



St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



August 2, 2026
Eighteenth 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

*"Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over."
Matthew 14:19-20*

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 2nd

7:30am: John "Jack" Comiskey

9am: Kevin Cullen

10:30am: People of St. William's, Betsy Boyle, Catherine Cincotta, Arlene Keegan

12n: John Laddomada

Monday, August 3rd

8:30am: Marie Mackay

Tuesday, August 4th

8:30am: Eneo & Antoinette Pregno

Wednesday, August 5th

8:30am: Andrew Louis Thomas, June Malone, Kathleen Prince, Raymond Oldis, Hossein Bannazadeh

Thursday, August 6th

8:30am: Marie Arcidiacono

Friday, August 7th

8:30am: May Walsleben, Raymond Flood, Ricky Burnett, Robert Romano

Saturday, August 8th

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: Rita Curran

Pray for the Sick

Bonnie Healy - Jacinta Whiston - Theo Brennan - Patricia DeCato
Rosemary Averill - Frances Speidell - Thomas Stolfi - Brendan Mannix

Wine & Hosts

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

Adoration Candles

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“Come to me – I will renew you, refresh you, and feed you”

The scriptures this week present us with a promise – that whenever we hunger or thirst, if we turn to the Lord, He will satisfy our every longing. The readings are all too familiar – the feeding of the 5000, and also that famous quote from the Prophet Isaiah – “all who are thirsty, come to the water!” The Lord always provides, maybe not in the timing and timeline we would want, but Our God is faithful. Here at our parish, we have experienced that faithfulness these past weeks and months and have been blessed with the arrival of Fr. O’Brien, the help of Fr. Bright, and the youthful presence of Seminarian John in the parish during his clinical hospital experience. Fr. Michael and I have benefited from their presence in how we have all prayed together, shared meals, and the lively conversations and laughs in the rectory. The Lord has done great things for us!

The early part of the summer was jam packed with so many exciting world, country, and local events. The World Cup excitement, the 250th anniversary of our nation, the Knicks championship win, and of course, Fr. Herley’s ordination to the priesthood. But we have also experienced some challenging weather, the wildfires from Canada, and global conflicts that have affected us in the Middle East, Central and South America, and Europe. In all of these movements and events, the Lord Jesus desires to enter into them and to care for us and feed us with more than nourishment for our bellies, but for our souls.

The month of August is such a great reminder of why we live where we live – does it get any better than being on Long Island in the summer? I pray that you will feed your souls with down time, the beach, boating, the pool, or a comfortable hammock in the backyard. For me, reading has been a focus as I attempt to enhance my spiritual journey, but also indulge in simple recreational and fun titles. Pope Leo’s first encyclical, “On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence” is a beautiful reminder for me that the concern for us is not technology itself, but to respect the inalienable dignity of the human person. As a parish staff we are diving into Msgr. Jim Shea’s essay “From Christendom to Apostolic Mission” - a reminder that we live in a different world and culture than 1950’s Catholic America. A dear friend also recommended “My Friends” by Fredrik Backman, which encapsulates a summer of four friends who grow up in the realities of broken families, grief, loss, and are held together by loyal friendship. I laughed, I cried, I cheered out loud a few times – plus it was about the beauty of art and painting – a real page turner. The book exemplifies how our human wounds can begin to heal when someone simply sees us, believes in us, and refuses to let us face a cruel and at times unforgiving world alone.

Our Christian faith journey is not much different – there are times when we hurt, we are hungry, we are tired, we are lonely, and are searching not so much for comfort, but to be filled and fulfilled. I remember once hearing that the core message of the Gospel is one beggar telling another hungry beggar where to find a little bread. Many hungry souls went to hear Jesus speak, and the disciples were concerned for the welfare of the crowd. What would they do? There were so many, and all they had was five measly loaves and two fish. BUT... that is all that Jesus needed. “Bring them here to me” he tells the disciples – “I will take care of them”. And each week He invites us to do the same - bring what we have, and He will bless, multiply, and satisfy all who come.

Please pray for Fr. Bright and Seminarian John as they leave us for the summer and head back to new assignments. We can also pray that the Lord will bless and multiply our parish community during this summertime and as we draw closer to the fall. New families will move into our parish, and hopefully we can help those who are looking for a little nourishment, for the Bread of Life, to find Jesus right here at St. William the Abbot.



Welcome to our guest, Fr. Michael Ngoka

This weekend, we welcome Fr. Michael Ngoka, CM to St. William the Abbot at all of our Masses. Fr. Ngoka is the new pastor of St. Martin of Tours in Bethpage and serves as a Vincentian (Congregation of the Mission) missionary from Nigeria. He will be speaking at all Masses this weekend and there will be a special second collection to support the Vincentian mission of bringing the Gospel message to those living in poverty and marginalized communities, to form and educate future priests, and to educate the faithful worldwide.

Baptisms

We welcome the children who were baptized last weekend:
Reagan Ingrassia Victoria Sikorska-Melesh

St. Peregrine Prayer Hour

Cancer victims, families and their care-givers are all invited to come and pray during the St. Peregrine Prayer Hour on Monday, August 3rd from 2pm to 3pm.

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, Ret (USA) - Lt. Michael Napolitano (USN) - Lt. Michael O'Hara (USN) - MMN2 Emily Partridge (USN) - Lt. John Pawelczyn (USA) - 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) - LCPL Cole Tekverk, (USMC) - 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)

New Liturgical Ministers

Please welcome and congratulation our new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors as they begin their ministry of service to St. William the Abbot!



July Offertory

	2016	2019	2020	2025	2026
Attendance	6733	6752	1594	5941	5867
Total \$	\$91,678.00	\$84,386.00	\$92,683.00	\$96,663.00	\$94,414.71
Per Attendee	\$13.62	\$12.50	\$58.14	\$16.27	\$16.09
# Sundays	5	5	4	4	4
Avg/Sunday	\$18,335.50	\$16,877.20	\$23,170.75	\$24,165.75	\$23,603.68
Avg/Attendance	1347	1350	399	1485	1467

The years listed were chosen to represent an overall sample and include 10 years ago, the year before Covid/pastor transition, the year of the Covid shutdown, last year, and the current year

Catholic Ministries Appeal

	2016	2019	2020	2025	Year to Date
Goal	\$135,600.00	\$136,700.00	\$146,700.00	\$162,000.00	\$170,100
Pledged	\$173,412.008	\$142,360.00	\$121,048.00	\$93,963.00	\$81,907.00
# Donors	899	550	480	330	294
Avg Donation	\$192.89	\$258.84	\$252.18	\$284.74	\$278.60
Rebate to SWA	\$52,010.00	\$31,368.00	\$2,934.00	-	-

The Catholic Ministries Appeal begins every February. Funds donated help with vocation awareness and the Diocesan Seminarian program, social programs such as Meals on Wheels and outreach to the most vulnerable, and healthcare initiatives for those who cannot otherwise afford it or are most at risk. The parish receives a rebate once our Diocesan goal has been exceeded.



GOLF



OUTING & DINNER TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH | WOODBURY STWILLIAM.ORG/GOLF2026

YOUNG ADULT NIGHT

MONDAY, AUGUST 3RD
SOCIAL: 6PM | HOLY HOUR: 6:45PM
FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18 - 24



REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

TUESDAY NIGHTS STARTING AT 7PM
IN THE RECTORY PARKING LOT

AUGUST

11

ADAM VERONA

HAPPY HOUR HITS

AUGUST

25

PAUL CUTHBERT

YACHT ROCK SUNSET

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS, COOLERS, & FRIENDS!
(IN THE EVENT OF RAIN CONCERT WILL BE IN THE ABBEY)

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Summer Fellowship

We were blessed with opportunities to come together in prayer and fellowship this past week as we celebrated The Feasts of Sts. Joachim and Anne (Grandparents' Day), Family Night, and our concert with The Lite Switch.



"FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN TO THE PLACE WHERE IT SETS, THE NAME OF THE LORD IS TO BE PRAISED."



Summer Sunset Raffle

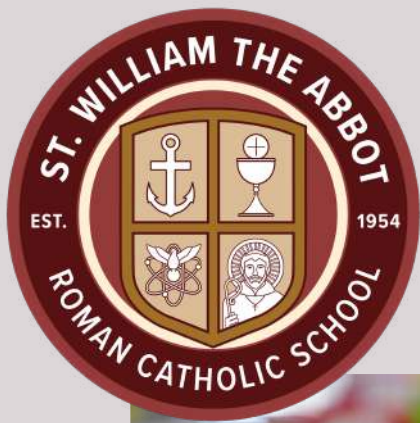
TO SUPPORT PARISH MINISTRIES AS WE CELEBRATE OUR 99TH ANNIVERSARY

SINGLE ENTRY	FIVE ENTRIES
\$35	\$135

PURCHASE
50/50
ENTRIES
HERE:



WINNER WILL BE
ANNOUNCED ON
LABOR DAY



Rooted in Catholic Tradition, SWS is committed to fostering a community of excellence that forms faithful, motivated, confident, and joyful disciples. Through rigorous academics, intentional faith formation, and an emphasis on social interaction and the importance of community, our students are guided to live out their Catholic faith in fulfillment of our mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Since 1954, families have found more than a school, they have found a tightly-knit community where every child is known and loved.



SWS AT A GLANCE

Catholic Identity

Everything we do is based on the rock of our Catholic Identity. Our students participate in daily prayer, weekly Mass by grade-level, monthly school-wide liturgies, days of prayer, and many special events throughout the year.

Enrichment Clubs

Thanks to our dedicated teachers, students may participate in a variety of after-school clubs including ASL, coding, chess, Rosary, drama, intramural sports, science, arts and crafts, and so much more!

Foreign Language

Students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade learn Spanish while our Middle School Students also receive fundamental Latin lessons

Middle School Sports

Students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 learn and grow in a dedicated Middle School environment with a committed and multifaceted team of teachers with Regents courses and an expanded curriculum, enrichment and athletic programs.

Extended Care Options

We provide a safe space for our children before school, beginning at 7am, and after school until 6pm centered around play and academic assistance.

Maker's Space & STREAM Innovation Center

We have a dedicated state-of-the-art creative and technological hub that encourages young minds to collaborate, communicate, and discover new ways to design, tinker, and solve problems.

Additional Services

With an on-site nurse and full-time psychologist, we also provide services to provide extra support for students to help them access the curriculum, make progress toward goals, and participate fully in school life.

Technology

While all students (K-8) are provided with a Chromebook and enjoy state-of-the-art technology in all classrooms, on Tuesdays, we unplug and set our abundant technology to the side to focus on interactive learning, interpersonal connections, and healthy moderation. This "Techless Tuesday" program has been so successful that it is being adopted Diocese-wide.

Continued Success

The Class of 2026 earned over \$530,000 in scholarships towards their high school education. 98% of our graduating 8th graders will be attending a Catholic high school within the Diocese of Rockville Centre.



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: "Come to Me" - #538

Communion Hymn: "The Summons" - #388

Communion Meditation: "Holy is His Name" - #695

Recessional Hymn: "All That We Have Seen" - #391

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

Rice-a-Roni - Rice Krispies Cereal - Dinty Moore Canned Beef Stew - Salad Dressing - Tissues

Senior "Sip and Socialize" Tuesday

The Nassau County Office for the Aging invites you to come and enjoy mocktails with your friends at a 'Sip and Socialize' event this week on Tuesday, August 4th at 1pm at the Bethpage Senior Center. To attend, please RSVP by calling 516-227-8900.

Gardens that Give Back

As you are harvesting your vegetable garden this summer, please remember the Food Pantry. We will gladly accept donations of your surplus harvest! Fresh vegetables are a blessing for the families we serve.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday, August 4th 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!

Yarn Donations Needed

The Social Ministry is now collecting yarn donations for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. This ministry is looking for full skein yarn, worsted weight and multiple skeins of the same color (used to make single blankets). Donations can be dropped off at our office at 2020 Jackson Avenue Monday through Friday, between 9:30am and 4pm, or by appointment. Donate your excess or unused yarn to a very worthy cause! All yarn is used to make items for those in need within our Parish community.

Free Help with Medical Bills

If you are battling a serious medical condition and need help navigating the healthcare system, there is free assistance available. The nonprofit Patient Advocate Foundation (PAF) may be able to help you resolve billing errors, appeal insurance denials, negotiate payment options and qualify for financial support. PAF has case managers that will work with you to understand your situation and review eligibility requirements. For more information call 800-532-5274 or visit www.patientadvocate.org.

Free Summer Concerts for Seniors

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 516-572-0200.

Saint Anne

Saint Anne is Mary's mom. That means that she is Jesus' grandma! Say a special prayer for your grandparents today.

Mary is the little girl in this picture. Color her clothing blue.



Year A: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Catholic Kids Bulletin

August 2, 2026
Ordinary Time
Color: Green



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The hand of
the Lord feeds
us; he
answers all
our needs.

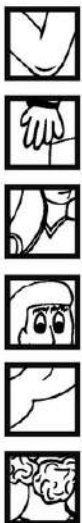
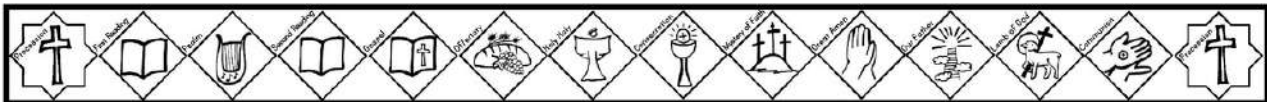
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Mass is like Jesus feeding the 5,000 - Just as Jesus fed thousands with bread and fish, He feeds us at Mass with His Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

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Gospel

Jesus was teaching 5000 people about God, and it was time for lunch. Jesus blessed 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish and everyone had enough food. It was a miracle!

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