



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



August 13, 2023
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: 7:30am - 8:15am

Saturday: 3:45pm - 4:30pm

Adoration

Monday - Saturday: 7:30am - 8:15am

First Friday of the Month: 9am - 5pm

Private Prayer

Monday - Friday: 7:15am - 6pm

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." Matthew 14:25-27

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 13, 2023

People of St. William's
Annette Wagner
German Gutierrez
Christina Greenseich

Tuesday continued...

Marie Parisi
Kim Lee Mackay Willems
Dolores DeRita

Monday, August 14, 2023

Collective Intentions

John "Bob" Murray
Michael Bartlett
Catherine Willhelm
Florence Scenna
Tom Rivenburgh

Wed., August 16, 2023

Alec Cassillo

Thurs., August 17, 2023

Richard Carbone

Friday, August 18, 2023

Vita Golino

Tues., August 15, 2023

Collective Intentions

People of St. William's
Anne & John Kilkelly
Kate Macchi

Sat., August 19, 2023

Purgatorial Society
Eileen Ford

Pray for the Sick

Lesa Laurence
Bill Kelly
Adrienne Harker

Eric Thomas Guzzo
Keith Gorton

Pray for the Deceased

Marion Pulsonetti
Raymond Cardoza
Baby Teresa Hope

Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of James Brennan from the Castelli Family

Pillar of Formation

Trust in God, no matter how hard it may be at times.
Trust in God and his goodness and power.

Overcoming the Impossible

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Matthew 14:22–23

Our Gospel today presents us with two different images to ponder. The first one is recorded above, and the second one is the story of Jesus walking on the water. In the second story, the disciples were rowing against the wind and waves in the early morning before the sun rose. Jesus appeared to them walking on the water, and they were frightened. Jesus confronts the fear they experience and calls Peter to walk on the water as a sign of his faith in Him. Peter begins to walk on water, and then in fear, he begins to sink. He cries out to Jesus Who catches Him and then gently rebukes Peter for his lack of faith.

It is helpful to understand the first image in this Gospel passage as the context for the second. In this first image, we see Jesus dismissing the crowds after feeding the five thousand and going up a mountain to pray all alone. Though Jesus was always in perfect union with the Father and, therefore, had no need for prayer, He prayed nonetheless because it was His human expression of the deep union He had with His Father. As He prayed, He also set forth an example to all who would follow Him, teaching them by His example about the importance of private prayer. The primary lesson He taught on this occasion was that prayer is the remote preparation we need so as to overcome all apparent obstacles in life and to confront fear with perfect faith.

First, the obvious “obstacle” Jesus overcame through His prayer was symbolized by His walking on the stormy sea. No one walks on water. It’s physically impossible. But that’s the point. When we make our life of personal prayer a priority, God will lead us to accomplish that which appears to us to be impossible. It might not be walking on water literally, but His walking on water after spending the night in prayer is symbolic of every apparent impossibility we face in life. The lesson is that if God wills it, nothing is impossible. We will know that if we make personal prayer our first priority.

A second obstacle that Jesus confronts is fear. Fear is paralyzing and results in us “sinking” when life becomes difficult. Again, personal prayer is the necessary preparation for overcoming fear. What’s interesting is that we have two witnesses of prayer. First is Jesus’ witness. He prayed because it was good and right to pray. The second is Peter. He prayed when he started to sink. He said, “Lord, save me!” This is the prayer of one who failed to have faith and prayed out of a present need rather than out of pure love of God. Too often, Peter exemplifies the prayer life that many Christians have. We often wait to pray until we need help and are sinking. But what if Peter had also spent the night in prayer simply out of love of God? What if he had just finished praying all night when he was invited to walk on water? Perhaps then he would have easily walked to Jesus and would not have given into fear.

Reflect, today, upon making your life of prayer the number-one priority in your life. Maybe you have many responsibilities in life. Nothing is more important than praying—and not only when you feel trapped or feel like you are sinking. Instead, we must all establish an unbreakable habit of prayer to God for the singular reason that it is good and right to do so. The fruit of such a life of prayer is that no matter what obstacle comes our way, we will have the faith we need to follow every command of our Lord, overcoming even that which appears to be impossible.

My prayerful Lord, You spent the night in prayer to Your Father not because You needed help, but because of Your love. Your prayer was an expression of that love and was a natural requirement of it. Please help me to also establish an unbreakable habit of prayer so that my love for You will remain strong and so that I can follow You through every apparent obstacle in life. Jesus, I trust in You.

Banns of Marriage

Banns I

Felicity Petruzzi, St. Teresa of Avila, CT
& Timothy Bryne, St. William the Abbot

Banns II

Meaghan Roefs, St. William the Abbot
& Zachary Harris, New York, NY

Live-Streamed Masses

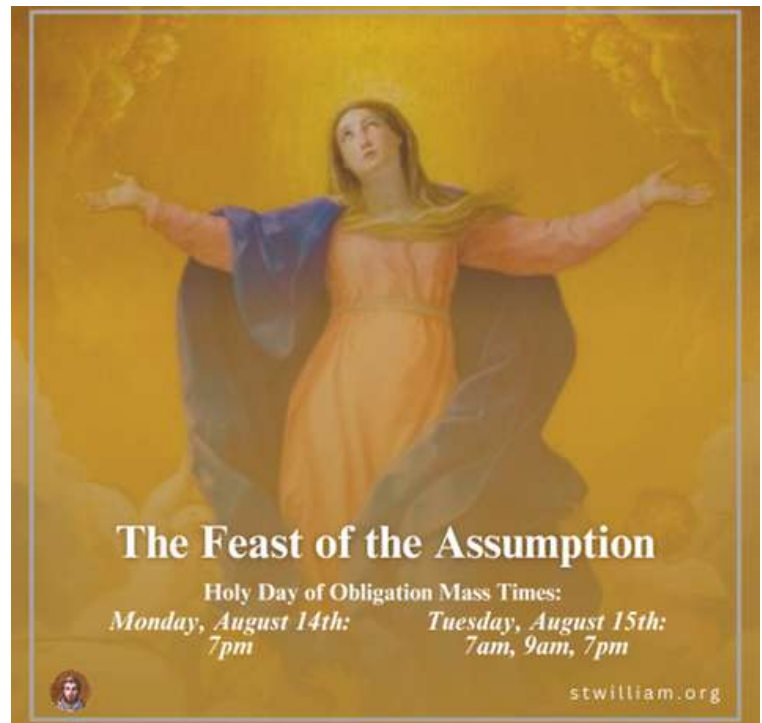
Join us online to view our live-stream Masses on the
parish website:

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Monday - Friday 8:30 AM

Saturday - 5:00 PM

Sunday - 12:00 N



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
CW2 Brian Kirby
Major Eamon G. McArdle
Spc. Brian Reip
Sgt. Donald Rogers
Major Christopher James Ustler
Major Kurtis Unger

USMC -

First Lt. Dana Duggan
L.Cpl. John Mosier

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
LT Commander Katherine Ustler
Frank Pristera

US Army -

Sgt. Craig Bianco
SPC Anthony Caputo
Capt. Michael DiPietro
Capt. Michael Fitzgerald
Capt. Christopher J. Frasse
Capt. Logan Lee
Lt. Col. John Kallo
Capt. Caitlin M. Lee

Low Gluten Hosts Available

For those who must avoid gluten in their diet, the parish has low-gluten hosts available for Holy Communion.

If you wish to receive such a host, please arrive prior to the beginning of Mass and inform the priest and he will place your host in a pyx.

Please sit in the south transept of the church.



Light a Prayer Candle

Lighting candles has long been a sacred ritual in all traditions, creating precious moments in our own and other people's lives where we pray for loved ones, friends, and ask for or give support.

Help Keep the Church Clean

We ask that those visiting the Church do not leave flowers, religious cards, Bibles or religious artifacts in the Church, near the religious statues, or on the Sanctuary. It is acceptable to bury or discard these items.



Rosary Procession in Honor of the
Queenship of Mary

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22ND - 7PM

STARTING IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL AND
PROCESSING AROUND OUR CAMPUS

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BLESSING OF THE *Backpacks*

STUDENTS OF ALL AGES, TEACHERS, AND EDUCATION STAFF ARE ENCOURAGED TO
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SEPTEMBER 2ND & 3RD FOR A SPECIAL BLESSING
AS THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES

**TUESDAY
AUGUST 29TH**

7pm in The Church



*"YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS
YOURSELF." THERE IS NO OTHER
COMMANDMENT GREATER THAN THESE."*

MARK 12:31

BLOOD DRIVE

**THE
ABBEY**

**WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 23RD**

**1PM -
7PM**



*TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT,
PLEASE CALL 1-800-933-BLOOD
OR SCAN THE QR CODE*

Thank you, Marcus!

SWS alum Marcus Caniano recently completed a Rosary Garden at our school as part of his Eagle Scout project. It's a beautiful addition to the campus that will be enjoyed by students for years to come! Thank you to Marcus, his fellow Scouts and Scout leaders, and his family for all of their hard work.



Fr. Michael Attends World Youth Day

Fr. Michael attended World Youth Day in Lisbon last week with over a million young adults. The theme was "Mary Arose and Went with Haste" (Lk 1:39). Traveling with a group of young pilgrims primarily from the United States of Indian descent - including his sister, Sr. Jocelyn - Fr. Michael visited Fatima, the Shrine at the birthplace of St. Anthony of Padua, and Lisbon Cathedral of St. Mary Major.

Fr. Michael also heard confessions and concelebrated the final mass with Pope Francis with thousands of other priests from around the world.

He offered that mass for everyone here at St. William's.



Fr. Michael's view from his seats at the final mass celebrated by Pope Francis



Fr. Michael, his sister, Sr. Jocelyn, and friends in Portugal

Our Catholic Community on Long Island

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1. Admission into the Catholic High schools.
2. Scholarship money.

Student scores are ranked against other students' scores on a "local" and "national" level. In essence, this is a competition.

A kid is on the line with the TACHS exam, so it is imperative that students receive as much preparation as possible because students who are more prepared perform better and receive more scholarship money.

Our job: Ensure that your child is more than ready to excel on the test so that you can text us like this parent did:

"I wanted to tell you that Mikey got accepted and they said based on his TACHS score he is receiving a \$16,000 scholarship! Thank you so much for all the tutoring - it certainly paid off!!!"



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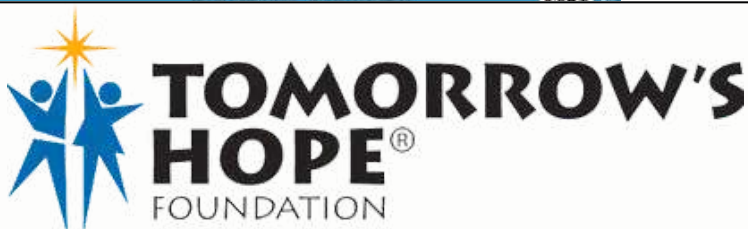
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Parish Social Ministry

"Friendly Visitors" Needed

Are you interested in volunteering? Contact the Social Ministry office to become part of the Friendly Visitor Program! As a volunteer, you will visit with parishioners that are homebound and in need of friendly company to talk, pray, play cards or games, and bring news of Parish events. Friendly Visitors may visit weekly for up to an hour each visit and will be provided with training and guidelines for the program. If interested, call Allison at 516-679-8532 to begin the Friendly Visitor volunteer process.

Food Pantry Needs

Rice-a-Roni
Pretzels
Cooking Oil
Shampoo
Conditioner
Laundry Detergent

Donation Spotlight - Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Last week the Social Ministry was blessed with a visit from local Seaford Charity 'Take Me Out to the Ballgame.' This organization is focused on improving the quality of life for children in need. They do this by hosting interactive family activities and providing tools children need to thrive at home, school and play. Take Me Out to the Ballgame dropped off a large donation of McDonald's vouchers for use by our neighbors in need, particularly those that are transient and homeless. Thank you, Take Me Out to the Ballgame, for your ongoing support and generosity. We are so grateful!



Back-to-School Supplies 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 Target gift card so that families can shop for the specific items their children need. If you prefer to do the shopping, school supplies most requested are listed below. Donations will benefit children served by our Parish Social Ministry and St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Kindly do not donate used school supplies, only new supplies will be distributed. Thank you in advance for your support!

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| ★ Markers | ★ Marble Notebooks (multi-color) |
| ★ Colored Pencils | ★ Highlighters (multi-color) |
| ★ Number 2 Pencils | ★ Pencil Cases |
| ★ Crayons (24 ct.) | ★ Blue/Black Pens |
| ★ Folders | ★ Binders (1 and 2 inch) |
| ★ Glue Sticks | ★ Looseleaf Paper |

Fall 2023 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 October 4th 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.

Gardens that Give Back

Mother Nature has been kind this summer, and as a result many neighborhood gardens are flourishing! 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, so are a welcome treat for the families we serve. Thank you for your support!



Saint Rose of Lima

Saint Rose of Lima was very pretty so people called her a rose. She wanted to be known for her kindness and faith, not for her beauty.



Year A: Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Catholic Kids Bulletin

August 13, 2023
Ordinary Time
Color: Green

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Lord, let us see
your kindness,
and grant us
your salvation.

BPYOURPWLKINDNESS

BPANDLWGRANTPUSOWYOURPKS



During Mass, the whole church celebrates together. Your participation in Mass is connected to everyone else that is praying in heaven and earth.

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Gospel

Peter and the disciples were in a boat in the middle of the sea. They were amazed to see Jesus walking toward them on the water! Peter needed faith to step out of the boat and walk with Jesus.

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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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