



# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



## March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

### 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

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna." "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"  
Mark 11:8-10

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, March 24, 2024

Annette Brooks

Alice Cassaro

#### Collective Intentions

Eileen Ford

Edwin Boden

Hazel E. Boyle

James O'Donnell

Mary O'Neil

Regis LeGoff & Maggie

Marcinkzyk (liv)

#### Monday, March 25, 2024

Donato DiLeo

#### Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Grace Magrino

#### Wed., March 27, 2024

#### Collective Intentions

Edwin J. Boden

Roberto Giancaterino

Gene Goettlicher

#### Wednesday continued...

Grazietta & Donato Marrone

Joan Alossa

Lydia Medina

#### Thurs., March 28, 2024

#### Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper

#### Friday, March 29, 2024

#### Good Friday

Morning Prayer

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

#### Saturday, March 30, 2024

#### Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer

Blessing of Easter Food

Easter Vigil

### Pray for the Sick

Richard Fedyk

Kathleen Guele

William Kimbley

Keith Gorton

Richard Ament

Jerry Milbach

Sal Lupo

### Pray for the Deceased

Bernadette Salvatore

### Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of  
Stephen Mullen  
from Patricia Mullen

### Altar Candles

The Altar Candles used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of  
Matthew Pokalsky  
from Annie, Ella and Susie

## Palm Sunday 2024

*Once again.... Hosanna in the Highest!!*

My sisters and brothers here we are once again entering into the holiest week of the year. The scriptures tell us that Jesus triumphantly arrives on a colt into Jerusalem as a king returning from battle - the crowd was with Our Lord and expressed that by waving the palm branches and cheering "Hosanna to the Son of David!" There is excitement and hope of what Jesus could do in their lives, community, and the world. It is no different today. Jesus brings us hope, but when we look at the state of the world we can easily be discouraged. The crisis in Haiti, the continued unrest in Ukraine, Israel, and Central America, and of course the political rhetoric and civil corruption happening here in the US. "Jesus, more than ever we need you"!

Palm Sunday is a snapshot of the Passion and the Stations of the Cross through the lens of the scriptures, which leads us to the cross. I'm not sure if you had the opportunity to celebrate the Stations here at St. William this Lent, but each of them was a powerful experience culminating on Friday with our school children reenacting the Passion. We are invited this week to become companions with Jesus in His as well as our own crosses. I have always loved the writings of Saint Pope John Paul II, who personally knew the power of the cross in his journey and the crosses and difficulties of the world. He once wrote: "The Love and Mercy that we all seek reveals itself most tangibly in Christ Crucified, Jesus who, letting go of heaven and uniting with humanity, chose to suffer with those who suffer: In Christ and through Christ, God becomes especially visible in His mercy," offered at the cross.

This week we stand at the base of the cross, and we present to Jesus our own crosses – some of them are very public and visible ones, such as when we experience the loss of a family member, a strain in our relationships, or a loved one receives a difficult medical diagnosis. Other times the crosses are internal, and only you and the Lord are aware. One of the great gifts of Saint William the Abbot's church campus is the outdoor Stations of the Cross. It has been a powerful devotion for me personally, but it has also been extremely moving to watch so many of you at different times during the day praying to them. In some cases, the weather has been inclement, other times clear and beautiful; or it has happened early in the morning, or later in the evening, but you have faithfully prayed to them. The same can be said for some of you at the traditional Stations inside the Church before going to work, or arriving later after a long, challenging day.

Holy Week allows for a shift in the demeanor of the crowd. Only days after cheering Jesus' arrival, the circumstances change quickly. It is not much different in how joy and sorrow move in a similar way in our lives as well. How do we respond? As Catholics we are given the great model of Our Lady. Throughout the life of Christ, she was reminded that her heart would be pierced by the sword of struggle and difficulty. At the foot of the cross Mary experienced the agony of a mother's heart – but she relied even more on God at that time. We are encouraged to do the same, lean in, hang on, God is with you. God knows our internal and external suffering. He knows how challenging life, and family, and school, and work, and sickness, and anxiety have affected us - that we have truly suffered.

I offer you a simple word of encouragement and challenge this week. If you have experienced consolation, care, and love from St. William's in the recent past, would you be willing to invite someone back who has been away for a while? Maybe it is to Adoration, Mass, confession, the Triduum, the rosary, or even to simply light a candle and quiet prayer. My hope and prayer is that all those who come to St. William will experience a renewal and restoration of faith that brings them to the cross, and then to the glory of the resurrection. Hosanna in the Highest!!

Thank you for your presence and generosity.

Peace,

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

## ***Banns of Marriage***

### **Banns I**

Kathleen Graziose, St. Pius X Church, Loudonville, NY  
& Frederick Hiller, St. Pius X Church, Loudonville, NY

### **Banns II**

Amanda Grulke, All Saints Parish, Alpena, MI  
& Stephen Bellipario, St. William the Abbot

Lara Klein, St. William the Abbot  
& Akash Jadonandan, St. William the Abbot

## ***Little White Book***

The Little White Book, an Easter continuation of the Lenten readings that were provided by the Little Black Book, is available at the doors of the Church for interested parishioners.

## ***Parking in the Neighborhood***

Please be considerate during the upcoming holidays. Many of the Masses are crowded and parking is difficult. Please do not block any driveways. Try to arrive early and allow time to find parking. Keep in mind that there is a parking lot behind the school. Thank you!

## ***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

## ***Holy Land Collection***



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to

preserve the sacred shrines. The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday).



— LENT AT ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT —

*Reflect & Renew*

MARCH 25TH

# Mercy Monday

CONFESSIONS: 7:45-8:30AM, 3-9PM

## ***Purgatorial Society***

Virginia Goldhammer, Ethel Ann Miceli, Thomas Adams, James O'Brien, Raymond Thomen, Salvatore Yannetti, Jason Acosta, Joan Alossa, Francois Ponzio.

Stanley Lewicki, Catherine Raitano, Joseph Lee, Thomas Rizzo, David Chan, Rudolph Dragisics, Tim Bestenheider, Kristin A. Valerga-Goetze.

Giuseppe Fronda, Gina Pellettiere, Lauralee Miller, Joan Grimes, Millie Paradiso, Nancy Bryson, Maureen Upton, Lissette Baquero, Albina Sangemino, Virginia Svoboda, Ivan Drazenovic, Ida Connico.

Lois Anusiak, Teresa Angelastro, Walter C. Breslin, Thomas P. Calautti, Deborah A. D'Amore, Dean Gregorio, Chris Helgasen, Doris Mulcahy, Vincent J. Pernice, Thomas Reilly, Hildegard Robinson, Carl Scogmanillo, Kristin A. Valerga-Goetze, Margaret Burke, Patricia Baisley, Howard Batsford, Andrew Bricht, Dorothy Meinke, Edward Bolinger, Kelly Mooney Cordero, Catherine Koster.

Dorothy Meinke, Joan Kane, Kathryn & Robert Nesi, Dorothy L. Costa, Nelson A. Moret, George Jantzen, III, John M. Stolfi, Walter Ostrowski, Sebastian Panesci, Anthony Nicholas Diomede, II, Thomas Fitzgerald, Andrea Browne, Frank Alongi, John Kilgus, Tiddy Susi, Robert Charles Harter.

John Battiste, Marie Cosgrove, Joseph DePieiro, Thomas V. Fitzgerald, Jr., Mary Horne, Sal Locrotondo, Carol Locrotondo, Michael Maltese, Jr., Lydia Medina, Carla Jean Powell, Adele Riordan, Caroline Sivert, Kathy Abrescia, Donald Clark, Diane Gaskin, Richard McKenna.

Clifford Grohs, Daisy Martinez, Catherine Donoghue, Bobby Torressen, Steven Danko, Anna Clark, Andrew Bartolozzi, Eva Gerard, Gilda Russo, William Perez, Jr.

# — HOLY WEEK AT ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT —

MARCH 28TH

## Holy Thursday

MORNING PRAYER: 9AM  
SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: 7PM  
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: 8-10PM  
NIGHT PRAYER: 10:15PM

MARCH 29TH

## Holy Friday

MORNING PRAYER: 9AM  
SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION: 3PM

MARCH 30TH

MORNING PRAYER & FOOD BLESSING: 9AM  
CONFESSION: 11AM - 12:30PM  
EASTER VIGIL: 8PM

## Holy Saturday

## Easter Sunday

MARCH 31ST

MASSES: 7:30AM, 9AM, 10:30AM, 12N

APRIL 7TH

## Divine Mercy Sunday

ADORATION | MUSIC | CONFESSION - 3PM  
WITH THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL

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

1 PETER 3:15



# 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 baptism and confirmation, symbolizing hope and new life, representing Jesus' resurrection.

No Longer Available

## 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 lighting candles in the Convent Chapel at 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.

No Longer Available



## 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, flowers, and other decor.

No Longer Available

## 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](http://stwilliam.org/lenteaster24) to reserve online



Item	Available	Cost	Qty
Vigil Candles	3	\$75	
Window Arrangements	5	\$25	

Item	Cost	Qty
Lily Plant	\$35	
Hydrangea Plant	\$30	
Tulip Plant	\$20	
Hyacinth Plant	\$20	
Kalanchoe/Calandiva	\$15	

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

St. William the Abbot School participated in the Wantagh St. Patrick's Day Parade last weekend. After attending mass together, SWS families shared their school spirit with the community as they were lead by school mascot, Willie the Wolf, down the parade route in a sea of green and SWS maroon!



**SCHEDULE A TOUR OF OUR NURSERY - 8TH GRADE PROGRAMS TODAY (516-785-6784)**



## ***Parish Social Ministry***

### ***Pantry Needs***

Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Mayonaise  
Cookies  
Laundry Detergent

### ***Thank You Easter Donors!***

Thank you to everyone that donated food and Easter candy this Lenten season. Thanks to your generous donations, we will be providing food to over 50 families this Easter, as well as baskets for 35 children! In addition, our Homebound Eucharistic Ministers and St. Vincent de Paul members were able to bring over 70 Easter gift bags to our homebound parishioners. God bless you all for your generosity! Happy Easter!

We received a tremendous response from Parish families that completed our Lenten project to create an Easter basket for families in need. The baskets were creative, colorful, and filled with both food necessities and candy treats. It is so clear that all of the baskets donated were made with love for our neighbors! Thank you to everyone that contributed, your gifts will bring so much joy to the families we serve!

### ***Family Easter Basket Project***



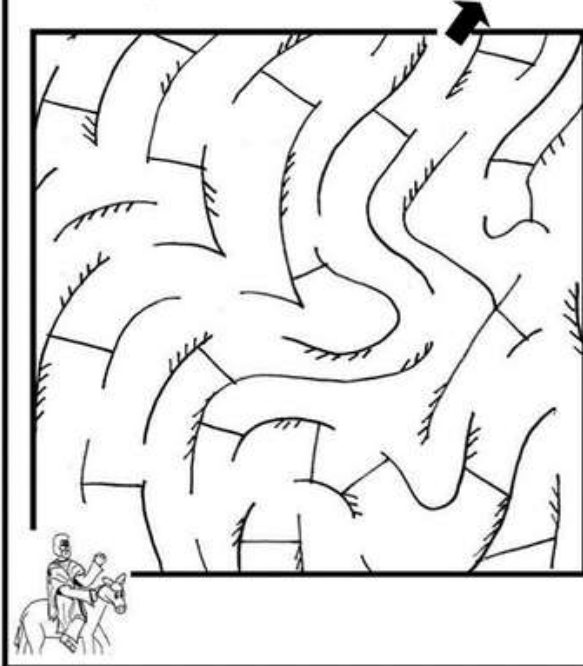
### ***Donation Spotlight - Boy Scout Troop 690***

St. William's Boy Scout Troop 690 held its annual Scouting for Food Drive to benefit our Parish food pantry. Their hard work yielded almost 700 pounds of food to date, and more food will be coming in throughout Lent! We are blessed to have such generous and thoughtful Boy Scouts and Scout families as part of our Parish. They are truly living the Boy Scout oath "to help other people at all times." Thank you Troop 690 for your ongoing support!





Write the beginning letter of each word to see what people said when they saw Jesus in Jerusalem.



### Palm Sunday



PEOKMEOWKAQJSEI

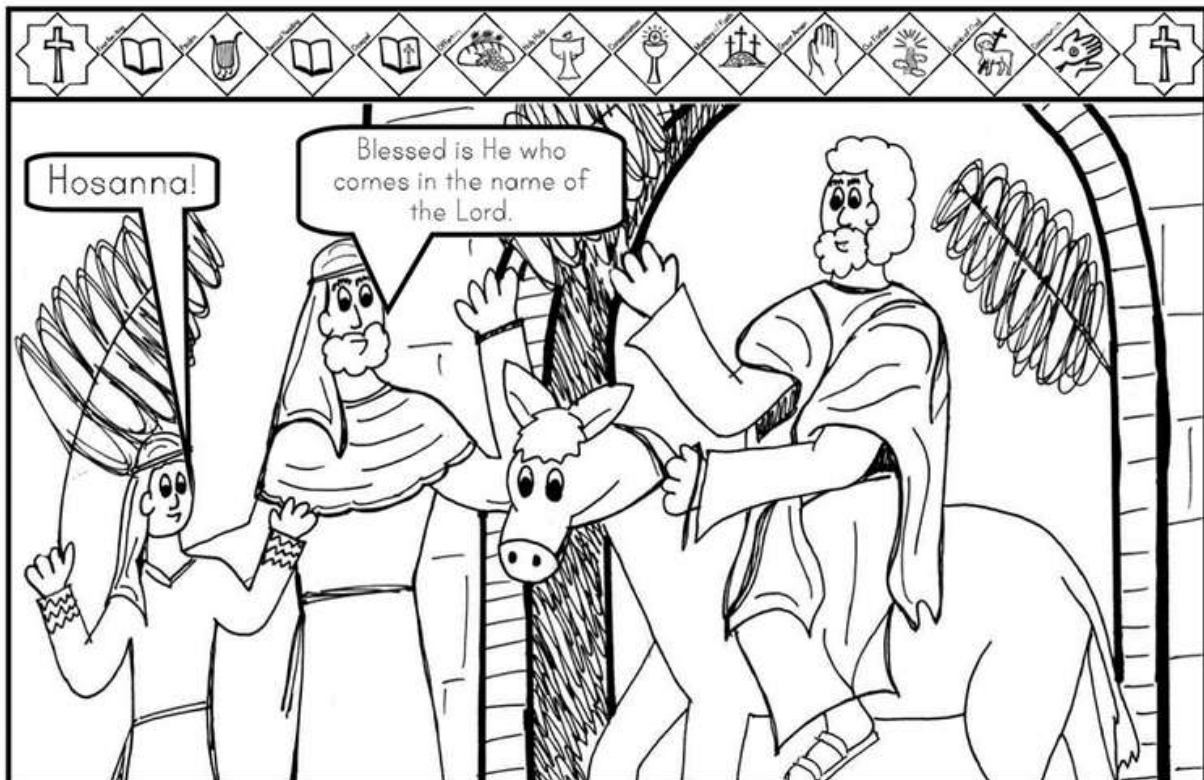
PGODPWLEKWHYPD

PHAVEOYOUABANDONEDKWOES



Did you get a palm branch at the beginning of Mass today? Hold your palm quietly during Mass, then take it home and keep it in a special place at your house.

© 2023 IJB catholicidsbulletin.com



## Gospel

The priest is going to read a Gospel story at the beginning of Mass today. In the story, Jesus is going into Jerusalem. He is riding on a colt as people wave palm branches and shout, "Hosanna!" Hosanna means, "Hooray!"

### Palm Sunday

© 2023 IJB catholicidsbulletin.com



**stwilliam.org**



**@stwilliamabbot**

Scan here to make a one-time donation  
by Credit Card, Apple Pay, Google Pay, or CashApp

Or visit  
[stwilliam.org/ways-to-give](http://stwilliam.org/ways-to-give)



**Rev. Joseph H. Fitzgerald**  
*Pastor*

Rev. Michael Edathil  
*Associate Pastor*

Rev. John Crozier  
*In Residence*

[priests@stwilliam.org](mailto:priests@stwilliam.org)

**Deacons**

Dcn. Anthony Cedrone

Dcn. John Lynch

Dcn. Michael Metzдорff

[information@stwilliam.org](mailto:information@stwilliam.org)

**Rectory Staff**

Judy Goldman  
*Business Manager*  
[jgoldman@stwilliam.org](mailto:jgoldman@stwilliam.org)

Sue McCormick  
*Office Manager*  
[information@stwilliam.org](mailto:information@stwilliam.org)

Kate Walsh  
*Development & Operations*  
[kwash@stwilliam.org](mailto:kwash@stwilliam.org)

**Office of Faith Formation**

Sr. Joan Klimski, OP  
*Director*

[faithformation@stwilliam.org](mailto:faithformation@stwilliam.org) | 516-783-2528  
[stwilliam.org/faith-formation](http://stwilliam.org/faith-formation)

**Parish Social Ministry**

Allison Marro  
*Director*

[socialministry@stwilliam.org](mailto:socialministry@stwilliam.org) | 516-679-8532  
[stwilliam.org/social-ministry](http://stwilliam.org/social-ministry)

**Music Ministry**

Jennifer Lynde  
*Director*

[information@stwilliam.org](mailto:information@stwilliam.org)

**Rectory Information**

2000 Jackson Avenue  
Seaford, NY 11783

516-785-1266

Office Hours  
Monday - Thursday: 9am - 12:30pm, 1pm - 4pm  
Friday: 9am - 12n

*If there is an emergency where someone is critically ill or injured  
and needs a priest outside of office hours, please call 516-312-7361*

**St. William the Abbot School**



Elizabeth Bricker  
*Principal*

Ryan Fedak  
*Assistant Principal*

516-785-6784

[stwilliamtheabbot.net](http://stwilliamtheabbot.net)

*A Legacy of Excellence - Nursery through 8th Grade*

**Our Seminarians**

Dcn. Joseph Lettieri  
*SWA Parishioner*

Herley Mendez  
*SWA Parishioner*

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

**Pastoral Council**

Chris Blankley - Fred Duemig - Barbara Geraghty  
Lara Klein - Kelly Koster - Peter Tietz - Thomas Ward

**Finance Council**

Rita Defendini\* - Robert Gerbard - John Kaley\*  
Tom Kiley - Ed Lettieri

\*Parish Trustees

**Resources**

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)  
[rcia@stwilliam.org](mailto:rcia@stwilliam.org) | [stwilliam.org/rcia](http://stwilliam.org/rcia)

Baptisms & Weddings at St. William the Abbot  
[stwilliam.org/sacraments](http://stwilliam.org/sacraments)

Register as a St. William the Abbot Parishioner  
[stwilliam.org/i-am-new](http://stwilliam.org/i-am-new)

Catholic High Schools of Long Island  
[chsee.org](http://chsee.org)

Diocese of Rockville Centre  
[drvc.org](http://drvc.org)

Formed: The Catholic Faith. On Demand  
[formed.org](http://formed.org)

Tomorrow's Hope Foundation: Financial Aid for Catholic Schools  
[tomorrowshopefoundation.org](http://tomorrowshopefoundation.org)

**The Diocese of Rockville Centre**

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
*Fifth Bishop of Rockville Centre*

Most Rev. Robert J. Coyle  
Most Rev. Luis Miguel Romero Fernandez, M.Id  
Most Rev. Andrzej Zglejszewski  
Most Rev. John C. Dunne (Retired)  
*Auxiliary Bishops of Rockville Centre*

Most Reverend William Murphy  
*Bishop Emeritus*

[drvc.org](http://drvc.org)