



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Weekly Schedule

Daily Mass

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12n

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday - Saturday: 7:30 - 8:20am

Saturday: 3:45 - 4:50pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday - Saturday: 7:30 - 8:20am

First Friday of the Month: 9am - 5pm

Rev. Joseph H. Fitzgerald
Pastor

*"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you
who is Christ and Lord."*

Luke 2:11

Wishing you and your family the blessing of
hope and the gift of His love always.

Merry Christmas!

Rev. Joseph H. Fitzgerald

Rev. Michael Edathil

Dcn. John Lynch - Dcn. Michael Metzdorff

Dcn. Herley Mendez

and the St. William the Abbot Parish Staff

Elizabeth Bricker - Tom Cigliano - Judy Goldman - Jennifer Hegmann-Palminteri -

Allison Marro - Sue McCormick - Kate Walsh - Laura Walsh



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:1). How true these words feel as we celebrate Christmas. This past year has dimmed our world in many ways - through tragedy, conflict, unrest, political division, sickness, and the painful loss of those we love. So many hearts carry heavy burdens and the yoke of worry, fear, anxiety, and even anger can feel overwhelming. More than ever, we long for our Savior to come among us, to shoulder what weighs us down and to remind us that we do not walk this road alone. The scriptures tell us "Emmanuel" - *God is with us!* Into our darkness, God sends His light. Unto us a child is born - wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger - humble, vulnerable, and filled with hope for the world.

For many of us, the Christmas season stirs memories that return us to a simpler time, when innocence reigned in our hearts and family meant everything. The traditions continue: gathering around tables for meals, singing beloved carols, exchanging gifts, and celebrating the legacy passed down through generations. Today, we gather not only around the creche, but also around the table and altar of our Savior where He gives us Himself in the Eucharist - the Bread of Life - as we journey together to Bethlehem.

Thank you for your prayerful presence - whether this is your first time at St. William the Abbot, the first time in a while, or you are nestled into your regular seat and comfortable pew – *Welcome Home!* I am so grateful for your support of our important mission of bringing forth the sacraments, caring for the poor and less fortunate, and of course, teaching and forming those who want to come to know and love Jesus Christ and His Church.

I pray that the Lord may bless you and all your loved ones, near and far, and may we hold in prayer those who have returned to the Heavenly Father. On this Christmas of 2025, let us give glory to God, and may we experience peace on earth and to all whom God's favor rests. Merry Christmas!

Fr. Joe

Our Ministries

Office of Childhood Faith Formation
For Children in 1st-8th Grade
516-783-2528
faithformation@stwilliam.org
stwilliam.org/faith-formation

Office of Parish Social Ministry
516-679-8532
socialministry@stwilliam.org
stwilliam.org/social-ministry

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults
ocia@stwilliam.org
stwilliam.org/ocia

Parish Resources

Baptisms and Weddings at
St. William the Abbot
stwilliam.org/sacraments

Register as a Parishioner
stwilliam.org/parish-registration

Request Sacramental Records
stwilliam.org/forms

Become a Godparent
or Confirmation Sponsor
stwilliam.org/forms

Volunteer at our Parish
stwilliam.org/ministries



THU, JAN 15TH - 6:30PM

Early Childhood Night

- For parents with students entering Nursery, Pre-K, and Kindergarten

SUN, JAN 25TH - 1PM

Catholic Schools Week Open House

- All welcome to attend
- Open House to begin after 12n Mass

THU, FEB 12TH - 6:30PM

Winter Open House

- For prospective families of students entering Nursery through 8th Grade



Visit www.stwilliamtheabbot.net or call 516-785-6784
for more information or to schedule a tour!

Music Selections for Christmas Eve & Christmas

We invite you to participate by using the song numbers below and the missals found in the pews.

Entrance Hymn: "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" (#102)

Offertory Hymns: "Silent Night" (#84), "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" (#91)

Communion Hymns: "Silent Night" (#84), "What Child is This" (#101), "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (#88), "Away in a Manger" (#80), "The First Nowell" (#115)

Recession Hymns: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (#105), "Joy to the World" (#90)

Our Children's and Adult Choirs are back in session - visit stwilliam.org/music-ministry for more information on joining!

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT

NEW YEAR Ball Drop Raffle



SINGLE ENTRY: \$50 | THREE ENTRIES: \$125

WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED JANUARY 1ST

ALL ENTRIES WILL CORRESPOND TO A NUMBERED BALL AND THE 3 BALLS THAT LAND CLOSEST TO THE TARGET WILL WIN MONETARY PRIZES BASED ON THE NUMBER OF TICKETS SOLD

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