



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church

Weekly Schedule

Daily Mass

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12n

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday - Saturday: 7:15-8:20am

Saturday: 3:45 - 4:50pm

Adoration

Monday - Saturday: 7:15- 8:20am

First Friday of the Month: 9am - 5pm

Private Prayer

Monday - Friday: 7:15am - 6pm

Live-Streamed Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:30am

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 12n

Pray for the Sick

Richard Ament

Sal Lupo

Richard Fedyk

Jerry Milbach

Keith Gorton

John O'Hara

Kathleen Guele

Lucas Argiro

The Wine and Hosts Used at Mass this Week
Have Been Donated in Loving Memory of
Ann & Bill Zorn
from Ann O'Brien

The Altar Flowers Used at Mass this Week
Have Been Donated in Loving Memory of
Genevieve Rita Brennan
from Melanie & Pete Hudes



Happy Easter – We Are Witnesses to an Event!!!

The Gospel today reveals all of this “running” back and forth, it’s exhausting just to listen to it! But why? Why is there so much erratic rushing and movement between the tomb and the upper room? We were told that when Mary Magdalene saw the empty tomb, she ran to tell the others. She was filled with so many emotions, sadness, uncertainty, anxiety, fear, but also just a tinge of hope. Mary was always an attentive and observant disciple. She would have remembered what Jesus promised - that he would return. The Gospel account speaks to that experience, and the importance of telling others about a real historical event shared and described by many authoritative witnesses, then and now. What is our experience with this knowledge and truth?

Easter 2024 has become a very different experience for me than any other time in my 52 years on this earth. Although I experienced loss and death in my own personal journey, and especially here in our St. William the Abbot family over the years, the loss of my dad on December 28th changed everything. My father instilled a faith in Jesus Christ and our Catholic Church upon my family and I from the very beginning. At times people ask me if I have witnessed any “signs” since my father died. His life was a sign and message. He struggled, suffered, and was fearful at times, but throughout his four year illness and two years in hospice, he always faced his journey with great strength, dignity, and hope of what was to come - eternity with God and his loved ones. Watching my dad entrust more and more to the Heavenly Father strengthened my own faith that our Catholic story does not end when we draw our last breath on this earth.

What is interesting is that even in these days of advanced technology and communications, our Christian faith is based on that same Good News. The accounts of the Gospels remind us that the stone had been rolled away and the tomb was empty. The Crucified One had been raised from the dead, and although there were a few mysterious encounters with angels and messengers in the Gospel report, it was when the early apostles and disciples encountered the Risen Lord and then told others. They are the eyewitnesses and story tellers.

Pope Benedict XVI once wrote: “that the Resurrection of Christ is not the fruit of speculation or mystical experience: it is an event which, while it surpasses history, nevertheless happens at a precise moment in history and leaves an indelible mark upon it.” 2000 years ago, on the first day of the week, in the early morning real people met the real Jesus – who just a few days before they watched suffer and die. It was not a magic trick, or a hoax, or a conspiracy. People do not suffer torture and violently die in the Roman Coliseum for a hoax. “The light which dazzled the guards keeping watch over Jesus’ tomb has traversed time and space. It is a different kind of light, a divine light, that has rent asunder the darkness of death and has brought to the world the splendor of God, the splendor of Truth and Goodness.” Jesus wins, death and sin are conquered, and the Heavenly Father has the final word – “and those who live and believe in the Son will never die” for He is the Resurrection and the Life!

On this Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024, we continue to proclaim and witness this powerful truth, an event that changed history - Jesus was raised from the dead. We entrust our loved ones into the hands of the Heavenly Father, and that is how we are able to embrace the Paschal Mystery and the Easter Message of joy, hope, and gratitude. On behalf of Fr. John, Fr. Michael, Deacon Mike, Deacon Tony, Deacon John, and our Seminarians, Deacon Joe Lettieri and Herley Mendez, as well as our dedicated staff, ministry leaders, and volunteers, I wanted to wish you a Blessed and Happy Easter. It is such a privilege and honor “to do” life and faith with you – you have brought me hope, and consolation, and joy. Thank you for your calls, letters of prayer and support, emails of recommendations and suggestions, and well wishes as I have journeyed through sadness and grief at my dad’s passing. I am always reminded, we, as a St. William the Abbot family are a people of faith, hope, and love in the victory of Jesus Christ. “We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!”

Thank you for your presence and generosity.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Joe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

"And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power"

1 Corinthians 6:14



WISHING YOU A BLESSED EASTER

FROM

REV. JOSEPH H. FITZGERALD

REV. MICHAEL EDATHIL

REV. JOHN CROZIER

DCN. ANTHONY CEDRONE

DCN. JOHN LYNCH

DCN. MICHAEL METZDORFF

DCN. JOSEPH LETTIERI & SEM. HERLEY MENDEZ

AND THE ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT STAFF

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Are You A Registered Parishioner?

Registering as parishioners allows us to have an accurate count of our families, which in turn helps us to plan liturgies, have the appropriate clergy coverage, and helps us to determine what enrichment programs and events may be beneficial.

Parish registration is also needed should you be asked to serve as a godparent or Confirmation sponsor.

Moreover, it is a great way for you to plant your family's roots in our community!

To register, please use the link below, visit our website, or drop by the Rectory Office or Welcome Desk in the front vestibule.



BACK TO BASICS

Visit the parish Facebook and Instagram (@stwilliamabbot) every Tuesday and Thursday for our video series explaining elements of our faith and our church!

If you have a topic you'd like explained, email priests@stwilliam.org



St. Peregrine Prayer Hour



The St. Peregrine Prayer Hour will be held on Monday, April 1st 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.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Easter 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter to you and your families! Thank you for your love for the inspired Word of God. Thank you for your love for the Resurrection appearances of our Lord in this Easter season and the way your lives are set on fire in your meditation and contemplation of these mysteries.

Thank you for your fidelity to the Eucharist and the Sunday Mass and your Catholic spirit of evangelization. Thank you for being instruments of Eucharistic Revival.

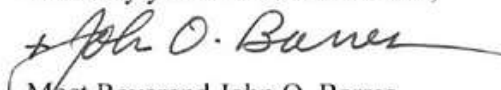
In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis states: "Christ's resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated the world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force...Each day in our world beauty is born anew, it rises transformed through the storms of history...Such is the power of the resurrection, and all who evangelize are instruments of that power." (276)

We continue to live through "the storms of history" and we rely on the Risen Lord and his glorified wounds to touch the wounds in Ukraine, the Middle East, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Armenia and Azerbaijan, the region of the Sahel, the Horn of Africa and Sudan, as well as Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan and so many other troubled areas of the world.¹ We ask the Risen Lord and his glorified wounds to touch the wounds experienced in our own country.

In *The Everlasting Man*, G.K. Chesterton captured the power of our Lord's Resurrection experienced in the cycles of history. He wrote: "Christendom has had a series of revolutions and in each one of them Christianity has died. Christianity has died many times and risen again; for it had a God who knew the way out of the grave."

This Easter and every Easter we celebrate this Everlasting Man who knew his way out of the grave and who invites us and the Catholic Church on Long Island to a great Resurrection.

Sincerely yours in the Risen Lord,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Diocese of Rockville Centre

¹ See Pope Francis' December 25, 2023 *Urbi et Orbi* Message.

APRIL 7TH

Divine Mercy Sunday

WITH THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL

ADORATION | MUSIC | CONFESSION - 3PM



Lenten Field Trip

This past week, parishioners enjoyed a Lenten Field Trip as we prepared to enter into Holy Week.

We were treated to a guided tour of The Cloisters, experienced prayer and reflection time, and in honor of our patron saint, William of Montevergine, enjoyed an Italian meal together.



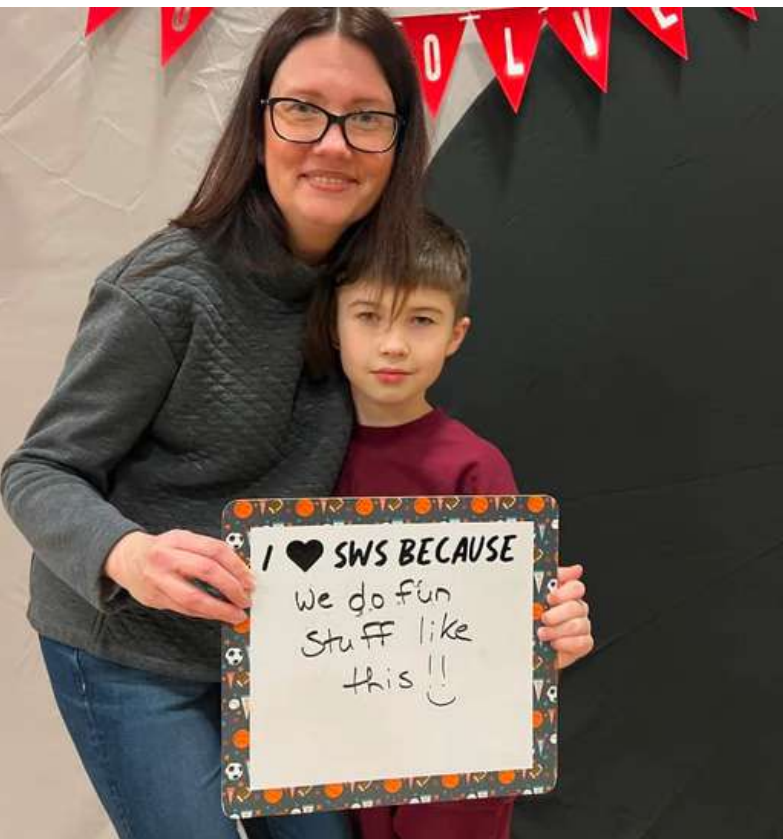
welcome

We welcome all those visiting us for the first time this Easter and welcome home those of you who have not been with us in a while!



St. William the Abbot School

Last month, SWS families enjoyed a fun community night where we learned about the miracle of St. William and the wolf, met our new mascot (Willie), created SWS spirit swag, and even stuffed our own wolves to take home!



SCHEDULE A TOUR OF OUR NURSERY - 8TH GRADE PROGRAMS TODAY (516-785-6784)

Easter Memorializations

PASCHAL CANDLE
IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH F. EANNEL

ALTAR OF REPOSE
IN MEMORY OF THOMAS KILEY & WILLIAM RAMSEY

AUDITORIUM ALTAR
IN MEMORY OF THOMAS KILEY & WILLIAM RAMSEY

ALTAR TREES & GREENERY
IN MEMORY OF THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KALEY & VARVARO FAMILY
IN MEMORY OF THOMAS KILEY & WILLIAM RAMSEY
IN MEMORY OF THOMAS HASKELL & TIMOTHY HASKELL
THE BARBER & FORLANI FAMILY

EASTER VIGIL CANDLES
IN MEMORY OF PASQUANTONIO, ANGELA, & FRANCO POMPONIO
IN MEMORY OF THOMAS, FRANCES, & TOMMY STANCO
IN MEMORY OF MARIO POMPONIO
IN MEMORY OF FR. VINCENT MURPHY, CSSP

HOLY THURSDAY PATHWAY TORCHES
IN MEMORY OF THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WALSH & HEERLEIN FAMILIES
IN MEMORY OF KATHERINE GIANESSES & WILLIAM SULLIVAN
IN MEMORY OF MR. & MRS. D. DILIBERTO AND MR. & MRS. H. CHRIST
IN MEMORY OF JOYCE JAFFE
IN MEMORY OF THOMAS HASKELL & TIMOTHY HASKELL

WINDOW ARRANGEMENTS
IN MEMORY OF ANNE MARIE & FRANK TROISE
IN MEMORY OF THOMAS HASKELL & TIMOTHY HASKELL
IN MEMORY OF BABY CHRISTIE MARIE KELLY AND COLLEEN & ED KELLY
IN MEMORY OF THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WALSH & HEERLEIN FAMILIES
IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM & STELLA POWER

LILY PLANTS
IN MEMORY OF THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WALSH & HEERLEIN FAMILIES
IN MEMORY OF ALICE & THOMAS SHIELDS, SR.
IN MEMORY OF TOM GATTRINGER
IN MEMORY OF CATHERINE & CHARLIE SCHMIDT
IN MEMORY OF LU & MIKE WALSH
IN MEMORY OF FRANCIS P. TURSI
IN MEMORY OF MARYJANE TODARO
IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM & STELLA POWER
IN MEMORY OF WALTER C. BRESLIN
IN MEMORY OF RAY & DOROTHY SOLVANG

HYDRANGEA PLANTS
IN MEMORY OF JOHN & MICHAEL SCHNEIDER
IN MEMORY OF THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE JANICKI & SORLEY FAMILY
IN HONOR OF MAUREEN SKIRA
IN MEMORY OF EDWARD & MARIE LORENZO
IN MEMORY OF JACK & ANNE KILKELLY
IN MEMORY OF GENE GOETTLICHER
IN MEMORY OF AUDREY & ARTHUR RENZ
IN MEMORY OF EDDIE SPEIDELL
IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH F. VOTTO
IN MEMORY OF THOMAS DOYLE
IN MEMORY OF JAY LEVEY

TULIP PLANTS
IN MEMORY OF EDWARD & MARIE LORENZO
IN MEMORY OF LOUIS, SUE, & BOB KANE
IN MEMORY OF JUDITH WIEMAN

IN MEMORY OF KAREN WIEMAN
IN MEMORY OF PAULINE KUTCHINS AND GEORGEANNA MORTELLARO

HYACINTH PLANTS
IN MEMORY OF MARION & PETER GOLDBACH
IN MEMORY OF ROSE & PETER FILECCIA
IN MEMORY OF SR. LAURETTE WIEMAN

IN MEMORY OF ELEANOR BONGIOVI
IN MEMORY OF JAY LEVEY

Parish Social Ministry

Pantry Needs

Apple Juice	Pasta
Canned Spinach	Cheerios
Canned Beets	Rice Krispies
Pasta	

Thank You Easter Donors!

Thank you to everyone who donated food and Easter candy this Lenten season! Because of your generous donations, we will be providing food to over 50 families this holiday and baskets for 35 children!

In addition, our Homebound Eucharistic Ministers and St. Vincent de Paul members were able to bring over 70 Easter gift bags to our homebound parishioners.

God bless you all for your generosity! Happy Easter!

Volunteer Spotlight: Homebound Support Ministry

We have a team of dedicated volunteers who meet regularly to prepare care packages and at-home activities for our homebound parishioners.

Recently, they spent an afternoon making Easter packages that included notes from our CYO teams, special Easter treats, prayer books, and word game sheets.

Their behind-the-scenes work is essential to us, and we're very grateful to them!

Our Catholic Community on Long Island

VOCATION ASSISTANCE *dinner*

CELEBRATING AND HONORING THE SEMINARIANS
OF THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

SUNDAY, MAY 5TH
3PM - 7PM
\$35 PP

INCLUDES DINNER, BEER, WINE, SODA, DESERT,
AND ENTERTAINMENT BY "DJ BOB"

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LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



Join Bishop Andrzej

For Scripture Reflection Series

on St. THOMAS the APOSTLE - Part I

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.



Bible Study Verse

APOSTLE THOMAS
Touching the Wounded Lord
Gospel of John 20. 19-31

Encountering the Risen One

Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM
link to each session.

Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your
name, parish, email address and phone number.

Send your email to:

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or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.



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Now that we have completed our Lenten and Holy Week journeys, be sure to take what you have learned and what you have practiced and make them a part of a holy life. Be at service to God and to others.

Please be mindful when parking to not block any of our neighbors' driveways and to park only in designated spots within our lots.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 31st

Alan Neubauer; *Collective Intentions:* People of St. William's - Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk Prayer Card Enrollment - Buzz Santini - Ryan Bailey - Lito Chirinos; Christopher Riccardelli; Valdez-LeGoff Families (liv)

Monday, April 1st

Collective Intentions: Vincent Forgione - Tina Russo - Kathy Missilli - Clara Calamari - Joan Zimmerman

Tuesday, April 2nd

Salvatore R. Rivelli

Wednesday, April 3rd

Keith Mastronardi

Thursday, April 4th

Michael Litras

Friday, April 5th

Emma Ustler

Saturday, April 6th

Purgatorial Society; Nicole Tedeschi

Banns of Marriage

Banns II

Kathleen Graziose & Frederick Hiller (both St. Pius X - Loudonville, NY)

Banns III

Amanda Grulke (All Saints - Alpena, MI) & Stephen Bellipario (SWA)
Lara Klein & Akash Jadonandan (both SWA)



We Welcome the Children Who Were Baptized This Past Weekend

Penelope Burke - Nicholas Carlucci - Parker Decker - Cameron Tamborrino

Pray for Those In the Military

Jr. Lt. Ian Bayer (USN) - Jr. Lt. Rebecca Bayer (USN) - Jr. Lt. Ryan Bayer (USN) - Sgt. Craig Bianco (USA) - Capt. Michael DiPietro (USA) - 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) - Lt. Col Logan Lee (USA) - Capt. Caitlin Lee (USA) - Major Eamon G. McArdle (USA) - Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers (USAF) - L.Cpl. John Mosier (USMC) - 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) - Major Thomas F. Shields (USAF) - Commander Michael S. Slatley (USN) - Daniel Timpanaro (USCG) - Major Christopher J. Ustler (USA) - Lt. Commander Katherine Ustler (USCG) - Michael Vietri (USN)



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

St. William the Abbot School



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Herley Mendez
SWA Parishioner

*Please pray for our Seminarians and all those
discerning the priesthood and religious life*

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formed.org

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