

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

*"For to everyone who has, more will be given..."***Priests' Mass Schedule****Saturday, November 22, 2008**

5:00 pm Msgr. William Koenig

7:30 pm Fr. Paul Butler

**Sunday, November 23, 2008**

7:45 am Msgr. William Koenig

9:15 am Msgr. William Koenig

10:45 am Fr. Paul Butler

12:15 pm Fr. Francis Ibanga

5:00 pm Fr. Francis Ibanga

**Thanksgiving**

Thursday, November 27th is Thanksgiving Day. The Rectory Office will be closed. As we usually do, we will celebrate Mass at 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM. The 9:00 AM Mass will be a concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving.

**Your Trash May Be Treasure**

A committee is gathering and organizing information on the history of St. William's. If you find any old photos of the church or school when cleaning out your house, please don't throw them out. We would love to add them to our archives. We would also appreciate old programs or other memorabilia.

If you have an item you do not want to part with, please allow us to scan it for our files. We will then return the original to you. Items can be dropped off at the Rectory, addressed to the Church History Committee.

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

Next weekend is the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Here on Long Island, CCHD has funded almost 50 community organizations in the past six years. Your contributions have helped revitalize neighborhoods, improved schools, trained at-risk young people to become future leaders, and mentored prison inmates. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Please pray for the sick...**

*In order to keep our list current, names of the Sick will be in the Bulletin for 3 weeks.*

Ann Benenati  
Denise Wallace  
James Mahon  
Michael SicignanoEleanor Herbert  
William Clark  
Mildred Spahn**...and for the deceased**Nicholas Hope  
Leonard A. Lanyo  
Michael J. PunturieriThomas Hope  
Louis Enella**Next Sunday's Scripture**

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Matthew 25:31-46



Today's solemnity calls us to acclaim our Lord Jesus Christ as King of the universe and Lord of all creation. In addition, it serves to remind us that after we die we will each have to stand before Christ to give an account of how we lived. One thing which Jesus will judge us stringently on is whether - and how - we assisted others.

**Liturgy Corner****Reflecting on the Word**

Some things drop into our lives and we simply run with them. Summer vacation was like that when I was a child. There was no need and certainly no desire to organize it for the sake of efficiency. Summer was better when it just happened: bike riding and pick-up softball on the school playground behind our house and swimming at Lakeside Park and going for ice cream at dusk and catching fireflies at night and a thousand other things that come together and make up summer.

There are other things, however, that drop into our lives but never go anywhere, except perhaps with a lot of prodding. School comes to mind. I never would have gone had I been given a menu of options. Having my tonsils out was another such thing, and wearing braces on my teeth, and moving into a new city when I was eight, and my grandmother dying on my twelfth birthday. I took them in stride, mostly because there was no other way to take them. Given my druthers, though, they never would have happened at all. I simply lived with them, and then they were over.

The Gospel this week proposes that God comes in much the same way. God gives us five talents' worth of life or two talents' worth, or even one talent's worth, and with it enough energy to double it. Sometimes, though, God drops in when we'd rather be left alone, and so we try to bury that God just because the situation doesn't look very life-giving to us. Yet it can be life-giving, like the weary routine or raising children or going to the same job we've been going to for the past twenty-five years, or taking care of an aging parent. Eventually we may find out that burying such life is more deadly than the risk of living it, and living it brings a higher yield than we could ever expect.

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**Bulletin Articles**

If you would like something published in the bulletin for the weekend of November 29th - 30th, please be advised that due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the deadline for article submission is Friday, November 21st at 3:00 PM.

**Bread and Wine**

The Bread and Wine used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of Jane Donnellan from Al and Bridie Grogen and family

## Parish Social Ministry

**Life and the Dignity of the Human Person** - "Every individual, precisely by reason of the mystery of the Word of God who was made flesh (cf. Jn 1:1-14), is entrusted to the maternal care of the Church. Therefore, every threat to human dignity and life must necessarily be felt in the Church's very heart, it cannot but effect her at the core of her faith in the Redemptive Incarnation of the Son of God, and engage her in her mission of proclaiming the *Gospel of Life* in all the world and to every creature (cf. Mk 16:15)." *Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life (Evangelical Vita) No. 3*



**Thanksgiving Baskets** - As in the past, the Social Ministry Office and the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting food for Thanksgiving baskets. If you would like to donate items for baskets please consider the following: breakfast/dinner non-perishable items: instant potatoes, canned vegetables, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, cake mix/frosting, dinner mints, apple cider, coffee, tea, pancake mix, pancake syrup, and Thanksgiving paper goods. These items can be deposited in the St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection bins located at the front and rear entrances of the Church by November 12th. We have limited space for storing frozen turkeys. Please consider donating a gift certificate for a free turkey from a local supermarket. If you would like to prepare a basket for a family, call the Social Ministry Office (679-8532) for information.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** - The Good News of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given. All we need do is be faithful in "small matters." The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given. When you give the furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are sharing God's extravagant love.

### Usher's Meeting

There will be an Usher's Meeting on Monday, November 17th at 7:30 PM in the Abbey. It will be hosted by Fr. Ibinga and Michael Haas, to discuss Usher procedures and the upcoming Christmas season. We invite all Usher's to attend since this will be a time to discuss any issues of concern. We look forward to seeing you then.

### School News

**Sunday, Nov. 16th** - Grade 2 Mass - 9:15 AM. Gift boxes K & 1.

**Monday, Nov. 17th** - Planning Publicity Meeting - 7:30 PM.

**Tuesday, Nov. 18th** - School Pictures - K-7 Individual, N Group and Individual (dress up).

**Wednesday, Nov. 19th** - School Pictures - 7:50 Faculty Pictures, K-8 Groups (uniforms). Pre-K - Groups and individual.

**Friday, Nov. 21st** - Grade 5 - 8 Trimesters. Pack Night - 7:30 PM (tentative). Parish Party.

**Sunday, Nov. 22nd** - Gift Boxes Grade 2.

**Sunday, Nov. 23rd** - Grade 3 Mass - 9:15 AM. (Gift boxes Grade 2).

### Save the Date!

The Third Annual Abbot Gala Parish Dinner Dance will be held on March 7, 2009 at the Coral House. Join your fellow parishioners for a fun night of dancing and celebrating. Tickets will be sold in January.



## Stewardship

*A Way of Life*

November 9, 2008.....\$24,955.00  
November 11, 2007.....\$21,639.00  
We are grateful this week for stewards in our Parish who provide examples of active stewardship by serving the poor and needy through ministries like St. Vincent de Paul.

### Religious Education

The Religious Education Office is open from 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM and from 1:30 - 4:00 PM or by appointment, 679-9558.

**GIFT Grade 1 Class** Monday, Nov. 17th, 4:15 - 5:15 PM.

**Catechist Meeting Grade 4, 5, 6** - Tuesday, Nov. 18th, 7:30 - 9:30 PM in the Abbey.

**GIFT Grade 3A Class** Wednesday, Nov. 19th, 4:15 - 5:15 PM in the School.

**Adult Education - University of Dayton/Our Catholic Tradition of Prayer** Thursday, Nov. 20th, 7:30 - 9:30 PM in the School Library. Advanced registration required.

**Grade 3 Mass** Sunday, Nov 23rd, 9:15 AM in the Church. Hospitality follows in the Abbey.

**Fun With God Class** Sunday, Nov. 23rd, 9:15 AM in the School.

**Help urgently needed: Substitute Catechists - all Grade levels** - Mon. thru Thursday, 4:00 - 5:15 PM & Wed. nights 7:00 - 9:00 PM. **Hall Monitors - School Building:** Wed. 4:00 - 5:15 PM. Sat. 9:15 - 10:45 AM. Please call either Georgette Levesque or Mary Calabrese to volunteer or for further information.

### Abbot Innkeepers - Team A

"Whatsoever you do..." We will meet **Thursday, Nov. 20th at 7:00 PM** in the Abbey. Please call the Social Ministry Office (679-8532) if you are unable to make it.

### SWAT News

Our next SWAT Community Night will be after the 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday, Nov. 16th.

### Girl Scout Religious Medals

Any Girl Scout interested in earning a religious medal should contact Ann at 221-9375.

### CYO Volleyball Registration

CYO Volleyball Registration will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 3rd from 7:30 - 8:30 PM in the All Purpose Room of the School for girls in Grades 5 - 12. A parent must be present to sign the registration form. For more details, including the registration fee, please go to [www.stwilliamvolleyball.com](http://www.stwilliamvolleyball.com). New coaches and assistants are needed. Please call Karen at 798-3172 if you would like to volunteer.

### Bingo

Our thanks to Team # 8 members A. Bilello, P. Caffray, L. Caffray, T. Distler, S. Frank, P. Distler, C. King, L. Priest, R. Siena, K. Baynon, L. Zampolin, A. Scoleri, R. Lutzky, L. Scheuerman, L. Dunn and Capt. Sandy DiGanti for their help with our Bingo games on 11/08/08. Next Saturday, Nov. 22nd, Capt. Kennedy's Team 10 will work Bingo.

## Prayers for Armed Forces

Prayers are asked for the following men and women who are serving in the Armed Forces and who are parishioners or family members (especially sons, daughters, and spouses) of parishioners: Sgt. Liam Thidemann, US Army, Lance Corporal Joseph J. Pirro, USMC, Captain Michael Ferrari, USMC, Lt. Col. Patrick Tynan US Army, Capt. Marko Kostovic, Spc. Craig Bianco, HN Sean Farrell, Marine Division 1, Army Capt. Curtis Unger, LCPL Christopher Henao, Marine Division, 2nd Lt. Mary Teresa O'Donnell, US Army, Seaman Bryan Buckley, U.S. Navy, 2nd Lt. Erin Lynch Farmer, US Army, 1st Lt. Matthew Fernandez HHC-2, Commander Daniel W. Montgomery, Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Brendel, U. S. Army, Airman Bryan M. White, U. S. Air Force, Cpl. Jeffrey Baker, Recon, USMC, Airman Michael Alba, USAF, Airman John Zimmerman, USAF, US Army Spec. Matthew Gale, Lt. Christopher James Ustler, US Army, Ensign Katherine Ustler, US Coast Guard.

## Care Packages

To show support for the men and women in the Armed Forces, a group of people have been sending them care packages. This has been made possible with the support of friends, family, the Padre Pio Assembly, the Squirettes of Mary, and others. If you would like to have your family member included, please send an email to [mamaramadc@optonline.net](mailto:mamaramadc@optonline.net) or call Diane at 804-3213.

## Upcoming Trip

In September, 2010, Father Bill Koenig and Father John Martin will be leading a 10-day trip to the Alpine Countries of Europe and Oberammergau. Oberammergau is the site of the world-famous Passion Play, a production presented every 10 years since 1634 by the People of Oberammergau, Germany, as a way of thanking God for saving this town from the bubonic plague. This trip, to places said by many as some of the most beautiful areas of the world, include: Salzburg, Munich, Innsbruck, Lake Lucerne and the Rhine Valley. The cost, which includes airfare, hotels, most meals, and admission to the Passion Play, is \$3599, plus taxes and surcharge (\$375 to \$450). A full color brochure is available at the Rectory. A \$200 deposit reserves your space!

## Parish Mailing

There will be a Parish Mailing in the Large Rectory Basement Meeting Room on Monday, November 17th, following the 8:00 and 9:00 AM Masses. Refreshments will be served. Please lend a hand if you are available.

## Adult Antioch Members

There will be an important Antioch Meeting on Friday, Nov. 21st in the School Library. Please make every effort to attend. Any questions, call Jean - 804-9066 or Chris - 798-6157.

## Banns of Marriage

### Banns I

None

### Banns II

Marco Juan (Corpus Christi, Port Chester)  
& Suzanne Coppelli (SWA)

### Banns III

William Treamer (Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst) & Patti Ann Hille (SWA)



## Birthright

Pregnant? Need help? Call Birthright - 785-4070.

## Special Notice

At the request of parishioners, we are now able to offer the convenience of having their Sunday Offering deposited directly from their 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, "The Long Island Catholic," Catholic Relief Services, etc. The form to begin this process can be picked up at the Rectory or printed out from the Parish Website ([stwilliam.org/form](http://stwilliam.org/form)). Parishioners are still encouraged to drop their offering envelope in the Sunday collection basket and mark that their parish offering is through electronic checking.

## VIRTUS Training

**ALL** Parish ministers and volunteers are required to have undergone VIRTUS Training and a Background Screening. The Background Screening Form is available at the Rectory. The VIRTUS Workshop assists us in creating a safe environment for children and young people by helping us become more aware of situations that could be potentially harmful. Please use the following steps to register for a Workshop.

To register for a VIRTUS Training Workshop, please do the following:

1. Go to the Diocesan Website: [www.DRVC.org](http://www.DRVC.org)
2. Click on Virtus Training Registration

3. Select the site you will be attending the Workshop. (It is important that you register so that they will have your Certificate of Completion ready for you at the training session.)

4. After you have gone through the training and received your Certificate, make a copy of it and send it to the Rectory to the attention of Susan McCormick. If your Certificate is not available at the time of the Workshop, ask the Instructor to forward it to you after the Workshop.

## Please Be Neat

Please help us to keep our Church neat and clean. Please return all missalettes and song books to the rack in front of you.

## General Announcements

**Broadlawn Manor Social Adult Day Center** offers a full day program including breakfast, lunch and snacks. They are open Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM. The Program offers: reassurance to caregivers that your loved one is in a safe, caring, and stimulating environment, and needed respite from day to day responsibilities of caring for a frail elder or those with Alzheimers/Dementia. The participant benefits by programs that enhance self-esteem and socialization, activities to minimize physical and mental deterioration and an opportunity to socialize with peers and combat isolation. Transportation is available. For information or a tour, call 631-608-5651.

## Gift Box Drawing

11/08/08 - \$ 50 **Joseph Rollo**, Massapequa  
11/09/08 - \$ 50 **M/M S. Pick**, Hillsborough, NJ  
11/10/08 - \$ 50 **Barbara Carney**, E. Brunswick, NJ  
11/11/08 - \$ 50 **Katherine Calamaras**, New York  
11/12/08 - \$ 50 **Mark Engleman**, Massapequa  
11/13/08 - \$ 50 **Charles H. Kiefer**, Wantagh  
11/14/08 - \$ 50 **Brendan Mannix**, Amityville