



# St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



## June 21, 2026 Twelfth 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

“So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs.  
Matthew 10:26-27

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, June 21st

7:30am: Nicole & Jeanine Tedeschi

9am: Martin Hartmann

10:30am: Joseph Gaskin

12n: Father's Day, Francis Paul Tursi,

Richard Lorper, Louis Esposito

#### Monday, June 22nd

8:30am: Father's Day, Louise & Dominic Fortunato,

Carl Nigro, Roger Roy

#### Tuesday, June 23rd

8:30am: Father's Day

#### Wednesday, June 24th

8:30am: Father's Day, Mary & Jack Greene,

Julia A. Hall, Vito Cricenti

#### Thursday, June 25th

8:30am: Father's Day

#### Friday, June 26th

8:30am: Father's Day

#### Saturday, June 27th

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: Father's Day

### Pray for the Sick

Kathleen Capozzi - Rosemary Averill - Frances Speidell - Mary McCormick - Michael Holian  
Mary Vanden Heuvel - Michael D'Arpino - Steve DeCillis - Thomas Stolfi - Charlie Herbert

### Pray for the Deceased

Diana M. Coyne

#### Altar Flowers

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

#### Altar Candles

have been donated in honor of  
The O'Brien, Vita, and Waldron  
Families

## ***Knowledge of the Father's Love***

As we celebrate Father's Day weekend, I would like to extend my heartfelt prayers and gratitude to all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, spiritual fathers, and the many men who have lovingly embraced the role of a father in the lives of others. May God richly bless you for your sacrifices, your guidance, and your steadfast love.

My own dad had a favorite expression whenever I introduced him to someone new - he would say proudly: "I am the father of the father." I always smiled when he said it. Last weekend, I experienced something similar as I attended the priestly ordination and First Mass of Father Herley Mendez in Connecticut. Watching him begin his priestly ministry, I felt the joy and pride of a spiritual father witnessing a son answering in trusting faith and love to God's call. What a tremendous gift to the Church – a new priest, a new father!

The readings this weekend remind us how deeply loved we are by our Heavenly Father. Jesus assures His Apostles that they are known and cherished by God, who even knows the number of hairs on their heads. While our earthly fathers, like all of us, possess human imperfections, Our Lord Jesus invites us to discover in God the perfect Father whose love never fails. Through baptism, we become sons and daughters of God, heirs to His Kingdom, and recipients of His abundant gifts: unconditional love, friendship, belonging, protection, and hope. If God is aware of what seems to be two insignificant sparrows, imagine how much more He desires to fulfill all our wants, needs, and desires. Our joy and happiness is always on His mind.

Parents, you know well the desire to provide everything for your children's needs and the pain of not always being able to give them everything they want. Looking back on my own childhood, there were vacations we never took and opportunities we could not always afford because of work schedules or financial realities. Going cross country or overseas did not happen, but body surfing at the Town of Babylon beaches of Cedar, Overlook and Gilgo and summer barbeques and family pool parties are my most treasured memories. Those experiences gave me a love for the beach and spending summers on Long Island, but more importantly kept the focus on my relationship with my dad and not the material things he gave me.

My father, Tom Fitzgerald, was far from perfect, and I certainly inherited that trait. But one strong virtue he possessed was the gift of simply showing up. He was there for the games, graduations, recitals, celebrations, and even the ordinary Tuesday baseball catches in the backyard. During these seven years as your pastor, I have often prayed for that same grace - to show up when you have needed a priest, a pastor, and a fellow disciple. In doing so, I hope to have modeled not only the example of my earthly father, but even more importantly, the faithful love of our Heavenly Father who is always present to His children.

As another parish year draws to a close and summer begins, I want to express my sincere gratitude for the countless ways you have supported St. William the Abbot parish. Through your generous stewardship of time, talent, and treasure, our parish, school, faith formation programs, ministries, and outreach efforts continue to flourish. Whether serving quietly behind the scenes, volunteering in ministry, supporting our school families, or faithfully contributing to the life of the parish, your generosity is a living witness to the Gospel and a blessing to our entire community. I pray you will make time and join us for the Feast Day of St. William the Abbot for a Mass and Parish Barbeque this Thursday at 6pm to celebrate 99 years as a parish family of faith!

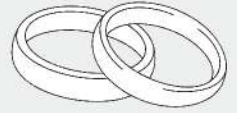
On behalf of our parish pastoral team, I wish you and your families a blessed, happy, and grace-filled Father's Day and Happy Feast Day of St. William the Abbot!



## Banns of Marriage

### Banns II

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 III

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

## 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.



## Baptisms

Let us welcome the following children who were baptized this past weekend:

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|-------------------------|----------------|
| Henry Cadolino          | Juliet Polacik |
| Vincent Ciccolella, III | Thomas Polacik |
| Giuliana Patullo        |                |

## 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, Ret (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)

## Anointing of the Sick

Anyone going to the hospital or who has a serious illness can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, which will be celebrated communally immediately following the 12n Mass on Sunday, June 28th.

## Second Collection Next Weekend



Next weekend we will take the *Peter's Pence Collection* to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Leo to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous!

## 20 26 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*"Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another."*  
- Pope Leo XIV

SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH OTHERS

Every day, people in our community are helped because of support from funds raised through the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

*People like Paul... Paul had been gainfully employed for more than 10 years when he became sick. Soon, medical issues made it impossible for him to keep working, and after paying his medical bills and living expenses, Paul had little left to purchase other necessities for his family. He turned to Catholic Charities who supplied a specialist to assess his family's needs and provide valuable community resources. He also received food through his parish's social outreach.*

*Today, Paul has returned to work and is doing well!*

Please consider making a donation by visiting [drvc.org/CMA](http://drvc.org/CMA)

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# BEHOLD

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## THE RITE ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

### ORDINATION MASS

Ordination occurs during a special Mass celebrated by the bishop. It is typically attended by the priests of the diocese, the family and friends of the men being ordained, and the lay faithful wishing to celebrate. In addition to the “regular” parts of the Mass, there are special elements included for the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

#### *The Presentation of Candidates*

The men being ordained are called forward by name as *candidates* and they respond simply by saying “present.” A senior priest asks on behalf of the Church that the candidates be ordained and testifies for their worthiness. With the affirmative response of the bishop, the candidates are now *elects*.

#### *The Promise of the Elect*

The bishop asks the elects to accept the duties and responsibilities of the priesthood and they then kneel individually before the bishop, place their hands in his, and promise respect and obedience to him and his successors.

#### *The Litany of Intercessory Prayers of the Saints*

While the elect lay prostrate on the floor, everyone else in the church/cathedral kneels to pray for the intercession of saints for the men about to be ordained.

#### *The Laying on of Hands*

The bishop, as a Successor of the Apostles, wordlessly lays his hands upon the heads of the elect. This is an ancient gesture dating back to the Apostles. After the bishop completes this ritual, each of the priests in attendance comes forward to do the same modeling the ancient Biblical action.

#### *The Prayer of Ordination*

The bishop invokes the Holy Spirit upon the elect. This marks the end of the Sacrament of Holy Orders and the men are now officially priests.

#### *Vesting with Stole and Chasuble*

The newly ordained priests are presented with their stole and chasuble and are helped into them by a brother priest who has served as a spiritual mentor to them.

#### *The Anointing of Hands*

While kneeling, the bishop anoints the hands of the newly ordained with sacred chrism. These hands will go on to consecrate the Eucharist and administer all other sacraments.

### FIRST BLESSINGS

The newly ordained priests offer blessings after their ordination Mass and first Mass of Thanksgiving. The faithful generally kneel in front of the new priest for the blessing and afterwards are invited to kiss the palms of their hands, which were anointed during the Rite of Ordination.

### FIRST MASS

Newly ordained priests typically celebrate their first public Mass - a Mass of Thanksgiving - the day after ordination with family, friends, and brother priests in attendance. Sometimes the newly ordained priest will deliver the homily himself, but often they ask another priest they are close with to preach, which is considered a distinct honor. At the close of the Mass, the newly ordained priest often presents the maniturgium - the special cloth that was used to wipe the sacred chrism from his hands during ordination - to his mother. Eventually, she will be buried with it wrapped around her own hands to offer it to Christ at the gates of heaven to show, that like the Blessed Mother, she gave her own son as a priest to serve His Church. The newly ordained will also often present their father with the stole they wore when hearing their first confession (sometimes the bishop's) directly after ordination Mass and will also be buried with it for the same reason.



It's Graduation and Moving-Up Season at SWS! It was a beautiful week spent celebrating the accomplishments of our Nursery, Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 8th Grade students. Congratulations to the Class of 2026!



# 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 (the lower church) 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  
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



*St. William the Abbot*  
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)

*"A righteous man who walks in his integrity -  
blessed are his sons after him!"*

PROVERBS 20:7

*Happy Father's Day!*



### ***Congratulations, Father Herley!***

Congratulations and God Bless Fr. Herley Mendez, who was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Bridgeport last weekend!

We look forward to celebrating with Fr. Herley, an adopted son of St. William the Abbot, later this summer. More information will be announced shortly.

## CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION



FOR BOYS & GIRLS  
IN 4TH - 8TH GRADES



REGISTRATION OPEN 6/21 THROUGH 7/18

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St. William the Abbot School is currently wrapping up it's 71st anniversary, and, for 69 of those years (consecutively!), a member of the Diamond/Tomczyk family has been a student there.

Last week, that incredible streak ended as Kellan graduated and became an alumni of SWS alongside his father (Craig), grandmother (Gail), uncles, aunt, great-uncle, great-aunts, and cousins.

Thank you to the Diamond/Tomczyk family for their continued presence and commitment to Catholic education and the St. William the Abbot community!

## ***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: "Gather the People" - #305

Offertory Hymn: "Whatsoever You Do" - #621

Communion Hymn: "Be Not Afraid" - #439

Communion Meditation: "You Alone" - #666

Recessional Hymn: "How Can I Keep from Singing" - #445

*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***

Apple Juice - Coffee - Flour (sm. bags) - Pancake Mix - Syrup

#### ***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.

#### ***HEAP Cooling Assistance***

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 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>.

#### ***Summer EBT Benefits for Children***

To supplement the loss of free school meals during the summer break, your child may be eligible for a one-time summer EBT benefit of \$120 to help cover the cost of food. If you currently receive SNAP or Public Assistance, or if you qualify for free school lunch, you should be automatically enrolled in this program. If you do not meet these requirements, you can still apply for this benefit online. Applications will be reviewed to ensure they comply with the program's income thresholds. Benefits begin mid-June and must be used within 122 days of deposit. For more information call 1-833-452-0096 or visit [www.OTDA.ny.gov/summerEBT](http://www.OTDA.ny.gov/summerEBT)

#### ***Cooling Centers***

If you want to beat the heat, cooling centers are available in Nassau County at the following locations: note that Westbury offers a 24/7 cooling center.

- Cantiague Park - 480 W John St, Hicksville, Open 9am - 4pm
- Wantagh Park - 1 King Rd, Wantagh, Open 9am - 4pm
- Mitchel Field Athletic Complex - 1 Charles Lindbergh Blvd, Uniondale, Open 9am – 4pm
- Former Nassau County Family Court – 1200 Old Country Road, Westbury, Open 24 hours, 7 days a week

*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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*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**



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*A Legacy of Excellence for Over 70 Years - Nursery through 8th Grade*

**Seminarian**

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

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

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**Resources**

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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  
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tomorrowshopefoundation.org

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