

The Church of ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT A Roman Catholic Church

We, the parish family of St. William the Abbot, a welcoming Catholic community, led by the Holy Spirit, are called to proclaim, and to witness to, the Good News of Salvation, so that we may grow together, among all generations, and advance the Kingdom of God, in our love and service of God and neighbor.

MASS SCHEDULE WEEKENDS

Saturday: 5:00PM (Vigil)
Sunday: 8:00, 10:15 & 11:45AM

WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday: 9:00AM
Wednesday: 9:00AM & 7:00PM
Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 9:00AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

As announced in the bulletin.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday after the 9:00AM Mass, and 4:00 to 5:00PM. Half hour before each weekend Mass, and Wednesday at 6:00PM.

ROSARY

The Rosary is recited weekdays and Saturdays after the 9:00AM Mass with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

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Phone: 732-840-3535



Rev. Thomas Maher, Pastor
Rev. James Redstone, In Memoriam
Deacon Michael Abatemarco, Pastoral Associate
Deacon George A. Prevosti
Deacon Kevin Smith

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday, 9:30AM—3:00PM
(Closed on Holy Days & Legal Holidays)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament is given for those facing serious illness or surgery, and for those of advanced years. If you or a family member plan to enter the hospital, please see Fr. Tom following Mass if you would like to receive this sacrament. In case of emergency, please call the parish office.



*January 14, 2024 The Second Sunday in Ordinary
Time*

What is an active parishioner?

An active parishioner is a person who participates in the life of the Church. This means to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ and share in Christ's role as priest, prophet and King. We are called to lead others to faith by our good example, through loving service to others, and offering our prayers, works and activities to God.

- An active parishioner is a person who has received or is preparing to receive the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.
- An active parishioner is a person who attends Mass regularly at St. William the Abbot and actively supports the sacramental programs for Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation. Parents who want a Catholic Faith Formation & Education for their children will see to it that their family attends Mass faithfully EVERY Sunday.
- An active parishioner gives of themselves by donating TIME, TALENT and TREASURE to the ministries of the parish and or to the volunteer organizations that support the parish. We are to share in the responsibilities that keep our Parish alive in a vibrant way.
- An active parishioner is a good financial steward of the church. As a parishioner, it is important to understand that giving financially to support the parish is a vital and key component to active parishioner status.

Why you need to be an active parishioner

Parishioners seeking to be godparents or sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, or those wishing to be joined in Holy Matrimony must first be verified as "active members" of the parish.

An active member:

- 1) Is properly registered with the parish
- 2) Faithfully attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
- 3) Participates in parish activities/ministries whenever possible.
- 4) Consistently uses the parish envelope system or the electronic giving program to support the parish.

**Weekly Collection for December 31**

Number of registered families . . .1,247
 Number of weekly envelopes returned . . .122
 Envelope contributions . . . \$4,675.00
 Loose contributions . . . \$567.00
 Solemnity of Mary . . . \$1,473.00
 Christmas . . . \$2,510.00
 WeShare . . . \$4,237.00
Total: \$13,462.00

Weekly Collection for January 7

Number of registered families . . .1,247
 Number of weekly envelopes returned . . .129
 Envelope contributions . . . \$5,139.00
 Loose contributions . . . \$755.00
 Epiphany . . . \$850.00
 Solemnity of Mary . . . \$165.00
 Christmas . . . \$230.00
 Vigil Candles . . . \$396.00
 WeShare . . . \$3,104.00
Total: \$10,639.00

Thank You! We are so grateful to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and its ministries! We would especially like to thank all of those who faithfully use their weekly parish contribution envelopes and those who give online through We Share.

SAVE THE DATE

ROCKIN ROLL CONCERT WITH BILLY LAWLOR! SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 7PM. DOORS WILL OPEN AT 6PM, BRING YOUR DINNER AND DRINKS. WE WILL ALSO PLAY A TRIVIA GAME BEFORE THE SHOW STARTS AND ONCE MORE DURING A BREAK. PRIZES TOO! TICKETS WILL BE \$20 EACH AND ARE ON SALE NOW. THE TRIVIA GAME WILL BE BY TABLE, SO RESERVE YOUR TABLE TODAY.

HOSPITALITY SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 3

JOIN US IN THE HALL AFTER THE 5:00 MASS FOR APPETIZERS AND SNACKS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL BE HAVING PAINTING WITH PINOT'S PALETTE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 7PM. MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

Weekly **MASS** Intentions

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"It is a holy and wholesome thing to pray for the living and the dead." II Mac. 12:46

Saturday, January 13—St. Hilary
5:00 People of the parish

Sunday, January 14—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
+8:00 Ann Pasquariello

r/b M/M Ron Neal

+10:15 Barbara Peterscek

r/b Vivian Goff

+11:45 John Duffy

r/b The Cisek Family

Monday, January 15—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
+9:00 Joseph Scagliuso

r/b Jackie VanGlahn

Tuesday, January 16
+9:00 Kellee Lee Statt
 r/b M/M John Messina

Wednesday, January 17—St. Anthony
+9:00 Elizabeth Duffy
 r/b Ruth Ziznewski
+7:00 Robert Lynch
 r/b Deacon & Mrs. Kevin Smith

Thursday, January 18
+9:00 Jennie Ciardiello
 r/b Sal Ciardiello

Friday, January 19
+9:00 Walter Akstulewicz
 r/b Deacon & Mrs. Kevin Smith

Saturday, January 20—St. Fabian, St. Sebastian
+9:00 Beth Taylor
 r/b St. William the Abbot Parish Family
+5:00 Joseph Scagliuso
 r/o Donna Lukenbill

Sunday, January 21—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
+8:00 Deborah Monek
 r/b Cathy Ferraro
10:15 People of the parish
+11:45 Nancy Huffman
 r/b The Callahan Family



The power of prayer!

PRAY FOR HEALING

Please bring health, healing and hope to those in our community who are sick especially Jonathon Capriotti, Emily Capriotti, Dakota Schick, Evelyn Zelif, Matt Puglisi, Matthew Cerritelli, Christopher Puglisi, John Sproat, Jr., Joe DelGuercio, Tricia Berwick, Katelyn Morales, Jesse Pintillo, Joan Rocco, Michael Untisz, Joseph Untisz, we also ask you Lord, to watch over all those with incurable autoimmune diseases and for all those who are afflicted with MS, CF, Lou Gehrig's disease, for those who suffer from Alzheimer disease, dementia, addictions, and their families.

God of all consolation, give life and health to our sisters and brothers for whom we pray in your Holy Name. Amen.



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Eileen McLaughlin, requested by her son and family.



Please keep in your prayers those serving in our military. Send in names of friends or family members you would like us to pray for.

Oryah Hametz Hokzler—Army
 Vincent Moran—Marines
 Hunter Freedline—Army
 John Carlucci—Air Force
 Anthony Morsillo—Marines
 Kathryn Arway—Coast Guard
 Mitchel McKenney—Coast Guard
 Katie Austin Underhill—Army
 Jeremy Ramos—Air Force

National
 Eucharistic
 Revival



Eucharistic Revival

"We should consider those moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament as the happiest of our lives." - St. John Vianney

Where will the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit be? St. Denis, Manasquan, January 15 thru January 30th.



**Reading I: 1 Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19**

The call of young Samuel is itself a classic description of how such a call can be misinterpreted at first. In this case, the future prophet is given a command to communicate a particular Word to the people.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 6: 13c-15a, 17-20

Sexual pleasure for its own sake and unconnected with conception contradicts the fact that our bodies "are not our own." Saint Paul's powerful message is that our bodies are Temples of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

The Gospel: John 1: 35-42

The Baptist's preaching is fulfilled when two of his former disciples, namely Andrew and his brother Simon, decide to follow Jesus. The Lord, in turn, poses to them (and us) a life-altering question: "What are you looking for?"

Catholic Trivia

1. What is the name of the formal prayer said by Catholics to express their sorrow for their sins and to resolve amendment, usually said during or after confession? _____
2. What occurred on Holy Thursday? _____
3. Where were the beatitudes given by Christ? _____
4. Where did Christ pray and suffer in agony the night before he died? _____
5. Who was the first martyr? _____
6. What does the "Pyx" contain? _____
7. How many miracles of Christ are told about in the Gospel? _____
8. Is the giving of alms a corporal work of mercy? _____
9. What do the letters INRI stand for in English? _____
10. What language was the New Testament originally written in? _____

Answers on page 5.



For a truly meaningful New Year's Resolution, one that lasts long after the Champagne has lost its fizz, why not resolve to treat each other to a Marriage Encounter Experience?

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

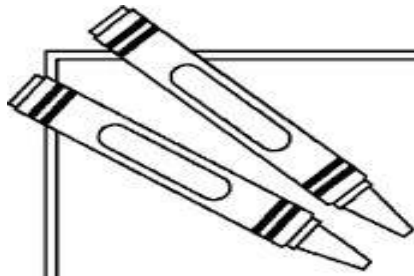
The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 16 - 18.

Please apply ASAP as space is limited.

Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco).

Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.





Just for KIDS

The Books of the Bible Seek and Find

*All of the books of the Bible are hidden in this puzzle
There are 39 from the Old Testament and 27 from the
New Testament. Use your Bible to help you find the names.
Circle each one. The names can go → ← ↓ ↑ ↘ ↙.*

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You are invited to join a community of like-minded Catholic men who share their faith, hands, hearts, and prayers, providing support and communing with each other. You can also bring your families along and get to know other members. Membership is FREE to join online, and you can request to join anytime. Merry Christmas!



Pray to your Guardian Angel everyday:
Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day, be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

Cursillo Corner

Want to grow deeper in your relationship with God? Want to rediscover the sense of Christian community? Participate in the joyful experience of *Cursillo*. *Cursillo* is Spanish for "short Course" and has been in our diocese for over 50 years. A *Cursillo* is an encounter with self, Christ and others that enhances the rest of your spiritual life. *Cursillo* focuses on piety, study, and action and includes faith sharing which helps us to live our lives in a Christian manner. For more information visit our website at www.trentoncursillo.org or contact Mary Weis at 732-939-0172.



office.

Join us at 1:00 on Wednesdays to play Mah Jongg. If you don't know how to play and would like to learn, we do have experienced players to help you. All are welcome. Please email or call Maureen at the parish

Answers to the Catholic Trivia

1. Act of Contrition, 2. The Last Supper, 3. At the Sermon on the Mount, 4. Gethsemani or Mount of Olives, 5. St. Stephen, 6. The Blessed Sacrament, 7. 37, 8. Yes, 9. Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, 10. Greek

Standing Together for Life—Mass for Life; Lunch and Seminar

On Friday, January 19th, the faithful of the Diocese of Trenton will come together in prayer and solidarity to proclaim the sanctity of all human life! All are invited to an 11AM **Mass for Life** celebrated by Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., at St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral. No registration is needed for the Mass, seating is first come first served. Mass will be livestreamed on [Youtube.com/trentondiocese](https://www.youtube.com/trentondiocese).

The Mass will be followed by a **Lunch & Seminar** in the Co-Cathedral's Dentici Hall. A panel of local expert speakers will offer practical, actionable, ideas and resources to take back to parishes where they can be immediately applied to build a culture of life in a spirit of inter-ministry collaboration and radical solidarity with vulnerable pregnant women and families. Advanced registration to attend the **Lunch & Seminar** is required by January 10th. Full details for the day's events, including a registration link for the **Lunch & Seminar** can be found at dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life. Questions contact Belem Perez at 609-403-7133 or bperez@dioceseoftrenton.org.

**RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE**

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next pro-

gram will be held February 16 - 18, 2024 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Lenten Bible Study

When: Thursdays Feb. 15, 22, 29, March 7, 14, & 21

Time: 9:30-11 am

Where: St. Pio Church Hall in Lavallette 103 Washington Ave

Who: All are welcome

What: Discovering who you are in Christ—We are all called to holiness, but what that mean? It's not what you think. This book offers you a weapon of truth so that you can stand in your identity as a child of God. It gives personal examples and practical suggestions that motivate and inspire, while convinces attainable transformation.

Cost: \$12

To Register: send a check made out to St. Pio's Church to Dawn Rusinko 103 Washington Ave Lavallette NJ 08735 For more info please contact dawnrusinko@yahoo.com

**Healing the Wounds of Abortion**

The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friend/s of the mother. You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear. Rachel's Vineyard's Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God. If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one of our retreat weekends. For more information, contact Judy Warkiewicz at 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential. The next weekend is February 16-18.

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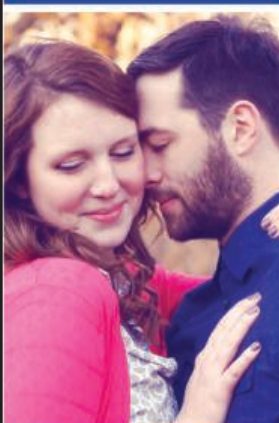
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