St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 14, 2021

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:30am

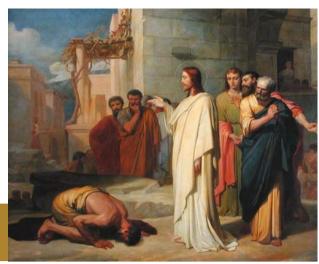
Weekend Mass

Saturday 8:30am & 5pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 12pm

Parish Information

Office: 516.785.1266 2000 Jackson Avenue Seaford, NY 11783 stwilliam.org



"See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." - Mark 1:44

Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 14, 2021

George Stephen

Lois Gallagher

Donald Clark

Paul Lundwall

John Facarile

Domenico D'Armi

Kathleen Payami

Monday, February 15, 2021

Gerard E. Black

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Keith Mastronardi

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

People of St. William's

Thomas Martin

Richard E. Ford

Barbara Morgan

Thomas Leddy Special Intentions of Kamal

Guleryuz and Nicholas Billotti (liv)

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Karl H. Fuessler

Paul Lundwall

Friday, February 19, 2021

Frank Vetere

Saturday, February 20, 2021

Purgatorial Society Thomas Ward

New Rectory Office Hours

The Rectory will be open Monday through Friday - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Saturday - 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

If you need to come to the Rectory, please be aware that visitors will only be permitted in the Rectory Vestibule. Anyone entering the rectory must always wear a mask. To maintain social distancing, only one person will be admitted at a time. If someone is already in the vestibule you are asked to wait outside until they leave. Please ring the doorbell before you enter. You can also email any requests to information@stwilliam.org.

Emergency

If there is an emergency in which you need to contact a priest immediately, please call the Priest Emergency telephone - 516-312-7361.

Baptism

Anthony F. Carivcci

Let us welcome those children who were Baptized this past weekend.

Pray for the Deceased

Marjorie A. Curry

Karen Hewitt

Marlene Gallagher

Eileen McCormack

The Mass Intentions are celebrated each day by a member of the Clergy, in either a public Mass or private Mass. Please be advised the current Mass schedule may not allow the family to be present for all Mass Intentions celebrated.

Lent 2021

Become the best, most saintly – awesome - super – holiest Catholic ever!

Isn't this the way we start off Lent each year with great intentions and a laundry list of things we need to do to become 'holy' to appease or make God happy with us? We put the focus on us, and what we need to do – daily rosary, no sweets, go to Mass, no meat on Friday, more patience, watch my language, watch less TV, read more scripture, read less political commentaries, get to confession, and did I mention no sweets! Lent is not about fulfilling a Catholic "to do" list, or 40 days of wins or losses in a battle of temptation, or an external work out of Catholic calisthenics. It is so much more.

The season of Lent is an opportunity for conversion, to make time and space to look at our lives and ask where I can include and actually invite God more fully into my life. Ultimately God does all the work, but do we allow ourselves to experience an Encounter with the Loving God - are we attentive to the Lord when He is putting Himself in front of us? Jesus met people where they were - physically, emotionally, spiritually - and helped them take one tiny step. He did so without judging or pressuring or hurting them; he invited them to a deeper friendship and intimacy. It is no different today for you and me. This last year has been a challenge filled with disruption, busyness, adjustments, fear, and anxiety. Even when we have wanted to add more of God in our lives, certain restrictions and the amount of people allowed in church have been placed on us. But it appears we are turning a corner. The anticipation and reception of the Vaccine, the infection rate is leveling off or dropping, and greater awareness and cooperation of taking precautions is making our worship space even more safe.

Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday and although the experience will be a bit different than in past years, along with the distribution of ashes, the Church will be open for Mass, quiet time, personal prayer. We have adjusted the schedule to allow for time and space with the Lord in our beautiful Church from 7 am to 7 pm throughout the day (Ash Wednesday) and all of Lent. I would like to encourage you to return "home." If you have not been to St. William's since last March, or even a lot longer than that, please feel welcome to come and pray throughout Lent 2021. Below are some ways we believe you can enhance your relationship with God, to meet Him, and to experience community, friendship, formation, and healing. The experiences will allow for the whole family to participate. They will be cross-generational encounters that will be "in person" as well as virtual, and available to you whether you are a long-time parishioner or not. Join us as we enter the desert of Lent, under the guidance and protection of the Lord!

Thank you for presence and generosity.

Peace.

Fr. Jae

Finding Time for God in a Pandemic Lenten Mission Church – 7:00 PM

The Lenten Mission will be live-streamed on the parish website stwilliam.org

Tuesday, March 2 – Msgr. Charles Fink - Spiritual Warfare

Tuesday, March 9 – Fr. Lachlan Cameron -The Tender Heart of the Father

Tuesday, March 16 -Mass - 'Take up your mat and walk.' - John 5:11



The Church will be open for private prayer Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM during Lent.

The Stations of the Cross will be live-streamed on the parish website stwilliam.org, on

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Rectory News

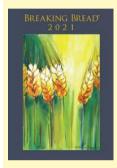
Year-End Tax Statements

Please note that year-end statements for your taxes will not be automatically mailed out. They may be obtained upon request from the Rectory. Please call 516-785-1266 to request your statement, or email your name, address, phone number and envelope number to information@stwilliam.org.

Memorializing

The Rectory is issuing Mass Cards, enrollment in the Purgatorial Society, Memorializing the Wine, Host, Candles and Altar Flowers. Please call the Rectory for more information (516) 785-1266.

Missals



At this time we are able to offer the sale of individual missals for \$10 per missal. Please bring a check for \$10 payable to St. William the Abbot or \$10 exact cash to the rectory. There will be no change for cash purchases. We have a limited number at this time, so it is a first come first served basis. Please come to the rectory door Monday – Friday from 9am-1pm to purchase your missal.

Little Black Books



The Little Black Book's containing prayers and reflections for Lent are available at the doors of the church. We ask that each family take only one copy.

Memorials Available

We are pleased to announce that the Sanctuary Candle and the Altar Candles that are used at Mass throughout the week are now available as memorials.

Anyone wishing to donate the Sanctuary Candle or the Altar Candles in memory of a loved one or on the occasion of an anniversary, birthday, etc., can make this request at the Rectory. Please call 516-785-1266. The offering for the Sanctuary Candle is \$15 and the offering for the Altar Candles is \$30. The name of the person will be announced in the bulletin for each week the candles are donated.

Safety



Safety Protocols

As more of you are returning back to inperson Mass, we want to re-emphasize that all of our safety protocols are still in place.

Please allow the ushers to seat you - they have been carefully trained in our seating arrangement that will enable us to get the maximum number of worshippers seated in the Sanctuary while maintaining social distancing.

Arrive Early & Wear Your Mask



We do ask that everyone arrive early so that we can seat everyone before the start of Mass. We ask that all parishioners wear their mask covering their nose and mouth at all times while inside the church.

Sacristy



For the safety of our Priests, we ask that parishioners refrain from entering the Sacristy. Please do not hand offering envelopes, letters etc. to the Priests. Please drop them off in the Rectory Mail Slot.

While attending Mass during this difficult time

- Please sanitize your hands
- If you are a family please occupy a pew
- · Be kind and considerate
- Please keep social distance
- Don't congregate in the Church or parking lot before or after Mass
- · Touch a bulletin, please bring it home

Love for our neighbors should be one of the primary considerations

Overflow Space

We do have overflow space in the Abbey for Masses. Please follow the directions of our Ushers if the Church reaches capacity and you are asked to attend the Mass in the Abbey.

Holy Communion

When it is time to receive Holy Communion, please practice social distancing as you walk in the communion line. On the way back to your pew please maintain spacing. Everyone will come down the center aisles to receive communion. Please do not rush back to your seats.

Ash Wednesday - February 17, 2021



Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation and we are not obliged to attend Mass, or to receive ashes.

The reception of blessed ashes by the Catholic faithful as the hallmark of the beginning of the season of Lent remains very important. However, in the time of the pandemic, the imposition of ashes in the usual manner is not possible.

This year, in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, it is not permitted to impose ashes on the forehead of a member of the faithful with the thumb of the hand, even if that hand is gloved. Hands and gloves would be considered "contaminated" after each imposition of ashes if physical contact were made.

Instead, we will administer ashes to the faithful by sprinkling the blessed ashes on the top of the head of the recipient. Both the priest and the person receiving ashes should wear masks. Those receiving ashes are asked to bow slightly to facilitate the sprinkling. This is the traditional practice of the Roman Rite, and is currently observed in Rome, throughout Europe, and in various other parts of the world. This method, rooted in the scriptural tradition, will allow for ashes to be given easily without making physical contact. Interesting to note is that the Holy Father, Pope Francis, always receives his ashes on Ash Wednesday in this manner!

Mass will be celebrated at: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

There will be no Services on Ash Wednesday this year. The church will be open from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM and a Priest or Deacon will be in church to distribute ashes.

Lent Schedule

Finding Time for God in a Pandemic

Lenten Mission

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Stations of the Cross

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Friday, February 19 and 26 Friday, March 5, 12, and 19 at 4pm.

Church Opening During Lent

The Church will be open for private prayer Monday through Friday from 7:00~AM-7:00~PM during Lent. If there is something taking place in the church such as a funeral, wedding, class, parent meetings, RCIA, etc., parishioners should understand that they should not remain in church during these activities.

Stump the Priest

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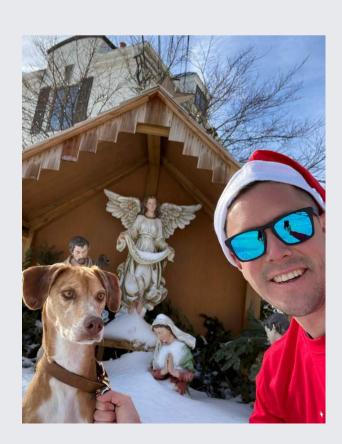
Why is Father James' dog named Kolbe?

This one is easy! A lot of people think that my dog is named after Colby-jack cheese. He is not – I don't even like cheese.

Kolbe is named after one of my favorite saints, Saint Maximilian Kolbe. Kolbe (the saint!) was born in Poland in 1894. Kolbe entered the Franciscan Order in 1907. In 1912, Kobe was sent to Rome to study at the Pontifical Gregorian University, which is the same university that I would study at 100 years later. He was ordained a priest in 1918. He had a strong devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and promoted prayers to her and greatly opposed communism. In his ministry as a priest, he taught in Seminaries, participated in missionary work in China and Japan, and even founded a radio station. Kolbe, along with other friars from his monastery, hosted refugees, hid two thousand Jews from the Nazis, and published anti-Nazi material. The Nazis closed the monastery on February 17, 1914 and Kolbe would eventually find himself as prisoner 16670 at Auschwitz concentration camp. Kolbe's story at the end of July 1941 is one that speaks to my heart. A prisoner escaped the camp and the guards were choosing prisoners to enter the starvation chambers to take the place of the escaped prisoner. Franciszek Gajowniczek was one of the prisoners chosen. Franciszek began to cry out for his family exclaiming that he had a wife and kids. Maximilian Kolbe broke from his spot in the formation and volunteered to take Franciszek's place in the starvation chamber. The guards questioned who Kolbe was and he responded, "I am a Catholic priest." Kolbe would take the man's spot in the starvation chambers and would ultimately die on August 14, 1941 at the age of 47.

Kolbe was canonized a Saint in 1982 and guess who was front row at the mass? Franciszek Gajowniczek, his wife, his children, and his grandchildren.













CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK #WEARESTWILLIAMS











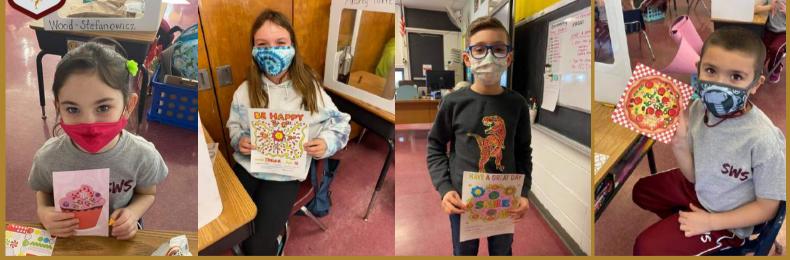








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Faith Formation

Today we talk about our body to be healed and how to take care of ourselves. In the gospel you hear how a man with a terrible disease was listening to Jesus preach and the man asked Jesus to make him clean. Jesus extends his hand and prays over him and the man becomes clean. When you hear this, doesn't it remind you when you go to confession to speak with a Priest and ask for forgiveness and to be cleaned away of your sins? On Wednesday, February 17 this Ash Wednesday and we begin Lent. The word Lent is a shortened form of the Old English word Lenten, meaning "Spring Season". As we know Spring means new beginnings. So, during Lent it is a perfect time to speak with a Priest and confess your sins and to be cleaned so that you can prepare for your new beginning.

Mrs. Walsh, Ms. Michele Atanasio, Fr. Joe, and Fr. James have completed the Third Parent Session with the Faith Formation Parents. They spoke to the Parents about Morality. Some of what was said is how we need to instill in our children to make wise decisions and how we should make good choices in life. We should say yes to the will of God and live in a right relationship with God. We all make mistakes in life and we try not to, but we are human, however we learn from mistakes and we need to at times speak to a Priest and confess our sins to start clean and become fresh again. Parents were given a prayer card of Examination of Conscience and the times of Confession.

We want to wish our Faith Formation Families a Happy Valentine's Day!!



Prayers for those in the Military

US Navy -Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald Ian Bayer, Ensign Rebecca Bayer, Ensign Ensign Michael Napolitano MMN2 Emily Partridge Commander Michael Sean Slatley

USMC -Lt. Kevin J. Butler 2nd Lt. Dana Duggan Corporal Frank A Finochio L.Cpl. John Mosier L.Cpl. Christopher Russell US Air Force -Capt. Matthew B. Frasse Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers AIC William Hughes Tech. Sgt. Karl Muench Major Thomas F. Shields

US Coast Guard -Lt. James Knudsen Daniel Timpanaro LT. Commander Katherine Ustler Frank Pristera 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
Sgt. Brian Kirby
Major Eamon G. McArdle
Sgt. Donald Rogers
Major Christopher James Ustler
Major Kurtis Unger

US Army -



Parish Social Ministry

Respect Life – Birthright Pregnant? Need Help?

24 Hour Hotline - 1-800-550-4900

"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, The unborn and the poor are masterpieces of God's creation And deserving of the utmost reverence and respect".

- Pope Francis' Day of Life Greeting

Parish Contact Information

CONTACT THE PRIESTS

Please send your email to priests@stwilliam.org to contact Fr. Joe, Fr. James or Fr. Collins directly.

CONTACT THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Please send your email to pastoralcouncil@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR COMMUNICATIONS

Please send your email to igomez@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR THE RECTORY

Please send your email to information@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Please send your email to jgoldman@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT FAITH FORMATION

Please send your email to faithformation@stwilliam.org or contact the office directly at (516) 783-2528.

CONTACT SOCIAL MINISTRY

Please send your email to socialministry@stwilliam.org or contact the office directly at (516) 679-8532.

CONTACT MUSIC MINISTRY

Please send your email to mgeorgetti@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT THE SCHOOL St. William the Abbot School



Office: 516.785.1266 2001 Jackson Avenue Seaford, NY 11783 stwilliamtheabbot.net (516) 785-6784

Food Donations

The food donations bins will no longer be located in the Church. Please bring all donations directly to Parish Social Ministry Office, the church no longer has donation bins. The Social Ministry office is located South of the Church.

Monday - Friday 9:30am - 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am - 12:00pm

Food Pantry

Salad Dressing Honey Apple Juice Razors Small Cooking Oil Coffee Apple Sauce Mayonnaise

Caring for the Caregiver

Although our program cannot currently meet we are reaching out to those who are caring for a homebound family member. You are filled with compassion for your loved one, it is not an easy situation. The time involved and the emotions you experience can be overwhelming. Particularly at this time you may be without a backup caregiver which compounds the stress. If you would like to call to speak to someone experienced with these situation, please do so (516) 679-8532.

Homebound

Do you know someone who is homebound or lonely? Please let us know so we can reach out to them in the spirit of Christ. Perhaps they need someone to food shop for them. Please call (516) 679-8532.

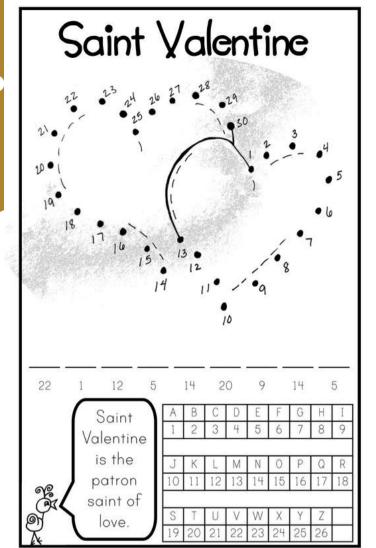
HEAP Benefits –

Home Energy Assistance Program

is available to help with home heating in the winter months for income eligible homeowners or renters. An example of the HEAP monthly income level for a family of two is \$3,413 and for a family of four is \$5,019. Additionally, HEAP offers heating equipment repair and/or replacement benefit for homeowners with inoperable heating equipment. HEAP may help you pay for oil, electricity, propane, natural gas, wood, kerosene, coal or any other heating fuel. For further information, please contact HEAP 516-4327, for seniors 516-227-7386 or www.mybenefits.ny.gov or Rosemary at Parish Social Ministry 679-8532

Walkers & Rollators

If you or a family member are in need of a walker or rollator please call Parish Social Ministry 679-8532 to arrange for you to pick up or we can also deliver. We also have shower chairs and sometimes we have wheelchairs.





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I turn to you, Lord, in time of Lord, in time of you trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

ANDOYOUFILLMEWITHTHEJOYOF



How many times do you say "and with your spirit" during Mass?





A man with leprosy (a sickness) came to Jesus and asked to be healed. Jesus performed a miracle and healed him! Jesus asked him to keep the miracle a secret, but the man told everyone so people came from all over to visit Jesus.



Reconciliation

Reconciliation will be held in the Church Monday through Saturday 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM and on Saturday from 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM.



Personal Prayer

In order to allow for quiet, personal prayer time, the Church will remain open until 12:00 N Monday through Friday as of Thursday, October 1, 2020. This will be suspended on days when we have scheduled Funeral Masses.



Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will be held from 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM every day, Monday through Saturday.



Rosary

The Rosary prayer time will be held Monday - Saturday after the 8:30 AM Mass.



Miraculous Medal

Novena Devotions will be held on Saturday's at 8:15 AM.



St. Peregrine

St. Peregrine a prayer group for cancer victims, families, and their care givers.

The Peregrine Hour of Prayer is held on the first Monday of each month from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM.



Lent 2021

Dear Friends:

"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan...After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God."(Mark 1:12 – 14) Each year on the First Sunday of Lent, the Church presents for our reflection and prayer the experience of Jesus in the desert. Jesus's experience in the desert follows immediately upon His baptism by Saint John the Baptist and immediately precedes His public ministry and proclamation of the Kingdom of God, in word and in deed. Saint Mark points out to us that the Spirit, who had just descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove, drove Jesus into the desert.

The desert was a barren place, a place of lifelessness, the home of the devil and evil. The Spirit sends Jesus into the desert to prepare himself for the years of His public ministry, ultimately leading to His Death and Resurrection. Jesus spends time away from the world to prepare himself. But He also goes forth into the desert to begin His battle against evil, sin and death. Jesus goes into the very dwelling of evil to begin the confrontation. This battle will continue throughout the rest of Jesus's life. The ultimate victory will come on Good Friday through His ultimate act of love on the Cross.

Our yearly experience of Lent, our forty day "desert experience," can be viewed in the same way. We are inspired and sent by the Spirit to spend some time apart from the world of noise and recover the beauty of silence. But, we are also sent to do battle. Our experience of true silence should allow us the opportunity to both listen to the voice and promptings of God as well as to better know ourselves. This personal battle against sin and evil can be painful, because we come to realize that we are all in need of constant conversion. There are real changes each and every one of us need to make in our lives and our hearts this Lent. But like Jesus, we are not alone. The Lord was ministered to by angels during His forty days in the desert. We are constantly aided by our guardian angels, by the angels and saints in heaven, by the community of the baptized, and by the grace of the sacraments of the Church. Like Jesus, we need to emerge from the desert ready to take on the evils of the world and work to spread the Gospel.

It was only a few short weeks into Lent 2020 that the experience of Covid-19 made radical changes to our society, our Church, and our families. The experience of desert isolation was no longer a metaphor but a lived reality. The experience of having our parishes locked down for months was painful for all of us. Many of us still experience this isolation in many ways. But as Christians we always remain men and women of hope. We know that the Cross of Good Friday leads to the empty tomb of Easter Sunday.

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Pope Francis has declared this year as a special Year of Saint Joseph. In Saint Joseph we find a man of profound hope and strength as well as prayerful silence. Scripture does not record one word spoken by Saint Joseph. But Scripture does tell us of his unwavering faith and trust, which go beyond words. Following Jesus, and like Saint Joseph, men and women in the first centuries of the Church began to leave the towns and villages and settle in the isolation of the desert. Like the Lord, they sought to rid themselves of the distractions of everyday life so they too could do battle with evil, and through their quiet example proclaim the Kingdom of God.

This continued throughout the history of the Church, even to our present moment. Saint Antony, Saint Benedict, Saint Bruno, and so many others show us the lived experience of the desert is not an escape from the reality of life but a privileged encounter with the Lord and a revelation of our true selves. While most of us are not called to the monastic or solitary life, the last twelve months have given each of us an experience of solitude. We are encouraged to remain "socially distant." In the midst of the real suffering and hardships this has caused, perhaps the hidden grace is that it has led us to be "temporary monastics."

Our typical Lenten "desert experience" of forty days has lasted a bit longer. But we will come out of it! And like the Lord, when we emerge our goal is to proclaim the Gospel of God according to our vocation and the graces given to us. In addition to our personal sins and the evils present in our own hearts, we live in a world that is right now suffering from real physical illness as well as real division and hurt of every kind. Jesus emerged from the desert bringing the healing presence of God to all he encountered. As the baptized, the Church, the continuing presence of Jesus in the world, we need to do the same. The same Holy Spirit that drove Jesus into the desert is driving us on.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres

+ Aph O. Banes

Bishop of Rockville Centre



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Bishop Andrzej's Lecture Series Continues

Liturgical Catechesis

Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski

Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Rockville Centre Vicar for Liturgy and Worship







Tuesdays this Spring @ 7:30 p.m.

February 23 Liturgy and Our Covenant with God...online via ZOOM March 23 Liturgy and the Paschal Mystery in Us...online via ZOOM

April 27, 2021 Liturgy and St. John Paul II Reform

May 25, 2021 Liturgy and Personal Growth

So that Bishop Andrzej can safely continue his Liturgical Catechesis lecture series, presentations in February and March will be available **only** through ZOOM. In order to be emailed the ZOOM link, you must register. Please see below for instructions on how to register in order to gain access to these presentations. If you already receive updates regarding Bishop Andrzej's presentation schedule, the ZOOM link will automatically be emailed to you.

Please call or email to register:

Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850; westernvicariate@drvc.org.