



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



February 11, 2024
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

A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

Mark 1:40-42

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024

Peter & Maria DiCarlo
John Stolfi
Katherine Sipperly
Donald Clark

Wednesday continued...

Lois Jean Castagna
Domenico D'Armi
People of St. William's

Monday, Feb. 12, 2024

Marie Carpenter

Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024

Thomas Martin

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024

Rosendo Marques

Friday, Feb. 16, 2024

Keith Mastronardi

Wed., Feb. 14, 2024

Ash Wednesday

Collective Intentions

George Stephen
Tom Miller
Marion Pulsonetti
Stephanie Persico
Carol Shannon

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024

Purgatorial Society
Collective Intentions
People of St. William's
Marie Cacciato
Kevin Rich
Ann Marrone
Joseph Grzesik

Pray for the Sick

Anna Clark
Richard Fedyk
Jill Rogers

Sal Lupo
Keith Gorton
Penny Duggan

Pray for the Deceased

Mary Horne
Diana Fabiitti
Joan Zimmerman

Anne L. Russell
Daniel K. Foy

Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of
Anthony Abbruzzese
from the Padre Pio Miracle Foundation

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers used at Mass this week have been donated in honor of the
Parishioners of St. William the Abbot

Lent 2024: Be Made Clean

Question: What do Taylor Swift, Patrick Mahomes, and Roman Numerals all have in common? Answer: After this week's Super Bowl Sunday game, we won't hear about or see them for a while! My sisters and brothers, on Wednesday we embark on the Holy season of Lent, a time for spiritual reflection and transformation. Once again Jesus beckons us to follow Him in this Lenten season which begins with ashes and ends with a cross. A reminder of our death, "we are dust and to dust we shall return," with the ashes, and the reality that we will experience struggle and suffering in this life, the passion of the cross.

The scriptures this Sunday remind us that we are never alone when we go to and walk with the Lord. The disease of leprosy was horrible, not only for its physical consequences, but also because the leper was disconnected and isolated from the community. Leprosy was extremely contagious, and when a person contracted it, they were considered spiritually and physically unclean. In our modern times, when we think of those in our life who have experienced sickness and disease, what a blessing when there is a network of support that can come around them and assist them with care, doctor's appointments, rides to treatment, and picking up prescriptions from the pharmacy. How difficult the experience is when there is a small support team, or no support at all. Those people are driven into a place of isolation and loneliness. The leper in the Gospel risked everything to meet Jesus the "Great Physician." And Jesus was moved to meet him right in the sickness and disease.

The Lord sees us also in our woundedness - and on a spiritual level, He desires to enter in and cure the leprosy of sin that dwells in us. But are we willing to go to Jesus? Do we have the courage to ask Him to make us clean? If we were to be fully honest with ourselves, some of our sins have isolated us from family, the community, the Church, and God. When we embrace sin or fail to act with Christian Charity, we are like a contagious leper passing on a disease that only has one cure – Jesus. Jesus is looking for us – He is coming for us, and the beauty of the Lenten Season is that it allows a time and space to reflect and remember. But we, like the leper in the Gospel must do our part, to make a conscious effort to make God a priority.

I often hear from many of our parish families that because of so many activities and distractions, God can be placed lower on the priority list. Let's think about the amount of time, effort, and energy that will be put into this Super Bowl weekend - parties, menus, pregame, postgame, halftime show, football betting pools, slow roasting the brisket in the green egg and BBQ pit. In all of that - we did not even mention the game or the teams who will actually be playing on Sunday. The strategies by the offensive and defensive coordinators, the Special Teams tactics, 2-minute offense, and overtime game plan (if necessary) in order to win the Big Game. Are our Souls not worth even a fraction of that time and energy?

The holiness strategy for us as Catholics is laid out in the Lenten Marks of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. I invite you to pray about and discern a Spiritual Plan that will help you prepare for Easter – and Be Made Clean. Here are a few possible suggestions.

SWA Prayer – Mass, perhaps add a daily morning Mass during the week, Saturday morning, or the Tuesday night guest priest celebrations. Adoration, Rosary, the Little Black Book, Confession, Stations of the Cross, St. Peregrine, Saturday Morning Men's Group or one of many the many Catholic digital apps online. Pray well!

SWA Fasting – During Lent we give things up to remind us to remove things in our lives that get in the way of our relationship with God. In 2024 what is really preventing us? Probably screens – too much political commentary, game shows, Amazon Prime and QVC, social media scrolling, another Netflix/Amazon/Apple TV series. Compare your daily time with God, and your last notification of screen time.

SWA Almsgiving – Most of us will either be hosting or a guest for a Super Bowl party and spread this weekend - look at the receipts for just tonight's celebration. For one meal, snacks, beverages, apps, dinner, dessert. Think about how much a thirty-second commercial costs (\$7 million). I encourage you to discern how you may make a few adjustments to assist the needy and poor in our parish, perhaps with generosity to Parish Outreach, or your weekly/monthly offering, or the Catholic Ministries Appeal, or St. Vincent de Paul. How is God prompting you?

Jesus is inviting us – Be Made Clean, whether you are moved to do one or all these suggestions, it is important to pause, take your time, and to discern God's voice and direction. That is the beauty of Lent – we strip away the extra to hit the core of restoration and renewal. The healing of the leper restored his body to physical strength, but also restored him to the community. No more isolation, no more alone. If you allow Him, Jesus will reach out, and touch, and heal you too!

Thank you for your presence and generosity,



Baptisms

Please welcome the following children who were baptized this past weekend:

Sienna Bizzaro
James Cikos
Gabriella Grappone
Emma Mulford
Amelia McNulty

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.

Second Collection

Next weekend, February 17/18, there will be a second collection to offset heating costs which we have incurred and continue to incur this winter.

Pillar of Prayer

Is there something in your life that is causing you stress or discomfort? Come to Jesus in prayer (especially before the Blessed Sacrament) and bring your troubles to Him.

Pray for Those in the Military

US Air Force -

Capt. Matthew B. Frasse
Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers
Airman Carlos Rosado
Major Thomas F. Shields

US Army -

Capt. Caitlin M. Lee
CW2 Brian Kirby
Major Eamon G. McArdle
Spc. Brian Reip
Sgt. Donald Rogers
Lt. Col. Christopher James Ustler

USMC -

First Lt. Dana Duggan
L.Cpl. John Mosier

US Navy -

Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald
Jr. Lt. Ryan Bayer
Jr. Lt. Rebecca Bayer
Jr. Lt. Ian Bayer
STSC (SS) Thomas Kerley
Lt. Michael O'Hara
MMN2 Emily Partridge
Commander Michael Sean Slatley
Lt. Michael Napolitano
Michael Vietri

US Coast Guard -

LT Commander James Knudsen
Daniel Timpanaro
Commander Katherine Ustler-Lodispoto

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

CYO Basketball - 3rd Grade Clinic

St. William's CYO will be holding a Basketball Clinic for girls and boys in the 3rd Grade. The clinic will take place in the St William's Gym for six sessions in February and March. Participants will receive instructions on the basic skills used in basketball. The registration fee for this clinic is \$40.

Registration for the 3rd Grade Basketball Clinic will take place from Sunday, February 11 through Sunday, February 18. Participants should register online at:

stwilliamcyo.sportngin.com.

Project Rachel

Project Rachel is a network of specially trained, compassionate caregivers, who are prepared to assist those who suffer from abortion loss.

If you or someone you know is struggling with involvement in an abortion, the Church offers confidential, compassion help through Project Rachel Ministry.

Please call the confidential phoneline - 1-516-766-2538, or email projectrachel@drvc.org to begin healing after abortion loss.



MARDI GRAS PANCAKE LUNCH



**TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 13TH
12N IN THE ABBEY**



\$20 PER PERSON
STWILLIAM.ORG/MARDIGRAS24



Sign-Up Online or Return the Below to the Rectory by Monday 2/12

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

of People Attending: _____

Please make checks payable to St. William the Abbot



**Ash Distribution:
7am, 9am, 7pm**

**Ash Distribution:
10am - 5pm**

**DID YOU KNOW THE ASH FOR ASH WEDNESDAY IS MADE BY
BURNING PALMS FROM LAST PALM SUNDAY?**

**PALMS CAN BE LEFT IN THE BASKETS AT THE CHURCH
ENTRANCES BY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH.**

— LENT AT ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT —

Reflect & Renew



Stations of the Cross

EVERY FRIDAY
FEB 16 - MAR 22 AT 7PM



Lent Masses

EVERY TUESDAY
FEB 20 - MAR 19 AT 7PM
WITH GUEST CELEBRANTS

"Always be ready to give an explanation for a reason for your hope"

1 PETER 3:15

MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO COME HOME FOR LENT TO BE ANNOUNCED. VISIT STWILLIAM.ORG/LENTEASTER24



St. William the Abbot School

Mrs. Frank's Sixth graders met with their second grade buddies in Mrs. Hettler's class to read some books and color for Catholic Schools Week. It was a perfect way to spend Pajama Day!



Parish Social Ministry

Pantry Needs

White Rice (Bags)
Apple Juice
Ketchup
Cooking Oil
Egg Noodles
All Purpose Spray Cleaner

Spring 2024 Bereavement Registration

Registration for our Spring Bereavement Group is now open! This is a 7-week program conducted on Wednesdays in the Abbey. If you or someone you know would be interested in attending, please call the office to register. Sessions will begin March 20 and space is limited! For more information about these sessions call us at 516-679-8532.

Access to Home Program

Do you or someone you know need home improvements such as ramps, grab bars, bathroom renovations, stair glides, doorway expansions, etc.? Community Development Center of Long Island has notified us that they have funding available in their Access to Home Program. This program targets individuals living with a physical disability or having substantial difficulty with daily living activities due to aging. It provides income eligible households with the resources (up to 25k) to make necessary repairs and modifications to sustain one's safety and independence in the household and make the home more accessible. Some program spots are specifically reserved for Veterans and Medicaid recipients! If you are interested, please contact the Social Ministry office for more information and an application.



Senior Care Through the Office for the Aging

Did you know that the Nassau County Office for the Aging offers case managers for seniors? Their case management program provides the support for older adults to remain in their homes for as long as possible. They assist in providing in-home services for seniors through the Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP). There are two types of in-home services offered, Level 1 which is housekeeping and chore services, and Level II which adds on personal care assistance such as bathing, dressing, toileting, grooming and feeding. For more information about services and eligibility, call NY Connects at 516-227-8900 or visit the website <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/1438/Aging>.

Donating Used Items

We have updated the Parish Social Ministry section of the St. William the Abbot Parish website. We list multiple donation resources locally for your furniture, clothing, housewares and more! Check us out at www.stwilliam.org/social-ministry for more information!

Did You Know?

Catholic Health sponsors a primary care center for adults without health insurance. The Bishop McHugh Health Center is located at 24 East Main Street in Bay Shore. They provide full health assessments, lab work, X-rays, flu shots and other health services. For more information or an appointment call them on 631-376-4025.

Saint Valentine



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Saint Valentine is the patron saint of love.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
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S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	

Year B: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Catholic Kids

February 11, 2024
Ordinary Time
Color: Green



PWAIPTURNOTOPYOUP LORDO

POWSALVATIONPKIE

I turn to you,
Lord, in time of
trouble, and you
fill me with the
joy of salvation.














INOTIMEOFTROUBLE


ANDOYOUFILLMEWITHTHEJOYOF



How many times do you say, "And with your spirit" during Mass?


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I will help you. Be made clean!

If you wish, you can make me clean.



Look everyone! Jesus healed me!

Gospel



A man with leprosy (a sickness) came to Jesus and asked to be healed. Jesus performed a miracle and healed him! Jesus asked him to keep the miracle a secret, but the man told everyone so people came from all over to visit Jesus.

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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*

St. William the Abbot School



Elizabeth Bricker
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stwilliamtheabbot.net

A Legacy of Excellence - Nursery through 8th Grade

Our Seminarians

Dcn. Joseph Lettieri
SWA Parishioner

Herley Mendez
SWA Parishioner

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

Pastoral Council

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Resources

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
rcia@stwilliam.org | stwilliam.org/rcia

Baptisms & Weddings at St. William the Abbot
stwilliam.org/sacraments

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

Catholic High Schools of Long Island
chsee.org

Diocese of Rockville Centre
drvc.org

Formed: The Catholic Faith. On Demand
formed.org

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

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