



St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



*Many are invited,
but few are chosen.*

Mark 21:14

October 11, 2026 Twenty-Eighth 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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 11th

7:30am: Frances Duemig

9am: Anthony & Mary Rose

10:30am: People of St. William's; Michael Tito, Sr.; John
Comiskey; Fr. Terry Fay, SJ

12n: Virginia DiClemente

Monday, October 12th:

Thomas G. Lucca; Vanda Manna; Gilda St John; Paul K.
LaPorta

Tuesday, October 13th:

The Bennekemper-Schmelze Family

Wednesday, October 14th:

Steven Stavrevski

Thursday, October 15th:

Diane Lynn Petrouski; Virginia Moriarty; Philip Stazzone;
Vincent Burger

Friday, October 16th:

Hubert Lahey

Saturday, October 17th:

8:30am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

5pm: James O'Brien

Pray for the Sick

Sal Canzonei - Livia Murray

Pray for the Deceased

Rosemary Giacalone - Pasquale Parrella

Wine & Hosts

have been donated in memory of
Gene Goettlicher
from his wife Pat

Come to the Feast

Well, fall has become the new June when it comes to the celebration of weddings in the Church. Last weekend we had 4 weddings, and in the last month you may have noticed all the Banns of Marriage listed in our bulletin. I believe we have 12 weddings in the month of October alone! We also celebrated the life and spiritual marriage to Jesus at the funeral of Sister Joan of Arc Spelman, a beloved Ursuline Sister of Tildonk, who faithfully served the Church (and St. William the Abbot) for 75 years of religious life. It was an incredible celebration and expression of God's love to our community.

This weekend, we remain in the theme of celebration as Jesus gives us the Parable of the Wedding Banquet. A king prepares a magnificent feast for his son and sends his servants to invite the guests. Yet, remarkably, many refuse the invitation - they are too busy with their fields, their businesses, and the demands of everyday life. The king does not give up. Instead, he sends his servants out again: "Go out into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find." The invitation is widened - everyone is welcome; no one is overlooked or forgotten.

I think there is something very personal in this Gospel for all of us. Think of how easily we can become so busy with the things of this world that we miss the invitation that God is placing before us. Our calendars are full - work, school, sports, family obligations, errands, and countless responsibilities compete for our attention. And yet, every Sunday, the Lord continues to say to us: "Come to the feast." Come and sit at my table, receive my love, and be nourished. Come and remember who you are and whose you are.

For us as Catholics, that wedding banquet finds its fullest expression in the Mass - the Holy Eucharist. At every Mass, Christ gathers us around his table and gives us not simply a meal, but Himself - His Body and Blood, His real and abiding presence. And the best part is that we do not have to be perfect before we come! The servants in the Gospel were sent to the crossroads and the byways to gather everyone - the good and the bad, those who felt worthy and those who knew they were not. This is at the heart of God's love and mercy. The Lord knows our struggles, our wounds, our failures, and our sins, and still He says, "Come." He does not wait for us to become perfect before He loves us. He invites us to come so that His love can begin to transform us.

There is, however, a little twist in the story. When the king enters the banquet hall, he notices one guest who is not wearing a wedding garment. The garment worn actually represents the grace and mercy of God that we freely receive – or reject. We come to the Lord as we are - with our struggles, wounds, mistakes, and sinfulness; but we cannot remain unchanged. God's invitation is also an invitation to conversion and transformation inside and out, to open our hearts to His grace and allow Him to make us new. The garment is a gift; our response is to receive it with gratitude and to wear it as an outward sign of God's grace, mercy, and love. Each week we are invited to the Mass – how does our arrival time, our reverence of the altar and tabernacle, and even how we dress express our humility, respect, and love for God? Something to think, ponder, and pray about.

Perhaps the most important question this weekend is simply this: will I accept the invitation? The Lord is preparing a place for each one of us at His table. He invites every person, every family, every sinner, every person who feels distant or forgotten. Here at St. William the Abbot, we want our parish to be a place where that invitation is heard clearly and where everyone knows there is a place for them with a spirit of radical hospitality and welcome. The Eucharist is the great banquet of God's love, and every time we come forward to receive Holy Communion, we are reminded that Christ has been waiting for us. The table is set, the meal is prepared, and the doors are open. Jesus beckons us, come to the feast!



Banns of Marriage



Banns II

Mary Quigg (SWA)
& Brian Tuohy (SWA)

Banns III

Rebecca Keenan (SWA)
& Nicholas Williams (St. Mary's)

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) - 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. Joseph Yahner (USA) - Pvt. Philip Zanardi (USAR)

Next Weekend's Second Collection: World Mission Sunday

Next weekend, every parish around the world joins together for the only worldwide collection mandated by Canon Law—World Mission Sunday. Your generosity supports the Pope's missions in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling. Your offering will provide hope where despair too often dominates through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools. Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity.

Are you being called?

CONSIDER JOINING ONE OF OUR MINISTRIES THIS FALL!

USHER
MINISTRY

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EVENTS

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TO LEARN MORE OR JOIN ONE OF OUR MINISTRIES

The Month of the Rosary

Pope Leo XIV has called on the faithful to pray the Rosary daily during the month of October - which is a month dedicated to the Blessed Mother and the dignity of human life - with the specific intentions of world peace and the safety of children in war-torn regions.

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day, He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

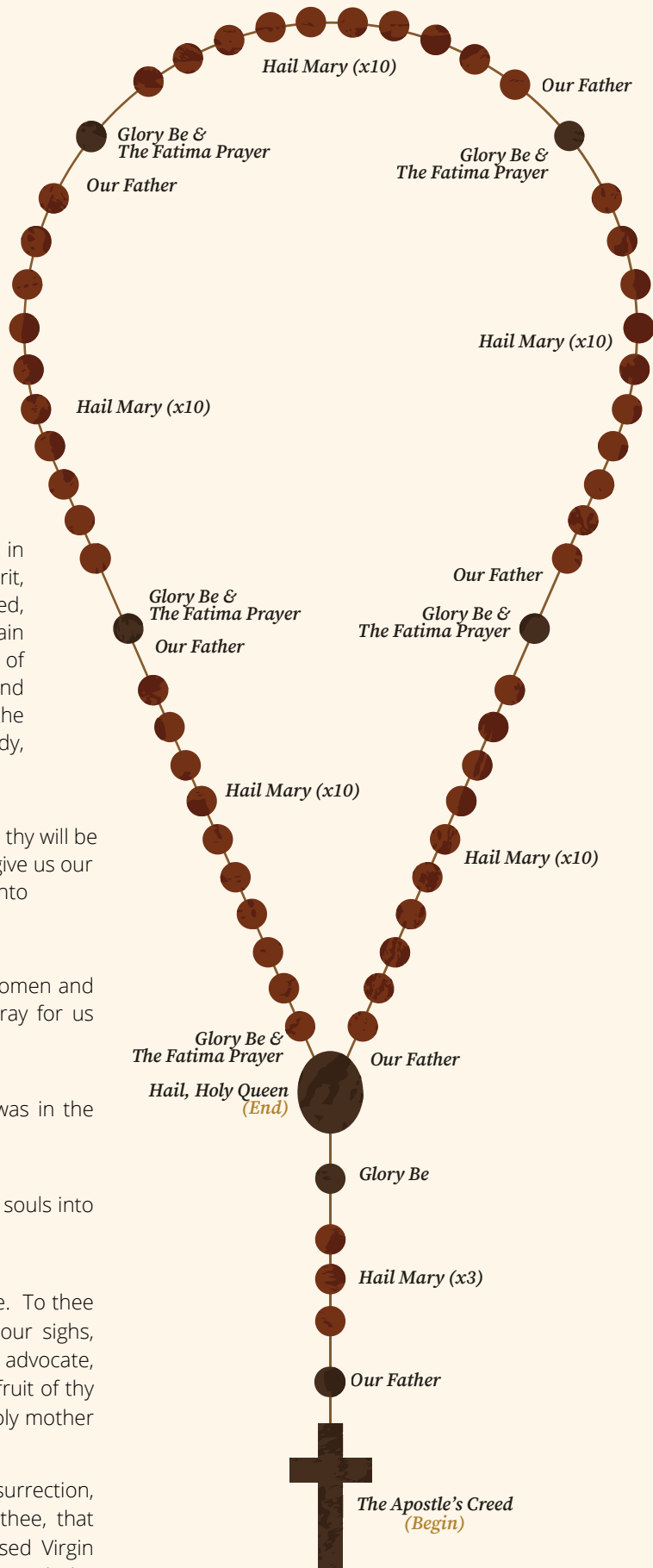
The Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins and save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls into heaven, especially those most in need of your mercy.

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: O God, whose only begotten son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant we beseech thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the most holy rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may we imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise; through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.





Safety First!

Nassau County Department of Homeland Security Officers visited SWS last week to present Situational Awareness Training for our Faculty and Staff. The safety of our students and staff is a top priority for us! We thank all members of law enforcement for their service and ask that you keep them in your prayers.



Members of the NC Dept of Homeland Security with our Security Officer, Mrs. Webber, and Principal, Mrs. Bricker

The Battle of Maroon and Gray was hard fought this year, coming down to a Tug-of-War tiebreaker. Congratulations to Team Gray on their first-ever Middle School Color Wars victory!



DIVE DEEPER:

THE STUDY OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

A Three-Part Scripture Study with Fr. O'Brien

MONDAYS: 10/26, 11/2, & 11/9 AT 1PM & 7PM IN THE ABBEY
BRING YOUR BIBLE, NOTEBOOK, & A PEN

ADULT MEN ARE INVITED
TO JOIN US AT THE

Men's Prayer Group

SATURDAYS AT 6:30AM
IN THE ABBEY

Our Catholic Community on Long Island

holy hour | confessions | social

Nightwatch

Friday, Nov. 6, 2026

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



homily by
Fr. Brian Barr
Pastor of the Beach Catholic
Parishes

These nights are geared toward high school
and college students, as well as young adults
in their 20s and 30s.



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Help your neighbors in the
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If creating a will has been on your to-do
list, now may be the perfect time to get
started.

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- ✓ Leave a lasting legacy of faith



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OFFICE OF CHILDHOOD

FAITH FORMATION

Once a month, students who are preparing for First Holy Communion through the Faith Formation Program and St. William the Abbot School are invited to join our program director, Mrs. Walsh, downstairs for a children's Liturgy of the Word during Masses. This month, the artwork of our Level 1 students was on display.

And, as our Level 7 students begin their first year of concentrated Confirmation preparation, they learned about miracles. Through an interactive lesson, they received clues and worked within their small groups to discover the miracles of Jesus.



Program Reminders

Don't forget to turn your location when trying to scan the QR codes after Mass! The program won't recognize you unless it knows you are here in the church.



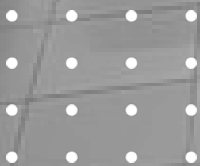
Parish Engagement Survey

Help Us Shape the Future of our Parish



Take our survey by using the QR code or visit stwilliam.org/survey2026 to download a copy to return to the rectory by October 18th.

Printed copies are also available in the Rectory Office.



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: "All Are Welcome" - #543

Offertory Hymn: "The Summons" - #388

Communion Hymn: "Table of Plenty" - #312

Communion Meditation: "10,000 Reasons" - #575

Recessional Hymn: "Canticle of the Sun" - #432

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

Pasta Sauce - Pasta - Canned Fruit - Mayonnaise - Toothpaste - Toothbrushes

Catholic Health Ethics Seminar

Catholic Health and the National Catholic Bioethics Center are offering a two-day seminar on *Catholic Health Care Ethics* on October 23rd and 24th at the Kelly Center Parish Hall at St. Agnes Cathedral. The seminar will explore the moral principles that guide Catholic health care and examine today's most challenging ethical questions, including end-of-life decision making, organ donation, and reproductive technologies. Registration is required at ncbcenter.org/regfox.com/rockville-centre-ny-2026. Medical professionals may earn continuing education credits.

Taxpayer Forum

Receive details on property tax exemptions, changes to the STAR program, and learn your rights as a taxpayer on Wednesday, October 28th at 2pm at the Wantagh Public Library. For more information, call 516-538-1500 or email taxforums@hempsteadny.gov.

Veterans Benefit Seminar

Veterans are invited to a Benefits and Information Seminar at American Legion Post 1066 (Massapequa). The event will run from 10am to 12n on Thursday, October 29th. No RSVP is required. For questions, please contact the Nassau Veterans Service Agency at 516-572-6565.

Memory Care Events in Wantagh

Weekly drum circle memory care events are being held for adults with dementia and their caregivers by The Nassau County Office for the Aging. These one-hour interactive sessions allow participants to experience the power and connection of drumming to build community, reduce stress, and improve social engagement. Instruments are provided and no experience is necessary, but reservations are! The sessions take place on October 13th, October 21st, and October 26th at 2:30pm in Wantagh Park. Please call 516-586-1507 to reserve a spot.

Upcoming Job Fairs

Wednesday, October 14th from 10:30am to 3pm

Freeport Recreation Center

Thursday, October 15th from 10am to 1pm

Freeport Recreation Center

Registration required: hempsteadworks.com/jobfair

Visit oysterbaytown.com/workforce for more info

Don't forget to bring copies of your resume!



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and needs a priest outside of office hours, please call 516-312-7361*

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