



# St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



April 19, 2026  
Third Sunday of Easter

## 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

"It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.  
Luke 24:34-35

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, April 19th

7:30am: Bobby West

9am: Peter Vadney

10:30am: Theresa Vetere

12n: People of St. William's

### Monday, April 20th

8:30am: Barbara & Joseph Hollahan, Paullette Sink, Philip Calabrese, Deacon John Heverin

### Tuesday, April 21st

8:30am: Louise Dawson, Eileen Rose, Charles Langevine, Howard Richard Orgera

### Wednesday, April 22nd

8:30am: Helen Wassmer, Maria Sofia Montero, Rebecca Murphy, Michael Dunphy

### Thursday, April 23rd

8:30am: Jimmy Frank & Carly Spadafora (liv)

### Friday, April 24th

8:30am: Michael Scanzano

### Saturday, April 25th

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: Nicole & Jeanine Tedeschi

## Pray for the Sick

Richard Fedyk - Rosemary Averill - Charlie Herbert - Frances Speidell - Thomas Stolfi - John Gemski  
Brendan Mannix - Cristina Papola - Dick Henrion - Elsis Torres - Maria Elena Torres

## Pray for the Deceased

Luigi Battista - Millie Mazzucco - William Mallon

### The Sanctuary Candle

has been donated in loving memory of  
Joanne Aiello  
from Peter & Maria Paguaga

### The Altar Candles

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Elizabeth Tomczyk  
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## *The Road to Emmaus – Walking Together with Jesus*

I love this Gospel! It may be one of the most relatable moments in the Scriptures - the journey to Emmaus. Two disciples - dear friends of the Lord - walk away from Jerusalem on that first Easter Sunday; their hearts heavy with grief, confusion, and disappointment. They had witnessed the suffering and death of Good Friday and now they carried the weight of shattered expectations. As they walked, they were joined by a stranger - Jesus Himself - yet they did not recognize Him; how human, how real this moment is. How often have we, too, been so overwhelmed by emotion - sadness, anger, fear, even shame - that we fail to see that the Lord is right there beside us?



Each of us can find ourselves in those two disciples - moments in life when we feel lost, distracted, or burdened, and yet, in those very moments, God is present. Sometimes He comes to us through a friend, a family member, or even a stranger - someone who listens, who speaks a word we need to hear, or who simply walks with us. And slowly, something begins to shift within us - our hearts become calmer, our minds clearer, and a sense of peace begins to settle in. We may not recognize it right away, but it is often the quiet presence of Christ drawing near.

In the Gospel we hear that as Jesus spoke to them and opened the Scriptures, their hearts were on fire. What a powerful image! The Word of God has the ability to pierce through our confusion and speak directly to the depths of our souls. Jesus helped them to understand that the Messiah had to suffer - that even in pain and difficulty, God's plan was unfolding, and this is true for us as well. When we take time to listen, to truly listen, His Word, has the power to guide us, challenge us, and to bring us clarity amidst the many voices competing for our attention.

We live in a world filled with noise - constant distractions, competing messages, and pressures that can easily pull us away from what truly matters. As a community of faith, we are called to listen to a different voice - the voice of the Good Shepherd. There are many influences in our world that seek to divide, discourage, and distract us, like a wolf prowling at the edge of the flock. But Jesus does not offer us just another option among many, He shows us "The Way." His voice is steady, faithful, and life-giving. When we learn to recognize and follow that voice, we are led not into confusion, but into the peace and safety of His presence.

I shared with you last week how deeply moved I was watching the Artemis II mission. There was something beautiful about seeing so many people united in purpose - scientists, engineers, and dreamers - working together, looking upward with hope. For a moment, we were reminded of what is possible when we lift our gaze and work together toward something greater than ourselves. Our life of faith is not so different. It is built on small, daily steps - prayer, kindness, trust in God, and, over time, those tiny steps become something extraordinary. Like those disciples on the road, what seemed like a simple walk became a profound transformation of heart and understanding that nourishes and fulfills us.

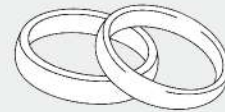
And it is at the table that everything becomes clear. In the breaking of the bread, their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. The Eucharist remains that sacred place for us today as well. It is here that we encounter the Risen Lord, truly present, offering Himself to us in love. My friends, let us pray for the grace to be more attentive - to recognize the Lord walking with us in our daily lives, in our families, in the quiet and ordinary moments. The Lord has truly been raised, and He is present among us still, especially in the breaking of the bread. May our hearts, too, burn within us as we come to know Him more deeply and our eyes be opened in faith at the altar, at the Eucharistic table, and the breaking of the bread!

*F. J. Joe*

## Banns of Marriage

### Banns I

Alyssa Seminario; St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage & Robert Moulder; St. William the Abbot



### Banns III

Gabriella Deliguori; St. William the Abbot & Dylan McCutchen; Holy Trinity, Whitestone  
Carly Spadafora; St. Dominic, Oyster Bay & James Frank; St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh

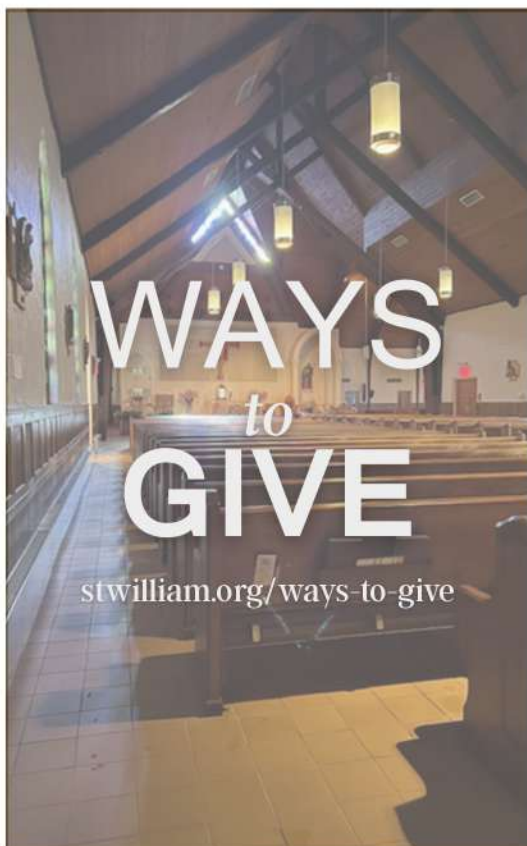
## Pray for Those in the Military

Lt. Ian Bayer (USN) - Lt. Rebecca Bayer (USN) - Lt. Ryan Bayer (USN) - Sgt. Craig Bianco (USA) - 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 (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)

## 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 12n Mass next Sunday, April 26th.

This communal blessing takes place on the last Sunday of every month following the 12n Mass.



### IN-PERSON

Make a donation to our weekly collection at Mass. If you would like to receive offertory envelopes, please email us at [information@stwilliam.org](mailto:information@stwilliam.org)



### AUTOMATED GIVING

Set-up a monthly gift through your checking account or credit card.



### PLANNED GIVING

Arrange a gift of cash, stocks, real estate, life insurance, or other assets that will take effect during your lifetime or after your death



### MEMORIALIZE OR HONOR LOVED ONES

Work with our staff to create a donation, scholarship, or dedicated items to enhance our community



### ONLINE DONATIONS

Make a one-time donation or set-up recurring donations online using your bank account, ApplePay, GooglePay, or CashApp



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# BEHOLD

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*Behold, this is the season of First Holy Communion, a great reminder for all of us of the childlike faith and understanding of Jesus's presence in the Holy Eucharist as we hear the early indications of the Mass in the Scriptures this week*



**"He was recognized in the breaking of the bread"**  
Luke 24:35

**"He fed the 5000"**  
John 6:22

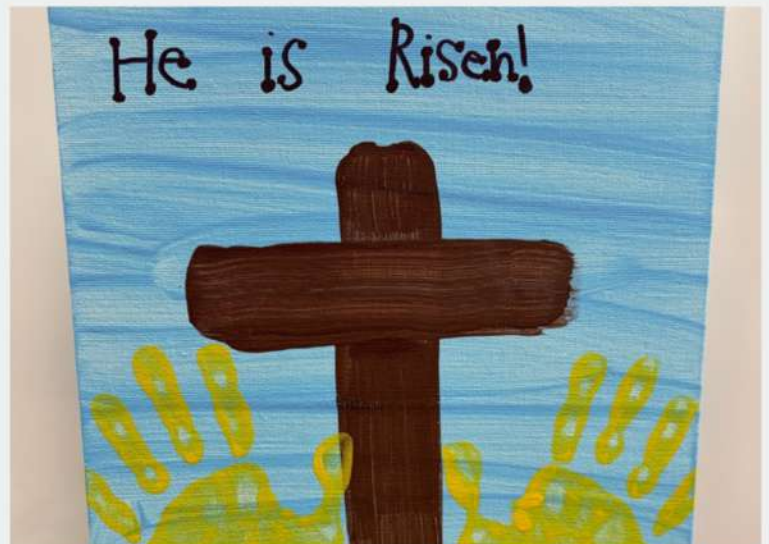
**"I am the bread of life, whoever comes to me will never Hunger"**  
John 6:35

**"The bread I gave is my flesh for the life of the world"**  
John 6:51

**"Whoever eats this bread will live forever"**  
John 6:55

*Let us pray for a greater reverence in respect for the Eucharist, and to be able to reverently receive this weekend and always*

Mrs. Spitz's Kindergarteners created a beautiful Easter keepsake using their very own handprints to remind us of the true meaning of the Easter season! He is Risen! Alleluia!



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



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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: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" (#193)

Offertory Hymn: "We Remember" (#486)

Communion Hymn: "In the Breaking" (#353)

Communion Meditation: "At the Cross"

Recessional Hymn: "Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise" (#176)

*Thank you to our Adult Choir for a beautiful season! We will reconvene 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 - Pancake Syrup - Pasta Sauce - Egg Noodles

### ***Help Our Neighbors***

Our Holy Redeemer in Freeport desperately needs diapers in sizes 4, 5, and 6. If you would to donate, please drop off to the Social Ministry office.

### ***Thank You Memorare Columbiettes!***

We would like to thank the Memorare Knights of Columbus Women's Auxiliary, the Columbiettes, for their recent food drive to benefit the Social Ministry of St. William the Abbot. The Columbiettes collected food for the pantry which will be used to support families within our community. Their generous donations will go a long way to help our neighbors in need. Thank you, Columbiettes, for your ongoing generosity and support!



### ***Memory Care Events in April***

The Nassau County Office for the Aging will hold weekly memory care events in April for adults with dementia and their caregivers. These "Drum Circle" events will be on Tuesday April 21 and Wednesday April 29 at Wantagh Park at 2:30pm, and are one-hour interactive sessions. The Drum Circle allows participants to experience the power and connection of drumming in a group setting which can build community, reduce stress, and improve social engagement. All instruments are provided, and no musical experience is necessary. Reservations are required for each session, please call 516-227-8900 to reserve your spot!

### ***Stroke Awareness Session Wednesday***

The Comprehensive Stroke Center of NYU Langone Health will be offering an information session on Stroke Awareness this Wednesday April 22 at 11am at the Westbury Senior Center. The session will cover recognition of stroke symptoms, plans of action, treatments, risk factors and preventions. Reservations are required, call 516-334-5886 to register.

### ***Digital Literacy Lunch and Learn - May 1***

On Friday May 1 at 11am there will be a Senior Lunch and Learn on smartphone and laptop digital literacy at the Bethpage Senior Community Center. Presented by the Nassau County Department of Human Service, this session is designed to build confidence and independence with technology by offering instruction on using smartphones, video calling and social media. You can learn to access virtual appointments, services and support by practicing the use of Zoom, Webex, Microsoft Teams and messaging apps. Please call 516-571-9910 to register.



# Saint George

Saint George was a brave soldier in the Roman army. The Emperor, Diocletian, hated Christians! Saint George stood up to him and told Diocletian that he was wrong. He is the patron saint of the military.



Saint George was brave enough to stand up to an evil ruler, so he is usually drawn fighting a dragon. Add a dragon to this picture.

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# Catholic Kids Bulletin

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Lord, you will show us the path of life.



Find the Tabernacle at your church. Before you enter and exit the pew, remember to genuflect toward the Tabernacle.

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# Gospel

After Jesus rose from the dead, He visited his disciples. They didn't recognize Him until He sat down to eat with them!

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