



St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



August 3, 2025
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

Then he said to them,
“Watch out! Be on your
guard against all kinds
of greed; life does not
consist in an
abundance of
possessions.”

Luke 12:15

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 3rd

7:30am: Salvatore Frosina

9am: Robert Miller

10:30am: People of St. William's, May Walsleben,

Richard Franco, Robert Recco

12n: Valerie Genovese

Monday, August 4th

8:30am: Eneo & Antoinette Pregno, Claire McMahan,

Michael Maiello, Murphy Violet Musa

Tuesday, August 5th

8:30am: Louise Sewall, Peter C. Gerard,

Edith Marcel, Gus Jackson

Wednesday, August 6th

8:30am: Mary Ann Giordano

Thursday, August 7th

8:30am: Eugene Jackson

Friday, August 8th

8:30am: Erika Fuessler

Saturday, August 9th

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: Nicole & Jeanine Tedeschi

Pray for the Sick

Robert Valerga - Richard Fedyk - Jen Greico - Rosemary Averill

Barbara Geraghty - Frances Speidell - Sal Lupo - Lisa Miola

The Wine and Hosts

have been donated in thanksgiving for
the gift of her life
Eileen Engleman

The Altar Flowers

have been donated in loving memory of
Louise Sewall
from Eileen Engleman

'Rich in what matters to God' Luke 12:21

This Sunday, we hear a challenging and powerful reminder from Jesus in the Gospel of Luke: *"Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God"* Luke 12:21. It's a verse that invites us to pause and reflect deeply. What are the treasures we are building up? What do we truly value - and how does God see our wealth? In the eyes of the world, success might be measured in possessions, promotions, or popularity. But in the eyes of God, it is the depth of our faith, the sincerity of our love, and the ways we serve one another that make us truly rich.

When we look at our calendars and schedules, it is clear that the world pulls us in so many directions. Work can become all-consuming, and the desire to provide for our families, while noble, can easily veer into the territory of "keeping up with the Joneses." We quickly upgrade our phones, our kitchens, our backyards - sometimes out of necessity, but often out of a cultural pressure to do more, be more, and have more. *Did you see the stoneworker they used? Their fireplace and patio set has an outdoor TV, whoa! Did you see they just returned from that showcase, or tournament, or dance competition in Nashville!* These things are not inherently bad - many are good and even joyful - but we must ask: are they essential? Are they right ordered? Are we giving God the best of ourselves, or does He just get the leftovers?

In the quiet and simplicity of August, I'm taking a step back to reflect on these big questions myself. As some of you know, I'll be walking a portion of the Camino de Santiago, a centuries-old pilgrimage that stretches across northern Spain. I will begin in the historic city of León and walk toward the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, the resting place of the Apostle James. Almost 200 miles! This isn't just a physical journey - it serves as a spiritual retreat, a time for discernment, prayer, and listening to the Lord's voice more clearly. I'll be asking the Holy Spirit for wisdom - not just for my own vocation as a priest, but for the future of our parish family here in Seaford - in what direction is the Lord calling us, moving us as we approach the century mark as a parish.

St. William the Abbot, our beloved patron, made this pilgrimage over 900 years ago. As I walk in his footsteps, I will be praying for his intercession - for clarity, courage, and grace. And know this: I'll be carrying you with me each day. I'll carry your names, your intentions, your struggles, and joys. In a very real way, each mile walked will be a prayer for our parish family - a vibrant, alive, and faithful community on the south shore of Long Island. For you as well, I pray that these August days serve as an opportunity to weigh what will be the focus and center of your lives - as a family this upcoming school year, into the fall, and the changes that will occur in September. Many of you have shared with me the frustrations of overactivity of your kids, and, again, many and most of these opportunities are good things. But are they essential? Are they the best for your family? Step off the treadmill of activity; pause and pray and ask God what He thinks is best.

If we were to take out the map and roadway of our life, ultimately Heaven is our goal. Eternal life with God is the destination that matters above all else. May we continually re-orient our lives, our families, and our priorities toward that promise. Let's not just be successful by the standards of this world, but rich in what matters most to God. I am told that the popular saying along the way is "Buen Camino" - may we all walk the Good Way together in Seaford, Massapequa, Wantagh, and beyond; on the LIRR or the LIE; on the sidelines, and in the hallways - we journey as a family of faith, always with God as our guide.

Thank you for your presence and generosity.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Joe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



St. Peregrine Prayer Hour

The Saint Peregrine Prayer Hour will be held on **Monday, August 4,, 2025** from 2:00 - 3:00 PM.

St. Peregrine is the patron saint of those suffering from cancer. Future prayer hours will be held on the first Monday of each month. Cancer victims, families and their care-givers are all invited to come and pray.

Baptism

Let us welcome the following children who were baptized last weekend:

Liam Allaire
Parker Altrui
Brooks Connolly
Lucas Danielson

Frederick Loeschinger
John Ohms
Miley Pernice
Michael Roehring

Banns of Marriage

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

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)

July Offertory

	2015	2019	2020	2024	2025
Attendance	7102	6752	1594	5513	5941
Total \$	\$75,659.00	\$84,386.00	\$92,683.00	\$90,256.00	\$96,663.00
Per Head	\$10.65	\$12.50	\$58.14	\$16.37	\$16.27
#Sundays	4	5	3	4	4
Avg/Sunday	\$18,914.75	\$16,877.20	\$30,894.33	\$22,564.00	\$24,165.75
AvgAtt/Sun	1776	1350	531	1378	1485

Diocese of Rockville Centre Catholic Ministries Appeal - Parish Totals

	2015	2019	2020	2024	2025	YTD	Month Over Month
Goal	\$135,600.00	\$136,700.00	\$146,700.00	\$162,000.00	\$162,000.00	\$162,000.00	-
Pledged	\$173,412.00	\$142,360.00	\$121,048.00	\$99,226.00	\$74,126.00	\$78,266.00	\$1,550.00
# of Donors	899	550	480	351	267	281	8
Rebate	\$52,010.00	\$31,368.00	\$2,934.00	-	-	-	-

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

BEHOLD

GUIDE TO EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



1

Place yourself in the
presence of Christ

2

Give thanks for all of
God's blessings

3

Present your prayer
intentions

4

Express sorrow for
your sins

5

Listen to God's voice
during quiet prayer



Here at St. William's, Eucharistic Adoration occurs every Monday through Saturday from 7:15 to 8:20am and on the First Friday of every month from 9am to 5pm.
We invite you join us for quiet prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

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

NEW/TRANSFER FAMILIES

Students who previously attended another program must have a transfer letter sent to the Office of Faith Formation by their former parish

MASS ATTENDANCE

All children are required to attend 75% of Sunday/Holy Days of Obligation Masses between September and May and check-in using the QR codes in the church in order to complete their grade level and receive sacraments

SCHEDULE

- Level 1: Parent-Lead at Home
- Level 2: Parent-Lead at Home (September-December) & Weekly In-Person Classes (January-April)
- Levels 3-6: Meet Weekly In-Person at SWS
- Levels 7-8: Meet Bi-Weekly In-Person in The Abbey

CONTACT THE OFFICE OF CHILDHOOD FAITH FORMATION

faithformation@stwilliam.org

516-783-2528

stwilliam.org/faith-formation

HOW TO REGISTER

Registration is now open through our website!

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



REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

- ☒ Baptismal Certificate
As we update our files, all families must upload a copy of each of their children's certificates to the registration form. These can be obtained from the parish they were baptized at. If your child was baptized at St. William's, please visit the "forms" tab of our website.
- ☒ Parish ID Number
Families must provide their parish ID number found on their envelopes or by emailing information@stwilliam.org in order to complete registration. If you are not already a parishioner, please visit stwilliam.org/parish-registration.
- ☒ Schedule
Day/time preferences can be entered at the time of registration; once a child is placed in a class we are unable to accomodate any changes.
- ☒ Read the FAQ on our website.



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.



#WeAreSt.William's
Authentically and Unabashedly Catholic!

CONNECT WITH SWS

Elizabeth Bricker, Principal



@SWSSEAFORD



SPORTS

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

For Volunteers in the Diocese of Rockville Centre

A person wishing to volunteer in any parish or organization in the Diocese of Rockville Centre must first complete three requirements:

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

(Background screening is conducted on all 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. The first screen will ask the name of your organization-from the drop down list select Rockville Centre-Safe Environment.
- c. Follow all directions on the next screens.
- d. One screen will have the **Codes of Conduct**. Please acknowledge the Codes of Conduct.
- e. Continue with the registration process and select the class you will attend.
- f. After selecting the class, you will be instructed to complete the background screening application.

2. Background Screening Application:

- a. Sterling Volunteers is the company providing the background screening.
- b. Follow all the directions to complete the background screening application. **DO NOT STOP ONCE YOU BEGIN THE APPLICATION!** If you stop-you are locked out of the process due to security procedures.
- c. You will need to provide your Social Security #; if you do not provide a Social Security # you will be charged a fee.
- d. After completing the application, hit the 'Submit Button'

Congratulations! You have now:

Registered to attend a Virtus class ~ signed the Codes of Conduct ~
Completed the Background Screening.

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: "Drawn to You" (#408)

Communion Hymn: "Take and Eat" (#364)

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

Oatmeal
Apple Juice
Canned White Potatoes
Cookies
Laundry Detergent
Dish Soap

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!

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!

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting August 5

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday August 5 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 5 or call 516-679-8532 to arrange a drop-off.

Where Can I Donate Clothing?

"The Boutique" in Amityville is run by the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless. This special distribution center allows people in need to come and pick out clothes and other essential items, all for free! Donations of new and used clothing are accepted Tuesday through Thursday, 10am to 3pm at their 600 Albany Avenue location, or by appointment. With your donation, you also help our Parish families in need, because we send referrals for our families to shop there! To contact The Boutique, call 631-464-4314.

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 C: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Catholic Kids Bulletin

August 3, 2025
Ordinary Time
Color: Green



WOAIFPWTODAYWODKYOUNK

QPWOHEARTSCOBJJ

WPHEAROHISVOICEL

If today you
hear his voice,
harden not
your hearts.


HARDENWNOTWPYOUREIAPXK



Mass is a meal with your
Catholic family!

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Gospel



This rich man only thought about his treasures on Earth. He had a lot of food, oxen, and money. God told him to focus on the treasures of Heaven by praying and helping others more than himself. God doesn't look at how many cool toys you have; He looks at your heart.

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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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A 70 Year Legacy of Excellence - Nursery through 8th Grade

Our Seminarians

Herley Mendez
SWA Parishioner

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

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Resources

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)
ocia@stwilliam.org | stwilliam.org/ocia

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
chsee.org

Diocese of Rockville Centre
drvc.org

Formed: The Catholic Faith. On Demand
formed.org

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

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