St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 1, 2026
Solemnity of All Saints



Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.
Matthew 5:12

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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 1st:
7:30am: Francis DiGiorgio
9am: Maria Proce
10:30am: Richard W. Griffin
12n: Anna & Leonard Marino

Monday, November 2nd:
All Souls Novena

Tuesday, November 3rd:
All Souls Novena; Maria Proce; Robin Blackwell; Jules Mandell

Wednesday, November 4th:
All Souls Novena; Joyce Jaffe; Baby Christie Marie Kelly; Fortunato Scoleri

Thursday, November 5th:
All Souls Novena

Friday, November 6th:
All Souls Novena; Sr. Bridget Olwell, OSU; Sr. Elaine Callahan, OP; Kay Ahern

Saturday, November 7th:
8:30am: Members of the Purgatorial Society
5pm: All Souls Novena

Pray for the Sick

John Mitchell - Catherine DeCesare - Frances Speidell - Penny Duggan - Jane Milbach - Terrence O'Brien

Pray for the Deceased

Dolores White - Padraic P. Nugent - Maria Petrica

Wine & Hosts

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

The Beatitudes – Our Road Map to Sainthood

"So, be holy, as your Father in Heaven is Holy". As we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, the Church invites us to look beyond the ordinary routines and distractions of our daily lives and remember what we are ultimately made for - sainthood and eternal life with God in Heaven. The Beatitudes begin with "Blessed are the poor in spirit… blessed are they who mourn… blessed are the meek." These are not simply beautiful sayings to hang on a wall or words we hear at Mass and quickly forget. They are the road map that Jesus gives us to guide our journey home to Heaven. In a world that often measures success by wealth, power, popularity, and winning at all costs, Jesus offers us a very different way of living. But how is the Sermon on the Mount relevant in 2026?

Look around us, and it is easy to become distracted, discouraged, or even angry – Halloween decorations in front of our homes, but Christmas decorations are already in the stores. Election Day is approaching, and candidates whose words are cutting and divisive. We continue to witness the suffering caused by war in the Middle East and in Ukraine, the threat of terrorism, and the painful reality that many people seem to have lost hope in one another.

There is no shortage of noise, conflict, and reasons to worry about the world our children and grandchildren will inherit. Yet, in the midst of it all, Jesus reminds us that there is another way. The Sermon on the Mount calls us to become people of mercy rather than of resentment, peacemakers rather than troublemakers, and people who hunger for righteousness rather than simply demand that everyone else agree with us. The path to holiness begins when we become aware of the people around us, step outside ourselves, and recognize the presence of Christ in those who are struggling, grieving, or feeling forgotten.

Sometimes, however, I think we make the saints seem almost too perfect. We look at the statues and images of St. Padre Pio, St. Angela Merici, or the children gathered around our Blessed Mother, and we can forget that these holy men and women were once real people who lived ordinary lives. They had families, friends, and, at times, difficult relationships. They experienced disappointment, frustration, and moments when they struggled to forgive. They were not born with halos over their heads! Holiness is not reserved for a select few or for people who never make mistakes - the Church honors the saints for the whole journey of their lives, not just one extraordinary moment. They stumbled, they grappled, and they had to rely on the grace of God to get back up and begin again.

The Beatitudes are not a one-time test we either pass or fail; they are an invitation to conversion that we must accept anew each day. What does that look like for us here at St. William the Abbot? It begins with the small, ordinary choices; can we be humble enough to admit when we are wrong? Show mercy to someone who has hurt us? Be patient with the family member who pushes our buttons, or whose opinions and politics are different from our own? Jesus calls us to purity the heart, to mercy, and to peacemaking; not just when it is convenient, but especially when it is difficult.

The Solemnity of All Saints is a celebration of hope. We remember the countless holy women and men who have gone before us - disciples whose quiet faithful living changed the lives of the people around them. They remind us that Heaven is not merely a distant dream - it is our destination and Jesus reveals to us "the way". The Beatitudes are an invitation that Jesus places before us to live differently lives of holiness. Sainthood begins with the next 'right' choice we make, the next person we forgive, and the next opportunity we have to love as Jesus loves. May God give us the courage to take that next step, until one day we, too, find ourselves gathered with all the saints – rejoice and be glad for we are at the Heavenly Banquet!

Fr. Joe

Banns of Marriage

Banns I
Kristen Higgins
& James Price

Banns III
Erin Horn (SWA)
& Thomas Haley (St. Andrew by the Bay)

Pray for Those in the Military

Lt. Ian Bayer (USN) - Lt. Rebecca Bayer (USN) - Lt. Ryan Bayer (USN) - Sgt. Craig Bianco (USA) - A1C Austin Carreras (USAF) - 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, Ret (USA) - Nicole Nagengast (USN) - Lt. Michael Napolitano (USN) - Lt. Michael O'Hara (USN) - MMN2 Emily Partridge (USN) - Lt. John Pawelczyk (USA) - 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) - LCPL Cole Tekverk, (USMC) - 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. Jonathan Yahner (USA) - Lt. Joseph Yahner (USA) - Pvt. Philip Zanardi (USAR)

We welcome the children baptized in October

Sofia Esposito - Briar Viscardi - Natasha Cotto - Hudson Leberg - Daniel Messina - Brielle Quintiliano - Owen Mantay - Isabella Onufrey - Dillon Christopherson - Thomas Aberasturi - George Wolfson - Summer White - Jax Antonette - Domenic Hartinger - Kaia Cotty

Remembering All Souls

JOIN US FOR A MEMORIAL MASS FOR ALL THOSE BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE WHOSE FUNERAL WAS CELEBRATED AT ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT IN THE LAST YEAR

Saturday, November 28th at 2pm

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES BY HAVING THEM REMEMBERED DURING OUR ALL SOULS' NOVENA. ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ENTANCES OF THE CHURCH.

We also remember in a special way the priests of the Diocese of Rockville Centre born into eternal life this year...

REV. RICHARD R. DONOVAN - MSGR. JOSEPH K. CURLEY
MOST REV. WILLIAM MURPHY - MOST REV. MSGR. KENNETH E. BOCCAFOLA
REV. GILBERT D. LAP - MSGR. JOHN C. NOSSER
REV. FREDERICK HILL - REV. PETER T. LIU

... and the former pastors of St. William the Abbot

REV. FRANCIS X. DEBOLD - REV. CHARLES B. GARVEY
REV. HERMAN J. VOLKENBERG - REV. PATRICK J. BULGER - REV. JOHN LEE
MSGR. DERMOD FLINN - MSGR. THOMAS G. LEAVEY

St. Peregrine Prayer Group
For all those effected by cancer

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND
2PM-3PM IN THE CHURCH



KEEPING *our promise* TO PROTECT

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

A Virtus training session specifically for parishioners of St. William the Abbot/parents of St. William the Abbot School students has been scheduled for Thursday, November 12th from 6:30pm to 9:30pm in The Abbey.

This training is required for all volunteers of any ministry within the parish and for all volunteers of SWS and the Faith Formation program.

Please note that space is limited and you must register online (no calls, please) prior to the class by using the instructions to the right provided by the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Walk-ins will not be permitted to attend the class.

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THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC RISK RETENTION GROUP, INC.

VIRTUS® *Online*

The Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all clergy, employees, and volunteers to participate in the Safe Environment Guidelines as established by the Charter for the Protection of Children/Young People (2002) and outlined in the åç Child Protection Policy.

Requirements are as follows:
1. Attend a *Virtus: Protecting God's Children* class
2. Undergo background screening
3. Sign the Diocesan Code of Conduct

Instructions to Complete the Safe Environment Requirements:
1. Visit **www.virtus.org** to create an account
2. Select Rockville Centre , NY from the drop-down list of Archdioceses/Dioceses
3. Follow directions on each page
4. Electronically sign the Code of Conduct and Pastoral Code of Conduct
5. Select the class you wish to attend
6. Complete the background screening application provided, which is conducted by Sterling Volunteers

Please contact the Office for the Protection of Children/Young People if you have questions or require assistance.
cprotection@drvc.org

DIVE DEEPER:
THE STUDY OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

A Scripture Study with Fr. O'Brien

MONDAYS: 11/2, & 11/9
AT 1PM & 7PM IN THE ABBEY

BRING YOUR BIBLE, NOTEBOOK, & A PEN

OFFICE OF CHILDHOOD
FAITH FORMATION

PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM ARE INVITED JOIN US IN THE ABBEY (LOWER CHURCH) TO CONNECT AS A PARENT COMMUNITY OF FAITH THROUGH PRAYER AND CONVERSATION WHILE CHILDREN ARE IN RELIGION CLASS

Share in Prayer



MONDAY 11/2
4:30-5:15PM
6-6:45PM



















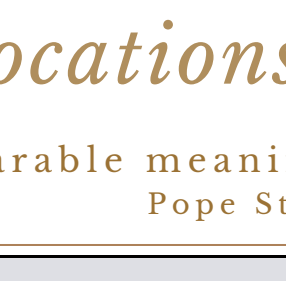













Celebrating National Vocations Week

"Complete gift of self gives life incomparable meaning."
Pope St. John Paul II

Join us on Sunday, November 8th at 10:30am as Seminarian Kevin Rueda serves and preaches his first Mass as a Transitional Deacon!

Amen, I say to you, Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine *you did for me*

Matthew 25:40

This Thanksgiving, inspired by the words in the Gospel of Matthew, St. William the Abbot is turning gratitude into action through our Thanksgiving drive to serve our local community in three meangingful ways!

FEED THE HUNGRY

Create a Thanksgiving meal basket for a family in need.

CLOTHE THE NAKED

Fill a reuseable bag with socks and a set of warm layers to create a "bag of comfort" for someone who is currently experiencing homelessness

COMFORT THE SICK

Pack a small bag with toys or crafts for a child spending Thanksgiving in the hospital



Review the donation opportunities by scanning the QR code or visiting stwilliam.org/social-ministry. We also welcome donations of grocery store gift cards to enable families to shop for themselves and contributions to the St. Vincent de Paul Conference to assist families with unexpected expenses that threaten their financial stability.

Donations can be returned to the Office of Parish Social Ministry (located in the Convent Center at 2020 Jackson Avenue) no later than Friday, November 13th to allow time for distribution between 9:30am and 4pm Monday through Friday or by appointment by contacting 516-679-8532 or socialministry@stwilliam.org. Please do not leave donations in the church or at the Rectory.



Techless Tuesday Adventures

Kindergarten had a great time learning about the different parts of a pumpkin! After exploring the inside and outside of a pumpkin, they put their knowledge to work and carved their very own Jack Skellington! Just another Techless Tuesday here at St. William's!

Thanks to the generosity of our wonderful SWS families and dedicated faculty members, our Middle School Science Department has received brand new equipment! And who better to help unpack it than our enthusiastic 8th grade scientists? These new resources will provide our students with even greater opportunities for hands-on exploration, experimentation, and discovery, bringing scientific concepts to life. As a Catholic School, we recognize that faith and science are not in conflict, but rather compliment one another in our search for truth. Throughout history, Catholic scientists, including Father Georges Lemaitre, who first proposed the theory that became known as the Big Bang, and Augustinian friar Gregor Mendel, the father of modern genetics, have made extraordinary contributions to scientific discovery. At SWS, we encourage our students to explore God's creation with curiosity and wonder!













Catholics Care.
Catholics Vote.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

We vote because we are citizens. But we vote conscientiously because we are people of faith. Our consciences are formed through studying Scripture and the teachings of the Church, examination of the facts, and prayerful reflection.

This brief insert is intended as a starting point to help us respond to our choices in the current political landscape.

While there are many moral issues before us, every issue is not equal.

- ★ **Issues that directly affect human lives**—such as abortion and euthanasia—are fundamental and demand serious consideration.
- ★ Our Constitution heralds **religious liberty** in the First Amendment, yet increasingly people of faith are having to fight to retain this basic right.
- ★ There is a move in the nation to **redefine marriage**. The marriage of a man and a woman is the foundation of the family and an essential core element of a flourishing society.
- ★ The **growing disparity between rich and poor** means most of the world's resources are in the hands of a small percentage of its people. The federal budget is a moral document and must prioritize the poorest and most vulnerable among us.
- ★ The **millions of undocumented persons** living in the United States deserve our compassion. There is an immigration problem, and we need a humane solution to it.
- ★ War, terror, and **violence** have caused thousands of lost lives. We must work for just solutions to conflict in the Holy Land, throughout the Middle East, and beyond.

As Catholic citizens, we should remember three things:

1. **Respect for the dignity of each person** is the core of Catholic social and moral teaching. This is our most basic principle.
2. **We focus on the common good**, not our own personal interests. We ask, how can we make the world a better place? Not, how can I improve my own personal situation?
3. **We have a responsibility**—a true obligation—to form our consciences and participate in the civic life of this nation.

We care.
Therefore, we vote.

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faithfulcitizenship.org

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: "In Christ Alone" - #414
Offertory Hymn: "O Loving God" - #670
Communion Hymn: "I am the Bread of Life" - #355
Communion Meditation: "Go in Peace" - #676
Recessional Hymn: "Softly and Tenderly" - #679

Visit stwilliam.org/music-ministry for more information on our Adult and Children's Choirs!

"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

Coffee - Snack Crackers - Granola Bars - Cooking Oil - Brownie Mix



Thank You Daisy Troop 3168!

Seaford Harbor Daisy Troop 3168 used the proceeds from their recent cookie sales to give back to the community. These first graders shopped for personal items for families in need that are not covered by food stamps like shampoo, conditioner and soap, and made a generous donation to the parish for the food pantry! Thank you, girls!

Friday Lunch and Learn



Catholic Health is hosting a lunch-and-learn called "Finding Calm in the Chaos" this upcoming Friday, November 6th at the Bethpage Senior Center focusing on understanding stress, identifying triggers, setting boundaries, planning healthy routines, and identifying when to seek support. Call 516-571-9910 for reservations.

Teen Girls Support Group

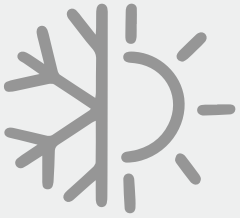
"Power Over Perfection" is a safe and supportive space for teen girls between 14 and 17 to discuss relationships, build confidence, engage in positive self-talk, navigate social media pressures, develop self-compassion, and embrace one's uniqueness. This support group will meet at the YES Counseling Center in Massapequa. To regsiter, call Elizabeth at 516-799-3203 ext 124.

Nassau Senior Centers "Bring A Friend Day"



The 16 Senior Centers in Nassau County are hosting a "Bring A Friend Day" for lunch on Thursday, November 19th. To reserve a spot and get directions, guests are asked to call their local center. The nearest Senior Center to St. William's is at St. Jude's Church in Wantagh and they can be reached at 516-797-5357.

HEAP Application Opens November 2nd



Applications for the regular HEAP benefit will be accepted starting November 2nd. If you are eligible, you may receive one monetary benefit per year to help pay for heating your home. Eligibility is based upon your household income level and other factors. If you receive SNAP, Temporary Assistance, or SSI, you may already be eligible. For more information and to access the application, visit https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/



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Or visit
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Baptisms & Weddings at St. William the Abbot
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Register as a St. William the Abbot Parishioner
stwilliam.org/i-am-new

Catholic High Schools of Long Island
chsee.org

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Formed: The Catholic Faith. On Demand
formed.org

Tomorrow's Hope Foundation: Financial Aid for Catholic Schools
tomorrowshopefoundation.org

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