



St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



September 7, 2025
Twenty-Third 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

*“Whoever does not
carry his own cross
and come after me
cannot be my
disciple.”*

Luke 14:27

Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 7th

7:30am: Salvatore Frosina

9am: Victoria Colozzi Holt

10:30am: Kenneth Bowe, Sr.

12n: People of St. William's

Monday, September 8th

8:30am: Grace Facarile (liv)

Tuesday, September 9th

8:30am: Gene Goettlicher, Isabelle Love,

Thomas & Dorothy Gavigan, Delia Estipena

Wednesday, September 10th

8:30am: Karl H. Fuessler, Robert Olsen,

Fred Pusterla, Mary Conlon

Thursday, September 11th

8:30am: The Marano Family, Buzz Santini,

Dorothy & Robert Rohan, Mary Beth Gang

Friday, September 12th

8:30am: Daniel Callahan

Saturday, September 13th

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: Nicole & Jeanine Tedeschi

Pray for the Sick

Arlene Martin - Frances Speidell - Sal Lupo - Chris Kennedy
Barbara Geraghty - Robert Valerga - Richard Fedyk - Rosemary Averill

Pray for the Deceased

Joseph M.Herman - Louis P. Marini, Jr.

The Wine and Hosts

have been donated in honor of the
Parishioners of St. William the Abbot

The Altar Candles

have been donated in loving memory of
Maureen Downey Parr
from the Downey and Salvato Family

Building the Tower and Carrying the Cross

I know this may sound cliché, and I also know that I am beginning to sound more and more like my parents, but I cannot believe how quickly the summer went by. It seemed like only yesterday we were walking through the graduations and moving up ceremonies, the beginning of summer camps and summer jobs, and enjoying the incredible gift of summer on Long Island. With that being said, I am still feeling the effects and graces of my trip to Spain - the preparation, the travel, the actual walk, and the wonderful prayer experience. As Fall begins, and the family demands and life expectations shift, I want to encourage you to keep an eye out for ministry, prayer, and social activities here in the parish. You will be hearing from some of our ministry leaders as we get ready to kick off the choir, OCIA, Family Faith Formation, as well as spiritual and social fun opportunities. Next Monday, September 15th we will have our Golf Outing, if you have not done so already, please consider participating in the golf, but also the dinner reception.

As we dive back into the readings this weekend, the Gospel of Luke presents us with a sobering and powerful challenge from Jesus about the expectation of a disciple. He reminds His disciples that following Him is not a casual choice but a radical commitment that can lead to conflict in the world and our families. To walk in His footsteps, He says, requires carrying our cross and preparing our hearts and lives for the journey ahead. These words are not meant to discourage us, but to strengthen us, to sharpen our focus as His followers, and to remind us that the path to eternal life is not built on comfort, but on courage and faith.

Jesus tells us to carry our own cross, and each of us has been entrusted with our own unique one. That may include a financial difficulty, sickness or suffering, or a trial that shapes us in our faith and relationship with God. If you are like me, sometimes I am tempted to compare my struggle to others, and to be honest, I can wish away the particular challenges that God has placed in my life. The cross is not punishment; it is a way for us to be united to Jesus, who bore His cross with love for us. When we accept our cross, we discover that we really do not carry it alone - He carries it with us, and in Him – what appears to be our weakness becomes our strength.

Jesus also reminds us to prepare wisely for the path of discipleship. He uses the image of a builder who first calculates the cost before beginning a tower, and of a king who carefully assesses his resources before entering into battle. These examples point to the reality that our life of faith requires planning, discipline, and readiness. Just as no builder would begin a project without a solid foundation, and no leader would send troops into battle without supplies, we cannot live as disciples if our lives are scattered, distracted, or unprepared. Daily prayer, the celebration of the sacraments, and ongoing formation in faith are the tools and resources we need to build up our faith. As I walked the Camino each day, I had to prepare my backpack, fill up the water bottles, grab a granola bar or a banana, and look at the map. Otherwise, I could get lost, run out of energy, or become dehydrated.

In many ways, our lives resemble both the tower, or the battle, or the Camino Walk. We are building something far greater than brick and stone—we are constructing our families, our parish community, and our own relationship with Christ. At the same time, we are engaged in a spiritual battle. The Evil One is relentless, seeking to pick apart our families, weaken our faith, and distort our culture. If we are not equipped - if our children are not formed, if our marriages are not rooted in prayer, if our parish is not united in Christ - then we are vulnerable and may complete the task God has placed before us.

And yet, our hope is found in the cross of Christ. What seems like defeat to the world is in fact victory for those who believe in and embrace it. On Calvary, Jesus triumphed over sin, evil, and death, showing us the “WAY” that leads to eternal life. He calls us to follow Him, not in fear, but in confidence, knowing that His victory is our victory. If we take up our cross and prepare well, we will discover the strength and peace that comes only from our Lord – even in difficulty. So let us encourage one another in this journey to the cross, and to heaven!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fr. Joe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Banns of Marriage

Banns II

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, September 13/14, the Diocese will be taking the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. By giving to this collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-inspired education. Please give generously.

St. Peregrine Prayer Hour



Due to the Labor Day holiday on Sept. 1st, the St. Peregrine Prayer Hour will be held on **Monday, September 8th** from 2:00 - 3:00 PM in the Church.

St. Peregrine is the patron saint of those suffering from cancer. Future prayer hours will be held on the first Monday of each month. Cancer victims, families, and their care-givers are all are invited to come and pray.

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)

August Offertory

	2014	2019	2020	2024	2025
Attendance	9712	6349	2709	5465	6989
Total \$	\$99,271.00	\$88,448.00	\$91,870.00	\$90,994.00	\$116,701.00
Per Head	\$10.22	\$13.93	\$33.91	\$16.65	\$16.70
#Sundays	5	4	4	4	5
Avg/Sunday	\$19,854.20	\$22,112.00	\$22,967.50	\$22,748.50	\$23,340.20
AvgAtt/Sun	1942	1587	677	1366	1398

Diocese of Rockville Centre Catholic Ministries Appeal - Parish Totals

	2015	2019	2020	2024	YTD	MOM
Goal	\$135,600.00	\$136,700.00	\$146,700.00	\$162,000.00	\$162,000.00	
Pledged	\$173,412.00	\$142,360.00	\$121,048.00	\$99,226.00	\$79,676.00	\$1,410.00
# of Donors	899	550	480	351	292	8
Rebate	\$52,010.00	\$31,368.00	\$2,934.00	-		

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

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What a wonderful beginning to our school year! Our recent Family Fun Night was a delightful evening filled with faith and fellowship, representing this year's theme, "Journeying Together with the Holy Family." The smiles and laughter shared truly reflect the spirit of our lively school community.



We Remember

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."
John 14:27*

Our World Trade Center cross made of steel from the World Trade Center will be on display from 9am to 5pm on Thursday, September 11th and we invite you to stop by and offer a prayer for all those lost as a result of the September 11th attacks.

GOLF OUTING & DINNER

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

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BAY GOLF COURSE

WOODBURY, NEW YORK

INFO,
REGISTRATION &
SPONSORSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES



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Thank you, Fr. Anil!



We thank Fr. Anil for joining us during the month of August, allowing for our clergy to enjoy some rest.

He has now gone on to visit family before returning to India. Please keep him and his ministry in your prayers and we hope to see him again soon!

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME SEPTEMBER 11TH!

All parishioners (over the age of 14) are encouraged to join us for our first rehearsal on Thursday, September 11th at 6pm

Rehearsals will be Thursday evenings from 6 to 7 in the Choir Loft

More opportunities for children's music ministry will be announced throughout the year!

Blessing of the Backpacks

The children, teachers, and school staff of St. William the Abbot are ready for the new school year! Last weekend, we extended a "Blessing of Backpacks" at all Masses. Please pray for a safe and fruitful year for all of our schoolchildren!



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OF LONG ISLAND FALL OPEN HOUSES



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

SAT OCT 4 | 9AM-1PM
KELLENBERG.ORG



SACRED HEART
ACADEMY

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

SAT OCT 4 | 10AM-2PM
CHAMINADE-HS.ORG



ST. DOMINIC
HIGH SCHOOL

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

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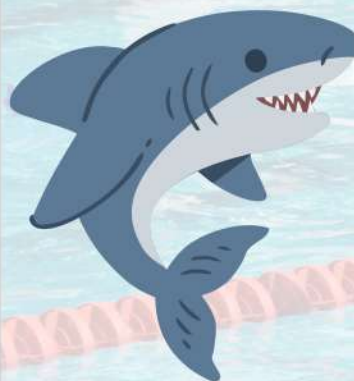


ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL

SAT OCT 25 | 10AM-1PM
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THE EDUCATION OF A LIFETIME

JOIN OUR CYO SWIM TEAM!



The St. William the Abbot Sharks will be holding online registration for new and current swimmers (ages 7+) from September 7th-October 25th.

All new swimmers must be able to swim a non-stop 25yd lap at practice.

Visit
stwilliamsharks.com
for more information!

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: "All Are Welcome" (#443)
Offertory Hymn: "Drawn to You" (#408)
Communion Hymn: "This is My Song" (#729)
Communion Meditation: "Lord I Need You"
Recessional Hymn: God Bless America

"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

Cereal
Applesauce
Pasta
Mashed Potato Pouches
Women's Razors

Fall 2025 Bereavement Registration

The loss of a loved one or friend can be an overwhelming and isolating experience. The St. William the Abbot Bereavement Ministry provides the opportunity for those that are grieving to ease their suffering. Sessions will begin in early October and are held at 11am on Wednesdays for seven weeks. If you or someone you know is grieving, please call the Social Ministry at 516-679-8532 for more information. Space is limited, register early!

Senior Veterans' Lunch September 12

There will be a Senior Veterans' Lunch on Friday, September 12th at the Bethpage Community Center. The guest presenter will be The Director of Education and Training from the Department of Human Services, Calle Panakos, on the topic of "Building Personal Resilience." RSVP is required by Friday, September 5th. This luncheon is provided by the Nassau County Office of the Aging. Doors open for this event at 11:30am. To RSVP, visit www.nassaucountyny.gov/aging-events or call 516-571-9910.

Thank You Back-to-School Donors!

So many parishioners have visited our office over the past month to donate school supplies to help the children of families in need. You have made such a big difference to those we serve! Your generous donations provided children with classroom essentials, as well as parents with gift cards to help with other school essentials such as sneakers and clothing. Our families were so grateful, and all credit goes to our generous donors. Thank you to everyone that donated!

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.

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.

Saint John Chrysostom

Saint John Chrysostom was known as "Golden Mouthed" because he was a great speaker. He talked to people about Jesus.



How many bees are in this picture?

Saint John Chrysostom said that bees are very important because they work hard to help others.

Bees live together in a family. Each bee works to help the whole family.

How do you help your family?



Year C: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Catholic Kids Bulletin

September 7, 2025
Ordinary Time
Color: Green



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BPREFUGEPWKZIEKO

In every age,
O Lord, you
have been our
refuge.

QPLORDPWKYUPHA

WHAPEBEENWOURPEKGOWJ



The candles in the church are made from beeswax. How many candles are in your church?

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Help me finish this comic about the Gospel. Listen to the Gospel to help you draw pictures.

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

This person began to build but did not have the resources to finish.

When a king is still far away, he will send a group of soldiers to ask for peace.



Crowds of people followed Jesus to hear His teachings. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus teaching them how to become His disciples. We can all be disciples by listening to Jesus' teachings.

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

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*Please pray for our Seminarians and all those
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stwilliam.org/sacraments

Register as a St. William the Abbot Parishioner
stwilliam.org/i-am-new

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Formed: The Catholic Faith. On Demand
formed.org

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

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