



St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



September 14, 2025 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:16-17

Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 14th

7:30am: Antonina Biondo

9am: People of St. William's, Erin Devlin, Fred T. Schmidt, Sarah McCormick

10:30am: Marie Caiozzo

12n: Raymond & Susan Darowski

Monday, September 15th

8:30am: Karl R. Fuerssler, Walter Mello, Intentions of the Ursuline Prayer Card Enrollments, Mary Giordano

Tuesday, September 16th

8:30am: Anne McNulty, Antonina & Vito Biondo

Tuesday continued...

Jan Galazka, Jack Healy

Wednesday, September 17th

8:30am: Jack Healy

Thursday, September 18th

8:30am: Maguire Family (liv. & dec.)

Friday, September 19th

8:30am: Daniel Buckley

Saturday, September 20th

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: Cathryn Magrino

Pray for the Sick

Chris Kennedy - Robert Valerga - Richard Fedyk - Rosemary Averill - Barbara Geraghty
John Gemski - Thomas Stolfi - Sal Lupo - Frances Speidell

Pray for the Deceased

Irene Sutton - Marie Theresa Skennion

The Wine and Hosts

have been donated in loving memory of
Valerie & Keith Kern
from Susan & Ron Barber

The Altar Candles

have been donated in loving memory of
Virginia & John Salvato
from Jean Salvato

The Sanctuary Candle

has been donated in loving memory of
Anthony DiPadova
from Pat & Lou DiPadova

The Exaltation of the Cross

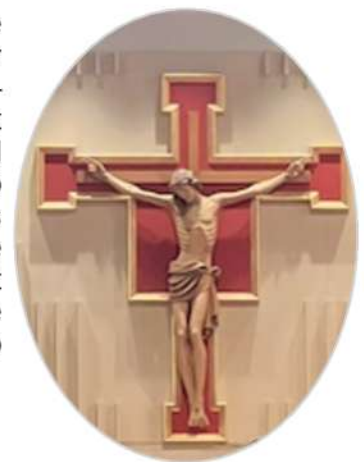
I was recently reminded of the Lenten/Good Friday hymn "Lift High the Cross" when a student was actually singing it walking into the church. It is a popular and familiar tune, often sung as a reminder as we get closer to Holy Week with Jesus and approach the hill of Calvary, not necessarily in September. The cross is a reminder of Christ's love for us, how he suffered and died for our sins - embracing, carrying and being lifted up for all to see. My guess is that some of you might be humming the song out of memory in your mind as you read this letter. This triumphant sign is the pathway of our redemption, salvation and ultimately, our freedom.

The past few weeks, like the cross, have revealed a contrast of joyful celebrations and also confusing suffering and pain. The Pope welcomed two new young saints, a beautiful display of God's movement in the youth and young faithful last week. We also commemorated the 24th anniversary of September 11th and are still in mourning for the senseless shootings occurring in a Catholic church and on college, high school, and elementary school campuses. These events have made me question aloud "where is God?" On Thursday, when I looked upon the steel Ground Zero cross in the sanctuary, I prayed for wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit. As parents and grandparents, so many of you are racked with questions and concerns about how to keep our children safe and insulated from the pain of the absurd actions happening in our world. We pray for a balance of calm and peace at the beginning of the school year, but we are also reminded that sin entered the world from a tree in a garden and humanity is wounded by 'the fall' and that original sin.

This weekend, we'll pause to celebrate the great Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. At first glance, it may sound strange to call the cross "holy" or even "beautiful." The cross was a Roman tool of torture, humiliation, and death. Yet, as we proclaim in the Gospel, "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son" (John 3:16). Jesus embraced the cross not as an accident of history, but as the very means of our salvation. By mounting the cross in love, He transformed it from a symbol of fear into the pathway to holiness, freedom, and eternal life. What once repulsed and terrified humanity now draws us close to God and it is in the cross we see vulnerable love.

Each of us carries a cross - sometimes very visible, other times hidden deep within our hearts. There are moments we may want to cast it aside, to wish it away, or to ask why God has allowed it at all. But Jesus, in His tenderness, invites us to let Him share the weight and to trust that our sufferings do not go unnoticed by the Father. Just as Christ's cross became the door to redemption, so too our crosses can, with God's grace, become the very way we are sanctified and drawn into deeper communion with Him. The "wonderful cross," as the saints have called it is not wonderful because of the pain but because of the love that transforms it.

And yet, we are not left hanging on Good Friday. The promise of the cross always points us and brings us to Easter Sunday. The story of our faith is one of hope, of resurrection, and of victory over sin and death – Jesus truly wins, and His way, although not always easy, is the best path. Even when our families, friends, or the world does not understand our faithfulness, we are reminded that the way of the cross leads to glory. These past few weeks have been difficult to watch, and our hearts and knees may ache from the amount of praying we have done. But the invitation of Jesus continues – to follow Him and fear not. As we look at Jesus' cross, and our own crosses, we are reminded that those challenging moments of embracing and veneration can help us to discover redemption, hope, and the fullness of God's love.



May the Lord continue to bless and strengthen us.

Peace,

Fr. Joe

Banns of Marriage



Banns I

Tatyana Noori, Seaford, NY &
Jack Myhill, St. William the Abbot

Katie Ramsden, St. Martin of Tours, Amityville
& Ryan Miller, St. William the Abbot

Gabrielle Kasulke, St. William the Abbot
& Michael Forlani, St. William the Abbot

Banns III

Megan Eiseman, St. William the Abbot
& Caleb Fiedtkou, Bethpage, NY

Emily Ziemianski, Maria Regina, Seaford
& Michael Giordano, St. William the Abbot

Second Collection Next Weekend



Saint Pius X provides a comfortable and safe home for our retired priests whose lives embody the essence of giving. From them we learn firsthand what it means to sacrifice, for they give their own lives as an offering to God, for our sake. From our baptism, to our First Communion, to our final goodbyes, we entrust our souls into their hands. And with great love, they accept. Please give generously to this special collection.

Pray for Those in the Military

Lt. Ian Bayer (USN) - Lt. Rebecca Bayer (USN) - Lt. Ryan Bayer (USN) - Sgt. Craig Bianco (USA) - Lt. Col. Michael DiPietro (USA) - LCpl Daniel Dugan (USMC) - First Lt. 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) - Capt. Philip Lettieri, MD (USA) - Lt. Cpl. Kevin Marshall (USMC) - Major Eamon G. McArdle (USA) - Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers (USAF) - Col. Sean Morrow (USA) - Lt. Michael Napolitano (USN) - Lt. Michael O'Hara (USN) - MMN2 Emily Partridge (USN) - 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) - 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)

Baptisms

Let us welcome the following children who were baptized last weekend:

Isla Enman-Trovato
Scarlett Meyer
Olivia Salem
Eliana Zacharias

Pillar of Formation

Look upon the Cross of Christ and meditate on His love for you. When you are down, worried, afraid or just in need of some encouragement - go to the cross and just look at your Savior. Make a habit of gazing upon the cross.

Are You a Registered Parishioner?

Registering as parishioners allows us to have an accurate count of our families, which in turn helps us to plan liturgies, have the appropriate clergy coverage, and helps us to determine what enrichment programs and events may be beneficial. Parish registration is also needed should you be asked to serve as a godparent or Confirmation sponsor. Moreover, It is a great way to plant your family's roots in our community. To register, please scan the QR code, visit our website, or stop by the Rectory Office or Welcome Desk in the front vestibule of the Church.



BEHOLD



*Saint
Pier Giorgio Frassati*



*Saint
Carlo Acutis*

Last weekend, Pope Leo canonized two new saints - St. Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901-1925) and St. Carlo Acutis (1991-2006).

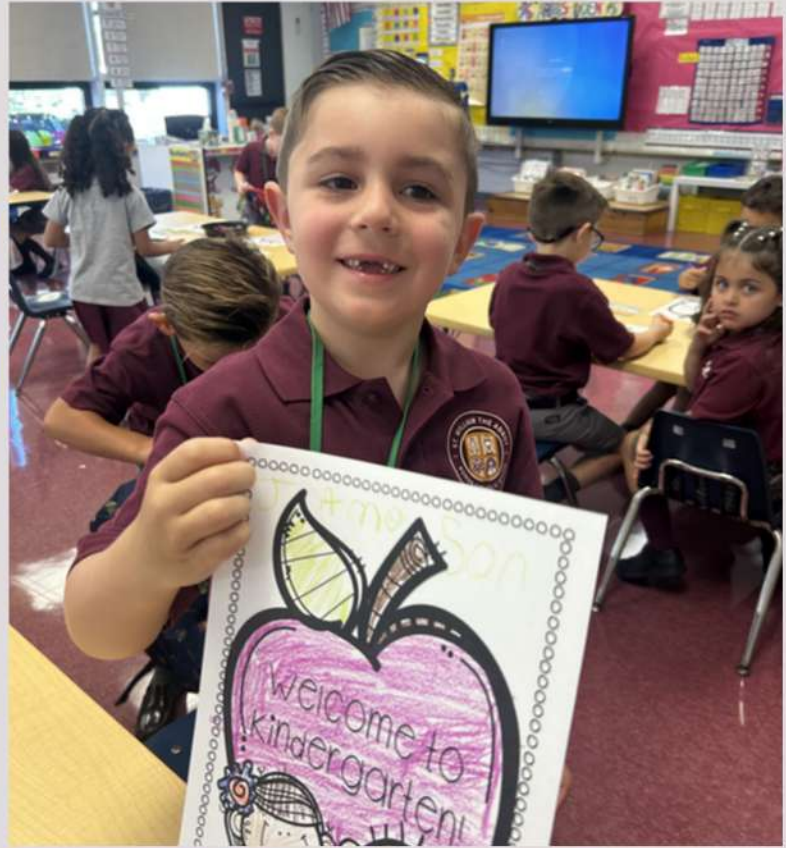
These men lived short but faith-filled lives and, as the Holy Father said, “are an invitation to all of us, especially young people, not to squander our lives but to direct them upwards and make them masterpieces.”

St. Carlo is “the first millennial saint” and among the approximately 80,000 people who attended this morning’s Mass in St. Peter’s Square was St. Carlo’s mother, father, and his teenaged brother and sister. What an incredible gift!

St. Pier Giorgio Frassati and St. Carlo Acutis, pray for us!



It was all smiles as Fr. Joe and Mrs. Bricker welcomed students back to school, kicking off the '25-'26 school year. SWS is blessed to have welcomed 63 NEW FAMILIES this year! Through the grace of God, special things are happening at St. William the Abbot School! Please keep SWS students, faculty, and staff in your prayers for a happy and safe year. We Are St. William's!



September Happenings

We are getting back in the swing of things here at the parish! We've been busy welcoming the families of St. William the Abbot School, meeting with parents and catechists in preparation for the new year of Faith Formation, the restart of ministries, and readying the campus for fall.



ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT

Children's Choir

We invite all parish children in Kindergarten through 8th Grade to join us in the Children's Choir to sing the Communion Meditation at the 10:30am Mass on October 12th, November 16th, and December 14th

Please visit stwilliam.org/music-ministry for rehearsal requirements and dates and to register your child(ren).

Apostolic Service Hours are available for 7th and 8th Graders preparing for Confirmation - sign up using the online registration form!

Our Catholic Community on Long Island



Diocesan Safe Environment Protocols include attendance at a Virtus class: Protecting God's Children, acknowledgement of Diocesan Codes of Conduct; Background Screening at five year intervals for those in active ministry. If you are involved in a ministry in your parish and your background screening was prior to 2020, you will receive an email from Virtus advising you to log into your Virtus account and complete the background screening application which is attached to your Virtus account. Screening is conducted by Sterling. Please remember we are here to assist you, if you have any questions or need support, reach out to us at cprotection@drvc.org. Your participation in this essential process is vital to our shared mission of ensuring safety and well-being for all.

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 • Thought of leaving or divorce? • Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

No Marriage is Beyond Hope.

The Test for Admission to Catholic High Schools (TACHS)

Online Test: Saturday, November 8th | Register by October 29th: www.tachsinfo.com

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ST. ANTHONY'S
HIGH SCHOOL

SAT SEP 27 | 9AM-12N
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ST. MARY'S
HIGH SCHOOL

SAT SEP 27 | 1-4PM
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KELLENBERG
MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

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SACRED HEART
ACADEMY

SAT OCT 4 | 10AM-2PM
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CHAMINADE
HIGH SCHOOL

SAT OCT 4 | 10AM-2PM
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ST. DOMINIC
HIGH SCHOOL

SUN OCT 5 | 1-4PM
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HOLY TRINITY
DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL

SAT OCT 18 | 10AM-1PM
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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL

SAT OCT 25 | 10AM-1PM
STJOHNTHEBAPTISTDHS.NET

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Nightwatch

Friday, September 19

7:00PM: DOORS OPEN

7:30PM: ADORATION & SPEAKER

8:30PM: DODGEBALL & SOCIAL



with Guest Homilist
Father Dominik Wegiel

Chaplain of
 Saint John the Baptist
 Diocesan High School



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 point lookout, new york

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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: "Lift High the Cross" (#705)
Offertory Hymn: "O Breathe on Me" (#641)
Communion Hymn: "Only This I Want" (#484)
Communion Meditation: "Behold the Lamb"
Recessional Hymn: "Alleluia #1" (#590)

"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 List

White Rice
Cereal
Cookies
Pancake Mix
Raisins
Pretzels

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday September 16 at 10am in the Abbey. This ministry knits and crochets lap robes, blankets, hats, scarves, and other items for the sick and needy of our community. New members at any skill level are always welcome! Interested in donating yarn? Stop by September 16 or call 516-679-8532 to arrange a drop-off.



"Ask a Lawyer" Event this Tuesday

The Community Legal Help Project will have an information session on free legal services for low income residents of Nassau County on Tuesday September 16 at the Seaford Library from 1:30pm to 3pm. Attorneys will be available for private sessions relating to debt, landlord/tenant matters, litigation and general court questions. Call 516-281-7422 to register for an appointment. Services will be provided by the Nassau County Bar Association, Long Island Legal Services, the Safe Center and volunteer attorneys.

Career Expo September 18

There will be a 'Mega Career Expo' on Thursday September 18 from 10am to 2pm at Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale. This expo is intended to connect job seekers with employers, training providers and career resources. It also serves as a networking and recruitment event to promote employment opportunities, workforce development and professional growth. Early entrance is available at 9am for seniors, veterans and individuals that are physically challenged. This job fair offers available positions in healthcare, education, technology, government, manufacturing, hospitality, law enforcement, energy/utilities, construction, retail and MTA/LIRR. Bring your resume! To register for this event visit:

<https://app.nassaucountyny.gov/oma/event-registration/event-form> or visit workforce@nassaucountyny.gov.

Memory Café September 19

Nassau County will host a session of the Memory Café on Friday September 19 at the Bethpage Senior Community Center. This is a free early-stage social engagement program that offers a fun and comfortable way for people with Alzheimer's disease/dementia and their caregivers to get out, get active and connect with one another. The event is from 12p-2pm, and there will be live entertainment and lunch provided! Reservations are required, please call 516-571-9910 if interested.

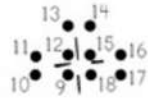
Bereavement Group Alumni - Please RSVP!

Past participants of our Bereavement Support Group have been invited to attend an alumni meeting at the end of September. Please remember to call our office at 516-679-8532 to RSVP! Invitations were mailed to all alumni earlier this month to offer this check-in opportunity to visit and support peers, have informal group discussion and ask questions of the facilitators. Your RSVP helps us plan for seating and continental breakfast. Hope to see you there!

Saint Padre Pio



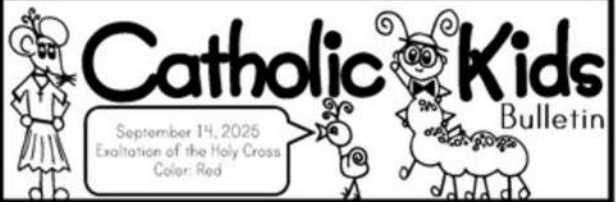
Follow the dots to draw a monstrance. A monstrance is a special place to hold the Eucharist.



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.

Year C: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



September 14, 2025
Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Color: Red

FKJOEWDOPNOTPFORGETPAIA

BKJOEAWLORDPWOA

WLTHEKWORKSPOFI

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

WAKJBPIITHEPWAKDOZIEKSO



Today is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, so we are celebrating the cross. Look around your church: how many crosses do you see?

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In the First Reading, God told Moses to hold up a snake to save the people. Jesus was lifted on the cross to save us from our sins.

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*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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Principal *Assistant Principal*

516-785-6784

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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

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Catholic High Schools of Long Island
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Formed: The Catholic Faith. On Demand
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Tomorrow's Hope Foundation: Financial Aid for Catholic Schools
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