



St. William the Abbot

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



March 29, 2026 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

And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."
Matthew 21:10-11

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 29th

7:30am: Deborah Camp

9am: People of St. William's, Frank Dellaquila, Max Paul, Glyndon David Gant

10:30am: Joseph F. Votto

12n: Connor Kasin

Monday, March 30th

8:30am: Carmella Guillan

Tuesday, March 31st

8:30am: Alvira Liogys

Wednesday, April 1st

8:30am: Rosary Society, William Joseph Geandomenico

Wednesday continued...

8:30am: Salvatore Rivelli, Alan C. Neubauer

Thursday, April 2nd - Holy Thursday

9:00am: Morning Prayer

7pm: Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 3rd - Good Friday

9:00am: Morning Prayer

3pm: Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 4th - Holy Saturday

9:00am: Morning Prayer & Blessing of Easter Food

8pm: Easter Vigil

Pray for the Sick

Richard Fedyk - Rosemary Averill - Charlie Herbert - Frances Speidell

Thomas Stolfi - John Gemski - Brendan Mannix

Pray for the Deceased

Joseph James Klemballa - Richard J. Teevan - Patricia A. Feil - Most Rev. William F. Murphy

The Adoration Candles

have been donated in honor of the Parishioners of St. William's

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Holy Week 2026 – The Lost Sheep and Hosanna in the Highest

The past few weeks have been a series of parades, processions, and Patricks! Whether in New York City, in front of the Cathedral and the statue of Atlas, or out here on “the Island” in Wantagh, Massapequa, or many other towns, there has been great celebrations of the great Saint who converted Ireland. So much fanfare, grand marshalls, bagpipes, drums, fire engines, and marching bands. The streets were lined with supporters, waving flags, shamrocks, scarves, and, of course, bearded leprechauns! For those who were marching – depending on the person, county, or organization - they experienced many shouts, hollers, and screams from the crowded sidelines - some of those expressions we can put in print, and others we will just leave for the comment section.

As we gather and line the aisle at St. William’s this Palm Sunday, we stand at the threshold of Holy Week with palms in our hands and the Passion in our hearts. We too participate in shouts from the Gospel of Matthew – we take part in the crowd from 2000 years ago – exclaiming “Hosanna in the Highest!” We are with Jesus entering Jerusalem in triumph; not much different from the St. Paddy’s Day celebrations. Yet quickly that same crowd turns, swayed by fear, confusion, and shifting opinions. The story feels uncomfortably familiar and personal for us - how easily joy and sorrow, fear and shame can blend in our own lives. How quickly confidence can give way to uncertainty when the ground beneath us shifts.

Holy Week asks us a gentle but direct question: how are we entering this week? Are we waving palms at a distance, or walking closely with the Lord? God speaks to us through these Scriptures, reminding us how fragile our prayer can be when life becomes difficult - an uncertain economy, sickness in the family, grief, disappointment, even a little spiritual laziness. These challenges can slowly disconnect us from the Lord who we once welcomed with enthusiasm. Have we too, forgotten how to cry out, “Hosanna in the Highest?”

Can we put ourselves in heart of God the Father or the Blessed Mother? Palm Sunday invites us to see everything through their eyes, no one experienced the whiplash of this week more. The cheers that welcomed their Son soon gave way to the jeers that condemned Him. Mary carried the agony of a mother’s heart, yet she did not turn inward in despair – she leaned deeper into the Father’s consoling care - she trusted the Father more completely. Mary shows us the path forward when our own lives pivot suddenly -through illness, loss, or even the ache of a loved one deployed to war in the Middle East.

My friends, we are faithful people who try to follow Christ, but nowhere are we promised lives free from suffering. We are promised a compassionate heart that suffers with us. We only need to look at Mary stationed at the foot of the Cross; there we discover that God does not abandon us in our pain. He fully immerses Himself in our struggles – not as a spectator on 5th Avenue in Manhattan. He enters in, He suffers with us. The Cross proves that divine love is not fragile; it is fiercest when life is hardest.

One of my favorite modern-day saints understood that - Pope John Paul II. He witnessed both personal suffering and the wounds of the world, yet he proclaimed: “the Love and Mercy that we all seek reveals itself most tangibly in Christ crucified.” That is why the cross fills our Catholic homes, classrooms, hospitals, and above our altar here in Seaford. It is not a decoration; it is a profound statement that God’s mercy is real, suffering is not meaningless, and love has already won.

My friends, Palm Sunday is our launch point into the holiest week of the year. We walk with Jesus in His Cross, but also in our own. May Holy Week 2026 bring a renewal and restoration of our faith - leading us not only to the Cross, but through it and into Easter glory. I hope you were courageous enough to invite a “Lost Sheep” back to Mass this weekend - be bold again and do more than pray for your lost sheep, invite them back home to St. William the Abbot for Easter Sunday. Let’s not stand on the sidelines holding palms, let’s step into the procession that will lead us to Calvary and the Cross, and to the empty tomb.

Hosanna in the Highest!



Baptisms

Let us welcome the following children who were baptized this past weekend:

Grace Duncan
Lucianna Gambino
Molly Lavelle

James Tisson
Fay Williams

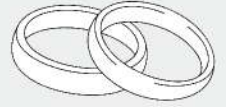
Little White Book

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. Please take one book per family.

Banns of Marriage

Banns I

Megan Walsh & James Soares, Jr.; both Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church, Deer Park



Banns II

Bridget Wiffler, & Brad Austin; both St. William the Abbot

Courtney Ruppert; St. William the Abbot & Ryan Harrison; St. Edward the Confessor, Syosset

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 driveways. Try to arrive early and allow time to find parking.

Pillar of Hospitality

As we enter Holy Week, the Church provides us with many opportunities to grow closer to Christ, especially during the Triduum. This is the perfect opportunity to invite a friend to Mass or the Good Friday service with you. Perhaps assist an elderly person with transportation to Church this week.

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) - LCPL 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)

Holy Land Collection

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education in the Holy Land. 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/goodfriday.



BEHOLD



COME HOME TO MERCY, COME HOME TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION DURING HOLY WEEK:

MONDAY 3/30: 7:15-8:20AM, 2-4PM, 6-9PM
TUESDAY 3/31 & WEDNESDAY 4/1: 7:15-8:20AM
HOLY SATURDAY 4/4: 11AM-12:30PM

Have I used harsh words?

Am I a resentful person?

Do I put others down?

Do I wish ill on others?

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*How rare it is to find adults who repent
- individuals, businesses, and
institutions (including the Church) that
admit they have done wrong. Indeed,
during Lent, a people is formed that
recognizes its sins. These sins are evils
that have not come from supposed
enemies, but afflicts our hearts, and
exist within us. We need to respond by
courageously accepting responsibility
for them.*

Have I been greedy?

Have I lied?

Am I two-faced?

*Have I harbored
unforgiveness?*

Pope Leo XIV

*Have I overindulged
food, drink, alcohol, or screentime?*

*Have I made "things" or money more important
than God, family time, or personal health?*

Have I been modest in the way I dress and the language I use?

Have I looked upon others as objects?

Have I engaged in gossip?

Have I slandered others?



What a morning for Catholic Education and St. William the Abbot School! With the largest number of runners from participating Catholic Schools, SWS took top honors at the 11th Annual Tomorrow's Hope Foundation Fun Run and 5k, winning the St. Joseph's Cup! SWS also took the honors for Fastest Elementary School! Must have been a little luck in our race t-shirts, designed by SWS 5th grader Ella Walsh, winner of this year's THF Race T-Shirt design contest! We are St. William's! We are happy to support the Tomorrow's Hope Foundation. Today's children are Tomorrow's Hope!



LENT DAY OF MERCY - MARCH 30TH

Reconciliation Monday

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

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Chrism Mass

Tuesday - March 31st

4pm at
The Cathedral of
St. Agnes

Broadcasted live on CFN

Holy Thursday

April 2nd

Morning Prayer: 9am

Celebration of the Lord's Supper: 7pm

Adoration: 8-10pm
(Convent Chapel)

Night Prayer: 10pm
(Convent Chapel)

Good Friday

April 3rd

Morning Prayer: 9am

Solemn Celebration of the
Lord's Passion: 3pm

Please note Confession is not offered on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or the afternoon of Holy Saturday

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Holy Saturday

April 4th

Morning Prayer & Food Blessing: 9am

Confession: 11am-12:30pm

Easter Vigil: 8pm

Easter Sunday

April 5th

Mass Schedule:

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

Divine Mercy Sunday

with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal - April 12th

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

Holy Hour & Confession: 3pm

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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 to reserve online. All memorializations are first-come, first-served.

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

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

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: "All Glory Laud and Honor" (#147)

Offertory Hymn: "O Sacred Head Surrounded" (#158)

Communion Hymn: "Behold the Lamb of God" (#165); "Were You There" (#156)

Recessional Hymn: "Take Up Your Cross" (#709)

Our Children's and Adult Choirs are back in session - visit 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

Thanks to the generosity of the Parish during Lent, the pantry is full! What a blessing! There is no list of pantry needs for this week. If you would like to give to those in need, consider offering a prayer for the families we serve or our Parish members that are homebound.

Thank You to our PSM Volunteers!

Last week in the spirit of Lent we offered a presentation on Almsgiving after the morning Mass. We would like to thank our 6 guest speakers, all parishioners, that donate their time and talents to the Parish, our Social Ministry programs, and local community service organizations. Speakers discussed their work with St. Vincent de Paul, Homebound Visitors Program, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Bereavement Ministry, Parish Outreach and more! We are so grateful for their time and the inspirational experiences that they shared.



Spring Gardening Workshop Tuesday!

Nassau County Office for the Aging will present a Spring Gardening Workshop on Tuesday March 31 at 1:30pm at the Bethpage Senior Community Center. Presented with the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Nassau, you can learn how to grow zinnia seedlings, herbs, microgreens and shamrocks in small planters, perfect for gardens of any size! Call for reservations to attend at 516-571-9910.

Self Defense Workshop Thursdy, April 9th

There will be a Self Defense Workshop presented by Nassau County Comptroller Elaine Phillips on Thursday, April 9 at 2pm at the Bethpage Senior Center. Comptroller Phillips is a sixth-degree black belt who has trained in Korean Martial Arts for 29 years. Participants will learn skills and techniques that can enhance personal safety, develop greater self-awareness and boost confidence. Reservations are required by April 2, call 516-227-8900 to reserve your spot! Sneakers and yoga/gym apparel are recommended, and modifications are available for those that need to remain seated.



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and needs a priest outside of office hours, please call 516-312-7361*

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

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