



St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



July 27, 2025
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

So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.
Luke 11:9-10

Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 27th

7:30am: Salvatore Frosina

9am: Veronica Fields

10:30am: People of St. William's

12n: Jerry Milbach

Monday, July 28th

8:30am: Robert Miller

Tuesday, July 29th

8:30am: Josephine Pyryt

Wednesday, July 30th

8:30am: Sam Marino, Maura Higgins,

Dennis F. Sullivan, Isabelle DiRenzo

Thursday, July 31st

8:30am: Josephine Pyryt

Friday, August 1st

8:30am: Mark Brennan, Anne Conboy,

Malcolm Patterson, Robert Doveala

Saturday, August 2nd

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: Darlene Cusumano, Helen Razzano,

Marie Rose, Adam Kevin Young

Pray for the Sick

Charles Giardino, Jr. - Lisa Miola - Sal Lupo - Frances Speidell - Theresa Goldman
Robert Valerga - Richard Fedyk - Jen Greico - Rosemary Averill - Barbara Geraghty

The Wine and Hosts

have been donated in loving memory of

Darlene Cusumano

from The Mackey Family

The Altar Flowers

have been donated in honor of

the Parishioners of

St. William the Abbot

"Lord, teach us how to pray!"

Even as the summer months stretch on and many of our parish programs take a bit of a breather, the rhythm of prayer and worship at St. William the Abbot never truly stops. The doors of our church remain open and, more importantly, the heart of God remains open to us. The 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time invites us to reflect on one of the most beautiful gifts Jesus gives to His followers - the invitation to pray. In this weekend's Gospel from Luke, the Apostles ask Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray." That same request echoes in our own hearts today, whether we are seasoned in prayer or experiencing a spiritual renewal, Jesus welcomes us with the same loving attention.

Who taught you to pray? For many of us, it was a parent or grandparent who knelt beside us at the foot of our bed and gently led us through the Sign of the Cross, the Our Father, or the Hail Mary. I remember as a child tracing the cross on my forehead, chest, and shoulders, not fully knowing the depth of what I was doing but sensing that it was sacred. I watched my parents and older siblings back in our home on 94th Street in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn and was especially awe-struck walking into Saint Patrick's Church on 4th Avenue; maybe your earliest memories of prayer were in a pew at Sunday Mass, drawn in by the body of Jesus on the Crucifix, or the beautiful faces of the Mary and Joseph statues on either side of the altar. Did someone guide your unsteady hand to light a candle for someone you loved? Or maybe it was the words of a familiar hymn or the reading of Scripture that stirred something deep within you. We too were once shown 'how to pray'.

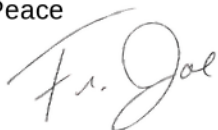
Jesus reminds us today that prayer doesn't have to be complicated. In fact, He keeps it beautifully simple. God is not far off - He is close, tender, and attentive, like a good Father. Jesus doesn't just teach a formula; He opens us to a relationship. When we say, "Our Father," we are not reciting poetry - we are entering into a conversation with the One who made us and loves us. And Jesus goes further, urging us to ask, seek, and knock with a promising response from the One who loves us. At the same time, the true fruit of our prayer is not always in changing God's mind, but in how *our* hearts are changed by being in God's presence and in HIS gaze.

As Catholics, we have a rich tradition of prayer to guide us when we don't know what to say. The Church identifies five basic forms of prayer: blessing and adoration, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, and praise. If you ever find yourself unsure of how to pray or what to say, start with one of these forms - ask, seek, and knock - know that our loving Father is just waiting for us. But know this as well, even silence before the Blessed Sacrament is a profound prayer. In Eucharistic Adoration, it becomes a time for two loved ones to simply look upon and be with each other.

This summer is a perfect time to rekindle that spark of prayer - whether you're on the beach, in the backyard, or traveling with family. Find a quiet moment, light a candle in church, visit 7:15 morning Adoration, or pray the rosary while walking on the boardwalk. So many of you have shared your love for praise and worship music with Catholic artists like Matt Maher and Sarah Kroger, so make a playlist or tune into Sirius XM station "The Message" for positive, faith-based music - it is a wonderful way to pray! The important thing is not how polished our words are, but that we make space for God in our day. Prayer opens our hearts to grace and reminds us that we are never, ever alone.

May this week be an opportunity for each of us to return to the simple beauty of talking with God. Let us be persistent, like the one who knocks in today's Gospel, knowing that our Heavenly Father is not only listening - but longing to respond. May God Bless you!

Peace

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Joe". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Peace".

Pillar of Prayer

Take time this week to really pray AND LISTEN to God. Say the Rosary or practice Lectio Divina. "For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds..."

Baptism

Let us welcome the following baby who was baptized last weekend:

Alessia Perrotta

Low Gluten Hosts Available at Mass

For those who must avoid gluten in their diet, the parish has low gluten hosts available for Holy Communion. If you wish to receive such a host, please arrive prior to Mass and inform the priest and he will place your host in a pyx. Please sit in the south transept.

**BACK TO
BASICS**

Visit the parish Facebook and Instagram (@stwilliamabbot) every Tuesday and Thursday for our video series explaining our faith and our church!



Pray for Those in the Military

Lt. Ian Bayer (USN) - Lt. Rebecca Bayer (USN) - Lt. Ryan Bayer (USN) - Sgt. Craig Bianco (USA) - Lt. Col. Michael DiPietro (USA) - LCpl Daniel Dugan (USMC) - First Lt. 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) - Capt. Philip Lettieri, MD (USA) - Lt. Cpl. Kevin Marshall (USMC) - Major Eamon G. McArdle (USA) - Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers (USAF) - Col. Sean Morrow (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)

Online Giving - 2 Ways!

Automated Monthly Giving

Automated Giving is an opportunity to have your monthly donations automatically deducted from your bank account and sent to St. William's

*To get started, please visit
stwilliam.org/ways-to-give or scan this QR code:*



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BEHOLD

BASIC FORMS OF PRAYER



BLESSING & ADORATION

In prayers of adoration, we praise God and acknowledge our dependence on Him.

Example: The Gloria

PETITION

In prayers of petition, we ask God for things we need – both spiritually and physically.

Example: Our Father



INTERCESSION

In prayers of intercession, we make requests to God on behalf of other people.

Example: Watch, O Lord (St. Augustine)

THANKSGIVING

In prayers of thanksgiving, we thank God for the good things He has blessed us with.

Example: Grace before meals



PRAISE

In prayers of praise, we express our love for God – the source of all love.

Example: Act of Charity



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AND YOUR
FRIENDS!

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IN JULY
AT 7PM

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EVENT OF
RAIN, WE'LL
MOVE TO THE
ABBEY



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WELCOME BACK, FR. ANIL!

Fr. Anil Rego will be joining us again for the month of August as Fr. Joe, Fr. Michael, and Fr. John all enjoy some time off. Fr. Anil is no stranger to the parish, and many of you will remember him (and his guitar!) from his previous visits. A priest in India for 37 years, Fr. Anil has served as an associate pastor, pastor, principal, and diocesan director of catechetics. His current assignment is at Good Shepherd Church in Adheri, India.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1ST

SOUTHSHORECATHOLICYA@GMAIL.COM

(AGES 21-35)

SOUTH SHORE CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT *Mass & Wiffle Ball Game at St. William the Abbot*

MASS WITH FR. JOHN - 5:45PM / GAME ON BACK FIELD - 6:30PM
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Our Catholic Community on Long Island

OPERATION ANDREW

An evening of prayer, fellowship,
and discernment for men (18+),
with **evening prayer and dinner.**

AUGUST 20, 2025

BEGINS AT 6:00 PM

LOCATION:

The Cathedral of St. Agnes

in ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY

TO REGISTER

Please visit:
drvcvocations.com/andrew



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WHEN SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH
TIME 5PM



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ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT 2025-2026 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

For Children Entering 1st - 8th Grade



ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

- Our program is on developing a life-long relationship between your family and Jesus through Christ-centered lessons and in the communal celebration of the Eucharist each week
- Sacramental preparation are two-year programs: children must complete Levels 1 and 2 before receiving First Holy Communion and Levels 7 and 8 before receiving Confirmation
- Program discount is available for parent volunteers

NEW/TRANSFER FAMILIES

Students who previously attended another program must have a transfer letter sent to the Office of Faith Formation by their former parish

HOW TO REGISTER

Registration is now open through our website!

Payment will be accepted via credit/debit cards, Apple Pay, Google Pay, Cash App, and checking account



MASS ATTENDANCE

All children are required to attend 75% of Sunday/Holy Days of Obligation Masses between September and May and check-in using the QR codes in the church in order to complete their grade level and receive sacraments

SCHEDULE

- Level 1: Parent-Lead at Home
- Level 2: Parent-Lead at Home (September-December) & Weekly In-Person Classes (January-April)
- Levels 3-6: Meet Weekly In-Person at SWS
- Levels 7-8: Meet Bi-Weekly In-Person in The Abbey

CONTACT THE OFFICE OF CHILDHOOD FAITH FORMATION

faithformation@stwilliam.org
516-783-2528
stwilliam.org/faith-formation

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

- ☒ Baptismal Certificate
As we update our files, all families must upload a copy of each of their children's certificates to the registration form. These can be obtained from the parish they were baptized at. If your child was baptized at St. William's, please visit the "forms" tab of our website.
- ☒ Parish ID Number
Families must provide their parish ID number found on their envelopes or by emailing information@stwilliam.org in order to complete registration. If you are not already a parishioner, please visit stwilliam.org/parish-registration.
- ☒ Schedule
Day/time preferences can be entered at the time of registration; once a child is placed in a class we are unable to accomodate any changes.
- ☒ Read the FAQ on our website.

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" (Hurd) - #310
Offertory Hymn: "The Body of Christ" (Hart) - #325
Communion Hymn: "The Supper of the Lord" (Rosania) - #338
Communion Meditation: "Here I Am to Worship" (Hughes)
Recessional Hymn: "One Spirit One Church" (Kell) - #445

"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 List

White Rice
Pasta Sauce
Chunky Soups
Paper Towels
Back-to-School Folders

Gardens That Give Back

Has your summer garden started to bloom? If you find you have many fresh vegetables ripening at one time, our Parish Food Pantry will gladly accept donations of your surplus harvest. Fresh fruits and vegetables are rare for a food pantry to have in stock and are a welcome treat for the families we serve. Thank you for your support!

Fall 2025 Bereavement Registration

If you or someone you know has experienced the loss of a loved one and would be interested in attending a small group session for support, please call the Social Ministry office. Sessions will begin in early October and will be held at 11am on Wednesdays for seven weeks. Space is limited, register early! For more information about these sessions call us at 516-679-8532.

Back-to-School Donations Needed



Our office is now gathering donations to help families send their children back to school with everything they need this fall. Please consider donating a gift card so that families can shop for the specific items their children need for school. Gift cards to local stores such as Target or Walmart are popular for back-to-school shopping. Donating early gives Parish families more time to shop! Donations benefit children served by our Parish Social Ministry and St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Thank you in advance for your support!

Cooling Centers

If you need to beat the heat, cooling centers are available in Nassau County at the following locations:

- Cantiague Park Administration Office - 480 W John St, Hicksville - Open 8am - 6pm
- Wantagh Administration Building - 1 King Rd, Wantagh - Open 8am - 6pm
- Mitchel Field Administration Building - 1 Charles Lindbergh Blvd, Uniondale - Open 24 hours

Luau Luncheon

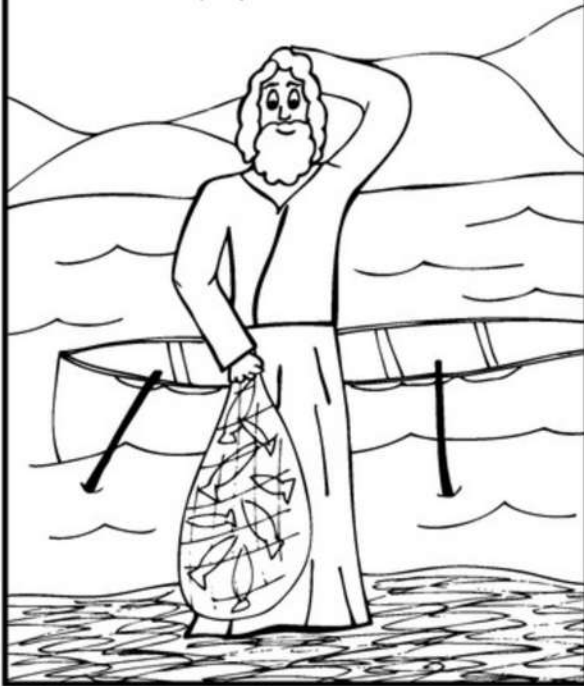
The Office for the Aging will present a Luau Luncheon on Friday, August 1 at 12pm. The luncheon will take place at the Bethpage Community Center at 103 Grumman Road in Bethpage. Seating is limited, so please call 516-571-9910 to reserve a spot as soon as possible!

Free Concerts for Seniors

Nassau County is hosting free 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 516-227-8900.

Saint James

Saint James loved being a fisherman, but when Jesus asked him to leave his boat and become a "Fisher of Men," He followed Jesus and taught people about God.



Year C: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Kids Bulletin

July 27, 2025
Ordinary Time
Color: Green

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Lord, on the
day I called
for help, you
answered me.

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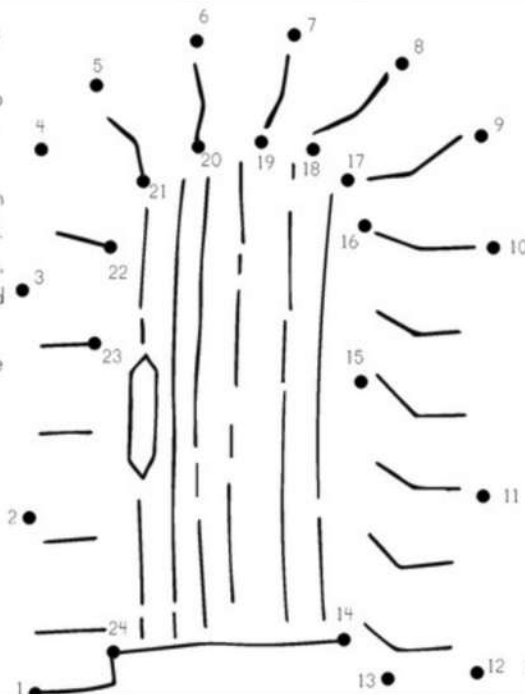


Look at the artwork in
your church. Are there
any pictures of Heaven?

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Jesus tells
the
disciples to
pray as if
they are
knocking on
God's door.
Jesus says,
"Knock, and
the
door will be
opened
to you."



P R A Y O P R A Y P
R G P R A Y L A A R
A J P R A Y R E R A
Y P R A Y P D E P Y
P R A Y N B Y C X Z
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P R A Y Y A R P K I
L O P R A Y P P O K



Circle "PRAY" in the puzzle.
How many times can you find the word?
Try to pray that many times today.



In today's Gospel, a disciple asks Jesus how to pray.
Jesus teaches him the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father." Do you know that prayer?
Pray the "Our Father" prayer during Mass today.

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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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Our Seminarians

Herley Mendez
SWA Parishioner

*Please pray for our Seminarians and all those
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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
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formed.org

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

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