



St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



September 27, 2026
Twenty-Sixth 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

When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.

Matthew 21:32

Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 27th

7:30am: Gregory Martin Pranzo

9am: Carmela Fiore

10:30am: The People of St. William's

12n: Jennifer Kara Bernstein

Monday, September 28th:

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Tuesday, September 29th:

John Decker, Jr; Nicole & Jeanine Tedeschi

Wednesday, September 30th:

Eleanor Schmitt

Thursday, October 1st:

James A. Lowell

Friday, October 2nd:

Joseph & Katherine Del Vecchio; Michael Holian; Paul Coletti; Jacqueline Miller

Saturday, October 3rd:

8:30am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

5pm: The People of St. William's; Nicole Valvo (liv); Robert Valerga; Jessica Podolak

Pray for the Sick

Brian Deas - Frances Speidell

Pray for the Deceased

Vincent F. Romano

Wine & Hosts

have been donated in memory of
Deborah Camp
from Donald Camp

Go Out and Work in the Vineyard

Our 'actions speak louder than our words' - on this 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time we are reminded of this simple fact and it comes alive for us in the parable. Jesus tells the story of two sons - one tells his father "No," but later changes his mind and goes to work; the other says "Yes," but never follows through. Jesus reminds us that faith is not simply something we say - it is something we live. It is easy to say that we believe in God, that we love Him, or that we want to follow Him. However, do our choices, our priorities, and the way we treat others reflect what we say we believe? The Lord is not only looking at our words, but at our hearts and our actions.

The Gospel this weekend once again reveals that God never gives up on us. When we say "no," or stumble and make mistakes, or when we have wandered from the path, He continues to pursue us. He invites us to change our hearts back to Him and to begin again. Repentance is not a punishment; it is a grace - an opening of our hearts to receive again the mercy and love of God. And when we truly experience how profoundly God loves and forgives us, that love moves us into action. We become more willing to forgive, to serve, to reach out, and to love others as Christ has loved us.

This weekend I will be speaking at all the Masses and will be joined by our new Director of Ministries, Meredith Espina. Our hope is to generate interest by promoting and highlighting some of our current ministries that allow for you to put your faith into action by showing up and actually "working in the vineyard". We also invite you to participate in a survey which can be accessed digitally by visiting stwilliam.org/survey2026 and in print in this bulletin as we gather information and data that will guide our future decisions and direction. St. William the Abbot has been an active parish anchored in the sacraments, education and formation of the faithful, and outreach to the most vulnerable in our community and beyond. But, as the times have changed, so have the needs of the community. We hope that through this survey and promotion of our current ministries we can strengthen them, but also identify new opportunities for all ages, abilities, and availability to serve the parish. There are so many things that I am grateful for - and proud of - as the pastor of St. William the Abbot parish. I have often said to Bishop Barres and other priests that our parishioners always show up, are willing 'to do' things, and are extremely generous.

This past week, Fr. O'Brien went to the Beatification Mass of Archbishop Fulton Sheen in St. Louis – the next step on the path to becoming a saint. He lived a life of heroic virtue and shared his gifts and talents with the greater Church. Before social media was 'hip', Archbishop Sheen revolutionized ministry and evangelization through his television show "Life Is Worth Living". The first of its kind, it was as popular as modern shows like "America's Got Talent", "Reacher", "Yellowstone", or even NFL Football. I wonder how the Holy Spirit may be moving in one of our parishioner's heart or mind with the creativity of a ministry that has never before been presented in the Catholic Church. And because *you* were willing to share, how many other people will come to know about Jesus Christ because of it?

Last week we celebrated St. Padre Pio's feast day – he is famous for many things, but mostly a life dedicated to Christ and His Church. On the statue next to the rectory his words are both encouraging and challenging – Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry – incredible words to live by. So, let us be a people of action and "do" those things in the vineyard as a parish rooted in prayer, rooted in hope, and rooted in the calm and peace of the Lord.



Banns of Marriage

Banns I

Rebecca Keenan (SWA)
& Nicholas Williams (St. Mary's)

Kristen Flynn (SWA)
& Matthew Cooley (Holy Family)

Banns II

Danielle Chimienti (SWA)
& Eric Chrostowski (St. Andrew's, NC)

Kristen Flynn (SWA)
& Matthew Cooley (Holy Family)

Banns III

Alyse McAlpine (SWA)
& Brian Parker (SWA)

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

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

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

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



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) - 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)

Pray for those Enrolled in our Purgatorial Society

Rose Kees; Sr. Veronica Sloane; Cara Lynn McGuinness; Kurt DeMartino.

Michael A. Diloroto; Benito Golino; James R. Hall; Maryellen Hillman; Alfred Lewan; Robert Long; Michael Murray; Rose Marie Ripi; Edward Schiffina; George S. Smith; Daisy Montone; Robert West; Gloria Frascione; Frances Josephine Egan.

Melissa Doreson; Angela Capo; Virginia M. McKinnon; Peter Joseph Scarlato; Sam Moi Lam; Catherine Migliorato.

Peter Tarsnane; Michael Maiello; Kim Capone; Santino Delfino; Angelina Valente; Jan Adamo; Irma Yolanda Alvarado; Rosemarie Arnold; John Barrett; Bea Ciaravolo; Catherine Cincotta; Peter DeLaurentis; Alphonse DiPalo; John J. Ferner; Carole Gerrity; Paul A. Hewitt; Joanne Hilly; Thomas Nash; Grace Dalila Ouellette; Dara Plotts; Stella Randazzo; Maria Smith; Robert West; Christine "Carmel" Whiston.

Rose Conner; Mildred Haase; Arthur R. Welsch; Killian Duignan; Teresa Jones.

Steve Koren; Donald Heffernan; Mike Rogers; Beth Roncallo; Deborah Ann Panasuk.

Carol MacVicar; Mary Mackay; John Garrity; Margaret Daly.

Ricky Vitale; James Conti; Jim & Mary McCormick; Olga P. Lally.

James E. Dooley; Steven DeCillis; Veronica M. Fields; Nancy Zimmerman; Mavis Salerno; Theresa Bogner; Michael J. Holian; John Kilgus; Aspasia Kathryn Marino.

Jacqueline M. Schnorrbusch; Terry Dillon; Gilda St John; Eileen Meyer; Theresa Amalfitano; Victor Letellier, Jr.

*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."*



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

*DONATIONS OF GIFT CARDS TO LOCAL BUSINESSES,
SERVICES, AND NEW ITEMS FOR OUR RAFFLES ARE
APPRECIATED - PLEASE EMAIL
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THE WORD OF GOD: POINTING US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO NAVIGATING THE BIBLE WITH FR. JOE



**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH
&
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
9:15AM | 7PM
IN THE ABBEY**

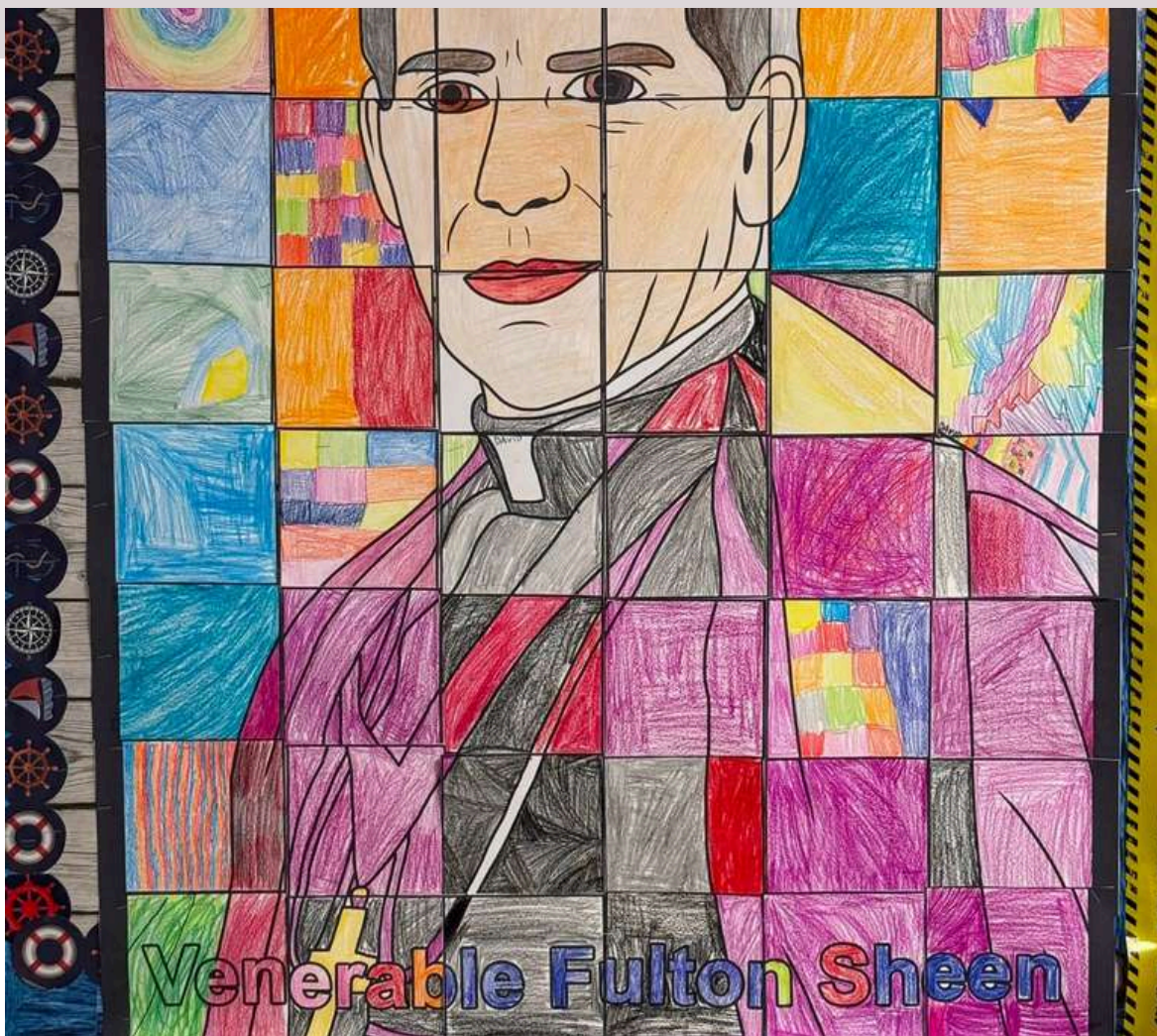
*PLEASE BRING YOUR
BIBLE AND A
NOTEBOOK & PEN*

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SWS students have been learning about Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen as the Church celebrated his Beatification this week!

The students learned about his ministry and teachings, venerated a second-class relic, and were able to ask Fr. O'Brien questions about Archbishop Sheen and the beatification process and the steps leading to a saint's canonization before Fr. O'Brien headed to St. Louis to attend the Beatification Mass.



ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME THIS WEEK!

All parishioners (over the age of 14) are encouraged to join us for our first rehearsal on
Thursday, October 1st at 6pm

Rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings from 6 to 7 in the Choir Loft
(No experience or registration is necessary!)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR



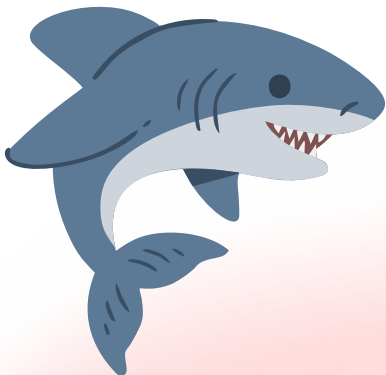
We invite all parish children in Kindergarten through 8th Grade to join us in the Children's Choir to sing the Communion Meditation at the 10:30am Mass on October 18th, November 8th, and December 6th

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



Next Weekend: *Respect Life Sunday*

Sunday, October 4 is Respect Life Sunday, a day dedicated to reflecting on the sanctity and dignity of all human life. On this day, we are reminded that threats to life and human dignity take many forms in our world. The Diocese works tirelessly to strengthen our commitment to promoting a culture of life through advocacy, education, and parish outreach. Your generosity in the Respect Life envelope collection will support this essential mission. We deeply appreciate your prayers and support.



JOIN THE **ST. WILLIAM SHARKS** CYO SWIM TEAM

REGISTER ONLINE NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 20TH

PLEASE NOTE - BOYS 8 AND UNDER AND BOYS 10 AND UNDER ARE FULL

Registration fee St William the Abbot Parishioners and Students of St William the Abbot School: **\$300**
Registration fee for Non-Parishioners: **\$360**

- Season runs from November 1st - April 18th
- Ages 7-18 (Age group is determined by age as of December 31st)
- 2 to 3 practices per week with 8 swim meets (Days/Times TBD)
- All new registering swimmers must prove their ability to swim a non-stop 25yd lap at practice
- Discounts available for families with 3 or more swimmers (contact stwilliamsharks@stwilliamsharks.com)

PARENT MEETING
NOV 5TH @ 7:00PM
THE ABBEY (LOWER CHURCH)

scan to register





CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

MARKING THE 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

12N | CHURCH FIELD

BRING YOUR PETS AND FAVORITE
STUFFED ANIMALS
(ALL ANIMALS SHOULD BE LEASHED OR IN
APPROPRIATE CONTAINERS)

TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS

7PM | CHURCH

THE TRANSITUS IS A TRADITIONAL
FRANCISCAN PRAYER SERVICE RECALLING
THE FINAL MOMENTS OF ST. FRANCIS'
EARTHLY LIFE AND CELEBRATING HIS BIRTH
INTO ETERNAL LIFE

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 3RD**



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: "Prayer of St. Francis" - #473

Communion Hymn: "Supper of the Lord" - #338

Communion Meditation: "O Word of Christ"

Recessional Hymn: "City of God" - #382

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

Paper Towels - All-Purpose Cleaner - Pretzels - Lunch-Box Sized Cookies and Chips

Senior Health Expo

The Annual "Over 50" expo will take place on Sunday, September 27th from 10am to 4:30pm at the Huntington Hilton. With over 80 specialists including health experts, financial planners, legal and trust experts, and home care agencies, those over 50 and their families can take advantage of free health screenings, educational workshops, live music, and social opportunities. To purchase tickets and view a full schedule, visit over50fair.com or call 516-621-1446 for more information.

Free Vaccines for Seniors

Covid-19 and flu vaccines will be offered at the Wantagh Senior Center on Wednesday, September 30th from 9am to 11am. Walk-ins are welcome, but there are a limited number of vaccines available so RSVPs are encouraged by calling 516-797-5357. Please remember to bring your photo ID and insurance card with you.



Job Fair

The Town of Oyster Bay is hosting a "Mega Job Fair" on Thursday, October 15th at the Town of Oyster Bay Ice Skating Center from 10am to 1pm. Job seekers are invited to connect with employers from the private and public sectors to find new work opportunities. For more information, call 516-797-4560 or visit oysterbaytown.com/workforce.

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.

Donate Used Clothing

"The Boutique" in Amityville is a referral-based thrift store run by the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless that allows families to shop for clothes and essential items for free! Donations of new and used clothing are accepted Tuesday through Thursday from 10am to 3pm at 600 Albany Avenue (or by appointment).

By supporting The Boutique, you are also helping St. William the Abbot families in need as we frequently refer our clients to them for their services!



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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*

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