



St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 18, 2026
Twenty-Ninth 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



*Then repay to Caesar what
belongs to Caesar and to
God what belongs to God.
Mark 21:21*

Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 18th

7:30am: The People of St. William's; Carman Berrios;

Antonia Piarulli; Jerry DiBlasio

9am: Roy Stienecke

10:30am: Louise & Dominic Fortunato

12n: Nick Primavera

Monday, October 19th:

Daniel Campbell

Tuesday, October 20th:

John R. Laddomada

Wednesday, October 21st:

The Intentions of those Enrolled in the Ursuline Sisters of
Tildonk Prayer Card Program; Mary Barich; Kathy Skretch;
Capt. Richard O'Grady

Thursday, October 22nd:

Thomas Stolfi

Friday, October 23rd:

Richard & Rosemary Turk

Saturday, October 24th:

8:30am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

5pm: The People of St. William's; Agnes Gautier; Josie
Minarczyk; Richard Brea

Pray for the Sick

Frances Speidell - Sal Canzonei - Livia Murray - John Mitchell - Catherine DeCesare

Pray for the Deceased

Antoinette Sitler - John Kraft - Patricia Lynch - Frances Lukianovich - Rose M. DiCarlo

Wine & Hosts

have been donated in honor of
The Seminarions of the
Diocese of Rockville Centre

Are We Giving to God What He Deserves?

By now we have settled a little more into the rhythm of life - the school year is in full swing, activities and family responsibilities are filling our calendars, and the days are becoming shorter and crisper as autumn settles in. Life has a way of keeping us busy. In this weekend's Gospel, the Pharisees and religious leaders, increasingly threatened by Jesus and His message, attempt to trap Him with a question about paying taxes. Jesus sees right through their dishonesty and responds, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." It is a familiar line, but one that carries a powerful challenge for every one of us.

Sometimes people mistakenly interpret that Jesus has nothing to say about the world around us, particularly when it comes to public life, politics, or the decisions we make as a society. Nothing could be further from the truth. Jesus cares deeply about how we live, how we treat one another, how we protect the vulnerable, and how we use the gifts God has entrusted to us. Our faith is never meant to be a "Sunday Only" experience – Jesus points us toward something greater than the things of this world. Caesar may have his coins, but our hearts, our lives, and our eternal destiny belong to God! The question is whether our daily choices are helping us grow closer to Him, or have we become so caught up in the demands of this world that we have forgotten the One who created us?

Last weekend I returned to Ithaca, New York, for a college reunion. Thirty-five years ago, I played quarterback on the Division III National Championship football team that defeated the Dayton Flyers in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl. It was a beautiful weekend of friendship, laughter, and memories but our conversations also turned to the troubling events involving Cornell University students. Many of my teammates now have children of college age, and we worried about the challenges young people face. I remembered our coach, Jim Butterfield, who constantly reminded us to make good choices, be respectful, and remember that we represented our families and the Ithaca Bomber family. We were accountable for our actions, even when no one was watching.

We also all agreed how fortunate we were not to carry a device that could record and broadcast every foolish decision or careless conversation from our younger years! Today, young people face a constant barrage of violence, pornography, gambling, and substance abuse, and social media can turn a bad decision into a public spectacle. We cannot excuse harmful behavior and we also cannot forget that behind every headline are real people and families whose lives may be changed forever. And yet I think of the headlines the youth would have recently read: War in - Ukraine, Iran, Gulf of Hormuz, a botched lethal injection in Tennessee, a projected live-streamed death by firing squad, the legalization of euthanasia/assisted suicide in New York, human trafficking, and just a few years ago right here in our own neighborhood, the Gilgo Beach serial killer. Where is God in all of this?

Our young people need more than condemnation; they need loving guidance, good examples, clear boundaries, and adults willing to walk beside them. They need to know that their worth is not determined by their worst mistake, and that God's grace continually calls us toward something better. I keep coming back to the words of Jesus: "Repay to God what belongs to God." In a world that seems to have less time for Him, how much of our time, attention, and energy do we actually give to God? We can spend hours looking at our screens, scrolling through endless streams of negativity, arguments, and behaviors that leave us feeling angry, anxious, or empty. Yet we may struggle to find ten quiet minutes for prayer, to gather as a family for Sunday Mass, or to sit with a child and talk about the choices that really matter.

Perhaps the greatest challenge facing us is not simply that the world has become louder, but that we have become so distracted that we can no longer hear the voice of Jesus. My friends, the Lord is still speaking. He is calling us to holiness, to responsibility, to compassion, and to lives rooted in something greater than the approval of others. Let us make room for Him again - in our homes, in our conversations, in our schedules, and in our hearts. After all, everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. May the choices we make this week bring us a little closer to Him, and a little closer to the heaven for which we were created.



Banns of Marriage



Banns I

Erin Horn (SWA)
& Thomas Haley (St. Andrew by the Bay)

Banns III

Mary Quigg (SWA)
& Brian Tuohy (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) - 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)

WHAT IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY?

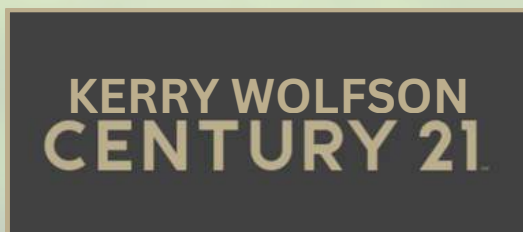
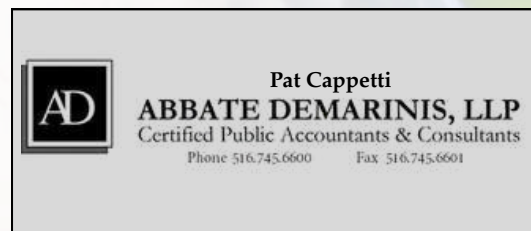
Mission belongs to the entire Church. Every baptized person is called to share God's love through prayer, generosity, and witness. Inspired by the dedication of missionaries around the world, we continue working together so that the message of Christ may reach every community, especially those most in need.

Established 100 years ago by Pope Pius XI, this weekend's second collection helps priests in the missions carry out their work to spread the Gospel. This year, Pope Leo XIV calls us to unity in Christ, love, and renewed missionary commitment "with joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit" in his first World Mission Sunday Message he declared the mission as: "One in Christ, united in mission."

GOLF

OUTING & DINNER

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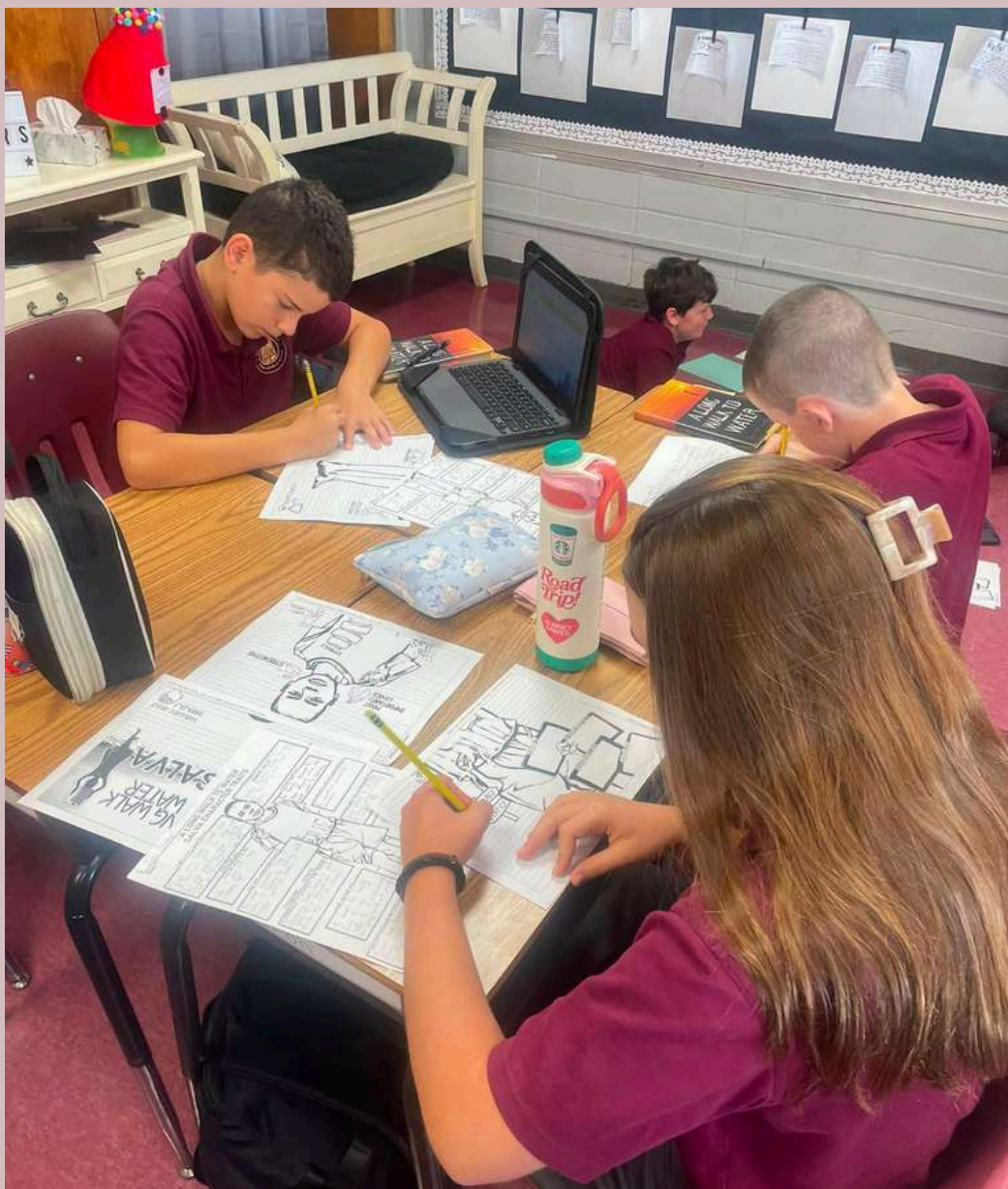
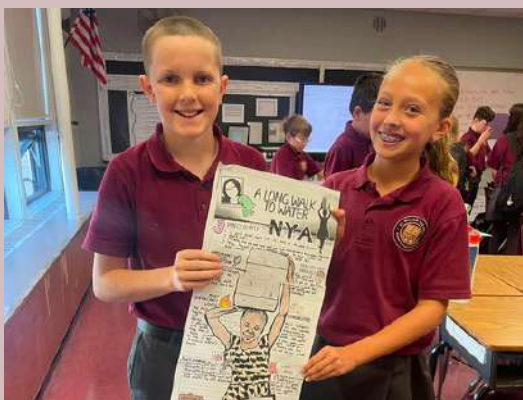


Boom! Pow!



Members of the SWS Superhero Club joined forces today, discovering that real superpowers come from faith, kindness, and compassion! God gives each one of us unique gifts and talents to make the world a better place.

After finishing their novel, "A Long Walk to Water," our 7th graders took a deep dive into analyzing the two main characters. Working in pairs, they discussed their ideas and found text evidence to support their statements about each character's beliefs, strengths, and overall growth throughout the novel. The scholars did an amazing job collaborating to create the large posters for their characters!



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



JOIN THE
ST. WILLIAM SHARKS
CYO SWIM TEAM

REGISTER ONLINE NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 20TH
FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGES 7 THROUGH 18

PLEASE NOTE - BOYS 8 AND UNDER AND BOYS 10 AND UNDER ARE FULL



ADULT MEN ARE INVITED
TO JOIN US AT THE

Men's Prayer Group

SATURDAYS AT 6:30AM
IN THE ABBEY

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FAITH FORMATION



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 THROUGH PRAYER AND CONVERSATION WHILE CHILDREN ARE IN RELIGION CLASS

MONDAY 4:30-5:15PM
10/19 6-6:45PM

TUESDAY 4:30-5:15PM
10/20

LAST CHANCE



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.
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Are you being called?

Altar Servers

Altar Servers assist the priest during the celebration of Mass and is an excellent opportunity to serve at the Altar of the Lord in a special and personal way. Training is required and is offered parish-wide annually for boys and girls in grades 5 through 8. Stay tuned for the next training date!

CYO (Catholic Youth Organization)

The Catholic Youth Organization here at St. William's sponsors a basketball program for boys and girls in 4th through 8th grades and a swim program for boys and girls in 1st through 12th grades while teaching the children how to live their faith everyday.

Garden Ministry

Parishioners with green thumbs help maintain the gardens around the campus year-round, enhancing the awe and wonder of God's creation and helping to keep the parish grounds inviting, peaceful, and beautiful.

Ministry of Consolation

The Ministry of Consolation ministry supports the church staff and family in the day of needs for funerals. Members serve as greeters, ushers, and sometimes lectors at funeral Masses, helping to ease a family's troubles during a deeply upsetting time.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) walks with those over 18 who are converting to the Catholic Church. Our OCIA program offers a way for adults to be baptized and receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Pre Cana & Wedding Ministry

Pre-Cana is a required marriage preparation program, and, for many engaged couples, it becomes one of the most meaningful parts of the entire engagement period. Married couples walk with engaged couples who are planning their life together while volunteers on our wedding team help facilitate wedding rehearsals and act as parish representatives during weddings.

Ushers

Our Usher Ministry Team helps to greet people, find seats, facilitate the collection, distribute bulletins, coordinate the reception of Holy Communion, and create a friendly and welcoming atmosphere for parishioners and visitors.

Baptismal Preparation

Members of this ministry participate in our monthly baptismal preparation class for first-time parents, providing a powerful witness and testimony on raising children in the faith and prioritizing prayer, Mass attendance, and building a relationship with the Lord. Ministry members also assist in our parish baptisms.

Office of Childhood Faith Formation

Our parish Faith Formation program teaches students in 1st through 8th grade to build a life-long relationship with Christ. Volunteers in the program serve as catechists (religious education teachers), hall monitors, safety monitors, and small-group facilitators for Confirmation preparation.

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the Sick and Homebound play a vital role in the celebration of the liturgy and outreach to those in need. These ministries are special gifts and responsibilities, and therefore require an application process and Diocesan training.

Music Ministry

Adult Choir members lend their voices to our 12n Mass and at special liturgies throughout the year while the children's choir learn music together and share their talents by singing the Communion Meditation at special Masses..

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry members knit and crochet lap robes, blankets, hats, scarves, and other items for those in need within our community. Items are given to organizations such as hospitals, nursing homes, local children's charities, and individuals that are bereaved or ill.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The SVdP Society is a group of volunteers who provide aid to people in need within our community. They visit individuals and families to offer compassionate listening, spiritual support, and emergency financial assistance for basic needs like rent and utilities. They also connect people to local resources for long term stability and facilitate use of the parish food pantry.

Welcome Team

Often the first faces parishioners and visitors see, members of our Welcome Committee act as parish ambassadors. They greet people as they come in and are able to answer questions about parish life at St. William the Abbot.

VISIT STWILLIAM.ORG/MINISTRIES
OR VISIT WITH MEMBERS OF OUR MINISTRIES AFTER EACH MASS NEXT WEEKEND
TO LEARN MORE OR JOIN ONE OF OUR GROUPS

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: "In This Place" - #308

Offertory Hymn: "O Breathe on Me O Breath of God" - #659

Communion Hymn: "Turn to Me" - #665

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

Recessional Hymn: "Here I Am Lord" - #390

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

White Rice - Canned Tuna - Peanut Butter - Ketchup - Egg Noodles - Raisins

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.

HEAP Application Deadlines



New York State's Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps low-income households pay for heating, energy emergencies, and repairs to heating equipment. Eligibility is based on household income level and other factors, but if you receive SNAP, Temporary Assistance, or SSI, you may already qualify! For more information and to access the application, visit <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/>



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