



St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



August 10, 2025
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

You also must be
ready, because the
Son of Man will
come at an hour
when you do not
expect him."
Luke 12:40

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 10th

7:30am: Salvatore Frosina

9am: People of St. William's

10:30am: Alan C. Neubauer

12n: Carlo Amato

Monday, August 11th

8:30am: Martin B. Spelman

Tuesday, August 12th

8:30am: Pearl & Pat Vella

Wednesday, August 13th

8:30am: Vera Gatto, Bernard Allaire,

Theresa Aquino, Jim Savino

Thursday, August 14th

8:30am: Sal Frosina

7pm: People of St. William's, Robert Valerga (liv),
Janet Ward (liv), Daniel Bradley

Friday, August 15th

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7am: Andrew Martella

9am: Michael Downey

7pm: Dolor DeRita

Saturday, August 16th

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: Michael Montross, Ann Marie Brown,
Bernard Allaire, Raymond Jutt

Pray for the Sick

Richard Fedyk - Jen Greico - Rosemary Averill - Barbara Geraghty

Frances Speidell - Sal Lupo - Lisa Miola

Pray for the Deceased

Benito Ragucci

The Wine and Hosts

have been donated in honor of the
Parishioners of St. William the Abbot

The Altar Flowers

have been donated in honor of the
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Vigilance, Attentiveness, Action

Jesus said to his disciples: "Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have the servants recline at table, and proceed to wait on them." Luke 12:35–37

Vigilance, hard work, determination, attentiveness, fidelity—these are some of the qualities that Jesus is speaking about. To "gird your loins" means that you are immediately prepared for some challenging task. You are ready for the hard work ahead and are committed to it. To "light your lamps" implies that you are not in the dark but that your mind is enlightened in such a way that you are able to see that which is the will of God.

As we go through life, it is easy to become complacent in the things of faith. It is easy to become lazy, disinterested, distracted, and unfocused. This parable goes on to speak of a thief who tries to break into a house in the middle of the night. This is Jesus' way of saying that the evil one, with his lies and attacks, is constant, vicious, forceful, and unpredictable. For that reason, we must never grow tired of being vigilant in the spiritual life and must always be attentive to the light of God's voice.

How attentive are you to the mission of Christ on a daily basis? This is an essential question to answer honestly. Most people will find that they become distracted from the mission God has given to them. We experience countless things every day that compete for our attention. Many of those competing voices might not appear to be sinful. For example, perhaps a certain hobby has become the dominant focus of your free time. Or perhaps responsibilities at work have spilled over into your family time. Or perhaps some painful or even enjoyable experience has had your full attention for some time. Though it is obvious that sinful distractions in life are evil, it might not always be as obvious that there are many other neutral distractions that are a real problem. The problems they can produce are a lack of attentiveness to the will of God and a lack of readiness to engage the will of God the moment He calls.

Imagine, for example, that a very important person calls you to ask for a favor. Most likely you would drop all you were doing and respond immediately. But, sadly, when the King of the Universe attempts to speak to us and inspire us to some mission, we can be too distracted to even listen, let alone respond with immediacy and zeal. This is a problem. If, however, a person is continually attentive to the voice of God and responds to His interior promptings as soon as they are received, then Jesus says that this person is truly blessed and that He will "have the servants recline at table, and proceed to wait on them." In other words, the result of being vigilant in our attentiveness to the inspirations of God is that God Himself will reward us with His service. He will invite us to the table of spiritual rest, peace, joy, and fulfillment. He will serve us His mercy, which will be more than we could ever imagine.

Reflect, today, upon the call from God to always be attentive to His voice the instant He speaks. Reflect upon how aware you are of His constant presence in your life and His ongoing communication. Know that if you can form a habit of always listening, then you will never miss out on the grace-filled mission given to you by our Lord. Always listen to Him, seek out His still and gentle voice, and be ready to respond to Him every time He calls.

My ever-speaking Lord, You have so much to say and so much to reveal. Please enlighten my mind and strengthen my resolve to always listen to you and respond with all my heart. Your will is perfect and will lead me to a life of the deepest joy and fulfillment. May I believe this with all my heart and act accordingly. Jesus, I trust in You.

Banns of Marriage

Banns I:

Colleen Gallagher, St. Francis de Sales, Belle Harbor, NY
& Connor Coghlan, St. William the Abbot

Banns II:

Demetra Savelidis, Bronx, NY
& Robert Solliday, St. William the Abbot

Pillar of Service

"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

How we have treated others during this lifetime is an important thing that will matter in the next. Pray today and ask God how He wants you to be at service to others.

Baptism

Let us welcome the following child who was baptized last weekend:

Andrew Walsh

Pray for Those in the Military

Lt. Ian Bayer (USN) - Lt. Rebecca Bayer (USN) - Lt. Ryan Bayer (USN) - Sgt. Craig Bianco (USA) - Lt. Col. Michael DiPietro (USA) - LCpl Daniel Dugan (USMC) - First Lt. 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) - Capt. Philip Lettieri, MD (USA) - Lt. Cpl. Kevin Marshall (USMC) - Major Eamon G. McArdle (USA) - Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers (USAF) - 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)

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. Moreover, it is a great way to plant your family's roots in our community. To register, please scan the QR code, visit our website, or stop by the Rectory Office or Welcome Desk in the front vestibule of the Church.



An invitation to an evening of prayer, fellowship, and discussion for men (18+) discerning the priesthood

OPERATION ANDREW

Wednesday, August 20th | 6pm
The Cathedral of St. Agnes

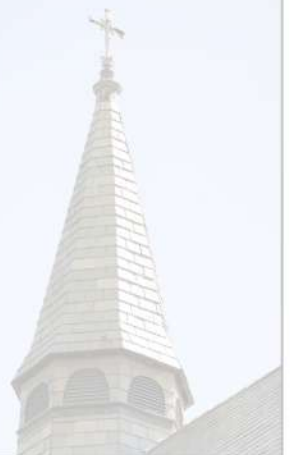


Registration required by visiting:
drvcvocations.com/andrew



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TO
BASICS**

Check our social pages for new videos every Tuesday and Thursday and send any ideas for future topics to priests@stwilliam.org



BEHOLD

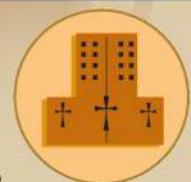
THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS



Baptism takes away original sin, personal sins, and removes any punishments due to sin. It gives our souls a new life of grace and makes us children of God.

HOLY EUCHARIST

The Holy Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Jesus. When we receive the Eucharist we are united more closely to Him and grow in love for God and others.



In Confession, we present our sins to a priest and, through him, we receive God's love, forgiveness and grace.

CONFIRMATION

In Confirmation, the Holy Spirit gives us His gifts - wisdom, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety, understanding, and wonder & awe - to help us grow to be strong Catholics.



CONFIRMATION

In Holy Orders, bishops ordain men to become bishops, priests or deacons. God gives these men special graces and power to serve Him and the Church. The laying on of hands and the consecratory prayer are key elements of this special sacrament.



MATRIMONY

The sacrament of matrimony unites a man and a woman together as husband and wife. By forming a new family, matrimony gives them a special grace to live for Jesus and fulfill the duties and dignity of marriage.

In the Anointing of the Sick, a priest visits a gravely sick person, blesses them, and prays for strength, peace, and courage. He also anoints them with oil - like we received at Baptism and at Confirmation. This sacrament also forgives sins as they prepare for eternal life.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

St Augustine described a sacrament as "an outward and visible sign of an inward and invisible grace."



the solemnity of the
**Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Holy Day of Obligation Mass Times:

*Thursday, August 14th
7pm*

*Friday, August 15th
7am, 9am, 7pm*

**Queenship of
Mary
Rosary Procession**

*Thursday, August 21st
6pm*

Procession will begin at the
Grotto in front of the
School and we will walk to
five altars around campus



Please bring your Rosary

*In the event of rain, we will
recite the Rosary in the church*



FAITH

A supportive environment where students can explore their personal faith journey through prayer, Adoration, weekly Mass attendance, and receiving the Sacraments.



DRAMA

Participating in a middle school drama production allows students to develop confidence, teamwork skills, and creative expression through acting, stagecraft, and storytelling.



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

The outdoor classroom experience provides students with hands-on learning opportunities in nature, fostering engagement, creativity, and a deeper understanding of the world around them.



St. William the Abbot Middle School

We Are Guided By Faith~Inspired To Excel

St. William the Abbot School is a thriving Catholic school on Long Island serving students from Nursery through 8th grade for over 70 years with a faith-driven environment, dedicated faculty, and welcoming students.



NJHS

National Junior Honor Society recognizes SWS middle school students for their academic achievement, leadership, service, character, and citizenship.



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CONNECT WITH SWS

Elizabeth Bricker, Principal



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SPORTS

Robust athletic programs that promote teamwork, discipline, and healthy competition, fostering both physical and character development.



GOLF

OUTING & DINNER

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

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2025-2026
FAITH FORMATION
REGISTRATION
For Children Entering 1st - 8th Grade



ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

- Our program is on developing a life-long relationship between your family and Jesus through Christ-centered lessons and in the communal celebration of the Eucharist each week
- Sacramental preparation are two-year programs: children must complete Levels 1 and 2 before receiving First Holy Communion and Levels 7 and 8 before receiving Confirmation
- Program discount is available for parent volunteers

REGISTRATION CLOSES ON AUGUST 24TH!

Register through our website!

Payment will be accepted via credit/debit cards, Apple Pay, Google Pay, Cash App, and checking account



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ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT CYO
BASKETBALL
REGISTRATION
FOR BOYS & GIRLS GRADES 4-8

After our initial CYO basketball registration there is limited room for more players to fill out our teams. Players can also sign up for a waiting list for grade level teams that are already full.

GIRLS SEASON:
September-February



BOYS SEASON:
October-March

REGISTRATION OPEN: 8/11-8/13

THOSE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR THE PROGRAM SHOULD ALSO VISIT THE SITE USING THE QR CODE ABOVE

BLOOD DRIVE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27TH
1PM-6PM | THE ABBEY

VISIT NYBC.ORG
OR CALL 800-235-5728
TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT



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: "Gather Us In" (#320)

Offertory Hymn: "Healed in Christ" (#662)

Communion Hymn: "Seed Scattered and Sown" (#344)

Recessional Hymn: "Take the Word of God with You" (#387)

"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 List

Rice-a-Roni
Canned Chicken
Mac & Cheese
Hearty Canned Soups
Pancake Syrup

Gardens That Give Back

Has your summer garden started to bloom? If you find you have many fresh vegetables ripening at one time, our Parish Food Pantry will gladly accept donations of your surplus harvest. Fresh fruits and vegetables are rare for a food pantry to have in stock and are a welcome treat for the families we serve. Thank you for your support!

Fall 2025 Bereavement Registration

If you or someone you know has experienced the loss of a loved one and would be interested in attending a small group session for support, please call the Social Ministry office. Sessions will begin in early October and will be held at 11am on Wednesdays for seven weeks. Space is limited, register early! For more information about these sessions call us at 516-679-8532.



Back-to-School Donations Needed

Our office is now gathering donations to help families send their children back to school with everything they need this fall. Please consider donating a gift card so that families can shop for the specific items their children need for school. Gift cards to local stores such as Target or Walmart are popular for back-to-school shopping. Donating early gives Parish families more time to shop! Donations benefit children served by our Parish Social Ministry and St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Thank you in advance for your support!

Free Farmers' Market Coupons for Seniors

Income eligible adults aged 60+ can receive a free \$25 coupon booklet from the NYS Farmers' Market Nutrition Program to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at authorized farmers' markets and farm stands. Distribution of coupons will be on Monday August 11 from 10am to 12pm at the Hicksville Community Center or Thursday August 21 from 10am to 12pm at the North Massapequa Community Center. Coupons can be used at the Seaford Farmers' Market on Saturdays from 7am-12pm, or the Farmingdale Farmers' Market on Sundays from 10am-2pm. Coupon book quantities are limited and will be distributed on a first come first served basis. One booklet per person per year. Call the Social Ministry office with questions at 679-8532.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting August 19

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday August 19 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. New members at any skill level are always welcome! Interested in donating yarn? Stop by August 19 or call 516-679-8532 to arrange a drop-off.

Summer Food Donations

During the summer break please remember our food pantry, and the more than 50 families we support in the area. Increased travel and vacations sometimes result in fewer food donations, but the need in our area remains the same! Even one item donated to our pantry makes a big impact on those concerned about feeding their family. Call our office for a drop off appointment or simply stop by weekdays between 9:30am and 4pm. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!



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Or visit
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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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Our Seminarians

Herley Mendez
SWA Parishioner

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

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stwilliam.org/sacraments

Register as a St. William the Abbot Parishioner
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formed.org

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

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