr. Dermot Flinn
1941-1971



Msgr. Thomas G. Leavey
1971-2000

The SWS Drama Club proudly presented "Seussical, Jr." last week! Congratulations to the cast and crew for two outstanding performances! The Drama Club has been preparing the show since last October, and the hard work and effort paid off. "Anything is possible" with the SWS Drama Club! Bravo!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RETREAT



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Purgatorial Society

Vincent Franco, John Kilgus, Joseph Longhway, George Jennerich, Micheline Giacalone, Giuseppa Carollo, Louise LaBella, Thomas Pignetti, Vincent Franco, Robert Egan, Paul Tuccillo, Paul Weston, Veronica M. Fields, Nancy Zimmerman. Victor Letellier, Jr., Elvira Moore. Susanne Boden, Frances Champion, Vito Cricentio, Gabrielle D'Orsi, Mary Beth Gang, Robert Rissmeyer, Roberta Rissmeyer, Ralph Joseph Ciccarelli, Sean Hartman, Eda-Kay Lipka, Vincenzo Valerio. Robert W. Long, Salvatore Suppa, Gladys Rivera, Benny Golino, William Lewald, John M. Stolfi, Diane Cesarz, Dolores Santos Rasalan, Kelley Chaffee. Rose Kees, Sr. Veronica Sloane, Cara Lynn McGuinness, Kurt DeMartino. Michael A. Diloreto, Benito Golino, James R. Hall, Maryellen Hillman, Alfred Lewan, Robert Long, Michael Murray, Rose Marie Ripi, Edward Schiffina, George S. Smith, Daisy Montone, Robert West, Gloria Frascione, Frances Josephine Egan. Melissa Doreson, Angela Capo, Virginia M. McKinnon, Peter Joseph Scarlato, Sam Moi Lam, Catherine Migliorato. Peter Tarsnane, Michael Maiello, Kim Capone, Santino Delfino, Angelina Valente, Jan Adamo, Irma Yolanda Alvarado, Rosemarie Arnold, John Barrett, Bea Ciaravolo, Catherine Cincotta, Peter DeLaurentis, Alphonse DiPalo, John J. Ferner, Carole Gerrity, Paul A. Hewitt, Joanne Hilly, Thomas Nash, Grace Dalila Ouellette, Dara Plotts, Stella Randazzo, Maria Smith, Robert West, Christine "Carmel" Whiston. Rose Conner, Mildred Haase, Arthur R. Welsch, Killian Duignan, Teresa Jones. Steve Koren, Donald Heffernan, Mike Rogers, Beth Roncallo.

Our Catholic Community on Long Island



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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: "Eye Has Not Seen" (#529)

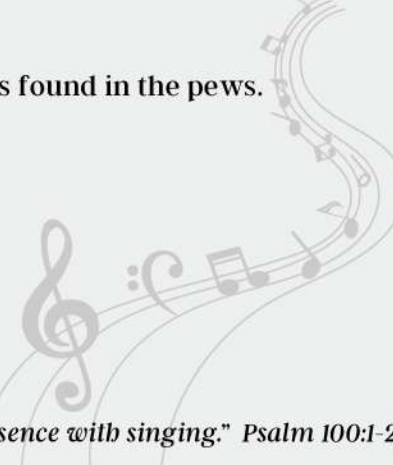
Communion Hymn: "Shepherd Me O God" (#520)

Communion Meditation: "The King of Love, My Shepherd Is"

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

Our Adult and Children's Choirs will resume in the fall!

"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



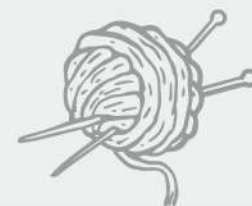
Parish Social Ministry

Pantry Needs

Coffee - Brownie Mix - Dish Soap - Deodorant - Shampoo - Conditioner

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday, May 5th 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!



Memory Care Event - This Wednesday

The Nassau County Office for the Aging will hold a "Drum Circle" memory care event this Wednesday (4/29) at Wantagh Park at 2:30pm for adults with dementia and their caregivers. This one-hour interactive session 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!

Digital Literacy Lunch and Learn - May 1st

On Friday, May 1st at 11am there will be a Senior Lunch and Learn on smartphone and laptop digital literacy at the Bethpage Senior Community Center. Presented by the Nassau County Department of Human Service, this session is designed to build confidence and independence with technology by offering instruction on using smartphones, video calling and social media. You can learn to access virtual appointments, services and support by practicing the use of Zoom, Webex, Microsoft Teams and messaging apps. Please call 516-571-9910 to register.



Event for Veterans - Friday, May 8th

On Friday May 8 from 9am to 1pm there will be a 'Veterans Stand Down' event at Mitchel Field in Garden City. This event will host numerous veterans support organizations with information regarding veterans benefits, housing, employment and community resources. Veterans will be able to register with a veterans counselor for a personal benefits assessment by providing their veterans ID and their discharge forms (if possible). For more information please call 516-572-6565.



See Someone, Save Someone

Did you know that Long Island Coalition for the Homeless has a Street Outreach Program for individuals experiencing homelessness? Their goal is to provide an accessible system that quickly connects individuals with appropriate housing and other services as needed. If you see someone that is homeless and in need of assistance, call LICH's Street Outreach Team at 631-464-4314 x118.



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