



St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



July 12, 2026
Fifteenth 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

Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear."

Matthew 13:8-9

Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 12th

7:30am: Glyndon David Gant

9am: Anna Mandracchia

10:30am: Alexandra Anderson

12n: Michael Dalessio

Monday, July 13th

8:30am: Mary Frey, Louis Santero, Marguerite Fusco (liv), Diana C. Gleason

Tuesday, July 14th

8:30am: Robert J. Mulcahy

Wednesday, July 15th

8:30am: Joseph Mashe (liv), Giuseppa Carollo, Joe Kenny, Jacinta Whiston

Thursday, July 16th

8:30am: Michael Dunphy

Friday, July 17th

8:30am: Nicole & Jeanine Tedeschi, Rose Fileccia, Joan Lasher, Carrano Family

Saturday, July 18th

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: Thomas V. Fitzgerald, Jr.

Pray for the Sick

Theo Brennan - Rosemary Averill - Frances Speidell - Kathleen Capozzi - Brendan Mannix
Charles Giardino - Steve DeCillis - Terri Albanese - Thomas Stolfi - Charlie Herbert

Pray for the Deceased

Baby Liba Neeman Hope - Edward G. Gunning, Jr. - James E. Dooley - Eleanor Schmitt

Altar Candles

have been donated in loving memory of
Robert E Jones & Kathleen McMurray
from Joan Jones

Wine & Hosts

have been donated in honor of
the Parishioners of St. William's

The seeds have been sown, and now we patiently wait...

On this 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Scriptures invite us to reflect on the quiet yet powerful providence of God. Through the prophet Isaiah, we hear how the Lord sends the rain and snow to water the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, never returning empty but accomplishing His purpose. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus shares the Parable of the Sower, reminding us that God's Word is generously scattered upon every human heart. Some seed falls on the path, some among rocks, some among thorns, and some on rich soil that yields an abundant harvest. God's desire is always the same - to bring forth life, faith, and holiness within us. He is truly faithful.

As I was working in the rectory backyard garden last week, I found myself reflecting on these very readings. It struck me how we have passed the 4th of July and entered the second half of summer; the garden is in a fascinating season. The sowing is behind us, but the growing is in full swing. There is little to do except tend, water, weed, and wait. Nature teaches us (or *me*) patience. The tiny seed quietly stretches its roots beneath the surface long before we ever see the blossoms, vegetables, or fruit and the spiritual journey is no different. God is always at work, even when growth is hidden from our eyes. His graces and blessings are never rushed, once again He is faithful.

Looking back over these past several weeks, we have witnessed many signs of God's goodness here at St. William the Abbot. We rejoiced in welcoming Fr. O'Brien and Fr. Bright, whose generous "yes" strengthens the life of our Diocese and parish – and a reminder for us to continue praying for vocations. We celebrated the Feast of St. William with great joy as our parish family gathered in faith and fellowship, we also marked the 250th anniversary of our nation with gratitude for the many blessings of freedom – and an awesome air show! And, even for those who may not consider themselves soccer enthusiasts, there is a growing excitement as the World Cup draws to a close. Great job Team USA! These fun moments become reminders that God continues to sow seeds of hope, unity, and gratitude in our hearts.

As we stretch into the 'dog days of summer' perhaps we can ask the question: What seeds has God been planting in our own hearts this year? Maybe those seeds were planted during Lent through prayer or the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Perhaps they were sown while witnessing a child's First Holy Communion or celebrating the joy of a Baptism in the parish. Maybe it was in the beautiful responsibility of becoming a godparent, or perhaps God has quietly been working through a season of illness, grief, uncertainty, or loss. Often it is during these 'quiet' hidden moments that the deepest roots of faith begin to grow. We may not yet see the harvest, but the Divine Gardener never forgets His work - patiently cultivating and preparing our hearts to bear fruit in His perfect time.

As summer continues, may we resist the temptation to believe that nothing is happening simply because life seems quieter, and slower. The Lord is still watering and cultivating the seeds He has planted within us. Let us ask Him to remove whatever keeps our hearts from becoming rich soil - distraction, anxiety, pride, or complacency; and to give us hearts that are open. May we trust in His providence, remain patient during the growing season, and allow His Word to take deep root within us so we can experience the abundant harvest of faith, hope, and love, that yields "a hundred, sixty, and thirtyfold"!

Fr. Joe



Banns of Marriage

Banns III

Julie Salvatore; St. William the Abbot
& Jules Imkamp; Maria Regina, Seaford

Pillar of Hospitality

Remember that your hospitality and kindness could help someone grow closer to Christ.

Second Collection - July 18/19

There will a second collection next weekend to help to defray the cost of our summer air conditioning bills. Keeping the church comfortable can be quite expensive, and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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, Ret (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)



Our printer has informed us that there may be a delay in printing the July/August Offertory Envelopes. If you have not received yours, you should be getting them shortly. In the meantime, please use the temporary envelopes in the church or a regular envelope for your donation, but please remember to write your parish ID number on it.

Purgatorial Society

Victor Letellier, Jr., Elvira Moore

Susanne Boden, Frances Campion, Vito Cricentio, Gabrielle D'Orsi, Mary Beth Gang, Robert Rissmeyer, Roberta Rissmeyer, Ralph Joseph Ciccarella, Sean Hartman, Eda-Kay Lipka, Vincenzo Valerio.

Robert W. Long, Salvatore Suppa, Gladys Rivera, Benny Golino, William Lewald, John M. Stolfi, Diane Cesarz, Dolores Santos Rasalan, Kelley Chaffee.

Rose Kees, Sr. Veronica Sloane, Cara Lynn McGuinness, Kurt DeMartino.

Michael A. Diloreto, Benito Golino, James R. Hall, Maryellen Hillman, Alfred Lewan, Robert Long, Michael Murray, Rose Marie Ripi, Edward Schiffina, George S. Smith, Daisy Montone, Robert West, Gloria Frascione, Frances Josephine Egan.

Melissa Doreson, Angela Capo, Virginia M. McKinnon, Peter Joseph Scarlato, Sam Moi Lam, Catherine Migliorato.

Peter Tarsnane, Michael Maiello, Kim Capone, Santino Delfino, Angelina Valente, Jan Adamo, Irma Yolanda Alvarado, Rosemarie Arnold, John Barrett, Bea Ciaravolo, Catherine Cincotta, Peter DeLaurentis, Alphonse DiPalo, John J. Ferner, Carole Gerrity, Paul A. Hewitt, Joanne Hilly, Thomas Nash, Grace Dalila Ouellette, Dara Plotts, Stella Randazzo, Maria Smith, Robert West, Christine "Carmel" Whiston.

Rose Conner, Mildred Haase, Arthur R. Welsch, Killian Duignan, Teresa Jones.

Steve Koren, Donald Heffernan, Mike Rogers, Beth Roncallo, Deborah Ann Panasuk.

Carol MacVicar, Mary Mackay, John Garrity, Margaret Daly.

Ricky Vitale, James Conti, Jim & Mary McCormick, Olga P. Lally.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

TUESDAY NIGHTS STARTING AT 7PM
IN THE RECTORY PARKING LOT

July 28th | August 11th | August 25th
Full Line-Up to be Announced!

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS, COOLERS, & FRIENDS!

(IN THE EVENT OF RAIN CONCERT WILL BE IN THE ABBEY)

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FOR BOYS & GIRLS
IN 4TH-8TH GRADES



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Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you ready to take the next step in your spiritual journey?

The OCIA process is designed to help adults discern, learn, and prepare to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Whether you are exploring faith for the first time or completing your sacraments, we would love to walk with you.

Join us on Monday, July 13th and/or Monday, August 10th at 7:30pm in The Abbey (Lower Church) to learn more about the program and meet our team! Inquirers are welcome to bring their spouse or a friend!

Visit stwilliam.org or email ocia@stwilliam.org for more information

Women's Summer Bible Study

FAITH & FRICTION: WHAT DOES SCRIPTURE TELL US?

Prayer Anxiety Self-Doubt Inner Strength
Comparison Purpose Perfectionism Peace

THURSDAYS JULY 9 - 30 FROM 7PM TO 8:30PM IN THE ABBEY

Please bring your Bible | All adult women welcome

(NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED)



FOR FAMILIES WITH
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

COME AND LEARN TO
PRAY TOGETHER AS A
FAMILY WITH FR. O'BRIEN
FOLLOWED BY OUTDOOR
GAMES & TREATS

MONDAY, JULY 27TH AT 6:30PM IN THE CHURCH

YOUNG ADULT NIGHT

MONDAY, AUGUST 3RD
SOCIAL: 6PM | HOLY HOUR: 6:45PM
FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18 - 24

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



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Dear Friends:

As we begin to enjoy all that summer on Long Island offers us, I write to ask you to prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal so that we can bring that joy to those who come to us for help and support in these uncertain times.

While more than 20,000 of our neighbors from across the Diocese have generously responded with their gifts and prayers, there are still so many ministries that need our support.

Pope Leo XIV urged us to reflect on how we invest the "treasure" that is our life, challenging Catholics to share not only material possessions but also their skills, time, and compassion for the good of others.

Here on Long Island, the Catholic Ministries Appeal is one of the best local vehicles we can use to reach out and show mercy, compassion, and charity to others. Not only does your gift help our very own Parish Outreach Programs feed and serve the poor, but it also sustains programs and services offered by Catholic Charities across the Diocese. Such active efforts ensure that the recipients are comforted with the knowledge that God loves them and is with them even during challenging times in their lives.

Parish Goal:
\$170,000

*Total Pledged
Year to Date:*
\$78,742
(46.29%)



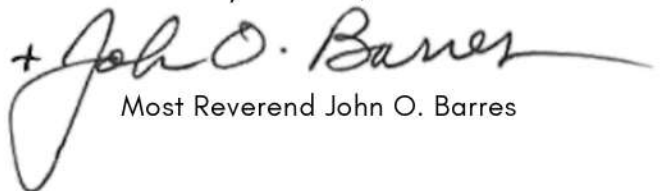
Even more, the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports the services that provide religious education for our children, form our future priests and deacons, make available youth and campus ministry programs, and so many other important works that help us to share the Gospel message in our Diocese and beyond.

In gratitude for your prayerful consideration of a gift to the 2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal, be assured of my conviction that together we can bring Christ's message of holiness to individuals, families, and the wider community.

Thank you for embracing the mission of the Church. I will keep you and your family in my Masses and prayers.

If you have already given a gift to the 2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal, thank you for your gift!

Sincerely in Christ,


Most Reverend John O. Barres

"FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN TO THE PLACE WHERE IT SETS, THE NAME OF THE LORD IS TO BE PRAISED."



Summer Sunset Raffle

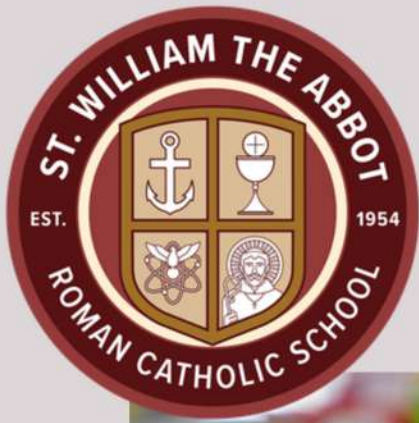
TO SUPPORT PARISH MINISTRIES AS WE CELEBRATE OUR 99TH ANNIVERSARY

SINGLE ENTRY	FIVE ENTRIES
\$35	\$135

PURCHASE
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WINNER WILL BE
ANNOUNCED ON
LABOR DAY



Rooted in Catholic Tradition, SWS is committed to fostering a community of excellence that forms faithful, motivated, confident, and joyful disciples. Through rigorous academics, intentional faith formation, and an emphasis on social interaction and the importance of community, our students are guided to live out their Catholic faith in fulfillment of our mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Since 1954, families have found more than a school, they have found a tightly-knit community where every child is known and loved.



SWS AT A GLANCE

Catholic Identity

Everything we do is based on the rock of our Catholic Identity. Our students participate in daily prayer, weekly Mass by grade-level, monthly school-wide liturgies, days of prayer, and many special events throughout the year.

Enrichment Clubs

Thanks to our dedicated teachers, students may participate in a variety of after-school clubs including ASL, coding, chess, Rosary, drama, intramural sports, science, arts and crafts, and so much more!

Foreign Language

Students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade learn Spanish while our Middle School Students also receive fundamental Latin lessons

Middle School Sports

Students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 learn and grow in a dedicated Middle School environment with a committed and multifaceted team of teachers with Regents courses and an expanded curriculum, enrichment and athletic programs.

Extended Care Options

We provide a safe space for our children before school, beginning at 7am, and after school until 6pm centered around play and academic assistance.

Maker's Space & STREAM Innovation Center

We have a dedicated state-of-the-art creative and technological hub that encourages young minds to collaborate, communicate, and discover new ways to design, tinker, and solve problems.

Additional Services

With an on-site nurse and full-time psychologist, we also provide services to provide extra support for students to help them access the curriculum, make progress toward goals, and participate fully in school life.

Technology

While all students (K-8) are provided with a Chromebook and enjoy state-of-the-art technology in all classrooms, on Tuesdays, we unplug and set our abundant technology to the side to focus on interactive learning, interpersonal connections, and healthy moderation. This "Techless Tuesday" program has been so successful that it is being adopted Diocese-wide.

Continued Success

The Class of 2026 earned over \$530,000 in scholarships towards their high school education. 98% of our graduating 8th graders will be attending a Catholic high school within the Diocese of Rockville Centre.



This Weekend's Music Selections for Pentecost Sunday

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

Entrance Hymn: "Gather the People" - #305

Offertory Hymn: "Seed Scattered and Sown" - #344

Communion Hymn: "Gifts of Finest Wheat" - #345

Communion Meditation: "Here I Am to Worship"

Recessional Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth" - #558

Our Adult and Children's Choirs will resume in the fall!

"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

Oatmeal (packets) - Granola Bars - Ziti or Penne Pasta - Canned Tuna - Tissues - Laundry Detergent

Stroke Awareness Session Thursday

The Comprehensive Stroke Center of NYU Langone Health will be offering an information session on Stroke Awareness on Thursday, July 16th at 11am at the West Hempstead Senior Center. The session will cover recognition of stroke symptoms, plans of action, treatments, risk factors and preventions. Reservations are required by calling 516-733-7051/

Family Counseling Available

Family and Children's Association is offering a new program called 'Families Healing Together' that provides free short term counseling for youth and families in Nassau County. The objective of this program is to break the cycle caused by stressful experiences and provide individuals with coping skills to ensure future success. The program applies to families that have a history of trauma or a history/risk of substance use. Youth eligibility is between 7 and 21 years of age. For more information, contact csorensen@fcali.org or call 516-746-0350 extension 5215.

Cooling Centers

If you want to beat the heat, cooling centers are available in Nassau County at the following locations: note that Westbury offers a 24/7 cooling center.

- Cantiague Park - 480 W John St, Hicksville, Open 9am - 4pm
- Wantagh Park - 1 King Rd, Wantagh, Open 9am - 4pm
- Mitchel Field Athletic Complex - 1 Charles Lindbergh Blvd, Uniondale, Open 9am – 4pm
- Former Nassau County Family Court – 1200 Old Country Road, Westbury, Open 24 hours, 7 days a week

Long Island Fatherhood Initiative

The Long Island Fatherhood Initiative provides free assistance for fathers that may be down on their luck and looking to get their life back on track. Their goal is to empower men for responsible fatherhood through skill building and coaching, so that they can meaningfully connect with their partners and children. Services offered include employment assistance, parenting and healthy relationship education, case management, transportation assistance, gift cards and referrals to other resources. For more information, call 631-761-8518 or visit www.greatfathers.org.

Teen Anxiety Workshop

Families Healing Together is hosting a free workshop series for teens age 12-16 to show them creative ways to combat anxiety. The workshop series will include painting, journaling and music therapy to teach effective coping skills to adolescents. For more information, please contact Stafania Sustic at ssustic@fcali.org or call 516-935-6858 ext. 3311 for more information.



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

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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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