



# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



## March 5, 2023 Second 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

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.  
Matthew 17:1-3

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, March 5, 2023

Wanda Velez

Robert Conroy

#### Collective Intentions

People of St. William's

Frances Telford

Cesar Romero

Joseph Duemig

Karl R. Fuessler

#### Thursday, March 9, 2023

Carole Corrado

#### Friday, March 10, 2023

#### Collective Intentions

Linda Gravenese

Amanda Boylan

Patricia Griffin

Marie Carpenter

#### Monday, March 6, 2023

Loretta Power

#### Saturday, March 11, 2023

Purgatorial Society

Frank Giraldi

#### Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Maria DiCarlo

#### Wed., March 8, 2023

John J. Portela, Sr.

### Pray for the Sick

Sarah Farb

Christopher Marcinczyk

Robin Julian

Lesa Laurence

James Bozza

Deanna DeCicco-

Menendez

Nicola Primavera

John Michael Primavera

Richard Fedyk

Kristin Valerga-Goetze

Keith Gorton

John Reynolds

Eric Thomas Guzzo

### Pray for the Deceased

Baby Cindy Hope

Baby Ariana Hope

Baby Timothy Hope

Baby Walter Hope

Baby Latifah Hope

Baby Chanel Hope

Bethann Gagliano

Samuel Ippolito

Catherine A. Chieco

Salvatore R. Rivelli

### Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of Peter T. Gubing from Jim and Bernadette Maurin and Family

## “I Will Make Three Tents Here”

Peter was so moved by the experience of being on the mountain that he wanted to hold on to it, and just remain there a little longer. He and the other two apostles caught a glimpse of Jesus in His glorified state. They were able to witness how the Lord would appear in the Kingdom of Heaven. It is the hope that all of us will gaze upon our Lord for time and eternity in the throne room of heaven. What a great privilege and honor it was for the three of them. But have you ever wondered why Jesus only invited those three? In our very human and wounded hearts, we can challenge the wisdom of the Lord and ask, “was He being exclusive?” Were the other ones just too busy or distracted? Or as usual with Jesus, was it intentionally done with a deeper meaning? I mean there were nine other Apostles and probably at this point in his ministry a few hundred other disciples who were regularly following him. What about your faith journey - did you ever wonder why you, as a disciple, are here each week? We know that there are approximately 5000 families registered in the parish of St. William the Abbot, and closer to 25,000 total people who could actually come to Mass. But last week we had just over 1600 total people come into the Church building and a few hundred views online. So where are the rest? And... how is it that “YOU” are all hearing and seeing God more clearly?

I have shared with you before that I have a Catholic friend who loves the Mass and our faith and speaks about the experience of Mass and the Eucharist as a higher discipline that in his opinion not everyone is quite ready to understand. The Church describes the Eucharist as the “source and the summit” - but for all of us believers, the reverence for the Mass comes to us in a progression of understanding. I want to be clear – I am not speaking as if it was a special knowledge that only some faithful get, but perhaps like our military elite forces (Navy SEALs/Army Rangers). There is certain training and preparation that is done at that level which is not the same for a rookie or plebe or a buck private as they enter in the service. But the journey must begin somewhere, push-ups, pull-ups, hiking, target practice, repelling and deep-sea swims. It is no different for the faith journey.

Let’s face it, there is no way people can recognize Jesus in the Eucharist if they have not met Jesus in any other aspect of their life. We can help them with simple opportunities, such as bringing canned food to the pantry, or inviting someone to sit in the back of the church quietly for a few minutes of prayerful meditation, or to light a candle and intentionally pray for a family member. Maybe it is to walk the Stations of the Cross inside the church, or the Padre Pio or Mother Mary statue on the grounds of the parish. We can sometimes forget how powerful the Mass is, the magnificence and wonder that is present at each of Eucharistic celebration.

But sometimes we need a gentle reminder that heaven and earth come together on the altar – it is an experience like the Transfiguration. But to those new to the faith or who have recently come back to worship, it is best to have them present and to save the explaining for later. Bishop Robert Barron once said “if you want to get people excited about the sport of baseball, you do not begin by explaining the infield fly rule. You put a glove on their hand, walk them out onto a newly cut field, let them interact with their other teammates, and let them play.” We can do the same here by inviting friends to Mass, but also into a relationship with Christ and the Church.

When we look at the life and the ministry of Jesus, remember he did a lot of walking, and a lot of eating - it was always about the encounter and experiencing the other. In the three years of public ministry, the celebration of Mass, the “Last Supper” did not occur until the very end of His earthly life. At that point the apostles were prepared and ready to see him at the breaking of the bread. And so, for you and me, let’s be like Jesus and invite someone up the mountain. Maybe it is a food drop off at the pantry, or a letter of thanks to our Ursuline or Dominican sisters in the convents, or drawing a picture, or offering to cook a meal for an elderly homebound parishioner, or perhaps it’s five minutes of quiet time in the church with your grandkids on a Saturday afternoon. Peter, James, and John had no idea what they were doing with Jesus, but they trusted him and just wanted to be with him. There was no theological discourse on top of that mountain, just a simple message “this is my beloved...listen to him.” Couldn’t we all hear and listen just a little bit more to that message? That we too, are loved by God!

I hope that your Lenten journey continues to go well. If you have had any setbacks with your Lenten promises, begin again. Look to the bulletin for suggestion this week and over the next few weeks to grow in faith, and friendship with God. The Church has provided so many ways to grow in prayer, fasting, and generosity to the needy; remember in those experiences to be aware that God is present and may be inviting you to “see” Him differently. We are not called to dig in the tent poles and stay in this spiritual place – but to come down off the mountain – and walk towards Holy Week – to the cross, to the tomb, and to the Resurrection.

Thank you for your presence and generosity.

Peace,



## *February Offertory*

FEBRUARY	2014	2018	2019	2020	2021	2023
Attendance	10085	7842	9301	8614	3864	6179
Total Collected	\$ 89,714.00	\$ 92,824.00	\$ 87,674.00	\$ 102,950.00	\$ 94,960.00	\$ 103,119.00
Avg WE Collection	\$ 22,428.50	\$ 20,937.00	\$ 19,547.00	\$ 22,624.75	\$ 19,959.75	\$ 21,935.25
Avg Attendance	2521	1961	2325	2154	966	1545

## *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

## ***Baptism***

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

Riley Fechtmann

## ***Pillar of Prayer***

Today's Gospel reading tells us of the Transfiguration - which happens to be the Fourth Luminous Mystery of the Rosary. This week, learn to pray the Rosary if you do not know how to already. Lent is the perfect time to adopt a new spiritual practice.

## ***Banns of Marriage***

### **Banns II**

Erica Gentile (St. Matthew, Dix Hills)  
& Michael Vaiano (St. William the Abbot)

## ***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).

# LENT

2023



## *Lenten Masses*

Every Tuesday at 7pm from 2/28 through 3/28  
with Special Guest Celebrants

## *Stations of the Cross*

Every Friday at 7pm from 2/24 through 4/07



## *Men's Lenten Prayer Group*

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

## *Women's Lenten Holy Hour*

Thursday, March 23rd at 7pm



# LENT

2023

## MASS *with* Rev. James Donovan, SJ



Tuesday, March 7th at 7pm

A faith offering will be collected in support of the continued ministry of St. William the Abbot  
Join us every Tuesday during Lent at 7pm for Mass with Guest Celebrants

### **Daylight Savings Time**

#### **Spring Forward!**

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 12th, and clocks will move forward one hour



### **Light a Prayer Candle**

Lighting candles has long been a sacred ritual in all traditions, creating precious moments in our own and other people's lives where we pray for loved ones, friends, and ask for or give support.



### **Stations of the Cross**

Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday, March 10th beginning at 7:00 PM.



### **St. Peregrine Prayer Hour**

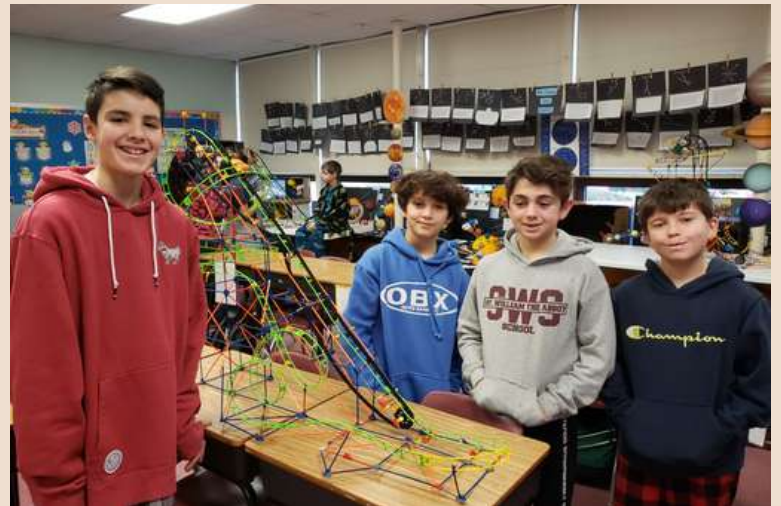
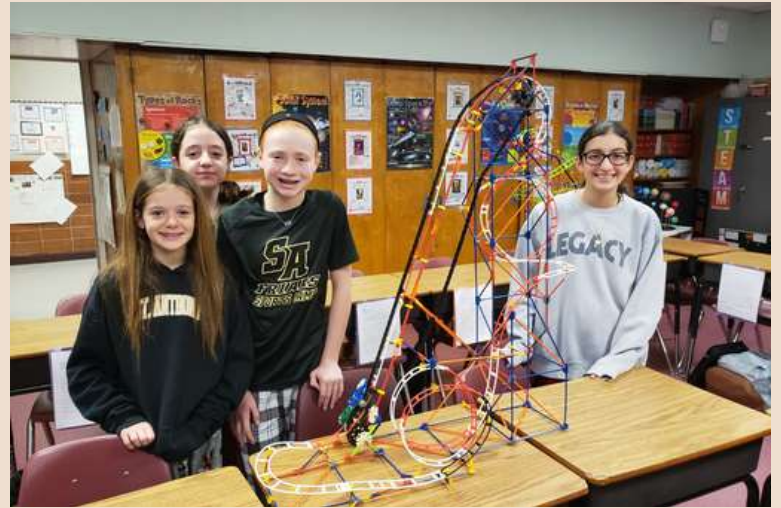
The Saint Peregrine Prayer Hour will be held on **Monday, March 6th** from 2:00 - 3:00 PM in the church.



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.

# St. William the Abbot School

The roller coasters are complete! Congratulations to the sixth graders in Mrs. Frank's Science class. They used their engineering skills as they worked through the design process. After much troubleshooting at times, they persevered and were successful in constructing working roller coasters!



# Parish Social Ministry

## **Want to Donate a Communion Dress?**

The Bethpage office of St. Vincent de Paul Long Island is accepting donations of gently used or new communion dresses. Donations can be brought to the SVDP Annex at 259 Broadway in Bethpage. If you are interested in purchasing a new dress to donate, larger sizes are most in need (sizes 12-20). For questions, contact SVDP at 516-822-3132.

## **Pantry Needs**

Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Canned Fruit

Canned Chicken  
Chef Boyardee  
Cookies

## **Alumni of our Bereavement Program? Join us on March 15th!**

We are pleased to announce the second meeting of the Bereavement Alumni Group. Past participants of our program are invited to attend four sessions a year to visit with past participants and moderators, engage in group discussion, share support with your peer group, and enjoy some hospitality! The next session of this program will be held on March 15th at 11am in the Abbey. Please call our office at 516-679-8532 to RSVP!

## **Donation Spotlight: SWS Brownie Troop 3064**

We would like to thank the St. William School Brownie Troop 3064 for their recent donations to our food pantry! The girls collected non-perishable foods as part of their service project work to earn the Ave Maria Diocese Award this April. We are so grateful to the girls for their hard work! God bless Troop 3064! Your donations have made a positive impact on families in need in your community.



## **Need Help With a Communion Dress?**

Families in need that would like assistance obtaining a First Holy Communion dress for their child should contact the Social Ministry Office. There are appointments available with St. Vincent De Paul in Bethpage to help families with everything they need to make this significant event extra special for their child.

Email us at [socialministry@stwilliam.org](mailto:socialministry@stwilliam.org) for more information.

## **Supplemental HEAP Payments in Progress!**

In December, New York State received additional funding to increase the base benefit for home heating assistance. As a result of this increase, homeowners and renters that received HEAP benefits before December will receive a supplemental payment of \$100 for gas/electric and \$150 for oil. These payments will go directly to the vendor that received the original HEAP benefit. Supplemental payments started being processed last weekend, so HEAP recipients should watch their bill to ensure their account credit is posted!



## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday March 7th.

The meeting will occur 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!

# Our Catholic Community on Long Island

## DIOCESAN Holy Hour for Vocations

with Adoration, Live Music, Confessions, Dodgeball & Food

### Friday, March 10 at 7:30 P.M.

AT THE SEMINARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IN HUNTINGTON



with Guest Preacher  
**Fr. Stephen Rooney**

Father Rooney studied at Holy Trinity High School. After graduating from Trinity, he entered Cathedral Seminary House of Formation to discern if God was calling him to be a priest. While living at Cathedral Seminary he studied at St. John's University, where he received his Bachelor's of Arts with a double major in philosophy and theology. He graduated from both Cathedral Seminary and St. John's in 2017 and then entered St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie, Yonkers. While in the seminary he served at various parishes, including at St. Patrick's in Huntington, where he spent his pastoral year.

Father Rooney graduated from St. Joseph's Seminary in May of 2022, where he received a Master's in Divinity, a Master's in Theology, and a Bachelor's in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas. Father Rooney was ordained a priest in June of 2022, he has been serving as the Associate Pastor of Notre Dame since his ordination.



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## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FAIRS

**MARCH 14  
MOLLOY  
UNIVERSITY  
6PM - 8PM**

**MARCH 15  
ST. JOSEPH'S  
UNIVERSITY  
6PM - 8PM**



Inviting 6th, 7th and 8th grade students to explore the Catholic High Schools of Long Island!

For more information visit [chsee.org](http://chsee.org)

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## COFFEE with JESUS

Lenten Series via Zoom

Join Bishop Andrzej

10:00 am on Friday mornings during Lent:

February 24, March 10 and March 24

Online Lenten reflections on Scripture Readings, with the special emphasis on the Last Words of Jesus.



Great opportunity to prepare and nourish your mind, spirit and heart in preparation for Easter.



To register, please call Suzanne 516-744-6850 or email [westernvicariate@drvc.org](mailto:westernvicariate@drvc.org).

Once you are registered, you will be emailed the ZOOM information prior to each session of this Lenten series.

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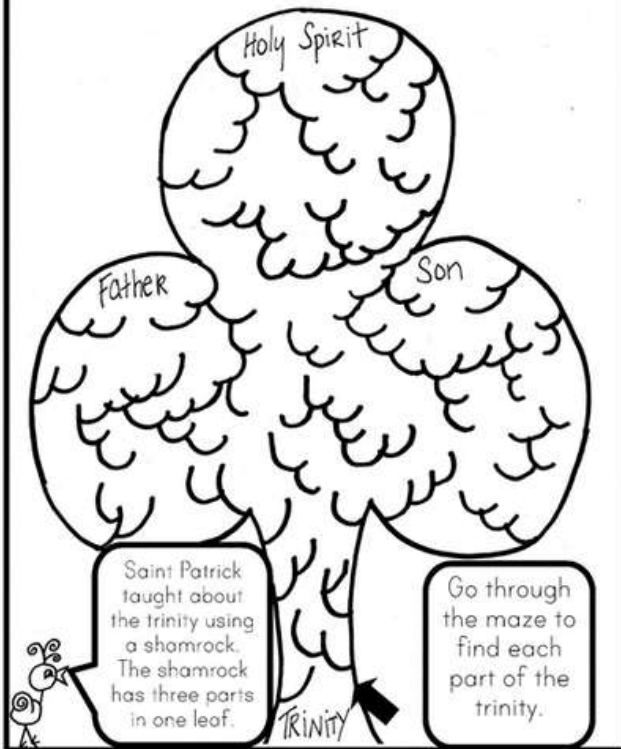


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# Saint Patrick

Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He was a Bishop and helped a lot of people learn about the Catholic Church.



Year A: Second Sunday of Lent

**Catholic Kids** Bulletin  
 March 5, 2023  
 Lent  
 Color: Purple

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Lord, let your  
 mercy be on us,  
 as we place  
 our trust  
 in you.

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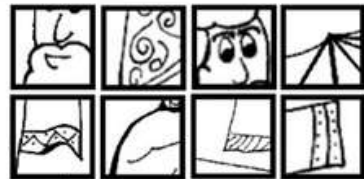


What did you give up for lent? Ask your family to help you with your sacrifice.

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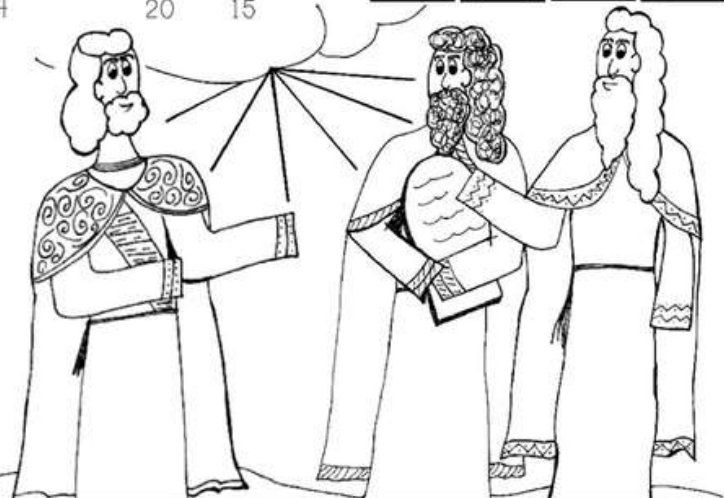
God spoke from Heaven and said, "This is my beloved son..."



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# Gospel

Today's Gospel story is called the Transfiguration. Jesus went to the top of a mountain with some of His disciples and He suddenly looked different. His clothes were bright white! Elijah and Moses appeared on the mountain with Jesus.

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