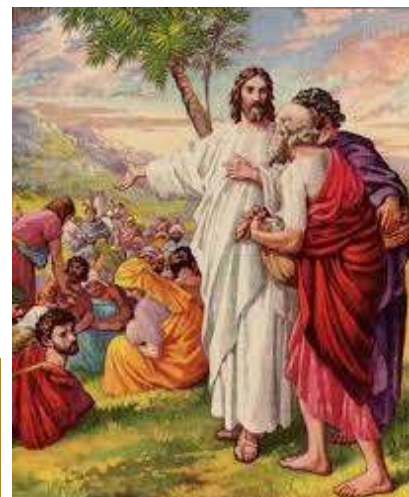




St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



July 28, 2024 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

Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. John 6:10-11

Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 28, 2024

John Dwyer

Collective Intentions

Alphonse Infurna

Walter Ostrowski

Barbara Seneci

Jim Pernice

Cris Mercaldo

Anne Kilkelly

Betty Keane

Monday, July 29, 2024

Helene Edith Redell

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Sam Marino

Wed., July 31, 2024

Joseph Zorn

Thurs., August 1, 2024

Collective Intentions

Garret Paul Ryan

Thomas Fitzgerald

Christine Pittelli

Richard Forelli

John G. Hanley

Friday, August 2, 2024

Morgan LaPoma

Sat., August 3, 2024

Purgatorial Society

Collective Intentions

Marie Mackay

Brian Farrell

Joan DiCostanza

Marion Pulsonetti

Cris Mercaldo

Pray for the Sick

Sal Frosina

Patricia DeCato

Richard Fedyk

Sal Lupo

Pray for the Deceased

Roberta Dragotti

Virginia T. Kelly

Joan C. McClellan

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of Eugene Jackson from the Jackson, Kessler & Tamburello Families

Altar Candles

The Altar Candles used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of Josephine LaRocca from her Children and Grandchildren

Journeying in Faith and Prayer

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." John 6:11–12

The people who were present for this miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fish had to journey to be there. First, they followed Jesus to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, and then they followed Him up a mountain in a remote area. This is significant because it tells us that a miracle of such magnitude could only take place for those who had faith and acted on that faith. Jesus could have easily performed this miracle in the Temple in Jerusalem or in a synagogue where people doubted Him. If He did that, then many of His skeptics and critics would have seen His almighty power with their own eyes. Jesus could have also done this miracle in Nazareth, His hometown, in the presence of His extended family and friends. Perhaps if He had done this, then they would have come to believe in Him. But Jesus didn't do this incredible miracle in places where faith was lacking. Instead, He went to a remote area where only those who truly wanted to be with Him were present.

Note that the actions by which Jesus performed this miracle are similar to the way He instituted the Holy Eucharist during the Last Supper. We read above that Jesus "took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them..." Though this miracle is recorded in all four Gospels, in John's Gospel it is a prelude to Jesus' Bread of Life Discourse in which Jesus teaches, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." Therefore, this miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish should be seen as a teaching about the Eucharist. It is in the Eucharist that Jesus feeds us to superabundance. The Eucharist is the gift of His very life and the food that will bring us to eternal life.

Unfortunately, it seems that very few people ever discover the gift of the Eucharist. Many people look at their participation in Mass as a duty that they must fulfill rather than as an invitation to share in the superabundant life. The only way we will discover the superabundant life given to us through the Eucharist is by working to imitate the faith of the people whom Jesus fed on that mountain.

Again, the people who received this miracle had to journey either around or across the sea and climb a mountain. So also with us, the only way to come to a fruitful participation in the Eucharist is to make a concerted effort. The journey we make is one of faith, and the mountain we climb is one of prayer. Unless we believe deeply in our Lord, believe in the superabundant and transforming power of the Eucharist, seek it out faithfully every week and do so prayerfully, we will never be fed in this superabundant way.

Reflect, today, upon the symbolism of Jesus traveling to this remote area so as to perform this most incredible miracle. See this journey that you are invited to take as a journey toward the discovery of the superabundant grace bestowed upon you through the Most Holy Eucharist. The only way that you will receive this grace is by committing yourself to the journey of faith and prayer. Don't miss out. Don't ignore the incredible value of this Gift. Seek out our Lord and discover His Gift of superabundant grace within your fruitful participation in the Holy Mass.

My Eucharistic Lord, You call me to journey up the mountain of faith in the most Holy Eucharist through prayer and determination. May I more deeply discover the great value of the Holy Mass and seek to be fed by You in this superabundant way. Jesus, I trust in You.

Baptisms

Let us welcome the following babies who were baptized last weekend:

Abigail Carozza
Emerson Ondris
Zachary O'Rourke
Brody Ryan
Marco Santos

Banns of Marriage



Banns I

Laina Ripo, St. William the Abbot
& Lawrence Arcese, Saint Barnabas, Bellmore

Christine Plona, St. William the Abbot
& Anthony Caraccio, St. Adalbert, Queens, NY

BACK TO BASICS

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



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.

Pray for Those in the Military

Jr. Lt. Ian Bayer (USN) - Jr. Lt. Rebecca Bayer (USN) - Jr. Lt. Ryan Bayer (USN) - Sgt. Craig Bianco (USA) - Capt. Michael DiPietro (USA) - 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) - Major Eamon G. McArdle (USA) - Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers (USAF) - 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) - Major Thomas F. Shields (USAF) - Lt. Col. Michelle Simpson (USAF) - Commander Michael S. Slatley (USN) - Daniel Timpanaro (USCG) - Lt. Col. Christopher J. Ustler (USA) - Cdr. Katherine Ustler-Lodispoto (USCG) - Michael Vietri (USN)

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:



One-Time Donation

You can make a donation using your credit card, Apple Pay, Google Pay, or CashApp

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Update from The Holy Games & Summer Olympics



Last week, Fr. Joe had the opportunity to concelebrate the Mass for Olympic Truce in Paris.

During this Mass, representatives from participating countries come together to pray for peace and an end to conflict during the Olympic games. The Mass was celebrated by the Archbishop of Paris, and was also attended by the Mayor of Paris and President of the International Olympic Committee.

THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY

ROSARY PROCESSION

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 22ND
6:30PM**

MEET IN THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL TO BEGIN ROSARY PROCESSION WITH STOPS AT FIVE ALTARS THROUGHOUT OUR CAMPUS

PLEASE BRING YOUR ROSARY BEADS



Congratulations to the winning team from our first-ever Trivia Night!

Thank you to everyone who came out to play last week - we look forward to hosting another evening soon!

Join us this week for our Family Scavenger Hunt. Details and registration info are on our website.





St. William the Abbot
**SUMMER NIGHTS
SOCIAL SERIES**

**FAMILY
SCAVENGER
HUNT**

Decode riddles and find spots around campus for your team to take a photo with, then meet up and celebrate the winning teams!

Please register on our website.

TUESDAY
JULY 30th

6:30pm

stwilliam.org/summer24





2024-2025 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION



For Children Entering 1st - 8th Grade

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

- All families must be registered parishioners of St. William the Abbot before we can assign a class time
- 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
- All children are required to attend Sunday Masses

NEW/TRANSFER FAMILIES

- All new/transfer students must provide their baptismal certificate
- 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

Visit stwilliam.org/faith-formation

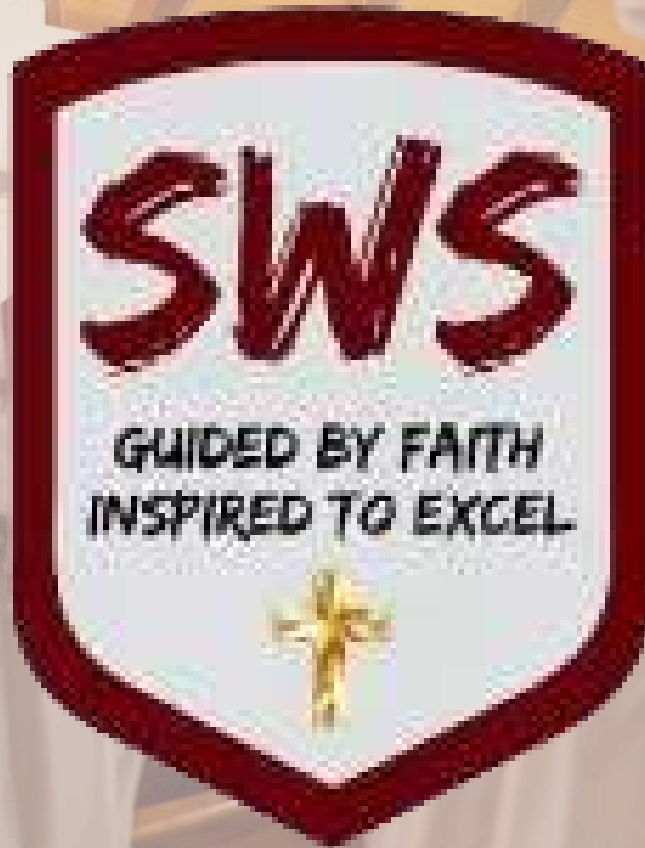


SCHEDULE

- Level 1: Parent-Lead at Home
- Levels 2-6: 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



CALLING ALL GRADUATES OF ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT SCHOOL

WE'RE CREATING AN ALUMNI DATABASE AND
WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU AS WE
PREPARE FOR OUR 70TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR!



SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE THE CONTACT FORM

Parish Social Ministry

Fall 2024 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.

Pantry List

Brown Rice
Canned Tuna
Canned Chicken
Canned Fruit
Whole Potatoes

Summer Food Donations

During the summer break please remember our food pantry, and the more than 50 families we support in the area. Increased travel and vacations sometimes result in fewer food donations, but the need in our area remains the same! Even one item donated to our pantry makes a big impact on those concerned about feeding their family. Call our office for a drop off appointment, or simply stop by weekdays between 9:30am and 4pm. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday August 6 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!



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, Walmart and Staples 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!



Gardens that Give Back

This month's warm weather has neighborhood gardens flourishing! 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, so are a welcome treat for the families we serve. Thank you for your support!



Did You Know?

Did you know that there is free legal assistance available for low income and disabled Long Islanders? Nassau Suffolk Law Services is a non-profit community based law program that provides free legal assistance in civil matters. They are experienced in poverty law, housing rights, and have special project teams for topics such as Foreclosure Prevention, Mental Health Law and Senior Citizen Law. For more information visit www.nslawservices.org or call their Nassau County office at 516-292-8100

Saint Anne

Saint Anne is Mary's mom. That means that she is Jesus' grandma! Say a special prayer for your grandparents today.

Mary is the little girl in this picture. Color her clothing blue.



Year B: Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Catholic Kids Bulletin

July 28, 2024
Ordinary Time
Color: Green


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The hand of
the Lord feeds
us; He answers
all our needs.

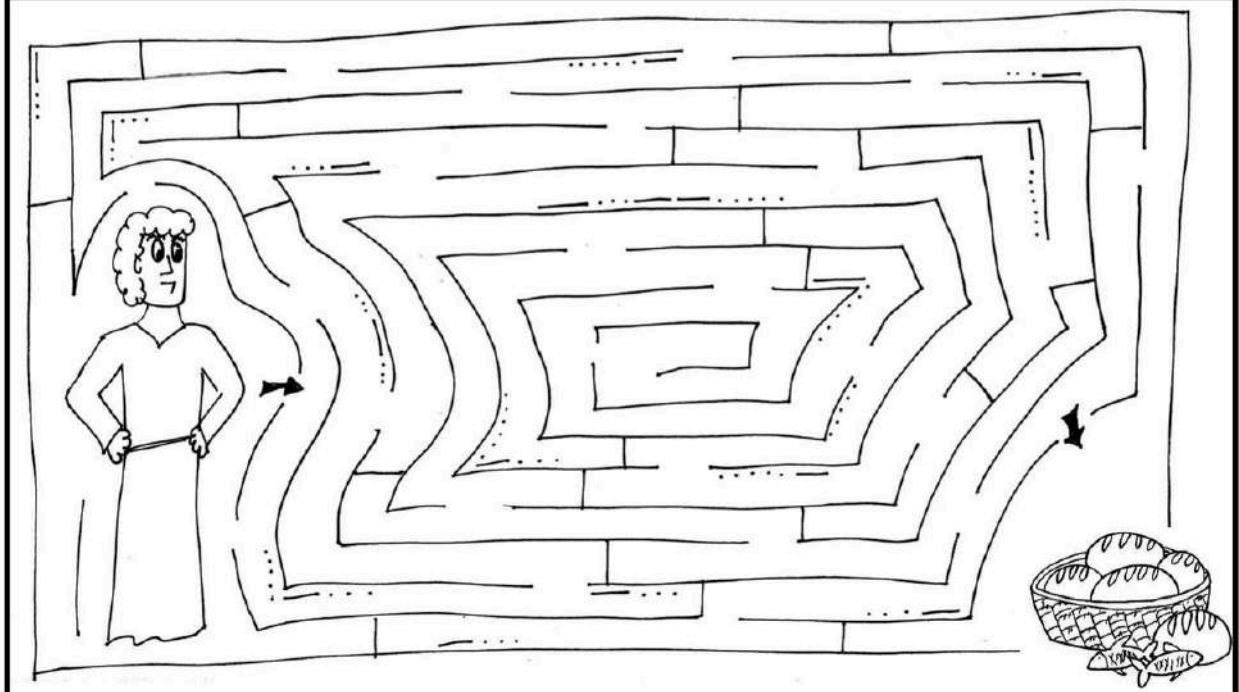
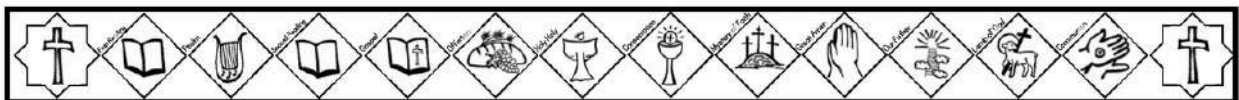
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Look at the art in your church. Are there any pictures of heaven?

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Gospel



Jesus was teaching 5000 people about God, and it was time for lunch. Oh, no! They didn't have enough food! Jesus blessed 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish and everyone had enough to eat. It was a miracle!

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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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A Legacy of Excellence - Nursery through 8th Grade

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Herley Mendez
SWA Parishioner

Please pray for our Seminarians 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
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Formed: The Catholic Faith. On Demand
formed.org

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

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