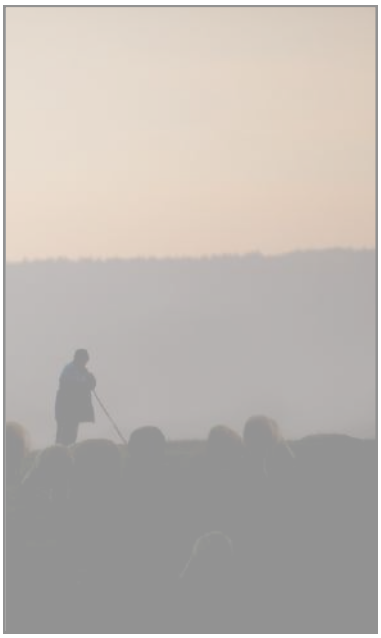
St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



November 15, 2026
Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.
Matthew 25:21

Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 15th:
7:30am: Donald S., Emma, & Michael Ustler
9am: Agnes Lahey
10:30am: The People of St. William's
12n: Edith & Nick Schkrutz

Monday, November 16th:
Carmela Dimilta; Joseph P. Jackson; Donald J. Boland; Sr. Joan of Arc, OSU

Tuesday, November 17th:
Dolores Marino; Victoria Bruno; Maj. Brian Mescall, US Army; Jack Mescall

Wednesday, November 18th:
Ursula Forzano

Thursday, November 19th:
Carol Lowell

Friday, November 20th:
Edward Jordan

Saturday, November 14th:
8:30am: Members of the Purgatorial Society
5pm: The People of St. William's; William Bauer; Jessica Podolak; Pasquale D. Argenzio

Pray for the Sick

Terrence O'Brien - Jane Milbach

Pray for the Deceased

Terrance Blance - Anna Louise Eckert - Pasquale A. Lauro - Patricia B. Mendizabal - Terrence J. O'Brien - Anthony Napoli - Diana Jeanine Ryan - Paul A. Gatto

Wine & Hosts

has been donated in honor of the
People of St. William the Abbot

Stay Awake – the Lord will come like a thief in the Night

The readings at Mass over these past few weeks have been gently but firmly reminding us of an important truth: the Lord will come again, and we need to be ready. This Sunday's Gospel gives us the familiar parable of the three servants who were entrusted with different amounts of talents by their master. Each was given something valuable, but each responded differently. Two took what they had been given and worked to increase it, while the third, out of fear, buried his talent in the ground. The difference was not how much they received, but what they did with what was entrusted to them. And perhaps that is the question Jesus is asking each of us as we draw closer to the end of another liturgical Church year: What have we done with the gifts God has given us?

St. Paul reminds us that we are all members of the one Body of Christ, and each of us has something different to contribute to the life and mission of the Church. Some are called to preach and teach, others to serve the poor and care for those in need. Some give generously of their time and energy, while others, because of family or work responsibilities, support the Church financially. The point is that there is no one-size-fits-all way to serve the Lord. God has not given all of us the same gifts, the same opportunities, or the same circumstances. But He has given every one of us something. The question is whether we are willing to put those gifts to work, or whether we allow fear, busyness, complacency, or the distractions of everyday life to bury them.

Last Sunday, we had the joy of celebrating with our newly ordained Deacon Kevin Rueda, who served here at St. William two years ago during his pastoral internship. Many of you commented on how beautiful the Mass was and how much peace and joy he seemed to have as he begins his ministry of service to the Church. As a deacon, he will proclaim the Gospel, baptize, assist at weddings and funerals, and bring Christ to others in so many meaningful ways. We were also blessed to welcome 16 seminarians preparing for the priesthood. It was a wonderful reminder that God continues to call men in service to Him and His Church.

But there is something about the ordination rite that I think is worth reflecting on - when the candidates for the diaconate were called forward, each responded with one simple word: "Present." That's it. They weren't asked to say, "I'm ready - I'm worthy – I passed all the tests - or I've accomplished everything necessary." They were simply asked to make themselves present. And isn't that where every meaningful encounter with Jesus begins? Before we can use our gifts, before we can serve, before we can grow in faith, we first have to show up. Coming to Mass, entering into prayer, serving the needy - are we truly present? Or are we physically there but mentally somewhere else, distracted by our phones, our worries, our schedules, or other things competing for our attention? The servants in the Gospel stood before Jesus and say - "Here I am, Lord."

As we prepare to close out another year and celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King next weekend, perhaps this is a good time for each of us to take an honest look at our lives – a spiritual inventory. When the Lord comes - and He will - what will we have to show Him? Did we use our gifts to bring the light of Christ to someone living in loneliness, sadness, or fear? Did we make time for someone who needed a listening ear, offer forgiveness when it was difficult, or serve someone who could never repay us? Did we help another person discover the love of God, or did we keep that gift to ourselves?

None of us has been given the exact same talents, but all of us have been given the opportunity to make a difference. The Lord isn't asking us to be someone else - He is asking us to be faithful with what we have been given. So, when He calls our name, may we be able to answer with confidence and gratitude: "Present, Lord! Here I am. I took what You gave me, I shared it, I allowed it to grow, and I tried to make Your love known to others." May we never bury the gifts God has given us.

Fr. Joel

Banns of Marriage

Banns I
Erica Vasquez (SWA)
& Owen Childs (SWA)

Banns II
Lindsay Nolan (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel)
& Joseph Hussey (SWA)

Banns III
Kirsten Higgins (SWA)
& James Price (SWA)

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)



Parish Engagement Survey

Thank you to the over 200 parishioners who took part in our Parish Engagement Survey!
We look forward to using your feedback to serve you into the new year and beyond!

We Pray for those Enrolled in the Purgatorial Society

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 Frascone; 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.
Carol MacVicar; Mary Mackay; John Garrity; Margaret Daly.
Ricky Vitale; James Conti; Jim & Mary McCormick; Olga P. Lally.
James E. Dooley; Steven DeCillis; Veronica M. Fields; Nancy Zimmerman; Mavis Salerno; Theresa Bogner; Michael J. Holian; John Kilgus; Aspasia Kathryn Marino.
Jacqueline M. Schnorrbusch; Terry Dillon; Gilda St John; Eileen Meyer; Theresa Amalfitano; Victor Letellier, Jr; Anthony Rucco.
Janet McCloskey; Bridget Gromley; Antoinette Sittler; Patricia Lynch; Richard Kuerner; John M. Stolfi; Thomas E. Stolfi; Theresa E. Brady.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

Memorials

Mass intentions as well as gifts such as the Weekly Wine & Hosts, Candles, and Altar Decorations are available to honor your living loved ones and memorialized your deceased loved ones at the Rectory Office.

Please come in to learn more and check availability:
Mondays-Thursdays: 9am-12:30pm, 1pm-4pm
Fridays and Saturdays: 9am-12:30pm

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



FOR BOYS & GIRLS IN 5TH-12TH GRADE

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED USING THE QR CODES BELOW:
PLEASE CHOOSE ONE DATE TO ATTEND

MONDAY
NOVEMBER 30TH
7PM

TUESDAY
DECEMBER 1ST
7PM

New Altar Servers will be asked to shadow existing servers 6 times within 12 weeks of this training to earn their commission. Once commissioned, servers are expected to serve 6 weekend parish Masses every 4 months to remain active. Servers who do not meet these expectations will have to repeat new server training. If you are unsure or unable to commit to these expectations, we would invite you to wait until our summer training session.

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JOIN US FOR OUR

THANKSGIVING MASS & FOOD BLESSING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH AT 9AM



All Souls'
Mass of Remembrance

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

Mens' Prayer Group
Open to All Adult Men

LAST FALL SESSION: SAT 11/21
AT 6:30AM IN THE ABBEY

OFFICE OF CHILDHOOD

FAITH FORMATION

We hope you enjoy the beautiful creations of our Level 1 and 2 students as much as we do!













Important Dates to Remember

November 21st/22nd: Monthly Activities for Levels 7 & 8 to be turned in during SWA Masses along with Christian Autobiographies (Level 7) and Saint Reports (Level 8)

November 23rd-25th: Thanksgiving Break (No Classes)

Share in Prayer

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

MONDAY 11/16 4:30-5:15PM 6-6:45PM



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Real World Math

Our 5th Graders are preparing for their Friendsgiving Celebration! Using local grocery circulars, our SWS consumers chose two items to bring to the party, with only $20 to spend! Students figured out their total and how much change they would receive after paying! Real world mathematics!

Mrs. Rossillo's 4th grade scientists are researching human uses of energy. Students are working together to research a renewable or nonrenewable energy resource, including how to use it and how it affects the environment. Each student has a role as either an environmental expert, energy adviser, resource expert, or human use expert. Groups are using books, online sources, and their science textbook to create posters they will in present class.











SAVE THE DATES

FRIDAY DECEMBER 4TH	CRECHE BLESSING & TREE LIGHTING
SAT & SUN DECEMBER 5TH & 6TH	CHRISTMAS FAIR

stwilliam.org/christmas2026

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH MASS

NOVEMBER 22, 2026
CATHEDRAL OF ST. AGNES- 2:30PM

CELEBRANT
BISHOP JOHN O. BARRES

HOMILIST
BISHOP ROBERT P. BOXIE, III

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: "City of God" - #382
Offertory Hymn: "Eye Has Not Seen" - #529
Communion Hymn: "I Received the Living God" - #347
Recessional Hymn: "Sing to the Mountains" - #585

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

Apple Juice - Canned Tuna - Pasta Sauce - Pasta - Jelly - Dish Soap



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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday November 17 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 of any skill level are always welcome!

Eisenhower Park Walking Club

Lace up your sneakers and join the Seniors Walking Club on Thursdays in November and December from 9:30am-10:30am at Eisenhower Park (Field 5). There will also be expert special guests specializing in mental health, exercise, and nutrition. Call 516-227-8900 for more information.

Amen, I say to you,
Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine
you did for me.
Matthew 25:40

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Thanksgiving Drive. Your donations enabled us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and comfort the sick of our community!

While our drive has ended, there are still opportunities to give through our Office of Parish Social Ministry!

- **Donate a gift card to a grocery store**
- **Donate to our St. Vincent de Paul Conference to help families with financial burderns during times of unexpected hardships**
- **Donate food and personal care items to our Food Pantry**



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by Credit Card, Apple Pay, Google Pay, or CashApp

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

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Baptisms & Weddings at St. William the Abbot
stwilliam.org/sacraments

Register as a St. William the Abbot Parishioner
stwilliam.org/i-am-new

Catholic High Schools of Long Island
chsee.org

Diocese of Rockville Centre
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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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