



# St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



## May 10, 2026 The Sixth Sunday of Easter

### 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

"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth.  
John 14:15-17

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, May 10th

7:30am: Murphy Violet Musa

9am: Susanne Boden

10:30am: The Bennekemper & Schmelze Families

12n: Mother's Day, Robert Rojecki, Susanne Boden, Albina Sangemino

#### Monday, May 11th

8:30am: Mother's Day

#### Tuesday, May 12th

8:30am: Mother's Day

#### Wednesday, May 13th

8:30am: Mother's Day, Edward Abrams, Mike Rogers

#### Wednesday, May 13th continued...

8:30am: Donato & Teresa DiLeo

7:00pm People of St. William's

#### Thursday, May 14th - The Ascension of the Lord

7am: The People of St. William's

9am: The People of St. William's

7pm: The People of St. William's

#### Friday, May 15th

8:30am: Mother's Day

#### Saturday, May 16th

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: Mother's Day, Kevin Reilly, Jean Davey, Dick Mehrman

### Pray for the Sick

Penny Duggan - Richard Fedyk - Rosemary Averill - Charlie Herbert  
Frances Speidell - Thomas Stolfi - Charles Giardino - The Arcari Family

### Pray for the Deceased

Vincent Ruggiero - Teresa M. Coppelli - Angela Marino Verni

#### Adoration Candles

have been donated in honor of the Parishioners of St. William's

#### Wine & Hosts

have been donated in loving memory of Marie Parisi from Nancy Costa

## ***May – the Month of Mary, Mom, and Memories***

As we celebrate the Sixth Sunday of Easter, the Word of God once again meets us exactly where we are. In the First Letter of St. Peter, we hear the beautiful and challenging reminder: “Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.” What a powerful question for each of us - what is the reason for our hope? In a world that can often feel anxious, divided, distracted, and uncertain, we know that our hope is not rooted in political figures, popularity, success, or comfort. Our hope is found in Christ Jesus Our Risen Lord, who promises never to abandon us. It is in His presence that we are steadied, His mercy restores us, and His love gives us courage to keep moving forward.

In the Gospel from John 14, Jesus speaks to His disciples with tenderness and reassurance. He knows their hearts are troubled, and He promises them that they will not be left alone. “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always.” Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate - the Counselor, the Guide, the Holy Spirit - who will lead us in truth. This truth is often in direct conflict with our culture, world, and society. The world may tell us to look inward, to seek power, recognition, or control, but the Holy Spirit continually draws us toward humility, compassion, forgiveness, and sacrificial love. The Advocate strengthens and quietly accompanies us each day to form us into saints.

The month of May always carries a special beauty within the life of the Church - statues of Our Blessed Mother crowned with flowers, children receiving their First Holy Communion with joy and innocence, families gathering together, and hearts turning toward Mary in prayer. May also brings us to Mother's Day, when we honor our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and all women whose love has helped shape our lives. We remember with gratitude those still with us, and we lovingly pray for those who have gone home to the Lord. There is something deeply comforting about a mother's voice, a mother's encouragement, and a mother's faithful presence.

Over the years I have shared stories from my experiences in athletics and competition. I have played in front of crowds as small as ten or twenty people, and I was blessed to walk into the Opening Ceremonies of the 1996 Summer Olympics with more than 100,000 people in attendance. Yet, for whatever reason, I could often block out most of the noise around me - but there was one voice I could always hear clearly - my mother's. She had a distinct way of calling my name that rose above every other sound. In the most intense moments of competition, I could hear her soothing, comforting, encouraging voice saying, “Go Joseph!” She has always been my biggest fan and advocate. So many of us have experienced something similar - the unmistakable voice of someone who loves us deeply and wants the very best for us. In many ways, that is how the Holy Spirit works within our lives. Amid all the competing voices of the world, the Advocate speaks with clarity, peace, encouragement, and truth. The Holy Spirit calls us back to who we are and reminds us that we are ‘seen’, and never alone.

This weekend, the Scriptures remind us not only where our hope comes from, but also who walks with us on the journey. Jesus gives us the Advocate to strengthen and guide us, and He gives us examples of faithful love through our moms and through the witness of Mary, our Blessed Mother. On this Mother's Day weekend, I offer my prayers and gratitude for all moms living and deceased. May God bless them abundantly for their sacrifices, love, and faithfulness. Through the intercession of Mary, may our parish continue to grow in hope, courage, and holiness, and may we always be ready to give witness to the reason for our hope - Jesus Christ Our Lord.

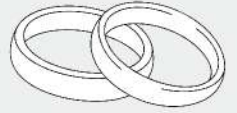
Happy Mother's Day, and may God bless you and your families always.



## Banns of Marriage

### Banns I

Jessica Vadala; St. William the Abbot & Christopher Loew, St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh



### Banns II

Meghan Snowdale, St. William the Abbot & Peter Lochner; St. William the Abbot

### Baptism

Let us welcome the following children who were baptized last weekend:

Ryan Jordan  
Ava Loverro  
Salvatore Prisco

### Pillar of Prayer

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us about the coming of the Holy Spirit. This week, pray every morning for the Holy Spirit to guide you. Learn the "Veni Sancte Spiritus" prayer.

### 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 (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)



*Our printer has informed us that there may be a delay in printing the May/June Offertory Envelopes. If you have not received yours, you should be getting them shortly. In the meantime, please use the temporary envelopes in the church or a regular envelope for your donation, but please remember to write your parish ID number on it.*

### Second Collection next Weekend



Next weekend, May 16/17, our special collection supports the Catholic Communications Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds

Catholic communication in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio and printmedia. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre to fund local communion efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message!

### Scheduling Sacraments

Are you planning a baptism or wedding at St. William's? Your first stop is our website, which includes a FAQ section and all the information necessary to start the process!



Visit [stwilliam.org/sacraments](http://stwilliam.org/sacraments) for more information.

*the solemnity of the*  
**Ascension of the Lord**  
Holy Day of Obligation Mass Times:  
*Wednesday, May 13th: 7pm*      *Thursday, May 14th: 7am, 9am, 7pm*

*The Ascension of the Lord, celebrated 40 days after Easter, commemorates Jesus bodily ascending into heaven to take his seat at the right hand of the Father, marking the completion of His mission on earth.*



# Happy Mother's Day!

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her."

Proverbs 31:25-26, 28



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## FIELD OF HONOR

DISPLAYED MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> - JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>

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DEADLINE: MONDAY, MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>



### *Memorialization Opportunity*

During this month of May, where we especially honor the Blessed Mother and all mothers, we invite you to memorialize the flower arrangement at Our Lady's altar for the week.

This is a beautiful way to pay tribute to moms, grandmothers, and all special mother figures in your life - both living and deceased.

For more information, please scan the QR code:





PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE

JOIN US FOR THE PARISH

# MAY CROWNING

*Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>  
during the 12<sup>n</sup> Mass*

CHILDREN WHO HAVE RECEIVED THEIR FIRST COMMUNION THIS YEAR ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR THEIR COMMUNION OUTFITS AND PARTICIPATE IN THE CROWNING CEREMONY BY EMAILING [FAITHFORMATION@STWILLIAM.ORG](mailto:FAITHFORMATION@STWILLIAM.ORG)

[STWILLIAM.ORG/LIVEMERCY2026](http://STWILLIAM.ORG/LIVEMERCY2026)

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The SWS Aquinas Team participated in the Diocesan Aquinas Expo at Holy Trinity High School, taking home the "School Choice" Award, voted on by students from each participating school. This year's Essential Question was, "In what ways does creativity in art, music, and sports allow people to express emotions, solve problems, and inspire change in themselves and others?" SWS has participated in the Aquinas Expo for three consecutive years, and our students look forward to sharing their gifts and talents again next year! Thank you to HTHS and the Diocesan Education Department for giving students a platform to conduct research and present their findings. Thank you to Mrs. Grasso for moderating the Aquinas Team. Congratulations!



## ***This Weekend's Music Selections***

We invite you to participate by using the song numbers below and the missals found in the pews.

- Entrance Hymn: "Lift High the Cross" (#712)
- Offertory Hymn: "Prayer of St. Francis" (#473)
- Communion Hymn: "Come to Me and Drink" (#349)
- Communion Meditation: "Gentle Woman" (#702)
- Recessional Hymn: "Alleluia #1" (#610)

*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***

White Rice (small bag) - Canned Tuna - Special K Cereals (any variety) - Froot Loops - Toothpaste - Toothbrushes

### ***Donation Spotlight - St. William the Abbot HSA***

The St. William the Abbot Home School Association (HSA) included the Social Ministry in its Spring plant sale, and we are so grateful! The HSA offered plant sale participants the opportunity to purchase a plant for a homebound parishioner, which resulted in 10 beautiful planters being donated. Planters were delivered to the homebound, sick, or needy within our community. Thank you to the St. William's HSA for including us in their plant sale again this year and thank you to all the purchasers that donated plants! Your gifts brought joy to those in need in your Parish community.



### ***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.

### ***Self Defense Workshop***

There will be a Self Defense Workshop presented by Nassau County Comptroller Elaine Phillips on Monday, May 11 at 11am at the West Hempstead Senior Center at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Comptroller Phillips is a sixth-degree black belt who has trained in Korean Martial Arts for 29 years. Participants will learn skills and techniques that can enhance personal safety, develop greater self-awareness and boost confidence. Reservations are required, call 516-733-7051 to reserve your spot! Sneakers and yoga/gym apparel are recommended, and modifications are available for those that need to remain seated.

### ***Memory Café May 15***

Nassau County will host a session of the Memory Café on Friday May 15 at The Freeport Yacht Club. This is a free early-stage social engagement program that offers a fun and comfortable way for people with Alzheimer's disease/dementia and their caregivers to get out, get active and connect with one another. The event is from 12p-2pm, with live entertainment and lunch provided! Reservations are required, please call 516-227-8900 or 516-586-1507 if interested.

Visit [stwilliam.org/social-ministry](http://stwilliam.org/social-ministry) for more information and resources!



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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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