



St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



August 17, 2025
Twentieth 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

**"I came to cast fire
upon the earth;
and would that it
were already
kindled."**

Luke 12:49

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 17th

7:30am: Rosemary Spates

9am: Bennekemper & Schmelzle Family

10:30am: Laura Blasi

12n: People of St. William's, Jerry Milbach,

Susan Battista, Alphonse Cassillo

Monday, August 18th

8:30am: Edward Giaquint

Tuesday, August 19th

8:30am: Richard Carbone

Wednesday, August 20th

Conor James Cronin, Frank Napolitano,

Patricia Dempsey, Daniel Buckley, Sr.

Thursday, August 21st

8:30am: Anthony Ippolito

Friday, August 22nd

8:30am: Brandon Roehrig

Saturday, August 23rd

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: People of St. William's, Irene Yee,

Howard Peterson, Margaret Henggeler

Pray for the Sick

Frances Speidell - Sal Lupo - Lisa Miola - Robert Valerga - Maryellen Hillmann

Richard Fedyk - Jen Greico - Rosemary Averill - Barbara Geraghty

Pray for the Deceased

Anthony J. Pizzirusso - John LaChiana - John P. Neville

The Wine and Hosts

have been donated in loving memory of

Conor James Cronin

from the Cronin Family

The Altar Candles

have been donated in honor of the

Parishioners of St. William the Abbot

"Surrounded and walking with a great crowd of witnesses"

This Sunday's Gospel (Luke 12:49-53) is one of those moments when Jesus stops us in our tracks. We often picture Him as the Good Shepherd, the Prince of Peace — gentle, comforting, and reassuring. Yet here, He says something that feels out of character: "No, I tell you, I come not to bring peace, but division." At first, it doesn't sound like the Jesus we think we know. But He is telling us that choosing to follow Him is not always easy or universally welcomed. It will sometimes cause strain in our families, our friendships, and even our own hearts. Many of us know the pain of seeing loved ones drift from the Church, speak critically about our faith, or, perhaps worst of all, treat it with indifference.

And yet, the Lord never calls us to a journey without hope. As many of you know, I am currently on pilgrimage in Spain, walking the Camino de Santiago toward the tomb of St. James the Apostle in the west of the country. I began in León last week and have been steadily making my way towards the sunsets - step by step. Along the way, I have been encouraged by the faith of so many pilgrims from all over the world — young and old, families, friends, and those walking alone. Their presence has reminded me that we are never truly alone in our journey of faith. We are, as the Letter to the Hebrews says in this week's second reading, "surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses." I have prayed with fellow pilgrims, celebrated Mass, and even heard a few confessions on this legendary Christian passage that is still so relevant.

I have carried you all as well, the people of St. William's, in my prayers in every step and at every stop. As I pass through tiny villages and ancient churches, I have prayed for our families, for our school, for our ministries, and our future. My hope is that we may have the courage to witness to the truth of Jesus even when it costs us comfort, even when it makes things complicated. Following Christ is not about taking the path of least resistance; it's about taking the path of greatest love, even when that love demands sacrifice.

I find myself thinking about this almost 2000 year old pilgrimage and who has walked it throughout its history - celebrities, leaders of nations, deacons, priests, religious and faithful lay pilgrims. I think you know that our own patron, St. William the Abbot, made this very pilgrimage 900 years ago. He, too, would have faced challenges and discomforts, yet he pressed on toward the goal. That same perseverance is what Jesus is asking of us in this Sunday's Gospel — to stay faithful, to stay committed, and to remember that division in the short term may lead to eternal unity in heaven. For me, The Camino has been not only a walk through Spain, but a walk deeper into trust in the Lord's plan for me and for the parish. As I look back over the past six years, there have been times of great harmony in the parish family, but also broken division. Yet I believe more than ever God is calling us to a greater unity - in Him.

One fascinating unifier for all the pilgrims, no matter where they are from on this earth or what language they speak is the universal sign that helps direct the way. Throughout the countryside of Spain, there are these yellow arrows placed with the scallop shell pointing the way to the ultimate destination, which is to St. James' tomb. It is a universal sign that you are on pilgrimage. The common greeting along the way, whether by the locals, or any person on the trail is "Buen Camino", or "good way/walk". I think that's what we want for all of us - and for our family members, our loved ones, our friends - that we are all going the good way, on a good walk and journey. It's when we're not paying attention to the clear directions that we can veer off track. We only have to look for that beautiful sign of the cross, on the top of so many churches, above our beautiful sanctuary, and around the neck of the people that we love. The cross, which was so difficult for Jesus, shows us the way to happiness and eternal life. It becomes the great unifier.



Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I finish this part of the journey and know that I am lifting up each of you — your joys, your struggles, and your hopes — as I walk toward Santiago. May we all be strengthened by the example of the saints, the faith of fellow pilgrims, and the unshakable promise that Jesus is with us every step of the way. I cannot wait to get back home to Seaford and tell you all about it.

Buen Camino!

Fr. Joe

Banns of Marriage

Banns I:

Theresa Daly, St. William the Abbot
& Cesar Castillo, Jr., St. William the Abbot

Banns II:

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

Banns III:

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

Second Collection

There will be a second collection next weekend, August 23/24, which will help support our Faith Formation Program. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Pillar of Formation

Like we hear in today's Second Reading, do not give up - continue to run the race, keep Jesus in your sights. When you fall, go to confession. Strengthen yourself with prayer and the Eucharist.

Baptism

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

Onella McDonald

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)

Purgatorial Society

Alfred Olsen, Joy Overton Tierney, Edward Vincent Murphy, Carol LoMastro

Dorothy Lee Erickson, Ellen Cain, Joan Sadler, Donald Gordon, Robert Medic, Janet McCloskey, Joseph Bass, Domenico Assalone, Brandon Roehrig

James Chiofolo, Darlene Cusumano, John Dunne, George Jones, Howard Kelly, Kenneth Albert Krug, Kevin Maher, George McLaughlin, Richard Olsen, John F. Santora, Mitchell Seidler, Edwin A. Smith, Robert Sullivan, Anthony Verde, John E. Ferris, John Calandra, Vincent Casoria, Carl Riccobono, Ivan Koren,

Joseph DeFazio, Donald Heffernan, Thomas C. Cox, Carolyn Tindell, Michelle Rossetti, Jennifer Cappellano, Matthew Brolly.

Rosario Agnello, Matthew Brolly, John Calandra, Pasquale Cocuzzo, Richard Grein, Lorraine Macomb, Maiorano Family, Patricia Mascuzzio, Josephine Masone, Douglas Meinhofer, Lucy Roberti, Vincent Salerno, Maria Santos, Fred T. Schmidt, Ben Ward, Kathleen M. Egan Wright, Patricia Masterson, Vito Marcone, Catherine Barry, Thomas Broderick, Ned McCormack.

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 Campion, Vito Cricentio, Gabrielle D'Orsi, Mary Beth Gang, Robert Rissmeyer, Roberta Rissmeyer, Ralph Joseph Ciccarelli, Sean Hartman, Eda-Kay Lipka, Vincenzo Valerio,

BEHOLD

THE ROSARY



Conclude the decade with the **Glory Be** and the **Fatima Decade Prayer** before starting the next **Lord's Prayer**.

On each bead of the five decades of smaller beads say the **Hail Mary**.

On each of the five large beads say the **Lord's Prayer**. Then announce the **Mystery of Rosary** that will be contemplated during the decade.

Recite the **Hail Mary** on each of the first three small beads

Recite the **Apostle's Creed** on the first large bead.



To begin, make the **Sign of the Cross**

After praying all five decades, say the **Hail Holy Queen**.

Visit www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary to learn more about the Prayers and Mysteries of the Rosary.

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 Beads



*We will pray the
Rosary together in the
Church if it rains*

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT 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

Register through our website!

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



**REGISTRATION CLOSES
ON AUGUST 24TH!**



OPERATION ANDREW

An evening of prayer, fellowship,
and discernment for men (18+),
with **evening prayer and dinner.**

AUGUST 20, 2025

BEGINS AT 6:00 PM

LOCATION:

The Cathedral of St. Agnes

in ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY



TO REGISTER

Please visit:
drvcvocations.com/andrew



PARKING LOT MAINTENANCE



ALL SCHOOL AND CHURCH PARKING LOTS WILL BE
CLOSED/INACCESSIBLE ON MONDAY (8/18), TUESDAY
(8/19), AND WEDNESDAY (8/20). MASS AND OTHER
ACTIVITIES WILL GO ON AS SCHEDULED, BUT PLEASE
PLAN TO PARK ON THE STREET.

Blessing of the Backpacks

**AT ALL MASSES ON
AUGUST 30TH & 31ST**

WE INVITE STUDENTS OF
ALL AGES, TEACHERS, AND
SCHOOL WORKERS TO
BRING THEIR BACKPACKS OR
WORK BAGS TO RECEIVE A
SPECIAL BLESSING
AS THIS NEW SCHOOL YEAR
BEGINS





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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: "The House That Love is Building" (#319)

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

Communion Hymn: "Taste and See" (#337)

Recessional Hymn: "All That We Have Seen" (#383)

"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

Apple Juice
Laundry Detergent
Diced Tomatoes
Mayonnaise
Cake Mix
Chips

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.

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.

Senior Summer Concerts

Nassau County is hosting free noontime concerts this summer on Wednesdays from 12pm to 2pm at Eisenhower Park Field 1, weather permitting. These concerts are free to the public; attendees just need to bring their own blankets and chairs. For more information on the scheduled performers, call 516-227-8900. Concerts continue through Sept. 24!



Did You Know?

Catholic Health sponsors a primary care center for adults without health insurance. The Bishop McHugh Health Center is located at 750 South Broadway in Hicksville.

They provide full health assessments, lab work, X-rays, flu shots and other health services. For more information or an appointment call them on 516-827-2727.

Pro Bono Legal Services Available

Legal Services of Long Island (LSLI) is the region's largest non-profit provider of free civil legal assistance. LSLI fights for Long Island's most vulnerable neighbors in their local justice systems, and advocates for individuals and families where they need it most. For more information or to receive assistance, visit www.legalservicesli.org or call 516-292-8100.

Saint Monica & Saint Augustine

Saint Monica was married to a Roman pagan who didn't believe in Jesus. Her son, Saint Augustine, also didn't believe in God. Saint Monica prayed and served others throughout her life, and eventually, her role modeling helped Saint Augustine become a Christian. Saint Augustine became a great teacher and wrote a book that people still read today to learn about faith.

Saint Monica is the patron saint of parents. Saint Augustine is the patron saint of theology, which is the study of religion.



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Catholic Kids Bulletin

August 17, 2025
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PWAPAIDEPWOKCBO

WPZKBOCOMEPWKA

Lord,
come to
my aid.

WPAPTOQPMYBIWOLZKJSOIE



Watch as people receive
Communion and pray for
them as they receive Jesus.

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Gospel

Jesus teaches us some hard things! God asks us to believe everything the Church teaches. Sometimes, people fight and argue about their beliefs. If you don't know what to say about your beliefs, talk to your priest or family so they can help you learn about the teachings of the Catholic Church. We learn about our faith by reading the Bible and a book called the Catechism.

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and needs a priest outside of office hours, please call 516-312-7361*

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*Please pray for our Seminarians and all those
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Baptisms & Weddings at St. William the Abbot
stwilliam.org/sacraments

Register as a St. William the Abbot Parishioner
stwilliam.org/i-am-new

Catholic High Schools of Long Island
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Formed: The Catholic Faith. On Demand
formed.org

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

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