



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



January 7, 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord

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

On coming to the house,
they saw the child with
his mother Mary, and
they bowed down and
worshipped him. Then
they opened their
treasures and presented
him with gifts of gold,
frankincense, and
myrrh.

Matthew 2:11

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024

Amy Orser

Eileen Curran

Collective Intentions

People of St. William's

Catherine Maher

James O'Donnell

Katherine Sipperly

Donald Clark

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024

Michael Lenniger

Wed., Jan. 10, 2024

Beth Ann Gagliano

Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024

Gilberte Charlot

Friday, Jan. 12, 2024

John Gauci

Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024

Purgatorial Society

Nicole Tedeschi

Monday, Jan. 8, 2024

Collective Intentions

Angelia Dominguez

Roberto Giancaterino

Graziette & Donato

Marrone

Maureen Loughlin

Erika Fuessler

Pray for the Sick

Keith Gorton

Richard Fedyk

John L. Fox

Anthony Abbruzzese

Jacqueline Denhard

Donald A. Porzio

Pray for the Deceased

Thomas Fitzgerald

Loretta Zieminski

Jessica Kranis

Patrick J. Chiarvalle

Anthony C. Impellizzieri

Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week
have been donated in memory of
William Benson, Jr.
from his loving family

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers used at Mass this week have
been donated in loving memory of
Thomas Fitzgerald

The Epiphany of the Lord

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

Matthew 2:1–2

The Magi were most likely from Persia, modern-day Iran. They were men who regularly engaged in a study of the stars. They were not Jewish but were most likely aware of the popular belief of the Jewish people that a king would be born who would save them.

These Magi were called by God to encounter the Savior of the World. Interestingly, God used something very familiar to them as an instrument of their calling: the stars. It was among their belief that when someone of great importance was born, this birth was accompanied by a new star. So when they saw this new, bright and brilliant star, they were filled with curiosity and hope. One of the most significant aspects of this story is that they responded. God called them through the use of a star, and they chose to follow this sign, embarking on a long and arduous journey.

God often uses those things most familiar to us that are part of our daily life to send forth His calling. Recall, for example, that many of the Apostles were fishermen, and Jesus used their occupation to call them, making them "fishers of men." He especially used the miraculous catch of fish to clearly indicate to them that they had a new calling.

In our own lives, God is constantly calling us to seek Him out and worship Him. He will often use some of the most ordinary parts of our lives to send forth that calling. How is He calling you? In what way is He sending you a star to follow? Many times when God speaks, we ignore His voice. We must learn from these Magi and diligently respond when He calls. We must not hesitate and must seek to daily be attentive to the ways that God invites us to deeper trust, surrender and worship.

Reflect, today, upon God's call in your life. Are you listening? Are you responding? Are you ready and willing to abandon all else in life so as to serve His holy will? Seek Him, wait on Him and respond. Doing so will be the best decision you ever make.

Lord, I love You and pray that I will be open to Your guiding hand in my life. May I always be attentive to the countless ways that You call to me each and every day. And may I always respond to You with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You.

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"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him."

- Matthew 2:1-2 NLT -

St. Peregrine Prayer Hour



patron saint of those suffering from cancer.

Future prayer hours will be held on the first Monday of each month. Cancer victims, families, and their care-givers are all are invited to come and pray.

Banns of Marriage

Banns III

Maria DeDomenico, St. William the Abbot
& Michael Bueno, St. Catharine of Alexandria

Allison Izzo, St. William the Abbot
& Joseph Scheno, St. Patrick's Church, Smithtown

Pillar of Hospitality

This week, be sure to see Jesus in everyone you come across. As the Magi gave gifts of Jesus, may we give love and compassion to our neighbors.

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
Major 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
LT Commander Katherine Ustler

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

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



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.

ADORATION

FOR THE

DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH
9AM - 3PM
IN THE CHURCH

*The Fitzgerald Family
would like to thank
the people of
St. William the Abbot
for their prayers and
support as they
mourn the loss and
celebrate the life of
Thomas V. Fitzgerald, Jr.*



CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS AGES 18 - 22
JOIN FR. JOE & FR. JOHN FOR

Mass & Breakfast

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10TH - 8:30AM

PLEASE RSVP HERE:

CONTACT KWALSH@STWILLIAM.ORG WITH ANY QUESTIONS





Join us for an
exhibit of

THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

DEVELOPED BY BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS



FRIDAY, JANUARY 26TH
YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT NIGHT
6:30PM - 8:30PM IN THE ABBEY

VIEW THE EXHIBITION FOLLOWED BY
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
More information to follow!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH
ALL WELCOME
1PM - 4:30PM IN THE ABBEY

COME AND LEARN ABOUT THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF OUR NEWEST BEATIFIED TEEN AND HIS
DEVOTION TO THE REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST BASED ON THE WEBSITE HE
DEVELOPED WITH HIS COMPUTER TALENTS



We invite you to come and see what makes

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT SCHOOL

so special . . .

EARLY CHILDHOOD INFORMATION EVENING
(NURSERY - PRE-KINDERGARTEN - KINDERGARTEN)
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11TH - 6:30PM

GRADES NURSERY - 8TH OPEN HOUSE:
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH - 11:30AM
(FOLLOWING THE 10:30AM MASS TO CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK)



VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION
WWW.STWILLIAMTHEABBOT.NET

Guided by Faith and Inspired to Excel

A VIRTUS training session specifically for parishioners of St. William the Abbot has been scheduled for Thursday, January 25th at 7pm in The Abbey.

This training is required for all volunteers of any ministry within the parish and for all volunteers of SWS and the Faith Formation program.

Please note that space is limited and you must register online (no calls, please) prior to the class by using the instructions below provided by the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

For Volunteers in the Diocese of Rockville Centre

A person wishing to volunteer in any parish or organization in the Diocese of Rockville Centre must first complete three requirements:

1. Attend Protecting God's Children (Virtus)
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct
3. Complete a background screening application.
(Background screening is conducted on all volunteers and employees every 5 years.)

Directions to Complete the 3 Requirements:

1. Sign up to attend a *Protecting God's Children* class by visiting **www.virtus.org**.

When you log on to the Virtus website, you will create a Virtus account.

- a. If you have not attended a Virtus class, you are a first time registrant.
- b. The first screen will ask the name of your organization—from the drop down list, please select Rockville Centre-Safe Environment.
- c. Follow all directions on the next screens.
- d. One screen will have the Codes of Conduct. Please acknowledge the Codes of Conduct.
- e. Continue with the registration process and select the class you will attend.
- f. After selecting the class, you will be instructed to complete the background screening application.

2. Background Screening Application:

- a. Sterling Volunteers is the company providing the background screening.
- b. Follow all the directions to complete the background screening application. **DO NOT STOP ONCE YOU BEGIN THE APPLICATION!** If you stop—you are locked out of the process due to security procedures.
- c. You will need to provide your Social Security Number
(if you do not provide a Social Security number, you will be charged a fee)
- d. After completing the application, hit the 'Submit Button'

Parish Social Ministry

Pantry Needs

Canned Tuna	Stuffing
Canned Chili	Pasta Roni
Chef Boyardee	Cookies

Looking to Donate Used Items?

We have updated the Parish Social Ministry section of the St. William the Abbot Parish website. We list multiple donation resources locally for your furniture, clothing, housewares and more! Check us out at www.stwilliam.org/social-ministry for more information!

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday January 16 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!



Refer a Friend in Need

Do you know someone in need of assistance? Your Parish Social Ministry offers confidential support and advice regarding hardships experienced by adults and seniors who may be struggling with sensitive issues. We have access to relevant state, local and charity-based programs that may help, and we offer other services such as client advocacy and regular use of our food pantry. Partnering with our St. Vincent de Paul conference, we help with budgeting, expense management and building financial independence. For more information call the Parish Social Ministry office 516-679-8532.

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/>

Saint John Bosco

Saint John Bosco had an important dream as a child. He dreamed that he was teaching children about God. When he grew up, his life was like that dream!

He juggled and did tricks to get kids to listen to him, then he could teach them about God and they would all go to Mass together.



Year B: Epiphany of the Lord

Catholic Kids

January 7, 2024
Epiphany of the Lord
Color: White

Bulletin

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Lord, every
nation on
earth will
adore you.

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What color are the priest's vestments? We are still celebrating the Christmas season, so he is wearing white.

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Follow the dot-to-dot to draw gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Where is the newborn King of the Jews?

We have come to give Him homage.

Homage means worship!

Gospel

The Magi saw a star rise over Bethlehem and followed it to visit baby Jesus. They brought Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

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Monday - Thursday: 9am - 12:30pm, 1pm - 4pm
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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*

St. William the Abbot School



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A Legacy of Excellence - Nursery through 8th Grade

Our Seminarians

Dcn. Joseph Lettieri
SWA Parishioner

Herley Mendez
SWA Parishioner

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

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Resources

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
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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
drvc.org

Formed: The Catholic Faith. On Demand
formed.org

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

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