



St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



"Moved with compassion the master of that servant forgave him"

Matthew 18:27

September 13, 2026

Twenty-Fourth 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, September 13th

7:30am: Daniel Callahan

9am: People of St. William's

10:30am: Family of Bennekemper Schmelze

12n: Robert D. Morse

Monday, September 14th

Karl R. Fuessler; Virginia Moriarity; Gilda St. John;

Michael R. Lauletta

Tuesday, September 15th

Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk Prayer Enrollment

Wednesday, September 16th

Anne McNulty; Agnes Daly; Regina Natale; Linda DeCarli

Thursday, September 17th

Jack Healy

Friday, September 18th

Ricky Vitale

Saturday, September 19th

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: People of St. William's; Catherine Magrino; Kenneth Bowe, Sr.; Maria Scalza

Pray for the Sick

Catherine DiPietro - Bonnie Healy - Brian Deas

Pray for the Deceased

Evelyn Mary Conlon - Joan T. Sullivan

Atar Candles

have been donated in loving memory of

John Salvato
from Jean Salvato

Wine & Hosts

have been donated in memory of

Valerie and Keith Kern
from Susan and Ron Barber

The Courage to Forgive

Recently, I was with a group of men from the parish discussing the world, culture, society, and general concern for their families in the modern world. The September 11th anniversary came up, and the discussion shifted to the many emotions this occasion triggers – anger, fear, sadness, and a struggle to forgive. One of the men shared a recent dream of a person he had not thought about in over 30 years who treated him poorly when they were young. In prayer, he presented the individual and the situation – with all the details – to God and revealed that the experience was intense. His prayer moved him to forgive that person completely. It was powerful!

I know that there are situations from my past I continue to hold onto, and whenever they flash into my mind I return to terrible thoughts of revenge or even thinking ill will of the person. Clearly, I have a long way to go in my spiritual and Christian journey to forgive. Today we hear in the scriptures, “Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight.” Just let that opening line from our first reading settle in for a moment. Maybe there is an old wound that we continue to carry or that “we hug tightly”? What do we grasp onto from the past? Is there someone who has hurt us, embarrassed us, betrayed us, or made us feel small?

As we stand in the shadow of the 25th anniversary of September 11th, these questions take on an even deeper meaning for us here on the south shore of Long Island. So many of us remember exactly where we were that morning, the people we lost, the families forever changed, and the fear and anger that followed. We must never forget - but remembering and forgiving are not opposites. The Christian is called to remember truthfully while refusing to let hatred have the final word or to remain in our hearts.

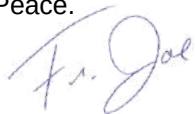
Peter asks Jesus a question that is probably familiar to all of us: “Lord, if ‘someone’ sins against me, how often must I forgive them?” Peter wants a number – a formula, a limit, and equation to point to. Jesus responds, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.” In other words, forgiveness is not something we calculate like a math problem. Peter would eventually discover just how much he himself would need forgiveness; remember he would deny Jesus three times, run when Jesus was arrested, and hide when Jesus went to the cross. Yet Jesus never stopped loving Peter, never stopped calling him, and never stopped leading him. The same Jesus who forgave Peter leads us today and asks us to extend to others the mercy that we ourselves have received.

The parable drives home the point - the servant is forgiven an enormous, impossible debt, and yet he refuses to forgive another who owes him so much less. The question for us is not simply, “Who has hurt me?” but also, “How much has God forgiven me?” 3 Nails + 1 Cross = 4-Given! That is the math equation, but God’s mercy is beyond calculation, beyond measure, and completely undeserved. Forgiveness does not mean saying that what happened was acceptable, it does not erase the need for justice, nor the effects of sin. It means that we surrender our desire to remain in a prison of anger and bitter resentment and allow Jesus to lead our hearts toward freedom.

As we remember the 25th Anniversary of 9/11, let us pray especially for those who still carry wounds from that terrible day - for families who lost loved ones, for first responders, for those who continue to suffer. Perhaps we can take Jesus’ challenge personally: think of one person who has hurt you and ask the Lord for the grace to forgive. It may be difficult, it may take time, it may even require us to forgive again and again and again. But Jesus is leading us; in fact, He showed us on the cross. When we forgive others, we heal. Outside of forgiveness there is no hope. Outside of forgiveness we will not experience peace.

In this community we will always remember that terrible day. We will NEVER forget. However, may our remembering not lead us to hatred, but to healing; not to resentment, but to mercy; and may the Lord help us become people who, because we have been forgiven so generously, we are willing to forgive – 7 x 7 x 7 x 70.

Peace.



Banns of Marriage

Banns I

Alyse McAlpine (SWA)
& Brian Parker (SWA)

Mary Calabro (SWA)
& Jack Houston (Church of the Assumption)

Alexis Alvino (St. Bernard's)
& Nicholas Fischetti (SWA)

Jane von Glahn (SWA)
& Tyler Walsh (SWA)

Isabella Valentino (SWA)
& Christopher James Coakley (SWA)

Banns II

Amanda Padula; SWA
& Richard Regina; SWA

Jessica Mangieri; St. Kilians
& Michael Riis; SWA

Baptisms

Addison Marie Luksch - Lilianna Carole Quod

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) - 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)

August Offertory

	2016	2019	2020	2025	2026
Attendance	6498	6349	2709	6989	7681
Total \$	\$76,953.00	\$88,448.00	\$91,870.00	\$ 116,701.00	\$ 119,058.00
Per Attendee	\$11.84	\$13.93	\$33.91	\$16.70	\$15.50
# Sundays	4	4	4	5	5
Avg/Sunday	\$19,238.25	\$22,112.00	\$22,967.50	\$23,340.20	\$23,811.60
Avg/Attendance	1625	1587	677	1398	1536

The years listed were chosen to represent an overall sample and include 10 years ago, the year before Covid/pastor transition, the year of the Covid shutdown, last year, and the current year

Catholic Ministries Appeal

	2016	2019	2020	2025	Year to Date
Goal	\$135,600.00	\$136,700.00	\$146,700.00	\$162,000.00	\$170,100
Pledged	\$173,412.008	\$142,360.00	\$121,048.00	\$93,963.00	\$85,512.00
# Donors	899	550	480	330	300
Avg Donation	\$192.89	\$258.84	\$252.18	\$284.74	\$275.04
Rebate to SWA	\$52,010.00	\$31,368.00	\$2,934.00	-	-

The Catholic Ministries Appeal begins every February. Funds donated help with vocation awareness and the Diocesan Seminarian program, social programs such as Meals on Wheels and outreach to the most vulnerable, and healthcare initiatives for those who cannot otherwise afford it or are most at risk. The parish receives a rebate once our Diocesan goal has been exceeded.



FAITH FORMATION MASS ATTENDANCE

The Eucharist is the center of who we are as Catholic Christians and the discipline of weekly Mass attendance is what makes us practicing Catholics. Going to Mass every week not only reaffirms the lessons your children are being taught in their hour-long weekly classes, but, more importantly - or *most* importantly - it helps them develop a lifelong relationship with God and community of the Church.

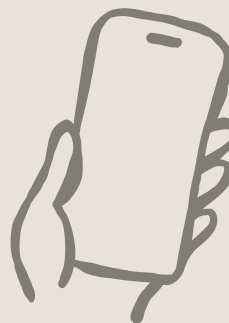
Students in all levels must attend at least 75% of weekend Masses. Attendance by QR code will begin the weekend of September 20th/21st and go through Palm Sunday weekend.

Mass attendance will impact your child's success in the program, ability to advance to their next class level, and their readiness to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation.



How to Sign-In:

Several QR Codes will be displayed throughout the church after each Mass ends (after the final blessing).



Use your phone's camera to scan the code and enter your family's name and email address.

Visiting Other Parishes:

You can visit stwilliam.org/fait-form and complete the "Visiting Another Parish" form.



If you're travelling, masstimes.org is a great resource to find Masses all over the world!

CLASSES BEGIN THIS MONDAY!

Please be sure to read the handbooks on our website where you'll find important info on class attendance, Mass attendance, pick-up and drop-off procedures, and dates for the year!



Welcome Back!





ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

GOLF

OUTING & DINNER

CELEBRATING OUR 99TH ANNIVERSARY AS A PARISH

**TUESDAY
OCTOBER 13TH**

Town of Oyster Bay Golf Club
Woodbury, New York

*VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO REGISTER GOLFERS,
MAKE DINNER RESERVATIONS & VIEW
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES*



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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OF LONG ISLAND FALL OPEN HOUSES



ST. MARY'S
HIGH SCHOOL
ST.MARYSHS.ORG

SEP 26 | 10-1



KELLENBERG
MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL
KELLEBERG.ORG

OCT 3 | 10-1



SACRED HEART
ACADEMY
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OCT 3 | 10-2



CHAMINADE
HIGH SCHOOL
CHAMINADE-HS.ORG

OCT 3 | 10-2



ST. DOMINIC
HIGH SCHOOL
HS.STDOMS.ORG

OCT 4 | 1-4



HOLY TRINITY
DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL
HOLYTRINITYHS.ORG

OCT 7 | 10-1



ST. ANTHONY'S
HIGH SCHOOL
STANTHONYSHS.ORG

OCT 17 | 9-12



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL
STJOHNTHEBAPTIST.NET

OCT 24 | 10-1

The Test for Admission to Catholic High Schools (TACHS)
Online Test: Saturday, November 7th | Register by October 28th:
www.tachsinfo.com

THE EDUCATION OF A LIFETIME

Nightwatch

2026-2027 dates

FRIDAYS | DOORS 7PM | STARTS 7:30PM

September 25
November 6
February 5
March 12
April 23

holy hour | confessions | social



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2323 Merrick Ave, Merrick, NY 11566

New Location

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SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:



**St. Pius X Residence for
Retired Priests**

Caring for those who cared for us

Saint Pius X provides a comfortable and safe home for our retired priests whose lives embody the essence of giving. The priests residing at St. Pius X Residence for Retired Priests have given their lives to the Church, and your donation ensures that they can receive the accommodation, special care, and support they need.

The Fulton Sheen Initiative

A Moment for the Catholic Church of America

Beatification Event

THU SEP 24, 2026

Church of Saint Raphael
600 Newbridge Road, East Meadow, NY

Doors Open: 7pm
Prayer Begins: 7:30pm

Pray Daily with Ven. Fulton J. Sheen

Sign up to receive daily reflections based on Sheen's words
as we approach his beatification.

Scan the QR code or visit:
drvc.org/fultonsheen



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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: "Gather Us In" - #320

Offertory Hymn: "Loving and Forgiving" - #663

Communion Hymn: "Change Our Hearts" - #661

Communion Meditation: "O Word of Christ"

Recessional Hymn: "Companions on the Journey" - #459

Our Adult and Children's Choirs will resume in the fall!

"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

Pancake Mix (complete) - Muffin Mix - Juice Boxes - Hearty Chicken Soups - Apple Sauce - Canned Fruit



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday, September 15th at 10am in The Abbey. Yarn is provided and new members of all skill levels are invited to join in knitting and crocheting lap robes, blankets, hats, scarves, and other cozy items for the sick and those in need.

Yarn Donations

The Office of Social Ministry is accepting yard donations to be used by the Prayer Shawl Ministry to create items for the sick and homebound in our community. Full skein yarn, worsted weight, and multiple skeins of the same color (to make blankets) would be very much appreciated and can be dropped off to Parish Social Ministry (in the Convent) Monday through Friday from 9:30am to 4pm.

Memory Cafe

Those with Alzheimer's/dementia are invited to attend the Nassau County Memory Cafe with their caregivers on Friday, September 18th at 12n at the Bethpage Senior Center. This offers a fun and comfortable way to get out, get active, and connect. The event is free and includes live entertainment and lunch. Reservations are required by calling 516-227-8900.



Health Care for Adults

Catholic Health sponsors a free primary care center for adults without health insurance at the Bishop McHugh Health Center in Hicksville. They provide full health assessments, lab work, X-rays, flu shots, and other services. Please call 516-827-2727 to make an appointment or to get more information.

Bereavement Support Group Alumni Reminder

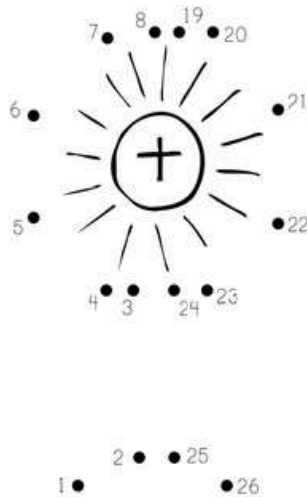
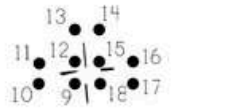
There is an alumni event for past participants of the SWA Bereavement Support Group later this month. This event offers an opportunity to check-in to visit and support peers, have informal group discussions, and interact with facilitators. Invitations were mailed at the beginning of September and we ask that you respond to the Office of Parish Social Ministry by calling 516-679-8532 or emailing socialministry@stwilliam.org

The Office of Parish Social Ministry is located in the Convent (2020 Jackson Avenue) and is open Monday through Friday from 9:30am to 4pm by appointment. Please call 516-679-8532 or email socialministry@stwilliam.org to learn more about our services.

Saint Padre Pio



Follow the dots to draw a monstrance. A monstrance is a special place to hold the Eucharist.



Saint Padre Pio told people to pray, go to church, and go to confession.

When people went to confession with him, he KNEW when they were forgetting something. He would help them remember so they could learn from all of their sins.



Catholic Kids

Bulletin

September 13, 2026
Ordinary Time
Color: Green



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The Lord is kind
and merciful,
slow to anger,
and rich in
compassion.

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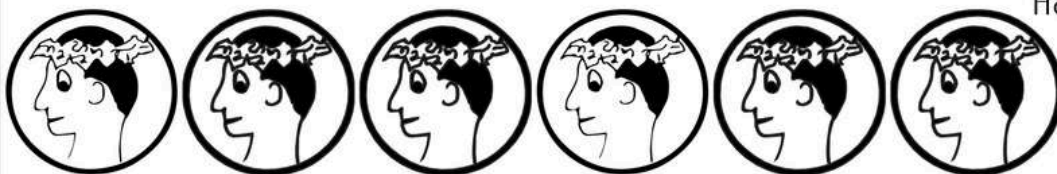
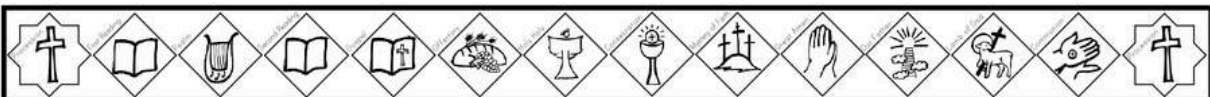
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Pay attention to the ways the Eucharist is kept safe and the holy vessels that show our love for God. What do you see?

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How Many?



Jesus tells a parable today. Do you remember what "parable" means? It's a story that Jesus uses to teach a lesson. Today's lesson is about a man who was dishonest with money. Jesus reminds us that we should always be honest!

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

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