



St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



August 31, 2025
Twenty-Second 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

But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."
Luke 14:13-14

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 31st

7:30am: People of St. William's, Dagmar Baldino,

James Jamil Kowski, Anna Biamonte

9am: Darlene Cusumano

10:30am: Virginia Thidemann

12n: James Amoroso

Monday, September 1st

8:30am: Cristobal Diaz

Tuesday, September 2nd

8:30am: Christine Paulson

Wednesday, September 3rd

Thomas Ward, Sr.

Thursday, September 4th

8:30am: Thomas Joseph Manning

Friday, September 5th

8:30am: Ed Tomczyk, Diane O'Neill,

Andre H. Oreste, Sue Boden

Saturday, September 6th

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: Raymond Kennedy, Jane & Pat Gillespie,

Maureen Parr, Alexander Diachok, Jr.

Pray for the Sick

Robert Valerga - Richard Fedyk - Rosemary Averill - Barbara Geraghty

Arlene Martin - Frances Speidell - Sal Lupo

Pray for the Deceased

Carmela Battaglia - Frank A. Krupp, Jr. - Kathleen O'Connor

The Wine and Hosts

have been donated in loving memory of

Jerry Monk

from the Monk Family

The Altar Flowers

have been donated in loving memory of

Robert H. Cox, Jr.

from the Patricia Cox and Family

The Altar Candles

have been donated in loving memory of

Terri Dankenbrink

from her family

'It is in our humility that we are exalted!'

This Sunday we gather around the Lord's table and hear the Gospel from Luke 14:1-14 where Jesus teaches us the importance of humility. He warns against seeking places of honor and instead invites us to take the lowest seat, reminding us that greatness in God's Kingdom is not about status, wealth, or recognition, but about simple service of others. All of our readings this weekend point us toward this virtue - humility. To be small in the eyes of the world is often seen as weakness, yet in the eyes of God, it is strength, it is grace, and it is a path to holiness and heaven.

As summer 2025 winds down, many of us are making lists, scheduling activities, and planning for fall activities. The temptation, of course, is to get so caught up in the busy-ness that we forget the heart of it all. The invitation of Jesus is not to abandon these necessary responsibilities, but to approach them with humility and with God as our focus. Our faith reminds us that every task - whether folding laundry, packing lunch boxes, or dropping off and picking up at school - can be an act of love if it is done with a spirit of service and gratitude.

Last month I was blessed to walk the Camino de Santiago, a pilgrimage of over 215 miles. Each day was a commitment - an early start, filling water bottles, making time for prayer and Mass, securing a hostel bed, doing laundry. All of these could have been viewed as chores (yes, even the praying), but instead they became part of the rhythm of the journey; each step moving closer to the goal - the Cathedral of Saint James. The Camino was not conquered in one day, but by faithfully walking each mile - sometimes with joy, sometimes with blisters and painful shin splints. Our lives of faith are much the same; we don't reach sainthood overnight, but through small, daily acts of prayer, charity, and humility.

As a parish community approaching nearly 100 years, we have our own Camino story. The first families of St. William the Abbot were humble in resources but rich in faith. They gave generously of their time, talent, and treasure to plant seeds that would grow into the vibrant parish we are today. Their humility - choosing service over status - built the foundation that continues to sustain us in prayer, worship, forming the faithful, and outreach to the most vulnerable.

Each Sunday, God calls us to the wedding feast to be nourished by His Word and His Body and Blood. In humility, we approach the altar, not as perfect disciples, but as beloved daughters and sons who know we need God's mercy. At this feast, we are reminded that God sees us, knows us, and loves us. This is our truest identity, not measured by the world's standards, but by the Father's eternal love.

As we look ahead to another year of faith and family life, let us recommit to the spirit of humility that Jesus teaches. Let us seek not the highest seat, but the seat of service. Let us live each day as pilgrims, taking simple steps toward the goal of heaven. And let us continue, as a parish family, to be a humble yet shining witness of God's presence here in on the south shore of Long Island!

Have a blessed Labor Day Weekend, and thank you for your presence, humility, and generosity.

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

Banns of Marriage

Banns I

Megan Eiseman, St. William the Abbot
& Caleb Fiedtkou, Bethpage, NY

Emily Ziemianski, Maria Regina, Seaford
& Michael Giordano, St. William the Abbot

Banns III:

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

Baptism

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

Desmond Carey

Adeline Hertz

Katherine Sorkin

Luke Thurgood



St. Peregrine Prayer Hour

Due to the Labor Day holiday on Sept. 1st, 2nd, the St. Peregrine Prayer Hour will be held on
Monday, September 8th from 2:00 - 3:00 PM in the Church.

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 are invited to come and pray.

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)

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BEHOLD



ATTEND MASS EVERY WEEK

We encourage everyone to recommit to everyday faith as we enter the fall!



GRACE BEFORE MEALS



PRAYER BEFORE BED



PRAY THE ROSARY 2X A MONTH



GO TO CONFESSION 1X A MONTH



PERFORM ACTS OF SERVICE



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.



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Authentically and Unabashedly Catholic!

CONNECT WITH SWS

Elizabeth Bricker, Principal



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SPORTS

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

GOLF

OUTING & DINNER

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

TOWN OF OYSTER BAY GOLF COURSE

WOODBURY, NEW YORK

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REGISTRATION &
SPONSORSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES



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Our Catholic Community on Long Island

monthly holy hour | confessions | social
pray for vocations

Nightwatch

FRIDAYS | DOORS 7PM | STARTS 7:30PM

September 19
October 17
November 21
January 16
February 27
March 20
April 17
May 15



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• Is your marriage tearing you apart? • Do you feel hurt and angry? • Does talking make it worse?
• Thought of leaving or divorce? • Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

No Marriage is Beyond Hope.

Queenship of Mary Rosary Procession

Our parish community came together last week for a beautiful Rosary procession to honor the Queenship of Mary. Our servers led the way as we stopped at five altars dedicated to the Blessed Mother and ended with Benediction on the front steps of the church. Thank you to our Altar Servers, the groups who provided altars - The Columbiettes, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Rosary Society, Faith Formation, and Ursuline Sisters - and the Knights of Columbus for making the evening so special!



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW
SOMEONE WHO...

Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

or

*Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of
Confirmation and Eucharist?*

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) begins September 7th. We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For baptized Catholics just needing to receive Confirmation, which is required to be a Godparent or Confirmation sponsor, we have two sessions per year, in the spring and fall.

Sessions for all begin on Sunday, September 7th following the 9am Mass in The Abbey (lower church). For more information or to register, please email OCIA@stwilliam.org.

**ADULT CHOIR
REHEARSALS RESUME
SEPTEMBER 11TH!**

All parishioners
(over the age of 14) are
encouraged to join us for our first
rehearsal on
Thursday, September 11th at 6pm

Rehearsals will be
Thursday evenings from 6 to 7
in the Choir Loft

*No experience is necessary,
we just ask that you bring a love
for worship music!*

*Stay tuned for more information
about Childrens Choir and other
music ministry opportunities!*

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: "To Live with Him Forever" (#494)

Communion Hymn: "Seed Scattered and Sown" (#344)

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

Coffee
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Sugar
Cleaning Supplies
Back-to-School Snacks

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 2nd 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 Veterans' Lunch September 12

There will be a Senior Veterans' Lunch on Friday, September 12th at the Bethpage Community Center. The guest presenter will be The Director of Education and Training from the Department of Human Services, Calle Panakos, on the topic of "Building Personal Resilience." RSVP is required by Friday, September 5th. This luncheon is provided by the Nassau County Office of the Aging. Doors open for this event at 11:30am. To RSVP, visit www.nassaucountyny.gov/aging-events or call 516-571-9910.

Thank You Back-to-School Donors!

So many parishioners have visited our office over the past month to donate school supplies to help the children of families in need. You have made such a big difference to those we serve! Your generous donations provided children with classroom essentials, as well as parents with gift cards to help with other school essentials such as sneakers and clothing. Our families were so grateful, and all credit goes to our generous donors. Thank you to everyone that donated!

Donor Spotlight - Ryan Nicol of Troop 690

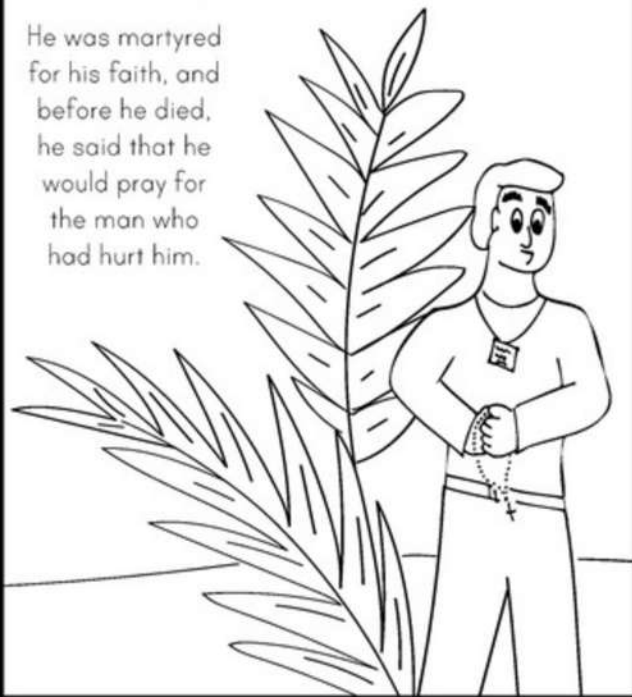
Last week Ryan Nicol from Scout Troop 690 completed his Eagle Scout project to benefit the families served by the Parish Social Ministry. Under Ryan's leadership, large amounts of school supplies were collected, divided and then loaded into backpacks for students heading back to school. The outstanding result of this project was that Ryan delivered 48 full backpacks for children in need! He also collected extra bags of supplies to be used to supplement the backpacks for students with additional supply needs. We are so grateful to Ryan and Troop 690 for their generosity, and for choosing to help the families assisted by Parish Social Ministry. May God bless Ryan, the Scouts of Troop 690, and all the children heading back to school this week! Have a great year!



Blessed Isidore Bakanja

Isidore became Catholic when he was 18 and loved to learn about the faith. He prayed the rosary often and wore a scapular, which is a brown piece of fabric that shows his devotion and love for Mary. At his job, Isidore would tell others about the Gospel and help others become Christians.

He was martyred for his faith, and before he died, he said that he would pray for the man who had hurt him.



Year C: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Catholic Kids

August 31, 2025
Ordinary Time
Color: Green



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God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

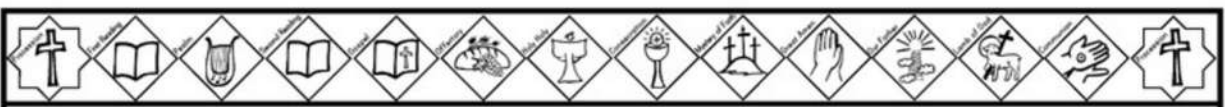
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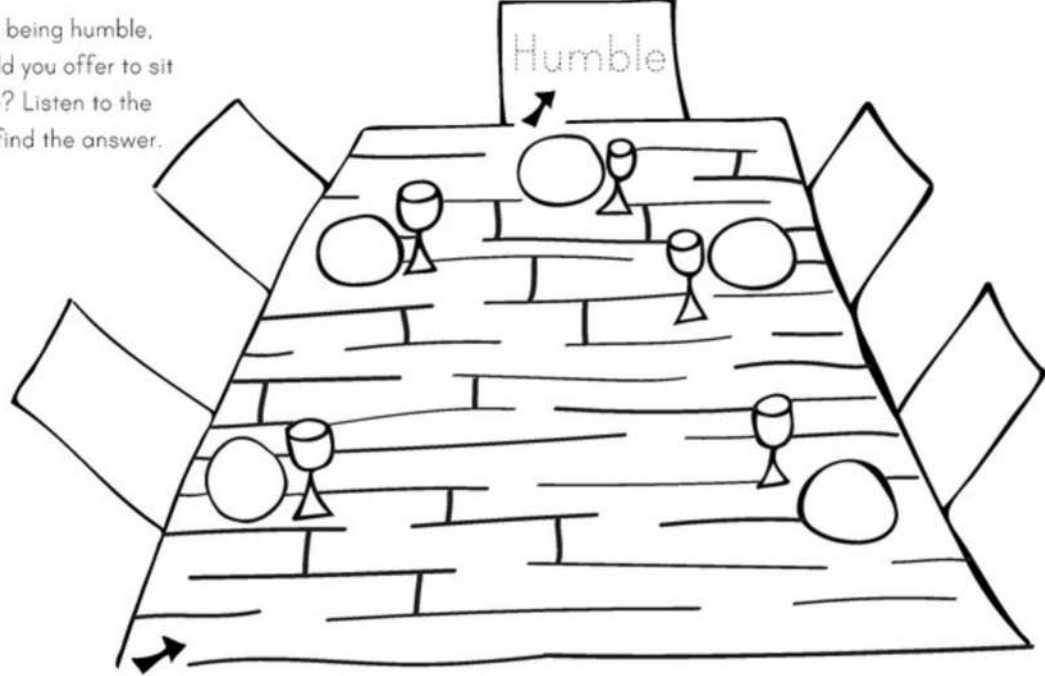


What do people say when they receive Communion?

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If you are being humble, where should you offer to sit at a table? Listen to the Gospel to find the answer.



Jesus went to dinner with the Pharisees. They all wanted to sit in the place of honor at the table. They all thought they were the most important people! Jesus told them to be humble. You can be humble by being kind and generous to your friends and family.

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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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Our Seminarians

Herley Mendez
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*Please pray for our Seminarians and all those
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