



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



February 26, 2023 First Sunday of Lent

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

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Matthew 4:1-4

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023

People of St. William's
Patricia Mink
Robert Conroy
Jose Cabana

Wednesday continued...

Vincent Aquino
Joseph McGuigan

Thursday, March 2, 2023

Agnes Spelman

Monday, Feb. 27, 2023

Angela McGrath

Friday, March 3, 2023

Ramon Estevez

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023

Nicholas Pallotta

Saturday, March 4, 2023

Purgatorial Society
Mario DiMarco

Wed., March 1, 2023

Collective Intentions

Berta Iraheta
Nicola Angelis

Pray for the Sick

Richard Fedyk
Diana Deccio-Menendez
Eric Thomas Guzzo
Kristin Valerga-Goetze
Keith Gorton
John Reynolds
Sarah Farb

Christopher Marcinczyk
Robin Julian
Lesa Laurence
James Bozza
Nicola Primavera
John Michael Primavera

Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in celebration of the 103rd birthday of Dorothy Meinke with love from her family

Sanctuary Candle and Altar Candles

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Pray for the Deceased

Joseph C. Grzesik
Eileen A. James

Peter T. Gubing
Kenneth P. Gault

We Begin Again

Each year during the season of Lent, we are invited to deepen our commitment to Jesus and his community - the Church. Some of the guidelines he offers to us in the Scriptures we know as the pillars of the Christian journey, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

These are the basic foundational building blocks that assist us as disciples to become holy. When we allow some of the exterior distractions that can often derail us to be removed it becomes easier for us to see, hear, and feel the presence of God in our lives. So many of us have felt the fatigue of the pandemic. It is almost as if a layer of dust has settled on our heart and our minds. The beauty of Lent, although we begin with ashes, is to remove and dust off our physical and spiritual senses to encounter God.

Since Ash Wednesday the scriptures have been leading us into a deeper conversion. Each day has helped us to reflect that although the world may preach the gospel of prosperity and collecting objects and things, Jesus promises us that when we remove the excess, we will truly encounter the happiness we long for. Today's Gospel takes us into the desert where so many of the on-demand experiences of food, drink, and pleasure are not as readily available. Jesus spent 40 days in the barren wilderness to prepare him for the battles that he would face with the devil. At the time that He was most vulnerable, when He was hungry and thirsty, and desiring rest; it was at this point that the devil tempts him. The devil tempts the Lord with food, comfort, and recognition if He would be willing to submit to, and worship the Evil One. The Lord rejects each one of those offerings by trusting more in the Heavenly Father, and in particular using the armor of the Scriptures to rebuke the devil.

Some of us who have experienced addictions personally, or when those close to us have, may be familiar with the acronym H.A.L.T. It seems that we are most vulnerable when we are: Hungry, Angry, Lonely, or Tired - the 'all out' attacks and assaults come then.

Jesus models for us how to respond in those moments with greater trust in the Father - to literally pause, and to lean on Him. I know in the moments of high stress I have been prone to fall back into old habits and vices, like sugar, wasting time scrolling on screens, and other unhealthy ways to self-medicate. Life at times can be painful, and even more so, just boring. The lens of social media screens in modern times is no different than the success of shows in the past like Entertainment Tonight, The 30 Mile Zone (TMZ), and the Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous. We can look out and think that other lives are more attractive than our own, perceiving our own wealth, worth, and value is based on the material things of this world.

Entering the desert of Lent with Jesus for the next 40 days allows for us to strip away some of those comforts and distractions. We are reminded that our identity is based on our relationship with the Heavenly Father. To be a beloved daughter and son of God is the ultimate end. We belong. We are claimed and known by God, and ultimately, that should be enough. But because of the Fall in the Garden of Eden, our own past missteps and sins, and an intentional assault by the devil who questions our deepest identity as a child of God, we forget who we are. The Church in her great wisdom gives us this powerful season to reconnect, restore, and begin again.

Each of us will journey down the path, slightly different, and that's the beauty of our individual and personal relationship with God and faith journey. The wonder of the cross is that the vertical beam connects us with God, and the horizontal beam connects us with the Church community. And so, in a great balance, we are called to deepen our relationship with the Lord (North and South), perhaps by reading the Scriptures, or attending daily Mass, or Adoration, going to confession, or daily quiet prayer. The relationship with the community (East and West), is enhanced with the celebration of the Mass on Sunday as well as other times during the week, but also with some of the opportunities presented during this Lenten season.

For some of you who are a bit more creative, I challenge you to do just that. Discern with the Holy Spirit for your 'flight plan' into the desert. Let the Lord lead the way and reveal to you some new or old possibilities that can enhance your faith over the next 40 days. Perhaps some of you who like the motivation of being in more of a communal setting with other parishioners can look at the Parish Lenten Schedule offered with prayerful activities like the Stations of the Cross on Fridays, Eucharistic Adoration, the Tuesday night additional daily Mass, or praying the rosary after the daily Mass. Remember what Jesus says to us in the Gospel - "one does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Are we putting ourselves in a posture and a place to hear God speaking to us? Or are we adding more and more external distractions? The 40 days have begun, and God desires more time with you, to affirm you, to love you, and to speak those powerful words directly to your heart - "you are MY Beloved!" Lent is here, let's begin again.

Thank you for your presence and generosity.

Peace,



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday, March 3rd beginning at 7:00 PM.



Memorialization

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

Baptism

To arrange your child's baptism, please visit www.stwilliam.org/baptism. Once you have read through our frequently asked questions and submitted an intake form, someone from the Rectory will reach out to you to schedule a date.

Baptisms are held twice a month on Sunday afternoons. Typically, no more than six babies are baptized during a single service.



Pray for Those in the Military

USMC -

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
Spc. Brian Reip
Sgt. Donald Rogers
Major Christopher James Ustler
Major Kurtis Unger

US Navy -

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

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

Baptism

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

Mazie Papageorge
John Turturro

Pillar of Prayer

As we begin our Lenten journey, be sure to strengthen your prayer life. Take advantage of the additional confessions, Adoration hours and Stations of the Cross services that are offered in the parish and Diocese.

Banns of Marriage

Banns 1

Erica Gentile (St. Matthew, Dix Hills)
& Michael Vaiano (St. William the Abbot)

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.

LENT

2023



Lenten Masses

Every Tuesday at 7pm from 2/28 through 3/28
with Special Guest Celebrants

Stations of the Cross

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



Men's Lenten Prayer Group

Every Saturday at 6:30am in The Abbey
from 2/25 through 4/01

Women's Lenten Holy Hour

Thursday, March 23rd at 7pm



LENT

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MASS *with* Rev. Stephen Rooney



Tuesday, February 28th at 7pm

Join us every Tuesday during Lent at 7pm for Mass with Guest Celebrants

Purgatorial Society

Anthony Palmerini, Rita Gallipani, Angela Santa Mastrandrea, Joyce Rollo, Francisco Vargas, Nancy Beato, Dom Ciriello, Dolores Wood, Gary Matthew Brendel.

Ursula Clancy, Cynthia Picorelli, Benny Vassallo, Jeanne Anastasiou, Peter Kelliher, Bobbie Denti, Marie M. Mertz.

Gloria Angerhauser, Francesco Briante, Joseph Byrne, Antoinette Capobianco, Angela Diangelo, Jessie Fiore, Rita R. Gallipani, Joan Moran, Frank Pellicani, Joseph Giambalvo, Eileen Lupo, Dorothy Costa, Thomas Lacertosa, Louise Gallo, Corey Phelan, Barbara Scott Farrand, Jose Gotay, Virginia A. Lehmann, Rachel Bisesto, Mary Ellen Ruddy, Ann Bauer, Anthony J. Cappello, Helen Gleave.

Eva Morales, Betty Scharff, Frank J. Adams, Patricia Simms, Mary-Ann Towers, Michael Koch, Audrey Kouzens, John Lucie, Mary Ann Munni, Michael Kiernan.

Loretta Swain, Gaetano Emmolo, Jr., Roberto Goffredo, Cathryn Passaro, Maria Rosa, Rose Mirabile, Charles Bullaro, Jerry Gorman, Gloradine Abenes, James Rodgers.

Christian Bekmessian, Madaline Cristallo, Frances H. Interrante, Melissa Lombardo, Doreen McCarty, Robert Neenan, Constance Rothfuss, Luigi Salamone, John Serio, Carmine Serravalli, Joseph Viscuso, Patricia Wills, Nathaniel Wynn, Iris Greco, Frank Meditz, Alec Cassillo, James Pecoraro, Trudy McAndrew, Donald Clark, Francesca Novello, Hilda Maria Rojas, Camille Panzarena, John Kilgus, Carol Carbone, Isabella Elissa Glauda, Vito Catalanotto, Jack Healy, Sr., Catherine Engert, Rev. John T. Murphy.

Antoinette Lore, Pat Coughlin, Beierle Family, Mary M. Breheny, Maureen McDonough, Patricia Coughlin, Marie Giola, Mary P. Naslonski, Nancy Ambrosio, Harry Gribbon, John "Jack" Healy, Alice Gasparini, Josephine Biscardi, Gene Fontana, Catherine Engert, Thomas Gattringer, Vicki Ronga, Thomas Gattringer, Alexander Diachok, Jacqueline M. Gutierrez, Florence Scheller, James J. O'Donnell, Salvatore Serpe, Carmela Artusa, Antoniette Scalamandre, James Friel, John Stolfi, Angela Dominguez, Frank J. Juliano, Michael Beneville, Eileen Curran, Donald Francis Brill, Camille Riley, Josephine Smith, Peter Gubing.

St. William the Abbot School

It was a busy day in the iCenter! First Grade learned the words opaque and translucent and made stained glass windows. Kindergarten designed dens that would keep polar bears safe. Sixth Grade worked on their Newton's Cradles and Eighth Grade made progress on their Plinko boards. On top of that, we had Emily Richardson and Charlotte Johannesen from the Iron Phoenix Robotic's Team here to tell us about their awesome robot.



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

All-Purpose Cleaners
Laundry Detergent
Toothpaste
Granola Bars
Oatmeal - Cannisters

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!



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>.

Refer a Friend in Need!

Do you know someone in need of assistance? Your Parish Social Ministry offers confidential support and advice regarding hardships experienced by adults and seniors who may be struggling with sensitive issues. We have access to relevant state, local and charity-based programs that may help, and we offer other services such as client advocacy and regular use of our food pantry. Partnering with our St. Vincent de Paul conference, we help with budgeting, expense management and building financial independence. For more information call the Parish Social Ministry office 516-679-8532.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday March 7th. 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!



St. William the Abbot Financial Report September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022

OPERATING REVENUE

Regular Collections (Sundays & Holydays)	\$ 1,495,268
Fundraising (Gala, Golf Outing)	175,627
Religious Education Program	106,415
Other Parish Programs (Social Ministry, CYO, Adult Education)	138,336
Auxiliary Revenue	318,056
Collections on Behalf of Others	61,997

Total Operating Revenue	\$ 2,295,699
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OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$ 775,162
Fringe Benefits	322,742
Fundraising	87,619
Religious Education Program	23,477
Other Parish Programs	140,050
School Subsidy	245,000
Printing & Office	126,661
Auxiliary Expenditures	193,640
Collections of Behalf of Others	61,997
Rectory Household	29,691
Buildings, Utilities & Maintenance	552,023

Total Operating Expenditures	\$ 2,558,062
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Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (262,363)
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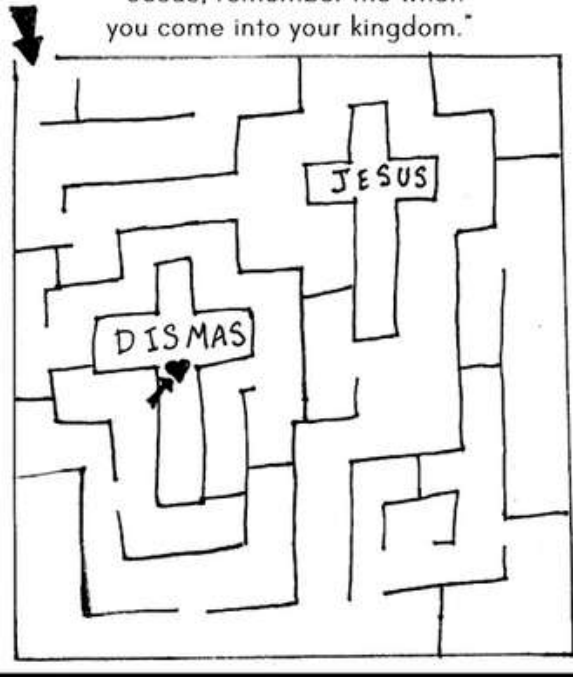
A Summary of the Sacraments Celebrated & Children Formed in Our Faith

179 Baptisms
 156 First Communions
 138 Confirmations
 38 Marriages
 170 Funeral Masses & Services
 794 Children in Religious Education Program
 59 Catechists Grades K-8
 458 Students in St. William the Abbot School
 32 Faculty in St. William the Abbot School

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 A: First Sunday of Lent

Catholic Kids Bulletin
February 26, 2023
Lent
Color: Purple

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Be merciful,
O Lord, for
we have
sinned.

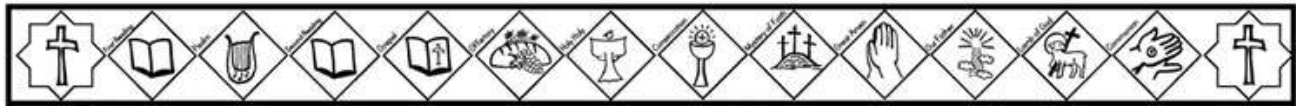
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Do you remember that the priest wore purple during Advent? That was when we were waiting for Jesus to be born at Christmas. The priest is wearing purple again while we wait for Jesus to come at Easter.

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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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Joseph Lettieri
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

Formed: The Catholic Faith. On Demand
formed.org

Life Teen Youth Ministry
lifeteen.com