



St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



July 26, 2026
Seventeenth 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

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

Matthew 13:44

Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 26th

7:30am: Jack Comiskey

9am: John J. Nagle

10:30am: Christopher Weber, Sr.

12n: Helen Baumann

Monday, July 27th

8:30am: Mary Bovich

Tuesday, July 28th

8:30am: Gail Kampfer, Vito Cricenti,

Joan Paguaga, Leo O'Hara

Wednesday, July 29th

8:30am: People of St. William's

Thursday, July 30th

8:30am: Sam Marino

Friday, July 31st

8:30am: John Rispoli

Saturday, August 1st

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: Richard Mehrman, Thomas McGuire,

Alphonse DiPalo, Milutin Acimovic

Pray for the Sick

Charles Giardino - Terri Albanese - Thomas Stolfi - Bonnie Healy - Michael Holian - Jacinta Whiston
Theo Brennan - Patricia DeCato - Rosemary Averill - Frances Speidell

Pray for the Deceased

Rev. Gil Lap - Judith E. Timulty - Mavis Salerno - Frank J. Soliwoda - Nicholas Gramarosa

Wine & Hosts

have been donated in loving memory of
Steve DeCillis
from Barbara Fuina

Adoration Candles

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

Saint Joachim and Saint Anne - Grandparents' Love and Wisdom

And God said, "Ask anything of me and I will give it to you." This weekend the Word of God invites us to reflect on one of the most beautiful conversations in Sacred Scripture. In the First Book of Kings, the Lord appears to Solomon and tells him that he may ask for whatever he desires. Imagine being given that opportunity! Wealth, power, success, a long life - any of these could have been his request. Instead, Solomon asks for wisdom, a heart that can listen, discern, and lead God's people according to His will. It reminds us to pause and ask ourselves: If the Lord asked me that same question today, what would I ask for? So often our prayers can become focused on passing concerns or material needs, yet God longs to give us gifts that last forever - faith, hope, wisdom, peace, and hearts that love as He loves.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field or a pearl of great price, something so valuable that it is worth giving up everything else to possess it. As I reflected on these words this week, another image came to mind. The Kingdom of Heaven is like being loved by your grandparents. This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus, and I cannot help but smile whenever I think about grandparents. I often joke that something happened to my own parents when they became grandparents. When my nephew Daniel was born, suddenly all the rules I grew up with disappeared! Dessert before bedtime? Sure. A Coke or Pepsi in the evening? Why not! Getting everyone worked up and jumping on the bed just before bedtime? No problem! I remember wondering, "Who are these people? They certainly aren't the parents who raised me!" It was as if I were dealing with two aliens from a different planet!

Of course, that is the wonderful mystery of a grandparent's love. There is a tenderness, a generosity, and a delight that reminds us of the way our Heavenly Father looks upon each of us. God does not simply tolerate us; He delights in us. He wants to lavish His love upon us, to comfort us, to strengthen us, and yes, even to "spoil" us with His grace. Yet how often do we settle for asking Him for things that will fade away? We ask for possessions, conveniences, or temporary success when He desires to fill our hearts with what truly matters: stronger families, deeper faith, lasting peace, forgiveness, wisdom, and the grace to pray together as one family.

This weekend we also ask God's special blessing upon all grandparents, those who are still with us and those who have gone home to the Lord. Many of us first learned the Sign of the Cross from a grandparent, prayed our first Rosary sitting beside them, or watched them quietly live their faith with humility and determination. In a world that often forgets God, grandparents remain powerful reminders of our family's spiritual origins, but also witnesses to hope, fidelity, and unconditional love. The Holy Family consisted of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, but I have to believe that Saints Joachim and Anne 'spoiled' young Jesus when he visited - and perhaps that's exactly what grandparents are supposed to do! Through their love, they reflect the gentle love of God Himself.

As we gather around the Lord's altar this weekend, let us ask not only for the wisdom of Solomon but also for hearts that treasure what truly lasts. May we thank God for the grandparents who have shaped our lives, cherish those still among us, and remember with gratitude those who now look down from heaven. May St. Joachim and St. Anne inspire every family to pray together, love one another more deeply, and grow ever closer to Jesus. When I think of the "peasant faith" of my Irish and Polish grandparents - I realize that all the theology books from the Seminary cannot match what they taught me in their example of simple, devotional faith. May the Lord bless each of you abundantly, and may our parish family continue to discover the priceless treasure that is being part of the Family of God! St. Joachim and St. Anne - Pray for us!

Peace,





St. Peregrine Prayer Hour

The Saint Peregrine Prayer Hour will be held on Monday, August 3, 2026 from 2pm to 3pm.

St. Peregrine is the 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 invited to come and pray.

Pillar of Service

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues teaching us about the Kingdom of Heaven.

When we put ourselves at the service of God, we are like the merchant who sold all he had for the pearl of great price. We are showing, with our actions, that heaven is so important to us.

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) - Lt. John Pawelczyn (USA) - 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)

A Prayer for Our Grandparents



Lord God almighty, bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health. May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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

LAST SESSION:
THIS THURSDAY
JULY 30TH
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 7P
IN THE RECTORY PARKING LOT

JULY
28

THE LITE SWITCH
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

AUGUST
11

ADAM VERONA
HAPPY HOUR HITS

AUGUST
25

PAUL CUTHBERT
YACHT ROCK SUNSET

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS, COOLERS, & FRIENDS!
(IN THE EVENT OF RAIN CONCERT WILL BE IN THE ABBEY)

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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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ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

GOLF

OUTING & DINNER

CELEBRATING OUR 99TH ANNIVERSARY AS A PARISH

TUESDAY
OCTOBER 13TH

Town of Oyster Bay Golf Club
Woodbury, New York

*VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO REGISTER GOLFERS,
MAKE DINNER RESERVATIONS & VIEW
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES*



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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

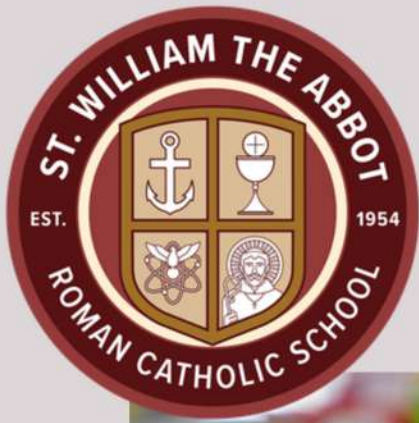
TO SUPPORT PARISH MINISTRIES AS WE CELEBRATE OUR 99TH ANNIVERSARY

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 the People" - #305

Offertory Hymn: "Servant Song" - #385

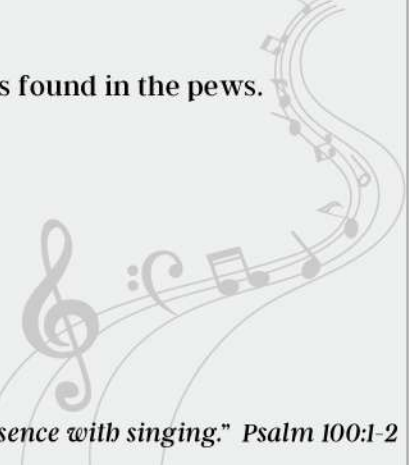
Communion Hymn: "The Supper of the Lord" - #338

Communion Meditation: "Here I Am to Worship"

Recessional Hymn: "How Can I Keep from Singing" - #445

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 (canisters) - Pasta Roni - Snack Crackers (Goldfish, Cheese-Its, etc.)
Pretzels - Women's Disposable Razors

Cooking Demo Friday

Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary by attending an apple crisp cooking demonstration given by Brooklyn Kitchen and sponsored by the Nassau County Office for the Aging. The demonstration will be on Friday July 31st at 11am at the Bethpage Senior Center. Samples will be available! To attend, please RSVP at 516-227-8900.



Nassau Senior Center Open Houses this Tuesday

Did you know that there are seventeen senior centers in Nassau County? These senior centers will be hosting open houses and lunch this Tuesday, July 28. Call your local center for reservations and directions, and bring a friend! The nearest senior center to our Parish is at St. Jude's Church in Wantagh. They can be reached by calling 516-797-5357. There is a suggested contribution of \$3 for lunch.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday, August 4 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 at 2020 Jackson Avenue Monday through Friday, between 9:30am until 4pm, or by appointment. 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.

The Boutique is Open!

Did you know that used clothing and housewares can be donated locally to go directly to families in need? "The Boutique" in Amityville is run by the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless and provides an in-house shopping experience for people in need. Donations of new and used clothing are accepted Tuesday through Thursday, 10am to 3pm at their 600 Albany Avenue location. By helping The Boutique, you also help our Parish families in need, because we can refer our families there to shop for free! To contact The Boutique, call 631-464-4314.





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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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