



St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



November 23, 2025

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ - King of the Universe

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, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."
Luke 23:42-43

Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 23rd

7:30am: Kelly Gerrato

9am: Mary & Joseph Locastro

10:30am: Susan Battista

12n: People of St. William's, Agnes Lahey, Danny Haggerty, Joyce Vickie Barrett

Monday, November 24th

8:30am: Augustine Colletti

Tuesday, November 25th

8:30am: Joseph N. Abitabile

Wednesday, November 26th

8:30am Bev (liv) & Buzz (dec) Santini, Hallum Derx, Herb Van Hooser, Brian Scully

Thursday, November 27th

8:30am: Thomas Joseph Manning, Alan Neubauer, Josephine Gatto, Marie, Sue & James Parisi

Friday, November 28th

8:30am: Francis P. Coffey

Saturday, November 29th

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: Nicole & Jeaniine Tedeschi

Pray for the Sick

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

The Altar Flowers

have been donated in loving memory of *Benny Golino*

The Sanctuary Candle

has been donated loving memory of
Michael Dalessio
from Pat and Lou DiPadova

Is Christ still OUR King ?

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It is a moment each year when the Church invites us to stop and ask a very personal question: *Is Christ truly the King of my life?* In the Gospel today, we hear the moving exchange between Jesus and the Good Thief - an encounter of courage, humility, and hope. In that moment of darkness, the wounded sinner knew where to turn. He allowed Jesus to reign over his heart, his past, and his future. Here at St. William, we too are a community of sinners who have been entrusted as the next generation of future saints and we have been called to bring light into the world. The Good Thief teaches us that holiness begins when we open our hearts, just a crack, and permit Jesus to take His rightful place at the center of our lives.


As we approach Advent 2025, the Lord offers us countless ways to renew that invitation. These next few weeks are filled with opportunities to place God first again - in our homes, in our schedules, and in our families. A simple act like carving out a few quiet minutes of prayer, here in the church or at home, can reorient our entire day toward the King. Making Sunday Mass the true anchor of the week, attending our adult faith formation opportunities, or creating an Advent wreath to pray around as a family are all ways to let Jesus reign more fully. Advent is a season of anticipation, yes, but not just our exterior home decorations, but our interior souls.

We also have the sacraments available every morning, offering confession and adoration. I want to encourage you to NOT wait until the fourth week of Advent, when the to-do lists have overwhelmed the heart, or when confession becomes just another weekend chore. Encounter the Lord early and allow His mercy to shape your Advent. As I drive around Seaford, Massapequa, and Wantagh, I notice how seriously we take preparing our homes and front lawns for Thanksgiving and Christmas. From the inflatable Turkeys and Pilgrims to the Grinch in a Santa suit, to Sesame Street characters gathered in a "Nativity," our neighborhood is getting ready! Those decorations are fun, and they make for great memories and traditions, but we should also ask: Does our home reflect that Christ is King of our household, our family, and even our lawn?

The Church designated 2025 as a Jubilee Year of HOPE, this solemnity launches us directly into the season of hopeful anticipation - Advent 2025. Let's not allow distractions or excuses to hold us back from supporting our parish, deepening our prayer life, and participating in the apostolic events and ministries that make St. William's a beacon of faith in our community. In today's Gospel, the Good Thief simply asks: "Jesus, remember me." This Thanksgiving and Advent, let's do our part to remember Him - to put the Lord first, to welcome His reign over our hearts, our families, and our parish.

Thank you for your presence, your generosity, and the faith you share in this beloved community. Remember, on Thursday if time allows, and before you go "over the river and through the woods" try to join us on Thanksgiving morning for the 9am mass – a great way to start the festivities! I also that you please keep Fr. John in your prayers, as he begins this new season of his priestly ministry in New Hyde Park this week.

Have a blessed week.

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

Banns of Marriage



Banns III

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

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

Baptisms

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

Elodie Drewes - Connor Kelly - Miles Nigro - Sophia Raucci

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)

Anointing of the Sick

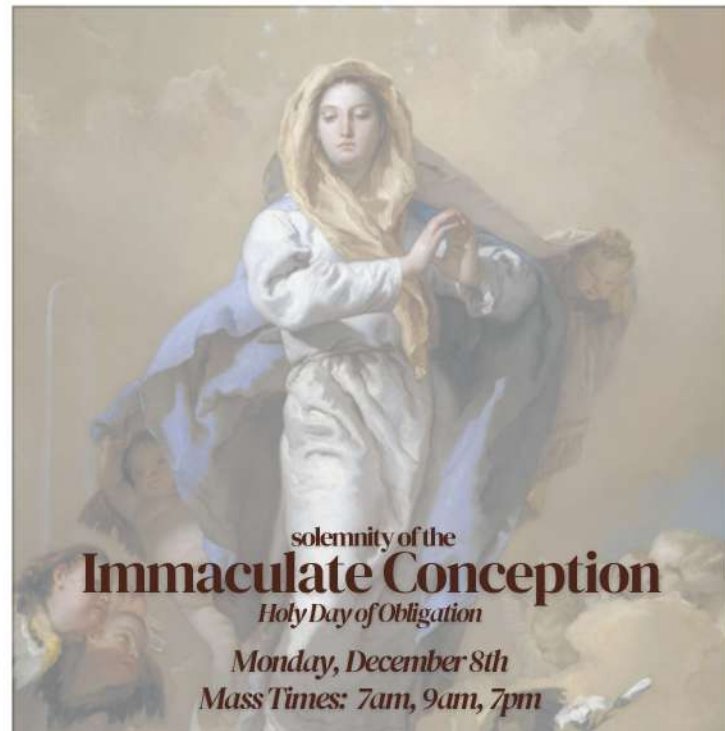
Anyone going to the hospital or who has a serious illness can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, which will be celebrated communally immediately following the 12:00 N Mass on Sunday, November 30, 2025.



THANK YOU, FR. JOHN!

As Fr. John's assignment with us comes to an end, we want to thank him for all that he has poured into our community over the last few years! He will be greatly missed, but he takes our prayers and good wishes with him to his new assignment at New Hyde Park Catholic!

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Come Home for Advent

JOIN US FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO PREPARE YOUR
HEART FOR THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD



*Read the
"Little Blue Book"*

*Daily
Private Prayer*

Adoration

Confession

*Light the Advent
Wreath as a Family*

Daily Mass

*The Nicene Creed
Presentation*

*Fr. Michael's
Bible Study*

Men's Prayer Group



CREDO

I believe...

CONCLUSION: THE HOLY SPIRIT

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

ALL ADULT WELCOME - NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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*

Men's Prayer Group

"Are You Going to Heaven?"

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



Thanksgiving Mass AND Food Blessing

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH AT 9AM



All Souls Mass of Remembrance

Saturday, November 29th at 12n

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

SWS students, faculty, and staff celebrated St. Frances Xavier Cabrini's Feast Day on November 13th by wearing **RED**, signifying her deep devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. "World Kindness Day" happens to fall on Mother Cabrini's Feast Day, but as a Catholic community, we "de-secularized" the day and gave our students an opportunity to understand that true kindness flows from the love of Christ!



Celebrating Vocations

SWS 5th and 6th graders and Level 8 Faith Formation students had some very special visitors this week as they learned more about religious life. Our Fr. John Crozier, the DRVC Director of Vocations and Sr. Jocelyn Edathil, actual sister of our Fr. Michael and a Sister of the Imitation of Christ, shared their vocation stories, advice on listening for God's voice and insight into their lives.





ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT

CRECHE BLESSING & TREE LIGHTING



FRIDAY
12/5
6:30PM

ON THE
FRONT LAWN
OF THE
RECTORY
(RAIN OR SHINE)

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O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

We are looking for volunteers to help us light our Advent Wreath before each Mass during the season!

If you and your family, friends, or ministry group would like to participate, please email us at priests@stwilliam.org



Save the Dates

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

**FEAST OF ST. LUCY
CANDLELIGHT HOLY HOUR**
THU DEC 11

BAMBINELLI WEEKEND
SAT/SUN DEC 13/14

**CELEBRATING SEMINARIAN HERLEY'S
ORDINATION AS A DEACON**
SUN DEC 14

AFTERNOON MOVIE
THU DEC 18

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
THU DEC 18

ADVENT CONFESSIONS
MON DEC 22

**NEW YEAR BALL DROP
RAFFLE**
WED DEC 31



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ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH & SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FAIR *and Cafe!*

ARTISAN VENDORS - RAFFLES - SNACK
BAR - CHRISTMAS TREATS -
CHRISTMAS KARAOKE - HOT COCOA
BAR - PHOTOS WITH SANTA AND MORE!

SATURDAY SUNDAY
12/6 & 12/7
10AM - 4PM



ST. WILLIAM
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SEAFORD, NY



Thanksgiving Interfaith Service

Sunday, November 23rd at 3pm
St. Frances de Chantal RC Church





BISHOP BARRES' STATEMENT ON THE CENTENNIAL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

During this Jubilee Year of Hope, we give thanks for the centennial of the Solemnity of Christ the King, which we mark this Sunday, November 23, 2025. The establishment of this solemn feast day by Pope Pius XI at the conclusion of the Holy Year 1925 unleashed a wave of sanctity and missionary activity across the globe. On this anniversary of Christ the King, we recall the cry of Blessed Miguel Pro and the heroic Cristeros who resisted the violent atheistic regime threatening to undermine the Mexican people: *¡Viva Cristo Rey!* We too cry out with them on this day: *¡Viva Cristo Rey! Long live Christ the King!*

The challenges which confronted the Church one hundred years ago are not very different from the challenges facing our world today: a growing sense of political and economic turmoil; global conflict and war; the erosion of religious liberty; and rising secularism at home and abroad. Today, we rejoice in hope even amid these serious difficulties because we know that true peace, justice, and harmony can be found in the Kingship of Christ.

In his encyclical letter establishing the liturgical Feast of Christ the King, *Quas Primas*, Pope Pius XI warned the faithful about mistaken political and philosophical movements which sought to remove the teachings of Christ from the public square: "It would be a grave error...to say that Christ has no authority whatever in civil affairs, since, by virtue of the absolute empire over all creatures committed to him by the Father, all things are in his power." [1]

How often do we hear in our own day the dissonant voices of many in our culture who argue that religion must be removed from public life? Pope Pius XI rightly recognized that when religion is pushed out of the public square, a new and more violent religion of secular atheism takes its place:

Some [regimes] went even further, and wished to set up in the place of God's religion a natural religion consisting in some instinctive affection of the heart. There were even some nations who thought they could dispense with God, and that their religion should consist in impiety and the neglect of God. The rebellion of individuals and states against the authority of Christ has produced deplorable consequences...the seeds of discord sown far and wide; those bitter enmities and rivalries between nations, which still hinder so much the cause of peace. [2]

It is important to note that Pope Pius XI understood that God was being removed from the public square not only within the rising communist regimes of his day, but also within Western democracies. This was equally troubling. For when democracies remove God from public life, objective truth gives way to subjective opinions, and citizens are left only to look inward toward themselves and risk confusing the creature with the Creator, the citizen with the King.

In short, Pope Pius XI was reminding the world about the *limits of the political order*. How important this is to remember. There is something beyond politics that has the ultimate claim on the human heart. Politics serves not as an end in itself, not as humanity's highest loyalty and love, but as the means for men and women to work out their redemption so as to choose freely their ultimate reward of eternal life. It was to remind the atheistic revolutionaries of these limits to the political order that Blessed Miguel Pro cried out: *¡Viva Cristo Rey!* For Christ alone demands our ultimate loyalty and trust.

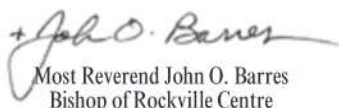
The centennial of the Solemnity of Christ the King also reminds us of the importance of the Church's liturgy in public life. Pope Pius XI, in establishing the Feast of Christ the King, demonstrates the connection between liturgy and political life. This feastday manifests the provocative Christian belief that Christ's Kingship is not only reserved to the private worship of Sunday Mass attendees but extends outward to the entire world and indeed to the entire cosmos. As Pope Pius XI stated: "In [Christ] is the salvation of the individual, in him is the salvation of society." [3] And as his predecessor Pope Leo XIII proclaimed: "[Christ's] empire extends not only over Catholic nations and those...washed in the waters of holy baptism...; it comprises also all those who are deprived of the Christian faith, so that the whole human race is most truly under the power of Jesus Christ." [4]

To emphasize the cosmic reality of Christ's Kingship, Pope Pius XI wished to establish the Feast of Christ the King on the last Sunday of October since, being toward the end of the liturgical year, "the feast of the Kingship of Christ sets the crowning glory upon the mysteries of the life of Christ already commemorated during the year." [5] Likewise, the Pope wished for the feast day to be near the Solemnity of All Saints for "we proclaim and extol the glory of him who triumphs in all the Saints..." [6] The liturgical calendar today places the Solemnity of Christ the King on the last Sunday in Ordinary Time to reveal even more intensely this cosmic dimension of Christ's kingship, for Christ rules not only here in the hearts of men and women, but also over the angels and saints in heaven.

The concerns of Pope Pius XI in the Holy Year 1925 are echoed in the statements of his successor Pope Leo XIV in the Holy Year 2025. Pope Leo XIV, in his inaugural homily, made this heartfelt appeal for peace by urging the faithful to lift their attention to Christ:

We want to say to the world, with humility and joy: Look to Christ! Come closer to him! Welcome his word that enlightens and consoles! Listen to his offer of love and become his one family: *in the one Christ, we are one*. This is the path to follow together, among ourselves but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of good will, in order to build a new world where peace reigns!

May we, on this great Solemnity of Christ the King, respond to the call of our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV and look to Christ who is the one and true King. *¡Viva Cristo Rey!*


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



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1 Pius XI, *Quas Primas*, 17.
2 Ibid., 24.
3 Ibid., 18.
4 Leo XIII, *Annum Sacrum*, 3.
5 Pius XI, *Quas Primas*, 29.
6 Ibid.

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: "Crown Him with Many Thorns" (#723)

Offertory Hymn: "The King of Kings" (#719)

Communion Hymn: "Rejoice the Lord is King" (#724)

Communion Meditation: "King of My Heart"

Recessional Hymn: "To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King" (#717)

Our Children's and Adult Choirs are back in session - visit 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

Canned Chicken - Flour (small bag) - Canned Chili - Brownie Mix - Jello Gelatin Mix - Cleaning Supplies

Donation Spotlights

A very special thank you to Susan and Michael Arcari of Massapequa, who donated 24 turkeys for Thanksgiving! They also collected grocery store gift cards to benefit local families in need. We are so grateful for their generosity!

Local Seaford charity 'Take Me Out to the Ballgame' donated McDonalds gift cards for individuals and families in need of a hot meal. They also donated new winter coats for local children unable to afford them. Thank you TMOTBG for your support of our ministry!

Thank you to Debra Eannel for donating a brand new full size refrigerator to the Social Ministry, just in time for the holiday season! This added refrigerated space allows us to provide even more fresh produce, dairy and proteins for those in need. What a blessing!



Thank You Thanksgiving Donors!

Donations received for the Thanksgiving Program have been extremely generous! Parishioners created over 25 beautiful gift bags and baskets of Thanksgiving items for families in need. In addition, pantry food donations received so far have been plentiful! We are so grateful for the kindness and generosity of our parishioners. Thank you for ensuring local families in need have enough for their Thanksgiving dinner and beyond. God bless our donors!

Coming Soon - Christmas Adopt-a-Family Program!

This year the Parish Social Ministry will once again conduct an online Christmas Adopt-a-Family Program. The website will open Thanksgiving weekend, keep watching the bulletin for more information!



Kinder Students Visit Outreach



Last week the kindergarten classes of St. William the Abbot School came to visit the food pantry while they are working on a service project in honor of St. Elizabeth of Hungary. The children learned how we help our community during difficult times and had lots of great questions about how the pantry works. We discussed the most in-demand food items, and some of the students' personal favorites, too! Thank you, Mrs. Spitz and Mrs. Hayes, for bringing your students to visit!





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