



St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



May 24, 2026 Pentecost Sunday

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

The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." John 20:20-21

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 24th

7:30am: People of St. William's

9am: Joanna Wilson

10:30am: Bobby West

12n: Deceased members of the Kaley, Varvaro & Stuart Families

Monday, May 25th

8:30am: Carol Puleo

Tuesday, May 26th

8:30am: Salvatore Lupo

Wednesday, May 27th

8:30am: Michael Maiello

Thursday, May 28th

8:30am: Elfriede Lehmuller, Joanna Wilson, Beth Roncallo, Irene Short

Friday, May 29th

8:30am: William C. Foy, Richard Forelli, Steven Koren, Joseph Sanders

Saturday, May 30th

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: Richard Mehrman, Patricia Crotty, Fernando Recine, Deceased members of the Devitt Family

Pray for the Sick

Charles Giardino - The Arcari Family - Richard Fedyk - Rosemary Averill

Charlie Herbert - Frances Speidell - Thomas Stolfi

Sanctuary Candle

has been donated in loving memory of Richard Mehrman from the Kluender & Sander Families

Altar Flowers

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

Come Holy Spirit

Each Pentecost Sunday we are reminded of the powerful image of the tongues of fire descending upon the Apostles as they received the Holy Spirit. These ordinary and simple men were transformed by the Advocate and sent to proclaim the message of Jesus Christ to people of every land, language, and culture. To be Catholic in its truest sense means to be universal - bringing the Gospel to the whole world. Filled with the Spirit, the Apostles stepped out from fear and hiding in the upper room and courageously proclaimed the Good News: forgiveness, mercy, hope, and the promise that love is stronger than death. As I reflect on this Easter season of 2026, I continue to ask myself: have we allowed the Holy Spirit to truly change us - personally, as a parish, and as a society?

This time of year is often called "the season of sacraments," and many of us have attended celebrations for family members and friends receiving Communion and Confirmation. The Church calls these young people to live as mature disciples of Christ, strengthened by the Gifts of the Holy Spirit - wisdom, understanding, courage, right judgment, and reverence for the Lord. Forty years ago this month, in May of 1986, I received my own Confirmation and on June 9th, I will celebrate my 19th anniversary as a priest. Through all the blessings and challenges of these years, what has sustained me most has been a deep and personal life of prayer and a constant reliance on the Holy Spirit.

As we look around the world today, we continue to see violence, war, division, economic uncertainty, anxiety, and fear. We hear of suffering in Ukraine, Russia, and the Middle East, and many families here at home continue to struggle with daily pressures and concerns. At times it can feel as though the world is searching desperately for direction and peace. More than ever, we are in need of a "new Pentecost" - a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our hearts, our families, our Church, and our world.

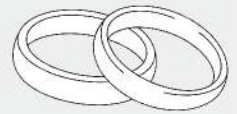
But Pentecost does not begin somewhere far away; it begins within us. The Holy Spirit first desires to renew our own hearts, our homes, and our relationships. We are called to become people who bring peace instead of division, encouragement instead of despair, and faith instead of fear. The same Spirit that strengthened the Apostles is alive and active in each one of us through our Baptism and Confirmation. The question is whether we are willing to listen, trust, and respond to the Lord's invitation.

Our "Lost Sheep Project" has been a tremendous blessing as we are in our 99th year as a parish community. The Lord reminds us that while we rejoice in the ninety-nine who remained and have always been here, we are also called to seek out the one who has drifted away. Each of us likely knows someone - a family member, friend, neighbor, or even someone within our own home - who has become distant from Christ and/or His Church. Perhaps in the wake of Pentecost Sunday, we can extend an invitation, or have a conversation, or simply let them know they are loved, missed, and yet seen by God.

We also officially kick off the summer season of backyard barbeques, pool openings, boats in the water, and the southern migration to the seashore, and I wish you a blessed Memorial Day weekend. May we never forget the reason for this National Holiday and Holy Day, to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives for our freedom. We continue to celebrate our democratic values and ideals of the Founding Fathers, and I also want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our active, deployed, and retired service men and women. In our humanity and imperfections, may we always strive to be that imperfect republic the world desires to model and be more like, and may we always endeavor to live in the spirit as One Nation Under God. God Bless America!



Banns of Marriage



Banns I

Cristina Pantell; Maria Regina, Seaford, & Joseph Forlani, St. William the Abbot

Banns II

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 III

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

Baptisms

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

Leo Cosentino

Jace McArdle

Emily Reip

Anointing of the Sick

Anyone going to the hospital or who has a serious illness can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, which will be celebrated communally immediately following the 12n Mass on Sunday, May 31st.

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)



WE REMEMBER & HONOR ON THIS
MEMORIAL DAY



Heavenly Father, we lift up in prayer our brothers and sisters who have gone before us, sacrificing their own lives for the protection and safety of others. We are grateful for their service. May they inspire us to live selflessly in our own lives, as Christ calls us to do.

In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.



OUR ANGELUS BELLS WILL BE DEDICATED
TO THE PRAYERFUL MEMORY OF OUR
DECEASED SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN
ON MONDAY, MAY 25TH

— GOD BLESS LAST WEEKEND'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS —





In preparation for their Regents exam, SWS 8th grade Bio students visited Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory today to complete their bacterial transformation lab. What a great experience!



PARISH MAY CROWNING



Upcoming Priestly Ordinations



**Deacon
Herley Mendez**

*Diocese of Bridgeport Ordination:
Saturday, June 13th
bridgeportdiocese.org*



**Deacon
Patrick O'Brien**



**Deacon
Dillon Vita**

*Diocese of Rockville Centre Ordination:
Saturday, June 20th
drvc.org*



**Deacon
Nicholas Waldron**

Please pray for these four men as they complete the last few weeks of formation in preparation for their ordination!

Welcome Seminarian John Buttner!

It's good to be here! My name is John Buttner, I am a seminarian for the Diocese of Syracuse, and I am excited to be staying here at St. William the Abbot while I participate in the Hospital Chaplaincy program offered through the Catholic Health Hospitals. I have just finished my fourth year at Mount Saint Mary's seminary in Emmitsburg, MD and have two more years to go before my priestly ordination.

I am the fourth of six children, I grew up just outside of Syracuse itself, and I have roots down here in NYC (my grandparents grew up in Queens and the Bronx). In college I studied Chemistry, but my first year out of school I ended up working for a Catholic non-profit called Nazareth Farm located in West Virginia. That year of volunteer ministry had a major impact on me and I applied for seminary a year later after moving back home. Other notable facts, I love singing in the seminary choir and I play guitar and violin. I'm also working on my Spanish language skills in order to better serve the Hispanic population in Syracuse, so if you know Spanish please have a conversation with me!



Thank you all for your hospitality and know of my prayers for you. Please pray for me too, especially through the intercession of St. Faustina, St. Peter, and Mary our Mother.

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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

JUNE 17, 2026

7:00 PM

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June 17, 2026

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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: "Come Holy Ghost" - #417
Offertory Hymn: "Come O Holy Spirit" - #201
Communion Hymn: "Sacred Silence" - #577
Communion Meditation: "Holy Spirit, Come to Me" (Hoy)
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

Shampoo - Conditioner - Body Wash - Shaving Cream - Deodorant - Paper Products

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday June 2nd 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.

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.

HEAP Cooling Assistance

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps people pay the cost of heating and cooling their homes. Applications are currently being accepted for cooling assistance to buy and install an air conditioner or fan for your home. You may already qualify if you have a documented medical condition that is aggravated by heat, if your household contains vulnerable members (age <6 or age >60) or if you meet specific income guidelines. To see the full list of eligibility guidelines and to apply, visit <https://www.otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/>.

Senior 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 home 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, visit the website <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/1438/Aging> or call NY Connects at 516-227-8900.



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

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

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