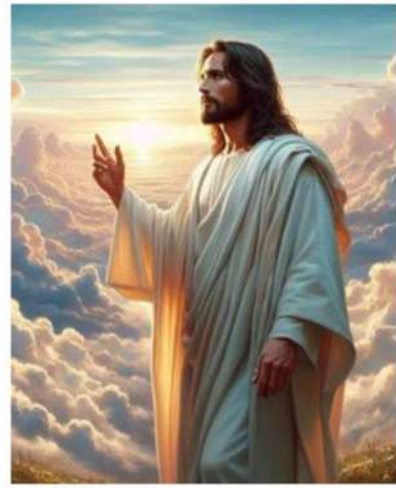




# St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



June 28, 2026  
Thirteenth 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

Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

Matthew 10:38-39

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, June 28th

7:30am: Bob Olsen

9am: Father's Day

10:30am: People of St. William's

12n: Robert Olsen

### Monday, June 29th

8:30am: Father's Day

### Tuesday, June 30th

8:30am: William Doyle, Michael DeRosa,

Joseph Sanders, Thomas Gilberg, Sr.

### Wednesday, July 1st

8:30am: Thomas Mascia (liv)

### Thursday, July 2nd

8:30am: Mimi Calfano, Susanne Boden,

George "Joe" Goulard, Douglas Nuccitelli

### Friday, July 3rd

8:30am: Jacqueline Denhard, Ellen O'Connor,

Warren Slavin, Marie & Edward Loughman

### Saturday, July 4th

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: William J. Geandomenico

## Pray for the Sick

Rosemary Averill - Frances Speidell - Michael Holian - Mary Vanden Heuvel  
Michael D'Arpino - Steve DeCillis - Thomas Stolfi - Charlie Herbert - Theo Brennan

## Pray for the Deceased

Margaret Wright - Claire K. Black - James McCormick - Mary McCormick

### Altar Flowers

have been donated in memory of  
Robert Olsen  
from Kathleen Olsen

### Altar Candles

have been donated in memory of  
Robert Olsen  
from his Grandchildren

### Sanctuary Candle

has been donated in memory of  
Robert Olsen  
from his Daughters

### Wine & Hosts

have been donated in honor of  
the Zafonte Family

## ***A Righteous Reward***

The Word of God this weekend reminds us of the abundant favor and kindness the Lord bestows upon those who remain faithful to Him. In the first two readings we hear of the generosity shown to Elisha and St. Paul and the blessings that flowed from that hospitality. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus teaches that "the righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward" and that those who faithfully receive, serve, and follow Him will not go unnoticed by our Heavenly Father.

The Lord's promise is not that discipleship will be easy, but that it will be fruitful. Jesus speaks clearly about taking up our cross and following Him. Throughout every generation, the faithful have discovered that when we surrender the temporary things of this world and place Christ first, God provides blessings beyond measure. The greatest rewards are often examples of peace amidst uncertainty, hope amidst struggle, purpose amidst confusion, and the joy that comes from knowing we belong to the Lord.

In many ways, we have witnessed God's blessings in recent weeks – graduations, sacraments, Father's Day, and June – the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Locally, and across our nation, the excitement has also exploded surrounding the New York Knicks' remarkable championship run, which has brought joy to countless fans. The World Cup has become a beautiful celebration of nations gathering peacefully on our shores, united by sport, friendship, and mutual respect. Visitors from around the world have experienced the hospitality, generosity, and welcoming spirit that remain among the finest qualities of our country.

Closer to home, our parish family has been richly blessed by the arrival of Fr. Patrick O'Brien and Fr. Bright Appiagyei-Boakye. Their presence among us is a reminder that God continues to answer our prayers for vocations and it is a testament to the culture of faith and encouragement that exists here at St. William the Abbot. Our recent Feast Day Mass and Parish BBQ were also wonderful reminders of God's goodness. As we continue celebrating our 99th year as a parish family, it was a blessing to gather in prayer, fellowship, and gratitude. The day reminded us that we are part of something much larger than ourselves - a parish with a rich history and a bright future.

It is also fitting that we celebrate during our nation's 250th anniversary year. As I reflect on next week's Fourth of July celebrations, I cannot help but remember the Bicentennial of 1976. I recall standing along Shore Road in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn watching the tall ships enter New York Harbor and seeing the enormous American flag unfurled on the Verrazano Bridge - only to be torn apart within minutes by the powerful wind gusts. I remember the parades, the patriotic songs, the excitement, and the sense of pride in being part of a nation blessed with freedom and opportunity.

As we celebrate Independence Day once again, may we never take for granted the gift of liberty, nor forget the source from which all blessings flow. Our nation has endured many challenges throughout its history because it has continually turned toward God for guidance, strength, and protection. Let us pray that America may continue to be guided, guarded, and protected "under God." Let us also pray for continued blessings upon the parish of St. William the Abbot as we approach our centennial year. May the Lord strengthen our faith, deepen our love for the Eucharist, inspire new vocations, protect our families, and fill our hearts with gratitude for all that He has done - and continues to do - for us guided, guarded, and protected as One Nation "under God" and the Mantle of Our Blessed Mother Mary

God bless you and your families, and may you enjoy a safe, peaceful, and joyful holiday week!

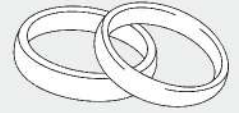
Faithfully yours,



## ***Banns of Marriage***

### **Banns I**

Julie Salvatore; St. William the Abbot & Jules Imkamp; Maria Regina, Seaford



### **Banns III**

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

### ***Pillar of Service***

This summer, think of one way you could be of service to others. Perhaps you could help clean up and care for the lawn of an elderly neighbor or assist someone in putting their air conditioner in.

### ***Low Gluten Hosts Available at Mass***

For those who must avoid gluten in their diet, the parish has low gluten hosts available for Holy Communion. If you wish to receive such a host, please arrive prior to Mass and inform the priest and he will place your host in a pyx. Please sit in the south transept.

### ***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)

# **2026-2027 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION**

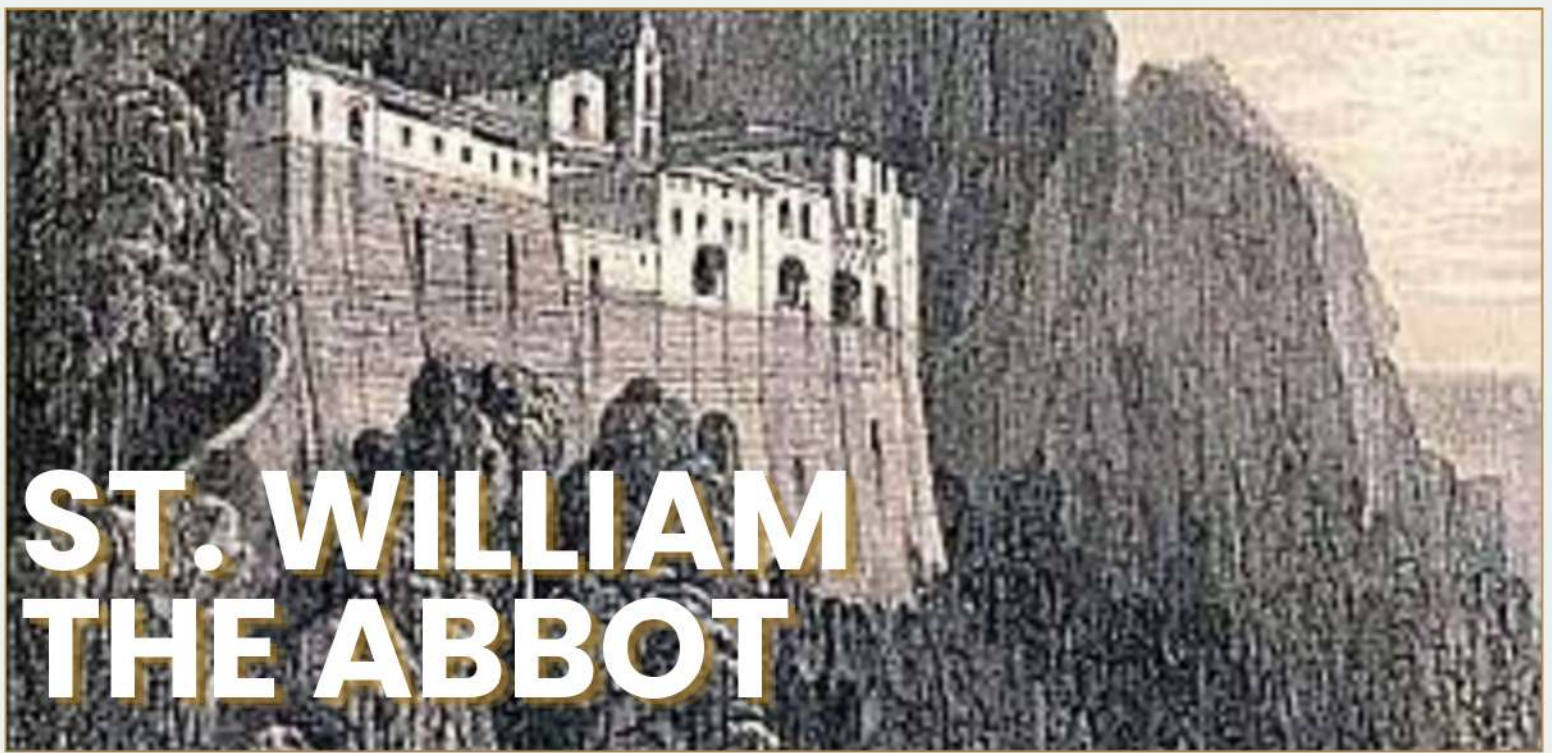
## **For Children Entering 1st - 8th Grade**

Registration is now open through July 17<sup>th</sup> at 12n on our website

*Families who are new to our program must register in person in The Abbey on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> after the 9am, 10:30am, & 12n Masses*



- 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 June 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
- New students/families must provide a copy of their baptismal certificate at the time of registration
- All families must provide their St. William the Abbot parish ID number in order to register
- Visit our website for more information - [www.stwilliam.org/faith-formation](http://www.stwilliam.org/faith-formation)



Born into a noble family in Vercelli, Italy in 1085, William decided to give up all that he knew and embark on a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. Walking barefoot and wearing a tattered habit, William's journey took five years. Along the way, he spoke intimately with God and proclaimed the Gospel to those he met.

After his visit to Spain, William intended to journey to the Holy Land, but as he made his way, William was badly beaten by a gang of criminals outside of Brindisi. After recovering from his injuries, William began to see his attack as a sign from God and dedicated the rest of his life to proclaiming the Gospel in Italy.

In 1118, William settled at the base of Monte Partenio in the Irpinia region of Italy. As William's reputation as a holy man grew, people began to flock to him and his life of quiet prayer, penance, and charity to the poor. Despite his original intention to lead a hermit lifestyle, he soon found himself the abbot of a small community recognized in 1126 as the Order of Monte Vergine, commonly known as the Williamites.

In 1128 William returned to the road and began to travel throughout southern Italy. William settled in Goletto, between Campania and Basilicata, where he founded a new double monastery, built mostly by women. He went on to found several other monasteries in the area under the rule of Roger II of Sicily.

Known as the "Wonder Worker" for his miraculous works, including restoring sight to the blind, William's most famous act is the "Miracle of the Wolf" where he instantaneously tamed a wild wolf which had killed William's donkey. For this reason, he is often depicted with a wolf at his side.

William died in Goletto in 1142 and his remains were transferred to Montevergine in 1807, where his relics are entombed in the altar of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sanctuary of Montevergine on the site of the original abbey.

St. William the Abbot was canonized in 1224 and is the patron saint of Irpinia. We celebrate his Feast Day on the day of his death, June 25th.

In February of 2025, Fr. Joe led a group of pilgrims from the parish to Monte Vergine in conjunction with the Jubilee Year. While there, he had the opportunity to pray for the parish at the tomb of St. William.



## ***Congratulations and Welcome Fr. O'Brien!***

With joyful hearts, we welcome Fr. Patrick O'Brien as an Associate Pastor for his first assignment!

This announcement was made by Bishop Barres at the conclusion of last weekend's Ordination Mass in which Fr. O'Brien, Fr. Dillon Vita, and Fr. Nick Waldron were ordained as priests for the diocese. He celebrated his first Mass last Sunday at St. Patrick Church in Huntington.



## ***Welcome Fr. Bright!***



We are also excited to introduce and welcome Fr. Bright Appiagyei-Boakye to our parish for the next few weeks!

Fr. Bright will be with us through the end of July when he begins his next assignment at St. Anthony's in Oceanside.

"FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN TO THE PLACE WHERE IT SETS, THE NAME OF THE LORD IS TO BE PRAISED."



# Summer Sunset Raffle

TO SUPPORT PARISH MINISTRIES AS WE CELEBRATE OUR 99<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

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As another blessed school year comes to a close, we celebrate the values that make St. William the Abbot School community so very strong: God, family, and country! Thank you, everyone, for a year filled with faith, learning, friendship, and countless blessings!





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## ***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: "The Body of Christ" - #325

Communion Hymn: "The Supper of the Lord" - #338

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***

This week, donate one of your barbecue favorites in honor of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday on Saturday. We will be distributing food to local families in need Monday through Thursday and would love to include some holiday favorites! Please note we are closed on Friday, July 3rd.

### ***Gardens that Give Back!***



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

### ***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)

### ***Senior Lunch and Learn July 3***

In honor of America's 250th Anniversary, come and learn about the 'History of Long Island' on Friday July 3 at 11am at the Bethpage Senior Center. This event is sponsored by the Office for the Aging and will last two hours. Lunch will be served! Reservations are required, please call 516-571-9910 if you would like to attend.

### ***Free Help with Medical Bills***

If you are battling a serious medical condition and need help navigating the healthcare system, there is free assistance available. The nonprofit Patient Advocate Foundation (PAF) may be able to help you resolve billing errors, appeal insurance denials, negotiate payment options and qualify for financial support. PAF has case managers that will work with you to understand your situation and review eligibility requirements. For more information call 800-532-5274 or visit [www.patientadvocate.org](http://www.patientadvocate.org).

### ***In-Home Care through the Office for the Aging***

Did you know that the Nassau County Office for the Aging offers case managers for seniors? Their case management program provides support for older adults to remain in their homes for as long as possible. They assist in providing in-home services for seniors through the Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP). There are two types of in-home services offered, Level 1 which is housekeeping and chore services, and Level II which adds on personal care assistance such as bathing, dressing, toileting, grooming and feeding. For more information about services and eligibility, call NY Connects at 516-227-8900 or visit the website <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/1438/Aging>.

*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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