



St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



August 24, 2025
Twenty-First 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

Someone asked him,
 “Lord, are only a few
 people going to be saved?”
 He said to them, “Make
 every effort to enter
 through the narrow door,
 because many, I tell you,
 will try to enter and will not
 be able to.
 Luke 13:23-24

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 24th

7:30am: Richard Aurello

9am: Fred Schmidt

10:30am: John Kelliher

12n: Connor Kasin

Monday, August 25th

8:30am: Daisy Martinez, Susanne Boden,

Bob Olsen, Irene Vulpis

Tuesday, August 26th

8:30am: Samantha Mielke

Wednesday, August 27th

The Giardullo Family, Daniel Buckley, Jr., Herbert Hintze,

Robert Olsen, Nina Muino

Thursday, August 28th

8:30am: Benjamin Holohan

Friday, August 29th

8:30am: Jeanine & Nicole Tedeschi, Nancy Alicia Humphrey,

Irene Vulpis, Deacon John Horn (liv)

Saturday, August 30th

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: Victor Letellier, Jr.

Pray for the Sick

Robert Valerga - Richard Fedyk - Rosemary Averill - Barbara Geraghty

Arlene Martin - Frances Speidell - Sal Lupo

Pray for the Deceased

Benny Golino - Grace Marie Peterson - Maryellen Hillmann - Jen Greico

The Wine and Hosts

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

The Altar Candles

have been donated in loving memory of
Howard Peterson & Irene Peterson
 from the Downey Family

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate”

A few years ago, I wrote a bulletin letter to our parish young folks who were heading off to college, small reminders to keep God and their Catholic faith a part of their life. It was following COVID, and many of the students (and their parents and grandparents) were grateful for it. As I sat somewhat delayed in Northwest Spain because of wildfires, waiting to get back to Madrid, I began to rework that letter in the hope that it can benefit all of us as the summer winds down to renew and reset our priorities, and to place God and our faith in focus.

“In all your ways be mindful of God, and He will make straight your path.”

The above verse from Proverbs (3:6) has always been special to me, particularly at this time of year as we finish last-minute projects to make sure the school building is ready for the new year, welcome new families into our school community, finalize class lists for the Faith Formation program, and look forward to re-engaging ministries in the fall. As the summer winds down and we start to get back into a more regular flow in our schedules, it is a great time to reflect on how we can bring Jesus into our everyday life. And especially for those of you who are beginning a new season – transitioning into new grades, new schools, new living situations, new jobs – know that the Lord is accompanying you at every step, but it's up to us to decide how we can make room in our life and heart for Him.

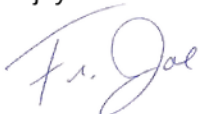
The practice of your faith is essential as the foundation upon which you can build your future success and personal fulfillment; it is the harbor that will always be there to welcome you home whenever you encounter the turbulent storms. Your faith is the bridge that will keep you connected to Jesus, so it's important that you pray, go to Mass, receive the sacraments, keep the Commandments, and serve others with compassion and understanding. Live the joy of the Gospel and share it with others! I encourage you to boldly display your Bible on your bookshelf or your desk so you can reach for inspiration and support at challenging moments. You may go to a public school, or be in a secular workplace, but you can gently wear and display the Crucifix your godmother gave you or the Miraculous Medal of the Blessed Mother that your grandparents had blessed by a priest. These treasures help to reveal who you are and answer the question of who Jesus is to you and your family, but they also remind you that you are seen, known, and loved by God.

That reality comes alive in Psalm 139 where we hear “Lord you search me, you know me... you formed me and knit me in my mother's womb.” The Heavenly Father sees you – always. Stay alive in your faith and go against the tide of the culture – it will be challenging but so worth it to confidently be a unique masterpiece and not a carbon copy of “what everyone else is doing.” Look away from your screens - experience community and be a part of the solution! Weigh in on the challenges of the world and share your unique God-given gifts with others. There are 168 hours in a week, give God at least 2 hours of that - 1 hour on Sunday, and 10 minutes of prayer for the other 6 days - and 1 hour to serve others, the needy, the poor, the elderly, or the young. You will not be disappointed!

All of us are on a never-ending faith journey, striving to make a little space for God, permitting Him to enter in for a few minutes each day. What do we really want from the Lord? Who do we say that He is? Do we believe with our whole heart that the Lord is in charge and we are not? Sure, we all have concerns and worries about our world, but they are quickly soothed by the One who can calm the seas, who can heal the sick, and who can raise the dead. It is Jesus who is Lord – let us place our hope and trust in Him.

As September and Labor Day approach, let us all recommit and refocus through the lens of our faith. While you are making your fall calendars, can I encourage you to make Sunday Mass, daily prayer, and family meals our top priorities followed then by practice schedules, training sessions, work projects, and tutoring? Your effort will not go unrewarded by God and you will definitely see and experience the difference.

Enjoy these last few weeks of summer, and be hopeful, be grateful, be joyful, be faithful, and be blessed!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fr. Joe".

Banns of Marriage

Banns II:

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

Baptism

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

Christopher Cikos

Pillar of Hospitality

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many,
I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be
strong enough.

Treat people the way God wants you to. Live a
life that gives glory to God!



Anointing of the Sick

Anyone going to the hospital or who has a serious illness can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, which will be celebrated communally immediately following the 12:00 N Mass on Sunday, August 31, 2025.

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)

Volunteers in the Diocese of Rockville Centre

Prior to volunteering in any parish or organization in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, the Diocese requires the following:

1. Attend Protecting God's Children (Virtus)
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct
3. Complete a background screening application.

(Background screening is conducted on active volunteers and employees every 5 years.)

Directions to Complete the 3 Requirements:

1. Sign up to attend a Protecting God's Children class: www.Virtus.org. When you log on to the Virtus website, you will create a Virtus account.
 - a. If you have not attended a Virtus class, you are a first time registrant.
 - b. On the first screen, select Rockville Centre-Safe Environment as the name of your organization.
 - c. Follow all directions, provide the required information on each screen.
 - d. Please be specific about your role/title. (Volunteer is not a role/title. List your role Coach, Catechist, Lector, EM, etc.)
 - e. Read and Electronically acknowledge the Codes of Conduct.
 - f. From the schedule, select the class you will attend. When you attend the class, be sure to sign the attendance sheet.
 - g. After selecting the class, you will be instructed to complete the background screening application.

Background Screening Application:

- a. Sterling Volunteers/First Advantage is the company providing background screening.
- b. Follow all the directions to complete the background screening application. DO NOT STOP ONCE YOU BEGIN THE APPLICATION! For security purposes, if you do not complete the process you will be locked out of the system.
- c. You will be asked to provide your Social Security Number. If you do not provide a SSN you will be charged a \$95.00 fee to process your application. This fee will be collected during the application process and is payable with a credit/debit card.

BEHOLD

LITURGICAL COLORS

Have you noticed the clergy's vestments and other elements in the sanctuary change at different times of the year or for different liturgies? These colors help to convey the mood and theme of the liturgy, guiding the faithful in their understanding of the Church's calendar and the liturgical celebrations taking place.

GREEN

Used and worn during "Ordinary Time"
(the periods between Christmas and Lent
and Easter and Advent)

Symbolizes: Hope



RED

Used and worn on Good Friday, Palm
Sunday, Pentecost, Confirmation, and the
feast days of martyrs

Symbolizes: Sacrifice



WHITE/GOLD

Used and worn during celebrations of
Christmas and Easter, feasts of Our Lord
and Blessed Mother, feasts of saints,
funerals, and weddings

Symbolizes: Joy, Purity, & Glory



ROSE

Used and worn on Gaudete Sunday
(Advent) and Laetere Sunday (Lent)

Symbolizes: Joy & Hope



PURPLE

Used and worn during the seasons of
Advent and Lent

Symbolizes: Penance & Preparation





Blessing of the Backpacks

AT ALL MASSES
NEXT WEEKEND

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

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
AT 5PM ON AUGUST 24TH!**



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Stop Physician-Assisted Suicide in New York

New York is on the brink of legalizing physician-assisted suicide. Bill A136 has already passed the Senate and Assembly. **The only thing standing in its way is Governor Hochul's veto – and she needs to hear from you.**

This bill would allow doctors to prescribe lethal medication with the sole purpose of ending a patient's life. It puts the most vulnerable among us – the elderly, people with disabilities, and those facing emotional or financial despair – at even greater risk. **Suicide is not healthcare.**

We must speak out to protect the dignity of every human life. Assisted suicide is a dangerous and deadly path – one we must not go down.

Take Action!



Contact the Governor's office now to oppose this deadly practice! Visit bit.ly/veto-pas or use the QR code.



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: "The Body of Christ" (#325)

Communion Hymn: "The Supper of the Lord" (#338)

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

Canned Tuna

Canned Beets

Pasta

Egg Noodles

Napkins

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting September 2

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday September 2 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 September 2nd 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!

Thank You Produce Donors!

Over the past few weeks we have been receiving many fresh vegetables from the bountiful gardens of parishioners. We are so grateful! Our pantry has been overflowing with produce, and thanks to you we have been able to provide home-grown vegetables to local families in need. Thank you for your generosity and dedication to helping us serve our parish community!

Donor Spotlight - Nassau County Police Department

Last week the Social Ministry office received a special delivery from the Nassau County Police Department! Police Officers Teana Grande and Stacie Torres from NCPD Community Affairs delivered back to school donations for children in need. Their donations included over 50 backpacks containing school supplies, stress balls, and even some toys! We are so grateful to the Nassau County Police Department and Commissioner of Police Patrick Ryder for their generous donations. May God bless and protect our men and women in blue!



Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Saint Maximilian Kolbe was a martyr.

A martyr is a person who dies for God.

Saint Maximilian Kolbe was captured and held in a prison.

He knew that someone was going to be killed, so he sacrificed himself to let another man live.

Pray to Saint Maximilian Kolbe when you need courage.



Year C: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

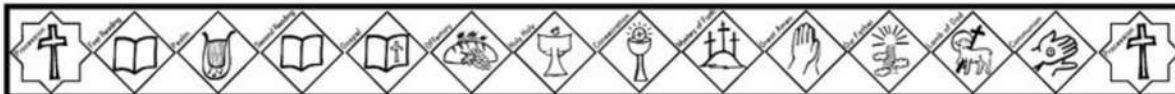
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There are many liturgical ministers who help during Mass. How are people serving at Mass?

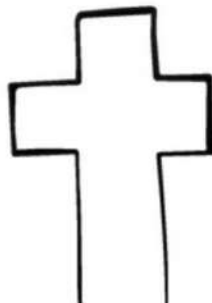
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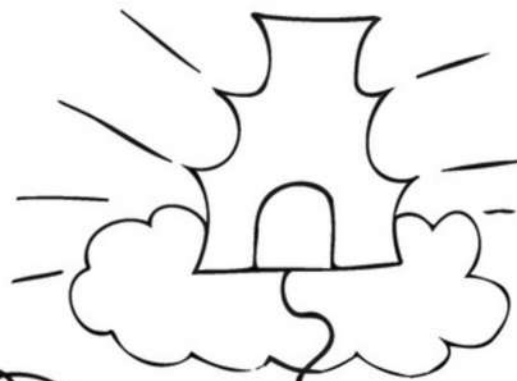
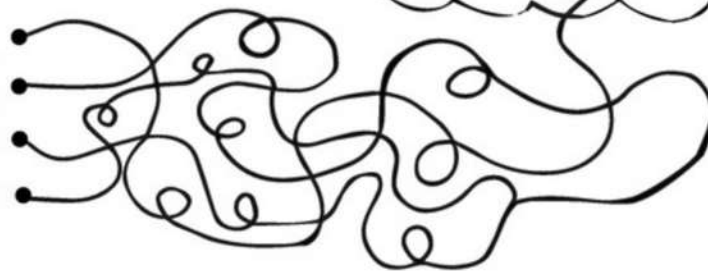
Jesus told His disciples that they should, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate." This means that God wants us to try to get closer to Him by staying on God's path.

What are some things you can do that will help you be closer to God?

Follow the paths from the cross to Heaven. Which one leads to Heaven?



A
B
C
D



Jesus teaches that we must be strong in our faith! How can you be strong in faith?

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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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