



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying.
Luke 9:32-33

March 16, 2025 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 16, 2025

People of St. William's
Timothy Sullivan
Baby David George Skennion
Rose Fileccia

Wednesday continued...

Augustine Colletti
Esther Ferrante
Stephen Mirabito

Monday, March 17, 2025

Collective Intentions

Alice Murphy
Margaret Moran
Joan Fox
Carolyn McGowan

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Laurie Palmieri

Friday, March 21, 2025

Collective Intentions

Thomas Joseph Manning
Augustine Colletti
Robert & Dorothy Valerga (liv)
Ivan Koren

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Josephine Letellier

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Collective Intentions

Dolores Marino

Saturday, March 22, 2025

Purgatorial Society
People of St. William's

Pray for the Sick

Robert Valerga
Joan Entenman
Sal Lupo
Richard Fedyk
Felix Terraferma
Paul Tuccillo

John Flood
Frances Speidell
Matthew Peacock
Jen Greico
Rosemary Averill

Pray for the Deceased

Matthew Brolly
Lucy M. Roberti

Murphy Violet Musa

Wine & Hosts

The Wine & Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of
Mary Przygoda
from the McArdle and Daly Families

Adoration Candles

The Adoration Candles used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of
Rose Fileccia
from her daughters, Pat Kane & Angela Titolo

Altar Candles

The Altar Candles used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of
Rudy Koenig
from his wife and family

“Lent is not about self-improvement; it’s about self-surrender.”

I have grappled with this quote from Sister Miriam James Heidland since the beginning of March. To be honest with you, so many times in my life I have looked at the Holy Season of Lent to serve as a catapult to reset myself in my ways. Maybe it’s the ‘old athlete’ in me - that I’m going through spiritual and physical spring training and am working out the kinks of winter, or some of the lazy or slothful habits (and few pounds) I pick up during the Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations. But of late, these encouraging words have moved me to focus less on what “I am going to do” but to trust more in what the Lord desires to do within me. To offer all of myself - my wounds, my struggles and sins - but also the grace-filled glory moments where God has moved mountains and shown me His face and His love for me.

As we step into the Second Week of Lent, I want to encourage you to keep going and remember this is a 40-day journey. Maybe you started Lent strong, embracing prayer, fasting, and almsgiving with a renewed heart; or maybe, like a New Year’s resolution, you’ve already felt the struggle of keeping those commitments. Either way, don’t give up! Lent is a marathon, and every step - every prayer, every sacrifice, every moment of generosity - draws us closer to the heart of Jesus. I know it sounds like a contradiction, but it truly is “less” about the things that “we do” and more of how much we are willing to surrender to Him where we will see change, transformation, and spiritual conversion.

This Sunday, our first reading from Genesis 15 brings us into a powerful moment with Abram, our forefather in faith. God asks him to step outside and look up at the stars, revealing His promise to this wandering nomad. The Lord challenges Abram to count the stars, which is impossible, they are numberless; and that is God’s promise to a ‘childless man’ - your descendants and ancestors will be the same, uncountable. But God asks Abram to do things a little bit differently than what Abram originally planned. In fact, He even changes his name to Abraham. Shortly after removing the focus off of himself, and looking up to God’s awe and wonder, miracles begin to occur.

In the Gospel, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up the mountain where He is transfigured before them. This experience models an event from the Old Testament when Moses met God face to face. The appearance of his face changed, it became so radiant that those who were with him were scared. Whenever we turn and face the Lord, God calls us to lift our eyes, to look beyond and see His glory and wonder. But let’s be honest—how often do we do that? So many of us spend our days looking down - down at our phones, down at our iPads, down at our laptops. Screens command our attention and we risk missing the beauty and the miracles and the presence of God in our very midst. This Lent, let’s make a change. Let’s intentionally look up into the eyes of one another, to our families, and to the Lord.

I was recently reminded of a quote from St. Teresa of Avila who declares, “God withholds Himself from no one who perseveres.” The Lenten journey is not a sprint, and if you have come out of the gates on fire and seem to be pattering or withering a bit, use this weekend as a reset or a spiritual water break. I think about those drink stations set up along the way of a 5K run or marathon where the cups of water are lined up for the thirsty athletes. It takes wisdom and courage to pause and ask for help, to reach out and up to God.

Jesus Himself on the cross models a posture of surrender and love – His hands extended wide, holding onto nothing. The King of Kings says from the cross “Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit.” And we can do the same, even if the Lenten fast has been a challenge. So, let’s persevere together. This Lent is different from any other in our lifetime – 5 years ago we faced a Lenten global pandemic and God pulled us through. We are here, in this moment, in this season of grace, for a reason. God is moving and He is calling us to more if we are willing to surrender and trust, then we too will be transformed. But we must allow the time to pause, and lift our eyes to Him... and then He will do the rest!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Joel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Banns of Marriage

Banns I

Kristina Santoro, Floral Park
& Peter Pjetri, Our Lady of Shkodra Parish, Hartsdale,
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Banns III

Lauren Ferraro, St. William the Abbot
& Justin Hurd, St. John the Evangelist, Center Moriches

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taxes will not be automatically mailed out.

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from the Rectory.

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Pillar of Formation

The Gospel reading today is featured as the 4th
Luminous Mystery of the Rosary. Perhaps this Lenten
season you may take up the discipline of praying the
Rosary.

“The Lord is my light and my salvation.” Have faith in
our God, and trust in Him. Let Him work miracles in
your life.



Light a Prayer Candle

Lighting candles has long been a
sacred ritual in all traditions,
creating precious moments in our
own and other people's lives where
we pray for loved ones, friends, and
ask for or give support.

Pray for Those in the Military

Lt. Ian Bayer (USN) - Lt. Rebecca Bayer (USN) - Lt. Ryan Bayer (USN) - Sgt. Craig Bianco (USA) - Lt. Col. Michael DiPietro (USA) - LCpl Daniel Dugan (USMC) - First Lt. 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) - Capt. Philip Lettieri, MD (USA) - Lt. Cpl. Kevin Marshall (USMC) - Major Eamon G. McArdle (USA) - Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers (USAF) - 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

Michael Bonacum, Filomena Capogna, Christopher J. Carini, Richard Colton, Joanne Dougherty, Patricia Gorman, Brian LaValle, Thaddius Leland Mayfield, Matthew F. Pich, Louis Ruocco, Al Thomas, Caroline Fina, Magdalene Vogric, Jack Weston, Albert Giugliano, John M. Stolfi, Victor Letellier, Jr., Elizabeth Faul, Laurence Furnell.

Vincent Servedio, Ella Dalton, Nini Demerest, Harriett Kane, Anne Grandinetti, Helen Jeanne Tobin.
Rene Romaro, Dorothy Karas

Alfred Olsen, Joy Overton Tierney, Edward Vincent Murphy, Carol LoMastro

Dorothy Lee Erickson, Ellen Cain, Joan Sadler, Donald Gordon, Robert Medic, Janet McCloskey, Joseph Bass, Domenico Assalone, Brandon Roehrig

James Chiofolo, Darlene Cusumano, John Dunne, George Jones, Howard Kelly, Kenneth Albert Krug, Kevin Maher, George McLaughlin, Richard Olsen, John F. Santora, Mitchell Seidler, Edwin A. Smith, Robert Sullivan, Anthony Verde, John E. Ferris, John Calandra, Vincent Casoria, Carl Riccobono, Ivan Koren,

Joseph DeFazio, Donald Heffernan, Thomas C. Cox, Carolyn Tindell, Michelle Rossetti, Jennifer Cappellano, Matthew Brolly.

PRAYER - FASTING - ALMSGIVING

Lent at St. William the Abbot

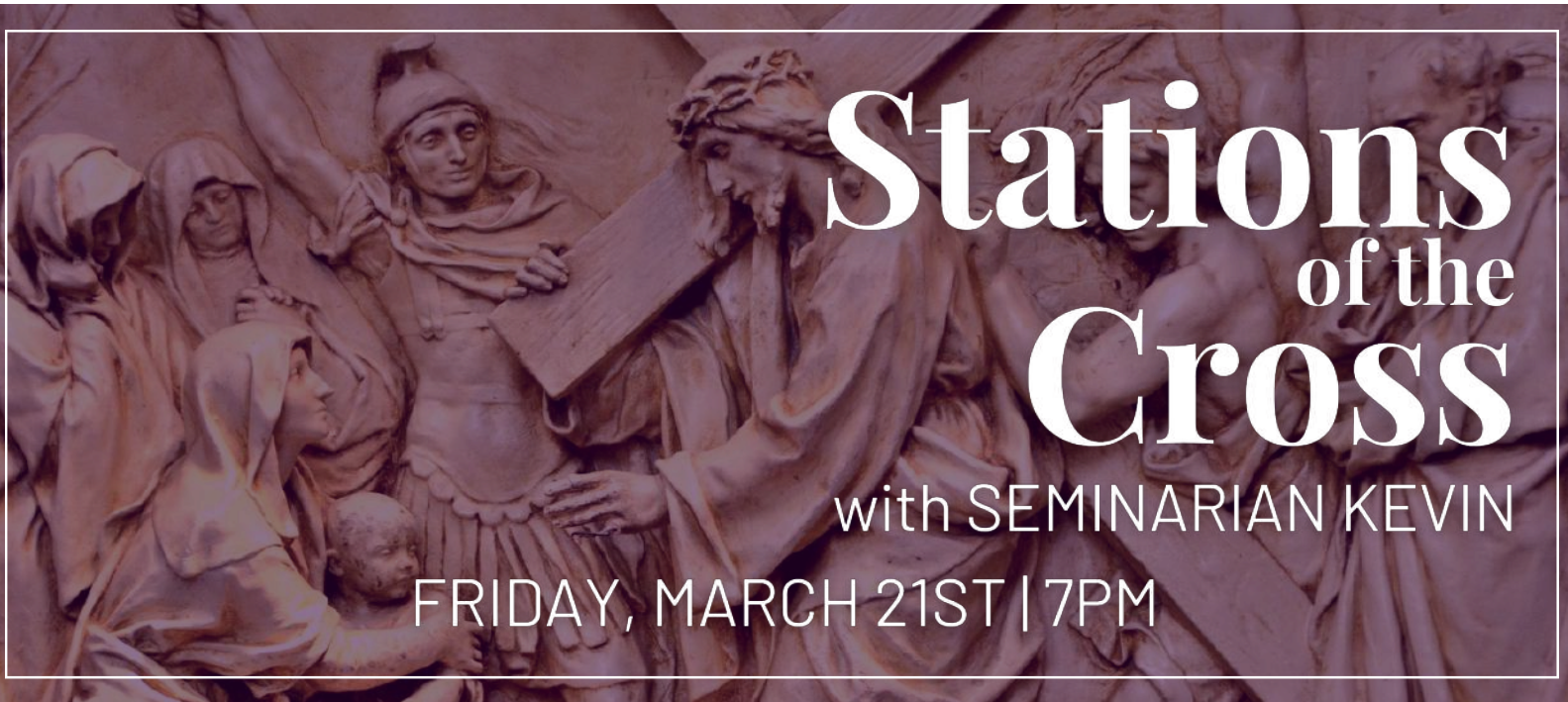


Lenten Mass

with FR. STEVEN McCLERNON

TUESDAY, MARCH 18TH | 7PM IN THE CHURCH

There will be a free-will offering collected during the Tuesday Masses



Stations of the Cross

with SEMINARIAN KEVIN

FRIDAY, MARCH 21ST | 7PM

"My hope is in you all day long."

PSALM 25:5

MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER DURING LENT TO BE ANNOUNCED
VISIT STWILLIAM.ORG/LENTEASTER25



SWS 4th Graders enjoyed a fantastic field trip to the Cradle of Aviation last week! Their 90 year-old tour guide, Irene, remarked that our students were so respectful and polite! They even sang "Happy Birthday" to her as she will celebrate her birthday on St. Patrick's Day!



Mrs. Diodati and 90 year-old Tour Guide, Irene

Faith Formation

Spring has sprung in our Faith Formation classes! The students in all levels have been busy learning about this Lenten season and how they can prepare their hearts and minds for Easter.



Our Catholic Community on Long Island



Saturday, April 12, 2025
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to receive Zoom Webinar Link



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Ages 21-35

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April 12th	September 13th
May 10th	October 11th
June 14th	November 8th
July 12th	December 13th

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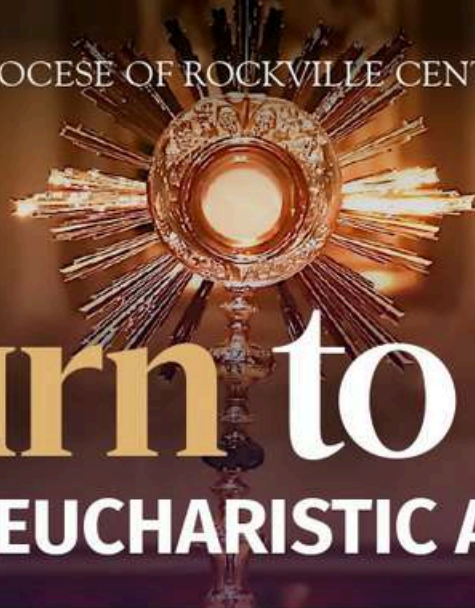


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Return to Me.

40 DAYS OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Starting on March 7th, visit 40 different parishes across Long Island for the 40 days of Lent.

MARCH

March 7: Our Lady of Ostrabrama

Cutchogue | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 8: St. Gertrude

Bayville | 3:00-4:45 p.m.

March 9: Mary Immaculate

Bellport | 1:30-2:30 p.m.

March 10: St. Raymond

East Rockaway | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 11: St. Luke

Brentwood | 5:00-6:00 p.m.

March 12: Our Lady of Lourdes

Malverne | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

March 13: Our Lady of the Assumption

Copiague | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 14: St. Catherine of Sienna

Franklin Square | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

March 15: St. Francis Cabrini

Coram | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

March 16: Holy Cross

Nesconset | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

March 17: St. Patrick

Huntington | 12:00-8:00 p.m.

March 18: St. Joseph

Hewlett | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 19: Most Holy Trinity

East Hampton | 8:30-9:30 a.m.

March 20: Our Lady of Mercy

Hicksville | 9:30-10:30 a.m.

March 21: St. Aloysius

Great Neck | 5:30-6:30 p.m.

March 22: Sacred Heart

Island Park | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

March 23: St. Anthony of Padua

East Northport | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 24: St. Mary

East Islip | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 25: Resurrection

Farmingville | 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

March 26: St. Boniface

Elmont | 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

March 27: St. Agnes

Greenport | 5:00-9:00 p.m.

March 28: Our Lady of Lourdes

Massapequa Park | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

March 29: Good Shepherd

Holbrook | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 30: Sacred Heart

North Merrick | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

March 31: St. Joseph

Kings Park | 6:00-7:00 p.m.

APRIL

April 1: St. Bernard

Levittown | 12:30-1:30 p.m.

April 2: St. Jude

Mastic Beach | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

April 3: St. Gerard Majella

Port Jefferson Station | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

April 4: St. Aidan

Williston Park | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

April 5: Queen of the Most Holy Rosary

Roosevelt | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

April 6: St. John the Evangelist

Riverhead | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

April 7: St. Martin of Tours

Bethpage | 7:30-9:00 p.m.

April 8: Our Lady of the Mirac. Medal

Wyandanch | 8:00-9:00 p.m.

April 9: Holy Name of Mary

Valley Stream | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

April 10: St. Louis de Montfort

Sound Beach | 7:00-8:30 p.m.

April 11: St. Thomas the Apostle

West Hempstead | 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

April 12: Our Lady of Grace

West Babylon | 8:30-9:30 a.m.

April 14: St. Rose of Lima

Massapequa | 8:00-9:00 p.m.

April 15: Our Lady of Lourdes

West Islip | 12:30-7:30 p.m.

April 16: St. Kilian

Farmingdale | 12:45-7:30 p.m.



To learn more, visit:
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Parish Social Ministry

Pantry List

Juice Boxes
Coffee
Cookies
Beef Gravy
Chicken Broth
Tissues

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday March 18 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!

Free Scam Prevention Seminars for Seniors

There will be free scam prevention seminars for seniors on Thursday, March 13 at 1:30pm at the Hicksville Community Center, and on Monday March 31 at 1:30pm at the Marjorie Post Park Community Center. Hosted by Nassau County District Attorney Anne Donnelly and Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor Joe Saladino, seniors and their caregivers can learn about phone, email and internet scams. The session will educate attendees about common scams, how to identify red flags, and steps to take if they encounter a potential scam. Participants will also hear practical tips to prevent becoming a victim of fraud and how to report scams and seek assistance. No RSVP is required to attend either of these free sessions.

Memory Café March 21

Nassau County will host a session of the Memory Café on Friday March 21 in Bethpage at the Senior Community Center. This is a free early-stage social engagement program that offers a fun and comfortable way for people with 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.

Nassau Senior Center Open Houses March 24

Did you know that there are fourteen senior centers in Nassau County? These senior centers will be hosting open houses and lunch on Monday, March 24. Call your local center for reservations and directions, and bring a friend! The nearest senior center to our Parish is at St. Jude's Church in Wantagh. They can be reached by calling 516-797-5357. Please note there is a suggested contribution of \$3 for lunch.

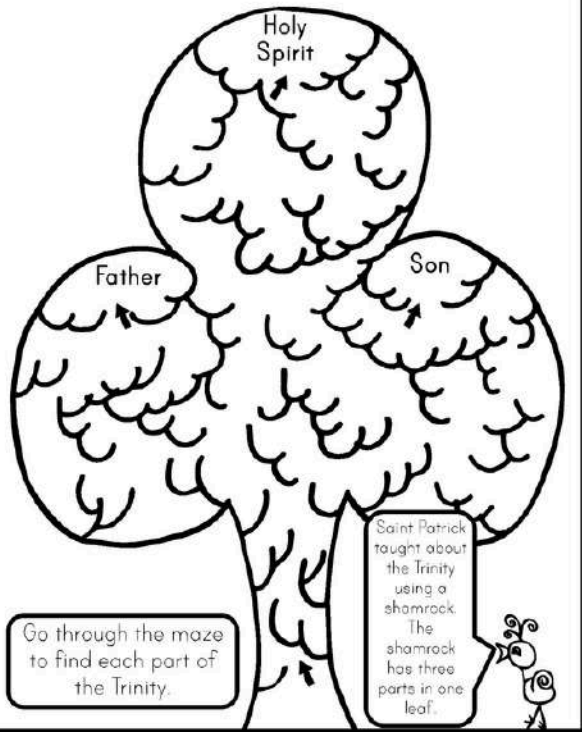
Donation Spotlight - SWS Brownie Troop 3275

St. William the Abbot Brownie Troop 3275 began this Lenten season in the spirit of almsgiving by taking action to bring Easter joy to local children in need. These second graders worked very hard to assemble Easter baskets for the children of families served by our Parish. The baskets contain many Easter themed items such as arts and crafts, toys, and candy. In completing this project, Troop 3275 set a great example of the Brownie Promise to 'do their best and help others.' We are so grateful for their kindness and generosity!



Saint Patrick

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



Year C: Second Sunday of Lent

Catholic Kids Bulletin
 March 16, 2025
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 The Lord is
 my light and
 my salvation.
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What did you give up for Lent? Ask your family to help you with your sacrifice.

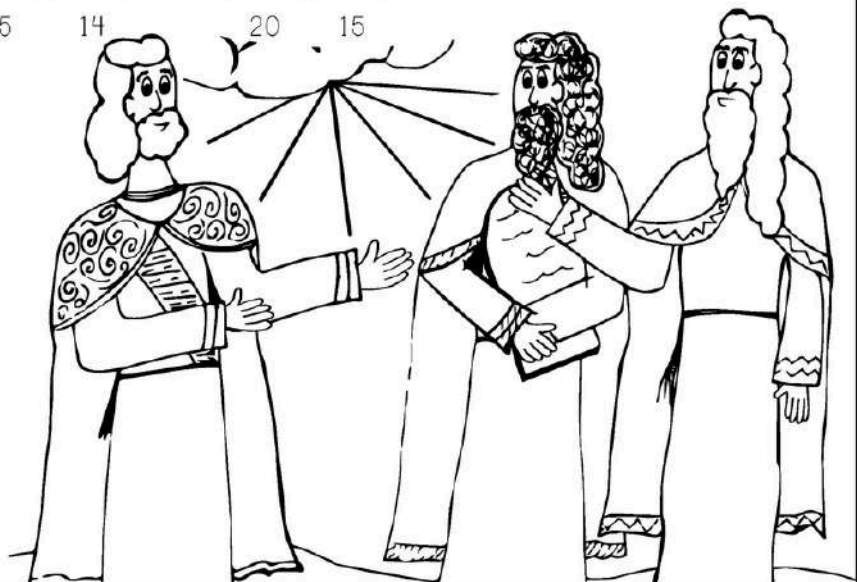
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God spoke from Heaven and said, "This is my beloved Son..."

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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 Jesus.

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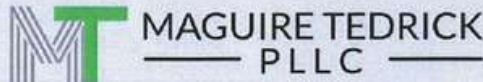


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