



# St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



**November 16, 2025**  
**Thirty-Third Sunday in 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

“And so you will bear testimony to me. But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict.”  
Luke 21:13-15

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, November 16th

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

9am: Elizabeth Onerato

10:30am: Michael Litras

12n: Salvatore Frosina

### Monday, November 17th

8:30am: Dolores Marino, May Walsleben,  
James Whelan, Giovanna Sammarco

### Tuesday, November 18th

8:30am: James Schuh, Bernadette Harris,  
Miriam Wise, Jeanne Alexander

### Wednesday, November 19th

8:30am Carol A. Lowell

### Thursday, November 20th

8:30am: The Marano Family

### Friday, November 21st

8:30am: Jane Lehmuller

### Saturday, November 22nd

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: Murphy Musa, Jennifer Rose Diognardi,  
Theresa Vetere, Mary J. Finnin

## Pray for the Sick

John Gemski - Richard Fedyk - Rosemary Averill - Barbara Geraghty - Charlie Herbert  
Sal Lupo - Frances Speidell - Thomas Stolfi - Riley Lynn Maggiotta

## Pray for the Deceased

Patrick J. Carney - Paola Lucrezia Mortorana - Katherine M. DiStephan

### **The Wine and Hosts**

have been donated in loving memory of  
Noah Paguaga  
from the Paguaga Family

### **The Altar Candles**

have been donated in memory of  
Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua

### **The Sanctuary Candle**

has been donated loving memory of  
Noah Paguaga  
from the Turturro Family

## ***End of the Year, End of Times***

In the past few years, we have experienced a number of apocalyptic storms that have been alarming. The California wildfires, Hurricane Helene's devastation through Tennessee and the Carolinas, the tornado outbreak of the Mississippi Valley in the spring of 2025, and the Pacific tsunami that rocked Alaska and Hawaii! People often ask me, is this the end times of the Bible? Jesus puts forth a warning to His followers to be alert and ready. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; Nation will rise against nation, there will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky... but it will not immediately be the end." Not an easy topic to discuss, but are we ready?

As we gather this weekend to celebrate the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, we find ourselves at the very threshold of the close of our liturgical year. As Catholics we are guided by a Church schedule of faith, prayer, and worship within the calendar year. The rest of the world has begun to prepare for Thanksgiving and Christmas, while we Catholics take these final weeks of the year to pause, reflect, and spiritually look inside our hearts and minds. The rhythm of the liturgical calendar reminds us that every ending carries within it the promise of a new beginning. Ordinary time will lead to the season of Advent, which is filled with a spirit of waiting and hope in the Newborn King. But are we only preparing the exterior decorations and holiday trimmings?

This time of year can often feel like a "spiritual autumn," when the leaves of our faith life fall away to reveal what is truly lasting – a strong oak tree rooted deep in the ground. When we are set in that soil, we are not easily swayed by the storms we face from a broken and confused world. The Scriptures this weekend take on an End Times tone, not to frighten us, but to wake us up to the reality that everything of this world is passing. The prophet Malachi speaks of a blazing fire that will purify and consume all that is false, preparing the way for God's truth and justice. It is a stark image, but one that calls us to renewal - to prune away old habits, to clear away what no longer bears fruit, and to allow God to make us whole and fruitful again.

Jesus, in the Gospel, warns his disciples not to be distracted by the shiny stones and flashy gold-plated fixtures of the temple. He points beyond what glitters on the outside to the deeper truth that God desires for the temple of our hearts. As we continue the countdown of this Church year and calendar year, we are invited to face the truth that our own lives, too, have a limit. One day, each of us will stand before God to give an account - not of what we built or owned - but of how we loved, forgave, and served.

The apocalyptic readings remind us that the "end times" are not just a future event; they are a continual call to conversion here and now. We are asked to live each day as though it matters eternally, because it does. I have been somewhat distracted by the responsibility of hosting Thanksgiving this year. My family takes turns, and when you have sisters like I do, who may or may not express their opinions about how the celebration should be, well the pressure is on. As I was stressing over the menu, the appetizers, the place settings, and, of course, the dessert, some of our young parishioners reminded me of what a follower of Jesus must really be focused on. They reminded me of their family traditions of Thanksgiving Day Mass, how they have been generous to our outreach, and how they discuss how their families will support those who are less fortunate in our community - a not-so-gentle reminder and eye opener for me about what is really important at the end of the year.

So let us approach these closing weeks of the liturgical year and the calendar year with open hearts and honest reflection. May we prepare not only for the coming of Advent, but for the coming of Christ - into our hearts, our homes, and ultimately, at the end of time. The same Lord who will come to judge the living and the dead is the one who became flesh and walked, and ate, and healed, and loved others. Jesus journeys with us today as well – His words are challenging, they encourage us to take heed, to repent, transform our lives and to begin anew.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fr. Joe".



## ***Banns of Marriage***



### **Banns II**

Katherine Caputo, St. William the Abbot & Jordan DiRenzo, St. Martin of Tours, Amityville

Courtney Hrouch, St. James, Seaford & Brandon Gleason, St. William the Abbot

### ***Pillar of Formation***

Jesus teaches us that following Him and His teachings will lead to persecution by the world - but have faith and never give up!

Our Faith is beautiful and filled with wisdom. Take time this week to study the Bible, read Catholic apologetics, and the Catechism. Grow in knowledge of your Faith.

### ***Baptisms***

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

Emma DiSalvo

Noah Jones

Luca Locoteta

### ***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) - PFC 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) - Capt. 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)

### ***Purgatorial Society***

James Chiofolo, Darlene Cusumano, John Dunne, George Jones, Howard Kelly, Kenneth Albert Krug, Kevin Maher, George McLaughlin, Richard Olsen, John F. Santora, Mitchell Seidler, Edwin A. Smith, Robert Sullivan, Anthony Verde, John E. Ferris, John Calandra, Vincent Casoria, Carl Riccobono, Ivan Koren, Joseph DeFazio, Donald Heffernan, Thomas C. Cox, Carolyn Tindell, Michelle Rossetti, Jennifer Cappellano, Matthew Brolly, Rosario Agnello, Matthew Brolly, John Calandra, Pasquale Cocuzzo, Richard Grein, Lorraine Macomb, Maiorano Family, Patricia Mascuzzio, Josephine Masone, Douglas Meinhofer, Lucy Roberti, Vincent Salerno, Maria Santos, Fred T. Schmidt, Ben Ward, Kathleen M. Egan Wright, Patricia Masterson, Vito Marcone, Catherine Barry, Thomas Broderick, Ned McCormack, Vincent Franco, John Kilgus, Joseph Longhway, George Jennerich, Micheline Giacalone, Giuseppa Carollo, Louise LaBella, Thomas Pignetti, Vincent Franco, Robert Egan, Paul Tuccillo, Paul Weston, Veronica M. Fields, Nancy Zimmerman, Victor Letellier, Jr., Elvira Moore, Susanne Boden, Frances Campion, Vito Cricentio, Gabrielle D'Orsi, Mary Beth Gang, Robert Rissmeyer, Roberta Rissmeyer, Ralph Joseph Ciccarelli, Sean Hartman, Eda-Kay Lipka, Vincenzo Valerio, Robert W. Long, Salvatore Suppa, Gladys Rivera, Benny Golino, William Lewald, John M. Stolfi, Diane Cesarz, Dolores Santos Rasalan, Kelley Chaffee, Rose Kees, Sr. Veronica Sloane, Cara Lynn McGuinness, Kurt DeMartino, 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 Frascione, Frances Josephine Egan.



# BEHOLD



## THE SACRED VESSELS

As devout Roman Catholics, the Eucharist – the true presence of Jesus Christ – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity – deserves only the most sacred and dignified places of repose. Throughout the Church's tradition, we have reserved the Blessed Sacrament in vessels crafted with reverence and beauty: the gold chalice holds His Precious Blood during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; the ciborium stores the consecrated hosts; the monstrance displays the Eucharist for adoration and benediction; and the tabernacle, often ornate and centrally placed, is the resting place of Christ in our churches.



**CHALICE**

Some may question why we use such elaborate materials, recalling Christ's humble life as a carpenter – but within the liturgy, we offer our very best, knowing that we are not honoring a man from Nazareth alone, but the Risen Lord, the King of Kings.



**CIBORIUM**

In a deeper sense, each of us is called to become a living tabernacle. At every Mass we are invited to receive Jesus into our very selves. Just as the sacred vessels are kept pure, clean, and set apart for a holy purpose, so too must our souls be prepared to welcome the Lord. Are we truly worthy

to receive Him? None of us are by our own merits – but through confession, prayer, humility, and a sincere desire to be in communion with God, we are made ready.



**MONSTRANCE**

Let us never forget that Christ desires to dwell within us, and we must do our part to become vessels that reflect His glory with reverence, simplicity, and love!



**TABERNACLE**



## A NEW ASSIGNMENT FOR FR. JOHN

We received word from Bishop Barres this week that Fr. John is being presented with a new opportunity and assignment, effective at the end of this month.

He will be moving on from St. William's to the be an Associate Pastor at New Hyde Park Catholic - a newly combined parish of Notre Dame and Holy Spirit.

He will still continue to serve as Chaplain of St. Anthony's High School and as the Director of Vocations through June.

While we're very sorry to see Fr. John leave us, we're excited for him to embark on this new chapter of ministry!



## JOIN US TO CELEBRATE SEMINARIAN HERLEY'S ORDINATION AS TRANSITIONAL DEACON!

As he prepares for his priestly ordination for the Diocese of Bridgeport this summer, our parishioner, Herley Mendez, will become a Transitional Deacon on December 4th.

We invite you to welcome him home to St. William's as he preaches at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, December 14th.

Light refreshments will follow in The Abbey

## Faith Formation

Our Faith Formation team put together an experience for our Level 1 students and their parents last week. They prayed together and then visited different stations where they learned about God's love for them while participating in fun activities. Our Level 1 program is parent-lead, so our team brings everyone together a few times a year to reinforce their at-home lessons.

Thank you to our program volunteers who make these events possible!



# Thanksgiving Mass AND Food Blessing

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> AT 9AM







SWS Girls' Soccer recently ended their season with lots of smiles, bolstered confidence, and strengthened friendships! Congratulations to our 8th graders who took the field one last time in a SWS Soccer uniform. Go Wolves!





# He Is Not Here

A Study of the Accounts of the Resurrection with Fr. Michael

Thursdays at 7pm  
10/23, 10/30, 11/13, 11/20, and 12/4  
in The Abbey  
(We will not meet on 11/6 or 11/27)

*All Adults Welcome - No Registration Necessary | Please bring your Bible and a notebook*

ADULT MEN ARE INVITED  
TO JOIN US AT THE

## Men's Group

*"Are You Going to Heaven?"*

SATURDAYS  
NOV 22ND - DEC 20TH  
AT 6:30AM IN THE ABBEY

*All Souls  
Mass of Remembrance  
Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 12n*

## CREDO *I believe...*

CONCLUSION:  
**THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH  
7PM | THE CHURCH**

### Our Catholic Community on Long Island

monthly holy hour | confessions | social

## Nightwatch

**Friday, November 21**

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



with Guest Speaker  
**Deacon Patrick O'Brien**  
Transitional Deacon & Seminarian  
Diocese of Rockville Centre



our lady of the miraculous medal church  
point lookout, new york

## ST. GIANNA MOLLA MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - 7:00 PM

A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW MASS IN THE HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL INCLUDING:

TESTIMONY FROM A COUPLE WHO STRUGGLED WITH INFERTILITY  
EARLY IN THEIR MARRIAGE

PRESENTATION AND Q&A BY DR JENNIFER DEMARCO  
OF THE GIANNA CENTER FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH AND FERTILITY



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## 2025

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DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

[catholicministriesappeal.org](http://catholicministriesappeal.org)

*Renewed by the Eucharist  
Sent on mission*







# 2025-2026 MISSAL MEMORIALIZATION OPPORTUNITIES

*Submissions must be received by  
Wednesday, November 19th*

The "Breaking Bread" missals are invaluable worship aids that include prayers, the order of Mass, readings, and music selections. They are changed each year to coincide with the first week of Advent, which is the start of the new liturgical year. Memorializing a missal is a wonderful way to remember a loved one or honor someone important to you.

Memorialization stickers will be placed on the front of the missal itself and we would encourage anyone using the book to offer a prayer for the person or family whose name is displayed on it.

Please return the below to the Rectory with a check for \$25 payable to St. William the Abbot or complete the form online by visiting [stwilliam.org/christmas2025](http://stwilliam.org/christmas2025)

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

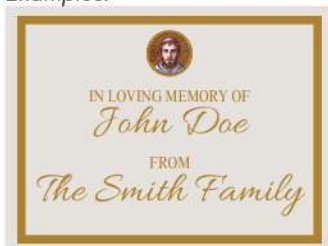
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose one: ☐ In Memory Of ☐ In Honor Of ☐ Donated By

Name of the person/family the missal is in memory/honor of/donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

If gift is in memory or honor of someone, please include info for "from" field: \_\_\_\_\_

Examples:





### ***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: "Lift Up Your Hearts to the Lord" (#548)

Offertory Hymn: "You Are Near" (#572)

Communion Hymn: "Sing a Joyful Song to the Lord" (#540)

Communion Meditation: "Thanks Be to Thee"

Recessional Hymn: "How Can I Keep from Singing" (#569)

Our Children's and Adult Choirs are back in session - visit [stwilliam.org/music-ministry](http://stwilliam.org/music-ministry) for more information on joining!

*"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***

Cooking Oil - Breadcrumbs - Canned Cranberry Sauce - Canned Yams - Pancake Mix - Turkey Gravy

#### ***Donation Spotlight - Girl Scout Troops 3064 and 3065***

St. William the Abbot Girl Scout Troops 3064 and 3065 did a service project last week with the Social Ministry to make 250 snack bags for children in need. Each snack bag contained a juice box, granola bar, fruit cup, cookie, crackers and chips. The completed snack bags will be used by our Parish Outreach and shared with other local parishes and shelters such as The INN in Hempstead. Congratulations to these St. William's students for living the Girl Scout Promise to "help people at all times." We are so grateful for their generous spirit!



#### ***Memory Café November 21***

Nassau County will host a session of the Memory Café on Friday November 21 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 if interested.

#### ***Thanksgiving Donations***

Thanks to your generosity, all families published online were adopted for Thanksgiving food baskets. But don't worry, there are still many opportunities to give!

- Donating a grocery store gift card allows families the dignity and independence to shop for themselves and helps families that have not received their regular SNAP benefit this month.
- Donating to our Parish's St. Vincent de Paul conference allows for them to assist families with expenses during times of unexpected hardship such as illness or job loss.
- Donating food items such as pantry staples, Thanksgiving sides or items on our weekly pantry request list helps our shelves stay stocked for any of our neighbors that need food assistance.

Thank you for your support of our ministry, and feel free to call the office with questions!





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Friday & Saturday: 9am - 12:30pm

*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*

#### **St. William the Abbot School**



**Elizabeth Bricker**  
*Principal*

**Kasey Grasso**  
*Assistant Principal*

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#### **Our Seminarian**

**Herley Mendez**  
*SWA Parishioner*

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

#### **Pastoral Council**

**Chris Blankley - Fred Duemig - Barbara Geraghty**  
**Lara Klein - Kelly Koster - Peter Tietz - Thomas Ward**

#### **Finance Council**

**Rita Defendini - Debra Eannel - Robert Gerhard - John Kaley\***  
**Tom Kiley - Ed Lettieri\* - Michael Turturro**  
\*Parish Trustee

#### **Resources**

**Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)**  
ocia@stwilliam.org | stwilliam.org/ocia

**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**  
drvc.org

**Formed: The Catholic Faith. On Demand**  
formed.org

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

#### **The Diocese of Rockville Centre**

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