St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



November 8, 2026
Thirty-Second 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

'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour
Matthew 25:13

Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 8th:
7:30am: Patricia Hank
9am: Frances Nagle & Eleanor Novak
10:30am: Bridget & Thomas McNulty
12n: All Souls Novena; People of St. William's; Edith & Nick Schkrutz; Robert Rao

Monday, November 9th:
All Souls Novena

Tuesday, November 10th:
All Souls Novena

Wednesday, November 11th:
Patrick Butler; Francis C. Hall; Anne McNulty; James E. Dooley

Thursday, November 12th:
The Barrett & Buonora Families (liv)

Friday, November 13th:
Sr. Jeanne Brendel (liv); Catherine P. Ahern; Lenny Colletti; Robert Dana

Saturday, November 14th:
8:30am: Members of the Purgatorial Society
5pm: Anthony Magrino

Pray for the Sick

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

Pray for the Deceased

Margherita Scotto - Marilyn R. Odell - Henry Francis Connell - Adeline Geraffo - Catherine DiPietro

Wine & Hosts

has been donated in honor of
Deacon Kevin Rueda
from the People of St. William the Abbot

Are We Really Ready for the coming of Jesus?

October is the new June! We usually have between 40-50 weddings a year celebrated here at St. William the Abbot, but this year, from late September through last weekend, we had 14 nuptial celebrations! It is an incredible joining of the couples and their families – bringing together different traditions, customs, and in some cases, even faith backgrounds. When the bride and groom stand before the altar it is the culmination of planning, communication, and preparation involving creative proposals, support of friends and family, sending of save the dates and invitations; all in preparation for the "big day". There are always a few hiccups – but because of the couple's own organized spirit and the help of others – they are prepared, they are ready.

Our Catholic faith is continually reminding us of the wisdom of God – and today we hear that wisdom is "resplendent, unfading, prudent, and readily found" by those who seek her. Biblical wisdom is more than simply knowing a lot of things or making good decisions - it is the ability to see life through God's eyes, to recognize what truly matters, and to live with our hearts and minds directed toward Him. In the Gospel, Jesus puts that wisdom to the test with a story about ten virgins: five who were wise and prepared, and five who were foolish and caught off guard.

To appreciate the story, it helps to understand the wedding imagery Jesus is using. Throughout the Bible, we hear about weddings, brides, and bridegrooms as powerful images of God's relationship with His people. Jesus Himself is often described as the 'Bridegroom', and the Church as His Bride. The ten virgins in today's Gospel would have been understood as the closest friends of the bride – members of the wedding party - and these best friends have been given the responsibility of being there to greet the newest addition to their friend's family. Anyone who has been part of a wedding party knows how much time, creativity, and effort goes into honoring the bride and welcoming the person who loves the one they love.

And yet, we all know how easily things can go wrong – a missed airport connection, waiting until the last minute to pick up a bridesmaid's dress, or missing that special group photo at the reception. Sometimes the absence of just one person can be felt by everyone. We can laugh about these stories afterward but imagine the disappointment of a bride or groom who has been waiting for someone important to be there.

In Jesus' parable, five of the young women brought enough oil for their lamps, while the other five did not. When the bridegroom was delayed, the difference between being prepared and being unprepared became painfully clear. The foolish virgins were not necessarily bad people; they simply failed to prepare for something they knew was coming - that is where Jesus brings the story home to us. We know that Jesus is coming again - we profess it every Sunday in the Creed and we hear it throughout the Scriptures. But are we actually living as though we believe it? Are we preparing our hearts, and making room for God in the busyness of everyday life? Or are we putting off the important things, assuming that there will always be more time? The oil in our lamps is something we cannot borrow from someone else at the last minute. Our relationship with Jesus, our faith, our love, and our willingness to follow Him must be nurtured everyday - no one else can do that for us.

November is still the month awareness and kindness - the holidays are approaching, which is an incredible time for all of us, and I would say a time when – at least here at St. William's - the focus naturally shifts back to God. Generosity toward the less fortunate in our community, family celebrations and shared meals, and a real spirit of generosity and Christian charity becomes a focus. We are faced with the important question: Are we ready for Jesus - the Bridegroom? We would not miss a family wedding or other special moments, but there is one celebration that surpasses them all: the wedding feast of Heaven. Are we ready? Are we showing up? Or will we find ourselves outside because we forgot what mattered most. Our spiritual lamps must be filled with the oil of faith, hope, and love so that when the Lord does come, we will be ready to welcome Him with joy!



Banns of Marriage

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

Banns II
Kirsten Higgins
& James Price

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)

A Prayer for Veterans' Day

Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace,
As we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.

Next Weekend's Second Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development

When you support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), you help communities across the country innovate and work together to solve their unique challenges. 25% of our collection stays within the Diocese of Rockville Centre to support organizations addressing the needs for housing, jobs, and educational opportunities here on Long Island.



October Offertory

	2016	2019	2020	2025	2026
Attendance	9575	7945	3451	7912	8145
Total $	$111,101.00	$90,964.00	$90,632.00	$100,501.00	$103,545.00
Per Attendee	$11.60	$11.45	$26.26	$12.70	$12.71
# Sundays	5	5	4	4	4
Avg/Sunday	$22,220.20	$18,912.80	$22,658.00	$25,125.25	$25,886.25
Avg/Attendance	1915	1589	863	1978	2036

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

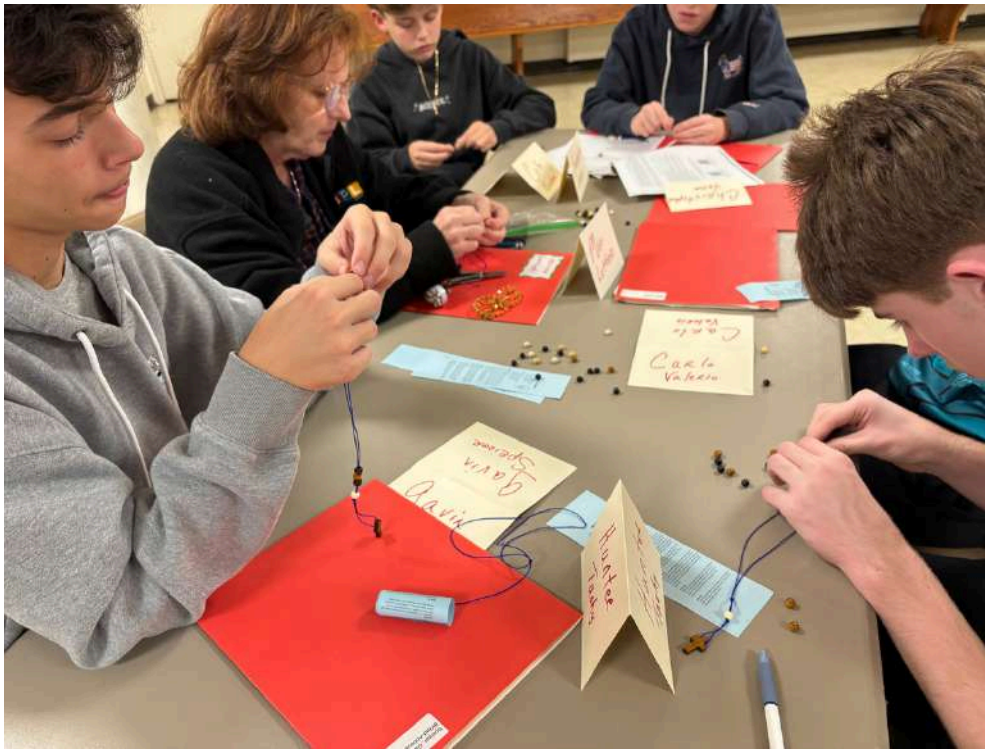
	2016	2019	2020	2025	Year to Date
Goal	$135,600.00	$136,700.00	$146,700.00	$162,000.00	$170,100
Pledged	$173,412.008	$142,360.00	$121,048.00	$93,963.00	$83,922.00
# Donors	899	550	480	330	312
Avg Donation	$192.89	$258.84	$252.18	$284.74	$268.98
Rebate to SWA	$52,010.00	$31,368.00	$2,934.00	-	-

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.

OFFICE OF CHILDHOOD

FAITH FORMATION

The month of October is dedicated to the Blessed Mother, and our Level 8 students closed it out by making their own Rosaries. After Fr. Michael's blessing, these pocket Rosaries will be carried by these students as they continue their Confirmation preparation.







DIVE DEEPER:

THE STUDY OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

A Scripture Study with Fr. O'Brien

JOIN US FOR OUR FINAL SESSION
MONDAYS 11/9
AT 1PM & 7PM IN THE ABBEY

BRING YOUR BIBLE, NOTEBOOK, & A PEN

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.












CONGRATULATIONS

Deacon Kevin Rueda

NOW-DEACON KEVIN WAS ORDAINED A TRANSITIONAL DEACON THIS WEEKEND, ONE OF THE LAST STEPS IN HIS FORMATION BEFORE HIS PRIESTLY ORDINATION THIS JUNE

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 by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and comforting the sick.

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.

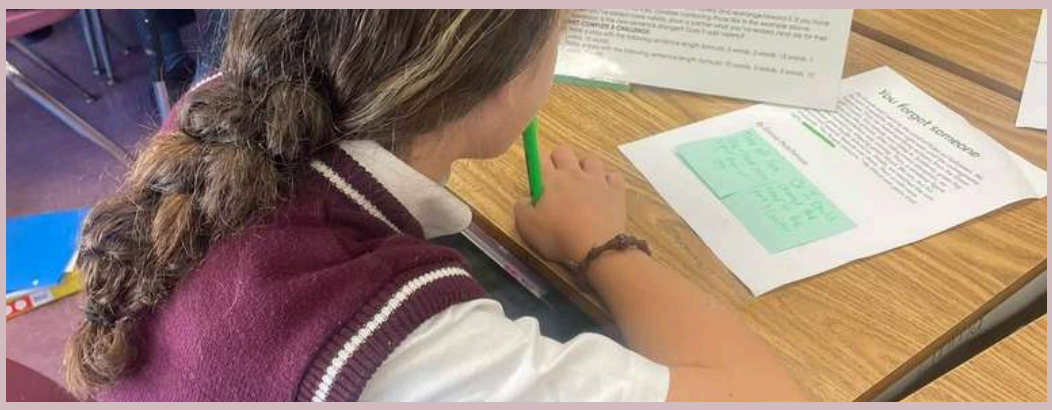
Donations can be returned to the Office of Parish Social Ministry (located in the Convent Center at 2020 Jackson Avenue) no later than Friday, November 13th to allow time for distribution between 9:30am and 4pm Monday through Friday or by appointment by contacting 516-679-8532 or socialministry@stwilliam.org. ***Please note that we will not be accepting donations on Wednesday, November 11th and we ask that you do not leave donations in the church or at the Rectory.***

Techless Tuesday

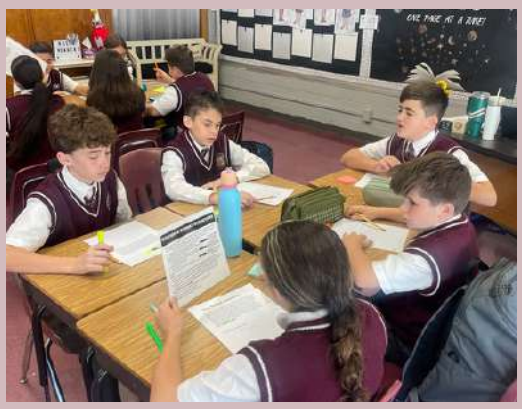


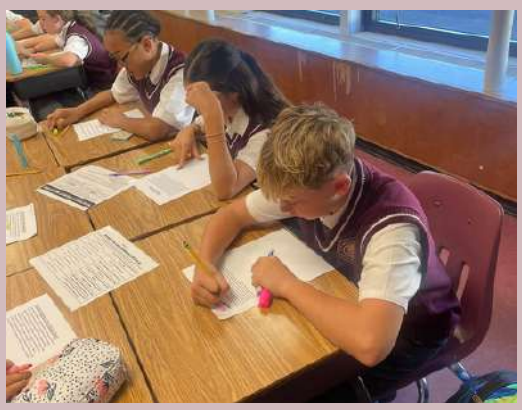
After listening to the story “Why Do Leaves Change Color?”, first graders examined different leaves with hand lenses. The students recorded the color, shape, and physical characteristics of their leaves.

After kicking off their writing unit, the 7th grade scholars have been working hard to write 100 word horror stories! They completed their rough drafts and then got to work on editing. Working in groups, the scholars focused on spine-chilling sensory details, awful adjectives, spooky structure, and villainous verbs to enhance their writing. Everyone had a spooky good time and we can’t wait to see the final product made into a class book!











FEDERAL SCHOLARSHIP TAX CREDIT
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit?
Beginning in 2027, the Federal Tax Credit encourages charitable donations to Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs), which provide scholarships for eligible K-12 students' education expenses.

How much is the tax credit?
Eligible taxpayers can receive a dollar-for-dollar federal income tax credit of up to $1700 per individual or $3400 for married couples filing jointly for qualified cash contributions to SGOs.

How does the program work?
Taxpayers make a donation to an eligible SGO and designate the contribution for the federal tax credit. They then claim the credit on their federal income tax return. The credit is nonrefundable, but unused amounts may be carried forward for up to five years. A donor may earmark a gift to a specific school (subject to SGO rules) but not to specific children.

Who can claim the tax credit?
U.S. citizens and residents with federal income tax liability and who make qualified cash contributions to eligible SGOs may claim the credit. You do not need to itemize deductions.

What is a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)?
An SGO is a qualifying nonprofit public charity that awards scholarships to eligible K–12 students. It must meet federal requirements and be included on a participating state's approved SGO list.

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Which students qualify for scholarships?
Students are eligible if they are enrolled in a public or private elementary or secondary school and may qualify if their household income is no more than 300% of the area's median gross income, adjusted for family size. Eligibility does not guarantee an award.

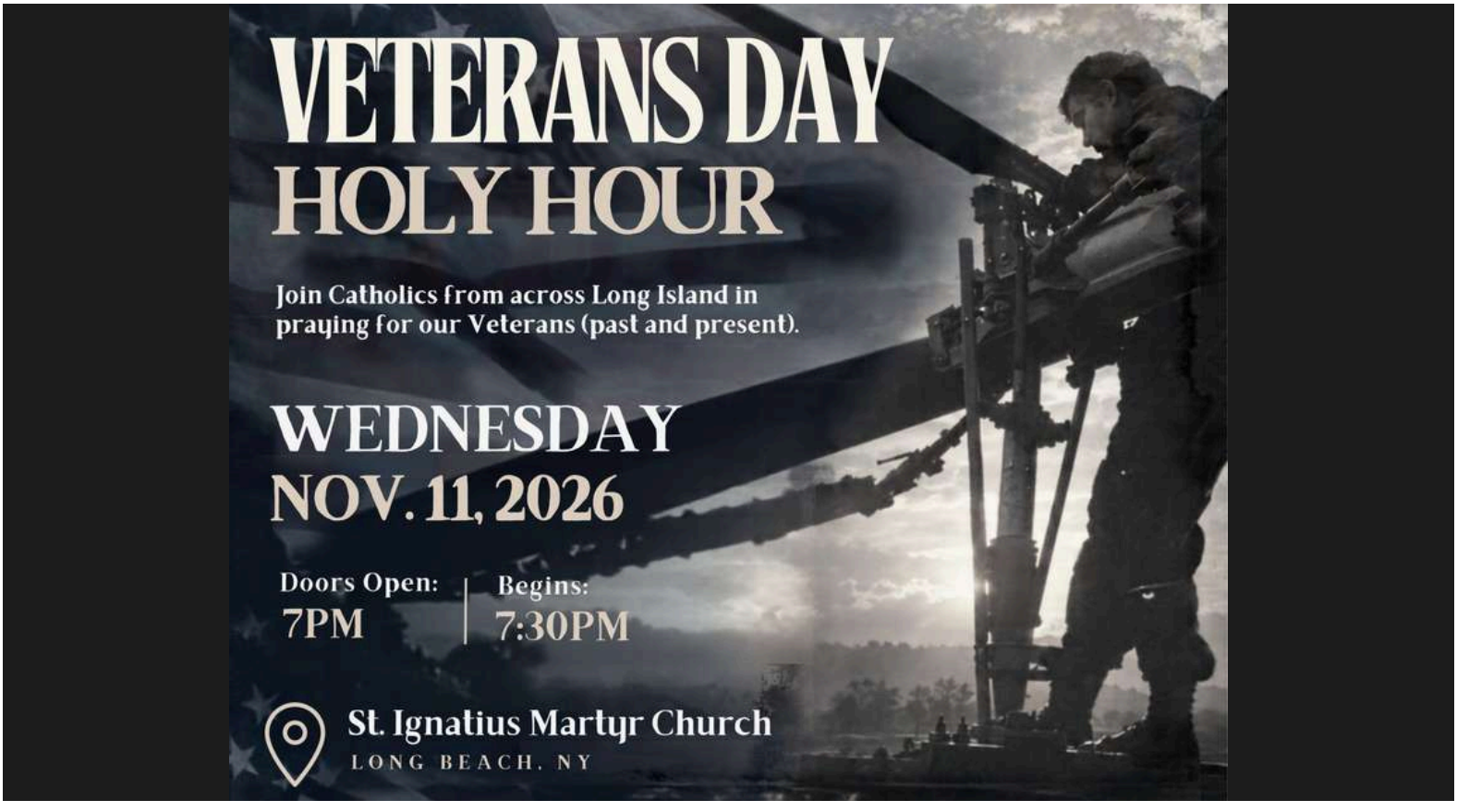
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Has New York opted in to the program?
Yes! Governor Kathy Hochul has opted New York into the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit program..

Does this program take funding away from public schools?
No. The credit encourages voluntary charitable donations to support eligible students' education expenses, including public school students. It does not divert state or local tax revenue from public schools.

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Available for pickup in the Abbey on Tuesday, November 24th from 2pm to 6pm. Bring completed order form and check in a sealed envelope labeled "SWS Thanksgiving Pie Sale" to the Rectory Office or dropbox. Make checks payable to St. William the Abbot HSA. Orders must be submitted no later than Thursday, November 12th.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Classic Pies (42oz each)			
Item	Price	Qty	Total
Apple	$28		
Apple Crumble	$30		
Blueberry	$28		
Blueberry Crumble	$30		
Peach Crumble	$32		
Pecan	$27		
Pecan Dark Chocolate	$32		
Pumpkin	$28		

Soups & Dips (1qt soup)			
Butternut Squash	$15		
Country Chicken Tortellini	$15		
Broccoli Cheddar	$15		
Creamy Spinach Dip (16oz)	$15		

Jumbo Breads (24oz each)			
Item	Price	Qty	Total
AppleCrumb	$15		
Banana	$15		
Banana Nut	$15		
Banana Dark Chocolate	$15		
Banana Campfire S'mores	$15		
Hot Chocolate & Oreo	$15		
Pumpkin	$15		
Pumpkin Dark Chocolate	$15		
Zucchini	$15		
Zucchini Nut	$15		

Gluten Free Breads (12oz each)			
GF Banana	$12		
GF Banana Nut	$12		
GF Banana Dark Chocolate	$12		
GF Zucchini Bread	$12		

Social Ministry			
Donate an Apple Pie to the St. William's Social Ministryfordistributionto parishioners in need	$28		

Total # of Items Ordered: # _____ Total $ of Items Ordered: $ _____

Please contact the Home School Association at HSA@stwilliamtheabbot.net with any questions.

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: "Let Us Go to the Altar" - #321
Offertory Hymn: "Abide with Me" - #630
Communion Hymn: "In the Breaking of the Bread" - #353
Communion Meditation: "Sacred Silence" - #577
Recessional Hymn: "Christ Be Our Light" - #464

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

Visit stwilliam.org/social-ministry to take part in our Thanksgiving Program!



Two adorable young students from St. William the Abbot School stop by weekly to drop off donations for the food pantry. We are so grateful for their giving hearts and for their families who are teaching them the importance of caring for their neighbors!

Crafting Event



Come explore your creative side with a crafting event this Tuesday (November 10th) at the Bethpage Senior Center hosted by the Nassau County Office of the Aging. Enjoy a friendly and welcoming enviornment and create a project that you can take home with you! RSVPs are required by calling 516-227-8900.

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.

Senior Veteran's Lunch

HIICAP - the Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program - is hosting a lunch for senior veterans on Friday, November 13th at the Bethpage Community Center. To RSVP or learn more information, visit www.nassaucountyny.gov/aging-events or call 516-791-9910.



Thank You to the Women's Club of Massapequa

The Child Welfare Committee of the Women's Club of Massapequa recently made a generous donation to help one of our families struggling financially due to medical issues, bringing much-needed relief in a difficult time! Thank you to the members of the Women's Club of Massapequa!

Donation Drop-Offs

Please note that all parish offices will be closed this upcoming Wednesday (November 11th) in observance of Veteran's Day. Please do not leave perishable items in the donation bin, and please do not leave donations in the church or rectory.



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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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