



# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



## March 26, 2023 Fifth 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

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."  
John 11:43-44

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, March 26, 2023

Joseph Callahan

#### Collective Intentions

People of St. William's

Michele Eramo

Rita Gallipani

Nancy Beato

Rose Russo

Michael Mosca

#### Monday, March 27, 2023

Edward Boden

#### Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Donato DiLeo

#### Wednesday, Mar. 29, 2023

Regis LeGoff (liv)

#### Thursday, Mar. 30, 2023

Roberto Giancaterino

Donato & Grazietta Marrone

#### Friday, March 31, 2023

#### Collective Intentions

Gene Goettlicher

Jane Gallagher

Terence Ring

Gloria Viruet (liv)

Dorles Wood

#### Saturday, April 1, 2023

Purgatorial Society

Alan Neubauer

### Pray for the Sick

Adrienne Harker

Anne Marie Canale

Kristopher Marcinczyk

Lois Anusiak

Lesa Laurence

Denise Kane

Ralph Sabatelli

Charles Giardino, Jr.

Kristin Valerga-Goetze

Keith Gorton

John Reynolds

Frank Dellaquila

### Pray for the Deceased

Ann Favicchio

Patricia Ann Hynes

### Wine and Hosts

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

### Sanctuary Candles

The Sanctuary Candles used at Mass this week have been donated with birthday prayers for Regis LeGoff from Kristell & Julien LeGoff

### Altar Candles

The Altar Candles used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of Ann and William Zorn from Ann O'Brien

## Lazarus, Martha, and Mary – They Were Jesus’ Friends

When we read the Scriptures, we know that Jesus and his teachings caused many people to reject him and become his enemies. That is the reality of our humanity. Sometimes people walk with us in support, and there will always be others who reject us. The scriptures are filled with stories of those who were plotting against the Lord, and not on ‘Team Jesus.’

We often hear about the disciples of Jesus, his followers, and students during his public ministry, but we also are aware that Jesus had intimate and probably lifelong friends. That concept has always made my imagination run wild - what would that look like? Well, it appears that in Bethany he had a deep connection with this family. He could have been related to them through Mary, or Joseph, or possibly they could be “FRAMILY.” But either way, it seems that in the journey to and from Jerusalem, Jesus would often stop by to see them for a quick visit, a meal, or just simply to rest. They would likely have “known him” well - favorite foods, music, places to walk or exercise, and they could probably read his face when he arrived to see if he needed to veg out or catch up. He would have experienced Radical Hospitality from them.

Just a quick aside in this reflection regarding hospitality, March is filled with many great holidays and Saint days, and last week caused a major problem in the rectory. We were overflowing with delicious Irish soda bread and St. Joseph’s pastries that started to arrive on Friday and continued until Monday!!! It was a challenging week when it comes to being faithful to Lenten fasting!! A huge thank you to all for the beautiful cards and delicious snacks that found their way to the rectory for Fr. Raphael and me.

Back to Lazarus. Today’s Gospel tells us the story of how Jesus’ friend Lazarus became ill and died. What is amazing is Jesus’ response - how he pauses during this difficulty while the family and the community suffer, Jesus waits. I have often heard that God’s plan, and God’s time does not always make sense - but to trust in it. That is often my biggest challenge, and sin, because I would rather be the director of the drama - and struggle with being left in the dark about the next scene or chapter. I am not a big fan of surprises.

A huge surprise hit us all three years ago when the Coronavirus shut down everything and whole world changed. I was so hopeful and enthusiastic to arrive in the Summer of 2019 to a community vibrant and alive, striving for a deeper relationship with God. The impact of closing the churches will affect us for many years to come. And, as we grapple with ways to encourage and invite people to our community - those who once were present, as well as new families - I recognize that in God’s time, everything will work out. On our part we must be like Martha and Mary, who in their confusion and sadness, relied on and placed their hope in Jesus. I have always been so moved by the boldness of Martha, when she confronts Jesus (with a little bit of an edge in her greeting), “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” And yet she trusts, in her basic understanding of the Resurrection and what that would look like, and that she would see Lazarus again.

That kind of boldness reminds me of a story from two years ago with a family in the parish, who I knew previously before I was assigned to St. William. We have journeyed together as friends, and I had the great privilege of baptizing their daughter Sophia. I remember being at their house for dinner, and at that time she may have been four or five years old. And as she was bouncing back-and-forth between the conversation, sitting on the couch, and playing with Barbies, she overheard her parents and I speaking about the government and diocesan protocols, parishioners’ expectations, and the significant drop in attendance. You may remember that 2021 we decided to do the major Liturgies outdoors, and she heard me speak about the Town Show Mobile in the parking lot, celebrating Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday outdoors, and I watched her young face look at us somewhat confused. “We are going to have Mass outside?” I told her yes, and she paused – and just like the meaning of her name – Sophia (WISDOM) she said something that I will never forget – “don’t worry Fr. Joe, at Easter they will come back.” Ahh, out of the mouths of babes.

That concept resonates with me, especially this year. Obviously on Easter Sunday we celebrate Jesus’ return from the dead, but what can we do differently to enhance that Easter experience for ourselves and the parish? We can all acknowledge that God is in charge, but there are simple ways to invite like Lazarus, Martha, and Mary invited Jesus into their home. The Pandemic lingers in the hearts and minds of many in our family and community, now more than ever people need relationship, connection, community, and friendship. Which of our friends can use a little encouragement from us to Encounter the Lord this year? Jesus says at the tomb: “Lazarus, come out.” I can think of a few people who have had a difficult year – and perhaps it is our invitation that can make the difference for them. They need us to say to them – “Come out” – to the Stations of the Cross, or Palm Sunday, or Good Friday, and especially Easter Sunday. Jesus – our friend is waiting.

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 31st beginning at 7:00 PM.



## Banns of Marriage

### Banns I

Erin Burdick, St. William the Abbot  
& Tyler Hertz, St. William the Abbot

### Banns II

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

## 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

## Baptisms

Let us welcome the following children who were baptized last weekend:

Alessandra Aparo  
Olivia Cianciaruso  
Francesca Interrante  
Kendall Graham  
Tyler Kassel

## Pillar of Hospitality

Throughout this Lenten season, how have you acted (or reacted) to your fellow man? Be sure that as you grow closer to the Lord this season, you also grow kinder to those around you.

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

PRAYER • FASTING • ALMSGIVING

# LENT

2023

## MASS *with* Rev. Alonzo Cox



Tuesday, March 28th at 7pm

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

This will conclude our Lenten Mass series as we prepare to enter into Holy Week

## 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.*

## *Men's Lenten Prayer Group*

Every Saturday at 6:30am in  
The Abbey from 2/25 through 4/01

## Living Stations of the Cross

*presented by*  
*The 7th Grade Students of*  
*St. William the Abbot School*



Friday, March 31st at 7pm in the Church

[stwilliam.org/lent-2023](http://stwilliam.org/lent-2023)

# Holy Week & Easter

AT ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT

## Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 1st Vigil Mass:  
5pm

Sunday, April 2nd Masses:  
7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12n

## Reconciliation Monday

Monday, April 3rd

Confession Times:  
7:30-8:15am, 3-9pm

## Tuesday & Wednesday

April 4th & 5th

Confession: 7:30-8:15am  
Adoration: 7:30-8:15am  
Daily Mass: 8:30am

## Holy Thursday

April 6th

Morning Prayer: 9am  
Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper: 7pm  
Adoration: 8-10pm  
Night Prayer: 9:45pm

## Good Friday

April 7th

Morning Prayer: 9am  
Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3pm

## Holy Saturday

April 8th

Morning Prayer: 9am  
Blessing of Food: 9:30am  
Confession: 11am-12:30pm  
Easter Vigil: 8pm

## Easter Sunday

April 9th

Masses:  
7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12n

## Divine Mercy Sunday

April 16th

Holy Hour: 3pm  
with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal



## Holy Saturday - Blessing of the Food - 9:30 AM in the Church

In many Eastern European countries it is a tradition to have a basket of food blessed on Holy Saturday. After the blessing, the food is usually set aside until Easter morning when the head of the house shares the blessed egg - the symbol of life - with family and friends. Having exchanged wishes, all continue to enjoy a hearty meal.



- Butter** - Shaped into a lamb. Represents the Paschal lamb.
- Babka (bread)** - Symbolic of Jesus, the bread of life.
- Horseradish** - Represents the Passion of Christ, the bitterness Christ's suffering.
- Hardboiled colored eggs** - Represents new life and Christ's Resurrection.
- Kielbasa** - Represents God's favor and generosity sending His Son to free us.
- Ham** - Representative of joy and abundance.
- Salt** - As a result of baptism, you are the salt of the earth. The faith, hope, and love of Jesus' followers gives zest and meaning to life, preserving all that is good.
- Wine** - Represents Christ's bloodshed on the cross.
- Candle** - Represents Christ as the Light of the World.
- Basket Ribbons** - Represents joy and new life.
- Linen Cover** - Covers the top and represents the shroud of Christ.
- Vinegar** - In memory of the gall given to Christ on the cross.
- Sweets (candies)** - Represents the sweetness of the heavenly kingdom.

## Our Catholic Community on Long Island

PLEASE JOIN US THIS YEAR BY ATTENDING

# The Chrism Mass

April 4, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

## St. Agnes Cathedral

29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre

During the Chrism Mass, Bishop John Barres will consecrate the Oil of Chrism and bless the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick. These holy oils will be used throughout our Diocese during the coming year in celebration of the Sacraments. Priests of the Diocese will also renew their call to the Holy Priesthood of Jesus Christ.



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

JOIN TODAY!

VISIT [KOFCC.ORG/JOINUS](http://KOFCC.ORG/JOINUS) AND USE PROMO CODE [BLESSEDMCGIVNEY](https://www.kofcc.org/JoinUs) FOR A COMPLIMENTARY 12-MONTH MEMBERSHIP

MEMORARE COUNCIL 3476 - 2183 JACKSON AVE; SEAFORD, NY - 516-785-3476

## 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](http://WWW.MYCANDYFUNDRAISER.COM/DISCOUNT/SWS)

Order by 4/11/23  
for the best  
selection!



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



Email [HSA@stwilliamtheabbot.net](mailto:HSA@stwilliamtheabbot.net) with any questions or concerns

# 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

CALL 516-785-3476 FOR TICKETS

# St. William the Abbot School

Two INCREDIBLE nights of performances by the cast and crew of Mary Poppins, Jr! The SWS Drama Club is practically perfect in every way! Thank you to all who joined us for these memorable performances, and special thanks to our Drama Club Moderators!



# Parish Social Ministry

## **Easter Donation Reminder**

Kindly drop-off all Easter donations by Wednesday 3/29, to allow time for distribution to families. For questions, please call the Parish Social Ministry office at 679-8532. Thank you for your generosity!

## **Food Pantry Needs**

Coffee  
Canned White Potatoes  
Cooking Oil

Tomato Puree  
Canned Yams  
Honey

## **Donation Spotlight - Children's Easter Baskets**

A big thank you to parishioner Angela Savino for crafting and donating Easter baskets for children in need. The baskets all contain goodies such as bubbles, sidewalk chalk, play dough and (of course) candy! The best part is that the basket is actually a beach pail, so it can be enjoyed all summer long! These baskets will undoubtedly be enjoyed by the children we serve through our ministry of outreach. This is another great example of how parishioners empower our office to help the community. Thank you, Angela!



## **Thank You Seaford Lions!**



This month the Social Ministry was blessed with a fiscal year-end donation from the Seaford Lions. The Lions have served the Seaford community for over 70 years. They are best known for fighting blindness, but they also volunteer for many kinds of community projects including caring for the environment, feeding the hungry and aiding seniors and the disabled. We are so grateful to the Lions for choosing us as one of the organizations that they support. God bless the Seaford Lions!

## **Presentation March 31st**

### **Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia**

The Nassau County Office for the Aging is sponsoring a presentation on 'Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia.' This session will cover the warning signs, different types of dementia, the stages of Alzheimer's disease and the importance of caregiver support. The presentation is Friday, March 31st at 12:30pm at the Bethpage Senior Community Center at 103 Grumman Road West.

To register, call 516-767-6856 ext. 14 or email [mkatz@lidementia.org](mailto:mkatz@lidementia.org).

## **Looking to Donate Used Items?**

We recently updated the Parish Social Ministry section of the St. William the Abbot Parish website. Although we cannot take donations of used items, we list multiple donation resources locally for your furniture, clothing, housewares and more!

Check us out at [www.stwilliam.org/social-ministry](http://www.stwilliam.org/social-ministry) for more information!

## **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 Katharine Drexel

Saint Katherine Drexel grew up very rich. As an adult, she used all of her money to build schools for Native Americans and African Americans. Ask Saint Katherine to pray for your school.



Year A, Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Catholic Kids** Bulletin  
 March 26, 2023  
 Lent  
 Color: Purple

PWOWITHPATHEPALORDPWK

BPOFPREDEMPITIONL

With the Lord  
 there is mercy  
 and fullness  
 of redemption.

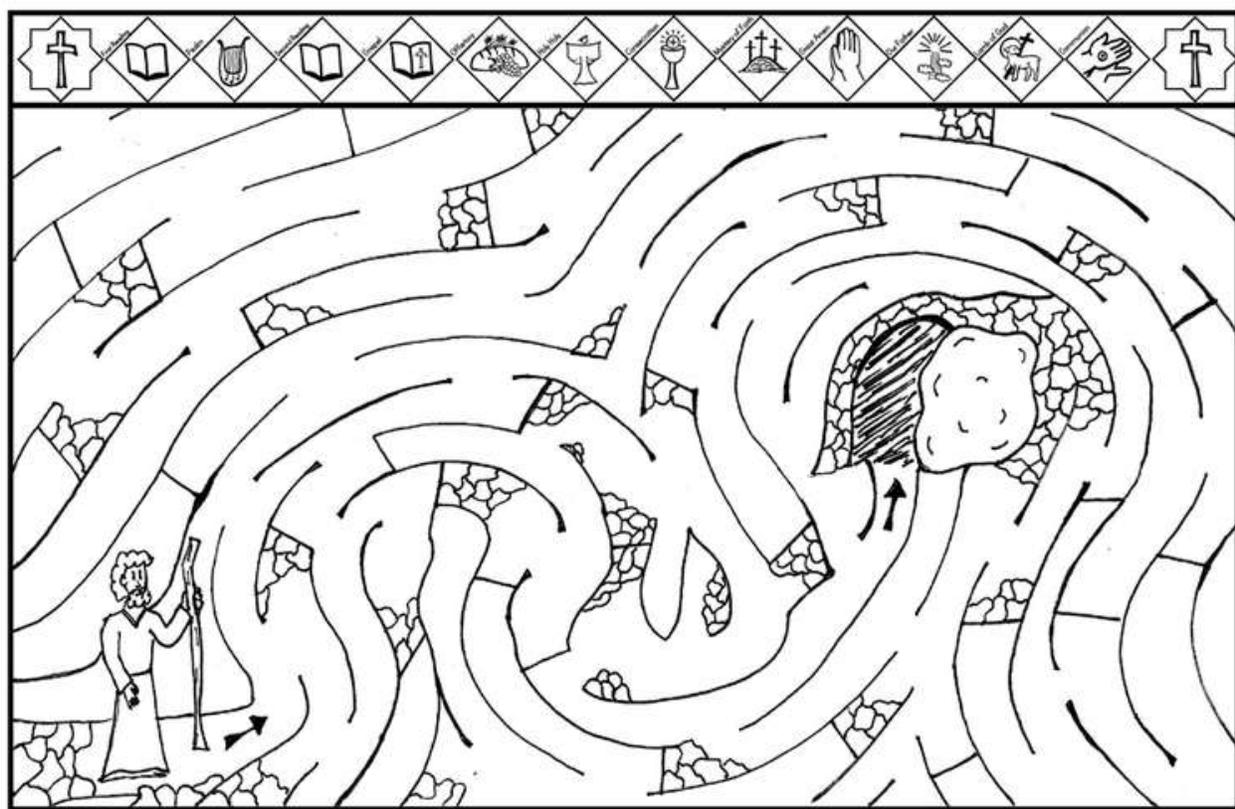
BKWTHEREPAISOWK

BOMERCYAPANDOWFULLNESSOW



There are pictures or statues of the Stations of the Cross in your church. Ask your family to help you find them.

© 2023 TJB catholicickidsbulletin.com



# Gospel



Lazarus was very sick and he died. Jesus went to visit his tomb and yelled, "Lazarus, come out!" Listen to the Gospel to find out what happened next.

Year A, Fifth Sunday of Lent

© 2023 TJB catholicickidsbulletin.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](http://ascensionpress.com)

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

Life Teen Youth Ministry  
[lifeteen.com](http://lifeteen.com)