



# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



## February 12, 2023 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 - 8:15am

Saturday: 3:45pm - 4:30pm

#### Adoration

Monday - Saturday: 7:30am - 8:15am

First Friday of the Month: 9am - 5pm

#### Private Prayer

Monday - Friday: 7:15am - 6pm

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.  
Matthew 5:17-18

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023

Aldo Orlandi

Gloria Quinn

#### Collective Intentions

People of St. William's

Richard Rogers

Frank Rivera

Stephanie Guidice

Kathleen Payami

#### Monday, Feb. 13, 2023

Marie Carpenter

#### Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023

#### Collective Intentions

George Stephan

Maura DiBartolomeo

Rita DiBartolomeo

Anna Napolitano-Angelis

#### Wed., Feb. 15, 2023

Glenn Visconti

#### Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023

Marie C. Parisi

#### Friday, Feb. 17, 2023

Thomas Martin

#### Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023

Purgatorial Society

#### Collective Intentions

People of St. William's

Anthony Viola

Valouch Family

Frank Pittelli

### Pray for the Deceased

Matthew Anthony Martorana

Katherine T. Maher

James O'Donnell

Noreen M. Brodigan

Michael F. Beneville

Frank J. Juliano

Nancy Ruth Metz

Eileen M. Curran

Donald Brill

John M. Stolfi

### Pray for the Sick

Lesa Laurence

Ann Marie Canale

Adrienne Harker

Bina Sangemino

Dianne Kimbley

Richard Fedyk

Diana Deccio-Menendez

Eric Thomas Guzzo

Kristin Valerga-Goetze

Keith Gorton

John Reynolds

Sarah Farb

### Baptism

Let us welcome the following children who were recently baptized:  
Anthony Cammarata, V  
Dominick Scarola

# Jesus Raises the Bar

As we enter the 6th Week of Ordinary Time, and we continue to unpack the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus expresses several very challenging topics. He reinforces the Commandments handed on to us from Moses, He speaks about the importance of forgiveness, He talks about the reality of hell, He unpacks the teaching and doctrine of marriage, and the significance of giving our word and embracing the vows we make before God. Some of Jesus's words and expectations are extremely challenging. We live in a world that is broken and torn by sin, but we also know that Jesus is the remedy of that sin. So often our culture and society desires to move the goalposts or change and lower the expectations to benefit our needs. Jesus always leads us to the ideal, and the Church is the vehicle given to us in order to achieve it.

The Lord also recognizes that we do not always live in the ideal, or the perfect - it is good for us to be reminded that He does not ask for perfection but that as His disciples we strive for greater commitment and faithfulness. It is good to know that even when do we fall short, as we all do sometimes, He offers us the truth, the life, and the way to reconciliation, redemption, and restoration.

As we also journey deeper into this year of 2023, we find ourselves drawing closer to the season of Lent. Lent is a time for us as Catholics to refocus and reset our faith and spiritual compass. We enhance our awareness and strive for more - not to shrink back, but to raise the bar in our personal spiritual growth. I am excited at the opportunities that we will have in Lent 2023 to help us do that. I want to encourage you to mark your calendar now for some of these opportunities as you would prepare for your personal or family (kids/grandkids) schedules.

Some of the regular SWA Lenten experiences like:

- Daily Confession and Adoration, Friday night Stations of the Cross, Mercy Monday - April 3rd of Holy week, daily Rosary after Mass, and Saturday morning Miraculous Medal Novena.

Also keep your eyes out for some new faith experiences such as:

- Tuesday Night 7 PM Mass with a guest celebrant, Saturday morning Men's Group, Woman's Lenten Holy Hour, and Divine Mercy Sunday day of prayer with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.

The hope over the next few weeks is for all of us to look at Jesus' words and NOT shrink back where we might feel challenged, but to raise the bar. We can all at times get caught up in the rut of complacency and the old saying of "I have always done it this way." For some of you extra Holy folks out there please know that your witness and example of those long-standing faith devotions and practices are so inspiring. But for some of us we might need to mix it up a little bit. We can certainly do that individually by reading the great spiritual writers of the Catholic Church like St. Teresa of Avila, St. Faustina, Mother Theresa, or St. John Paul II. For some it may be listening to Catholic music, or informative podcasts like Bishop Robert Barron's "Word on Fire" or the "Bible in a Year" or "Catechism in a Year" to enhance your knowledge. A few of you have mentioned to me about fasting from food, or drink, or screens (TV, iPad, Netflix) – but let's begin to strategize now.

Friends, let us raise the bar – let us go deeper in our faith and understanding of Christ and the Church, not bury our heads or ignore the opportunity to grow. The Lord is setting us up for great discussions over the next few months as we move towards this solemn time of the liturgical year. Some topics and debates will be stretch us, and we will likely not have all the answers – but are we at least searching for them? Remember the quote from G.K. Chesterton, "The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried." I look forward to where the Lord is leading St. William the Abbot.

Thank you for your presence and generosity.

Peace,



## ***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.

## ***Second Collection***

Next weekend, February 18/19, there will be a second collection to offset heating costs which we have incurred and continue to incur this winter. Thank you for your continued generosity.

## ***Help Keep the Church Clean***

We ask those visiting the Church not to 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.

## ***Pray for Those in the Military***

### **USMC -**

First Lt. Dana Duggan  
L.Cpl. John Mosier

### **US Army -**

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

### **US Air Force -**

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

### **US Navy -**

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

### **US Coast Guard -**

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

### **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 weeks from February to April. Participants will receive instructions on the basic skills used in basketball. The registration fee for this clinic is \$35.

Registration for the 3rd Grade Basketball Clinic will take place from Sunday, February 12 through Sunday, February 19. Participants should register online at:  
[stwilliamcyo.sportngin.com](http://stwilliamcyo.sportngin.com).

For more information on this clinic or other CYO programs please contact Bryan Mackay at 516-781-0718.

## ***Pillar of Formation***

When we study Catholic teaching and read Catholic apologetics or theology, we can better form our consciences. This week, take time to learn more about the Faith through trusted resources like Formed or Catholic.com.

## ***Year-End Tax Statement***

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

# LENT

2023



## *Ash Wednesday - 2/22*

Mass Times: 7am, 9am, 7pm  
Ash Distribution: 10am - 5pm

## *Stations of the Cross*

Every Friday at 7pm from 2/24 - 4/07



## *Lenten Masses*

Every Tuesday at 7pm from 2/28 - 4/04  
with Special Guest Celebrants





SWS Spirit was alive and well during Catholic Schools Week! Following a tremendous turnout at our CSW Sunday Mass and Open House, students enjoyed various activities throughout the week that included reading with their buddies, a Brain Challenge Game Show Competition, the annual Faculty vs. 8th Grade Volleyball Game, a live presentation of "The Rainbow Fish," and the SWS Spelling Bee, just to name a few! We were also incredibly honored to welcome Bishop John Barres to our school to share our story with him. We supported charities such as the Wounded Warrior Project on Red, White, and Blue Day and the American Heart Association on Jersey Day. The week ended on a high note with a delicious Teacher Appreciation Day Luncheon provided by the Home-School Association, and the always popular Father-Daughter Dance. It was quite a week! We Are St. William's!







A very special day at St. William the Abbot School as we welcomed Bishop John Barres! Bishop Barres, Fr. Matt Browne, and Ms. Jeannette Charles were treated to a spectacular performance by the SWS Elite Choir, followed by classroom visits to Kinder, 2nd, 3-2, and 8th grade. Our guests then enjoyed lunch in the Msgr. Hayden iCenter with members of the Student Council. Finally, Bishop Barres addressed N, PK, and Kinder parents who gathered at the school for a presentation of, "The Rainbow Fish!" It was a St. William's kind of day!



# Parish Social Ministry

## **Medical Equipment Available**

Are you, a neighbor, a friend or family member in need of medical equipment? The Social Ministry office currently has an inventory of walkers, canes, wheelchairs (transfer and full), shower chairs, crutches and transfer boards.

These items are available for anyone that needs them, just call our office at 679-8532 to arrange a pickup.

## **Pantry Needs**

Apple Juice  
Salad Dressing  
Mayonnaise

Bread Crumbs  
Red Beans  
Juice Boxes

## **Spring 2023 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 22nd and space is limited! For more information about these sessions call us at 516-679-8532.

## **Alumni of our Bereavement Program? Join us on March 15th!**

We are pleased to announce the second meeting of the Bereavement Alumni Group. Past participants of our program are invited to attend four sessions a year to visit with past participants and moderators, engage in group discussion, share support with your peer group, and enjoy some hospitality! The next session of this program will be held on March 15th at 11am in the Abbey. Please call our office at 516-679-8532 to RSVP!

## **Thank You Seaford Middle School Students**

Seaford Middle School 8th grade students Marissa Scoleri and Grace Flemen each made over 30 Valentine's Day cards for our homebound parishioners. The cards contained personal messages of encouragement for those we care for at home. What a thoughtful and kind project done by the girls, who have set a great example for all of us to 'love one another.' We are so grateful for these students and their dedication to outreach, thank you Marissa and Grace!



## **Need Help With Your PSEG Bill?**

PSEG offers payment plans and assistance programs for those struggling to pay their bill. PSEG advocates will guide customers through the eligibility requirements and application processes for these programs. Anyone currently part of the PSEG Household Assistance Program or the Emergency Rental Assistance Program may be eligible for a credit of up to \$2k toward a bill in arrears accrued before May 1, 2022. For more information call PSEG at 800-490-0025 or visit <https://psegliny.com/assistance>.

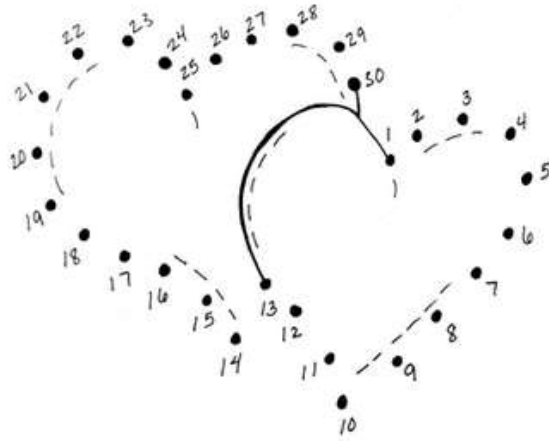
## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday February 21st. The meeting will occur at 10am in the Abbey. This ministry knits and crochets lap robes, blankets, hats, scarves, and other items for the sick and needy of our community. Yarn is provided, and new members at any skill level are always welcome!





# Saint Valentine



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Saint Valentine is the patron saint of love.

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Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

BOWTTHEL SLAWOFTPWTHEOKIS



When we say, "And with your spirit," we remember that God is working through the priest to offer Mass.

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## Gospel

Jesus teaches his disciples to follow the commandments. Commandments are rules that God asks us to follow.

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SWA Parishioner



Herley Mendez  
SWA Parishioner

Please pray for our Seminarians and for all those discerning religious life

**- Other Resources -**

Bible in a Year Podcast

[ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com)

Formed: The Catholic Faith. On Demand  
[formed.org](http://formed.org)

Life Teen Youth Ministry  
[lifeteen.com](http://lifeteen.com)