



# St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



**June 29, 2025**  
**The Solemnity of Saints. Peter and Paul**

## 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

And I tell you that you  
are Peter, and on this  
rock I will build my  
church, and the gates of  
Hades will not overcome  
it. I will give you the  
keys of the kingdom of  
heaven..."  
Matthew 16:18-19

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, June 29th

7:30am: People of St. William's, John Gogel,  
Salvatore Frosina, Robert Sullivan

9am: Anne Kilkelly

10:30am: Roberto Giancaterino

12n: Dorothy Decker

### Monday, June 30th

8:30am: Graziella Calcagno

### Tuesday, July 1st

8:30am: Kenneth G. Spaeth

### Wednesday, July 2nd

8:30am: Mimi Califano

### Thursday, July 3rd

8:30am: Louis Jannotte

### Friday, July 4th

8:30am: William Geandomenico, Paul Sanfilippo,  
Thomas C. Cox, "Baby" Olivia James Siwack

### Saturday, July 5th

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: Edward & Albert Wassmer, Robert Sullivan,  
Stephen Valente, Laurel L. Trapani

## Pray for the Sick

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

## Pray for the Deceased

Jose Melendez - Carl Nigro - Vito Cricenti

### The Wine and Hosts

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

### The Altar Flowers

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Parishioners of St. William the Abbot

## *Solemnity of Saint Peter and Saint Paul*

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul - two towering figures in the life of the early Church. Peter, the rock upon whom Christ built His Church, and Paul, the tireless evangelizer who brought the Gospel to the Gentiles. They remind us that the Church is both 'rooted' and 'on mission'. I remember looking at the enormous statues of these great saints overlooking Saint Peter's Square during our Pilgrimage in February. These pillars of our faith keep us rooted in truth and apostolic tradition through Peter and reaching out to the world through the bold and spirit-filled mission of Paul. Their lives give us a game-plan for our own; holding fast to the truth of our faith while never being afraid to proclaim it in word and action. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus asks His disciples, "who do you say that I am?". It is the same question posed to each of us today, and our answer must echo in our words, our priorities, and our daily witness.

This past Wednesday, June 25th, we joyfully celebrated our parish feast day! What a blessing it was to gather for Mass, to pray as a parish family, and to celebrate afterward with food, music, and fun. Even in the midst of the intense heat this past week, so many of you showed up joyfully - thank you! And, speaking of the heat, I want to express my gratitude to all who work outdoors, beginning with our St. William the Abbot Facilities and Maintenance team, but also our landscapers, utility workers, delivery teams, and others who continue to labor through these times of oppressive conditions. We keep you in prayer and recognize your dedication and service.

As we settle into the rhythm of summer, I encourage you not to take a vacation from your faith, but rather to take your faith 'with' you - to the beach, the pool, the campsite, or out on the water on the boat. That would be very apostolic of you! Why not listen to a Catholic podcast on your drive? Or bring a good spiritual book to the shoreline? Car rides are a wonderful time to pray a Rosary as a family, or to simply talk about the blessings of the day. Let your faith travel with you and let Jesus be a welcome guest in your summer plans.

In the coming days, we'll be gearing up for the Fourth of July, summer camps, and hopefully a bit of re-creation - not just for our bodies but also for our souls. Recreation and renewal are good and holy things when they lead us back to God with grateful hearts. I am hoping to take advantage of body surfing the waves, a few cannonballs in the pool, and maybe the old-fashioned way of running through the sprinkler. Summer is here!

I am also mindful of our recent local high school graduates - congratulations! We hope that this summer brings you both rest and excitement as you prepare for the next chapter of your journey. Whether college, work, or military service, know that your parish family is behind you and praying for you.

Let us also continue to lift up in prayer our brave men and women serving in the military as Independence Day approaches this week. With the recent military activity in the Middle East, be intentional in your prayers especially for those in harm's way, and pray for peace in the region. Their heroic service allows for us many freedoms, especially the freedom of religion and the freedom to worship safely in this beautiful church, parish community, and country. May God continue to bless our troops, and the United States of America! Have a safe and blessed 4th of July.

Thank you for your support and presence.

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

## ***Banns of Marriage***

### **Banns I**

Amanda Leonardi, St. William the Abbot  
& Brian Gilbert, Maria Regina, Seaford

### **Banns II**

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 III**

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

## ***Baptisms***

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

Nicholas Fox      Rory Lewis

*Join us on the Fourth of July to pray  
the Rosary and Adoration immediately  
following the 8:30am Mass as we pray  
for peace in the world and in gratitude for  
the blessings of our country.*

## ***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)

## ***Purgatorial Society***

Vincent Servedio, Ella Dalton, Nini Demerest, Harriett Kane, Anne Grandinetti, Helen Jeanne Tobin.  
Rene Romaro, Dorothy Karas

Alfred Olsen, Joy Overton Tierney, Edward Vincent Murphy, Carol LoMastro

Dorothy Lee Erickson, Ellen Cain, Joan Sadler, Donald Gordon, Robert Medic, Janet McCloskey, Joseph Bass, Domenico Assalone, Brandon Roehrig

James Chiofolo, Darlene Cusumano, John Dunne, George Jones, Howard Kelly, Kenneth Albert Krug, Kevin Maher, George McLaughlin, Richard Olsen, John F. Santora, Mitchell Seidler, Edwin A. Smith, Robert Sullivan, Anthony Verde, John E. Ferris, John Calandra, Vincent Casoria, Carl Riccobono, Ivan Koren,

Joseph DeFazio, Donald Heffernan, Thomas C. Cox, Carolyn Tindell, Michelle Rossetti, Jennifer Cappellano, Matthew Brolly.

Rosario Agnello, Matthew Brolly, John Calandra, Pasquale Cocuzzo, Richard Grein, Lorraine Macomb, Maiorano Family, Patricia Mascuzzio, Josephine Masone, Douglas Meinhofer, Lucy Roberti, Vincent Salerno, Maria Santos, Fred T. Schmidt, Ben Ward, Kathleen M. Egan Wright, Patricia Masterson, Vito Marcone, Catherine Barry, Thomas Broderick, Ned McCormack.

Vincent Franco, John Kilgus, Joseph Longhway, George Jennerich, Micheline Giacalone  
Giuseppa Carollo, Louise LaBella, Thomas Pignetti, Vincent Franco, Robert Egan, Paul Tuccillo, Paul Weston, Veronica M. Fielos, Nancy Zimmerman



# Celebrating the Feast of





# St. William the Abbot







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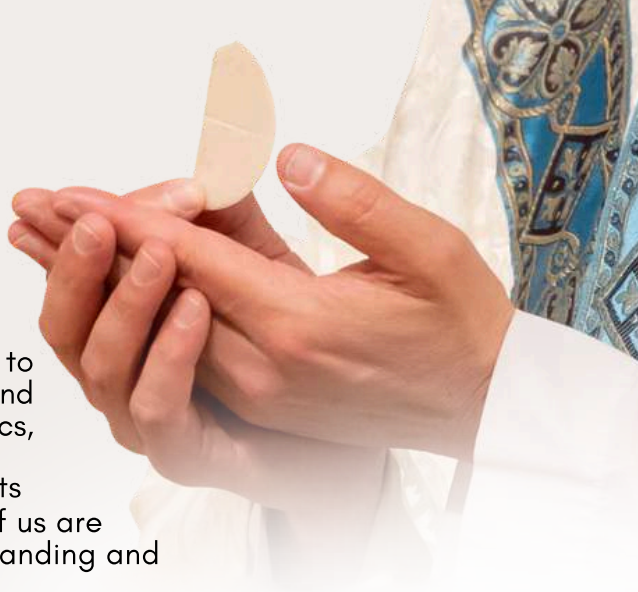


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# BEHOLD

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As we remain mindful of the expectations we have as Catholics to reverence and regularly receive the Holy Eucharist, the Pope and Bishops through the history of the Church have set aside the basics, or the minimum to be considered a “practicing Catholic”. They are called the Precepts of the Church, and as we read through these instructions, all of us are encouraged to pray on and discern how to grow in our understanding and practice of our faith with the hope that a review of these ‘basics’ may be helpful for ourselves and our loved ones. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us *“these principles are set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life, the obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the ‘indispensable minimum’ in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor”*. CCC 2041

You may be surprised to read in the 3rd precept it says to receive the Eucharist frequently – but not weekly. The Third Commandment (Make Holy/Honor the Sabbath) reminds us that attending mass is a requirement, and to not attend weekly mass is a mortal sin that must be confessed. For some of us it may be surprising that, although we must attend Mass each week, we are not obligated to receive communion each time we come. We can remain seated and pray quietly, or in some cases come forward in the communion line for a blessing from clergy, as opposed to receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, because we are not prepared or properly disposed to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

With humility, ALL of us recognize the gift of the Eucharist, but can we ask ourselves ‘is the vessel of our bodies prepared to receive Jesus today, at this mass’? There is an adage that there was a time when our confession lines were longer than our communion lines because of the reverence, respect, and unworthiness of receiving. Let us continue to pray – with humility – that we may approach this blessed gift with reverence, respect, and striving for holiness.

## THE PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH

- Attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation, doing no unnecessary work on those days
- Confess serious sins at least once a year
- Receive Holy Communion frequently and, at a minimum, during the Easter Season
- Fast and abstain on appointed days and times
- Contribute to the support of the Church
- Observe the laws of the Church concerning sacramental marriage and give religious training to one’s children by word, example, and use of parish schools or religious education programs
- Join the missionary spirit and work of the Church





### DRAMA

Participating in a middle school drama production allows students to develop confidence, teamwork skills, and creative expression through acting, stagecraft, and storytelling.



### FAITH

A supportive environment where students can explore their personal faith journey through Adoration, weekly Mass attendance, and receiving the Sacraments.



### OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

The outdoor classroom experience provides students with hands-on learning opportunities in nature, fostering engagement, creativity, and a deeper understanding of the world around them.



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### NJHS

National Junior Honor Society recognizes SWS middle school students for their academic achievement, leadership, service, character, and citizenship.

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### CONNECT WITH SWS

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### SPORTS

Robust athletic programs that promote teamwork, discipline, and healthy competition, fostering both physical and character development.

## Thank you, Deacon Tony!

Last week, at the liturgy marking the end of the SWS school year, we celebrated Deacon Tony. After more than a decade of service to the people of St. William the Abbot, and working closely with our school community to prepare for Masses and the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion (and serving as a substitute teacher!), he has decided to take a step back from ministry into retirement.

While he may be "retired", you'll see Deacon Tony serving at special Masses, at parish events, and participating in the liturgy from the pews with his family. Thank you, Deacon Tony - and also thank you to Fran and the entire Cedrone family for sharing him with us!



## 2025-2026 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

For Children  
Entering 1st  
- 8th Grade



## ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

FOR BOYS & GIRLS  
IN GRADES 4-8



OPEN REGISTRATION  
ENDS 7/06





## ***Parish Social Ministry***

### ***Pantry List***

Canned Tuna  
Canned Chicken  
Sugar  
Chips/Pretzels  
Shampoo  
Conditioner



### ***Gardens That Give Back!***

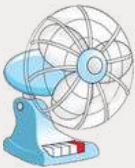
As you are planning and planting your vegetable garden, please remember the Food Pantry. We will gladly accept donations of your surplus harvest! Fresh vegetables are a blessing for the families we serve.

### ***Thank You Memorare Columbiettes!***

We would like to thank the Memorare Knights of Columbus Women's Auxiliary, the Columbiettes, for their recent food drive to benefit the Social Ministry of St. William the Abbot. The Columbiettes collected food for the pantry and also made a large cash donation, both of which will be used to support families within our community. Their generous donations will go a long way to help our neighbors in need. Thank you, Columbiettes, for your ongoing generosity and support!



### ***Cooling Centers***



If you need to beat the heat, cooling centers are available in Nassau County at the following locations:

- Cantiague Park Administration Office - 480 W John St, Hicksville - Open 8am - 6pm
- Wantagh Administration Building - 1 King Rd, Wantagh - Open 8am - 6pm
- Mitchel Field Administration Building - 1 Charles Lindbergh Blvd, Uniondale - Open 24 hours

### ***Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting July 1***

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday July 1 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. New members at any skill level are always welcome! Interested in donating yarn? Stop by July 1 or call 516-679-8532 to arrange a drop-off.



### ***Senior Veterans' Lunch July 11***

There will be a Senior Veterans' Lunch on Friday July 11 at the Bethpage Community Center. The guest presenter will be County Comptroller Elaine Phillips. RSVP is required by Thursday July 3. This luncheon is provided by the Nassau County Office for the Aging. Doors open for the event at 11:30am. To RSVP, visit [www.nassaucountyny.gov/aging-events](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/aging-events) or call 516-571-9910.

### ***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](http://www.OTDA.ny.gov/summerEBT).



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

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Kevin Rueda  
*Pastoral Year*

Herley Mendez  
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*Please pray for our Seminarians and all those  
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Register as a St. William the Abbot Parishioner  
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