



St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



July 19, 2026
Sixteenth 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

He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom.

Matthew 13:37-38

Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 19th

7:30am: People of St. William's, Marion Napier, Joseph Sanders, Millie Mazzucco

9am: Carol Puleo

10:30am: Kerrie Ostrosky

12n: Grace Ann Martinelli

Monday, July 20th

8:30am: Joseph (dec) & Maryanne (liv) Wray

Tuesday, July 21st

8:30am: Blaise Pastore, Joan Lasher, John Decker, Jr., Arlene P. DeZao

Wednesday, July 22nd

8:30am: Emanuel & Marguerite Pietroforte

Thursday, July 23rd

8:30am: Jeff Lynn, John Sulamonte, Mary Rock, John Bott

Friday, July 24th

8:30am: Anthony Vitale

Saturday, July 25th

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: People of St. William's

Pray for the Sick

Rosemary Averill - Frances Speidell - Brendan Mannix - Charles Giardino - Terri Albanese
Thomas Stolfi - Bonnie Healy - Michael Holian - Jacinta Whiston - Theo Brennan - Rev. Gil Lap

Pray for the Deceased

Kathleen Capozzi - Walter T. Hulse - Steve DeCillis

Sanctuary Candle

has been donated in loving memory of
Carlo Mazzocchi
from Maria & Peter Paguaga

Altar Flowers

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

The Summer Garden - A Season of Growth and Weeding

As we gather for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Scriptures once again bring us an image of the agricultural and farming world. We hear of seeds, fields, and the persistent problem of weeds that threaten the crop. Anyone who has tended a garden knows that weeds can quietly creep in, steal nourishment, and hinder healthy growth. The same is true in our spiritual lives. Sin can slowly infiltrate our hearts, our souls, our families, and our relationships, causing damage that often goes unnoticed until the effects are deeply rooted.

Last weekend, Jesus spoke of the extraordinary generosity - even the apparent foolishness - of the sower who scattered seed everywhere: on rocky ground, among thorns, and along pathways where little seemed possible. Yet the sower continued to sow because of the potential hidden in every patch of earth. This is the way of God. It is the same divine logic that sends the shepherd to leave the ninety-nine in search of the one lost sheep, that welcomes home the prodigal son with radical forgiveness, and that leads Jesus to dine with tax collectors, sinners, and those whom society had cast aside. God's love never gives up on the possibility of redemption.

The Father's strategy often seems unorthodox to our human way of thinking. The world may demand immediate judgment, swift punishment, and the uprooting of every weed at once. Yet God chooses another path - one of patience, compassion, mercy, and love. In today's Gospel, the weeds are not immediately pulled out because their roots are intertwined with the young wheat; the Lord knows that sometimes an abrupt judgment can do more harm than good. Aren't we also aware of swift, poorly discerned judgment? In some case we, or those we have loved, can still feel the sting of past hurtful, and judgmental decisions. But the Heavenly Father allows time for grace to work, for conversion to happen, and for hearts to change.

This is a beautiful lesson for all of us during these summer days. We may recognize weeds in our own lives or in the lives of those we love, but we should never lose hope. God has not abandoned His field, nor has He given up on any one of His children. The good seed that He has planted within us through Baptism is stronger than the weeds. If we remain close to Him in prayer, the Eucharist, and service to others, the seeds will continue to grow, deepen their roots, and bear abundant fruit. The good seed will prevail, because the patient and merciful love of God will always have the final word.

On Sunday afternoon the world will be watching the final match of the World Cup soccer tournament – and I have to say we have had some fun in the rectory cheering and watching the different teams. Fr. Bright had us pulling for Ghana early on, Team USA had a good showing until the Sweet 16, and there were visions of excellence in greats of our time: Mbappe, Ronaldo, and Messi. And speaking of international competition, here is a fun fact for you all: thirty years ago – on this day July 19, 1996 – I had the privilege of walking into the Opening Ceremonies of the Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia. It is a memory I will never forget. You may have noticed I was away for a few days, and I am actually sending this letter from Atlanta. Some of my Olympic teammates and I have gathered down here for a mini-reunion, to reminisce and tell stories, and sing “Glory Days.” Be assured of my prayers for you all. I will see you next week!

Peace and God Bless,



1996 Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia



Fr. Joe and his brother & teammate, Tom, prepare for the Opening Ceremony on July 19th, 1996

Baptisms

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

Bridget Beleckas
Elowen Harris
Angelo Hicks
Chloe Kennedy

Grace Lilli
June Lilli
James Ondris, III

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 12n Mass on Sunday, July 26th.

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) - LCPL Cole Tekveak, (USMC) - 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 is a delay in printing the July Offertory Envelopes. If you have not received yours, 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.

August Offertory envelopes were already mailed and you should receive them soon if you haven't already.



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, 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

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

*Please bring your Bible
All adult women welcome
(NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED)*

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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"Grandchildren are the crown of the aged"

CELEBRATING
THE FEAST OF JESUS' GRANDPARENTS
ST. JOACHIM & ST. ANNE

GRANDPARENT'S DAY CELEBRATION

GRANDPARENTS AND THEIR
GRANDCHILDREN
ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR
TREATS & FAMILY PHOTOS AFTER
THE 9AM, 10:30AM, AND 12N
MASSES ON SUNDAY, JULY 26TH

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



Summer Sunset Raffle

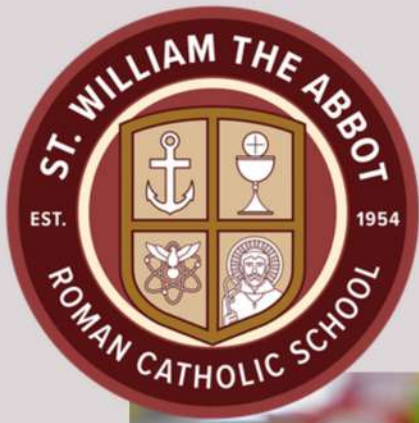
TO SUPPORT PARISH MINISTRIES AS WE CELEBRATE OUR 99TH ANNIVERSARY

SINGLE ENTRY	FIVE ENTRIES
\$35	\$135

PURCHASE
ENTRIES
HERE:



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

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

Entrance Hymn: "Gather Your People" - #310

Offertory Hymn: "Seek Ye First" - #450

Communion Hymn: "As Grains of Wheat" - #341

Communion Meditation: "You Alone" - #666

Recessional Hymn: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" - #480

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

The kids are home for summer, so this week we are collecting hearty summer snacks to keep children satisfied between meals. Examples would be peanut butter, mac and cheese, cereal, fruit, chips, granola bars...or your own personal summer favorite! The pantry has refrigerator and freezer space available if needed.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday July 21 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!

Yarn Donations Needed

The Social Ministry is now collecting yarn donations for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. This ministry is looking for full skein yarn, worsted weight and multiple skeins of the same color (used to make single blankets). Donations can be dropped off at our office in the Convent between 9:30am and 4pm Monday through Friday. Donate your excess or unused yarn to a very worthy cause! All yarn is used to make items for those in need within our Parish community.

Puzzles and Potatoes this Tuesday

The Office for the Aging is sponsoring a 'Puzzles and Potatoes' event this Tuesday from 2pm to 4pm at the Bethpage Senior Center. Join them to work on puzzles and enjoy a tasty mashed potato bar sponsored by Brooklyn Kitchen! Reservations are required by calling 516-227-8900.

Free Summer Concerts for Seniors

Nassau County is hosting free noontime concerts this summer on Wednesdays from 12pm to 2pm at Eisenhower Park Field 1, weather permitting. These concerts are free to the public; attendees just need to bring their own blankets and chairs. For more information on the scheduled performers, call 516-572-0200.

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.

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.

Saint Christopher

Saint Christopher was a VERY strong man who carried people across a scary river. One day, a young boy he was carrying grew heavier and heavier. Finally, Saint Christopher realized that he was carrying baby Jesus and the weight of the world.



Saint Christopher is the patron saint of travelers. Ask him to pray for you when you are traveling.

Year A: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Kids Bulletin

July 19, 2026
Ordinary Time
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BLKJEFORGIVINGOW

Lord, you
are good
and
forgiving.

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BLKJEPANDKOWJOIXHDIWJAO



The priest wears special clothes called vestments to show he is leading us in prayer and helping us meet Jesus at Mass.

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Circle the words that help us grow (wheat),
and cross out the ones that hurt or stop growth (weeds).

Friends Love Hate
Share Care Hit Give
Selfish Embarrass
Bully Compliment
Insult Hug Help
Encourage Rude Lie
Truth Happy



Jesus told a story about wheat and weeds growing together. The wheat stood for people who follow God. God always wants us to love Him and grow closer to Him.

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and needs a priest outside of office hours, please call 516-312-7361

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Catholic High Schools of Long Island
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