



St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



June 22, 2025 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

Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.
Luke 9:16-17

Mass Intentions

Sunday, June 22nd

7:30am: Father's Day Novena

9am: Michael Anthony Prete

10:30am: Dominic Fortunato

12n: Virginia DiClemente

Monday, June 23rd

8:30am: Father's Day Novena

Tuesday, June 24th

8:30am: Joan Pulgiano, Julia A. Hall, Alice Murphy, Kathleen McMurray

Wednesday, June 25th

8:30am: Mickey Presto, Marlon Morris, Theresa Vetere, Braeden Wilson

Thursday, June 26th

8:30am: Pasquale Serenita, Patricia Simms, Mary DePasquale, Joseph Nassour, Frederick Denhard

Friday, June 27th

8:30am: Michael DeRosa

Saturday, June 28th

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: Joseph Gaskin

Pray for the Sick

Mary Bahret - Richard Fedyk - Jen Greico - Rosemary Averill - Michael D'Arpino - Barbara Geraghty
Grace Ann Martinelli - Robert Valerga - Lisa Miola - Paul Cameron - Sal Lupo - Frances Speidell

Pray for the Deceased

Anthony Castagna - Mary Ellen Conlon

The Sanctuary Candle

has been donated in loving memory of
Christine Pittelli
from her loving family

The Wine and Hosts

have been donated in loving memory of
Marie, James & Sue Parisi
from Nancy Costa

The Altar Flowers

have been donated in honor of the
Parishioners of St. William the Abbot

The Eucharistic Body of Christ!

As we gather this weekend to celebrate the great Feast of Corpus Christi, we are drawn into the heart of our Catholic faith - the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. This Solemnity is not simply a remembrance; it is a profound act of reverence and love for the Body and Blood of our Lord. Here at St. William's, we honor this sacred gift through our commitment to celebrating the Mass with intentionality, offering times for Eucharistic Adoration, and bringing Holy Communion to the sick and homebound to name a few. These are not peripheral activities - they are essential expressions of our identity as a Eucharistic people.

Over the past year, we have taken intentional steps to deepen Eucharistic devotion within our parish. From expanding daily Mass opportunities during Lent, to monthly evenings of Adoration, rosary, and praise, as well as identifying and commissioning more extraordinary ministers for homebound visits. We are striving to make Christ in the Eucharist more accessible to every heart in Seaford. But our efforts cannot stop there. The Feast of Corpus Christi is not just a celebration; it is a call to action – this was especially evident in the recent procession down Sunrise Highway during the preparation for the Eucharistic Congress. We are being called to renew our faith, to draw others into it, and to boldly proclaim the sacredness of what, and WHO we receive.

Recent circumstances have motivated me to revisit a need to re-catechize some of the basics of our understanding and reverence of Communion. Since May 3rd (our First Holy Communions), - I have found 10 Eucharistic hosts in our church - discarded on the floor, hidden in the pages of the pew missal, and one in the visitor's donation envelope. To be honest, I have had a mix of feelings since these recent discoveries of horror, shock, anger, and a deep sadness for this intentional or unintentional disrespect of our Eucharistic Lord.

One of the great gifts of our parish is that we have been a safe haven of welcome and hospitality to many people who have been away from the Church, or who at times have felt rejected by the Church, and for many who are not Catholic yet want to learn more about our faith and devotions. So often you have heard me speak about my own sinfulness as I stand in awe of the Eucharist and realize that even as a priest I am unworthy to receive Jesus. I recently read an article reflecting on the National Eucharistic Revival and our Church's need to return to first principles. It cited not only the spiritual hunger of our time, but also the confusion. A Pew Survey confirmed that a staggering percentage of Catholics in America do not believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Only about 31% affirm that the Eucharist is truly His Body and Blood. This should trouble us, yes, but even more, it should ignite in us a desire to be witnesses of belief, reverence, transformation, and evangelization.

It is clear this trend must not continue. You will be hearing from me and other clergy before Mass and during our preaching simple reminders of the protocols for reception of Holy Communion. These gentle - and possibly not so gentle reminders - are only the start. But there are few other simple ways we can all be more humble and reverent regarding this great gift. That reverence begins in how we attend Mass - in how we dress for Mass, how we approach the altar, and how we teach our children to do the same. If we truly believe Jesus is present our entire demeanor should reflect that. The message needs to get out to all who come here to worship from our weekly Mass attendees to those who occasionally come and to those who are new to the faith. We should also model this devotion outside of the church walls; do others know that your Sunday revolves around the altar, not "just" the game, practice, dance, and activity schedule?

The Eucharist is not a symbol. It is not a ritual. It is Jesus Christ - alive and present, given to you and me out of love. Let us approach and receive Him with awe, serve Him with joy, and share Him with conviction. May our parish be a shining example of Eucharistic reverence for all who pass through our doors.

Jesus in the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith - may He also be the center of our lives. More to come!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Joe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Banns of Marriage

Banns I

Alessia Loretta, St. Louis de Montfort, Sound Beach,
& John del Pozzo, St. William the Abbot

Lauren Weisberger, St. William the Abbot
& Matthew Shelley, St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa

Lauren Mastrianni, St. William the Abbot
& Anthony DeGennaro, St. Ignatius, Hicksville, NY

Banns II

Christina Minerva, St. William the Abbot
& Joseph Sica, St. Kevin's Church, Flushing, NY

Peter's Pence Collection

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!

Baptisms

Let us welcome the following children baptized this past weekend:

Molly Jurgielewicz Bryson Meoli Finn Miller

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) - 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)



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 12:00 N Mass on Sunday, June 29, 2025.

2025-2026 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

For Children Entering 1st - 8th Grade

Registration is now open through our website - Payment will be accepted via credit/debit cards, Apple Pay, Google Pay, Cash App, and checking account



- Our program is on developing a life-long relationship between your family and Jesus through Christ-centered lessons and in the communal celebration of the Eucharist each week
- 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
- All children are required to attend 75% of Sunday/Holy Days of Obligation Masses between September and May and check-in using the QR codes in the church in order to complete their grade level and receive sacraments
- Program discount is available for parent volunteers

BEHOLD

To ensure that the Eucharist is received with reverence, the Church has given us clear guidelines. These are in place to direct both our inner disposition as well as our external actions as we approach the altar.

INNER DISPOSITION

In addition to being a baptized Catholic, we are required to:

1. Observe the Eucharistic fast – You are required to fast for at least 1 hour prior to the reception of Communion.
2. Be in the state of grace – this means that you are not aware of any mortal sin on your soul. If you are aware of having committed a mortal sin, you must go to Confession before you receive communion.
3. Believe what the Eucharist is – When the priest or extraordinary minister (EM) says “The body of Christ,” and you respond “Amen,” you affirm that you believe you are receiving Jesus’ actual Body and Blood.

EXTERNAL ACTIONS

As the person immediately in front of you is receiving – make a gesture of reverence: pause and gently bow. You may receive Communion on the tongue or on your hands, we ask that you distinctly hold your hands up and away from your body so the priest or EM knows how you will be receiving. When the priest or EM says, “The Body of Christ,” respond “Amen.”

If you choose to receive Communion in your hands, make a flat throne surface of your hands by placing one hand over the hand. After receiving Jesus on your hand, *immediately* consume the host, step to the side, and make the sign of the cross. If you choose to receive on the tongue, tilt your head back slightly and stick your tongue out. Wait for the priest or EM to place Communion on your tongue before closing your mouth and making the sign of the cross.

Return to your seat, join in the hymn, or pray in your heart.





THE FEAST OF ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25TH
6PM MASS FOLLOWED BY PARISH PARTY

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CREAM, ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS, AND CARNIVAL GAMES**

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YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS



PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS BY VISITING
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SWS ended the year with our annual BBQ! A great way to celebrate as we turn our sights to Summer Fun!
Happy Summer, everyone!





SUMMER 50/50

HELP US FUND THE PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES OF OUR PARISH WHICH ALLOW US TO UPHOLD THE THREE PILLARS OF OUR COMMUNITY - ADMINISTERING THE SACRAMENTS, FORMATION OF THE FAITHFUL, AND OUTREACH TO THE MOST VULNERABLE

WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON THE FEAST DAY OF ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT (6/25)



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ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT CYO

BASKETBALL REGISTRATION FOR BOYS & GIRLS GRADES 4-8

ST. WILLIAM'S CYO IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS WHO WILL INSPIRE THE YOUTH OF THE PARISH TO KNOW GOD, TO LOVE GOD, AND TO SERVE GOD THROUGH ATHLETICS - THOSE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING SHOULD ALSO REGISTER ON THE WEBSITE. COACHES WITH CHILDREN IN THE PROGRAM WILL RECEIVE A PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT ON REGISTRATION FEES

GIRLS SEASON:
September-February

BOYS SEASON:
October-March

OPEN REGISTRATION
ENDS 7/06



Stop Physician-Assisted Suicide in New York

New York is on the brink of legalizing physician-assisted suicide. Bill A136 has already passed the Senate and Assembly. The only thing standing in its way is Governor Hochul's veto – and she needs to hear from you.

This bill would allow doctors to prescribe lethal medication with the sole purpose of ending a patient's life. It puts the most vulnerable among us – the elderly, people with disabilities, and those facing emotional or financial despair – at even greater risk. **Suicide is not healthcare.**

We must speak out to protect the dignity of every human life. Assisted suicide is a dangerous and deadly path – one we must not go down.

Take Action!



Contact the Governor's office now to oppose this deadly practice! Visit **bit.ly/veto-pas** or use the QR code.



Parish Social Ministry

Pantry List

Brown Rice
Rice a Roni
Gravy
Snack Crackers
Cookies
Bar Soap

Free Concerts 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 516-227-8900.

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.

Summer Food Donations

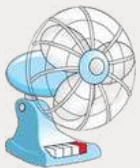
During the summer break please remember our food pantry, and the more than 60 families we support in the area. Increased travel and vacations sometimes result in fewer food donations, but the need in our area remains the same! Even one item donated to our pantry makes a big impact on those concerned about feeding their family. Call our office for a drop off appointment or simply stop by weekdays between 9:30am and 4pm. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

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 Temporary Assistance, or if you are currently certified 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. For more information call 1-833-452-0096 or visit www.OTDA.ny.gov/summerEBT.

Gardens That Give Back

As you are planning and planting your vegetable garden, please remember the Food Pantry. We will gladly accept donations of your surplus harvest! Fresh vegetables are a blessing for the families we serve.



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 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>.

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 send referrals for our families to shop there! To contact The Boutique, call 631-464-4314.



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and needs a priest outside of office hours, please call 516-312-7361*

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stwilliam.org/sacraments

Register as a St. William the Abbot Parishioner
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Catholic High Schools of Long Island
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Tomorrow's Hope Foundation: Financial Aid for Catholic Schools
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