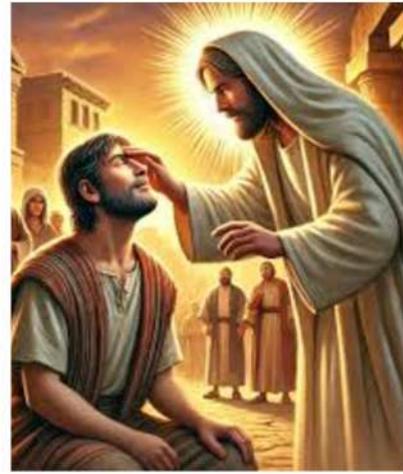




# St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." John 9:1-3

## March 15, 2026 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

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, March 15th

7:30am: People of St. William's

9am: Jeannine Kelly & Family

10:30am: Rudy Koenig

12n: Michael Mosca

#### Monday, March 16th

8:30am: Nicholas Stabile, Sue Eicher,

Anthony Romano, Lisa Ferezy

#### Tuesday, March 17th

8:30am: Mary Beth Gang

#### Wednesday, March 18th

8:30am: Josephine Letellier

#### Thursday, March 19th

8:30am: Mark Buttice

#### Friday, March 20th

8:30am: Janet Maino, Katherine Busuttill

#### Saturday, March 21st

8:30am: Purgatorial Society

5pm: People of St. William's, Thomas J. Manning,  
Catherine Deane, Kathleen Egan-Wright

### Pray for the Sick

Richard Fedyk - Rosemary Averill - Charlie Herbert  
Frances Speidell - Thomas Stolfi - Christopher Sugahara

### Pray for the Deceased

Grace Mary Smith

#### The Adoration Candles

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## ***The Saints of March: Patrick's Clover and Joseph's Pastries***

Now I have your attention!!! We celebrate two BIG saints this week that bring our faith and cultural connections alive! Two powerful examples of vocations - the stability of St. Joseph in Nazareth, and the missionary zeal of St. Patrick into Ireland and beyond. All of us are called to be Missionaries of the Good News of the Gospel, some in foreign lands like Patrick, and others right here in our parish and family. There is a great reverence and pride in these two saints who are more than just clovers, cabbage, and cream-filled pastries!

We also enter into this Fourth Week of Lent, or "Laetare Sunday," and are invited to take a long, deep breath again. The rose vestments, the lighter tone, the subtle lift in our prayers, the warmer weather, and the time 'spring ahead' - all remind us that joy is on the horizon. Spring is finally approaching, light lingers a little longer each evening, and our Lenten journey gives us a glimpse of hope. Laetare actually means "rejoice," and Holy Mother Church gently encourages us not to lose heart because in prayer and penance there is promise; in fasting and sacrifice there is light and hope.

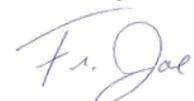
In our first reading from 1 Samuel, the prophet is sent to Bethlehem to find and anoint a king and naturally he looks for strength, stature, and outward appearance. Each of Jesse's sons pass before him - impressive and strong - the kind who look like gladiators or modern MMA fighters. Yet the Lord stops the prophet short with words that echo through salvation history: "Not as man sees does God see; because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart." Then comes the youngest son, David - overlooked, underestimated, not the image of a warrior king. And yet he is the chosen one. Sound familiar?

So many misjudged Jesus of Nazareth the same way; people expected power - a general, with political clout and stature. Instead, God sent a Good Shepherd with humility, compassion, mercy, and sacrificial love. We too can get caught up in the externals. We can size people up quickly. We judge by appearances, opinions, affiliations, or first impressions. We can see others through the lens of the world rather than through the eyes of God. David surprises everyone because, though imperfect and at times sinful, his heart never strays far from the Lord. He trusts God, relies on God, returns to God - and God blesses him. He becomes a model for us all.

That same movement from the surface to the depths of the soul unfolds in the Gospel from John. Jesus heals the man born blind, but notice how He works. Simple, common elements - there is mud, clay, and washing at the pool. Yes, the healing is physical and visible - but the true miracle goes deeper. The Lord clears not only the man's eyes, but his understanding, his courage, and a renewed faith. He sends him to wash in the pool and the man returns able to see the world in a completely new way, sight becomes insight - vision becomes faith.

My friends, the Lord longs to do the same for us. So many forms of blindness can cloud our hearts: anger toward those who do not "see things" (yes, pun intended) as we do, which can result in sins of jealousy, resentment, busyness, a lack of self-awareness, and an unwillingness to forgive. These sins can distort our vision until we no longer see people as our neighbor or God's beloved children. Jesus desires to remove the mud from our hearts. He wants us to see clearly, differently, and faithfully - with trust in Him.

As we acknowledge the great saints of Patrick and Joseph this week, we also draw closer to Holy Week. In the Gospel, narrative becomes bolder in revealing who He really is - the Son of Man, the Messiah who is to come. His words and actions reveal a new time, a new era, and a promise that restoration and fullness await those who place their lives in His hands. Like the blind man - we must place ourselves into the tender care of Jesus and we will be healed. What needs healing in your heart? In your past? In your family and other relationships? Let us approach the pool of His mercy and love - and when we do, we too will truly see.



## ***Year End Tax Statements***

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

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## ***Pillar of Formation***

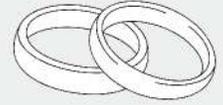
This week, take time each day to just sit and  
reflect on all the blessings God has bestowed  
upon you. Be sure to praise Him and give  
thanks.

## ***Banns of Marriage***

### **Banns II**

Lauren Nappi, St. William the Abbot & Tyler Wherry, Lindenhurst, NY

Alyssa Ferro, St. William the Abbot & Stephen Schultz, Our Lady of Hope, Carle Place



### **Banns III**

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

## ***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)

## ***Purgatorial Society***

Rosario Agnello, Matthew Brolly, John Calandra, Pasquale Cocuzzo, Richard Grein, Lorraine Macomb, Maiorano Family,  
Patricia Mascuzzio, Josephine Masone, Douglas Meinhofer, Lucy Roberti, Vincent Salerno, Maria Santos, Fred T.  
Schmidt, Ben Ward, Kathleen M. Egan Wright, Patricia Masterson, Vito Marcone, Catherine Barry, Thomas Broderick,  
Ned McCormack.

Vincent Franco, John Kilgus, Joseph Longhway, George Jennerich, Micheline Giacalone

Giuseppa Carollo, Louise LaBella, Thomas Pignetti, Vincent Franco, Robert Egan, Paul Tuccillo, Paul Weston, Veronica  
M. Fields, Nancy Zimmerman.

Victor Letellier, Jr., Elvira Moore.

Susanne Boden, Frances Champion, Vito Cricentio, Gabrielle D'Orsi, Mary Beth Gang, Robert Rissmeyer, Roberta  
Rissmeyer, Ralph Joseph Ciccarelli, Sean Hartman, Eda-Kay Lipka, Vincenzo Valerio.

Robert W. Long, Salvatore Suppa, Gladys Rivera, Benny Golino, William Lewald, John M. Stolfi, Diane Cesarz, Dolores  
Santos Rasalan, Kelley Chaffee.

Rose Kees, Sr. Veronica Sloane, Cara Lynn McGuinness, Kurt DeMartino.

Michael A. Diloreto, Benito Golino, James R. Hall, Maryellen Hillman, Alfred Lewan, Robert Long, Michael Murray, Rose  
Marie Ripi, Edward Schiffina, George S. Smith, Daisy Montone, Robert West, Gloria Frascione, Frances Josephine Egan.

Melissa Doreson, Angela Capo, Virginia M. McKinnon, Peter Joseph Scarlato, Sam Moi Lam, Catherine Migliorato.

Peter Tarsnane, Michael Maiello, Kim Capone, Santino Delfino, Angelina Valente, Jan Adamo, Irma Yolanda Alvarado,  
Rosemarie Arnold, John Barrett, Bea Ciaravolo, Catherine Cincotta, Peter DeLaurentis, Alphonse DiPalo, John J. Ferner,  
Carole Gerrity, Paul A. Hewitt, Joanne Hilly, Thomas Nash, Grace Dalila Ouellette, Dara Plotts, Stella Randazzo, Maria  
Smith, Robert West, Christine "Carmel" Whiston.

Rose Conner, Mildred Haase, Arthur R. Welsch, Killian Duignan, Teresa Jones.



*We ask God to protect our service men and women and innocent victims caught in the cross-fire in the latest military action in the Middle East and pray for the President and our national leaders and leaders of countries around the world that they may be examples of peace and wisdom.*

GOD OF ALL CREATION,

BRING JUSTICE AND PEACE TO OUR WORLD.

TEACH US TO BE PEACEMAKERS. GUIDE US IN OUR PURSUIT OF JUSTICE AND THE COMMON GOOD. INSPIRE US TO WELCOME ALL, FORGIVE ALL, AND LOVE ALL. DIRECT US AS WE WALK IN THE SHADOW OF JESUS: THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE. INSPIRE US TO PERCEIVE THE WORLD THROUGH YOUR EYES, THAT WE MIGHT FIND HOPE AND JOY EACH DAY, SUPPORTIVE OF EACH OTHER, FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR KINGDOM.

AMEN

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."  
John 14:27*



# Lenten Masses

Tuesday Nights at 7pm

February 24th - March 24th  
there will be a free-will offering collected

This Week's Celebrant:  
Fr. Martin Adu-Gyamfi



A DISCUSSION LEAD BY THE VOLUNTEERS OF OUR PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY PROGRAM

## Bearing Witness to God's Love

HOW WE CAN SERVE EACH OTHER THROUGH CHARITY & MERCY

Thursday, March 19th

FOLLOWING THE 8:30AM MASS IN THE ABBEY

## Stations of the Cross

Friday Nights  
at 7pm

## Men's Prayer Group

Saturday Mornings  
at 6:30am

February 21<sup>st</sup> - 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 BY VISITING  
[STWILLIAM.ORG/LIVEMERCY2026](http://STWILLIAM.ORG/LIVEMERCY2026)

LENT DAY OF MERCY - MARCH 30TH

## Reconciliation Monday

Confession Times:  
7:15-8:20am  
2pm-4pm, 6pm-9pm

# Easter Memorializations



## Paschal Candle

Every year, the new Paschal Candle is blessed and lit for the first time during the Easter Vigil. It is then used at special liturgies, including baptismal and funeral celebrations, as a symbol of hope and new life.

## Auditorium Masses

To accommodate a large number of visitors to our parish on Easter morning, we will prepare the gym space in St. William the Abbot School for Masses. Our transformation will include fresh flowers, music, and seating.



## Holy Thursday Altar of Repose & Lighting

On Holy Thursday, the Eucharist is brought to the Altar of Repose in the Convent Chapel, where we'll have the opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament until Night. The Chapel Altar will be prepared for the evening and the path from the church to the convent will be lit with lanterns.

## Easter Vigil Candles

The Easter Vigil begins in darkness and slowly comes to light as each parishioner lights their own candle in their seat to represent the risen Christ, driving away the darkness.



## Church Environment

Our church will be transformed into a garden of fresh flowers, trees, greenery, and candles on Holy Saturday to prepare for the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses. We use a variety of flowers and plants to make our space come alive with the colors and smells of the spring season. Additional arrangements will be placed by the statues of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph for the Easter Season.

Return to the Rectory Office or visit [www.stwilliam.org/livemercy2026](http://www.stwilliam.org/livemercy2026) to reserve online. All memorializations are first-come, first-served.

Item	Avail	Qty	Total
Paschal Candle (\$1150)	1		\$
Auditorium (\$575)	2		\$
Large Altar Trees (\$450)	2		\$
Altar of Repose (\$375)	2		\$
Small Altar Trees (\$200)	2		\$
Altar Greenery (\$175)	3		\$
Flowers for Blessed Mother (\$100)	1		\$
Flowers for St. Joseph (\$100)	1		\$
Pathway Lighting (\$50)	3		\$
Window Arrangements (\$35)	13		\$

Item	Qty	Total
Lily Plant (\$45)		\$
Hydrangea Plant (\$35)		\$
Tulip Plant (\$30)		\$
Hyacinth Plant (\$25)		\$
Daffodil Plant (\$20)		\$
Kalanchoe Plant (\$15)		\$

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of  In Honor Of Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks can be made payable to St. William the Abbot

## Faith Formation

As the Faith Formation class calendar begins to wind down, students have been learning, praying, and playing together. While some sessions were postponed due to the snow storm, some of our Level 2 students have gone to Confession for the first time, classes have been praying and learning about the Stations of the Cross, and our Level 8 students enjoyed their Confirmation Retreat. Great things are happening!





Literacy Night 2026 celebrated the magic of Dr. Seuss! SWS Nursery-2nd graders and their parents were treated to a sneak peak of this year's Drama Production, "Seussical, Jr.," stories from their teachers, and crafts! Literacy Night is always a highlight of the school year!



### ***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: "Gracious God" (#136)

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

Communion Meditation: "With Our Eyes on the Cross"

Recessional Hymn: "City of God" (#382)

Our Children's and Adult Choirs are back in session - visit [stwilliam.org/music-ministry](http://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***

Rice-a-Roni - White Rice (bags) - Coffee - Ketchup - Breadcrumbs - Pancake Mix

#### ***Lenten Adopt-a-Neighbor Program***

Looking for a way to give back during Lent? Our Lenten 'Adopt-a-Neighbor' program offers you the opportunity to create a small Easter gift bag for a homebound neighbor or local child in need. Show someone you care by including a heartfelt message, prayer card or book, coloring pages or crossword puzzles, and maybe even a little Easter candy! To sponsor a neighbor, visit [www.signupgenius.com/findasignup](http://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup). Select "find a signup by creator email" and then enter [socialministry@stwilliam.org](mailto:socialministry@stwilliam.org). Click on "2026 Lenten Adopt-a-Neighbor" to enter the program and choose your adoptee! Questions? Contact the Social Ministry on 679-8532.



#### ***Job Fair March 26***

The Town of Hempstead will be hosting a job fair on Thursday March 26 from 10:30am-3:30pm at the Freeport Recreation Center. To attend, register at [www.hempsteadworks.com/jobfair](http://www.hempsteadworks.com/jobfair), and bring copies of your resume! Employers that will be at the event include CVS, EAC Network, EPIC Long Island, City of New York Fire Department, Flagstar, Local 15, Long Island Cares, MercyFirst, MTA, NY Army National Guard, NYC Dept of Corrections, NYS Dept of Civil Service, PSEG, Sunrise Credit Services, USMC, USPS, US Air and Space, US Navy, Nassau University Medical Center, and many more! For more information call 516-485-5000 ext. 1100.

#### ***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!

#### ***Prayer Shawl Ministry***

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday March 17 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!





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*Please pray for our Seminarians and all those  
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