



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



March 12, 2023 Third 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

Jesus answered,
"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
John 5:13-14

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Grace DeRosa
Elizabeth Marsillo
Frances Telford

Collective Intentions

People of St. William's
Berta Herlin
Johnston Family
Arthur Phelps

Wednesday continued...

Arthur M. Hamil
Paul Dennis
Valentine Nacci, III

Thursday, Mar. 16, 2023

Natalie DiFalco

Friday, March 17, 2023

Louise Beltrani

Saturday, Mar. 18, 2023

Purgatorial Society

Collective Intentions

Nicole Tedeschi
James Lubrida (liv)
Lucy Verdino
Constance Lowe

Monday, March 13, 2023

Edmund F. Kelly

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Gerard Kleinfelder

Wed., March 15, 2023

Collective Intentions

Jeannine Kelly & Family

Pray for the Sick

Lesa Laurence
James Bozza
Deanna DeCicco-
Menendez
Nicole Primavera
John Michael Primavera
Richard Fedyk

Kristin Valerga-Goetze
Keith Gorton
John Reynolds
Eric Thomas Guzzo
Adrienne Harker
Ann Marie Canale

Pray for the Deceased

Rosendo Marques
Alice Cassaro
Patricia Wallace
Sheila Mary Anderson

Pillar of Formation

As stewards of the Faith, let us listen to the words we hear at Mass and let them burn within us so that we may go out into our lives and spread God's word to all we meet.

Living Water for a Thirsty Soul

The Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." John 4:5–7

Today, throughout the world, Catholic liturgies will celebrate the first of three Scrutinies of those adults who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. The word "scrutiny" comes from the Latin word *scrutari* which means an inquiry, close examination or search of something. It originally referred to rummaging through rubbish so as to find something of value. In a sense, this is what God does with all of us. When we first turn to Him, He sorts through the disorder of our fallen human nature and our sins so as to point to the goodness and beauty of the child He created. As for the liturgical rite that will be celebrated in churches throughout the world today, the Right of Christian Initiation of Adults describes it as follows: "The scrutinies are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good" (#141). The Gospel story we read today depicts this action beautifully. It is the long and inspiring story of the woman at the well. This story is filled with symbolism, much of which the casual reader could easily miss.

To begin, it is important to prayerfully imagine the scene. Jesus was all alone sitting next to Jacob's Well around noon. Few women would come to the well at that time of day due to the heat. But this woman came at this time because she knew others would not be around. She was a sinner, and many of the other women of the town knew it. Therefore, in an attempt to avoid them and avoid feeling shame, she came at a time when she could avoid the other women. So the first thing to consider is the suffering this woman was enduring because of her shame and embarrassment over her sinful life.

As she approached the well, she was surprised to hear Jesus ask her for a drink. She was a Samaritan. Jews generally considered Samaritans as ritually unclean. For that reason, Jews would not drink from their vessels. But Jesus broke this unholy custom and looked at her as a daughter of God with innate dignity and value as He engaged her in conversation.

Within the heat of the day, Jesus spoke lovingly to this woman and said, "Give me a drink." Saint Augustine states that, symbolically speaking, Jesus thirsted for her soul, for her salvation. He longed to give her the grace soon to be won through His Cross. Her willing reception of this gift would also bring satiation to the Heart of our Lord. Jesus didn't dwell upon her past; He knew all about it. He could read her soul. All He wanted to do was to rummage through the sin and rubbish that was cluttering her soul so as to discover her dignity within. If she were to allow Jesus to offer her this mercy, not only would she receive true Living Water to quench her spiritual thirst, she would also satiate the spiritual thirst in the soul of our Lord that could only be satiated by the dispensing of His mercy.

As we celebrate the Scrutinies this Sunday, reflect upon this woman at the well. First, she is a symbol of every person coming to faith in Christ and preparing for the Living Water of Baptism this Easter. But she is also a symbol of your own soul, to the extent that it has become cluttered with the rubbish of sin and disorder. Do not let shame, fear or a sense of unworthiness deter you from engaging in this same conversation with our Lord. Hear Him say to you that He thirsts for you and longs to be satiated by the sacred act of the ongoing bestowal of His Divine Mercy, poured forth through the Living Water superabundantly given to you at your baptism.

My thirsting Lord, You see me, peer deeply into my soul, see all the filth of sin and disorder and love me anyway. As You spoke to this woman at the well, so You also speak to me, asking me to satiate Your thirst by being open to Your mercy. I do open myself to You, dear Lord, and pray that Your Living Water will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life. Jesus, I trust in You.

Easter Flowers

Envelopes for Easter Flowers have been sent to parishioners who receive their monthly envelopes. These envelopes provide an opportunity to remember loved ones this Easter by providing Easter Flowers. Additional Easter Flower envelopes can be found at the doors of the church. Please place the envelope in the collection basket or bring to the Rectory.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday, March 17th beginning at 7:00 PM.



Second Collection

Next weekend our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Service Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

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:

Norah Brady
Massimo DeDomenico
Jack Fischetto
John Gately, IV
Carter Lutz
Adriana Monforte
Giovanni Monforte
Thomas Zurica
William Zurica

Banns of Marriage

Banns III

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.

PRAYER • FASTING • ALMSGIVING

LENT

2023



Lenten Masses

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

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 7pm from 2/24 through 3/31



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



stwilliam.org/lent-2023

LENT 2023

MASS *with* Rev. Christopher Heller



Tuesday, March 14th at 7pm

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

*A faith offering will be collected in support of the continued ministry of
St. William the Abbot*

Celebrating Our Girl Scouts



Last week we celebrated the Girl Scouts of our parish and the 41 girls in 1st through 11th grade who earned their My Promise, My Faith Awards.

Several of these Scouts will be receiving additional religious awards later this Spring.

Thank you to all the dedicated Troop Leaders who make this all possible and to all the families who attended this special mass!

SWS EASTER CANDY *fundraiser*

**PURCHASE YOUR EASTER CANDY FROM
ROSALIND CANDY CASTLE
WHILE ALSO SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!!!**

Made from scratch in Pennsylvania

ORDER HERE:

WWW.MYCANDYFUNDRAISER.COM/DISCOUNT/SWS

*Order by 4/12/23
for the best
selection!*



**ALL ORDERS SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO YOU.
PLEASE SHARE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**



Email HSA@stwilliamtheabbot.net with any questions or concerns



Liturgical Minsiter Training

The Diocese of Rockville Centre will offer training beginning in late April for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist of Holy Communion and Lectors.



If you are a registered parishioner who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation and have a desire to serve God as a Eucharistic Minister or Lector, please email us at priests@stwilliam.org for more information.



BACK TO BASICS

Visit the parish Facebook and Instagram (@stwilliamabbot) every Tuesday and Thursday for our video series explaining some elements of our faith and our church!



St. William the Abbot School

Mrs. Frank's Fifth Grade Science students had a yummy way to learn about the phases of the moon. They used Oreo cookies to demonstrate their knowledge of the eight phases of the moon. Of course the best part was eating the cookies when they were done!



Want to Donate a Communion Dress?

The Bethpage office of St. Vincent de Paul Long Island is accepting donations of gently used or new communion dresses. Donations can be brought to the SVDP Annex at 259 Broadway in Bethpage. If you are interested in purchasing a new dress to donate, larger sizes are most in need (sizes 12-20). For questions, contact SVDP at 516-822-3132.

Pantry Needs

Canned Tuna	Chunky Chicken Soups
Canned Beets	Vegetable Soups
Pasta	Pretzels



Emergency Rental Assistance Re-Opens!

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) for the Towns of Hempstead and Oyster Bay is once again accepting applications. Submitted applications should temporarily stop any eviction proceeding until a final ERAP decision is reached.

- For the Town of Hempstead ERAP Program call (631) 435-4710 or email hempstaderap@lihp.org.
- For the Town of Oyster Bay ERAP Program call (631) 435-4710 or email oysterbayerap@lihp.org.
- For other Long Island towns, apply through the New York State website: Emergency Rental Assistance Program OTDA ([ny.gov](https://otda.ny.gov)).
- The Department of Social Services has programs available to provide help with receiving shelter or rent arrears to prevent homelessness. Please visit <https://otda.ny.gov/workingfamilies/dss.asp> to find the contact information for your local Department of Social Services.

Town of Hempstead Senior Benefits

1. More Seniors Now Eligible for Reduced Taxes!

The Town of Hempstead has passed legislation to increase the income eligibility levels for the Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption Program. Qualifying senior citizens and persons living with disabilities will be eligible to receive up to a 50% reduction on their assessment if their annual household income is \$58,399 or less. This applies to county, town and school taxes! Call the Receiver's Office at 516-538-1500 for details.

2. Interest-Free Loans Available for Senior Home Upgrades

The Senior Home Improvement Program provides interest-free loans of up to \$15,000 to qualifying senior homeowners. Eligible improvements include weatherization, exterior improvements, window/door/roof replacement and emergency repairs. You are eligible if you are 62 years of age or older and own a single-family home. The loan is not due for repayment until the home is sold. Additional eligibility requirements apply, call the Town's Planning Department for more information at 516-538-7100.



Need Help With a Communion Dress or Suit?

Families in need that would like assistance obtaining a First Holy Communion dress or suit for their child should contact the Social Ministry Office. There are appointments available with St. Vincent De Paul in Bethpage to help families with everything they need to make this significant event extra special for their child. Email us at socialministry@stwilliam.org for more information.

SEMINARIAN *Dinner*

CELEBRATING AND HONORING THE
SEMINARIANS OF
THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH
3PM - 7PM
\$35 PER PERSON

INCLUDES DINNER, BEER, WINE, SODA, DESERT,
AND ENTERTAINMENT BY "DJ BOB"

MEMORARE COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
2183 JACKSON AVE - SEAFORD

CONTACT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR TICKETS



Watch
live & on
demand.



www.cfntv.org

POWERED BY OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS - DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE



All Things Mercy Information Evening



Religious Education Families
JOIN US

Monday, March 13, 2023
5:00 PM Tours
6:00 PM Presentation
RSVP at OLMA.org



Our Lady of Mercy Academy
Educating young women with Faith, Compassion, and Promise
815 Convent Road, Syosset, NY 11791
516.921.1047 www.OLMA.org

The Diocese of Rockville Centre GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those
couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2023
by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.
Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue
Celebrant: Most Reverend John O. Barres

Sunday, June 4, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.
Church of St. James, Seaford
Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle

Register online at drvc-faith.org

Registration must be received by Friday, April 28, 2023

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at
(516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at lrobustelli@drvc.org



MEMORARE COUNCIL #3476

Annual Communion Breakfast HONORING

KNIGHT
OF THE YEAR
Alan Malangone

FAMILY OF THE YEAR
Christine & John
Silvestro

COLUMBIETTE
OF THE YEAR
Sina Brand

SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 9AM MASS AT
ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT

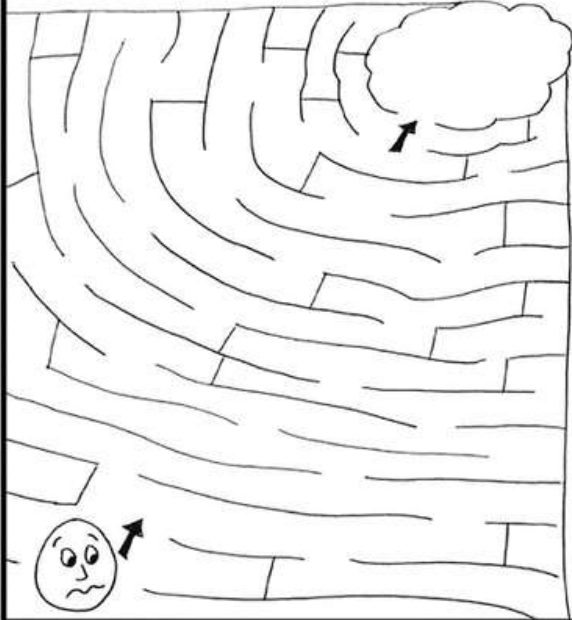
BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED IN THE CATHEDRAL ROOM
\$8 PER PERSON

CONTACT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO MAKE RESERVATIONS

Saints Perpetua and Saint Felicity

Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity were best friends. They learned about God together and became Christians. Ask them to pray for your friends.

God asks us to search for good friends. Find a way through the maze and draw a saint as a friend in Heaven.



Year A: Third Sunday of Lent

Catholic Kids Bulletin
 March 12, 2023
 Lent
 Color: Purple

WOIFPWTODAYWPYOURPWK

BPWYOURPWEARTS

If today you
 hear his voice,
 harden not
 your hearts.

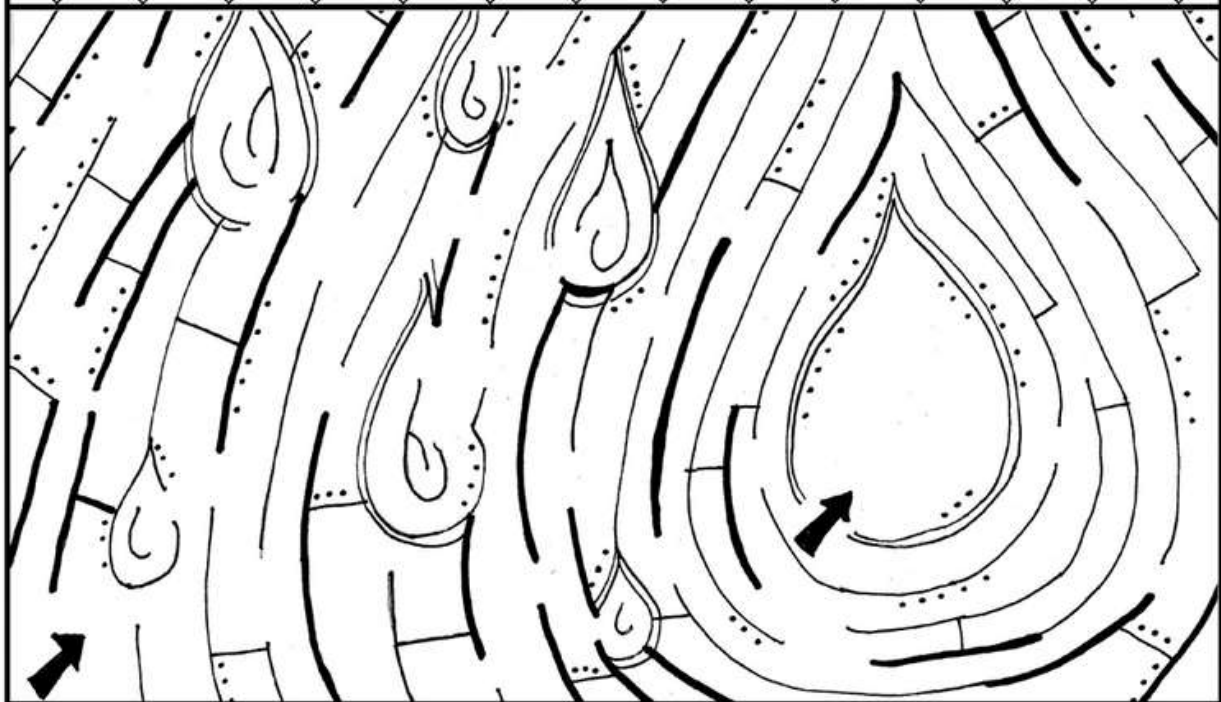
BKHEAROWHISPWVO

VOICEPWLHARDENSOANOTPEWK



Are you saying extra prayers for Lent? Lent is a time to get closer to God. Prayer will help you get closer to Him.

© 2023 TJB catholickidsbulletin.com



Gospel



A woman gave water to Jesus and He taught her about eternal life in Heaven.

Year A: Third Sunday of Lent

© 2023 TJB catholickidsbulletin.com



www.stwilliam.org

  @stwilliamabbot

- Pastor -

Rev. Joseph H. Fitzgerald

- Associate Pastor -

Rev. Raphael Nana Andoh

priests@stwilliam.org

- Deacons -

Dcn. Anthony Cedrone

Dcn. Michael Metzdorff

Dcn. John Lynch

Dcn. Joseph Tumbarello

Dcn. Steven McClernon

information@stwilliam.org

- Rectory Staff -

Judy Goldman

Business Manager

jgoldman@stwilliam.org

Sue McCormick

Office Manager

information@stwilliam.org

Kate Walsh

Development & Operations

kwalsh@stwilliam.org

- Rectory Information -

2000 Jackson Avenue

Seaford, NY 11783

Office: 516-785-1266

information@stwilliam.org

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm

Saturday: 9am - 3pm

Sunday: 9am - 1pm

- St. William the Abbot School -



Elizabeth Bricker

Principal

2001 Jackson Avenue

Seaford, NY 11783

Office: 516-785-6784

www.stwilliamtheabbot.net

- Faith Formation -

Sr. Joan Klimski, OP

Director

Maria Paguaga

Office Assistant

faithformation@stwilliam.org / 516-783-2528

- Emergency Line -

If there is an emergency in which you need to contact a priest immediately outside of office hours, please call

516-312-7361

- Social Ministry -

Allison Marro

Director

socialministry@stwilliam.org / 516-679-8532

www.stwilliam.org/social-ministry

- Pastoral Council -

Chris Blankley - Fred Duemig - Barbara Geraghty

Lara Klein - Kelly Koster - Trisha Mullen

Peter Teitz - Thomas Ward

- Music Ministry -

Jennifer Lynde

Director

- Finance Committee -

Rita Defendini* - Robert Gerbard - John Kaley*

Tom Kiley - Ed Lettieri

*Parish Trustees

- Our Seminarians -



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