



St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



May 3, 2026
The Fifth 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

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

John 14:6-7

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 3rd

7:30am: Ernst DeGraff

9am: Salvatore Lupo

10:30am: George Smith

12n: Robert A. Olsen

Monday, May 4th

8:30am: Louise & Dominic Fortunato, Henriette & Louis Marino, Carol Ann Dondiego (liv), Brian P. Sheehan

Tuesday, May 5th

8:30am: Rose Ippolito

Wednesday, May 6th

8:30am: Martin Murphy

Thursday, May 7th

8:30am: Carol Lowell, Sam & Dolores Marino, Joseph "The Chief" Borrelli, Mary "May" O'Hara

Friday, May 8th

8:30am: Mark Flinn

Saturday, May 9th

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: People of St. William's, Richard Beck, Elizabeth Smith, Steven Alexy

Pray for the Sick

Elsis Torres - Maria Elena Torres - Penny Duggan - Richard Fedyk
Rosemary Averill - Charlie Herbert - Frances Speidell - Thomas Stolfi

Pray for the Deceased

Margaret Mary Sullivan - Josephine Cavallaro - Deborah Ann Panasuk - Lloyd Fernandes

Sanctuary Candle

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

Wine & Hosts

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

Lord Jesus, Show us the Way

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.” These words from our Lord in John’s Gospel this weekend meet us right where we are. And if we are honest, many of us do feel a bit troubled and restless. The noise of the world is loud - violence is shaking our sense of security, wars that seem unending, and a culture that often feels more divided than united. Just this past week, we were reminded again how fragile our security and peace can be with another attempted act of violence against President Trump. Amid all this, our hearts can become worn down, searching for stability, for truth, for something solid to hold onto. Lord Jesus, show us the Way!

Last week, we reflected on Jesus as the Good Shepherd, the One whose voice we are called to know and follow – the gate of both protection and access. That strong voice becomes even more important now. There are so many influences competing for our attention – some voices are projecting fear, anger, division, and suspicion. But the voice of Jesus is different. It is steady, calm, and filled with authority that comes from the source of His love. He does not shout over the chaos; He calls us gently, inviting us to trust Him. To follow Him means learning to attune our hearts to His voice above all others. Jesus reminds us today that the Father’s house has many dwelling places. There is room for ALL of us - not because of our opinions, or our political leanings, or the flavor of the news sources and stations we watch - but because we belong to Him. And then He makes a bold and unmistakable claim: “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.” Not one way among many, but ‘the way’! If we take that seriously, it must shape how we live, how we speak, how we listen, and how we treat one another. The Christian life is not meant to mirror the culture around us, but to transform it.

To be honest, I struggle at times that simple virtues such as kindness, patience, and gentleness have become so rare that they seem countercultural. To be a gentleman, a lady, to speak with compassion, to consider the dignity of another person before reacting and responding – verbally or online - these are not small things. They are powerful witnesses - especially to the little eyes and ears near us who are watching and listening to everything we do and say. They are observing what we consume, and how we react to and communicate what we take in. St. Francis of Assisi is credited with the saying: “Preach the Gospel and use words when necessary”. The Gospel is not only preached from the pulpit here at St. William the Abbot Church, it is preached in how we live in our homes, in our cars, in the grocery and department store lines, and, yes, even when leaving the church parking lot.

As we enter the month of May - the month of Mary, of Mother’s Day, of First Holy Communions - perhaps this is our invitation and opportunity to live differently. To choose the way of Christ in small, concrete ways each day. To be a little more patient on the road, a little more understanding in our conversations, and a little more present to those in front of us. Our Blessed Mother Mary is the model disciple who was the first to follow “the way” and shows us how to trust, how to listen, how to say “yes” even when the world feels uncertain. Let us ask for her intercession, that we too may follow her Son more closely, and bring His peace into a troubled world.

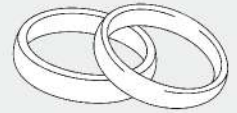
Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us.

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

Banns of Marriage

Banns I

Meghan Snowdale; St. William the Abbot & Peter Lochner; St. Thomas More, Hauppauge, NY



Banns III

Alyssa Seminario; St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage & Robert Moulder; St. William the Abbot

Baptism

Let us welcome the following child who was baptized last weekend

Loughlin Kalista

St. Peregrine Prayer Hour

The St. Peregrine Prayer Hour will be hold on Monday, May 4th from 2:00 - 3:00 PM in the Church. St. Peregrine is the patron saint of those suffering from cancer. Future prayer hours will be held on the first Monday of each month. Cancer victims, families and their caregivers are all invited to come and pray.

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.

April Offertory

	2016	2019	2020	2025	2026
Attendance	8519	10761		10409	9248
Total \$	\$84,685.00	\$170,385.00	\$232,425.00	\$185,372.00	\$173,421.00
Per Person	\$9.94	\$15.83		\$17.81	\$18.75
# Sundays	4	4		4	4
Avg/Sunday	\$21,171.25	\$45,596.26		\$46,343.00	\$43,355.25
Avg/Attendance	2130	2690		2602	2313

*Palm Sunday/Easter

*Covid/Easter

*Palm Sunday/Easter

Easter

The years listed were chosen to represent an overall sample and include 10 years ago, the year before Covid/pastor transition, the year of the Covid shutdown, last year, and the current year

Catholic Ministries Appeal

	2016	2019	2020	2025	Year to Date
Goal	\$135,600.00	\$136,700.00	\$146,700.00	\$162,000.00	\$170,100
Pledged	\$173,412.008	\$142,360.00	\$121,048.00	\$93,963.00	\$71,151.00
# Donors	899	550	480	330	248
Avg Donation	\$192.89	\$258.84	\$252.18	\$284.74	\$286.90
Rebate to SWA	\$52,010.00	\$31,368.00	\$2,934.00	-	-

The Catholic Ministries Appeal begins every February. Funds donated help with vocation awareness and the Diocesan Seminarian program, social programs such as Meals on Wheels and outreach to the most vulnerable, and healthcare initiatives for those who cannot otherwise afford it or are most at risk. The parish receives a rebate once our Diocesan goal has been exceeded.



LIVING ROSARY & MAY CROWNING

*Tuesday, May 19th at 6:30pm
on the Front Lawn of SWS*

CHILDREN WHO HAVE MADE THEIR FIRST COMMUNION THIS YEAR ARE
ENCOURAGED TO WEAR THEIR COMMUNION OUTFITS
AND PARTICIPATE IN THE CROWNING CEREMONY

APOSTOLIC SERVICE HOURS FOR CONFIRMATION 2027 ARE AVAILABLE FOR RISING
7TH & 8TH GRADERS OF SWS AND THE FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM.
PLEASE CONTACT FAITHFORMATION@STWILLIAM.ORG TO SIGN-UP.

BEHOLD



Prayers of Thanksgiving at Mass

A guide to assist those who are new or returning home to prepare your heart, soul, and mind for the holy sacrifice of the Mass and relationship with our Lord.

PREPARING TO PRAY

What are you placing on the altar during this Mass? Choose a specific intention - maybe it's a loved one, an unwell family member, a friend going through a hard time, or a neighbor experiencing loss - and in the sacred vessels being used. An intention helps you actively participate in the Mass and helps to intentionally and personally connect with God.



AFTER THE HOMILY
Was there a line from Scripture that moved your heart or mind? Did the readings or the homily make a connection to your everyday life?

AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

You are invited to become aware of God's presence and take at least 30 seconds to sit and pray. Take an honest look at your day and at your interactions with others. Were there moments of anger, selfishness, or judgement? Choose one specific part and invite the Lord into it. The Lord invites us to become aware of his presence. What might the Lord bring to you in moments of joy, fear, anger, or sadness?



PRAYER IN THIS UPCOMING WEEK
Ask for God's guidance in your daily decision-making. Seek His wisdom and strength and give thanks for His graces and all the wonderful blessings you have received.

Mother's Day Novena



Our Mother's Day Novena of Masses will begin on Mother's Day, May 10th. Cards and envelopes for the Mother'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

mother remembered, kindly take a donation envelope and card. If you would like to have your deceasedm other remembered, please use a donation envelope only.

Please place all donation envelopes in the collection basket or return them to the Rectory.



Thank you!

Thank you to the members of our Adult and Children's Choir for a wonderful season!

Our choirs will resume this fall!



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:



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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

SHARING THE GOSPEL
WITH OTHERS



100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

This year's CMA theme, Sharing the Gospel with Others, invites all of us to join in the evangelizing mission of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Together, our parishes work as one and fulfill the call of Pope Leo XIV to "walk towards God and love one another."

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is vital to the mission of the Church on Long Island, as it assists in the formation of our priests and permanent deacons, funds various programs and ministries that help the vulnerable in our communities, and helps to keep the fire of faith alive in our youth and young adults. Learn more by visiting catholicministriesappeal.org



The SWS Class of 2026 enjoyed their recent trip to Washington, D.C, visiting national landmarks such as the U.S. Capitol Building, various monuments and memorials, as well as the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. God bless our students and God bless America!



VOCATION ASSISTANCE dinner

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CELEBRATING AND HONORING
THE SEMINARIANS
OF THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH | 3PM - 7PM | \$45 PP

INCLUDES DINNER, BEER, WINE, SODA, DESERT,
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SPORTS



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- Cost is \$230 (payable by Venmo, Cash, or Check)
- Fee includes camp shirt and daily snack
- Open to children ages 4 to 11
- Campers may be grouped by age or can be requested
- Chess Enrichment Program for all campers

Nightwatch

Friday, May 15

7:00PM: DOORS OPEN
7:30PM: ADORATION & SPEAKER
8:30PM: DODGEBALL & SOCIAL



with
Father John Crozier
Director of Vocations and
Chaplain of Saint Anthony's
High School



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Evening of Discernment

For Catholic Men (18+)
Considering the Priesthood

June 17, 2026

LOCATION:

Retreat and Conference Center
of the Immaculate Conception
440 West Neck Road, Huntington, New York

SCHEDULE:

- 7:00 PM • National Eucharistic Congress **Holy Hour and Procession**
- 9:00 PM • **Pizza Dinner** with fellow discerners
- 9:30 PM • **Brief Talk & Q&A** about Catholic Priesthood
- 11:00 PM • **Compline** (Night Prayer)
- 11:15 PM • **Departure**



Contact: vocations@drvc.org
Register: drvcvocations.com/discern617

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: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" (#193)

Offertory Hymn: "We Walk by Faith" (#482)

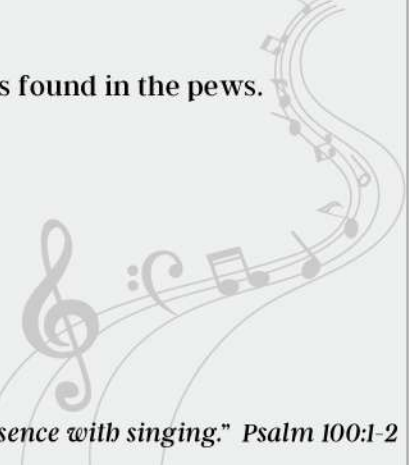
Communion Hymn: "Worthy is the Lamb" (#355)

Communion Meditation: "I Am the Bread of Life" (#355)

Recessional Hymn: "Alleluia Love is Alive!" (#187)

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

Rice-A-Roni - Tea Bags - Canned White Potatoes - Lunchbox Snacks - Jello Gelatin

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday, May 5th 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!



Did You Know?

Catholic Health sponsors a free primary care center for adults without health insurance. The Bishop McHugh Health Center is located at 750 South Broadway in Hicksville. They provide full health assessments, lab work, X-rays, flu shots and other health services. For more information or an appointment call them on 516-827-2727

Veterans Event Friday May 8



On Friday May 8 from 9am to 1pm there will be a 'Veterans Stand Down' event at Mitchel Field in Garden City. This event will host numerous veterans support organizations with information regarding veterans benefits, housing, employment and community resources. Veterans will be able to register with a veterans counselor for a personal benefits assessment by providing their veterans ID and their discharge forms (if possible). For more information please call 516-572-6565.

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 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*

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