



# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



## June 16, 2024 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

Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."  
Mark 4:30-32

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, June 16, 2024

Marie Parisi

Nicole Tedeschi

#### Collective Intentions

Father's Day

Anthony Fuina

Martin Hartmann

Antonino Scalamandre

Carol A. Devine

Regis LeGoff

#### Monday, June 17, 2024

Father's Day

#### Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Father's Day

#### Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Father's Day

#### Thursday, June 20, 2024

Father's Day

#### Friday, June 21, 2024

#### Collective Intentions

Father's Day

William Zorn, Sr.

Walter Malek

Joanna M. Colton

Stephen Rollino

#### Saturday, June 22, 2024

Purgatorial Society

Father's Day

### Pray for the Sick

Sal Lupo

Richard Fedyk

Eileen Engelman

Thomas Lynch

Lesa Laurence

### Pray for the Deceased

William T. Cabble

Joan Lohr

John P. Ryan

Catherine A. Meyer

### Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of Marie, James and Asumpta Parisi from Nancy and Michael Haas

### Pillar of Formation

We are responsible for our actions and decisions. God has given us the Sacrament of Reconciliation so that we can come to Him through His priests and be forgiven for the sins we have committed.

### Altar Flowers

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

## *A Blessed and Happy Father's Day 2024!*

Father's Day this year is certainly a very different experience for me. For 52 years of my life's journey, I had the incredible gift of my dad being in my life and celebrating this very important day. His passing in December has definitely had a profound effect on me, and although with great faith in Jesus Christ and the Resurrection and trusting that his soul is being tenderly cared for by God the Father, I of course miss him terribly. Father's Day was always an opportunity for my siblings and I to attempt to buy him a 'not so' stylish tie, or a playful greeting card with a silly message. I would like to say that we would prepare a delicious breakfast in bed with waffles, eggs, and bacon with freshly squeezed orange juice, but he wouldn't have it. My dad was the king of Sunday morning breakfast. He would prefer to make and serve all of us. At the depth of my priesthood, and my fatherhood, I pray with great humility to do the same for you all, my beloved parish family, with the sacred meal of the Eucharist.

For the parish of St. William the Abbot, as we celebrate Father's Day this Sunday, we have also been blessed with a 'new father', a spiritual father in Fr. Joseph Lettieri!!! I do want to acknowledge in a special way his parents, Jeanne and Ed, as well as his siblings and their families, for sharing him with us. Last weekend we experienced something that is not an everyday - or every year - or even every decade - occurrence in his priestly ordination. Fr. Lettieri was ordained on Saturday at the Cathedral of St. Agnes in Rockville Centre by Bishop John Barres and then returned home on Sunday for his First Mass of Thanksgiving here in Seaford. The celebration was powerful - in the music, the readings, Fr. Eric Fasano's thoughtful homily, and in the prayerful way Fr. Lettieri celebrated the Eucharist. You will see a few pictures below and in the pages to follow.



I am so grateful for the incredible response from the parish community, St. William the Abbot School, the many ministries where individuals did double duty serving at their regular mass and then returning to serve at Fr. Lettieri's mass. The food and welcome reception at the school, the creative displays, the artwork and letters from the children of SWS, the volunteers serving and decorating all added to the day. It was a true display of radical hospitality and community. Please keep Fr. Lettieri in your prayers as he begins his priestly ministry at St. Dominic's in Oyster Bay and let us pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life from our parish. In our Christian journey, we are all invited into the universal call to holiness, the fruits of that holiness bloom and come to fruition in the parish setting, but the seeds are planted in our families each and every day. Let us pray that the Lord continues to bless St. William the Abbot with vocations to serve in the church, but just as importantly that we embrace our call to holiness, to be set apart for God.



Once again, I want to wish a blessed and happy Father's Day to our dads, both living and deceased. We pray in gratitude for when our dad's got "fathering" right, and we pray for healing and forgiveness when they did not.

Peace and God bless you!

*Fr. Joe*

## Envelope Mailing

To save on mailing costs, beginning next month (July), you will be receiving 2-months of weekly offertory envelopes at a time.

## Father's Day Novena

Our Father's Day Novena of Masses will begin on Father's Day, June 16th. 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.



## Banns of Marriage

### Banns I

Tiana DiCostanzo, St. William the Abbot  
& James Socha, St. Anthony, Yonkers, NY

### Banns II

Gabriela Caputo, St. William the Abbot  
& Glen Carey, Our Lady of Lourdes

### Banns III

Erin McClinchey, St. William the Abbot  
& Nicholas Pasco, Bayside, NY

## 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. Mc Ardle (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) - Commander Michael S. Slatley (USN) - Daniel Timpanaro (USCG) - Lt. Col. Christopher J. Ustler (USA) - Cdr. Katherine Ustler-Lodispoto (USCG) - Michael Vietri (USN)

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B L E S S E D

Father's Day

# The Ordination & First Mass of Thanksgiving





JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE

FEAST DAY OF  
ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT



BEGINNING WITH 6PM MASS

PARISH BBQ TO FOLLOW MASS

**FOOD • MUSIC • ACTIVITIES**

BURGERS/HOT DOGS & TREATS PROVIDED

PLEASE BRING DRINKS & ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE TO ENJOY

**TUESDAY, JUNE 25TH**

\*\*\*\*\* BRING CHAIRS/PICNIC BLANKETS \*\*\*\*\*



VISIT [STWILLIAM.ORG/FEAST2024](http://STWILLIAM.ORG/FEAST2024) TO VOLUNTEER



# St. William the Abbot School

Our Middle School Sports program celebrated the end of the school year with an Awards Banquet this past week. These student-athletes accomplished a great deal over the past few months, from wins and losses, to embracing the power of good sportsmanship and being a good teammate. Thank you to our Athletic Director, Mr. Devine, for everything he has poured in to expanding the program over the last few years and to all our coaches and volunteers who make it all possible!



You may have noticed a transformation of the field in the back of the church over the last few weeks. Mr. Devine and our Fathers' Club donated materials and their time to painstakingly revive the field for the SWS athletic programs to use.



**SCHEDULE A TOUR OF OUR NURSERY - 8TH GRADE PROGRAMS TODAY (516-785-6784)**



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



## *Parish Social Ministry*

### ***Prayer Shawl Ministry***

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday June 18 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!

### ***Pantry List***

Apple Juice  
Applesauce  
Mayonnaise  
All-Purpose Cleaning Spray

### ***Thank You St. William's School Families***

Thank you to the families of St. William the Abbot School for participating in the Catholic Health Food Drive to fight food insecurity. The school's food drive resulted in hundreds of bags of food for our pantry, which were all kindly delivered by the eighth graders! Thanks to everyone's generosity, we are now stocked up for summer to keep neighborhood children that are home from school well fed and healthy.



### ***HEAP Cooling Assistance Open!***

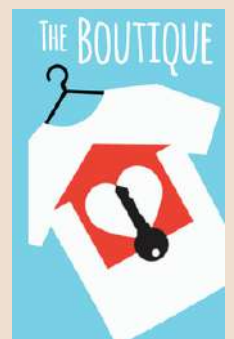
The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps people pay the cost of heating and cooling their homes. You can now apply for cooling assistance to buy and install an air conditioner or a fan for your home. To qualify you must have a documented medical condition that is aggravated by heat, and you must meet certain income guidelines. To see the full list of eligibility guidelines and to apply, visit <https://www.ny.gov/services/apply-heating-and-cooling-assistance-heap>.

### ***As It Gets Warmer...Donation Reminder***

As the weather gets warmer, please do not leave perishables in the Social Ministry outdoor food bin. Exposure to warm temperatures and the increased insect population that comes with the season could make it unsafe for us to re-distribute your donation. If you cannot make it to our office to donate during business hours, feel free to call us for an evening or Sunday drop off appointment. Weekday hours are 9:30am until 4pm.

### ***Where Can I Donate Clothing?***

Did you know that used clothing can be donated locally to be re-used by those in need? "The Boutique" in Amityville is run by the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless. This special distribution center allows people in need to come and pick out clothes and other essential items, all for free! Donations of new and used clothing are accepted Tuesday through Thursday, 10am to 3pm at their 600 Albany Avenue location, or by appointment. By helping The Boutique, you also help our Parish families in need, because we can send referrals for our families to shop there! To contact The Boutique, call 631-464-4314.





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Scan here to make a one-time donation by Credit Card, Apple Pay, Google Pay, or CashApp

Or visit  
stwilliam.org/ways-to-give



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*Pastor*

Rev. Michael Edathil  
*Associate Pastor*

Rev. John Crozier  
*In Residence*

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### St. William the Abbot School



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*Principal*

Ryan Fedak  
*Assistant Principal*

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*A Legacy of Excellence - Nursery through 8th Grade*

### Deacons

Dcn. Anthony Cedrone  
Dcn. Michael Metzdorff

Dcn. John Lynch

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### Our Seminarian

Herley Mendez  
SWA Parishioner

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

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### Resources

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)  
rcia@stwilliam.org | stwilliam.org/rcia

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  
drvc.org

Formed: The Catholic Faith. On Demand  
formed.org

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

### Parish Social Ministry

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Monday - Thursday: 9am - 12:30pm, 1pm - 4pm  
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Saturday: 9am - 12:30pm, 1pm - 3pm

*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*

### The Diocese of Rockville Centre

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
*Fifth Bishop of Rockville Centre*

Most Rev. Robert J. Coyle  
Most Rev. Luis Miguel Romero Fernandez, M.I.d  
Most Rev. Andrzej Zglejszewski  
Most Rev. John C. Dunne (Retired)  
*Auxiliary Bishops of Rockville Centre*

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