



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



March 10, 2024 Fourth 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

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:14-16

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 10, 2024

A. Eugene McDonough

People of St. William's

Juliano Anthony Ciofoletti

Arthur Phelps

Monday, March 11, 2024

John McNicholas

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Collective Intentions

Marilyn Ten Eyck

Robert E. Nolan

Ramonita Camino

Nils Gustav Alfred

Carlstrom

Tuesday continued...

Bev & Buzz Santini

Wed., March 13, 2024

Grace DeRosa

Grace Natuzzi

Thurs., March 14, 2024

Pasquale Serenita

Friday, March 15, 2024

Jeannine Kelly & Family

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Purgatorial Society

Rose Fileccia

Pray for the Sick

Keith Gorton

Barbara Mitchell

John Mitchell

Sal Lupo

Sharon Renee Cooper

Mary Ellen Conlon

Dorothy M. Hyman

Richard Fedyk

Pray for the Deceased

Raymond A. Montagno

Rose Tomaszewski

Kevin M. Maher

Genevieve Brennan

Mark Reynolds

Altar Candles

The Altar Candles used at Mass this week have been donated with in loving memory of

Edmund F. Kelly, III

from the Kelly Family

Pillar of Hospitality

As Catholics, we are called to bring the light of Christ to others. Let your light attract others to Christ through good works, compassion and patience.

Baptism

Let us welcome the following child who was baptized this past weekend:

Dario Linares

The Light Came Into the World!

The Gospel this weekend once again is a familiar one reinforcing God's powerful love for you and me by sending his son, Jesus, who suffered and died for us. In my homily at Mass and in my letter last week, I spoke about how some of us can be turned off by our faith if we see it only as a "bunch of rules." It is helpful to be reminded that our Catholic Faith is all about a relationship with God and His Church, which leads to our salvation. The Lord gives us this season of Lent to be more intentional with our faith journey and gives us guidelines to strengthen that friendship.

We are now in the fourth week of Lent, known as Laetare Sunday. We get that specific name from a scripture verse in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, and is an opening antiphon at the beginning of Mass. The verse begins 'Rejoice, Jerusalem' – Laetare is the Latin word for rejoice. Today, as we look ahead towards Holy Week and Easter, we do so through the lens of hope and joy, even in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. The desert of Lent can be long and hard, but we look for the glimmer of hope and light. In fact, the vestments worn change from the darker purple, to pink (or rose) and this change of color indicates a glimmer of joy that awaits us at Easter, even though we must first enter into the somber time of the passion and the suffering of Jesus during Holy Week. This weekend also marks the 'spring ahead' of daylight savings - the days will be getting longer and we will have the natural increase in sunlight and the coming of spring.

Today's Gospel reminds us that 'the light' came into the world and that Jesus would be lifted up as a beacon of hope to all those who are in darkness. I pray that Lent has allowed for you to make more time for God, but has also moved you to be more attentive to others as well. At this point we really cannot use the excuse that we have not had sufficient time to at least take one step towards the Lord. Thanks to our staff and pastoral team, we have presented different opportunities for the three pillars of Lent - prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Individually and collectively we have borne much fruit! The Lord makes Himself present and available to us - can we say we have done the same thing? Lent has certainly NOT snuck up on us. Amidst school, work, the play dates, practices, tutoring, and downtime - are we leading and loving our families toward Jesus and the cross? If not, reset and restart. Prepare an audible, adjust the game plan - we still have time to allow God to make this to be the "best Lent ever" for all of u but we must do our part to make time, to be docile, and for the next few weeks, to lift up those pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These are the solutions to help us combat the vices of laziness, over-activity, distraction, and "busy"-ness.

"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up." When we slow down, remove the distractions, and place our focus directly at the Cross we see the way of our salvation and eternal life. Through struggle, sacrifice, difficulty, and suffering - the Passion of the Christ. My friends, we are walking towards Good Friday and the Cross, but we do so together, and with the Lord. Laetare - Rejoice - Jesus the Light has come into the world!!!

Thank you for your presence and generosity,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fr. Joe".

Banns of Marriage

Banns II

Melanie Diminico, St. William the Abbot
& Jack Rung, St. Anthony's, Oceanside

Amanda Santoro, Floral Park, NY
& Matthew Hunker, St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville
Centre

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.

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
Capt. Michael DiPietro
Capt. Michael Fitzgerald
Capt. Christopher J. Frasse
Capt. Logan Lee
Lt. Col. John Kallo

Lent Confession

MONDAY - SATURDAY: 7:15 - 8:20AM

SATURDAY: 3:45-4:50PM

MERCY MONDAY (3/25): 7:15-8:20AM, 3-9PM

HOLY SATURDAY (3/30): 11AM-12:30PM

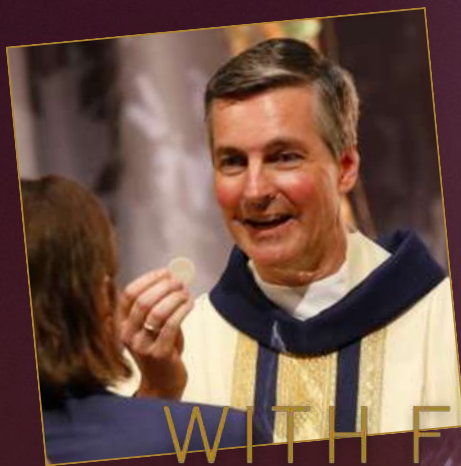
(EARLY MORNING AND AFTERNOON CONFESSION IS NOT OFFERED ON HOLY SATURDAY)

LENT AT ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT

Reflect & Renew

Stations of the Cross

EVERY FRIDAY
FEB 16 - MAR 22 AT 7PM



Lent Mass

WITH FR. PETER HEISKELL, S.M.

CHAPLAIN - CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL

TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH - 7PM

JOIN US EVERY TUESDAY THROUGH 3/19 AT 7PM FOR MASS WITH GUEST CELEBRANTS
A FREE-WILL OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTED TO FURTHER THE MINISTRIES OF ST. WILLIAM'S

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

1PETER 3:15

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

Easter Memorializations



Paschal Candle

Every year, the new Paschal Candle is blessed and lit for the first time at the Easter Vigil. Over the year, it is used at special liturgies, including baptismal and funeral celebrations, as a symbol of hope and new life, representing Jesus' resurrection.

Holy Thursday Altar of Repose & Pathway Lighting

On Holy Thursday, all consecrated Eucharistic is removed from the church tabernacle and brought to the Altar of Repose. There, we have the opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament until the conclusion of night prayer. Many people have the tradition of visiting three different Altars on this special night. For us, this Altar is prepared and decorated with flowers, candles, and greenery in the Convent Chapel. The path from the church to the chapel will be lined with torches and candles.



Auditorium Altar

To accommodate the large number of visitors to our parish for Easter, we will prepare the Msgr. Leavey Auditorium in the St. William the Abbot School for masses, including music, fresh flowers and other decor.

Easter Vigil Candles

The Easter Vigil begins in darkness, and slowly comes to light as parishioners each light a personal candle in their pew to represent the risen Christ, driving away darkness.



Altar Flowers & Window Arrangements

On Holy Saturday, our sanctuary is transformed into a garden of fresh flowers, greenery, floral trees, and candles. This year, we intend to use lilies, hydrangeas, tulips, hyacinths, kalanchoe, and calandiva plants to make our space come alive with the colors and smells of the spring season.

Return the below to the Rectory or visit stwilliam.org/lenteaster24 to reserve online



<i>Item</i>	<i>Available</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Qty</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Qty</i>
Paschal Candle	1	\$1000		Lily Plant	\$35	
Altar of Repose	1	\$350		Hydrangea Plant	\$30	
Auditorium Altar	1	\$250		Tulip Plant	\$20	
Altar Trees/Greenery	4	\$100		Hyacinth Plant	\$20	
Vigil Candles	6	\$75		Kalanchoe/Calandiva	\$15	
HT Path Torches	6	\$50				
Window Arrangements	9	\$25				

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

☐ In Memory Of - or - ☐ In Honor Of Name: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Checks can be made payable to St. William the Abbot



St. William the Abbot School

Fourth grade students in Mrs. Doyle's English Language Arts classes have set their intentions for the upcoming year. After considering the positive characteristics they want most to work on, they created a mission statement and plan of action to help them achieve their goals and become what they receive!

Patient: *adjective*

I chose this word because I am not patient sometimes when I ask for something.

To actualize this word I will be more patient when I ask my mom for food, mine coins in minecraft, games and toys like legos.



NICHOLAS

Forgiving: *adjective*

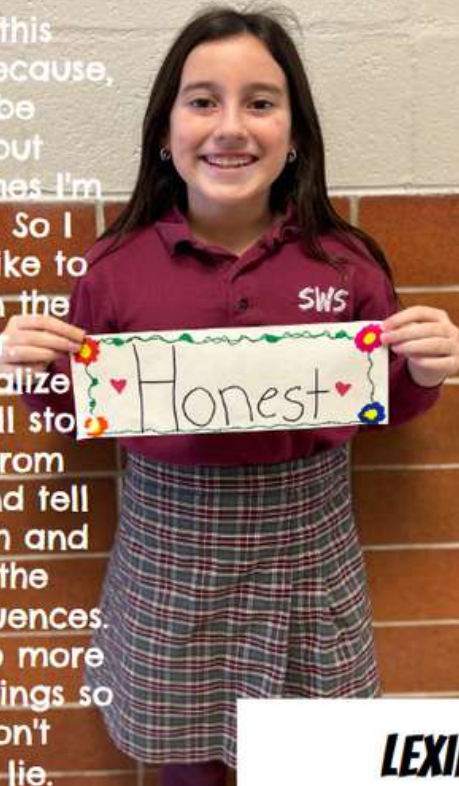
I talk to my friends a lot and we get into fights too much. I feel sad and upset. I will forgive my friends and be friends with them again. I will try to not be in a fight again.



BROOKE

Honest: *adjective*

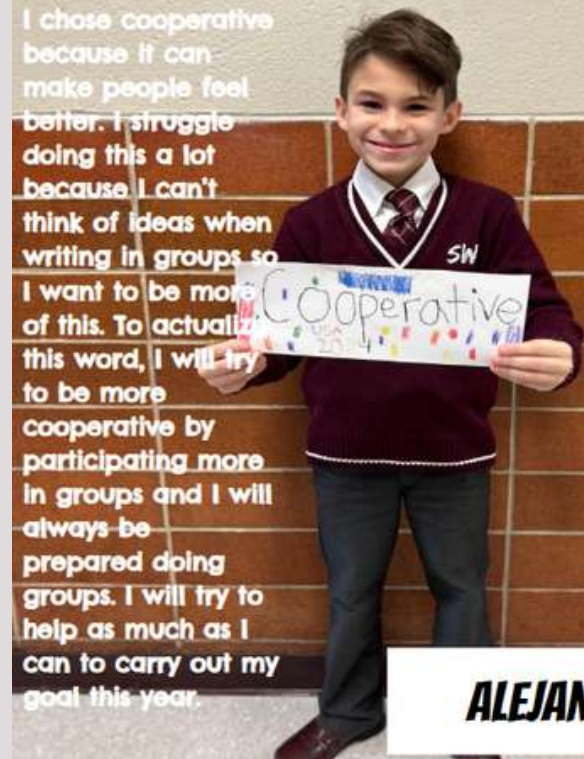
I chose this word because, I try to be honest but sometimes I'm just not. So I would like to work on the this year. To actualize this I will stop myself from lying and tell the truth and accept the consequences. I will do more good things so that I don't have to lie.



LEXIE

Cooperative: *adjective*

I chose cooperative because it can make people feel better. I struggle doing this a lot because I can't think of ideas when writing in groups so I want to be more of this. To actualize this word, I will try to be more cooperative by participating more in groups and I will always be prepared doing groups. I will try to help as much as I can to carry out my goal this year.



ALEJANDRO

Parish Social Ministry

Pantry Needs

Coffee
Pasta Sauce
Ramen
Rice-a-Roni
Raisins
Deodorant

Alumni of Our Bereavement Program?

We are pleased to announce the fourth meeting of the Bereavement Alumni Group. Past participants of our Bereavement Program are invited to join us March 13 at 11am in the Abbey to visit with past participants and moderators, engage in group discussion, share support with your peer group, and enjoy some hospitality. RSVP required! Please call our office at 516-679-8532.



Last Week for Easter Basket Donations!

Looking for a family project this Lenten season? Consider preparing a simple Easter basket for one of the families supported by our Outreach office. A basket could include pantry staples, a meal theme your family chooses (i.e. breakfast) or Easter treats! Please return baskets by March 15 to allow time for distribution to families in need. Want to keep it simple? Donate a grocery store gift card to help a family with their purchase of food for Easter dinner and beyond. For questions, please feel free to call our office at 516-679-8532.

Donation Spotlight - Birthday Blessing Bags

Thank you to Nancy Roche and family for creating gift bags of 'birthday blessings' for our neighbors in need. The donated bags each contain goodies to make a homemade cake such as cake mix, icing, sprinkles, baking pans and even a birthday card for the recipient! The bags also contain candles and cake toppers to create the perfect party! What lovely and thoughtful gifts to give a special birthday surprise to someone that is struggling. Thank you Nancy, we are so grateful!



Memory Café March 15th

The Nassau County Office for the Aging will host a session of the Memory Café on Friday March 15 in Oceanside. This is a free early-stage social engagement program that offers a fun and comfortable way for people with early-stage Alzheimer's disease/dementia and their caregivers to get out, get active and connect with one another. The event is from 12p-2pm, and there will be live entertainment and lunch provided! Reservations are required, please call 516-571-9910 if interested.

Job Fair March 21st

The Town of Hempstead will be hosting a job fair on Thursday March 21 from 10:30am-3:30pm at the Freeport Recreation Center. To attend, register at www.hempsteadworks.com/jobfair, and bring copies of your resume! Employers that will be at the event include Amazon, Catholic Charities, DNATA Catering, Mount Sinai South Nassau, National Grid, Nassau/Suffolk County Police, NYS Civil Service, NYC Fire Department, Northwell Health, NYS Comptroller's Office, PSE&G, Scope Education Services, TSA, USPS and many more! For more information call 516-485-5000 ext. 1146.

Background Screening Update

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People:

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) promulgated by the Bishops of the United States in 2002 outlines specific practices and guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. As directed in The Charter, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all employees, clergy, and volunteers to complete three requirements within thirty days of employment or volunteering:

1. Attend **Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)**
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct;
3. Complete a background screen application. The Diocese requires all those who remain in active ministry be rescreened at 5 yr. intervals.
volunteers/employees.

A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OFPCYP) has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the three safe environment requirements in one step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

1. Register to attend a Protecting God's Children class and create a Virtus account on the Virtus website: www.Virtus.org
2. Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct- provided during the Virtus registration process.
3. Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application background offered during the Virtus registration process.

Active Volunteers:

If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus and have been background screened you may be at – or beyond- the **5yr. rescreening requirement**. If this is the case, you will receive an email from **Sterling Volunteers** asking you to complete the background screening application on-line. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account. ***Please be aware-this is not a scam nor has your e-mail been hacked.*** The OFPCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records and noted it is time for you to be rescreened. You may also be prompted to electronically resign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

Edit Your Virtus Account:

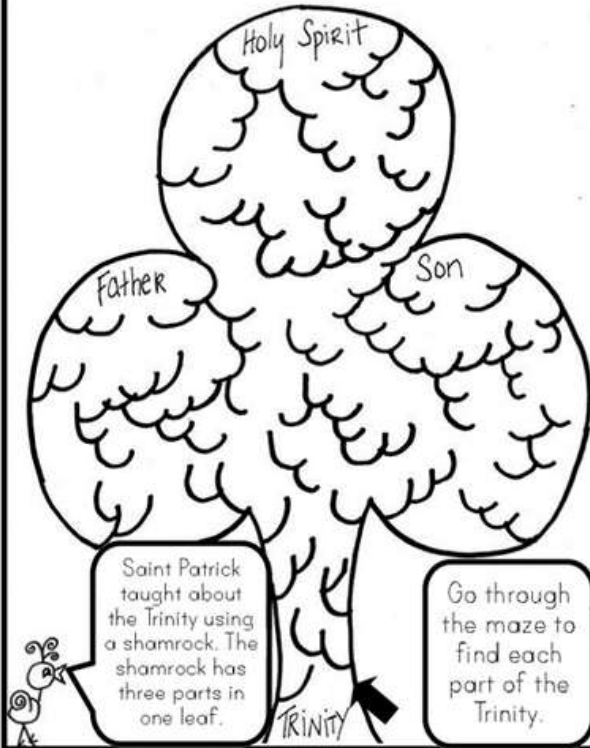
To access your Virtus account: www.Virtus.org You will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or helpdesk@virtus.org. Once in your account, review your account information-particularly your e-mail address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side of your screen in the green column click "Update My Account" You will be able to make the necessary changes-please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

Questions or concerns: mmcmahon@drvc.org; amendoza-cantos@drvc.org; jwinter@drvc.org;
pditomasso@drvc.org

Thank you to all who continue to serve in a ministry during these extremely challenging days.

Saint Patrick

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



Year B: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Catholic Kids

March 10, 2024
Lent
Color: Purple

Bulletin

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PWALFYUOKCNOXIE

Let my tongue
be silenced,
if I ever
forget you!

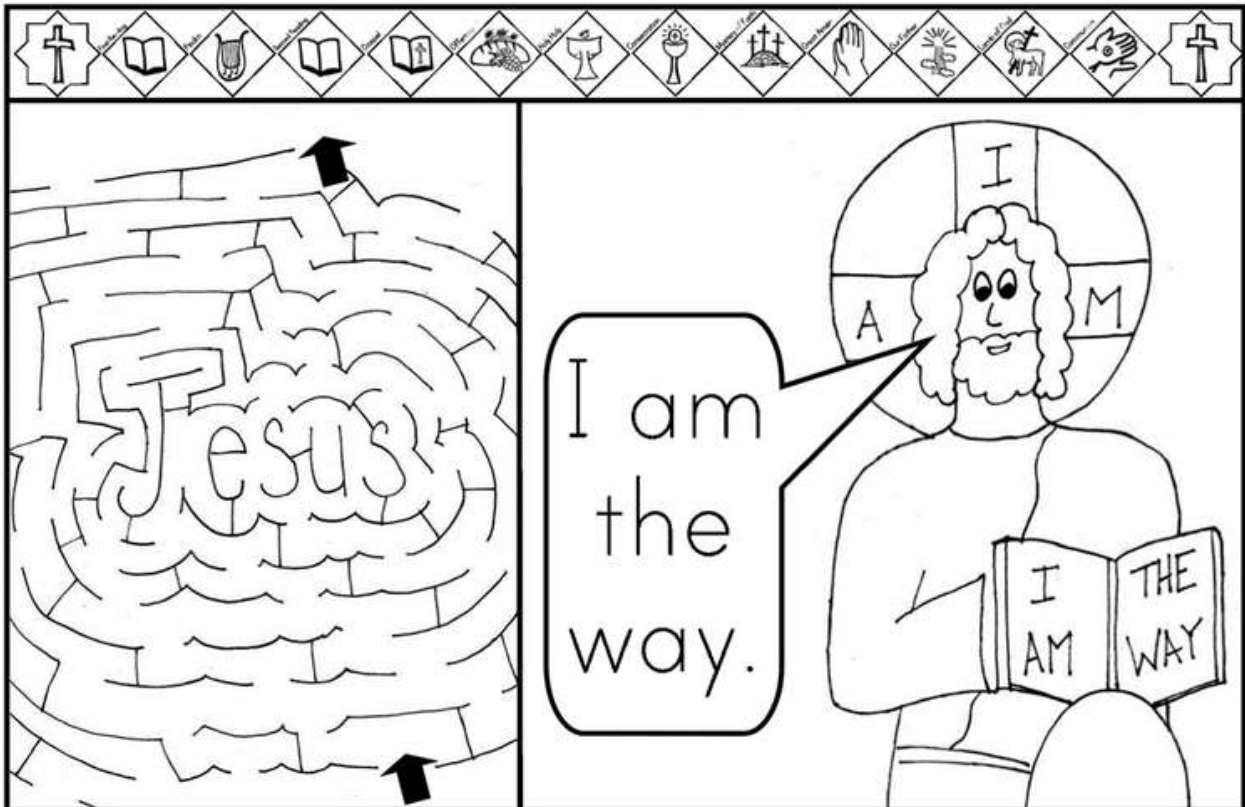
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Are there pictures or statues of the Stations of the Cross in your church? Ask your family to help you find them.

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Gospel



God loved us all so much that He sent Jesus to earth to help us! Jesus died for our sins so we can live with God in Heaven.

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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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SWA Parishioner

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

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Catholic High Schools of Long Island
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Tomorrow's Hope Foundation: Financial Aid for Catholic Schools
tomorrowshopefoundation.org

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