



# 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: 7:15 - 8:20am

Saturday: 3:45 - 4:50pm

### Adoration

Monday - Saturday: 7:15 - 8:20am

First Friday of the Month: 9am - 5pm

### Private Prayer

Monday - Friday: 7:15am - 6pm

### Live-Streamed Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:30am

Saturday: 5pm; Sunday: 12n

### Pray for the Deceased

Most Reverend William F. Murphy

### Pray for the Sick

Richard Fedyk	Thomas Stolfi
Rosemary Averill	John Gemski
Charlie Herbert	Brendan Mannix
Frances Speidell	

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in memory of  
Joyce Jaffe  
from the Zacharias Family

The Sanctuary Candle used at Mass this week has been donated in honor of the  
Parishioners of St. William the Abbot

The Altar Candles used at Mass this week have been donated in honor of the  
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## Happy Easter - He is Risen! He is Truly Risen!

"Do not be afraid! The One you are seeking... He is not here, for he has been raised from the dead!" On this beautiful Easter morning, we hear from the Gospel that "after the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning," Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb. They came carrying the weight of grief, confusion, and loss. And yet, in that very place of sorrow, the earth shook, the stone was rolled back, and heaven broke into their reality. The angel's message was simple yet life-changing – "He has been raised." What they expected to find - death - had been transformed into something entirely new: LIFE; new life in Christ.

My sisters and brothers, we arrive at St. William's this Easter morning just like those women. We carry with us the realities of our world – war, conflict and disagreement, uncertainty in our communities, concern for loved ones who are sick, and the deep ache of loss for those who died. Some among us are burdened by financial strain or personal struggles that feel overwhelming. We believe, yes - but we also wrestle with doubt, worry, and the quiet question of whether God truly sees us or hears our prayers. Like the first disciples, our hearts are a mixture of hope and hesitation.

And yet, it is precisely into that space that the Risen Lord speaks – He makes Himself present. The empty tomb is not just an event from long ago; it is God's answer to every fear and every doubt yes, even in 2026. Through His love and obedience to the Father, Jesus has overturned death and conquered sin. The stone was not only rolled away from the tomb - but it has also been rolled away from our hearts. The Resurrection assures us that no darkness is final, no loss is without meaning, and no suffering is beyond the reach of God's redeeming love.

I have always loved the image of a God's redemptive plan as a rescue mission, like the Navy SEALs, Army Rangers, or Special Ops. Jesus comes into the difficulties of our lives which can literally bring us into the depths of hell and he comes to save us. Easter Sunday is a day for us to rejoice and to be renewed in hope – the tomb is empty. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work within each of us, calling us forward with courage and trust; "do not be afraid – I am with you!" Even when we cannot see clearly, even when the path ahead feels uncertain, we hold fast to this truth: Christ is Risen! Because He lives, we too shall live.

On this Easter Sunday of 2026, we continue to proclaim and witness this powerful truth. We entrust our loved ones into the hands of the Heavenly Father, and that is how we are able to embrace the Paschal Mystery and the Easter Message of joy, hope, and gratitude.

Lastly, I would like to touch on Pope Leo's Easter Message for all of us to embrace and ponder. As war rages on in our world, we can ask when will these atrocities end? There are currently 14 active global conflicts, 28 tension zones, and almost 1 million displaced refugees – but to be honest, for some of us the line of demarcation and need for peace is closer to home and in our families. Let's remember that Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey peacefully, not on a war-horse – let us take His example and posture when we encounter loved ones or family members that we have not been as communicative with around the Easter dinner table. Pope Leo points to Jesus on the cross – "Christ, King of Peace, cries out again from his cross: God is love! Have mercy! Lay down your weapons! Remember that you are brothers and sisters!" Let us pray that peace will reign in our homes and families this Easter Sunday, and then, possibly in the Middle East, Ukraine, and Russia.

On behalf of Fr. Michael, Deacon Mike, Deacon John, Deacon Herley and Seminarian Kevin, as well as our dedicated staff, ministry leaders, and volunteers, I wanted to wish you a Blessed and Happy Easter. Thank you for entrusting us with your spiritual care and needs, and thank you for loving the St. William the Abbot parish community.

Jesus is Risen, Jesus has won, and we are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!

Happy Easter!





# Divine Mercy Sunday

with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal  
April 12th

Masses:

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

Holy Hour & Confession:  
3pm



# Easter Memorializations

## **PASCHAL CANDLE**

IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH F. EANNEL FROM JOE & DEB EANNEL

## **LARGE ALTAR TREES**

IN MEMORY OF VALERIE & KEITH KERN FROM SUSAN & RON BARBER

## **ALTAR OF REPOSE**

IN MEMORY OF MSGR. JAMES KISSANE & CARMELA GRAZIANO FROM JOHN KISSANE

## **SMALL ALTAR TREES**

IN MEMORY OF BILL & MARGE SCHUH FROM MIKE & KAREN SCHUH  
IN MEMORY OF RALPH SABATELLI FROM CONNIE SABATELLI

## **ALTAR GREENERY**

IN HONOR OF THE CHILDREN OF ST. WILLIAM'S PARISH FROM THE BYRNS FAMILY  
IN MEMORY OF MR. & MRS. F. CONNORS & MR. & MRS. J. SMITH FROM RAY CONNORS

## **FLOWERS FOR BLESSED MOTHER**

IN MEMORY OF ED & SUE BODEN FROM KATIE HAUG

## **FLOWERS FOR ST. JOSEPH**

IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH C. GRZESIK FROM THE GRZESIK FAMILY

## **EASTER VIGIL CANDLES**

IN MEMORY OF JEROME & ELEANOR COLLETTI FROM ROSE CASTELLO  
IN MEMORY OF AUGUSTINE COLLETTI FROM ELIZABETH BRICKER

## **PATHWAY LIGHTING**

IN MEMORY OF FRANK STIGLIANO FROM GRACE JABLONSKI  
IN MEMORY OF MARY "MAY" WALSLEBEN FROM JIM WALSLEBEN  
IN MEMORY OF MARIA & VINCENZO NAPOLITANO FROM ISABELLE SABELLA

## **WINDOW ARRANGEMENTS**

IN MEMORY OF MARY "MAY" WALSLEBEN FROM JIM WALSLEBEN  
IN HONOR OF US ARMED FORCES & IDF FROM VINCENT & MARIE MAZZARELLA  
IN MEMORY OF DOLORES DIPAOLA & FRANCIS DIGIORGIO FROM GRACE HUSSEY  
IN MEMORY OF MAURO FILIPPONE FROM LINDA ANN FILIPPONE  
IN MEMORY OF GENE GOETTLICHER FROM AMY SMITH  
IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM & STELLA POWER FROM LOU & MARY MASTRIANNI  
IN MEMORY OF THE PARENTS OF PETER & MEG DILIBERTO FROM PETER & MEG DILIBERTO  
IN MEMORY OF CARLOS GONZALEZ FROM MARCELO & CATHERINE GONZALEZ  
IN MEMORY OF THE KLUENDER & SPOHRER FAMILIES FROM MRS. DOROTHY KLUENDER

## **LILY PLANT**

IN MEMORY OF KATHERINE GIANESSES & WILLIAM SULLIVAN FROM MICHELLE BRASILE  
IN MEMORY OF MARY "MAY" WALSLEBEN FROM JIM WALSLEBEN  
IN MEMORY OF ANNE MARIE & FRANK TROISE FROM CATHERINE & THOMAS SHIELDS  
IN MEMORY OF LORI ANN DUDUTIS FROM MARIA DUDUTIS  
IN MEMORY OF MR. & MRS. HENNESSY & MR. & MRS. GOLDBACH FROM DONALD HENNESSY  
IN MEMORY OF THE GOETTLICHER & GILLESPIE FAMILIES FROM AMY SMITH  
IN MEMORY OF WALTER C. BRESLIN FROM JEANINE MESSINA  
IN MEMORY OF MATTHEW POKALSKY FROM SUSAN POKALSKY  
IN MEMORY OF MR. & MRS. F. CONNORS & MR. & MRS. J. SMITH FROM RAY CONNORS  
IN MEMORY OF ROSEANN V. BEGLEY & CECELIA O'MALLEY FROM TARA A. BEGLEY-O'MALLEY  
IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH F. GRZESIK FROM THE GRZESIK FAMILY  
IN HONOR OF ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT CHURCH & THOSE SEEKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST FROM JEANNIE ASTAIZA  
IN HONOR OF THE ASTAIZA FAMILY FROM JEANNIE ASTAIZA  
IN MEMORY OF THOMAS V. FITZGERALD, JR. FROM THE FITZGERALD FAMILY

## **HYDRANGEA PLANT**

IN MEMORY OF JOHN JOSEPH TYRRELL FROM MARY ELLEN TYRRELL  
IN MEMORY OF MARY "MAY" WALSLEBEN FROM JIM WALSLEBEN  
IN MEMORY OF THE SORLEY FAMILY FROM RENEE FRAWLEY  
IN MEMORY OF THE JANICKI FAMILY FROM RENEE FRAWLEY  
IN MEMORY OF ALICE & THOMAS SHIELDS, SR. FROM CATHERINE & THOMAS SHIELDS, JR.  
IN MEMORY OF EDWARD & MARIE LORENZO FROM DAVID LORENZO  
IN MEMORY OF THE SCHNEIDER & GUNNING FAMILIES FROM MARY SCHNEIDER  
IN MEMORY OF THE ANTONY RUSSO FAMILY & GIAQUINTO FAMILY FROM LEE RUSSO  
IN MEMORY OF MILDRED FALCONE FROM NANCY ARGUELLO  
IN MEMORY OF MR. & MRS. HENNESSY & MR. & MRS. GOLDBACH FROM DONALD HENNESSY  
IN MEMORY OF THE PARENTS OF PETER & MEG DILIBERTO FROM PETER & MEG DILIBERTO  
IN MEMORY OF ROSEANN V. BEGLEY & CECELIA O'MALLEY FROM TARA A. BEGLEY-O'MALLEY  
IN MEMORY OF JERRY MILBACH FROM JANE MILBACH



## Easter Memorializations

### HYDRANGEA PLANT

IN MEMORY OF THE MONTICCIOLO & VALLONE FAMILIES FROM FRANCES MONTICCIOLO  
 IN MEMORY OF ARTHUR & AUDREY RENZ FROM DIANE RIEDEL  
 IN MEMORY OF BABY CHRISTIE MARIE KELLY FROM THE KELLY FAMILY  
 IN MEMORY OF FRANCES KOCHANSKI FROM THE GRZESIK FAMILY  
 IN MEMORY OF MARY GRZESIK FROM THE GRZESIK FAMILY  
 IN MEMORY OF MAUREEN QUIGG FROM MARY QUIGG

### TULIP PLANT

IN MEMORY OF MARY "MAY" WALSLEBEN FROM JIM WALSLEBEN  
 IN MEMORY OF THE SCHNEIDER & GUNNING FAMILIES FROM MARY SCHNEIDER  
 IN MEMORY OF FRED & JACQUELINE DENHARD FROM LAUREN QUIGLEY  
 IN HONOR OF ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT FROM MELINDA FASANO

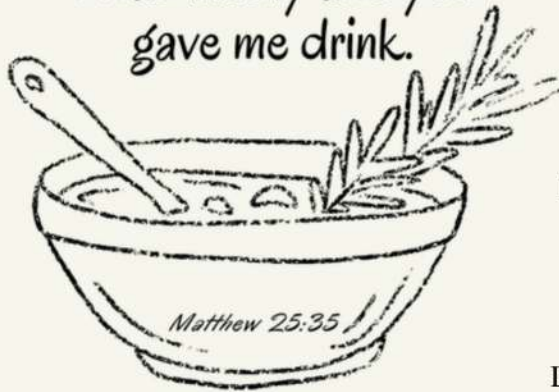
### HYACINTH PLANT

IN MEMORY OF PETER T. PIRONE FROM LORETTA PIRONE  
 IN MEMORY OF ALL INNOCENT VICTIMS FROM CAROL LUDWIG  
 IN MEMORY OF ROBERT OLSEN FROM KATHLEEN OLSEN  
 IN MEMORY OF PAPOU ON AND COCOA FROM CORINNE PLETA  
 IN MEMORY OF EARL HULL FROM PATRICIA HULL  
 IN MEMORY OF ED & COLLEEN KELLY FROM THE KELLY FAMILY  
 IN MEMORY OF ANNE MARIE & JOSEPH RUSSO FROM LOUISE BOTELHO

### DAFFODIL PLANT

IN HONOR OF NAN AND GRANDMA PLETA FROM CORINNE PLETA  
 IN MEMORY OF PAUL PANASUK FROM KATRINA NIEVES  
 IN MEMORY OF FRED & JACQUELINE DENHARD FROM LAUREN QUIGLEY  
 IN MEMORY OF JAMES & CLAIRE MCDERMOTT FROM BREA BARRETT

For I was hungry and  
 you gave me food,  
 I was thirsty and you  
 gave me drink.



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE of  
**ROCKVILLE CENTRE**

*Alleluia! Christ is risen; truly, He is risen!*

That Easter greeting offers all of us hope, encouragement and perseverance.

At this special time of year, let us witness Christ's Resurrection by bringing hope and encouragement to others.

Let us remember those of our neighbors who are hungry and in need and consider sharing our many gifts with them by donating to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. The CMA assists our Church in bringing hope and encouragement to those in need in our Long Island community.

Last year, because of you, we were able to serve more than 600,000 people!

For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit <http://www.drvc.org/CMA> or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT SCHOOL

## Spring Plant Sale

PLEASE USE THE QR CODE TO DOWNLOAD/PRINT THE ORDER FORM. PRE-ORDERED PLANTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PICK-UP ON MAY 6TH



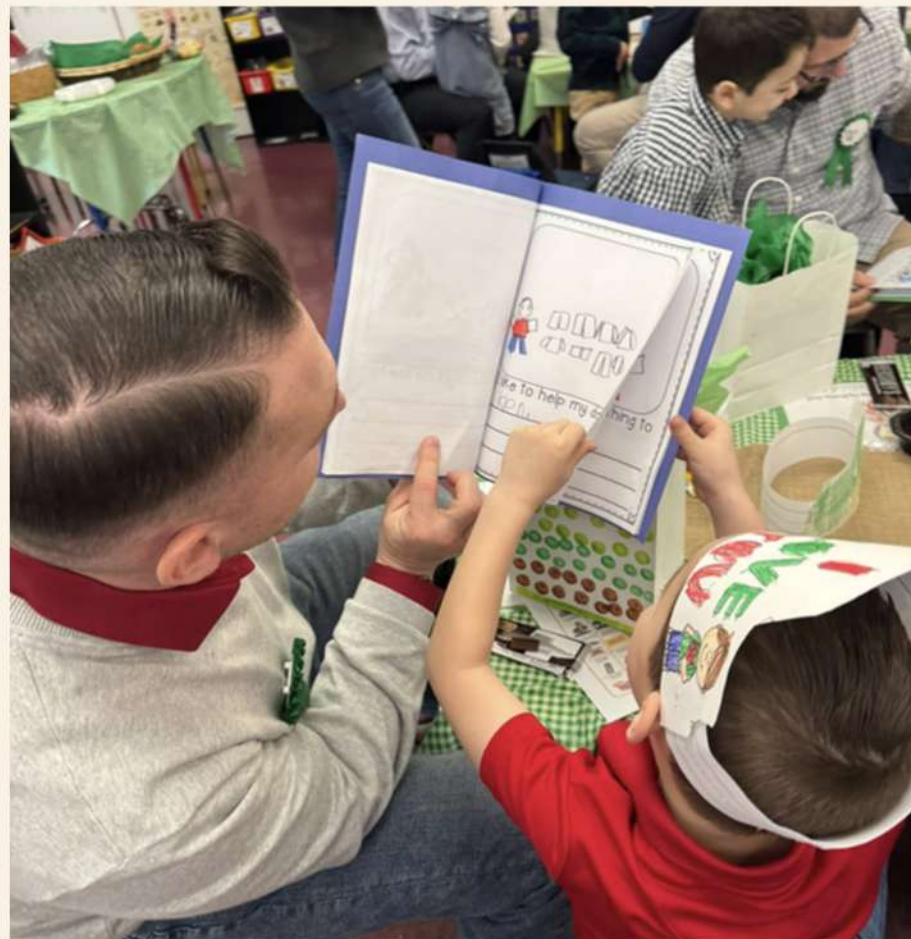
# CONFIRMATION

Last week, 150 young people from St. William the Abbot School and our Childhood Faith Formation program received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation. In spite of the rainy day, we were blessed by Bishop Romero's presence as we celebrated with students and their families. Come, Holy Spirit!





To celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, our Kindergarteners celebrated the quiet strength, steadfast love, and faithful leadership of SWS fathers. St. Joseph reminds us that true fatherhood is rooted not in words, but in action—protecting, guiding, and trusting in God's plan. May all fathers be inspired by St. Joseph's example of courage, sacrifice, and unwavering faith.





DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Easter 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Happy Easter to you and your families!

This Easter Sunday, Easter Octave, Divine Mercy Sunday and Easter Season we continue to pray and contemplate our Lord's Resurrection appearances, and we give thanks for Pope Leo XIV and his worldwide spirit of Catholic mission.

In his Cycle of Catechesis on the Resurrection of Christ, Pope Leo writes: "The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is an event that one never finishes contemplating and meditating on, and the more one explores it, the more one is filled with wonder, drawn in as if by an overwhelming yet fascinating light. It was an explosion of life and joy that changed the meaning of reality itself, from negative to positive; yet it did not happen in a striking way, much less a violent one, but gently, hidden, one might say humbly." (October 22, 2025 Audience)

Pope Leo recognizes that there is much sadness in the world – "a feeling of precariousness, at times profound desperation." We think especially of the daily crosses and trials of those from war-torn and violence-ridden areas of the world.

The Holy Father then reflects on the despair of the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus. Their hearts burn and their joy is restored as the Risen Lord explains the Scriptures to them and they recognize Him in the breaking of the bread. In this way, the Paschal Mystery gives us hope and strength in every trial and circumstance.

Pope Leo concludes: "May the unexpected joy of the disciples of Emmaus be a gentle reminder to us when the going gets tough. It is the Risen One who radically changes our perspective, instilling the hope that fills the void of sadness. On the paths of the heart, the Risen One walks with us and for us. He bears witness to the defeat of death and affirms the victory of life, despite the darkness of Calvary... He alone makes the impossible possible!"

May the Light of the Risen Christ illumine our path to holiness on earth and our path to eternal life and happiness with God in Heaven.

Sincerely yours in the Risen Lord,

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop 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: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" (#193)

Sequence: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (#171)

Blessing after Homily: "River of Glory" (#649)

Offertory Hymn: "Three Days" (#184)

Communion Hymn: "Worthy is the Lamb" (#598), "I Am the Bread of Life" (#355)

Recessional Hymn: "Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise!" (#176)

*"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*

Thanks to the generosity of our parish during Lent, our pantry is full! What a blessing!

### *Donation Spotlight: The St. William's CYO Swim Team*

The children and families of St. William's CYO Swim Team, did an Easter collection this month that resulted in 30 baskets of necessities for families in need. They also created Easter cards for our homebound parishioners. Thank you, Sharks!

## **Thank You Easter Donors!**

## **Banns of Marriage**

### *Banns I*

Gabriella Deliguori; St. William the Abbot & Dylan McCutchen; Holy Trinity, Whitestone  
Carly Spadafora; St. Dominic, Oyster Bay & James Frank; St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh

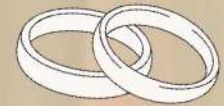
### *Banns II*

Megan Walsh & James Soares, Jr.; both Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church, Deer Park

### *Banns III*

Bridget Wiffler & Brad Austin; both St. William the Abbot

Courtney Ruppert; St. William the Abbot & Ryan Harrison; St. Edward the Confessor, Syosset



## **Mass Intentions**

### **Sunday, April 5th**

Joyce Jaffe, Joan & Clark Brennan, Christopher Canonico,  
*Collective Intentions:* People of St. William's, The Intentions of  
the Ursuline Sister's Prayer Card Enrollment Program, Keith  
Mastronardi, Marie Archidiacono

### **Monday, April 6th**

Anthony Ippolito

### **Tuesday, April 7th**

Jean Ann Geandomenico

### **Wednesday, April 8th**

Stephen Donaghy

### **Thursday, April 9th**

*Collective Intentions:* Steve Alexy, Carmella Guillan,  
Glyndon David Gant, Mark Schofield

### **Friday, April 10th**

Melvin & Marie Carpenter

### **Saturday, April 11th**

Purgatorial Society, *Collective Intentions:* People of St.  
William's, Bridget Langan, Kathleen A. McKenna, Mark  
Leitner

## **We Welcome the Children Who Were Baptized this Past Weekend**

James Celano - Grace Grazia - Shane Monahan - Wesley Schulz - Brooke Thorne

## **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 (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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