



# St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



June 14, 2026  
Eleventh 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

*Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."*

*Matthew 9:37-38*

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, June 14th

7:30am: Marie McLaughlin

9am: Rev. Herley Mendez (liv)

10:30am: People of St. William's, Victor Letellier, Sr.,

Rita M. Curran, Daniel Tito

12n: Giovani Caprio

### Monday, June 15th

8:30am: Cristobal Diaz

### Tuesday, June 16th

8:30am: Marie Parisi

### Wednesday, June 17th

8:30am: Patrick John Pflug (liv)

### Thursday, June 18th

8:30am: Michael & Antoinette DeVincent, Livio Lattanzio,

Filippo Gandolfo, Frances Duemig

### Friday, June 19th

8:30am: Emily Argento

### Saturday, June 20th

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: People of St. William's, Christine Pittelli,

Fernando Recine, Barbara & Joseph Hoolahan

## Pray for the Sick

Thomas Stolfi - Charlie Herbert - Brendan Mannix - Michael D'Arpino - Steve DeCillis - Joseph Servello  
Kathleen Capozzi - Rosemary Averill - Frances Speidell - Mary McCormick - Michael Holian

## Pray for the Deceased

Marie Bianco - Gregory Penn - Teresa B. Curreri - Joan C. Lasher - Brian Kennedy

### Altar Flowers

have been donated in honor of  
Dcn. Patrick O'Brien,  
Dcn. Dillon Vita, & Dcn. Nicholas Waldron

### Bread & Wine

have been donated in honor of  
Rev. Herley Mendez

### Altar Candles

have been donated in loving memory of  
Arthur Marshall  
from The Stoyer Family

## **Congratulations Reverend Father Herley Mendez**

In May of 1993, as a recent college graduate, I began a long-term sub position at North Babylon High School – where I went to high school. It was an odd experience returning home to my former teachers and coaches, no longer saying: “Mr.” or “Mrs.” or “Coach” – the formal greeting you would give a teacher. Now, I was there as a peer, and I was challenged with how to address them – by their first name? Terry, Jack, Maggie, Barry, Barbara... It was initially awkward, but I was attentive and able to watch and listen gaining wisdom, experience, and insight from these once-admired mentors who quickly became colleagues and friends.

Well, the priesthood has a similar transition, we have journeyed here at St. William the Abbot with “Seminarian” Herley for many years and beginning this weekend – upon his ordination - he becomes “Father” Herley. For me too, there is a change. He has referred to me as “Father Joe” for close to 8 years as his spiritual father, but now we become brothers in this amazing priestly fraternity. So, as a big brother, I thought I would write him a letter of encouragement – from an older, more seasoned priest – ordained now 19 years – to a rookie. So, here goes:

*Father Herley,*

*As you begin your priesthood, remember first that you were not ordained because you are perfect, but because Jesus called you. Never lose the wonder of that. There will be days when the parish is full of joy and gratitude, and there will be days when you feel tired, misunderstood, or alone. In both moments, stay close to the tabernacle – Jesus is truly there. The people of God will remember your homilies at times, but even more, they will remember whether you loved them, visited them, buried their loved ones, baptized their children, and stood beside them when their crosses became heavy. Trust me, they will form you better than any seminary faculty!*

*Fiercely guard and protect your prayer life. It's funny, the world will reward activity and efficiency, but a priest without prayer slowly becomes a hollow man with no depth. Stay connected to the SOURCE - spend time before the Blessed Sacrament even when you “feel” nothing; especially then. Your priesthood will not ultimately be measured by accomplishments, monuments, or popularity, but by fidelity to Our Lord and His Mission – like St. Francis of Assisi – passionately preach the Gospel, and when necessary - use words!*

*Be holy - but also be kind to those entrusted to you – parishioners, coworkers, and those serving with you in the vineyard. Answer the phone, return messages, and RSVP when you are invited to the events of people's lives. Visit the nursing home and bless the children - remember we are called to serve at the creche and the tomb. Teach the faith clearly and courageously, but never without gentleness, tenderness, and charity. The people do not need a celebrity that is trending; they need a spiritual father who accompanies them.*

*You will also discover that priesthood is lived in sacrifice. Some days you will return from an overflowing church on Sunday to an empty rectory after pouring yourself out for others. Offer that loneliness to Jesus. He understands it – He has been there, and He is with you... always. Guard your heart carefully. Stay close to brother priests who strengthen your vocation. Never allow cynicism to take root; it destroys more priests than exhaustion ever will. Laugh often, keep healthy friendships, and remember that joy is one of the greatest witnesses a priest can offer to a weary world. Be a happy priest! Well, Herley, I think you have that one covered!*

*Finally, never forget whose priest you are. At ordination, your hands were consecrated for the Eucharist. At every Mass, you celebrate heaven and earth coming together upon the altar. Even after many years, I still shudder quietly at the words of consecration. God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called. Remain close to Jesus in the Eucharist, entrust yourself daily to Our Lady, and your priesthood will bear fruit in ways you may never fully see in this lifetime. Be faithful, Father Herley... and don't worry, Jesus will do the rest.*



## ***Banns of Marriage***

### **Banns I**

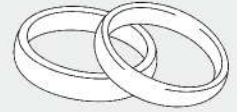
Emily Conway; St. William the Abbot & Christopher Castro; St. John the Baptist, Hillsdale, NJ  
Victoria Leggio; St. William the Abbot & Joseph Grisolia; Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon

### **Banns II**

Teresa Angelastro & Nicholas Silvestri; both St. William the Abbot  
Olivia MacGregor; St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh & John Henvey; Seaford

### **Banns III**

Lindsay Montemarano; St. William the Abbot & Vincent Iaquinta; St. Anthony's Church, Oceanside



## ***Father's Day Novena***

Our Father's Day Novena of Masses will begin on Father's Day, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Cards and envelopes for the Father's Day Novena of Masses are available at the doors of the Church and in the Rectory.



## ***Pillar of Formation***

In today's Gospel, we hear about the Commission of the Apostles.

Pick one Apostle to read about this week. Learn about who they were and how they spread the Gospel after the Resurrection. Ask that Apostle to pray for you throughout the week.

## ***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 (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)

## ***Purgatorial Society***

Giuseppa Carollo, Louise LaBella, Thomas Pignetti, Vincent Franco, Robert Egan, Paul Tuccillo, Paul Weston, Veronica M. Fields, Nancy Zimmerman

Victor Letellier, Jr., Elvira Moore

Susanne Boden, Frances Champion, Vito Cricentio, Gabrielle D'Orsi, Mary Beth Gang, Robert Rissmeyer, Roberta Rissmeyer, Ralph Joseph Ciccarelli, Sean Hartman, Eda-Kay Lipka, Vincenzo Valerio,

Robert W. Long, Salvatore Suppa, Gladys Rivera, Benny Golino, William Lewald, John M. Stolfi, Diane Cesarz, Dolores Santos Rasalan, Kelley Chaffee.

Rose Kees, Sr. Veronica Sloane, Cara Lynn McGuinness, Kurt DeMartino

Michael A. Diloreto, Benito Golino, James R. Hall, Maryellen Hillman, Alfred Lewan, Robert Long, Michael Murray, Rose Marie Ripi, Edward Schiffina, George S. Smith, Daisy Montone, Robert West, Gloria Frascone, Frances Josephine Egan.

Melissa Doreson, Angela Capo, Virginia M. McKinnon, Peter Joseph Scarlato, Sam Moi Lam, Catherine Migliorato.

Peter Tarsnane, Michael Maiello, Kim Capone, Santino Delfino, Angelina Valente, Jan Adamo, Irma Yolanda Alvarado, Rosemarie Arnold, John Barrett, Bea Ciaravolo, Catherine Cincotta, Peter DeLaurentis, Alphonse DiPalo, John J. Ferner, Carole Gerrity, Paul A. Hewitt, Joanne Hilly, Thomas Nash, Grace Dalila Ouellette, Dara Plotts, Stella Randazzo, Maria Smith, Robert West, Christine "Carmel" Whiston.

Rose Conner, Mildred Haase, Arthur R. Welsch, Killian Duignan, Teresa Jones.

Steve Koren, Donald Heffernan, Mike Rogers, Beth Roncallo, Deborah Ann Panasuk.

Carol MacVicar, Mary Mackay, John Garrity, Margaret Daly.

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## THE PATH TO PRIESTHOOD



### DISCERNMENT

Vocation means “call.” It is an invitation to love and to be loved by the God who created you. We do not create our own vocation, rather it is given to us by God. He reveals it to us in the depth of our heart and we are free to respond. He does not force it on us. Men being called to the priesthood are invited to meet with their parish priests, pastor, and diocesan Vocations Director.

### SEMINARY

Typically, men entering the seminary already hold their bachelor’s degree before embarking on their formal formation in the seminary where formation is broken up into 4 stages:

#### *Propaedeutic Stage -*

This is generally a 1 year stage where men are introduced to the seminary and focus on developing their prayer life, introductory coursework, fraternity with fellow seminarians, and determine their openness to formation.

#### *Discipleship Stage -*

This stage, which lasts at least 2 years - but the total duration depends on a man’s educational and life background - helps seminarians deepen their relationship with Jesus through meditation, contemplation, and moral formation. Coursework includes classes in the history of ancient, medieval, and modern philosophy, metaphysics, ethics, philosophical anthropology, Latin, Biblical Greek, and Spanish. Seminarians at this stage also engage in practical apostolic experiences such as ministry in parishes, schools, hospitals, and community programs.

#### *Configuration Stage -*

This third stage focuses on 4 pillars of formation - human, spiritual, academic, and pastoral. Seminarians study the history of the Church, pastoral theology, and develop skills in preaching, counseling, catechesis, and evangelization. It is also during this stage that seminarians begin official assignments to a parish (affectionately nicknamed “student-priesting”) to gain practical insights through observation, participation, and collaboration with priests, parishioners, and parish ministries. This stage can last 3-4 years and sees a seminarian become a Candidate for Holy Orders, Lector, and Acolyte.

#### *Vocational Synthesis -*

After completing the Configuration Stage, a seminarian petitions their bishop to become a transitional deacon, the last step before priesthood. As a transitional deacon, seminarians can further participate in the Mass, celebrate baptisms, and deliver blessings. In the Diocese of Rockville Centre, this is typically a 6-month stage.

### ORDINATION

We'll have more information on the Ordination Mass next week!

THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE WILL BE HOSTING AN EVENING OF  
DISCERNMENT FOR MEN AGES 18+ ON JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT [DRVCVOCATIONS.COM/DISCERN617](http://DRVCVOCATIONS.COM/DISCERN617)



The members of the SWS Class of 2026 and their parents gathered for a special blessing from Fr. Joe, followed by the annual 8th Grade Breakfast! A beautiful morning to recognize our graduates!



# ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT 2026-2027 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

For Children Entering 1st - 8th Grade



## ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

- Our program is dedicated to helping families cultivate and grow in a life-long relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. Through Christ-centered lessons and the weekly celebration of the Eucharist, we foster faith, discipleship, and active participation in our parish community
- 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

## HOW TO REGISTER

**Registration is now open through [stwilliam.org/faith-formation](http://stwilliam.org/faith-formation) through Friday, July 17th at 12n for families who have participated in our program previously.**

We will also host in-person registration in The Abbey on Monday & Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>: 11am-12n, 6pm-7pm and Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>: after the 9am, 10:30am, & 12n Masses;

**Families who are new to our program must register in-person.**

*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 from September through June 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 on Mondays (afternoon & evening) & Tuesdays (afternoon)
- Level 7: Meets Weekly In-Person on Tuesdays (evening) in The Abbey
- Level 8: Meets Weekly In-Person on Wednesdays (evening) in The Abbey

## OFFICE OF CHILDHOOD FAITH FORMATION

[faithformation@stwilliam.org](mailto:faithformation@stwilliam.org)  
516-783-2528  
[stwilliam.org/faith-formation](http://stwilliam.org/faith-formation)



## REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

- New/Transfer Families  
All new families must provide a baptismal certificate for all children being registered (for children baptized at St. William's, please visit [stwilliam.org/forms](http://stwilliam.org/forms)). Families who attended another program must also have a transfer letter from their former parish. *(New/transfer families must register in-person as listed above.)*
- Baptismal certificates are required for all first-time students (for children baptized at St. William's, please visit [stwilliam.org/forms](http://stwilliam.org/forms))
- Parish ID Number  
Families must provide their parish ID number found on their envelopes or by emailing [information@stwilliam.org](mailto:information@stwilliam.org) in order to complete registration. If you are not already a parishioner, please visit [stwilliam.org/parish-registration](http://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 accommodate any changes.
- Read the FAQ on our website.

**A PROGRAM DISCOUNT IS AVAILABLE FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS!**

Contact the Office of Faith Formation for Details



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Roman Catholic Church

# FEAST DAY

*celebration*

*CELEBRATING 99 YEARS AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH!*

**THURSDAY, JUNE 25TH**

**MASS**  
**6PM**

**PARISH BBQ**  
**7PM-9PM**

MUSIC | FELLOWSHIP | ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS | GAMES  
HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS WILL BE SERVED - BRING YOUR OWN SEATING, DRINKS, AND OTHER SNACKS TO ENJOY!

[stwilliam.org/summer26](http://stwilliam.org/summer26)



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

MASS OF ORDINATION  
TO THE  
**HOLY  
PRIESTHOOD**

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SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

*at eleven o'clock in the morning*

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*The faithful are invited to gather in prayer at the*  
**CATHEDRAL OF SAINT AGNES**  
29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, NY 11570

*as three men will be ordained by*  
**MOST REVEREND JOHN O. BARRES**  
Bishop of Rockville Centre



DEACON  
Patrick O'Brien



DEACON  
Dillon Vita



DEACON  
Nicholas Waldron



The Ordination will air live on Catholic Faith Network (CFN). Viewers can watch through participating television providers, livestream at [cfntv.org](http://cfntv.org), or on the Catholic Faith Network (CFN) mobile app and streaming platforms.

## ***This Weekend's Music Selections for Pentecost Sunday***

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

Entrance Hymn: "The House that Love is Building" - #319

Offertory Hymn: "Servant Song" - #385

Communion Hymn: "Only This I Want" - #498

Communion Meditation: "You Alone" - #666

Recessional Hymn: "Take the Word of God with You" - #384

*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***

Juice Boxes - Canned Tuna - Canned Chicken - Pasta Sauce - Breadcrumbs

#### ***Donation Reminder***

As the weather gets warmer, please do not leave perishables in the Social Ministry outdoor food bin. Exposure to warm temperatures can negatively affect the items and make it unsafe for us to re-distribute your donation. If you cannot donate during office hours, feel free to call us for an alternate drop off appointment. Weekday hours are 9:30am until 4pm.

#### ***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. All yarn is used to make items for those in need within our Parish community.

#### ***Prayer Shawl Ministry - Schedule Change!***

Please note there will be no meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry this week. The next meeting will be on Tuesday July 21 in the Abbey. New members at any skill level are always welcome!

#### ***Senior Symposium at Seaford Library - Monday***

The Nassau County Office for the Aging will host a Senior Symposium on Monday June 15 at the Seaford Public Library at 1pm. This event will help seniors learn about a variety of available services and programs. Topics covered will include in-home support, caregiver support, law services, financial consulting, home delivered meals and more! Free senior ID cards will be available at this event. No RSVP is required, call the County Legislator's office for more information at 516-571-6215.

#### ***Stroke Awareness Session - Thursday***

The Comprehensive Stroke Center of NYU Langone Health will be offering an information session on Stroke Awareness this Thursday June 18 at 11am at the Freeport Senior Center. The session will cover recognition of stroke symptoms, plans of action, treatments, risk factors and preventions. Reservations are required, call 516-623-2008 to register.

#### ***Free Summer Concert Series 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.

*Please be wary of anyone soliciting donations while on campus.*

*Any authorized on-site activity will be appropriately announced through the bulletin and during the weekend announcements.*



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Office Hours  
Monday - Thursday: 9am - 12:30pm, 1pm - 4pm  
Friday & Saturday: 9am - 12:30pm

*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**



Elizabeth Bricker      Kasey Grasso  
*Principal*      *Assistant Principal*

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**Our Seminarians**

Sem. John Buttner  
*Diocese of Syracuse (In Residence)*

*Please pray for our Seminarians and all those  
discerning the priesthood and religious life*

**Pastoral Council**

Chris Blankley - Fred Duemig  
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Rita Defendini - Debra Eannel - Robert Gerhard - John Kaley\*  
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**Resources**

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)  
ocia@stwilliam.org | stwilliam.org/ocia

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

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tomorrowshopefoundation.org

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