



St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. Matthew 2:13-14

December 28, 2025 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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, December 28th

7:30am: Robert Inslee

9am: People of St. William's, Anthony Barbera, Salvatore DiFillippi, Giuseppa Carollo

10:30am: Thomas V. Fitzgerald

12n: Barbara Nigro

Monday, December 29th

8:30am: Corinne Christiansen, Marie Arcidiacono, Joseph & Katherine DelVecchio, Gloria Abene

Tuesday, December 30th

8:30am: Basil Santini

Wednesday, December 31st

8:30am: Joseph J. Foy

Thursday, January 1st

4:00pm: People of St. William's

Friday, January 2, 2026

8:30am: Sam Marino, Marie Therese Skennion, Nicholas Pumilo, H. Robert Valerga

Saturday, January 3, 2026

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: Nicole & Jeanine Tedeschi

Pray for the Sick

Richard Fedyk - Rosemary Averill - Barbara Geraghty - Charlie Herbert
Frances Speidell - Thomas Stolfi

The Wine and Hosts

have been donated in loving memory of
Augustine F. X. Colletti
from the Colletti & Bricker Families

The Sanctuary Candle

has been donated in loving memory of
Thomas V. Fitzgerald, Jr.
from the Fitzgerald Family

A Parish Family Striving For Holiness!!!

On this Holy Family weekend, I once again want to express to you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! On behalf of our Deacons, Seminarians, and dedicated Pastoral Staff, I wish you and all those who visited you and our parish this past week a Blessed Solemnity of Jesus Christ's birth! The official Christmas Season has just begun, and we now prepare for the beginning of a new year and we do so with a greater awareness of God's presence and love for us. My heart is filled with gratitude, and I would like to thank you for your presence and prayers with and for our parish family this past year. It was Jubilee year of Hope that brought us a new Pope, New Archbishop of New York, and a new Transitional Deacon in Herley.

Both Advent and Christmas 2025 have been emotional for our world and parish, and yet still so beautiful. We have seen some tragedy and loss but also the gift of Christian charity and love for one another. That love is not measured by the number of gifts under the tree but by tenderness, care and mercy. God made Himself present in the manger, but I am sure you also experienced the Lord in decorations, meals, Christmas songs, the midnight Masses, train sets, and family story telling.

Our St. William the Abbot family is drawing closer to 100 years of existence, and we will kick off the celebration at Christmas time next December. What a blessing it is to be such a strong foundational community of Catholicism on the south shore of Long Island – past and present and now looking to the future. The Eucharist has been central to our sacramental life, the encounter and instruction of Jesus Christ and His teachings have been lifegiving, and our awareness and attention to the most vulnerable have set us apart. We are doing our best to cooperate with God's grace to be intentional, missionary disciples.

If you will permit me to offer a Christmas and New Year thank you to everyone who worked so well at bringing a joyful and prayerful Christmas experience to St. William the Abbot! The liturgical ministers - altar servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, greeters, ushers - and Jenn, Paul, the choir, and those additional talented guest musicians and leaders of song. Also, to Kate, Kathy, and Tom who manage a lot of extra projects in anticipation of Christmas and all the "decoration elves" who helped to make our church look amazing!

Thank you again to everyone who contributed so generously to our Christmas Adopt-a-Family, the food and toy drives, the memorializations that helped us create such a beautiful and peaceful place to come together, as well as your participation in the New Year Ball Drop Raffle, and the Christmas collection – I am honored and humbled by the spirit of generosity and care which is at the center and core of the St. William the Abbot parish heart!

And, on a lighter note (or *heavier* note), thank you for the overabundance of Christmas gifts and sugary snacky snacks that so many of you brought to us at the rectory these past few weeks. I will need to make my way back into the gym to lose the extra Santa/winter pounds I gained during Advent and Christmas! We thoroughly enjoyed your baking skills, the cheese and fruit selections, gift cards, the family photos, and of course the libations which are always so appreciated. On behalf of the entire St. William the Abbot pastoral team and staff – I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a peaceful, hopeful, and happy New Year!

Let us enter into 2026 as a parish family united in the common goal of holiness! Peace and God bless you!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fr. Joe".

Banns of Marriage

Banns III

Maria Nagel, St. William the Abbot & Tiago Pereira, St. Brigid, Westbury



Help Keep the Church Clean

We ask that those visiting the Church do not leave flowers, religious cards, holiday cards, Bibles, or religious artifacts in the Church, near the religious statues or on the Sanctuary. It is acceptable to discard these items or burn them. Thank you.



Light a Prayer Candle

Lighting candles has long been a sacred ritual in all traditions, creating precious moments in our own and other people's lives where we pray for loved ones, friends, and ask for or give support.

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) - PFC 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 (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)

Online Giving

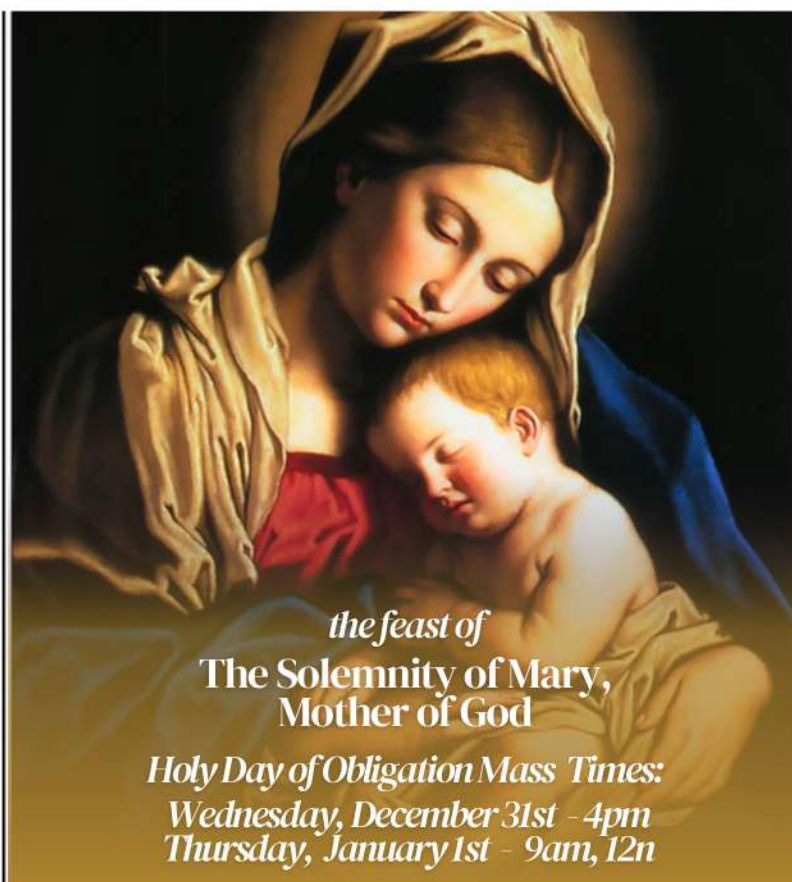
Visit our website to make a one-time donation or set-up a monthly donation using your checking account, credit/debit card, ApplePay, GooglePay, or CashApp.



Register as a Parishioner



Did you know that Catholics are asked to register at their parish? This helps us with planning, is required for registration for certain programs, and is necessary for us to sign godparent and sponsor suitability forms.



the feast of
**The Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God**

Holy Day of Obligation Mass Times:
Wednesday, December 31st - 4pm
Thursday, January 1st - 9am, 12n

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT

NEW YEAR Ball Drop Raffle

PURCHASE ENTRIES AT
STWILLIAM.ORG/CHRISTMAS2025



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

Creche Blessing & Christmas Tree Lighting



Advent Candlelight Holy Hour Celebrating the Feast of Santa Lucia



Advent Celebrations



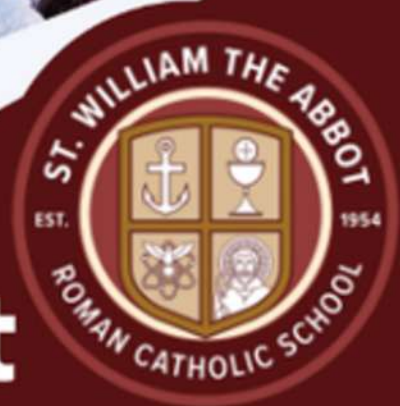
Congratulations, Deacon Herley!

Seminarian Herley Mendez came home to St. William's (along with his mom!) to celebrate his ordination as a Transitional Deacon in the Diocese of Bridgeport on Gaudete Sunday. Snow couldn't dampen our joy or pride for Deacon Herley as he continues his path to Priestly Ordination this summer.





Discover St. William the Abbot



OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 25, 2026

12:00 PM - Mass

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - Open House

TEACHING AS CHRIST DID

- Early Childhood (N-Pre-K)
- Elementary School (Grades K-5)
- Middle School (Grades 6-8)



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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: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" (#105)

Offertory Hymn: "Away in a Manger" (#80)

Communion Hymn: "What Child is This" (#101)

Communion Meditation: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" (#94)

Recessional Hymn: "Go Tell it on the Mountain" (#85)

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

"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

Thank You SWA 5th Graders!

Ms. Bradley and Mrs. Kern's 5th grade classes at St. William the Abbot School created Christmas ornaments for the Social Ministry to distribute for the holidays.

These thoughtful creations were given to residents of Maria Regina Skilled Nursing Facility in Brentwood, and Sr. Joan of Arc, one of the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk and a resident of Maria Regina, coordinated the distribution of ornaments among residents. These heartfelt gifts from the students brought many smiles to the residents of Maria Regina.

Great job, 5th Grade!



Prayer Shawl Ministry



The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday January 6 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. Yarn is provided, and new members at any skill level are always welcome!

Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Seaford FD Ladies Auxilliary

Last week the Seaford Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary made a large donation of grocery store gift cards to the Social Ministry. Their donation will allow us to supplement food provided to families from our pantry with gift cards for additional items families need to purchase on their own. Thanks to their generous donation, we are able to bring families the pleasure and independence of shopping for themselves! Thank you, Seaford FD Ladies Auxiliary, for supporting us in our ministry this Advent season

Local Clothing Donations



Did you know that used clothing can be donated locally to be re-used by those in need? "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. By helping The Boutique, you also help our Parish families in need, because we can send referrals for our families to shop there! To contact The Boutique, call 631-464-4314.



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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*



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Our Seminarian

Dcn. Herley Mendez
SWA Parishioner

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

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Resources

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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
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Formed: The Catholic Faith. On Demand
formed.org

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

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