



# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



**October 22, 2023**  
**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 - 8:30am

Saturday: 3:45pm - 5pm

### Adoration

Monday - Saturday: 7:15am - 8:30am

First Friday of the Month: 9am - 5pm

### Private Prayer

Monday - Friday: 7:15am - 6pm

Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." Matthew 22:19-21

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, Oct. 22, 2023

Antoinette Pregno  
Christian Bekmessian  
Joseph Bishop  
Collective Intentions  
People of St. William's  
Eileen Flaherty  
Mary Barich  
Leon Pawelczyk

### Thurs., October 26, 2023

Collective Intentions  
Carmine Serravalli  
Orlando Scarinzi  
Judith Goldman (liv)  
Lisa Borowski (liv)  
James Pecararo

### Friday, October 27, 2023

Joseph Valentino

### Monday, Oct. 23, 2023

Carole Corrado

### Sat., October 28, 2023

Purgatorial Society  
Christine Hudak

### Tues., October 24, 2023

Margaret & Peter Meany

### Wed., October 25, 2023

Eileen Ford

## Pray for the Sick

Marion King  
Arlo Elliott  
Eric Thomas Guzzo  
Keith Gorton

Dana Alois  
Richard Fedyk  
Lesla Laurence  
Jeanne O'Donnell

## Pray for the Deceased

Vincent J. Pernice  
Maureen Brown  
Pearl Ann Kolodinsky

## Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in honor of the Parishioners of St. William the Abbot

## Pillar of Formation

As Catholics, we should always strive to deepen our faith.

## Caesar vs. God

We live in a culture that is obsessed with sports. Let's face it, after the past couple of weeks of the Jets and the Giants, the Major League Baseball playoffs, and of course the fall sports schedule for so many of our families – games, practices, and schedule – we are all in! Our Gospel this weekend shows a battle once again between Jesus and the Pharisees about priorities. We are told that the Jewish leadership was trying to trap Jesus or catch him in some sort of blasphemy against the faith establishment. They bring up the very controversial issue of whether Jews should pay taxes to Caesar when they are at the temple. The First Commandment reminds us that God must be first in all things, it is He that we worship, and He alone a person of faith's first priority. Israel was dominated for centuries by the Roman Empire, and the harsh rule of Caesar who considered himself to be a god – acknowledging that would be a sin against the First Commandment. But Jesus could not be fooled - he uses the example of the Roman coin used to pay the tax that would have Caesar's image on it. Jesus calmly says give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God. Priorities!

Caesar was the emperor of the whole world – and would represent the temporal and carnal things of being here on earth - power, strength, prestige, and wealth. A very different approach from how Jesus, the humble servant, would present Himself. There is the tension in our modern world and time about who do we really serve. Is it God? Or is it the things of this world? What are our priorities? The Church does not preach or teach that the things of this world are bad, God created them and so whether it be activities, sports, school, even fine dining, and vacations – they have the potential for good. But do we keep them balanced and in the right order when it comes to God? The Fall is a time when so many activities kick back up; schoolwork, travel teams, CYO, piano lessons, dance, and Faith Formation. It is a blessing to see so many families back this year, and most especially back for Mass each weekend. But where have we been? Why is there a fall off at the end of the school year and in the summer? We are encouraged to stay in that balance, giving to God what is God and Caesar what is Caesar's.

If we were to stay in that image of offering to God what is God's and to Caesar what is Caesar's, what are our priorities? Who are we giving to, and offering our best? I look at the lives of family and friends, and come back to that place of athletics - town-teams, travel-teams, school-teams - it is amazing to see the hard work and commitment that goes into all of these. I look with admiration at the time offered by so many of our parents volunteering as coaches and assistants to enhance the sport experience for their own children and others. However, it does concern me looking long-term for our parish community when the first thing that is cut from a family schedule is Mass, Faith Formation, or parish activities. Looking through the lens of my own family members, I know that my nieces and nephews would never show up late for a practice, or a game. They, for sure, would be dressed in their finest uniform, whether it be the home, away, or practice jerseys. If we go back to the image of offering to Caesar what is Caesar's, and that being the carnal and temporal things of this present moment; and then giving to God His due, are we honestly offering our best? Are we putting in the same level of intensity for our eternal soul and our faith as we are for elementary, middle school, JV, or high school sports? Just something to ponder this week reflecting on the Gospel, are we giving God the scraps? Or is He our first priority?

My hope is that over the next few weeks as we offer different opportunities to gather together in prayer and worship we can refocus on the Lord and offer our very best to him. This weekend in upstate New York, there is a celebration of the New York State Eucharistic Congress, where many Catholics from our parish, our diocese, and our state will gather to pray, worship, and strategize on ways to reverence and honor the Eucharist. Tuesday night we will have Eucharistic Adoration and gather for a night of prayer and song at a candlelight vigil for peace in the Middle East and the whole world. Next Sunday will be the Milestone Anniversaries Mass for our couples who over the past few years would have celebrated a big anniversary but did not have the opportunity because of Covid to do so here in the parish. Parishioner Joseph Lettieri will be ordained a transitional Deacon for the Diocese of Rockville Centre and will serve at the altar of the Eucharist in preparation for his priestly ordination. And we will gather around another table as we joyfully celebrate our parish Golf Outing and Dinner to honor Curt Schmitt for all he and the Schmitt family have done in serving the Parish of St William in our most difficult and vulnerable times. Please join us.

As always, thank you for your presence and generosity in support of the parish.

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

## ***Banns of Marriage***

### **Banns I**

Stephanie Fischetto, St. William the Abbot  
& William Campion, St. William the Abbot

### **Banns II**

Alexa Benigno, St. Thomas the Apostle, West  
Hempstead  
& Kristopher Coglietta, St. William the Abbot

## ***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, October 29, 2023.

## ***Pray for Those in the Military***

### **US Air Force -**

Capt. Matthew B. Frasse  
Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers  
Airman Carlos Rosado  
Major Thomas F. Shields

### **US Army -**

Capt. Caitlin M. Lee  
CW2 Brian Kirby  
Major Eamon G. McArdle  
Spc. Brian Reip  
Sgt. Donald Rogers  
Major Christopher James Ustler  
Major Kurtis Unger

### **USMC -**

First Lt. Dana Duggan  
L.Cpl. John Mosier

### **US Navy -**

Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald  
Jr. Lt. Ryan Bayer  
Jr. Lt. Rebecca Bayer  
Jr. Lt. Ian Bayer  
STSC (SS) Thomas Kerley  
Lt. Michael O'Hara  
MMN2 Emily Partridge  
Commander Michael Sean Slatley  
Lt. Michael Napolitano  
Michael Vietri

### **US Coast Guard -**

LT Commander James Knudsen  
Daniel Timpanaro  
LT Commander Katherine Ustler

### **US Army -**

Sgt. Craig Bianco  
SPC Anthony Caputo  
Capt. Michael DiPietro  
Capt. Michael Fitzgerald  
Capt. Christopher J. Frasse  
Capt. Logan Lee  
Lt. Col. John Kallo  
Capt. Caitlin M. Lee



## ***Feast of All Saints and All Souls***

**Wednesday, November 1st** is the Feast of All Saints. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 31st at 7:00 PM and Wednesday, November 1st at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

**Thursday, November 2nd** is the Feast of All Souls. There will be a special Mass at 7:00 PM in which the people whose funerals were held at St. William's this past year will be remembered. All are invited to attend this special Mass.

## ***All Souls Envelopes***

St. William's is preparing for its All Souls' Masses. In the month of November, 9 Masses will be offered for the All Souls Intentions. If you wish to have your deceased loved one remembered in these Masses, please fill out one of the All Souls envelopes and return it to the Rectory, or place it in the Sunday collection basket. This is an excellent way to pray and offer a sacrifice for those who have gone before us in faith.





# MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY MASS

for married couples celebrating their  
40th, 50th, 55th, 60th, or 65th+ anniversaries in 2023  
(or who celebrated them in 2021 or 2022)

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH AT 12N

- . couples should plan to arrive no later than 11:45am .
- . seating will be reserved for the anniversary couple only .
- . mass will be live-streamed on our website .
- . mass and group photos will be taken by our parish photographer .

REGISTER ONLINE OR RETURN THE BELOW TO THE RECTORY:

*Couples participating must pre-register by Sunday, October 22nd to be included in this celebration*

REGISTER NOW:



Last Name:

Wife's Name:

Husband's Name:

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

Wedding Date:

Anniversary Celebrating:

Please list church you were married in along with it's city and state:



*Join us as we gather  
as a community of  
faith to pray for  
lasting peace  
throughout  
the world*

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**TUESDAY  
OCTOBER 24TH**

**7PM IN THE CHURCH**

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We will also be collecting personal care items not covered under SNAP benefits to replenish our Parish Social Ministry Pantry. Donations of soap, deodorant, toothpaste/toothbrush, shampoo, conditioner, razors and shaving cream, laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaner, paper towels, napkins, and toilet paper would be appreciated.





# St. William the Abbot School

Students in Mrs. Doyle's 4th grade Religion class celebrated the Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux, their classroom patroness, with rose topped cupcakes and a short film explaining Saint Therese's little ways. Each family will get to spend a week hosting the traveling family shrine, learning more about St. Therese and praying for her intercession. May she rain down her "roses from heaven" upon the students and families of SWS, through the power of the Holy Spirit.







# THANKSGIVING PIE & BREAD FUNDRAISER

St. William the Abbot School HSA

Featuring some of the Best Pies in America,  
Delicious Breads & More from White Post Farms Bakery

Baked goods will be available for pickup in St. William's Church Abbey on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 2pm to 6pm  
Please bring the completed order form and check in a sealed envelope labeled "SWS Thanksgiving Pie Sale" to the rectory  
Please make checks payable to St. William the Abbot HSA. Orders must be submitted no later than Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Please contact Renee Frawley at [stwilliampiesale@gmail.com](mailto:stwilliampiesale@gmail.com) with any questions.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Classic Pies (42 oz)			
Item	Price	Qty	Total
Apple	\$25		
Apple Crumb	\$27		
Blueberry	\$26		
Blueberry Crumb	\$28		
Pecan	\$26		
Dark Chocolate Pecan	\$28		
Peach Raspberry Crumb	\$28		
Pumpkin	\$25		

Cookie Towers (12 oz)			
Chocolate Chip	\$8		
Oatmeal Raisin	\$8		
M&M's	\$8		

Gluten Free (12 oz)			
GF Banana Bread	\$10		
GF Banana Nut Bread	\$10		
GF Banana Dark Chocolate Bread	\$10		
GF Zucchini Bread	\$10		
GF Chocolate Chip Cookies	\$9		

Jumbo Breads (24 oz)			
Item	Price	Qty	Total
Banana	\$15		
Banana Nut	\$15		
Banana Dark Chocolate	\$15		
Banana Campfire S'mores	\$15		
Hot Chocolate & Oreo Cookie	\$15		
Pumpkin	\$15		
Pumpkin Dark Chocolate	\$15		
Apple Crumb	\$15		
Zucchini	\$15		
Zucchini Nut	\$15		

Soups (1 qt)			
Butternut Squash & Apple	\$15		
Country Chicken Tortellini	\$15		
Broccoli Cheddar	\$15		

Dips & Sides			
Cranberry Relish (24oz)	\$12		
Creamy Spinach Dip (16oz)	\$12		

Social Ministry			
Donate an Apple pie to the St. William's Social Ministry for distribution to parishioners in need	\$25		

Total # of Items Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

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# *Parish Social Ministry*

## **Free Legal Consultation October 26th**

On October 26 the Nassau County Bar Association will host an Open House Clinic where free consultations will be provided for all areas of law. Nassau Suffolk Law Services and the Safe Center will be present at the session. Please contact 516-747-4070 ext. 1231 or [openhouse@nassaubar.org](mailto:openhouse@nassaubar.org) to request a free consultation.

## **Food Pantry Needs**

Cereal	Pretzels
Apple Juice	Paper Towels
Canned Fruit	All-Purpose
Granola Bars	Cleaner
Canned White Potatoes	

## ***Coming Soon - Thanksgiving Food Collection***

Next weekend will mark the kick-off of our Thanksgiving food collection for local families served by the Parish Social Ministry. Visit the Church lobby and take home a small bag or a 'leaf' from our donation tree which will be marked with items needed by our pantry. Return these donations through November 10th so that we can have all families fully stocked prior to Thanksgiving. We will also be collecting food store gift cards to help families with items not provided by our pantry. Donations can be dropped off at the Social Ministry office at 2020 Jackson Avenue weekdays between 9:30am and 4pm, or by appointment. Thank you for your continued support!



## ***Donation Spotlight - Massapequa Kiwanis Club***

A special thank you this week to the Massapequa Kiwanis Club for their generous donation of Shoprite gift cards. These cards will allow families the flexibility to shop for themselves and source items that may not be provided at our food pantry. We are so grateful for their ongoing support; we couldn't do it without them! God bless the Massapequa Kiwanis Club!

## ***Yarn Donations Needed***



The Social Ministry is now collecting yarn donations for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Donations can be dropped off at our office at 2020 Jackson Avenue Monday through Friday, 9:30am until 4pm or by appointment. Donate your excess or unused yarn to a very worthy cause! All yarn is used to make items for those in need within our Parish community.

## ***Senior Care Through the Office for the Aging***

Did you know that the Nassau County Office for the Aging offers case managers for seniors? Their case management program provides the support for older adults to remain in their homes for as long as possible. They assist in providing in-home services for seniors through the Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP). There are two types of in-home services offered, Level 1 which is housekeeping and chore services, and Level II which adds on personal care assistance such as bathing, dressing, toileting, grooming and feeding. For more information about services and eligibility, call NY Connects at 516-227-8900 or visit the website <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/1438/Aging>.

## ***PSEG Household Assistance Program (HAP)***

The Household Assistance Program provides a credit on every electric bill for customers who receive benefits from certain non-utility financial assistance programs. The bill credit may be more than \$35 per month! You can apply by filling out an application online, or you may automatically qualify if you receive HEAP, SNAP, SSI, Veterans Pension/Surviving Spouse Pension, or Temporary Assistance. You will also automatically qualify if you are on Medicaid. For more information, or to apply, visit:

[psegliny.com/myaccount/customersupport/financialassistance/householdassistance](https://psegliny.com/myaccount/customersupport/financialassistance/householdassistance)



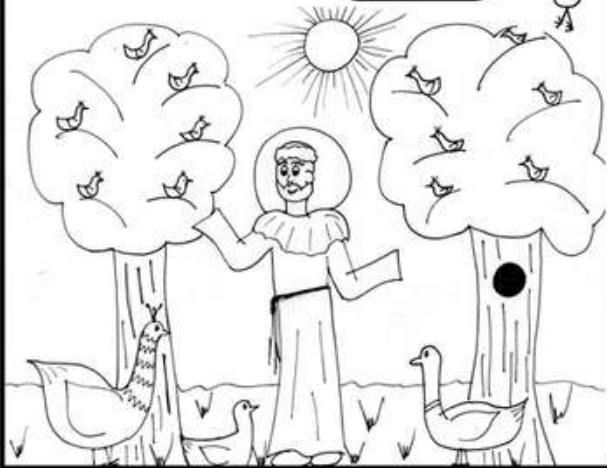
# Saint Francis of Assisi

Saint Francis of Assisi was a monk who gave away everything he had. He was very cheerful and helped others to be happy.

What can you do to make someone happy today?

He was a great preacher. Even the birds listened when he talked about God.

Count how many little birds are listening to Saint Francis.



Year A: Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time



## Catholic Kids

October 22, 2023  
Ordinary Time  
Color: Green



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Give the  
Lord glory  
and honor.

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Bow your head while you pray to help you focus on being humble for God.

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Circle the gifts that you have. Use those gifts to help people learn about God!

Sports      Music  
Friendship      Kindness  
Sharing      Listening  
Cooking      Reading  
Math      Building  
Helping



Jesus is teaching his disciples to give to Caesar what is Caesar's and give to God what is God's. What gifts do you have to give to God?

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Saturday: 9am-12:30pm, 1pm-3pm

*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**



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**Our Seminarians**

Joseph Lettieri  
*SWA Parishioner*

Herley Mendez  
*SWA Parishioner*

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

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stwilliam.org/sacraments

Register as a St. William the Abbot Parishioner  
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Catholic High Schools of Long Island  
chsee.org

Diocese of Rockville Centre  
drvc.org

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formed.org

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

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