

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

First Sunday of Lent March 6, 2022

PARISH INFORMATION

RECTORY

Office: 516.785.1266
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Seaford, NY 11783
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RECTORY HOURS

Monday - Friday
9 AM - 5 PM
Saturday
9 AM - 3 PM
Sunday
9 AM - 1 PM

MASS TIMES

The presider schedule can be found on the parish website stwilliam.org

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
8:30 AM

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday
8:30 AM & 5 PM
Sunday
7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM, & 12 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 6, 2022

Loretta Power
Baby David George Skennion
Pasquale Serenita
Mary J. O'Neill

Monday, March 7, 2022

Christopher McTigue

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Collective Intentions
Martha Thompson (liv)
James J. Sullivan
Sylvia Bobe Tarantino
Michael Maher

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Richard Ford

Thursday, March 10, 2022

Collective Intentions
Toni Sulzbach
Virginia Crosby
Salvatore Iocovelli
John Campanero

Friday, March 11, 2022

James Sullivan

Saturday, March 12, 2022

Purgatorial Society
Karen Kirk



Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. Luke 4:1-2

Baptism

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

Daniel Tolentino

Edwin Tolentino

Pray for the Deceased

Mauro A. DeCillis, Sr.
Robert Conroy
Joan Cabble
Helene E. Redell
Gail Ann Ament

Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of
John Facarile
from Grace Facarile and Family

Altar Candles

The Altar Candles used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of
Patricia McArdle
from Our Lady of Mercy Academy

Pray for the Sick

Richard Rende
Adrienne Harker
Ann Marie Canale
Richard Ament

“There Is a Season and Appointed Time for Everything”

Lent 2022 - how is God moving in your heart and life, at this season of your life? Just the term LENT brings back images and memories from my youth. Whether it be “no-meat” on Friday, and the countless dinners of egg salad, tuna fish, and pizza! The Catholic Relief Service (CRS) cardboard rice bowls where I would put loose change from left over lunch money because I didn’t get the bag of Funyuns, or Fritos, or cupcakes! Or some of the fond memories of our family extending dinner with conversation about the day, and Mom would read something from the “black devotional book,” or even the Bible! Well, we are in a new season in 2022, on the verge of the end of a global pandemic, in the midst of a war in Europe between Ukraine and Russia, and we live in a culture and society that has made extra-curricular activities a ‘god’, and God just one more activity to check off on the bottom of the list.

We are now entering into the first full week of Lent 2022 - what is different for you this year? Perhaps you added a few items to your spiritual journey to enhance this Lenten season - spiritual reading, quiet time, a daily Mass, or quick prayer visit to the church during the week. Or maybe it is stripping away some of those excesses that distract us from hearing God’s voice more clearly - a little less screen time, skipping a meal during the week, or cutting out sweets, second helpings, or that ‘adult beverage’ that you enjoy so much. All these sacrifices and pious practices assist us in taking the focus off ourselves and putting the focus back on God. We only need to look at the great spiritual masters of our Church who encourage us to make some of these adjustments not so much to pat ourselves on the back for going 40 days by adding or subtracting something to a spiritual journey, but to allow for a greater connection and deeper relationship with God.

I have had some of the funniest conversations with people who in so many ways are “all in” for Lent 2022 but are looking for technicalities on how to stretch or bend the rules. “Father, technically I am too young, or too old for fasting according to the recommendations of the church!” Other great ones are, “How many Solemnities are there during this Lent 2022?” “Can I get a special dispensation for my cultural heritage?” “I’m attending a wedding on a Friday.” The meatballs, corned beef, or prime rib being served at that place are so good!” And of course, there is the great debate depending on the family tradition of whether or not to honor Sundays as a Feast Day (day of exemption from fasts) - this family does, that family doesn’t. “Father, who is more Holy? And who is right?”

Ok, remember - let’s take the focus off ‘us,’ and put it back on Christ. Remember Jesus entered the desert to prepare for the battle and encounter against the devil and sin. What and where are the areas we need to invite the Lord? This is the season and appointed time to make space for that. For you and your family, will it be something here at the parish – Stations of the Cross, Confession, Saturday morning Mass, the Lenten Mission, or simply quiet time and lighting a candle in the physical church? Or will it be at home – praying the rosary, reading from the Black Book each night/week, eating as a family on meatless Friday nights? There are countless ways to increase or remove things this Lenten season that can allow for a greater connection to the Lord. Jesus enters the desert to take on Satan, relies even more on the Heavenly Father – and overcomes the temptations. It is no different for you and me – the more we rely on God, the more we realize He is with us – guiding, protecting, and loving us.

My hope is that Lent 2022 will be a time of encouragement and hope, as well as a time for spiritual growth. God desires for you and me to take a step closer to Him, regardless of where we have been in the recent or long-time past. Lent allows us to begin anew – and even if we struggle and stumble with our Lenten devotions, prayer, and fasting, the Lord does not want us to dwell or stay in a place of disappointment or shame – those are spirits of the Evil One. Like Jesus who fell on the way to Calvary – we entrust ourselves even more to the Father – and the help of others; we dust ourselves off, rise up and continue the journey. Stay the course – trust more in God, and we will all see the miracles He is trying to work in us. Have a Great Lent!

Thank you for your presence and generosity.

Peace,



Rectory News

Wedding Banns II

Juliann-Kate Toohey
St. William the Abbot
&
Patrick Sheehan
St. Mark's, Pittsfield, MA



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held outdoors in the Church parking lot on Friday, March 11th beginning at 7:00 PM and will be led by Fr. Joseph Fitzgerald.



LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

Join us online to view our live-streamed masses on the parish website stwilliam.org.

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 12:00 PM

Lenten Book

The Little Black Books containing prayers and reflections for Lent are available at the doors of the church. We ask that each family take only one copy.



LENT

Private Prayer

The Church will be open for private prayer Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM. If there is something taking place in the church such as a funeral, wedding, class, parent meetings, RCIA, etc., parishioners should understand that they should not remain in church during these activities.

Memorializing

The Rectory is issuing Mass Cards, enrollment in the Purgatorial Society, Memorializing the Wine and Hosts, Altar Candles, Sanctuary Candle and Altar Flowers. Please call the Rectory for more information - 516-785-1266.

Light a Prayer Candle

Lighting candles has long been a sacred ritual in all traditions, creating precious moments in our own and other people's lives where we pray for loved ones, friends, and ask for or give support.



Low Gluten Hosts Available at Mass

For those who must avoid gluten in their diet, the parish has low-gluten hosts available for Holy Communion. If you wish to receive such a host, please arrive prior to Mass and inform the priest and he will place your host in a pyx.

Pillar of Formation

During this Lenten season, try to grow stronger in your faith. Attend daily Mass, go to confession, pray before Jesus in the Eucharist. Aim to come out of this Lenten season with a deeper faith in Jesus Christ.

Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration

Reconciliation will be held in the Church Monday through Saturday from 7:15 AM - 8:15 AM and on Saturday from 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the Church from 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM every day, Monday through Saturday.

St. William the Abbot 95th Anniversary

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In honor of the 95th Anniversary, please join us in participating in a historical journey in time. Please send in your photos of Sacramental moments in the church or on the church grounds.

Please email your photos to priests@stwilliam.org



Pray for those in the Military

USMC -

Lt. Kevin J. Butler
First Lt. Dana Duggan
L.Cpl. John Mosier

US Air Force -

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

US Coast Guard -

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

US Army -

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

US Navy -

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

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

ST WILLIAM THE ABBOT PARISH

95 Years of Faith, Family, and Community



2022 LENTEN PARISH MISSION

"HOME GROWN"

MONDAY, MARCH 14TH

7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH

GEORGE & GINNY RITTER

"God's Steadfast Love and Faithfulness"



George Ritter has been a member of St. William the Abbot Parish for his entire life and is a graduate of St. William the Abbot School. Ginny was welcomed into the SWA/SWS family in 1994 when they were married, and sent their children: Jack (25), Rosemary (25) and George (23) to St. William the Abbot School.

A family transformed by the parish, school, and close knit community which was evident as their St. William the Abbot family has rallied around them numerous times, especially when their son, George, was seriously injured in a workplace accident in November of 2020.



LENT 2022

SACRIFICE + PRAYER + ALMSGIVING

HOW IS GOD CALLING YOU TO TRANSFORMATION?

LENTEN MISSION:

SWA 95 YEARS OF FAITH

"HOME GROWN"

Monday Nights

3/14 + 3/21 + 3/28

CONFESSION

Monday through Saturday

7:15 - 8:15 AM

Saturday

3:45 - 4:45 PM



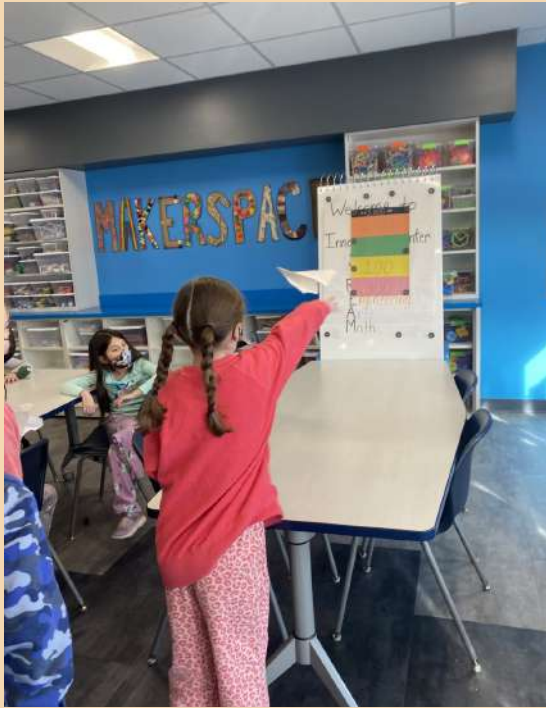
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Friday Nights



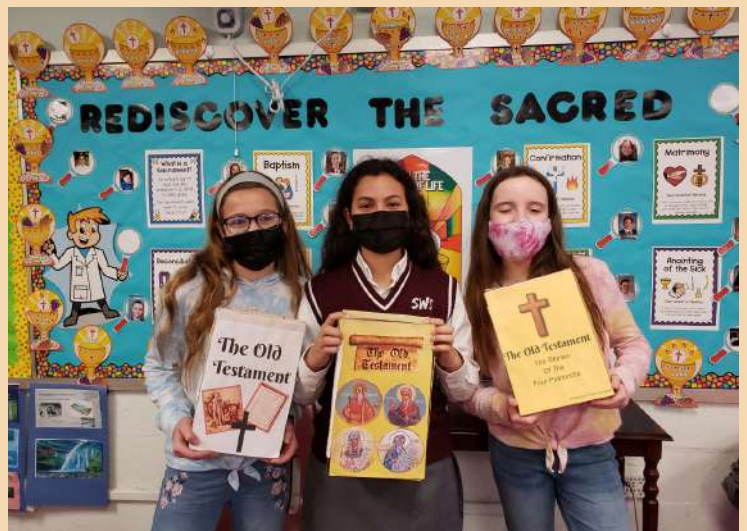
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Class 3-1



February was a busy month for the third graders in Ms. Mortensen's class! One of their favorite activities took place in STREAM class. In honor of the 2022 Winter Olympics, the students competed in different activities that represented the different Olympic sports. In these pictures, the students are competing for the gold, silver, and bronze medal in a STREAM version of Curling!

Grade 6-2 Religion



Students in Mrs. Frank's religion class created Old Testament books telling the stories of the four patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. Each story reminded them of the importance of remaining faithful to God and trusting Him always.

Parish Social Ministry

Support Groups for Children

There are support groups available to help children that are grieving the loss of a parent due to death, divorce/separation, deployment, and other traumas. 'Rainbows for all God's Children' is a peer support program to help children sort through and understand their grief, while building relationships with other children that are having the same experiences. Spring sessions begin March 23rd. For registration information call our office at 679-8532.

Easter Baskets for Parish Families in Need

Looking for a family project of giving this Lenten season? Consider preparing a simple Easter basket for one of the families supported by our Outreach office. A family basket might include some pantry staples such as coffee/tea, pancake mix, syrup, brownie mix, mac n cheese or fruit cups...and an Easter candy treat! Alternatively, you could do a small gift bag or basket for a child containing a chocolate bunny and a coloring book/crayons. Want to keep it simple? You could donate a grocery store gift card to help a family with their purchase of food for Easter dinner and beyond. For any questions or to discuss your Easter giving ideas, please feel free to call our office at 679-8532.

Behavioral Health Helpline



The Nassau County Department of Human Services is offering help for

those struggling with mental health or substance use issues. This includes but is not limited to stress, anxiety, depression, loneliness, or drugs and alcohol. Qualified professionals are available at 516-227-TALK, and the Nassau Mobil Crisis Team is available for on-site intervention and evaluation by clinical experts. Assessment and referrals to appropriate resources will be provided.

Pantry Needs

Apple Juice
Flour
Applesauce

Laundry Detergent
Special K Cereal
Frosted Flakes Cereal



Ukraine Conflict Emergency Relief

As the first signs of crisis emerge in Ukraine, Catholic Relief Services is helping Caritas to respond to humanitarian needs across the country. Inspired by Gospel values and Catholic Social Teachings, Caritas Internationalis is a confederation of 162 Catholic relief organizations that responds to disasters, promotes human development, and advocates on the causes of poverty and conflict. Right now, Catholic Relief Services and Caritas are responding to urgent needs in Ukraine including evacuation, food, and safe shelter. If you would like to help with these efforts, please visit www.support.crs.org/ukraine or call 1-877-HELP-CRS.

Remembering the Homebound during Lent

Positive acts of kindness are a great way to spread the joy of God's love this Lenten season. As such, we will be accepting Easter themed cards (handmade or store bought) for the homebound during Lent. A positive message of caring and support helps our homebound parishioners to know that they are cared for, and not forgotten! Include your favorite prayer or simple wishes for our homebound neighbor to have a blessed Easter season. Cards in unsealed envelopes (signed with first name only) should be delivered to the Social Ministry office no later than April 10th to allow time for mailing.

Behind on Gas/Electric Bills?

If you qualified for HEAP and are struggling with an overdue electric or gas bill, you may be eligible for the Regular Arrears Supplement. This is a one-time benefit available to help with past due utility bills that are in active collections or facing termination of service. Benefits can be as high as \$10k per family! Apply by phone at 800-342-3009 or in-person at the Social Services office.



This Lenten season the '40 Days for Life' organization will be hosting peaceful prayer vigils at the Massapequa Planned Parenthood during their regular business hours. There will be a kickoff event on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, from 10:30 AM-11:30 AM to pray the rosary at Planned Parenthood when it opens at 11:00 AM. The goal is to have individuals praying at the location from March 2nd until April 9th during regular business hours. For more information or to sign up for vigil hours call Paul Arena at 516-848-1562 or go to www.40daysforlife.com/massapequa

Year End Tax Statements

Please note that year-end statements for your taxes will not be automatically mailed out. They may be obtained upon request from the Rectory. Please call 516-785-1266 or email information@stwilliam.org

Help Keep the Church Clean

We ask that those visiting the Church do not leave flowers, religious cards, holiday cards, bibles, or religious artifacts in the church, near the religious statues, or on the Sanctuary.

It is acceptable to discard these items or bury them.

Please do not leave any food donations in the Church.

Dorothy Meinke's 102nd Birthday!



Congratulations on this incredible milestone of your life! May God continue to bless you!
Happy 102nd Birthday!



St. Peregrine Prayer Hour

On Monday afternoon, March 7th, the St. Peregrine Prayer Hour will be held 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 invited to come and pray.



DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Lent is a journey from the desert of death to the springs of new life. We follow Jesus into the wilderness of the desert to renew our baptismal covenant with the Father. During this sacred time, we die to sin, and washed clean from our self-centeredness and attachment to the world, rise to divine grace and love. As we enter this privileged season, let us reflect once more on the three means we employ during this forty-day journey of penance and conversion: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Prayer. Prayer is most simply a conversation with God, and St. Paul reminds us that this conversation must be continual. The Apostle to the Gentiles enjoins us to “pray at all times” (Eph 6:18), “pray without ceasing” (1 Thess 5:17), and “be constant in prayer” (Rom 12:12). To pray this way requires effort. It demands silence, artful listening, and remaining in the presence of God. This Lent we remember two powerful ways we enter into this holy conversation: by sitting in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and through *lectio divina*, a prayerful reading of Sacred Scripture.

Fasting. The Church Fathers speak extensively on the power of fasting to break sin and open our hearts to the grace of God. Saint Peter Chrysologus writes: “Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God’s ear to yourself” (*Sermo* 43: PL 52, 320, 322). Let us remember, too, that bodily fasting is useless unless it is joined with spiritual fasting, that is, fasting from our passions.

Almsgiving. Scripture brings the three marks of our Lenten journey together and puts the emphasis on the last: “Prayer and fasting are good, but better than either is almsgiving accompanied by righteousness ... It is better to give alms than to store up gold; for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin. Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life” (Tob 12:8-9). Almsgiving is better because it points to charity. We remember we are not only to give materially to those in need but also give of ourselves as we love God and neighbor.

Last October, Pope Francis invited the Church into a synod on synodality. The Holy Father wants the Church to journey together in a multi-year process listening to each other, hearing the Word and celebrating the Eucharist. As we journey towards Easter, let us be united in mind and spirit. May the spiritual exercises of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving prepare us for Easter and an experience of the power of God, which “dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty” (*The Easter Proclamation - Exsultet*). Then, alive in Christ, we can go forward evangelizing, as Pope Francis would want, with *parrhesia*: “Boldness, enthusiasm, the freedom to speak out, [and] apostolic fervor” (*Gaudete et Exsultate* 129).

May the loving presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who remained faithful to her son at the foot of the cross, protect and sustain us in our Lenten journey.

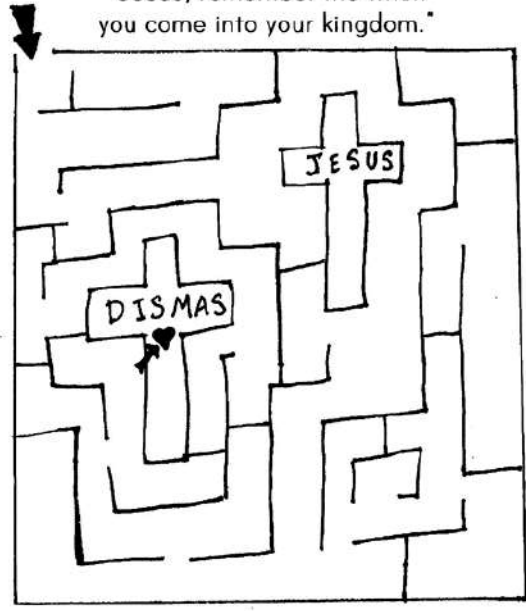
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Saint Dismas

Saint Dismas was crucified on the cross next to Jesus. Saint Dismas was a criminal, but he asked for forgiveness before he died.

Saint Dismas said,
"Jesus, remember me when
you come into your kingdom."



Year C: First Sunday of Lent

Catholic Kids Bulletin
March 6, 2022
Lent
Color: Purple

WPOIBEPWITHPMEPWKAOSK

WAPTROUBLEWKEOA

Be with me,
Lord, when I
am in
trouble.

BOPWLODPWHENP

BOIPOAMOWINOTHEOURKBJOIW



Do you remember that the priest wore purple during Advent? That was when we were waiting for Jesus to be born at Christmas. The priest is wearing purple again while we wait for Jesus to come at Easter.

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Gospel



Jesus lived in the desert for 40 days! The devil tried to tempt him to turn the rocks into bread when he was hungry. Jesus got help from the angels and knew that He could wait. He didn't listen to the devil.

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Associate Pastor

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CONTACT THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Instagram: Follow us:
[@stwilliamabbot](https://www.instagram.com/stwilliamabbot)

YouTube: Find us at:
[YouTube.com — St. William the Abbot Church](https://www.youtube.com/StWilliamtheAbbotChurch)

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If you are not currently on our email list and would like to receive email updates on parish news and the bulletin, in your inbox please register on the parish website stwilliam.org.



Emergency Line



If there is an emergency in which you need to contact a priest immediately, please call the Priest Emergency telephone - 516-312-7361.