



St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." Matthew 14:25-27

August 9, 2026 Nineteenth 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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 9th

7:30am: People of St. William's

9am: Carl Ambrogio, Linda Cowan

Charles Fagan, Arthur R. Welsch

10:30am: Erika Fuessler

12n: John P. Neville

Monday, August 10th

8:30am: Mary Griffin, Carmela Battaglia,

John & Mary Marinello, Paul Marinello

Tuesday, August 11th

8:30am: Patricia Cassella

Wednesday, August 12th

8:30am: Frances Duemig

Thursday, August 13th

8:30am: Pearl Vella, Anthony DiLeonardo,

Edward Jordan, Michael Ackerman

Friday, August 14th

8:30am: Aubrey Carr-Engelman (liv)

Saturday, August 15th

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: Salvatore Frosina

Pray for the Sick

Patricia DeCato - Rosemary Averill - Frances Speidell - Thomas Stolfi
Brendan Mannix - Terri Albanese - Roland Provence - Charles Giardino

Altar Flowers

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

Sanctuary Candle

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

God is IN the Storm, the Fire, and the Calm

Earlier in the summer I had the opportunity to assist as a guest priest at the mission parish on Ocean Beach, Fire Island - Our Lady of the Magnificat. Similar to St. William the Abbot, it has a "simple country" church-look to it. One evening the night was lit up with a strong summer storm, pouring rain, high winds, thunderclaps, and lighting flashes which silhouetted the sacred structure. I remember being both excited and a little nervous. As we continue to enjoy these beautiful days of summer, we are invited to reflect on a comforting truth of our faith: God is always present. In the First Book of Kings, the prophet Elijah experiences violent wind, a powerful earthquake, and a raging fire, yet the Lord is found not in the noise or the spectacle, but in the gentle whisper of a tiny breeze – God is truly there!

In the Gospel, the Apostles find themselves terrified by the storm on the Sea of Galilee, convinced they are alone and doomed, until Jesus comes walking toward them upon the water. Peter, with remarkable courage, steps out of the boat at the Lord's invitation and actually walks on the water. But the moment he shifts his attention and focus from Jesus to the wind and the waves around him, fear takes hold, and he begins to sink. How often that is our own story! The storms are real, but so is the Savior who never stops reaching out His hand to help us.

Perhaps the Summer of 2026 has brought moments of peace for you - a beautiful sunrise or sunset over the ocean during vacation, an evening breeze on the back porch, children laughing in the pool, cousins and grandchildren playing together without a care in the world. Maybe you have noticed God's quiet presence in those simple blessings. Or perhaps your summer has been marked by difficult news, family disagreements, uncertainty at work, illness, or worries about someone you love. The Lord is present there, too.

He comes to us not only in the extraordinary moments but also in the quiet whispers, the gentle nudges of grace, the reassuring smile of a friend, the unexpected kindness of a stranger, or the peaceful silence after receiving Holy Communion. God has an incredible way of reminding us that He has never abandoned His people. Whether we are standing on the Jones Beach shoreline enjoying a beautiful day or struggling to stay afloat in the middle of life's storms, Christ is always nearby with an outstretched hand.

As a parish family we are encouraged to ask for the grace to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. I love the example of Saint Peter – he teaches us that faith is not the absence of storms - it is trusting "The One" who commands even the wind and the sea. Can we boldly confess that Jesus is Lord? Can we trust Him enough to step out of the boat, even when the future feels uncertain? I have been a big fan of 'The Chosen' series and the portrayal of this moment in the Bible is so powerful (Season 3, Episode 8). The storm is overwhelming – the Apostles are tired, cold, and scared; and yet Peter launches out of the safety of the boat and goes to Jesus. His faith is so strong.

I cannot say I have that kind of faith and trust just yet. I am still self-reliant and doubt that His hand is always extended toward me when I begin to sink. And yet He never fails to show up or let me down. I know, *I know*, I am still a work in progress. And so, my prayer for the rest of this summer and as we journey towards the upcoming fall season of ministry, formation, and outreach is that St. William the Abbot will always be known as a parish of deep faith, unwavering hope, and joyful trust in God's providence. Even when the pastor has a weak moment or two. May we recognize the Lord both in the mighty storms and in the smallest breeze and may our hearts - and eyes - remain fixed on Him; confident that Our Lord is always present, always faithful, and ultimately always in control!

Peace,



Banns of Marriage

Banns I

Stephanie Tracey; St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh
& Liam Ryder, St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh

Low Gluten Hosts

For those who must avoid gluten in their diet, the parish has low gluten hosts available for Holy Communion. If you wish to receive such a host, please arrive prior to Mass and inform the sacristan and they will place your host in a pyx. Please sit in the South Transept.

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 Pawelczyk (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)



**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?***

Join us on Monday, August 10th at 7:30pm in The Abbey (Lower Church) to learn more about the program and meet our team! Inquirers are welcome to bring their spouse or a friend!

Visit stwilliam.org or email ocia@stwilliam.org for more information

Purgatorial Society

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.

Robert W. Long, Salvatore Suppa, Gladys Rivera, Benny Golino, William Lewald, John M. Stolfi, Diane Cesarz, Dolores Santos Rasalan, Kelley Chaffee.

Rose Kees, Sr. Veronica Sloane, Cara Lynn McGuinness, Kurt DeMartino.

Michael A. Diloreto, Benito Golino, James R. Hall, Maryellen Hillman, Alfred Lewan, Robert Long, Michael Murray, Rose Marie Ripi, Edward Schiffina, George S. Smith, Daisy Montone, Robert West, Gloria Frascione, Frances Josephine Egan.

Melissa Doreson, Angela Capo, Virginia M. McKinnon, Peter Joseph Scarlato, Sam Moi Lam, Catherine Migliorato, Peter Tarsnane, Michael Maiello, Kim Capone, Santino Delfino, Angelina Valente, Jan Adamo, Irma Yolanda Alvarado, Rosemarie Arnold, John Barrett, Bea Ciaravolo, Catherine Cincotta, Peter DeLaurentis, Alphonse DiPalo, John J. Ferner, Carole Gerrity, Paul A. Hewitt, Joanne Hilly, Thomas Nash, Grace Dalila Ouellette, Dara Plotts, Stella Randazzo, Maria Smith, Robert West, Christine "Carmel" Whiston.

Rose Conner, Mildred Haase, Arthur R. Welsch, Killian Duignan, Teresa Jones.

Steve Koren, Donald Heffernan, Mike Rogers, Beth Roncallo, Deborah Ann Panasuk.

Carol MacVicar, Mary Mackay, John Garrity, Margaret Daly.

Ricky Vitale, James Conti, Jim & Mary McCormick, Olga P. Lally.

James E. Dooley, Steven DeCillis, Veronica M. Fields, Nancy Zimmerman, Mavis Salerno, Theresa Bogner, Michael J. Holian, John Kilgus, Aspasia Kathryn Marino.

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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BLOOD DRIVE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH
12N - 6PM IN THE ABBEY

PLEASE MAKE AN
APPOINTMENT BY
VISITING NYBC.ORG
OR CALLING
1-800-933-BLOOD



YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS
YOURSELF. THERE IS NO OTHER
COMMANDMENT GREATER THAN THESE.
MARK 12:31

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."
Matthew 5:4*

Grief is a **personal** journey, but it doesn't have to be a **lonely** one.
Let our faith community help carry you forward.

If you have lost a loved one, St. William the Abbot Roman Catholic Church offers a faith-based bereavement support group that provides a space to pray, share, heal, and find comfort with others who understand your grief.

Led by trained facilitators, the group meets weekly for seven weeks, concluding with a special Mass for current and past participants and their families and friends.

To help ensure participants are ready for this shared journey of healing, we ask that at least three months have passed since your loss before joining our group.

CONTACT US FOR
INFORMATION &
TO REGISTER



516-679-8532



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



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ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

GOLF

OUTING & DINNER

CELEBRATING OUR 99TH ANNIVERSARY AS A PARISH

**TUESDAY
OCTOBER 13TH**

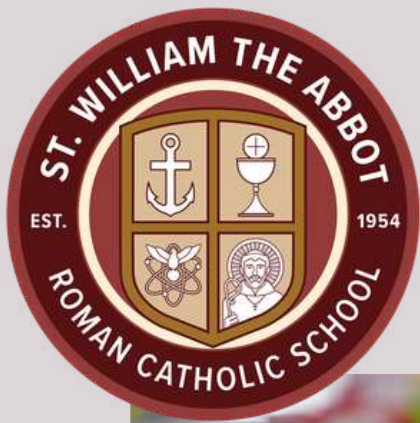
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Rooted in Catholic Tradition, SWS is committed to fostering a community of excellence that forms faithful, motivated, confident, and joyful disciples. Through rigorous academics, intentional faith formation, and an emphasis on social interaction and 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: "All Are Welcome" - #543

Offertory Hymn: "I Have Loved You" - #595

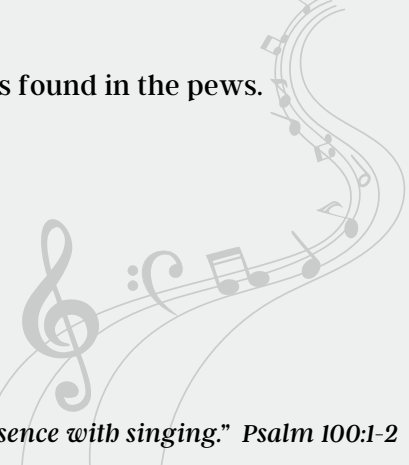
Communion Hymn: "Be Not Afraid" - #439

Communion Meditation: "The Body of Christ" - #325

Recessional Hymn: "Take the Word of God with You" - #384

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

This week we are collecting Target gift cards for families to use for children's back-to-school clothing and other fall necessities. Help us ensure all students begin the year with dignity and confidence!

Back-to-School Drive

Summer is still here, but many local families are already struggling to afford essential school supplies for the upcoming year. To help them, we invite you to donate a new backpack filled with school essentials such as notebooks, folders, pens, pencils, etc. Please drop off your filled backpacks by August 21 to allow time for distribution. Your generosity helps ensure every student has the tools they need to succeed!



Crafting Event this Tuesday

Join the EAC Network (Empower, Assist, Care) for a crafting event this Tuesday at the Bethpage Senior Center. Enjoy a friendly and welcoming environment, a craft, and some great company! Sponsored by the Office for the Aging, this session will help you explore your creative side with a fun project that can be taken home and displayed. The session begins at 1:30pm, please RSVP to attend at 516-227-8900.

Fall 2026 Bereavement Support Group

The loss of a loved one or friend can be an overwhelming and isolating experience and our Bereavement Ministry provides the opportunity for those that are grieving to ease their suffering. Sessions will begin in October and are held at 11am on Wednesdays for six weeks. If you or someone you know is grieving, please call the Social Ministry at 516-679-8532 for more information. Space is limited, register early!

Did You Know?

Catholic Health sponsors a free 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.

Free Legal Services Available



Legal Services of Long Island is the region's largest non-profit provider of free civil legal assistance. This organization 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.

*Our Parish Social Ministry Office and Food Pantry is open by appointment only.
Please contact 516-679-8532 or socialministry@stwilliam.org for more information.*

Saint Moses the Strong

Saint Moses the Strong was a large, strong man who robbed people and led a group of criminals. He hid with some monks, learned about their faith, and became a Catholic! He joined the monastery and worked hard to turn away from his sins. He became a priest and was a great leader for peace in the monastery. Saint Moses the Strong is the patron saint of nonviolence and Africa.



Year A: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Kids

August 9, 2026
Ordinary Time
Color: Green

Bulletin

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Lord, let us
see your
kindness, and
grant us your
salvation.

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During Mass, the whole church celebrates together. Your participation in Mass is connected to everyone else who is praying in Heaven and on Earth.

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Gospel

Peter and the disciples were in a boat in the middle of the sea. They were amazed to see Jesus walking toward them on the water! Peter needed faith to step out of the boat and walk with Jesus.

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Catholic High Schools of Long Island
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formed.org

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tomorrowshopefoundation.org

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