



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



March 19, 2023
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 - 8:15am

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

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see."

John 9:13-15

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 19, 2023

James Power
People of St. William's
Gisela Giese
Laurie Palmieri

Wednesday, Mar. 22, 2023

Kevyn Colletti (liv)

Thursday, Mar. 23, 2023

Kristopher & Maggie
Marcinczyk (liv)

Monday, March 20, 2023

Collective Intentions

Valdez & LeGoff Family (liv)
Eileen Dvork
Laurie Palmieri
Lynda Gravanese

Friday, March 24, 2023

Domenico D'Armi

Saturday, Mar. 25, 2023

Purgatorial Society
Grace Magrino

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Thomas Joseph Manning

Pray for the Sick

Richard Fedyk
Kristin Valerga-Goetze
Keith Gorton
John Reynolds
Eric Thomas Guzzo
Adrienne Harker

Anne Marie Canale
Khristopher Marcinczyk
Lois Anusiak
Lesa Laurence
Denise Kane

Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of
Rudy Koenig
from Lisa Koenig and Family

Sanctuary Candles

The Sanctuary Candles used at Mass this week have been donated with prayers for healing for
Kristopher Marcinczyk
from the LeGoff family

Altar Candles

The Altar Candles used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of
Dolores Marino
from her Children and Grandchildren

Jesus Sees You

The story of the Blind Man is such a powerful scene. In many ways the Blind Man just was minding his business, going about his day-to-day as he had his whole life. Engulfed in the darkness of his sensual experience and connected to only a few people who would have known him well. It is unlikely that he would have known, or even been aware of Jesus, which seems to come out in the Gospel story. But the opposite was not the case, Jesus saw him and pursued him. And he desires to do the same for you and me. There are many things I have learned in this journey of faith, and most recently in my time as priest and pastor of souls. One thing is how the lives of the faithful, and those who are entrusted with the care of souls are connected and so parallel to each other. All of us are called to live in such a way that we are set apart from the culture and the world. However, that does not mean that the culture and the world do not influence us.

Our emotions, our hearts, our relationships, our mental and physical health are all affected by the direction the world is going in. We begin to question where is the Lord? Has he forgotten us? Sometimes that sentiment comes alive when we see the state of the Church, the country, and the world. There is an expression that resonates so well and pertains to us - that we as Catholics must live "in" the world, but not "of" the world. But the battle is becoming more and more difficult. As the culture encroaches on us the influence of voices, media, and a new/progressive system of values that challenge, and at times goes in direct opposition of our basic and fundamental Catholic values and virtues is clouding and confusing our minds and the next generation. At the same time, we cannot be always focused on the apocalypse (the end times) – we live in these moments, and though challenging at times, as Christians we recognize that Jesus brings us hope.

There have been incredible bright moments in the recent past, and it is hard to believe that three years ago this month the outbreak of the Coronavirus Pandemic hit us. The world and the church will never be the same. It was a daunting time, and as things slowed down, we experienced incredible sickness, death, and fear. But we also experienced heroic virtue. I especially saw that come forth from all frontline workers. I would begin first and foremost in gratitude to the parish staff of St. William the Abbot, our administrators and teachers at the school, and the parish volunteers. So many of you parishioners also answered the call as frontline workers, and first responders – as image of Christ you also changed our world. With Holy Gratitude we offer you our thanks. In those moments – when it seemed so dark – Jesus saw you – and pursued you.

The pandemic and the aftereffects continue to place a fatigue on our hearts and families. In some cases, relationships and hearts strengthened and in other cases we saw in very public ways the breakdown at every level of family, marriages, and civil unrest. Many of you have spoken about how St. William the Abbot was there for you and were able to encounter the Lord. You experienced that in the phone calls, the house blessings, renewal of vows, temporary needs of outreach and parish social ministry, the nontraditional celebration of sacraments – outdoor confession, Anointing of the Sick, and Mass. Your faith was strengthened at this difficult time and enhanced. For me too, I witnessed and experienced the highs and lows of that difficult season of the parish history. I would often cry out to the Lord – "Where are you? Can you help us? Do you see us?" At those moments HE would send one of you – with a card or letter of encouragement, random financial generosity, your quiet presence praying or lighting a candle in the Church, or in the parking lot, or literally kneeling at the front entrance. I would be so profoundly reminded that He sees us! He hears our cry!

Although, in some ways we have returned to business as usual, we will never really be business as usual again. Like the Blind Man we too must be moved into action – to discipleship. To quote from the series the Chosen – Mary Magdalene so famously says in the show: "I was one way, and now I am completely different, and the thing that happened in between was Him." Can we say the same? Jesus pursued the Blind Man, He went after Mary, and He sees you and I as well. Will we allow ourselves to be found? To be fed? To be healed? To be seen? This week, let us pray for the grace to rest, to be still and let Him find us. The Lord desires the same for us as He has provided for all the great saints of the past – to be our rock, our guide, our protector, our all in all.

Thank you for your presence and generosity.

Peace,



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 24th beginning at 7:00 PM.



Pillar of Service

Like the blind man in today's Gospel, there are many in our lives, our parish and our community who need assistance. This week, pray a decade of the Rosary for someone you know who is in need of prayer (perhaps someone struggling with mental or physical health issues).

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

Anointing of the Sick



Anyone going to the hospital or who has a serious illness can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, which will be celebrated communally immediately following the 12:00 N Mass on Sunday, March 26, 2023.

Banns of Marriage

Banns I

Chelsea Bonetti, St. William the Abbot
& John Lauri, Montgomery, NY

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.

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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

"Jesus Through the Eyes of Women"

SPEAKERS • ADORATION • MUSIC

Thursday, March 23rd at 7pm



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Lenten Field Trip

Thursday,
March 30th



Metropolitan Museum of Art

Visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art to learn about masterpieces pertaining to Lent and Easter guided by Rev. Tom Vassalotti



Lunch

Late lunch at LaLocanda Restaurant in Greenpoint, Brooklyn



St. Cecilia's Church

A tour of St. Cecilia's Church in Greenpoint, Brooklyn with a Lenten talk by Rev. Lee Descoteaux



Transportation

Bus will depart St. William's following the 8:30am mass and will return between 5pm and 6pm (snacks provided)

\$100 per person

Please reserve your place quickly as space is limited

Contact priests@stwilliam.org with any questions.

PLEASE RETURN TO RECTORY WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Number: _____

Faith Formation

This week, our Level 1 Faith Formation students and their parents met to learn about the Holy Trinity. The children made shamrocks as a way of showing three persons in one God.



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MASS *with* Rev. Dominik Wegiel



Tuesday, March 21st at 7pm

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

Join us every Tuesday through March 28th at 7pm
for Mass with Guest Celebrants

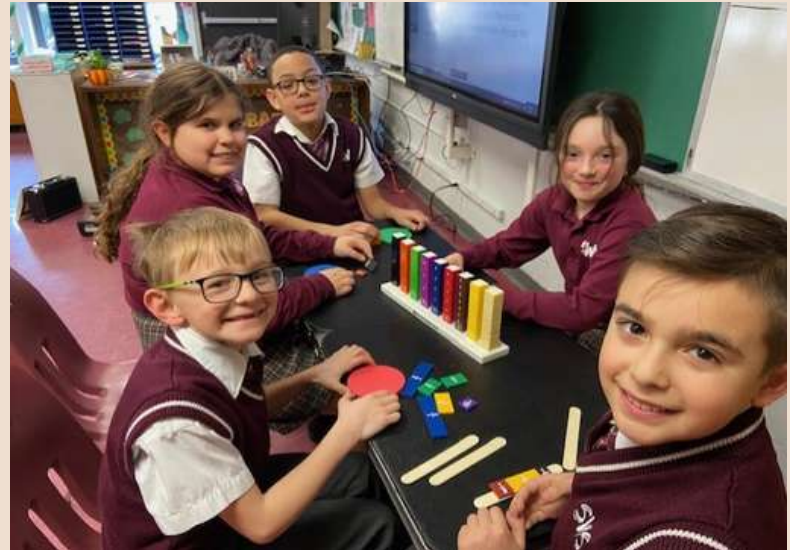
RECONCILIATION *Monday*

Monday, April 3rd
3pm - 9pm

*Confessions will be held at all parishes
throughout the Diocese of Rockville Centre,
Diocese of Brooklyn, and Archdiocese of New
York. Please check each parish for times.*

St. William the Abbot School

Class 3-2 is busy studying many interesting topics across multiple disciplines. They are promoting spiritual growth through reflection during Lent by completing a daily entry into their Lenten Journal. The class is focusing their mathematical attention on fractions. In science, they are learning about animal adaptations and are creating a life cycle mobile in the iCenter. They recently completed an extensive Google slide presentation featuring each of the 50 United States in the computer lab. They are now learning how America works by studying the U.S. Government and the role of its citizens. Additionally, each student put together an elaborate presentation in celebration of Presidents Day.



Here is class 7-2 celebrating Catholic Schools Week on Pajama day! They got to read stories with their buddies and make a craft which they are holding on the carpets! It was a lot of fun!



Parish Social Ministry

Easter Basket/Food Collection

Looking for a Lenten project to do with your family? Consider making a small Easter bag or basket for one of our families in need! Include a variety of pantry staples and treats, and perhaps an Easter card to remind our Parish families how much we care! Your bag could have a theme such as 'breakfast' or 'comfort food,' or simply make a basket of your family's favorites. Questions? Call the Social Ministry office at 516-679-8532.



This week only we are collecting small amounts of Easter treats to be included with family food orders for Easter. Items such as chocolate bunnies, chocolate crosses and small bags of jelly beans make a lovely surprise when tucked in with a family's necessities. Remember...less is more! Our focus is on nutritious Easter meal distribution so donating one or two treats is plenty, and much appreciated!

Note: Easter baskets and candy will be collected only through Tuesday March 28th to allow time for distribution.

Thank You, Girl Scout Troop 3606!

Last week Girl Scout Troop 3606 donated 30 boxes of girl scout cookies to our food pantry. What a wonderful treat for us to be able to distribute these cookies to families in need! Troop 3606 has been a great supporter of our pantry; this is their third year in a row donating cookies to us. The troop is made up of 4th graders at the Seaford Manor School, and their generosity certainly makes their school, families and Parish proud. We are so grateful to Troop 3606 for their support!



Donation Spotlight - Take Me Out to the Ballgame

The Social Ministry was blessed with a visit from local Seaford Charity 'Take Me Out to the Ballgame.' This organization is focused on improving the quality of life for children in need.

They do this by hosting interactive family activities and by providing tools children need to thrive at home, school and play. Take Me Out to the Ballgame dropped off a huge donation of healthy meal proteins such as beef, sausage, chicken breasts, legs, thighs...and even five varieties of fish filets! Families are really struggling right now due to inflation and rising food

prices, but this donation will make a huge impact on the families that we support. Thank you Take Me Out to the Ballgame for your ongoing support and generosity, we are so grateful!

Refer a Friend in Need

Do you know someone in need of assistance? Your Parish Social Ministry offers confidential support and advice regarding hardships experienced by adults and seniors who may be struggling with sensitive issues. We have access to relevant state, local and charity-based programs that may help, and we offer other services such as client advocacy and regular use of our food pantry.

Partnering with our St. Vincent de Paul conference, we help with budgeting, expense management and building financial independence. For more information call the Parish Social Ministry office 516-679-8532.



Saint Joseph was Jesus' dad on earth. He worked as a carpenter and helped raise Jesus. When God gave Joseph a message, he listened!



Joseph is the patron saint of families.
Draw your family in the frame.



Catholic Kids Bulletin

March 19, 2023
Lent
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Bulletin

BSHALLPWOWANTOK

The Lord is my
shepherd;
there is nothing
I shall want.

BOWMYPSHEPHERDO

THEREPPAOISOWNOTHINGLSPIOP



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

MIRACLE

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Gospel

Jesus performed a miracle by healing a blind man.
The man learned that Jesus is the Son of God.

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

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