



# St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



## May 17, 2026 The Seventh 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

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.”  
John 17:1-2

### Mass Intentions

**Sunday, May 17th**

7:30am: People of St. William's, Mother's Day, Salvatore Balestrieri, Barbara Geraghty

9am: Margaret "Peggy" Kelly

10:30am: William McCabe

12n: Charles E. Fischer

**Monday, May 18th**

8:30am: Mother's Day

**Tuesday, May 19th**

8:30am: Mother's Day

**Wednesday, May 20th**

8:30am: Keith Gorton, Mike Rogers,

**Wednesday, May 20th .**

Melanie Mucciolo (liv), Archangel Michael D'Arpino (liv)

**Thursday, May 21st**

8:30am: Margaret Eagan

**Friday, May 22nd**

8:30am: Joyce Jaffe, Archangel Michael D'Arpino (liv), Rev. Joseph Fitzgerald (liv), Melanie Mucciolo (liv),

**Saturday, May 23rd**

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: Thomas Lynch

### Pray for the Sick

Richard Fedyk - Rosemary Averill - Charlie Herbert - Frances Speidell  
Thomas Stolfi - Charles Giardino - The Arcari Family - Deacon Anthony Cedrone

### Pray for the Deceased

Antonia Piarulli - Anne Skrzypinski - Irene C. Monteleone - Donald Skuza - Carol McVicker

**Sanctuary Candle**

has been donated in loving memory of  
Jerry Monk  
from his family

**Wine & Hosts**

have been donated in loving memory of  
Joyce Jaffe  
from the Zacharias Family

## *At every Mass we are invited into Jesus' prayer to the Father*

There is a lot going on this week in the Scriptures!!! We are reminded of the mission Jesus entrusts to His disciples and to each one of us. In the Acts of the Apostles, we see the first followers gathered together - ordinary men and women called to continue Christ's work in an uncertain world. St. Peter reminds us that discipleship will not always be easy; there will be struggles, sacrifice, and moments of suffering. In the Gospel too, we hear Jesus at the Last Supper praying intentionally to the Father for His disciples (and us) before His Passion - almost like a coach giving a final pregame speech before entering the field of play.

Many of us know that feeling of leaning in closely before an important moment - perhaps before a game, a difficult conversation, or a major life decision - wondering if we are truly ready for what comes next. The apostles must have felt that same anxiety as they listened to Jesus' words. Earlier in the Gospel, Jesus had already given them the "game plan." He taught them to remain connected to Him as the vine and branches, to serve one another by washing each other's feet, and to nourish themselves through the gift of the Eucharist. But now His words shift from instruction to encouragement. He speaks not only to their minds, but to their hearts: "I am praying for you."

And Jesus is honest with them - and with us, the world can be difficult. To follow Christ means that at times we will be challenged, misunderstood, or even rejected. St. Peter tells us plainly that as followers of Jesus we will share in the sufferings of Christ - whenever we defend the dignity of life, care for the vulnerable, work for peace, or remain faithful to the Gospel in a culture that often pushes faith aside. The distractions and temptations of the world can slowly disconnect us from God and from one another - Satan seeks to divide, discourage, and to isolate. But Jesus reassures us that we are never abandoned - He prays for us and promises the coming of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will strengthen and guide His Church.

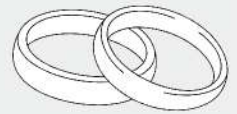
As your pastor and spiritual servant, I continue to be inspired by the witness of so many of you. Over the years I have encountered faithful members of the parish - parents and grandparents, widows and widowers, dedicated teachers, first responders, healthcare workers, volunteers, and young families striving to live the Gospel each day. Many of you have endured loss, hardship, and sacrifice, yet continue to persevere with humility and courage. Your trust in the Lord's promise of the Holy Spirit for counsel, wisdom, and guidance is a beautiful reminder for me to do the same! I am still learning, still adapting, still trying to figure things out - that realization is itself a grace, because it reminds me, and all of us, how deeply we need the Lord and one another.

The early Church was not built by the powerful or the perfectly qualified. The apostles were pretty ordinary people who simply knew and loved Jesus. That same truth remains today - God is not waiting for perfection before He calls us to serve Him, He is strengthening us with our daily "YES"; the husband and wife raising a family in faith, the single parent carrying extraordinary burdens, the teacher forming young minds, the healthcare worker caring for the sick, the parishioner quietly serving behind the scenes, and every disciple striving to remain faithful. The Holy Spirit is still preparing and renewing the Church through ordinary people who trust in God.

So, this week, I invite all of us to slow down and pray into these Scriptures. We may not always know what lies ahead and, at times, we may feel unprepared or uncertain. But the Lord is with us in those moments, just as He strengthened the first disciples, He strengthens us now. Jesus looks upon you with great love and calls you by name - and the good news is that God does not necessarily call the qualified - He qualifies those who are called. And once again, He prays for us, and is calling each one of us to follow Him with courage, hope, and trust - and today... that is enough!



## ***Banns of Marriage***



### **Banns I**

Clara Guarascio; Massapequa, NY, & Brendan McGovern; St. William the Abbot

Lauren Tranquellino; Blessed Sacrament, Valley Stream & Peter Giganti; Holy Name of Mary, Valley Stream

Bruna Lima; Massapequa, NY, & Alexander Miller; St. William the Abbot

### **Banns II**

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

### **Banns III**

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

### ***Pillar of Formation***

This week, pray every morning for your Christian brothers and sisters who are persecuted throughout the world because of the Faith. Pray that they may have courage and strength in the face of adversity.

### ***Low Gluten Hosts Available***

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 (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 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. Fields, Nancy Zimmerman

Victor Letellier, Jr., Elvira Moore

Susanne Boden, Frances Champion, Vito Cricentio, Gabrielle D'Orsi, Mary Beth Gang, Robert Rissmeyer, Roberta Rissmeyer, Ralph Joseph Ciccarella, Sean Hartman, Eda-Kay Lipka, Vincenzo Valerio

Robert W. Long, Salvatore Suppa, Gladys Rivera, Benny Golino, William Lewald, John M. Stolfi, Diane Cesarz, Dolores Santos Rasalan, Kelley Chaffee

Rose Kees, Sr. Veronica Sloane, Cara Lynn McGuinness, Kurt DeMartino

Michael A. Diloreto, Benito Golino, James R. Hall, Maryellen Hillman, Alfred Lewan, Robert Long, Michael Murray, Rose Marie Ripi, Edward Schiffina, George S. Smith, Daisy Montone, Robert West, Gloria Frascione, Frances Josephine Egan.

Melissa Doreson, Angela Capo, Virginia M. McKinnon, Peter Joseph Scarlato, Sam Moi Lam, Catherine Migliorato Peter Tarsnane, Michael Maiello, Kim Capone, Santino Delfino, Angelina Valente, Jan Adamo, Irma Yolanda Alvarado, Rosemarie Arnold, John Barrett, Bea Ciaravolo, Catherine Cincotta, Peter DeLaurentis, Alphonse DiPalo, John J. Ferner, Carole Gerrity, Paul A. Hewitt, Joanne Hilly, Thomas Nash, Grace Dalila Ouellette, Dara Plotts, Stella Randazzo, Maria Smith, Robert West, Christine "Carmel" Whiston

Rose Conner, Mildred Haase, Arthur R. Welsch, Killian Duignan, Teresa Jones

Steve Koren, Donald Heffernan, Mike Rogers, Beth Roncallo, Deborah Ann Panasuk.

— GOD BLESS LAST WEEKEND'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS —



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SWS 2nd graders prepared a beautiful Liturgy and May Crowning in honor of our Blessed Mother, followed by their Communion Breakfast. A very special day!





Spend the summer at one of our Catholic high school summer enrichment camps!

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ENRICHMENT | SPORTS | ACADEMIC



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SPORTS



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# Holy Hour & Eucharistic Procession

"Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church..." — Pope St. Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntandi*

Join us as the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage travels the Eastern Seaboard in celebration of America's 250th Anniversary.

While the National Pilgrims rest on Long Island, our Diocese will unite in prayer through a special Holy Hour—offering a meaningful opportunity to spiritually participate in this historic pilgrimage.



**President:**  
Bishop John O. Barres



**Preacher:**  
Fr. Cassian Derbes, O.P.

**JUNE 17, 2026**  
**7:00 PM**

Retreat & Conference Center of the Immaculate Conception  
440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY

For more information, please contact:  
[mcooke@drvc.org](mailto:mcooke@drvc.org)

# Evening of Discernment

For Catholic Men (18+) Considering the Priesthood

**June 17, 2026**

**LOCATION:**

Retreat and Conference Center of the Immaculate Conception



Contact: [vocations@drvc.org](mailto:vocations@drvc.org)  
Register: [drvcvocations.com/discern617](http://drvcvocations.com/discern617)

# VOCATION ASSISTANCE

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## 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:



## ***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)

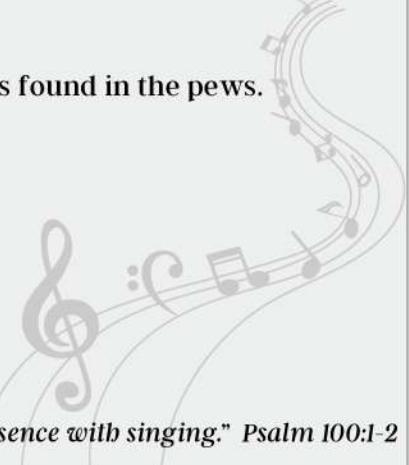
Offertory Hymn: "Servant Song" (#385)

Communion Hymn: "We Are Many Parts" (#457)

Recessional Hymn: "One Spirit One Church" (#542)

*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***

Peanut Butter - Jelly - Snack Crackers - Canned Stew - Raisins

### ***Donation Spotlight - The Seaford Lions***



The Seaford Lions recently made a large donation to the Social Ministry to support community outreach. The Lions, an active supporter of our ministry, donated funds so that we can help local families not only with food and basic needs of living but also with unexpected expenses that derail a family's ability to make ends meet. We are so grateful for the partnership of the Seaford Lions, and for their spirit of generosity!

### ***Prayer Shawl Ministry***

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday May 19 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. Yarn is provided, and new members at any skill level are always welcome!



### ***Free Scam Prevention Seminar***

There will be a free scam prevention seminar for seniors on Friday June 5 at 11am at the Bethpage Senior Center. Presented by Nassau County Office of Crime Victim Advocates, seniors can learn to protect themselves from phone, email and text scams as well as identity theft. Registration is required by calling 516-571-9910 or 516-227-8900.

### ***The Boutique is Open!***

Did you know that used clothing and housewares can be donated locally to go directly to families in need? "The Boutique" in Amityville is run by the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless and provides an in-house shopping experience for people in need. Donations of new and used clothing are accepted Tuesday through Thursday, 10am to 3pm at their 600 Albany Avenue location. By helping The Boutique, you also help our Parish families in need, because we can refer our families there to shop for free! To contact The Boutique, call 631-464-4314.

### ***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.



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

# Saint Philip Neri

God's love appeared to Saint Philip Neri.  
It looked like a ball of fire and entered his heart.

There are some strange symbols in this picture. Saint Philip Neri did creative things to get people to listen to God's word. Once, he shaved only half of his beard! When he wanted to teach a man to be humble, he asked him to 'walk a dog' by carrying the dog around all day.



Year A: Seventh Sunday of Easter

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I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

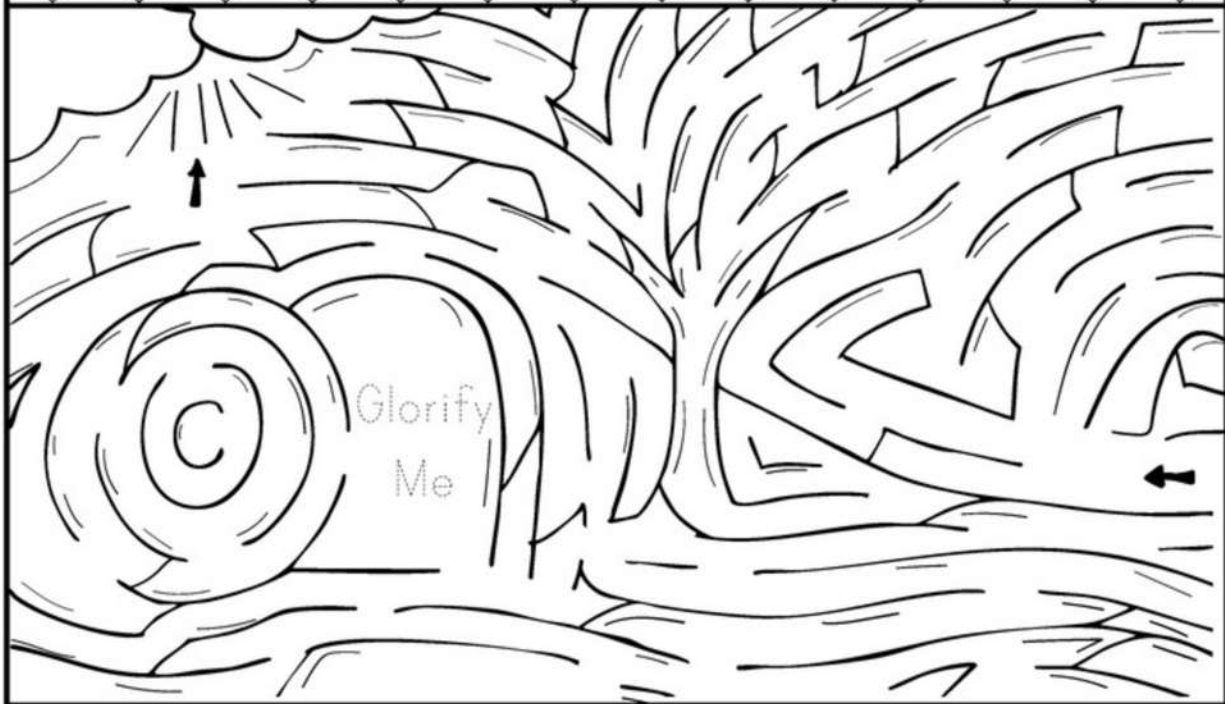
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We pray the Gloria during the Easter season. Can you pray it with the congregation?

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Before Jesus died, He asked God to glorify Him to bring glory to God. He died on the cross, rose from the dead, and went to heaven to show God's glory.

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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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Dcn. Herley Mendez  
*SWA Parishioner*

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