



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



September 18, 2022 Twenty-fifth 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 - 8:15am

Saturday: 3:45pm - 4:30pm

Adoration

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

First Friday of the Month: 9am - 5pm

Private Prayer

Monday - Friday: 7:15am - 6pm

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

Luke 16:13

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Sept. 18 2022

Peter Kelliher

People of St. William's

Michael Rinaldi

Michael Leo Macklin

Wed., Sept. 21, 2022

Louise Clark Hulse

Thurs., Sept. 22, 2022

Robert Kandybowicz
and Gary Panzl

Monday, Sept. 19, 2022

Daniel Buckley

Friday, Sept. 23, 2022

Collective Intentions

Anthony Fuina

Margaret Fehling

Christine Hudak

Kenneth J. Bowe

Tues., Sept. 20, 2022

Collective Intentions

Jake Hemrick

Raymond Patrick

Sipperley

William Zorn, Jr.

The Ford Family and

Rashawn Walker

Sat., Sept. 24, 2022

Purgatorial Society

Mary Carlucci

Pray for the Deceased

Barbara Dente

Marino Prodan

Lorraine Geiger

Pray for the Sick

Keith Gorton

Frances Interrante

Michael Swiderski

Adrienne Harker

Gen Greico

Ann Marie Canale

Jim Greico

Anna Clark

Jeannine Tedeschi

John Michael Primavera

Richard Fedyk

Paul Gatto

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of Keith and Valerie Kern from Ron and Susan Barber

Sanctuary Candles

The Sanctuary Candle used at Mass this week has been donated in loving memory of Robert Kandybowicz from his loving Wife and Children

You Cannot Serve Both God and Mammon

The readings this weekend show a constant battle between this world and the next. In the first reading from the prophet Amos, he mentions that there were merchants using scales and balances that were being tampered with to cheat the poor. In the Psalm, we are shown that there is a wide gap between the "Thrones of the Royal House," and the poverty of the "have nots." And the Gospel reveals this odd story of a dishonest steward entrusted with a rich man's fortune who squandered the wealth and was on the verge of being fired. When the threat of unemployment and being thrown out on the street becomes a reality, he responds with the skills and ingenuity of "this world" to save his position. What will motivate us? What will move us from inaction to action, in our life, vocation, and faith? God is calling us into a relationship today – not tomorrow – not next week – not 10 years from now, and our decision to act makes all the difference between eternity in Heaven or Hell.

Jesus does not give a third option – there is no multiple-choice letter "C." There are only two paths in life, the one that leads closer to Christ, or the one that leads away from him. Just a few weeks ago in St Luke's Gospel, he put it like this: "He who does not gather with me scatters." We all have been entrusted as disciples to make a choice in this world whether we are the average Catholic male or female, a CEO of a company, the pope, a religious sister or brother, the president, a student, or a teacher. We cannot sit on the fence; we cannot be morally neutral in life. Either we live selfishly (this is symbolized by what Jesus calls "mammon," or worldly riches, which enable us to exercise selfish desires), or we live for Christ. If we live selfishly, we actually contribute to the culture of selfishness; we extend the kingdom of money and follow the lord of selfishness – the Evil One, Satan. If we live for Christ, on the other hand, we help build up his Kingdom of justice and love - the eternal Kingdom. Those who pretend to stay neutral are fooling themselves.

At the same time, Jesus reminds us that we don't make this choice just once. Every day, in "small matters" and "great ones," God gives us chances to exercise our love for Him, or our love for self. The life of a Christian disciple consists in an ongoing series of decisions in which we reinforce or undermine our basic choice to follow the Lord. Jesus is giving us a not so gentle warning that we are just like the steward in the parable. We too may have squandered the gifts God has given us, because we have all sinned and been affected by sin. And eventually we will have to face the music - we will be called to task and face judgment. But in the meantime, we have a golden opportunity to put our lives and talents at the service of his Kingdom, instead of at the service of this world and ourselves.

The steward was faced with the pressure of being thrown out because he was not attentive to the gifts God had given him. Are we any different? We can be reminded when we encounter trying or stressful moments in our life. We only need to look back and remember last week, on the anniversary of September 11th, or when Superstorm Sandy hit our community, or especially when a personal health scare affects our family. But God is inviting us to act, not to wait or hide and bury our gifts. "I will pray, or worship, or serve the Church later when I have more time" because I'm so busy with work, my children's sports, and activities, and even striving for things that might not be essential and very important. Those things of 'this world' in themselves are not bad or evil. When they possess us instead of we possessing them however that is when the trouble begins. Striving for the next family vacation, or updated technology or renovation for the house, or the extras like recreational toys, dash boots, wave runners, club memberships, or streaming services. All in their proper place are okay. But do they overpower us and distract us from a connection and relationship with God. Do they serve us? Or are we serving mammon?

As I ask you that question, my hope is that you pause for a moment to listen back for an answer from your heart. We do that when we take time to pray – to give God time. Let's face it, one area for all of us to experience renewed energy and growth is in our prayer life. We simply cannot grow as Christian disciples unless our prayer life is constantly being pruned. If we were to be honest, most of us will recognize a lot of room for improvement in this area. We all face unique challenges and opportunities – even religious and clergy. So, what will be your gameplan or formula? May I encourage you to do two things – pray regularly and pray authentically.

We need to pray daily, to have a daily quiet time when we can speak to Christ, pray for our loved ones, reflect on the scriptures, or read some good, solid spiritual book. That means carving out the time – a good start would be finding 10-15 minutes in the morning or evening. Create a space in your room or living room that is set apart from TV or overactivity and movement. No distractions, turn off your phone! To be a strong disciple, you need self-discipline. Pray every day, take a step.

We must pray authentically/sincerely – speak to Jesus from your heart. Going through the motions or just rattling off ready-made prayers is not enough. We need to find that way of praying that will allow us to remain in the gaze of the Heavenly Father – and then sense He is communicating with us. It may be traditional Catholic prayers like the rosary, diving into the scriptures, or listening to instrumental faith-based music. The Lord will meet us where we are. But we must make time for Him, to serve Him, which means we must break away from the 'mammon' and worldly distractions that make it hard for us to hear Him.

The steward in the Gospel was given a second chance from the Master, a wakeup call that not everyone is blessed to have. We too are being given another opportunity to share our gifts, but more importantly to stay in a relationship with God. There certainly are a lot of promises, distractions, and excuses the world has to offer. Will they Master you – or will you serve the TRUE MASTER? Choose wisely.

Peace,



Wedding Banns

Banns I

Kristina Lavin, St. William the Abbot
& Sean Hannon, St. William the Abbot

Banns II

Brittany Antonacci, St. Bernard's, Levittown
& Jack Hartofilis, St. William the Abbot

Banns III

Lauren Martin, St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa
& Nicholas Laquidara, St. William the Abbot

Joanie Grosso, St. William the Abbot
& Glenford Sebastian, Massapequa Park, NY

Jacquelyn Durant, St. William the Abbot
& Michael Quintiliano, St Rose of Lima, Massapequa

Pillar of Prayer

This week, pray for our nation's leaders, the Pope and Bishops of our Church. We should pray for their guidance in leading our nation and our Church.

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, September 25th.

Pray for Our Seminarians



John Brusa
Summer 2022



Joseph Lettieri



Herley Mendez



Patrick O'Brien
Summer 2022

Pray for Those in the Military

USMC -

First Lt. Dana Duggan
L.Cpl. John Mosier

US Army -

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

US Air Force -

Capt. Matthew B. Frasse
Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers
AIC William Hughes
Major Thomas F. Shields

US Navy -

Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald
Ryan Bayer, Ensign
Rebecca Bayer, Ensign
STS1 Thomas Kerley
Lt. jg Michael O'Hara
MMN2 Emily Partridge
Commander Michael Sean Slatley
Lt. jg Michael Napolitano

US Coast Guard -

Lt. James Knudsen
Daniel Timpanaro
LT. Commander Katherine Ustler
Frank Pristera

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



Endow calls women (ages 18+) together to study the important documents of the Catholic Church. Through Endow groups, women encounter their identity as daughters of God, enabling them to grow in their faith and ultimately discover their mission in life.

Thursdays
SEPTEMBER 29TH - NOVEMBER 17TH
7PM
THE ABBEY

\$35
per person

payable to
 St. William the Abbot

Name: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

I would be interested in being a small group leader: (Someone will reach out with more information)

**For more information visit endowgroups.org or email us at information@stwilliam.org
 Space is limited. Please return enrollment slip and check to the Rectory drop-box.**

Kindergarten News!

Students in Mrs. Hayes's class had a wonderful first day of Kindergarten! The children have been enjoying lots of stories, play, and learning the routines of the classroom. It is going to be such a special year!



1950's



1980's



2020's



Throughout the Years . . . A Legacy of Excellence

St. William the Abbot

Parish Social Ministry



Donation Spotlight

Thank you to Judy and Steve Bongiovi for taking our summer 'Gardening for God' project to a new level! This week the Bongiovi's donated two giant 15"

zucchini from their garden, each of which could easily feed one of our families in need - many times over! You were so kind to donate these prize-worthy items to our food pantry. Thank you for your generosity, and may God continue to bless your garden!

Fall 2022 Bereavement Registration

If you or someone you know would be interested in attending our Fall Bereavement Group, please call the office to register. Sessions will begin October 5th and space is limited! For more information about these sessions call us at 516-679-8532.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday, September 20th at 10am in the Abbey.

This ministry meets twice a month to knit and crochet lap robes, blankets, hats, scarves, and other items for the sick and needy of our community. Yarn is provided, and new members at any skill level are always welcome!

October Evening Group Sessions: Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

This October there will be two evening group sessions to address the challenges associated with "Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia." The sessions will take place from 6pm-8pm on Tuesday, October 11th and Tuesday, October 18th in the Abbey. All are welcome to attend.



Upcoming Medicare Seminars - "Note Date/Time Change

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting an educational seminar covering "The A, B, C and D's of Medicare." This seminar is available on two dates/times for your convenience: Thursday 10/6 at 11am and Monday 11/7 at 6pm. The seminar will take place in the Abbey and will address the big question "What happens when I turn 65?" It will specifically cover Medicare Advantage Plans, Supplement Policies, Prescription Drug Plans, and what General and Special Election Periods mean to the Medicare recipient. Watch the bulletin for additional information or call our office with questions!

Pantry Needs

Jelly	Dish Soap
Cooking Oil	Paper Towels
Pasta	Shampoo
Brownie Mix	All-Purpose Cleaner

Bereavement Alumni Meeting

September 28th - All are Welcome!

We are pleased to announce the start of our Bereavement Alumni Program. All past participants of the Bereavement Group are invited to attend four sessions a year to visit with past participants and moderators, engage in group discussion, share support with your peer group, and enjoy some hospitality! The first session will be held on September 28th at 11am in the Abbey. Please call our office at 516-679-8532 to RSVP.

Refer a Friend in Need

Do you know someone in need of assistance? Your Parish Social Ministry offers confidential support and advice regarding hardships experienced by adults and seniors who may be struggling with sensitive issues.

We have access to relevant state, local and charity-based programs that may help, and we offer other services such as client advocacy and regular use of our food pantry. Partnering with our St. Vincent de Paul conference, we help with budgeting, expense management and building financial independence.

For more information call the Parish Social Ministry office 516-679-8532.

The Education of A Lifetime

You're invited to explore the benefits of a Catholic High School Education at our open houses:

September:

24 - Saturday

St. Anthony's High School (10am-1pm)

25 - Sunday

St. Mary's College Preparatory High School (2pm-4:30pm)

October:

1 - Saturday

Chaminade High School (10am-2pm)

Kellenberg Memorial High School (10am-1pm)

Sacred Heart Academy (11am-2pm)

2 - Sunday

Our Lady of Mercy Academy (10am-1pm)

St. Dominic High School (1pm-4pm)

15 - Saturday

Holy Trinity Diocesan High School (10am-1pm)

16 - Sunday

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School (10am-1pm)

Follow us on Social Media @CatholicHSofLI



Register by October 27th for the
Test for Admission to Catholic High Schools (TACHS)
www.tachsinfo.com

Mass of the Holy Spirit

Diocese of Rockville Centre Seminarians – including Herley Mendez, Joseph Lettieri, Patrick O'Brien, and Greg Marino – celebrated the Mass of the Holy Spirit last week with Bishop Barres, Bishop Andrzej (not pictured), and Bishop Henning at St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie.



Padre Pio Mass at St. Rose of Lima

St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa, invites you to join them for the Feast of Padre Pio Mass which will be celebrated by Rev. Anthony Saliba on Friday, September 30th at 7:00 PM. Following the Mass will be a blessing of the new Processional Canopy and Eucharistic Procession to the Padre Pio Shrine in the parking lot, along with Solemn Eucharistic Benediction. Refreshments will follow. Please call 516-798-4992 if you have any questions.



CYO Swim Team Registration

2022 Division Champs

The St. William the Abbot CYO Swim Team will be holding on-line registration between September 11th and September 30th for boys and girls between the ages 7 & 18

To sign up please visit

<https://stwilliamcyo.sportngin.com/register/form/516686864>

All new registering swimmers must prove their ability to swim a non-stop 25 yard lap at practice. Please note that some age groups will fill up quickly and we may close them prior to the 30th, so please don't delay.

Background Screening Update

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People:

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) promulgated by the Bishops of the United States in 2002 outlines specific practices and guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. As directed in The Charter, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all employees, clergy, and volunteers to complete three requirements within thirty days of employment or volunteering:

1. Attend **Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)**
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct;
3. Complete a background screen application. The Diocese requires all those who remain in active ministry be rescreened at 5 yr. intervals.
volunteers/employees.

A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OFPCYP) has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the three safe environment requirements in one step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

1. Register to attend a Protecting God's Children class and create a Virtus account on the Virtus website: www.Virtus.org
2. Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct- provided during the Virtus registration process.
3. Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application background offered during the Virtus registration process.

Active Volunteers:

If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus and have been background screened you may be at – or beyond- the **5yr. rescreening requirement**. If this is the case, you will receive an email from **Sterling Volunteers** asking you to complete the background screening application on-line. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account. **Please be aware-this is not a scam nor has your e-mail been hacked.** The OFPCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records and noted it is time for you to be rescreened. You may also be prompted to electronically resign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

Edit Your Virtus Account:

To access your Virtus account: www.Virtus.org You will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or helpdesk@virtus.org. Once in your account, review your account information-particularly your e-mail address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side of your screen in the green column click "Update My Account" You will be able to make the necessary changes-please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

Questions or concerns: mmcmahon@drvc.org; amendoza-cantos@drvc.org; jwinter@drvc.org;
pditomasso@drvc.org

Thank you to all who continue to serve in a ministry during these extremely challenging days.

Saint Vincent de Paul

Saint Vincent de Paul spent his life helping poor people. He brought toys and food to poor children and helped to bring them closer to God.

Go to the poor: you will find

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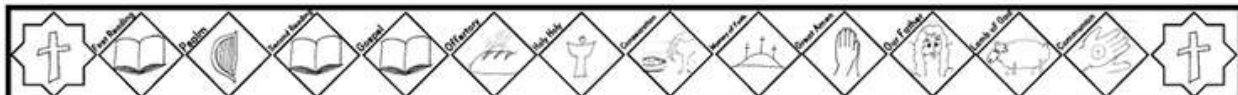
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During Mass, the whole church celebrates together. Your participation in Mass is connected to everyone else that is praying in Heaven and Earth.

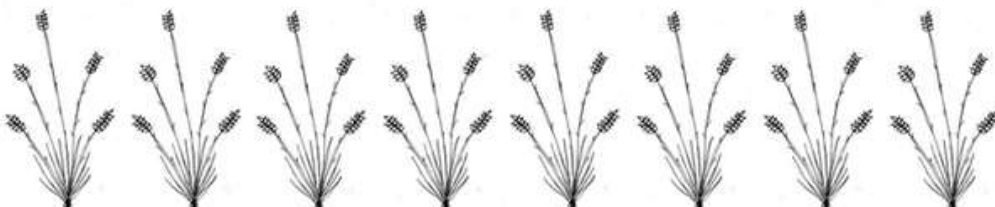
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How Many?









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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