



# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church

## Weekly Schedule

### Daily Mass

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am

### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12n

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday - Saturday: 7:15-8:20am

Saturday: 3:45 - 4:50pm

### Adoration

Monday - Saturday: 7:15- 8:20am

First Friday of the Month: 9am - 5pm

### Private Prayer

Monday - Friday: 7:15am - 6pm

### Live-Streamed Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:30am

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 12n

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### Pray for the Deceased

Jeanine Tedeschi      Jean Ryan  
Anna Guida

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### Pray for the Sick

Eileen Engelman      Sal Lupo  
Richard Fedyk      Thomas Lynch  
Lesla Laurence

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The Wine and Hosts Used at Mass this Week  
Have Been Donated in  
Honor of Rev. Joseph A. Lettieri  
from the Parish of St. William the Abbot

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The Altar Flowers Used at Mass this Week  
Have Been Donated in Loving Memory of  
The Deceased Members of the  
Gatto and Lettieri Families  
from the Parish of St. William the Abbot



## *A Time of Sacramental Firsts*

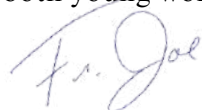
We have recently journeyed through the most active time of our parish's sacramental season - the Easter Vigil, Baptisms, First Penances, First Holy Communions, Confirmation, and each weekend at least one or two weddings! The weekend of June 8th and 9th begins a return to the liturgical season of "Ordinary Time", but for us at St. William the Abbot, it is anything but ordinary. We are blessed to be celebrating the Priestly Ordination and First Mass of Fr. Joseph Lettieri, a lifelong member and son of the parish. His first Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated this Sunday at 2pm, an incredible gift and joy for all of us who know and love him.

A priest's first Mass is an occasion of great grace both for him and for the Church. This celebration represents the culmination of years of discernment, study, spiritual direction, and formation. It is also the beginning of what will be, we pray, many years of joyful service to the People of God. The parish has been blessed to have had men throughout the history of our 100 years step forward to serve Christ and the Church in the priesthood. All vocations ultimately come from God, and if we truly listen to his voice, he will lead us to the place that will bring us ultimate joy and happiness. But that vocation is developed and nurtured first and foremost through families. Young eyes watch how adults love God and others, in healthy marriages and families, the seeds are planted early. Vocations and sacraments are never private, they are gifts for the world. And we are grateful for Fr. Lettieri's family to have nurtured that from the start. No one knows a person's great gifts and talents and also your soft spots and "human moments" better than your family. And although we will refer to him as "Father" now, he will always be son and brother to them.

A wonderful set of traditions accompany a priest's first Mass and the days and weeks that follow. Fr. Lettieri and his classmate, Fr. Dennis Gannon, will offer individual blessings and these blessings come with special graces in the form of a plenary indulgence. A plenary indulgence is also extended to those who participate in a priest's Mass of Thanksgiving - and a priest can celebrate several of these Masses, usually in parishes and chapels to which he has a special connection, such as his home parish, pastoral year assignment, or the Seminary. You will witness a great tradition at the end of mass when Fr. Lettieri will invite his parents to come forward and extend to them their own special blessing and offer powerful gifts to them as a reminder of their offering to God one of their treasured gifts; their beloved son. As we watch Ed and Jeanne stand before their son with the rest of the Lettieri clan behind them and the image of the Holy Family statue before them, it will be a reminder how Joseph, Mary, and Jesus would go up to the Temple or into the Synagogue in the scriptures to make their prayers of praise and thanksgiving. And like Jesus, Fr. Lettieri must now enter in a new more profound way of "being in the Father's house" and doing the work of the Lord.

For priests, Ordination Weekend stirs up so many emotions and memories of their own experience. In the rectory, Fr. Michael (July 6, 2013), Fr. John (June 20, 2020), Fr. Johnson (December 31, 2001), and I (June 9, 2007) all shared stories and memories of our "big day". It's not much different than so many of you who prepared for a wedding day - the liturgy, the list of guests and invitations, and of course the great celebrations and parties afterwards brought many smiles to our faces. The response of our family members was always interesting, because as you take on this beautiful role of servant in the church and are blessed to perform these powerful faith filled actions, you are still someone's brother, or nephew, or classmate, or son. It does begin to become more real when loved ones ask you to perform a sacrament, or bless a personal item like a cross, or a house, or even bless them. The playful ribbing and the joking continues, and even sometimes playfully I might have heard a statement like: "remember I knew you when you were in middle school, don't get too big for your britches!" My favorite memory was how my dad loved to say, "I am the father of the father".

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy! We pray in gratitude to Almighty God for Father Joseph Lettieri, and his family. We pray for those who participated in nurturing and strengthening his vocation, especially his teachers, formators, religious sisters, brothers, and priests, principals and administrators, scout leaders and coaches, encouraging SWA parishioners, and his lifelong friends. Vocations to the priesthood and religious life do not fall out of the sky or grow on trees, they come from families like yours and mine, and from parishes like St. William the Abbot. Jesus tells us in the scriptures to pray to "the Master of the Harvest for laborers in the vineyard", and so let us pray that our parish may continue to be blessed with that, strong sacramental marriages and families, and that both young women and men will rise up courageously to serve Jesus Christ in his church.

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



*Congratulations  
and  
God Bless  
Fr. Lettieri!*

## *Are You A Registered Parishioner?*

Registering as parishioners allows us to have an accurate count of our families, which in turn helps us to plan liturgies, have the appropriate clergy coverage, and helps us to determine what enrichment programs and events may be beneficial.

Parish registration is also needed should you be asked to serve as a godparent or Confirmation sponsor.

Moreover, it is a great way for you to plant your family's roots in our community!

To register, please use the link below, visit our website, or drop by the Rectory Office or Welcome Desk in the front vestibule.



## **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.

# USHERS NEEDED

WE'RE IN NEED OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS & ADULT VOLUNTEERS TO HELP US AT MASSES BY GREETING, SEATING, DISTRIBUTING BULLETINS, AND ASSISTING WITH THE COLLECTION

SIGN UP BY USING THE QR CODE



## **Envelope Mailing**

To save on mailing costs, beginning next month (July), you will be receiving 2-months of weekly offertory envelopes at a time.

# BACK TO BASICS

Visit the parish Facebook and Instagram (@stwilliamabbot) every Tuesday and Thursday for our video series explaining elements of our faith and our church!

If you have a topic you'd like explained, email [priests@stwilliam.org](mailto:priests@stwilliam.org)



# St. William the Abbot School

"What we do for the least of our brothers, we do for Christ." St. William the Abbot School is participating in the Catholic Health Food Collection Initiative, and just look at the amount of food collected in one day!



Taking a well-earned break from preparing for their End-Of-Year Moving Up Ceremony, our Pre-K students enjoyed a special lunch together hosted by their teachers, Mrs. Gioglio and Mrs. Wright.



As Mrs. Wright's door now says, "We came as strangers and leave as friends!" This group is ready for Kindergarten and are going to do great things together!

Our AP, Mr. Ryan Fedak, recently gathered with some of our SWS fathers (and Fathers) for an evening of prayer, reflection, and fellowship. It was a wonderful opportunity for these dads to get to know each better and grow in their faith!



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

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**

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ BRING CHAIRS/PICNIC BLANKETS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



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



# 2024-2025 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION



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

## ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

- All families must be registered parishioners of St. William the Abbot before we can assign a class time
- 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
- Program discount is available for parent volunteers
- All children are required to attend Sunday Mass

## NEW/TRANSFER FAMILIES

- All new/transfer students must provide their baptismal certificate
- Students who previously attended another program must have a transfer letter sent to the Office of Faith Formation by their former parish

## HOW TO REGISTER

Visit [stwilliam.org/faith-formation](http://stwilliam.org/faith-formation)



## SCHEDULE

Level 1: Parent-Lead at Home

Levels 2-6: Meet Weekly In-Person at SWS

Levels 7-8: Meet Bi-Weekly In-Person in The Abbey

## CONTACT THE OFFICE OF CHILDHOOD FAITH FORMATION

[faithformation@stwilliam.org](mailto:faithformation@stwilliam.org)  
516-783-2528

## Parish Social Ministry

### Pantry Needs

|           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| Tissues   | Razors      |
| Bar Soap  | Cooking Oil |
| Body Wash | Coffee      |



Are you or someone you know in need of assistance? Our Parish Social Ministry Office offers confidential support regarding hardships experienced by adults and seniors who may be struggling with sensitive issues. We have access to state, local, and charity-based programs and other services such as client advocacy and use of our food pantry. Through our St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference, we can also provide help with budgeting, expense management, and building financial independence. For more information, please contact 516-679-8532 or [socialministry@stwilliam.org](mailto:socialministry@stwilliam.org)

### Donation Spotlight: SWS Brownie Troop 3065

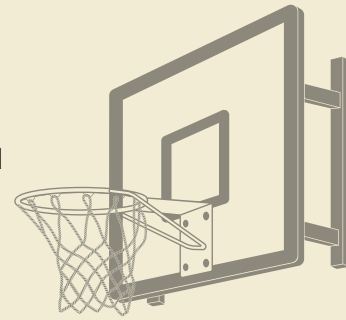
This troop of second graders from SWS used the profits from their cookie sales to buy food for their neighbors in need - and even went shopping together before dropping everything off to us! Thank you, Brownies!



## CYO Summer League Registration

League Runs July 8th - August 23rd  
and games will be played outdoor  
Town of Hempstead Parks

Visit [stwilliamcyo.sportngin.com](http://stwilliamcyo.sportngin.com) for  
more information or to register by  
Sun 6/9



## Our Catholic Community on Long Island

For students entering 9th-12th Grade

# QUO VADIS

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

Saturday

**JULY 27, 2024**

St. Anthony's High School  
275 Wolf Hill Road  
South Huntington, NY 11747



[CAMPQUOVADIS@DRVC.ORG](mailto:CAMPQUOVADIS@DRVC.ORG)  
[CAMPQUOVADIS.COM](http://CAMPQUOVADIS.COM)



## CAMP CHRIST

Long Island's Catholic Summer Camp  
July 1st - 3rd @ Farmingdale State College



- For Boys & Girls 13 -17 years old
- Choose from baseball, softball, or basketball programs
- No fee to attend

register today at [www.campchrist.org](http://www.campchrist.org)

Our mission is simple: We seek to provide a free and unique baseball, softball, and basketball camp experience where kids will be able to work with the best trainers on Long Island - all under a backdrop of conveying a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith and how the athletes might draw upon that faith during life's trials and tribulations.

## Online Giving - 2 Ways!

### Automated Monthly Giving

Automated Giving is an opportunity to have your monthly donations automatically deducted from your bank account and sent to St. William's

To get started, please visit [stwilliam.org/lways-to-give](http://stwilliam.org/lways-to-give) or scan this QR code:



### One-Time Donation

You can make a donation using your credit card, Apple Pay, Google Pay, or CashApp

To make a donation to our parish, please scan this QR code:



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, June 9th

James Florio; The People of St. William's; Fr. Joe Fitzgerald (liv), Nicola Primavera

### Monday, June 10th

Antoinette Pregno

### Tuesday, June 11th

Louis Vassallo

### Wednesday, June 12th

Al Doerbacher

### Thursday, June 13th

Collective Intentions: Marie Desiderio - Frank Thiel - Joseph Cansolmagno - Rene Torres - Geraldine Pasch

### Friday, June 14th

Theresa Maguire

### Saturday, June 15th

Purgatorial Society; The People of St. William's

## Banns of Marriage

### Banns I

Anna Petrucci (SWA) & Glen Carey (Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne)  
Gabiella Caputo (SWA) & Matthew Gandolfo (Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne)

### Banns II

Erin McClinchey (SWA) & Nicholas Pasco (Bayside)



## We Welcome the Children Who Were Baptized This Past Weekend

Hunter Theodore Grimm - James Michael Hannan - Cameron Paul Hunter - Sebastian Robert Hunter - Maeve Eibeler Lewsey - Leo James Mooney - Brooklynn Ruby Sauter - Aydin Victoria-Reyes

## 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. McArdle (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)

## Scheduling A Wedding or Baptism

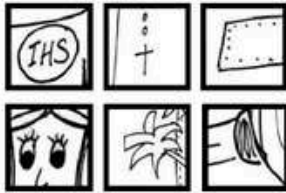
Congratulations! To begin the process of scheduling a wedding or baptism at St. William the Abbot, please visit [stwilliam.org/sacraments](http://stwilliam.org/sacraments) - under each sacrament you will find a list of frequently asked questions along with an intake form which needs to be completed before we are able to discuss scheduling options.



# Saint Juliana Falconieri

Saint Juliana started a group of nuns called the Servite Tertiaries. They worked with people who were sick and did other works of mercy.

When Juliana got older, she was sick and couldn't receive Holy Communion. She asked the priest to place the Host over her heart. Miraculously, the Host disappeared!



Year 8: Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Catholic Kids Bulletin**  
June 9, 2024  
Ordinary Time  
Color: Green

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KETHEREPSISSOMERJ  
PEOREDEPTIONKSO  
With the Lord  
there is mercy,  
and fullness  
of redemption.  
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We pray the "Our Father" as a group during Mass. While we are praying, think of the whole kingdom of God praying with you!

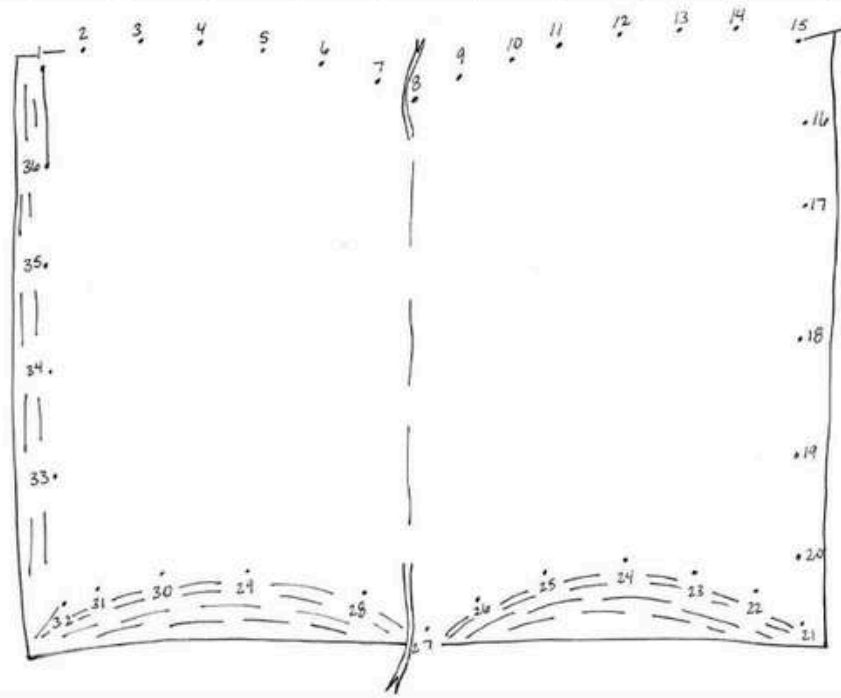
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Finish the dot-to-dot to draw a Bible.

The Bible is full of stories of God's miracles.

Draw a picture of a miracle in the Bible.



Jesus performed many miracles. Some people said that He was working for Satan. Jesus taught that He works against Satan and reminded us to turn to God for help.

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*Associate Pastor*

Rev. John Crozier  
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**St. William the Abbot School**



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Ryan Fedak  
*Assistant Principal*

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

**Deacons**

Dcn. Anthony Cedrone  
Dcn. Michael Metzdorff

Dcn. John Lynch

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**Our Seminarians**

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

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stwilliam.org/faith-formation

**Resources**

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)  
rcia@stwilliam.org | stwilliam.org/rcia

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  
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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*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*

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