St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



October 25, 2026
Thirtieth 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

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment.
The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.
Matthew 22: 37-40

Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 25h
7:30am: Murphy Violet Musa
9am: Jack Comiskey
10:30am: Francis J. McGrath
12n: Richard & Carol Turnbull

Monday, October 26th:
Stephen & Rita O'Connell

Tuesday, October 27th:
Teresa Coppelli; Anna Golino; Emanuel DiTeresi; Frank & Kathy Burke

Wednesday, October 28th:
John & Ida Kemitch; Dimitri Kemitch; Sam & Chadija Jacobusky; Joseph & Margaret Greene & Family

Thursday, October 29th:
Harry Loester; Madeline Loester; Patricia Baisley; William Baisley

Friday, October 30th:
Richard & Josephine Monticciolo

Saturday, October 31st:
8:30am: Members of the Purgatorial Society
5pm: Salvatore Frosina

Pray for the Sick

Sal Canzonei - Livia Murray - John Mitchell - Catherine DeCesare - Frances Speidell - Penny Duggin - Jane Milburn

Pray for the Deceased

Anna Sliwak - Anna Nappi - Lillian Schiliro

Sanctuary Candle

has been donated in loving memory of
Simon, Julia Alma, & Richard Franco
from the Mpazicos Family

The Greatest Commandment

In the journey of life and the cycle of seasons there are numbers and dates that catch our attention – 10 – 16 – 21 – 40 – or even 55, like I turned this year! As we gather for the "30th Sunday" in Ordinary Time, we hear once again the religious leaders trying to trap Jesus with a trick question. They ask Him which commandment - laws of what faithful Jews were expected - to observe is the greatest, a debate that would be in halls of the scholars, synagogues and temples. Jesus sees right through their nonsense offering a simple response: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." And then He adds, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Two commandments, one message, and a whole lifetime of trying to get it right!

Jesus reminds us that our faith was never meant to be reduced to a list of rules. Following the commandments is not about checking boxes or living in fear that we might get something wrong. Our faith is about a relationship with a God who loves us first and invites us to love Him in return. When we truly love God, that love ought to change the way we live and the way we encounter the people God puts in our lives. We cannot separate loving God from loving our neighbor. As St. John reminds us, "Whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen." In other words, we cannot claim to love the Lord on Sunday and spend the rest of the week treating people without kindness, patience, or respect.

That vision brings this Gospel a little closer to home. Here we are in Seaford, in the fall of 2026, just a few weeks away from another election. Have you seen the advertisements? Listened to the attacks, accusations, and nasty things being said about candidates? Have we lost our sense of dignity and respect for the human person? Somewhere along the way, has winning an argument or proving someone wrong become more important than recognizing the humanity of the person standing on the other side? We can disagree about politics, policies, and the direction of our country – for sure those disagreements are real and our choices matter - but no disagreement gives us permission to abandon Christian charity and common courtesy. Every person, even the family member whose opinions frustrate us or whose vote differs from ours, is still made in the image and likeness of God.

So perhaps this weekend Jesus is asking each of us to look a little more closely at our own hearts. Before we criticize someone else, how about we examine our own words? Before we share that angry post, repeat that hurtful comment, or join in another round of insults, can we pause and ask ourselves whether what we are about to say reflects the love of Christ? Loving our neighbor does not mean that we must agree with everyone or pretend that wrongdoing does not exist. It does, however, mean that even when we disagree, we never lose sight of the dignity of the other person. Our faith calls us to something greater than the anger and division that so often surround us. We are called to be people who speak the truth 'with love', humbly listen, and forgive generously.

The greatest commandment is not complicated, but living it faithfully can be challenging. The Cross of Jesus becomes a great sign to follow – the wood goes vertical and horizontal. Vertical towards God, and horizontal towards our neighbors. As Catholics, as parishioners of St. William the Abbot, and as members of this humble south shore community, we have an opportunity to show the world that there is another way to live. We do not have to contribute to the madness; we can choose kindness over cruelty. Remember Jesus Himself transformed the meaning of the Cross from torture instrument to the way of our salvation.

As we journey deeper into the liturgical year, and approach Election Day let's pray for our nation, our leaders, those seeking public office, and for one another. Each person we encounter this week becomes an opportunity for us to BE JESUS in how we speak, listen, and especially love our neighbor. When everything else is stripped away, the question is not simply whether we know the commandments, but whether we are living them. Love God. Love your neighbor. Let us be the ones who rise above the madness
and live - and love - differently.

Fr. Joe

Banns of Marriage

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

Banns III
Victoria Moulder (SWA)
& Andrew Warren

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

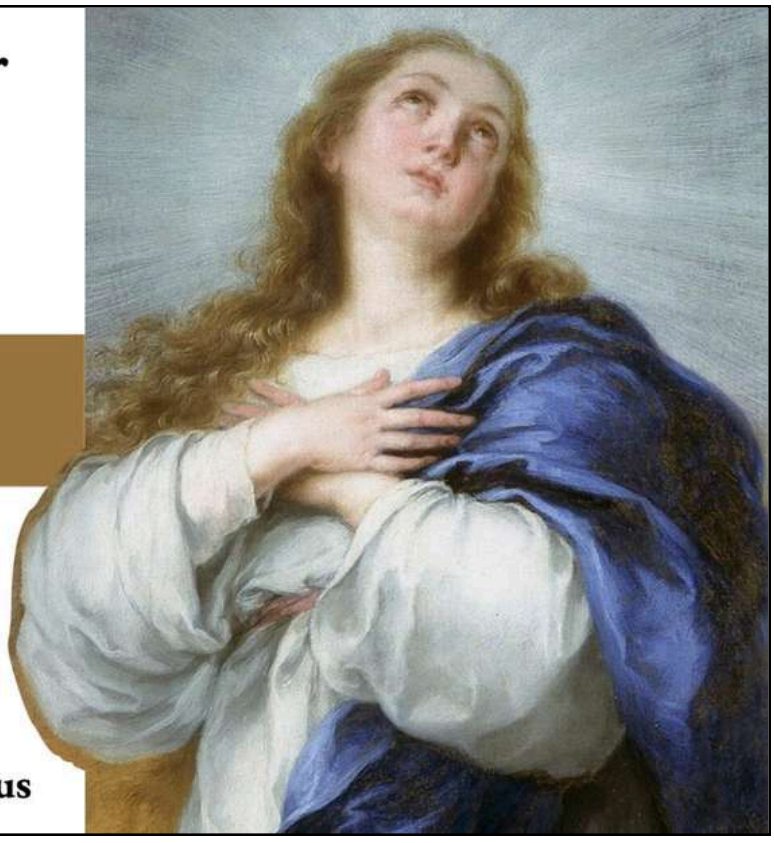
All Souls Mass of Remembrance

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

Saturday, November 28th at 2pm

33-Day Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary

ACCORDING TO SAINT LOUIS DE MONTFORT



Sign up to receive daily prayers and reflections by email beginning **November 5, 2026.**

Scan the QR code or visit:
www.drvc.org/totustuus

Men's Prayer Group

SATURDAYS AT 6:30AM
IN THE ABBEY

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

OFFICE OF CHILDHOOD FAITH FORMATION

Level 8 students are praying, growing, and learning together as they journey towards Confirmation this spring!







IN-PERSON
Make a donation to our weekly collection at Mass. If you would like to receive offertory envelopes, please email us at information@stwilliam.org

AUTOMATED GIVING
Set-up a monthly gift through your checking account or credit card.

PLANNED GIVING
Arrange a gift of cash, stocks, real estate, life insurance, or other assets that will take effect during your lifetime or after your death

MEMORIALIZE OR HONOR LOVED ONES
Work with our staff to create a donation, scholarship, or dedicated items to enhance our community

ONLINE DONATIONS
Make a one-time donation or set-up recurring donations online using your bank account, ApplePay, GooglePay, or CashApp



The Spider and the Fly

Ms. Milteer's second-grade class enjoyed reading "The Spider and the Fly." After reading the story, students wrote their own dialogue, using creativity and imagination to bring the characters to life. To extend their learning, each student took home a spider plant to care for and watch grow!

Our beautiful Peace Liturgy, lovingly prepared by our sixth graders, reminded us of the importance of being instruments of Christ's peace. Following Mass, we gathered at our Grotto under brilliant blue skies to pray a decade of the Rosary together. These are the moments that define SWS - authentically and unabashedly Catholic!























KEEPING *our promise* TO PROTECT

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

A Virtus training session specifically for parishioners of St. William the Abbot/parents of St. William the Abbot School students has been scheduled for Thursday, November 12th from 6:30pm to 9:30pm in The Abbey.

This training is required for all volunteers of any ministry within the parish and for all volunteers of SWS and the Faith Formation program.

Please note that space is limited and you must register online (no calls, please) prior to the class by using the instructions to the right provided by the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Walk-ins will not be permitted to attend the class.

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A PROGRAM AND SERVICE OF
THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC RISK RETENTION GROUP, INC.
VIRTUS® Online

The Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all clergy, employees, and volunteers to participate in the Safe Environment Guidelines as established by the Charter for the Protection of Children/Young People (2002) and outlined in the åç Child Protection Policy.

Requirements are as follows:
1. Attend a *Virtus: Protecting God's Children* class
2. Undergo background screening
3. Sign the Diocesan Code of Conduct

Instructions to Complete the Safe Environment Requirements:
1. Visit **www.virtus.org** to create an account
2. Select Rockville Centre , NY from the drop-down list of Archdioceses/Dioceses
3. Follow directions on each page
4. Electronically sign the Code of Conduct and Pastoral Code of Conduct
5. Select the class you wish to attend
6. Complete the background screening application provided, which is conducted by Sterling Volunteers

When you complete the registration process, you will have a Virtus account and an account with Sterling Volunteers. This account will contain the date you signed the Codes of Conduct; date you submitted the background screening application and date you will attend the Virtus class.

Please keep your username and the password for both your Virtus account and Sterling account as these are required to access each account.

Please contact the Office for the Protection of Children/Young People if you have questions or require assistance. cprotection@drvc.org

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!

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 prioritzing prayer, Mass attendance, and buildilng a relationship with the Lord. Ministry members also assist in our parish baptisms.

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.

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 facilitiators for Confirmation preparation.

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.

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.

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.

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..

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

The Order of Christian Initiatian 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

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 facilitiate wedding rehearsals and act as parish representatives during weddings.

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.

Ushers

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

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 THIS WEEKEND TO LEARN MORE OR JOIN ONE OF OUR GROUPS

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DELICIOUS BREADS, & MORE FROM WHITE POST FARMS BAKERY

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: "Here I Am, Lord" - #390
Offertory Hymn: "The Servant Song" - #383
Communion Hymn: "Ubi Caritas" - #354
Communion Meditation: "Whatsoever You Do" - #621
Recessional Hymn: "Love Divine All Love Excelling" - #411

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

Canned Chicken - Pasta Roni - Knorr Sides - Mayonnaise - Laundry Detergent - Paper Towels

Thank You Memorare Columbiettes!

The Memorare Knights of Columbus Women's Auxiliary recently held a food drive to benefit our Parish Social Ministry's Food Pantry. Their generous donations will go a long way in helping our neighbors in need!

Taxpayer Forum

Receive details on property tax examptions, 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.

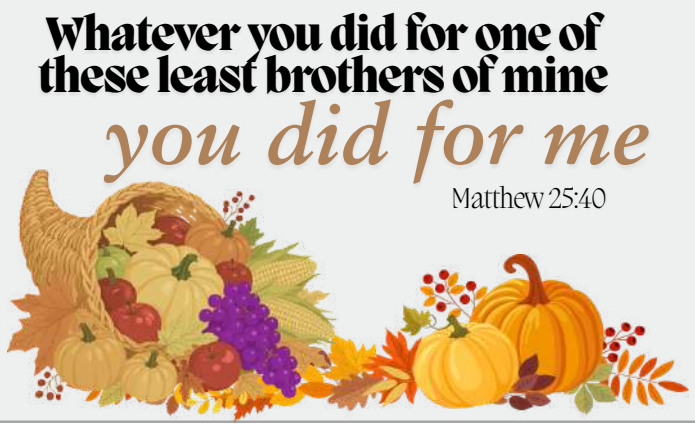
Veterans Benefit Seminar

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.

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/



Thanksgiving Donation Program

Our Thanksgiving program will begin soon and next week's bulletin will offer different ways for your family to serve the community by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and comforting the sick, or by providing a gift card donation that will allow families to shop for holiday essentials for themselves.

Check back next week for online instructions!



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stwilliam.org/sacraments

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stwilliam.org/i-am-new

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