



# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



## June 2, 2024 The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

### 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

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. "This is my blood of the[c] covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them.

Mark 14:22-24

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, June 2, 2024

##### Collective Intentions

Anne & Jack Kilkelly

Wanda & Jack Keefe

Maryann & Dave Crean

Ann & George Brzezinski

Mary Litras

Dorothy Rohan

Ralph Sabatelli

John & Susan Callahan

#### Monday, June 3, 2024

Laura Davis

#### Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Emma, Michael & Donald Ustler

#### Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Artie Toohing

#### Thursday, June 6, 2024

Patricia McArdle

#### Friday, June 7, 2024

##### Collective Intentions

Roberto Giancaterino

Brian Kaufmann

Tina Russo

Brendan O'Regan

Anthony Albano

#### Saturday, June 8, 2024

Purgatorial Society

##### Collective Intentions

Alan Neubauer

Christine Hudak

Vincent Fortione

Ralph Sabatelli

Daniel Foy

### Pray for the Sick

Kelly Rohan

Jeanine Tedeschi

Jerry Milbach

Jen Greico

Sal Lupo

Richard Fedyk

Eileen Engelman

### Pray for the Deceased

Robert F. Macomber

### Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in honor of the Priestly Ordination of Joseph Lettieri and Dennis Gannon from the Parish of St. William the Abbot

### Pillar of Prayer

As Catholics, we are called to spread the Truth of the Catholic Faith. The Catholic Church in the United States has embarked on an initiative called the "National Eucharistic Revival." Pray for the success of this revival - for a renewed faith in the True Presence and for an increase in conversions.

### Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers used at Mass this week have been donated in honor of Jeanne and Ed Lettieri from the Parish of St. William the Abbot

# The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

## Corpus Christi 2024

"The Body of Christ." As Catholics, we are so familiar during Mass with this statement from the priest as we come forward for communion, and we faithfully respond "Amen!" This powerful action and statement of faith has been the central part of the mystery of our Catholic faith journey. So often we in the Church will speak about the Eucharist as the source and summit of our belief. Through the years the liturgy of the Eucharist has developed and evolved into the liturgical experience that we have each Sunday. What began as an ordinary celebration of the Passover meal was transformed into the sacred meal of the New Covenant. The disciples quickly noticed that the Last Supper would be a different type of meal, that the lamb of sacrifice was not present from the herds or the stalls of Jerusalem, but that as they gazed upon Jesus that night, they were beholding the presence of the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. That celebration continues and is "re"-presented here in Seaford each Sunday and every day at Mass.

On September 8, 1565, Father Francisco Lopez de Mendoza Grajales, celebrated Mass at what is known as the sacred acre in St. Augustine FL. He was entrusted with the spiritual care of the crew of the Indies Fleet led by Spanish Admiral Menendez de Aviles which set sail from Spain to discover the riches of the New World. The daily Eucharistic celebration has been offered at an altar on that spot for over 450 years - the Body of Christ has been made present. Saint William the Abbot is approaching 100 years as a parish community and has faced some of the most beautiful and challenging times in American history with a great love and devotion to the Eucharist. Each day I encounter the faithful of our parish at Adoration and Mass strengthening their faith and devotion, and of course lifting up our loved ones who are not as connected to the Body of Christ. There is hope, but also an awareness of a need for revival and rejuvenation within the Church.

The US Bishop's Conference has recently presented us with alarming statistics about Mass attendance and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Mass attendance and active participation at most Catholic parishes in the US and on Long Island is about 30% and the grasping of belief and understanding in the Real Presence is a little below that statistical number! Bishop Robert Barron reminds us that "this study should be a wake-up call to all of us in the Church... my anger is not directed at the research organizers, but inward. I'm blaming myself, bishops, priests, and anybody responsible for transmitting the faith... we are all guilty. It's been a massive failure of the Church carrying on its own tradition." Our response to this of course must be to pause, to turn to the Lord in prayer, to ask, and to listen to His response of what to do next. We must especially do this during Mass and Eucharistic Adoration, the Lord will guide and direct us. The more we strengthen our personal devotion and love for the Eucharist, especially here at Saint William the Abbot in Seaford, then that will spread to our families, to the parish borders, and beyond. We certainly are not responsible to change the whole church, but we can intentionally grow in our understanding and love of the Eucharist right here.

The month of June will allow us to do just that, with many wonderful events occurring for us to gather in prayer and celebration of the Body of Christ. June is set aside and recognized as the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, remembering His humble offering on the cross for our sins. Saint William will be hosting one evening of the Diocesan Novena of Holy Hours across Long Island on Wednesday, June 5th at 7 PM. That will lead us into the ordination weekend of Father Joseph Lettieri on Saturday June 8th at St. Agnes Cathedral, followed by his first Mass of Thanksgiving here at 2:00 PM on Sunday June 9th. Along with our daily Adoration, as well as First Friday Adoration, we will culminate the month of the Sacred Heart with our Patronal Feast Day celebration on Tuesday June 25th, with Mass and a parish BBQ. I encourage you to participate in all or as many of the events that help us to honor and reverence Corpus Christi, the Sacred Body, and Blood of Jesus Christ.

My sisters and brothers we have been entrusted with a powerful mission to proclaim God's goodness and love, and that He desires to be with us in everything. He also desires for us to simply spend time with him, at Mass, and Adoration, in the scriptures, and in quiet time. As we kick off this 2024 Corpus Christi weekend, let us pray for a deeper desire to reverence and respect the Holy Eucharist. Let us pray that our devotion will inspire and lead others to an intimacy and love of the Lord.

As always, thank you for your generosity and presence, and let's continue to pray for one another.

Peace,





## **St. Peregrine Prayer Hour**

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

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**

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

### **Banns III**

Kathryn Flynn, St. William the Abbot & Kyle Frenger, St. James, Seaford

## **Baptism**

Let us welcome the following child who was baptized this past weekend:

Luca Cosentino

## **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) - Major Christopher J. Ustler (USA) - Cdr. Katherine Ustler-Lodispoto (USCG) - Michael Vietri (USN)

## **CYO Summer Basketball Registration**

St Williams CYO will be entering a limited number of teams in the CYO of Long Island summer basketball league. The summer basketball season runs from July 8th through August 23rd. The league consists of 8 games played during the week outdoors at Town of Hempstead parks. For more information and to register for these teams please go to the web site: [stwilliamcyo.sportngin.com](http://stwilliamcyo.sportngin.com). The fee for summer basketball is \$90 and the registration will end on Sunday June 9.

## **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.



## **FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

SPEND A FEW MINUTES OF YOUR DAY IN QUIET PRAYER IN FRONT OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*Friday, June 7th | 9am - 1pm*

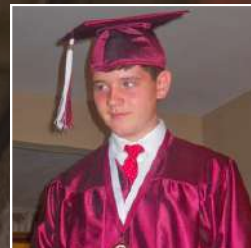
## **CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?**

*We invite you to write your prayer intentions in the Parish Prayer Book in the Front Vestibule so our community of faith can unite in prayer with you.*





# THE ORDINATION OF *Joseph Lettieri*



WE'VE CELEBRATED SO MANY SPECIAL MOMENTS WITH THE LETTIERI FAMILY AT ST. WILLIAM'S OVER THE YEARS AND NOW WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AS PARISHIONER JOSEPH LETTIERI (SWS '11) IS ORDAINED A PRIEST FOR THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

## PRIESTLY ORDINATION

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH | 11AM | ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL

## FIRST MASS & PARISH RECEPTION

SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH | 2PM | ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT





# St. William the Abbot School

Our students have been enjoying grade-level Field Days! Thank you to Phys Ed teacher Mrs. Scudlo and all parent volunteers for making these days so fun for everyone!



SWS Middle Schoolers attended a presentation by NCPD Officer Yolanda Turner on cyber bullying and social media usage.



There was a special mini Class of 2011 reunion this week as Dcn. Joe ran into his classmate and one of our 4th Grade teachers, Ms. Festa!

Dcn. Joe was onsite to go over preparations for Ordination Weekend while Ms. Festa and her class were enjoying Field Day.



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





# Novena of Holy Hours

For the Month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
in the Diocese of Rockville Centre

## 2024 Dates and Churches

- May 30 – St. Anne Church, Brentwood  
7pm Mass, 8pm Holy Hour (Preached by Bishop Romero in Spanish)
- May 31 – St. Patrick Church, Bayshore @ 8pm
- June 1 – St. Barnabas Church, Bellmore @ 7:30pm *with* Confessions
- June 2 – St. Therese of Lisieux Church, Montauk @ 2pm  
Bilingual Eucharistic Procession through Montauk Village  
with reception to follow for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi
- June 3 – St. Anthony of Padua Church, East Northport  
@ 7:30pm *with* Confessions
- June 4 – St. Ignatius of Loyola Church, Hicksville  
@ 7:30pm *with* Confessions
- June 5 – St. William the Abbot Church, Seaford @ 7pm
- June 6 – Our Lady of Loretto Church, Hempstead @ 7:30pm
- June 7 – St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre  
6:15pm Holy Hour *with* Confessions  
7:30pm Mass *with* Bishop Barres (Celebrant), Fr. Lee Descoteaux (Homilist)



**GOD IS LOVE**  
JUNE  
MONTH OF THE  
MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

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**

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**BRING CHAIRS/PICNIC BLANKETS**

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# SUMMER

## 50/50 RAFFLE

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WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED  
AT FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

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TUESDAY, JUNE 25TH

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PURCHASE ONLINE OR  
RETURN THE BELOW FORM  
TO THE RECTORY

[STWILLIAM.ORG/FEAST2024](http://STWILLIAM.ORG/FEAST2024)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Entries:    \_\_\_ Single Entry (\$25)        \_\_\_ Five Entries (\$100)

Please make checks payable to St. William the Abbot



## *Parish Social Ministry*

### ***Yarn Donations Needed***

The Social Ministry is now collecting yarn donations for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. 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.

### ***Pantry List***

Jelly  
Peanut Butter  
Canned Tuna  
Canned Chicken  
Canned Carrots  
Dish Soap

### ***Memorial Day Donations - Thank You!***

Last week our thoughtful donors brought many Memorial Day themed donations to the food pantry. Our generous parishioners donated hotdogs, hamburgers and rolls, fruit and side salads, and even red, white, and blue cupcakes! We received so many great items that will give local families a special meal for the holiday weekend. We could not serve the community without the dedicated support of our parishioners. We are so grateful! Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

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

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday June 4 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!



### ***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.

### ***Refer a Friend in Need***

Do you know someone in need of assistance? Your Parish Social Ministry offers confidential support and advice regarding hardships experienced by adults and seniors who may be struggling with sensitive issues. We have access to relevant state, local and charity-based programs that may help, and we offer other services such as client advocacy and regular use of our food pantry. Partnering with our St. Vincent de Paul conference, we help with budgeting, expense management and building financial independence. For more information call the Parish Social Ministry office 516-679-8532.



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

Or visit  
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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**



Elizabeth Bricker  
*Principal*

Ryan Fedak  
*Assistant Principal*

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

**Our Seminarians**

Dcn. Joseph Lettieri  
*SWA Parishioner*

Herley Mendez  
*SWA Parishioner*

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

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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  
drcv.org

Formed: The Catholic Faith. On Demand  
formed.org

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

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