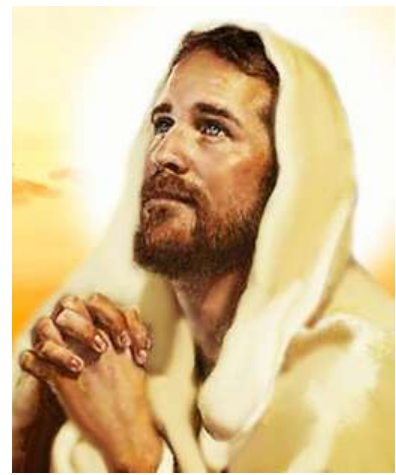




# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



**June 1, 2025**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

## 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

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one..."  
John 17:20–22

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, June 1, 2025

Dorothy Rohan  
Baby David George  
Skennion  
Daniel Tito  
Giovanni Caprio

### Wednesday continued...

Sandy Kandybowicz  
James W. Daulton  
Anthony Boff

### Thursday, June 5, 2025

Brandon Roehrig

### Monday, June 2, 2025

#### Collective Intentions

Frances Gauci  
Charles O'Connor  
Murphy Musa  
Patrick Kurek (liv)

### Tuesday, June 3, 2025

John Kilgus

### Wed., June 4, 2025

#### Collective Intentions

Donald, Emma &  
Donald Ustler

### Friday, June 6, 2025

#### Collective Intentions

Richard & Patricia McArdle  
Catherine Hennessey  
Brian P. Frechette  
LouAnn Gribbon (liv)

### Saturday, June 7, 2025

Purgatorial Society  
Christine Hudak

## Pray for the Sick

Richard Fedyk  
Michael D'Arpino  
John Joseph O'Hara  
Barbara Geraghty  
Jen Greico  
Rosemary Averill

Eileen Engleman  
Robert Valerga  
Bob Ortlani  
Sal Lupo  
Frances Speidell  
Nora Hartley

## Pray for the Deceased

Kathleen Gramarossa  
Michael Maiello

Nancy T. Gillespie  
Edmund Morrow

## Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of  
August Lippert  
from Eileen Engleman

## Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in honor of the Parishioners of St. William the Abbot

*John 17: Jesus Prays for Us!*

As we find ourselves in the sacred days between the Ascension and the great feast of Pentecost, I invite you to reflect with me on the beauty and power of this time. Jesus, in ascending to the Father, did not leave us orphaned, forgotten, or alone. He promised us the Advocate - the Holy Spirit - who would empower us to be His witnesses "to the ends of the earth." As a parish family, we are called to open our hearts as we anticipate this divine gift, allowing the Spirit to renew, transform, and guide our future. I am reminded of our Confirmation ceremonies from just a few weeks ago when Bishop Coyle encouraged and challenged our young disciples to be keepers of the family faith and traditions, but also to put their mark on the Church. As a parish community, we too prepare in prayer and expectation for Pentecost, ready to be set on fire with God's love.

We will have an opportunity to do that next Sunday, June 8th, when our Diocese hosts a powerful event that beautifully aligns with this spirit of renewal: the Eucharistic Congress at St. Anthony's High School. Bishop John Barres will be gathering with the faithful from across Long Island for a day filled with grace - celebration of the Holy Mass, inspiring speakers, vocations talks, opportunities for confession, and activities for all ages. I strongly encourage you to join me in this historic event for the Church on Long Island. This is a chance to encounter Christ in the Eucharist in a profound and communal way with other dedicated disciples and missionaries who share the same fervor and love for the Lord and the mission of the Catholic Church.

I believe the Holy Spirit is moving in a profound way – in the global church, with the election of Pope Leo XIV, in the Diocese with the Eucharistic Congress, and here on the local level at SWA. Recently, our parish was blessed with the opportunity to participate in a 'Listening Session' to assess our parochial gifts and our needs journeying closer to our centennial. We began the night with adoration and quiet prayer and then entered into a Q&A with some of the important questions and concerns on the mind of so many of you. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the 80+ parishioners, ministry leaders, teachers, volunteers, staff, and clergy from St. William the Abbot who gave their time and insights. Your faith, honesty, and vision for our Church were a gift, and I believe the graces from this process will continue to shape our community life, ministry, and outreach well into the summer and beyond.

The evening was moderated by Deacon Ray D'Alessio and navigated some of the trends and changes that have occurred in the "Church" and in our parish over the past 10-15 years. We looked at current and past ministries, Mass attendance, number of clergy (priests and deacons), stewardship, the effect of COVID, and some projections into the future. I have collected significant data and feedback which will help me to discern how we move the parish forward with input from the Finance and Parish Councils. My hope is to offer a brief report in the next few weeks and then look for more dates to pray, dream, and discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

Though the academic year winds down and summer approaches, our faith journey continues to deepen. The rhythms may slow, but the Spirit remains active and alive. Let this summer be a time not just of rest, but of renewal – how may the Lord be moving you to reconnect with Him through prayer, the sacraments, or the beauty of art, literature, and creation. Be attentive to some of our summer activities like the Feast of St. William the Abbot (June 25th), as well as summer Masses, adoration, and faith-filled gatherings. The Lord desires to meet you in every season.

Come, Holy Spirit! Enkindle in us the fire of Your love, and renew the face of the earth—beginning right here in Seaford.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fr. Joe".



## **St. Peregrine Prayer**

### **Hour**

The Saint Peregrine Prayer Hour will be held on **Monday, June 2, 2025** from 2:00 - 3:00 PM.

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.

## **Banns of Marriage**

### **Banns I**

Lucia Montefusco, St. Bernard's, Levittown & Christopher Sano, St. William the Abbot

### **Banns III**

Carissa Cillis, St. William the Abbot & Michael Alfieri, St. Barnabas, Bellmore

## **Pillar of Hospitality**

As we enter the summer, think of the ways you can show hospitality to others. Perhaps reach out to a lonely friend or relative and invite them to lunch or a nice walk.

## **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) - 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)

## **Father's Day Novena**

Our Father's Day Novena of Masses will begin on Father's Day, June 15th. Cards and envelopes for the Father's Day Novena of Masses are available at the doors of the Church and in the Rectory. If you would like to have your living father remembered, kindly take a donation envelope and card. If you would like to have your deceased father remembered, please use a donation envelope only.



# BACK TO BASICS

Check our social pages for new videos every Tuesday and Thursday and send any ideas for future topics to [priests@stwilliam.org](mailto:priests@stwilliam.org)



## **Are You a Registered Parishioner?**

Registering as parishioners allows us to have an accurate count of our families, which in turn helps us to plan liturgies, have the appropriate clergy coverage, and helps us to determine what enrichment programs and events may be beneficial. Parish registration is also needed should you be asked to serve as a godparent or Confirmation sponsor. Moreover, It is a great way to plant your family's roots in our community.

To register, please scan the QR code, visit our website, or stop by the Rectory Office or Welcome Desk in the front vestibule of the Church.







St. William the Abbot School celebrated 70 years of faith, blessings, and success at a lovely reception in the Msgr. Leavey Auditorium. We welcomed former clergy, administration, faculty members, and of course, SWS alum, for a stroll down memory lane! Here's to the next 70 years!







DIocese of ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

# PILGRIMAGE

## **Saturday, May 31**

Opening Mass at St. Therese, Montauk

10:00 am

Procession through Montauk

11:00 am – 12:00 noon

Opening Mass at St. Agnes Cathedral,  
Rockville Centre

5:00 pm

Procession to St. Christopher, Baldwin

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Procession from Our Lady of Poland to  
Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary,  
Southampton

6:00 pm

## **Sunday, June 1**

Mass at St. Isidore, Riverhead

10:30 am

Procession to St. John, Riverhead

11:30 am

Mass at Cure of Ars, Merrick

7:30 am

Procession to St. Barnabas, Bellmore

8:30 am

Mass at St. Barnabas, Bellmore

10:30 am

Procession to St. William the Abbot, Seaford

12:00 noon

## **Monday, June 2**

Mass at St. Raphael, East Meadow

7:30 am

Procession to Holy Trinity High School, Hicksville

8:30 am

## **Tuesday, June 3**

Sts. Philip and James, St. James

Procession to St. Patrick, Smithtown

11:00 am

## **Wednesday, June 4**

Mass at Corpus Christi, Mineola

7:30 am

Procession to Chaminade High School,

Mineola

8:45 am

## **Thursday, June 5**

St. John of God, Central Islip

Procession to St. Anne, Brentwood

6:00 pm

## **Friday, June 6**

Mass at St. Gertrude, Bayville

8:30 am

Procession to St. Dominic, Oyster Bay

9:30 am

## **Saturday, June 7**

Closing Mass at St. Hugh of Lincoln,

Huntington Station

8:30 am

Closing Procession and Benediction

St. Patrick, Huntington

11:00 am

*Walk with Jesus*

Mark your calendars for days of public  
witness as we walk with Jesus on the  
roads of Long Island.

*Join us as we welcome the  
Diocese of Rockville Centre's Eucharistic Procession  
here at St. William the Abbot at the close of the 12n Mass on  
Sunday, June 1st followed by Adoration from 1-1:30pm*





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with Guest Speakers:



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Sri



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Toussaint, CFR



Father Jose  
Diaz



Sister Mary  
Gabriel, SV



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Rivera

**PENTECOST  
SUNDAY  
JUNE 8**



**10AM–5:30PM**

Saint Anthony's  
High School,  
South Huntington



Admission is free but registration is required.

All are invited for a day of prayer, catechesis, Adoration, and Holy Mass with Bishop John O. Barres. This congress will deepen devotion and equip attendees to share the graces of the Eucharist through inspiring talks, witness testimonies, worship, fellowship, and the culmination of the Eucharistic Pilgrimage.

**For registration, schedule,  
and more details, visit:**

**[www.drvc.org/congress](http://www.drvc.org/congress)**

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MONDAY  
JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>

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FOR CURRENT SERVERS

THURSDAY,  
JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>



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## The Feast of St. William the Abbot

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25TH**

[stwilliam.org/summer2025](http://stwilliam.org/summer2025)

### **Welcome Home, Fr. Michael!**

Fr. Michael recently returned home from a very special trip to India to attend the final vows of his sister, Jocelyn as she became a Sister of the Imitation of Christ (affectionately known as the Bethany Sisters).

Their charism is evangelization and ecumenism, spreading the gospel and unity among Christians. Many of the sisters of this particular community are educators and medical professionals. Sr. Jocelyn herself is a medical doctor and has a PhD in Chemistry.

After a year of prayer in India, she will return to her professional work as a physician at Temple University in Philadelphia.



### **Congratulations Sr. Marie Michelle!**

Former parishioner Michelle DiCarlo professed her first vows with the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate this weekend at their motherhouse in Monroe, NY!

In imitation of the Sacred Heart of the Good Shepherd, Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate combine a contemplative prayer life with missionary visitation to parish families, and religious instruction. Parish Visitor Sisters visit families and individuals where they live, door to door as well as along the way, in order to win souls for Christ.

*Please pray for Sr. Jocelyn, Sr. Marie Michelle, and all those discerning a call to religious life!*





## ***Parish Social Ministry***

### ***Pantry List***

White Rice  
Apple Juice  
Ketchup  
Ramen  
Laundry Detergent

### ***Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting June 3***

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday June 3 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. 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, 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.

### ***Gardening for Good Nutrition***

The Cornell University Cooperative Extension of Nassau County will present 'Gardening for Good Nutrition' on Friday June 6 at 11am at the Bethpage Senior Community Center. A Cornell horticulturist will help you explore growing vegetables in your own garden whether in the ground, in containers, or in raised beds. In addition to the presentation, observe a vegetable garden display and participate in a raffle! Lunch will be provided. Reservations are required, please call 516-571-9910.

### ***Stroke Awareness***

The Comprehensive Stroke Center will present a 'Stroke Awareness' information session on June 9 at 11am at the West Hempstead Senior Community Center at St. Thomas Church. This session will cover recognition of stroke symptoms, action plans, treatments, risk factors and prevention. Reservations are not required to attend.

### ***Senior Veterans' Lunch June 13***

There will be a Senior Veterans' Lunch on Friday June 13 at the Bethpage Community Center. RSVP is required by Friday June 6. This luncheon is provided by the Nassau County Office of the Aging. Doors open for this event at 11:30am. To RSVP, visit [www.nassaucountyny.gov/aging-events](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/aging-events) or call 516-571-9910.

### ***Upcoming Nassau County Memory Care Events***

The Nassau County Office of the Aging will be holding four memory care events at the Bethpage Senior Community Center for adults with dementia and their caregivers. These "Drum Circle" events are on Wednesdays at 2:30pm beginning June 4 and continuing for three additional weeks. The one-hour interactive sessions allow participants to experience the power and connection of drumming in a group setting which can build community, reduce stress and provide an outlet for positive self-expression. All instruments are provided, and no musical experience is necessary. No RSVP is required.



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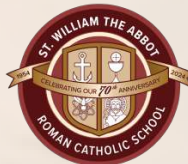
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