



St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



March 3, 2024
Third 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

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.

John 2:13-15

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Billy O'Connor

Rosendo Marques

Alice Cassaro

Collective Intentions

People of St. William's

Joan Huntewski

Carol Ann Cirulli Brennan

Thomas V. Fitzgerald

Monday, March 4, 2024

Karl L. Fuessler

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Richard Ford

Wed., March 6, 2024

Loretta Power

Thursday, March 7, 2024

Collective Intentions

Mary Schumeyer

Nicola Vangeli

James Brennan

Andrea Bennekemper

Nancy Forrest

Friday, March 8, 2024

Joseph Marino

Saturday, March 9, 2024

Purgatorial Society

Collective Intentions

Ethel McGrath

Nicole Tedeschi

Kathleen Frank (liv)

Kathleen Missilli

Catherine Dean

Pray for the Sick

Jessica Hackett

Keith Gorton

Jacqueline Denhard

Barbara Mitchell

John Mitchell

Sal Lupo

Sharon Renee Cooper

Mary Ellen Conlon

Dorothy M. Hyman

Pray for the Deceased

John Graf

Joseph A. DiStefano

Salvatore Gerrato, III

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle used at Mass this week has been donated with in loving memory of

Mario Carbo

from the Zurita and Sorrento Family

Pillar of Formation

When you enter church for Mass, are you conscious of the way you act and/or dress? This Lenten season, be sure to wear your Sunday best (and make that a habit even after Lent).

The 10 Suggestions ???

One of the great gifts of my priesthood is celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation – to sit in the confessional and encounter individuals searching for God's Mercy. The priest who had the biggest impact on me, both as a confessor and also as a mentor priest modeling how I must receive people in the confessional, was Monsignor James McDonald. He was the Rector of the Seminary for two of the years while I was studying. He was famous for people coming from all over New York to go to him for confession. In some cases, at 1:00 AM in the morning, and he was there for them! When they did go to him, they met Jesus, and encountered the Heart of the Heavenly Father. He would always remind me, "Joe, people are nervous, for some it's been a short time since their last confession, and for others it's been many, many years. Be gentle and love them as Jesus would – do not make it difficult." To the best of my ability, I have tried to do just that.

Our first reading this weekend offers the road map or formula in order for us to examine our conscience and sinfulness during our Christian journey. It is from Chapter 20 of the Book of Exodus of how God gave Moses the 10 Commandments. These Commandments are very much a foundation of who we are as Beloved Daughters and Sons of God. They serve as guardrails and guidelines to assist us and are not "suggestions." The world and culture challenges them and asks, "why would He place such tremendous demands on us?" As believers we know it is because the Lord loves us, He wants the best for us, He wants us to become the people that he has called us to be so that we can inherit eternal life. Any relationship worth its salt has rules to live by, and when we discard them, those relationships lead to selfishness, chaos, and ultimately failure. We only need to look at marriage (56% divorce rate), family (confusion and breakdown), political leadership (crime, lies, and broken trust), and even the Church (immoral scandal).

When individuals sometimes come to the sacrament, they seem distracted and all over the place as they begin. In some cases, speaking around disordered habits, identifying faults and sins of others, or gripes within their family or the Church. But they are not actually confessing "their" sins. The Church in her wisdom offers an examination of conscience recommended before coming to confession that realistically looks at the 10 Commandments and how we may have offended or broken them. It is helpful to remember that the first three Commandments are about our relationship between us and the Lord, honoring His name, His primacy and not having false gods in our life. He also calls us to worship on the Sabbath day, which for us is Sunday (or Saturday night) – to keep holy the Sabbath, to rest from labor and mindless activities. To refrain from work/schoolwork, excessive gardening, multiple weekend sports, and other activities that separate us from being together as family and with God. This one is not a suggestion. The Lord expects us to make time for Him and honor His Day by worshiping within the faith community. Some people say, "Well, I can worship God by myself at Zach's Bay or at the beach." While that is true, there is an important dimension that we are a parish community of faith and that we are called to worship God in that community of faith. This is especially true for us Catholics as we listen to the Word of God and receive the Eucharist each week.

The other Commandments have to do with loving our parents (4th Commandment) and others (5th – 10th Commandment). We are called to respect our neighbor by revering them, by not stealing, not committing sexual sins that would use the other person. It's not just adultery but any way in which we could use another person's body for our pleasure. We are called not to be jealous, not to covet our neighbor's goods or gifts. We live in a world of great competition, where it always seems that we are looking at Facebook or Instagram and what other people have that I do not. We grasp, we crave, we can have unhealthy or unbalanced desires. God calls us in the 10 Commandments to recognize the gifts that we have and not to be jealous of the gifts of others.

May I suggest this as a Lenten practice this week; take some time to look at your Bible, and reread Exodus 20:1-17, or look online at a Catholic Examination of Conscience. To realize again these are not suggestions but commandments to remain in relationship with God and His Church. To pray for the grace to go to confession and make a good, humble confession, and to restore your friendship with the Lord. We know that Jesus' action on the cross is what forgives our sins, but He gave us this beautiful Sacrament because of our humanity that if we stumble, we can always return to Him. To meet Him in the confessional, and to be healed! I pray that your Lent continues to go well, and remember, if you have slipped up or fallen back into some of those habits that separate you from God, do not get discouraged. Come back, return to Him, and meet Him at the intersection of Mercy – on the Cross.

Thank you for your presence and generosity,

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

Banns of Marriage

Banns I

Melanie Diminico, St. William the Abbot
& Jack Rung, St. Anthony's, Oceanside

Amanda Santoro, Floral Park, NY
& Matthew Hunker, St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville
Centre

Banns III

Erin Vecchi, St. William the Abbot
& John Cronin, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst

Juliette Fernan, St. William the Abbot
& Michael Connallon, Holy Child Jesus, Richmond Hill,
NY



Daylight Savings Time Spring Forward!

**Daylight Savings Time
begins next weekend on
Sunday, March 10th, and
clocks will move forward
one hour.**

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
SPC Anthony Caputo
Capt. Michael DiPietro
Capt. Michael Fitzgerald
Capt. Christopher J. Frasse
Capt. Logan Lee
Lt. Col. John Kallo
Capt. Caitlin M. Lee



St. Peregrine Prayer Hour

The Saint Peregrine Prayer
Hour will be held on **Monday,
March 4th** from 2:00 - 3:00 PM
in the church.

St. Peregrine is the patron saint of those
suffering from cancer. Future prayer hours
will be held on the first Monday of each month.
Cancer victims, families and their care-givers
are all invited to come and pray.

Second Collection Catholic Relief Service

Next weekend our parish will take up The
Catholic Relief Service Collection. Funds
from this collection provide food to the
hungry, support displaced refugees, and
bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable
people here and abroad. Please give
generously to the collection and reveal
Christ's love to those most in need. Learn
more about the collection at
www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

LENT AT ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT

Reflect & Renew

Stations of the Cross

EVERY FRIDAY
FEB 16 - MAR 22 AT 7PM



Lent Mass

WITH FR. STEPHEN ROONEY

ASSOCIATE PASTOR - NOTRE DAME PARISH (NEW HYDE PARK)

TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH - 7PM

JOIN US EVERY TUESDAY THROUGH 3/19 AT 7PM FOR MASS WITH GUEST CELEBRANTS
A FREE-WILL OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTED TO FURTHER THE MINISTRIES OF ST. WILLIAM'S

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

1 PETER 3:15

MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO COME HOME FOR LENT TO BE ANNOUNCED. VISIT STWILLIAM.ORG/LENTEASTER24



Lenten Field Trip

THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST



TRANSPORTATION

Bus to depart after
8:30am mass and
return around 6pm



THE CLOISTERS

Tour led by
Fr. Tom Vassalotti



LENTEN REFLECTION

By
Fr. Lee Descoteaux



EARLY DINNER

Enjoy a family-style
Italian meal at
Il Bracco

\$135 per Person

DUE TO LIMITED SPACE TRIP IS OPEN ONLY TO PARISHIONERS OF ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT
CONTACT KWALSH@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: _____

SPACE IS LIMITED AND RESERVATIONS WILL BE BASED ON ORDER RECEIVED. ONCE REGISTRATION IS RECEIVED WE ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE REFUNDS.

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St. William the Abbot School

Fifth and sixth grade science students love science experiments and are always amazed with the results. Science learning is FUN!



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

Parish Social Ministry

Pantry Needs

Dish Soap
Hair Conditioner
Flour
Pretzels
Salad Dressing
All-Purpose Cleaning Spray

Spring 2024 Bereavement Registration

Registration for our Spring Bereavement Group will soon be closing. If you or someone you know are interested, please call the office to register for this 7-week program conducted on Wednesdays in the Abbey. Sessions will begin March 20 and space is limited! For more information call us at 516-679-8532.

Alumni of Our Bereavement Program? Join Us March 13th

We are pleased to announce the fourth meeting of the Bereavement Alumni Group. Past participants of our Bereavement Program are invited to join us March 13 at 11am in the Abbey to visit with past participants and moderators, engage in group discussion, share support with your peer group, and enjoy some hospitality. RSVP required! Please call our office at 516-679-8532.



Easter Basket Donations

Looking for a family project this Lenten season? Consider preparing a simple Easter basket for one of the families supported by our Outreach office. A basket could include pantry staples, a meal theme your family chooses (i.e. breakfast) or Easter treats! Want to keep it simple? Donate a grocery store gift card to help a family with their purchase of food for Easter dinner and beyond. For questions, please feel free to call our office on 679-8532.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday March 5 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!



Job Fair March 21st

The Town of Hempstead will be hosting a job fair on Thursday March 21 from 10:30am-3:30pm at the Freeport Recreation Center. To attend, register at www.hempsteadworks.com/jobfair, and bring copies of your resume! Employers that will be at the event include Amazon, Catholic Charities, DNATA Catering, Mount Sinai South Nassau, National Grid, Nassau/Suffolk County Police, NYS Civil Service, NYC Fire Department, Northwell Health, NYS Comptroller's Office, PSE&G, Scope Education Services, TSA, USPS and many more! For more information call 516-485-5000 ext. 1146.

Memory Café March 15th

The Nassau County Office for the Aging will host a session of the Memory Café on Friday March 15 in Oceanside. This is a free early-stage social engagement program that offers a fun and comfortable way for people with early-stage 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.

Consider Automated Giving

Automated giving provides a steady stream of support. It is a great way to manage your Sunday Offerings without the worry of missing a payment and the worry of forgetting your weekly envelope.

We are able to offer the ability of having Sunday Offerings deposited directly from your checking or savings account into the St. William's account. This would apply only to weekly collections, not to any second collections, such as Holy Days, Catholic Relief Services, etc.

The form to begin this process can be printed, filled out and mailed to the Rectory. Please be sure to attached a voided check.

Authorization Agreement for Automated Giving

I, _____, hereby authorize the R. C. Church of St. William the Abbot, 2000 Jackson Avenue, Seaford, NY 11783 to initiate debit entries to my Checking () Savings () account indicated below and the depository named below to debit the same such amount.

Amount \$ _____ Monthly on the fifteenth of the month.

Depository: Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Banking Transit ABA # _____
(always nine digits)

Bank Account Number _____

(Attach to this form a voided check if checking account debit or a pre-printed savings deposit ticket if savings account).

This authorization is to remain in full force effect until the R. C. Church of St. William the Abbot has received written notification at least five business days in advance of the desired termination date.

(Authorized signature for above account)

(Print Name)

Date: _____

If second signature is required:

(Authorized signature for above account)

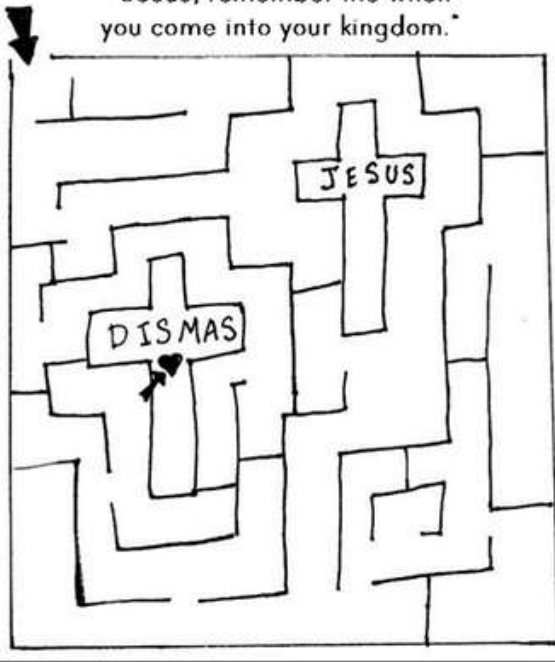
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Date: _____

Saint Dismas

Saint Dismas was crucified on the cross next to Jesus. Saint Dismas was a criminal, but he asked for forgiveness before he died.

Saint Dismas said,
"Jesus, remember me when
you come into your kingdom."



Year B: Third Sunday of Lent



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Lord, you have
the words of
everlasting
life.

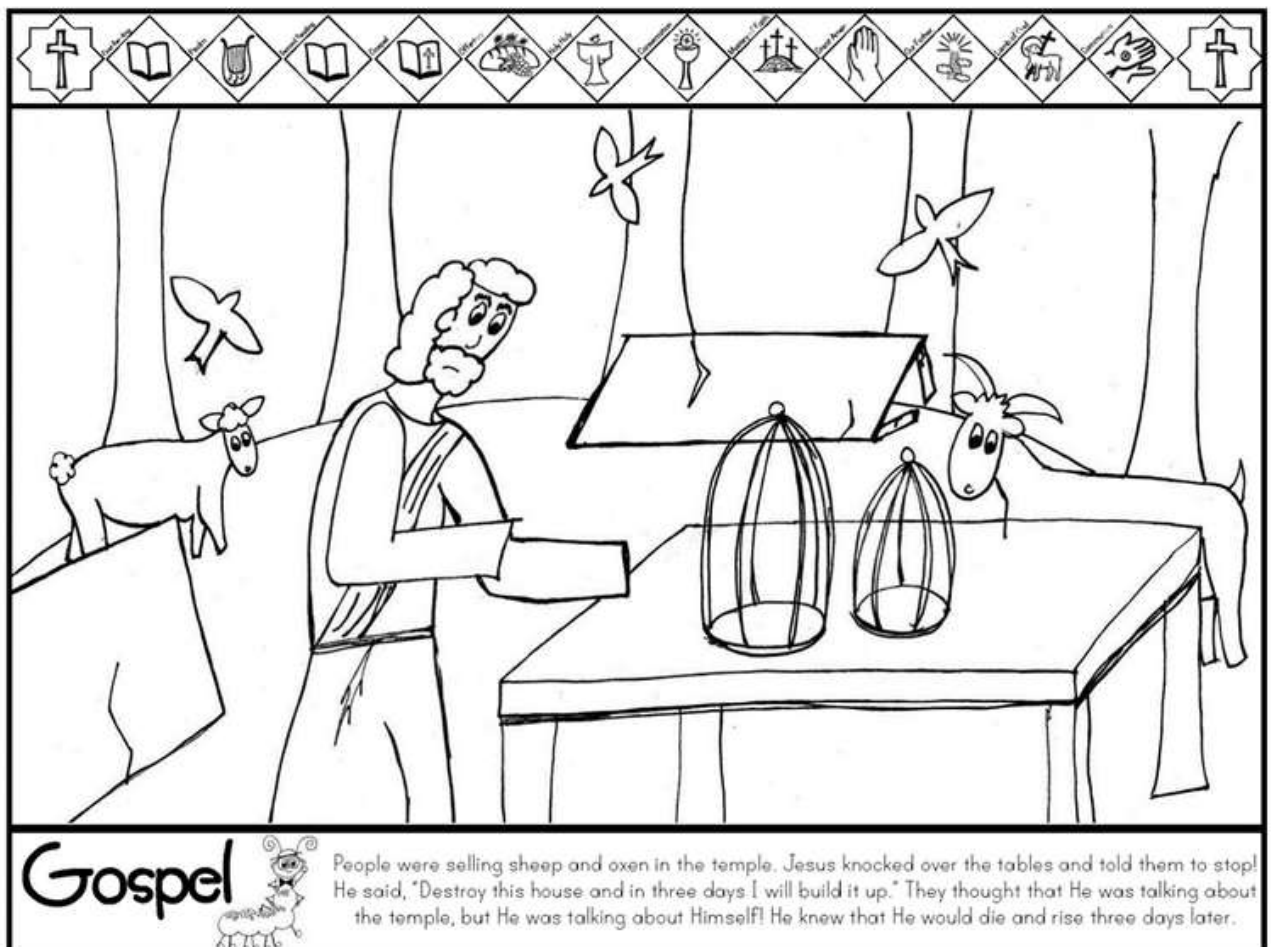
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We don't say, "Alleluia," during
Lent. What do you sing before
the Gospel instead of the
Alleluia?

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Gospel



People were selling sheep and oxen in the temple. Jesus knocked over the tables and told them to stop! He said, "Destroy this house and in three days I will build it up." They thought that He was talking about the temple, but He was talking about Himself! He knew that He would die and rise three days later.

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

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SWA Parishioner

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SWA Parishioner

*Please pray for our Seminarians and all those
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