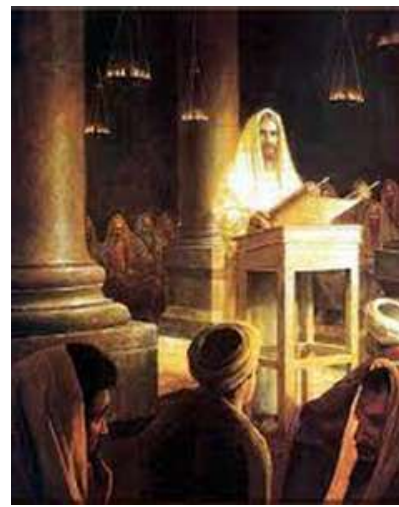




# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



**January 28, 2024**  
**Fourth 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

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.

Mark 1:21-22

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024

Valentine Nacci, Jr.  
Beth Ann Gagliano  
Nancy Petzoid  
Philomena Rollino

### Monday, Jan. 29, 2024

Kristin Valerga-Goetze

### Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2024

Paul & Martha Thompson

### Wed., Jan. 31, 2024

Antonia Bova

### Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024

Mary Ann Murkle (liv)

### Friday, Feb. 2, 2024

#### Collective Intentions

Jeanne Bobby  
Svend Jansen  
Mary Lynaugh  
John Cleland  
Teresa Pober

### Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024

Purgatorial Society  
Kathleen Payami

## Pray for the Sick

Richard Fedyk  
Donald A. Porzio  
Jacinta Whiston  
Sal Lupo

Arlo Elliott  
Keith Gorton  
Barbara Mitchell  
Anna Clark

## Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers used at Mass this week have been donated in honor of the Parishioners of St. William the Abbot

## Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of  
Conor Cronin  
from the Cronin Family

## Anointing of the Sick

Anyone going to the hospital or who has a serious illness can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, which will be celebrated communally immediately following the 12:00 N Mass on Sunday, Jan. 28th.

## Altar Candles

The Altar Candles used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of  
Sheila Flanagan  
from Frank Flanagan

## Catholic Schools Week - 2024

The National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) has provided a theme or motto each year for National Catholic Schools Week. This year, the theme is "United in Faith and Community!" A lived experience shared by us here at St. William the Abbot parish with the incredible love and support for our church and school. Our school community also has a yearly theme - "Become What You Believe," and in this time of a greater Eucharistic awareness and revival, that is a major focus for the school and parish. We proclaim it week after week in the Creed and live it by becoming Eucharistic disciples and stewards of God's gifts as we leave Mass each Sunday. All of us are called to leave an imprint and impact on the world and Church to strengthen it for the next generation.

St. William the Abbot School has done that for almost 70 years, forming and guiding young souls who have gone on to serve our community, nation, world, and, most importantly, the Church. Our foundation in the dedication and witness of the Ursuline Sisters and so many devoted lay women and men have contributed to our Catholic school's advantage and polish. The commitment from so many of you who, although not alumni or alumni parents, have helped to sustain the presence of Catholic Education here at St. William. Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

In my time as pastor, I recognize that anytime we single out a group or ministry there may be some who feel separated or disconnected. But all of us have been impacted by either personally attending a Catholic School or having a loved one attend. The distinction is so much more than the uniform or the culture of apostolic service or the high standards of academic excellence. It is the fact that people expect Jesus to be present when they step on the campus. That holiness is lived out in the classroom, in the hallways, on the playground, and even on the bus rides. Holiness is not perfection, but a striving to be set apart from the typical or ordinary this world has to offer in order grow in awareness and recognition of God's presence in ourselves, and others. That message, which is communicated first at home, is the central mission of Saint William the Abbot School!

Our commitment to sanctity and excellence has been the core of our existence for 70 years and we continue to thrive in 2024. We are inspired by our graduating 8th Graders moving on to the leading high schools on Long Island and are filled with hope by our underclassmen and strong response to our early childhood programs. I am often asked what are the variables that show a successful school or parish. Is it attendance? Collections? Or reserves in the bank? The "success" for us as a parish and school community is forming intentional disciples who live the Gospel. That is evident in the fruitful vocations of dedicated individuals, wives/mothers, husbands/fathers, religious, priests, and deacons who have walked through the halls of St. William's School.

I am grateful for the witness of so many of you who have made the commitment to Catholic school but also to Mass and serving the community. To see our students and families, present and engaged at Sunday and daily Mass is inspiring. The journey of faith is lived out over time and for some people, Catholic schools is a given. Christ-centered learning, strong curriculum, formation, and reinforcing core values of kindness, compassion, integrity, honesty, respect, and gratitude. For others, this may not be the season for you and your family. My hope is that this year if you have not previously considered Catholic school, that you would pray and discern if God is inviting you here in the Fall of 2024. We are St. William's... a tradition and legacy of 70 years of our parish history, but also a bright future set solidly on the rock of faith, family, and academic excellence!

If time allows, join us for Open House this weekend after the 10:30 Mass or make an appointment to experience SWS - Guided by Faith and Inspired to Excel.

Thank you for your presence and generosity.

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

## ***Baptisms***

Let us welcome the following children who were baptized this past weekend:

Mia Kennedy  
Robert Fariello

## ***Pillar of Prayer***

When life gets you down or you start to feel depressed or despair, turn to our God in prayer. Let Him know everything that is bothering you and invite Him into your life.

## ***Year-End Tax Statement***

Please note that year-end tax statements for your taxes will not be automatically mailed out. They may be obtained by request from the Rectory. Please call 516-785-1266 or email [information@stwilliam.org](mailto:information@stwilliam.org).

## ***Palms***

Anyone who would like to bring in their palms from last year to be burned for Ash Wednesday is asked to do so the weekend of February 10/11. Please place them in baskets which will be located by the church doors.

## ***Pray for Those in the Military***

### **US Air Force -**

Capt. Matthew B. Frasse  
Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers  
Airman Carlos Rosado  
Major Thomas F. Shields

### **US Army -**

Capt. Caitlin M. Lee  
CW2 Brian Kirby  
Major Eamon G. McArdle  
Spc. Brian Reip  
Sgt. Donald Rogers  
Lt. Col. Christopher James Ustler

### **USMC -**

First Lt. Dana Duggan  
L.Cpl. John Mosier

### **US Navy -**

Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald  
Jr. Lt. Ryan Bayer  
Jr. Lt. Rebecca Bayer  
Jr. Lt. Ian Bayer  
STSC (SS) Thomas Kerley  
Lt. Michael O'Hara  
MMN2 Emily Partridge  
Commander Michael Sean Slatley  
Lt. Michael Napolitano  
Michael Vietri

### **US Coast Guard -**

LT Commander James Knudsen  
Daniel Timpanaro  
Commander Katherine Ustler-Lodispoto

### **US Army -**

Sgt. Craig Bianco  
SPC Anthony Caputo  
Capt. Michael DiPietro  
Capt. Michael Fitzgerald  
Capt. Christopher J. Frasse  
Capt. Logan Lee  
Lt. Col. John Kallo  
Capt. Caitlin M. Lee

## **The Feast of St. Blaise**

**SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 3RD**

**BLESSING OF  
THROATS AT  
8:30AM MASS**



## **Men's Prayer Group**

**SATURDAYS  
FEB 3 - MAR 23  
AT 6:30AM  
IN THE ABBEY**







# MARDI GRAS PANCAKE LUNCH



**TUESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 13TH  
12N IN THE ABBEY**



**\$20 PER PERSON**  
**STWILLIAM.ORG/MARDIGRAS24**



Sign-Up Online or Return the Below to the Rectory

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# of People Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to St. William the Abbot*



# St. William the Abbot Catholic School

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## Join Us for OPEN HOUSE!

**Sunday, January 28, 2024**

10:30 AM Mass

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Open House



Scan QR Code to Schedule a  
Personal Tour at Open House

## We are St. William's!

- Mass Attendance and Daily Prayer
- Living Environment and Algebra Regents
- National Junior Honor Society and Student Council
- Middle School Sports including Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Cross Country, Bowling, Cheer, Flag Football, Softball, and Baseball
- Extended Care Program to assist Working Parents (Grades N-8)
- Spanish Instruction Grades K-8
- Middle School Latin Instruction
- Choir, Art, and Music
- Art with STREAM Instruction in our state-of-the-art Makerspace
- Band Grades 1-8
- Drama Club
- After School Enrichment Clubs Grades K-8
- Field Trips in support of Curriculum
- Parent Involvement - Home School Association, School Board, Father's Club

*"Sending our daughter to St. William's is a decision my husband and I can feel good about every day. We know that from the moment we drop her off to the moment she comes back home, she is loved, safe, supported, and challenged. We have been welcomed with open arms into a community that shares our values. We know that sending our daughter to SWS will set her up for success - academically, socially, and spiritually- for the rest of her life. It's the best gift we can give her."*

*~ The DeBardelaben Family*



# A Legacy of Excellence

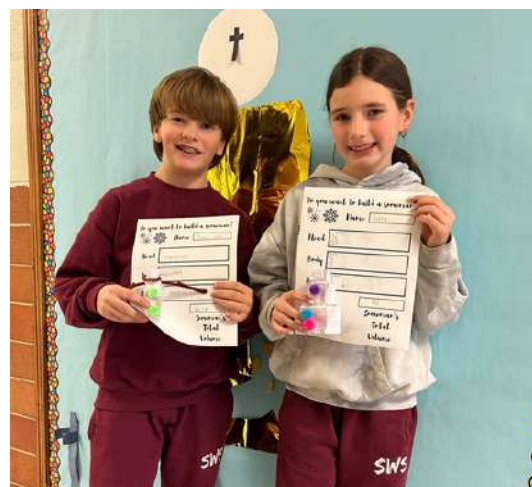






# St. William the Abbot School

From using math skills to build and calculate the volume of snowmen, constructing roller coasters in science class, this was a busy week for our SWS students!



These Kindergarten cuties learned about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and how they too can be instruments of equality and peace.

Olivia Gallagher and Olivia Schneider represented SWS at the Nassau County Music Educator's All County Music Festival. SWS music teacher, Mrs. Batsford, was in attendance to lend her support. Brava, girls!



Our Middle School Boys Basketball team emerged victorious in their game against Our Lady of Lourdes. Go Wolves!







DIocese of Rockville Centre  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 28, 2024  
Catholic Schools Week

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year, the Church throughout the United States takes the opportunity to celebrate the gift of Catholic Education during Catholic Schools Week which begins today and concludes on February 3, 2024. As Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, I want to express how incredibly proud I am of our Catholic Schools in the ways that they evangelize our young Catholics here on Long Island.

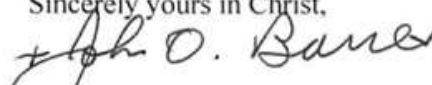
In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis says, "Catholic schools, which always strive to join their work of education with the explicit proclamation of the Gospel, are a most valuable resource for the evangelization of culture" (§134). This mission-driven approach to Catholic Education is especially fitting as the Church in the United States participates in a national Eucharistic Revival, because the mission of the national Eucharistic Revival is embedded into the mission of Catholic Education. Assisting students to know and love Jesus through the transformative power of the Mass, and equipping them to evangelize their families and communities, is an extraordinarily beautiful and achievable goal that our Catholic Schools strive to achieve each day.

As schools throughout the Diocese celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2024 with Masses, open houses, and other various activities, we give thanks to the Lord for those who make these events and Catholic Education as a whole possible. To the dedicated and faithful administrators, teachers, and staff members: thank you for working tirelessly every day to advance the Church's evangelizing mission by your love for Christ and by helping his children to know the presence and power of his love in their lives. To the many parents and guardians who generously offer so much time to assist your pastors and principals in advancing the mission of Catholic Education in your parish and regional schools: your love for Christ and his Church is inspiring, and I am so grateful for your Good Samaritan charity, dedication, and perseverance. In addition, I want to express my gratitude to the Morning Star Initiative and the Department of Education staff who collaborate and work together to provide every student in our Catholic Schools with an education that is robustly Catholic, academically excellent, safe and supportive, and sustainable.

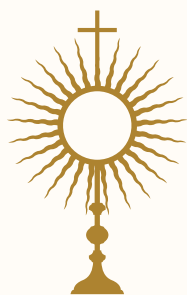
St. John Bosco, a patron saint of school children, understood the essential mission of Catholic Education in the world. He once said, "If we want to have a good society, we must concentrate all our forces on the Christian education of the young." Because of the fantastic work being accomplished in our Catholic Schools, I think we can have great hope in the future of society here on Long Island: a future that is filled with young Catholics who are on fire for Jesus Christ and his Church!

Through the intercession of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, the patron saint of Catholic Education, Saint John Bosco, and Mary, Star of Evangelization, may the Lord continue to bless the Morning Star Initiative, the Department of Education, our Catholic Schools, and all those involved in Catholic Education on Long Island, especially our students!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

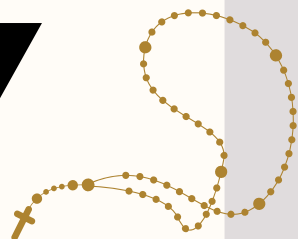


Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre



*JOIN US FOR...*

# **FIRST FRIDAY** **ADORATION** **& ROSARY** **FOR FAMILIES**



MUSIC | PRAYER | SOCIAL

Friday, February 2nd  
6pm in the Church



## ***Parish Social Ministry***

### ***Pantry Needs***

Mashed Potatoes  
Sugar  
Breadcrumbs  
Women's Razors  
Laundry Detergent  
All-Purpose Spray Cleaner

### ***Spring 2024 Bereavement Registration***

Registration for our Spring Bereavement Group is now open! This is a 7-week program conducted on Wednesdays in the Abbey. If you or someone you know would be interested in attending, please call the office to register. Sessions will begin March 20 and space is limited! For more information about these sessions call us at 516-679-8532.

### ***Access to Home Program***

Do you or someone you know need home improvements such as ramps, grab bars, bathroom renovations, stair glides, doorway expansions, etc.? Community Development Center of Long Island has notified us that they have funding available in their Access to Home Program. This program targets individuals living with a physical disability or having substantial difficulty with daily living activities due to aging. It provides income eligible households with the resources (up to 25k) to make necessary repairs and modifications to sustain one's safety and independence in the household and make the home more accessible. Some program spots are specifically reserved for Veterans and Medicaid recipients! If you are interested, please contact the Social Ministry office for more information and an application.



### ***Nassau County Warming Centers***

If you are having trouble with your heat, there are three warming centers open in Nassau County. Mitchel Field Administration Building in Uniondale offers a 24-hour Warming Center for anyone that needs to stop in and warm up. In addition, both the Wantagh Administration Building on King Road and the Cantiague Park Administration Building in Hicksville offer warming centers from 9am – 4pm daily. These local daytime warming centers provide transportation to the Uniondale location for evening service. Individuals requiring shelter overnight can call 1-866-WARMBED, the Nassau County winter homeless hotline. For more information, contact the Parish Social Ministry office.

### ***Prayer Shawl Ministry***

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday February 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!



### ***Home Heating Assistance Available***

Applications for obtaining HEAP benefits are currently being accepted. HEAP is the Home Energy Assistance Program, which helps low-income individuals and families pay for the cost of heating their homes. Eligibility and benefits are based on multiple criteria such as income, household size and heating source. If you are eligible, you may receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year. You could also be eligible for emergency HEAP benefits if you are in danger of running out of fuel or having your utility service shut off. For more information or to apply, visit <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/>



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Register as a St. William the Abbot Parishioner  
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Catholic High Schools of Long Island  
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Formed: The Catholic Faith. On Demand  
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Tomorrow's Hope Foundation: Financial Aid for Catholic Schools  
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