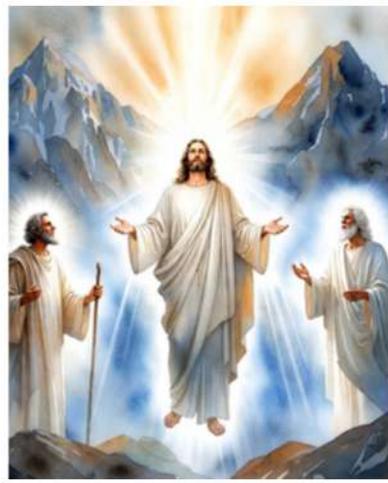




St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Matthew 17:2-3

March 1, 2026 Second 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 - 8:20am

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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 1st

7:30am: Kelly, Power & Frosina Families

9am: Kelly Chaffee

10:30am: People of St. William's

12n: Mary Bianco

Monday, March 2nd

8:30am: Donald Collins, Ellen Rillo,
Michael Bernard Murphy, Joseph Ferrara

Tuesday, March 3rd

8:30am: Stephen O'Connell (liv)

Wednesday, March 4th

8:30am: Karl R. Fuessler

Thursday, March 5th

8:30am: Charles Kirk

Friday, March 6th

8:30am: Carol Ann Gates, Monica Reid,
John Tierney, Carmella Guillan

Saturday, March 7th

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: People of St. William's, Ethel J. McGrath,
Jenna Jean Tuller, George Smith

Pray for the Sick

Joel Brown - Mary Lynn Provenzano - Charles Ahern - Richard Fedyk - Rosemary Averill
Charlie Herbert - Frances Speidell - Thomas Stolfi - Christopher Sugahara

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Week 2 of Lent – ‘It is Good that We are Here’

Well... we made it! Hopefully the snow was not too disruptive and you are embracing of the great pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving now that Lent is in full swing. These sacred practices are not simply obligations - they are invitations for all of us. They help us to strip away the distractions, the noise, and the clutter that can keep us from truly hearing God and being present to Him. Lent gently leads us into the desert and up the mountain - away from routine and comfort - so that we can encounter the Lord more intentionally and more deeply.

As we enter the Second Week of Lent, the First Reading from Genesis 12 reminds us of God's faithfulness to Abram. The Lord calls him to leave behind what is familiar and promises descendants as numerous as the stars. Yet at the moment of that promise, Abram and his wife Sarai have no children. I imagine there were days when he wondered if God had forgotten him. And still, God was faithful, and that same faithfulness is offered for us into our lives. Yes, even when prayers seem unanswered, even when progress feels slow, the Lord does not forget His promises.

St. Paul echoes that truth in the Second Reading from 2 Timothy, a Lenten reminder that hardship is part of discipleship. Following Christ does not exempt us from struggle, lest we forget the Lenten pathway leads to a cross. But St. Paul reminds us that God is faithful and that salvation is already unfolding. We endure the challenges of Lent sustained by grace - the cross is real - but so is the hope of resurrection.

Today we are brought up a high mountain in the Gospel for the Transfiguration, where Jesus takes Peter, James, and John to pray. Anytime the Scriptures bring us up a mountain, it is always a place of Divine Encounter - Mount Sinai, Mount Carmel, Mount Tabor - places where heaven and earth seem to meet. There, on that Holy Mountain before their eyes, Jesus is transfigured. His glory shines forth; His divinity radiates through His humanity. They see Him as He truly is - and as He will be in the Resurrection for all eternity. Moses and Elijah appear, representing the law and the prophets, revealing to the Apostles, and us, that all of salvation points to Him. The Father's voice declares: "*This is my Beloved Son.*" Peter, overwhelmed, blurts out, "Lord, it is good that we are here." He does not know what to say (who would!?) but he knows he is standing on holy ground.

It is good for us to be here as well - in this church, in this parish family. The Lord rejoices over us as His beloved sons and daughters through baptism. Perhaps in these first weeks of Lent, you have experienced a spiritual high point - a moment of clarity, peace, or renewed conviction. Or perhaps you are still waiting for that "aha" moment, that grace-filled reminder of God's nearness. If you were slow out of the gates this Lent, be at peace, the Apostles themselves struggled. Holiness is rarely a straight line - so begin now or begin again. Our God is patient, kind and merciful – especially when we wander like lost sheep, He pursues us with mercy.

One last thought during this week, remember – although it was a "heavenly experience," the Transfiguration was not the end of the journey. They had to go back down the mountain; they continued their 'everyday' walk towards Jerusalem. We, too, must return to our ordinary – the realities and sometimes difficult circumstances of life and family. Yet, like the Apostles, we do not go alone either - we walk with Jesus and we walk with one another. That is the whole premise of the Lost Sheep Project this Lent and this 99th year as a parish – we continue to pray with and for each other.

As your pastor, and a fellow lost sheep, I pray that this Lent continues to draw each of us closer to the Beloved Son. We can be confident in the Father's faithfulness, trusting that wherever we are on the journey – on the mountain or in the valleys - we are His children, and He will never cease leading us home.



Baptism

Let us welcome the following children who were baptized this past weekend:

Ava Geramita
Noah Halverson
Hunter Tuohy

Banns of Marriage

Banns I

Julie Grzybowski, St. James, Seaford &
Andrew Lewis, Our Lady of Mercy, Hicksville

Banns II

Skylar Fasano, St. William the Abbot &
Anthony Manta, Jr., Holy Name of Mary, Valley Stream

Year-End Tax Statement

Year-end tax statements may be obtained by request from the Rectory.

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Pillar of Prayer

The Transfiguration appears in the Rosary as the 4th Luminous Mystery. This Lent, take up praying the Rosary as a daily spiritual practice - you'll be happy you did!

Pray for Those in the Military

Lt. Ian Bayer (USN) - Lt. Rebecca Bayer (USN) - Lt. Ryan Bayer (USN) - Sgt. Craig Bianco (USA) - PFC Jake Cilento (USA) - PFC Ryan Daly (USMC) - Lt. Col. Michael DiPietro (USA) - LCpl Daniel Dugan (USMC) - Capt. 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) - Capt. Caitlin Lee (USA) - Lt. Col Logan Lee (USA) - Major Philip Lettieri, MD (USA) - Lt. Cpl. Kevin Marshall (USMC) - Major Eamon G. McArdle (USA) - Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers (USAF) - Pvt. Juliana Miller (USA) - Col. Sean Morrow (USA) - 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) - Lt. Col. Thomas F. Shields (USAF) - Lt. Col. Michelle Simpson (USAF) - Commander Michael S. Slatley (USN) - SR Ella Tietz (USCG) - Daniel Timpanaro (USCG) - Lt. Col. Christopher J. Ustler (USA) - Cdr. Katherine Ustler-Lodispoto (USCG) - Michael Vietri (USN) - 2nd Lt. John Whidden (USMC) - Lt. Joseph Yahner (USA) - Pvt. Philip Zanardi (USAR)

St. Peregrine Prayer Hour



The St. Peregrine Prayer Hour will be held on **Monday, March 2nd** 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.

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BEHOLD

Live Mercy



You'll notice at all the doors of the church, and in the vestibule, the words "Live Mercy".

On our journey through life, we desire a closeness and relationship with God - and through the struggles of sin, and shame, we seek His forgiveness. And just like the 1 sheep, He seeks us out and welcomes us. Everytime.

Though it might be challenging and uncomfortable, this Lent we are called to seek forgiveness, give forgiveness to each other, just as The Lord does.

Show mercy, give mercy, invite mercy... live mercy.



LIVE MERCY

Lenten Masses

Tuesday Nights at 7pm
February 24th - March 24th
there will be a free-will offering collected

Stations of the Cross

Friday Nights at 7pm

Men's Prayer Group

Saturday Mornings
at 6:30am

February 21st - March 28th
IN THE ABBEY

Women's Afternoon of Prayer

AGONY AND HOPE:
Preparing for Holy Week through the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

Saturday, March 21st

2PM IN THE ABBEY
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

visit stwilliam.org/livemercy2026
for more information & to register

Are you being called?

The Diocese will be offering training for
Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
this spring for adults.

We invite you to discern if you are being called to these
ministries and apply to serve by visiting
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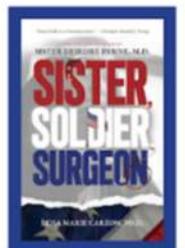
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This Year's Theme

Grace Under Pressure: Faith First in
Navigating Modern Catholic Nursing

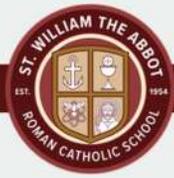
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- Connect with other Catholic Nurses who share your FAITH and VALUES.
- Network and build relationships with Catholic Nurse Leaders
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- Earn 6 CEU's



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Our 8th grade girls were recently honored for playing their last regular-season home basketball game! Congratulations to all!



This Weekend's Music Selections

We invite you to participate by using the song numbers below and the missals found in the pews.

Entrance Hymn: "Lord Who Throughout These 40 Days" (#140)

Offertory Hymn: "Save Your People" (#134)

Communion Hymn: "Transfigure Us O Lord" (#496)

Communion Meditation: "With Our Eyes on the Cross"

Recessional Hymn: "Take the Word of God With You" (#384)

Our Children's and Adult Choirs are back in session - visit stwilliam.org/music-ministry for more information on joining!

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing." Psalm 100:1-2

Parish Social Ministry

Pantry Needs

Brown Rice - Dish Soap - Laundry Detergent - Hearty Beef Soups - Canned Chicken

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday March 3 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!



Senior Lunch and Learn

On Friday March 6 the Nassau County Office for the Aging will present an AI empowered live virtual interactive tour of Prague, Czech Republic. This session will be held at Bethpage Senior Community Center at 12pm. Reservations are required, call 516-227-8900 to register. Doors open at 11:30am.

See Someone, Save Someone

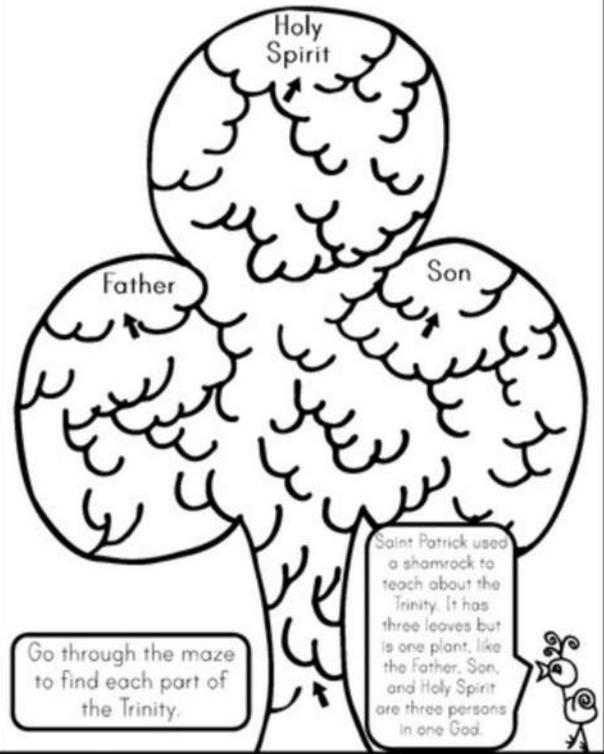
Long Island Coalition for the Homeless (LICH) has a Street Outreach Program for individuals experiencing homelessness. Their goal is to provide an accessible system that quickly connects individuals with appropriate housing and other services as needed. If you see someone that is homeless and in need of assistance, call LICH's Street Outreach Team at 631-464-4314 xt 118. If you see someone, save someone!

Warming Centers Available

If you are having trouble with your heat or do not have a place to stay, there are three warming centers open in Nassau County. Mitchel Field Administration Building in Uniondale offers a 24-hour Warming Center for anyone that needs to stop in and warm up. In addition, both the Wantagh Administration Building on King Road and the Cantiague Park Administration Building in Hicksville offer warming centers from 9am – 4pm daily. These local daytime warming centers provide transportation to the Uniondale location for evening service. Individuals requiring shelter overnight can call 1-866-WARMBED, the Nassau County winter homeless hotline. For more information, contact the Parish Social Ministry office.

Saint Patrick

Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He was a bishop and helped many people learn about the Catholic Church.



Go through the maze to find each part of the Trinity.

Saint Patrick used a shamrock to teach about the Trinity. It has three leaves but is one plant, like the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are three persons in one God.

Year A, Second Sunday of Lent

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Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

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What did you give up for Lent? Ask your family to help you with your Lenten sacrifice.

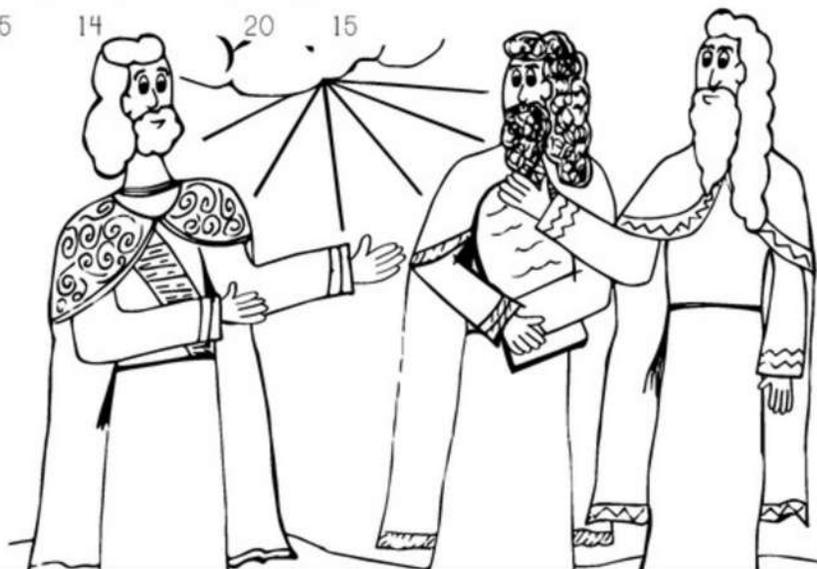
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God spoke from Heaven and said, "This is my beloved Son..."

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Gospel

Today's Gospel story is called the Transfiguration. Jesus went to the top of a mountain with some of His disciples, and He suddenly looked different—His clothes were bright white! Elijah and Moses appeared on the mountain with Him.

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