

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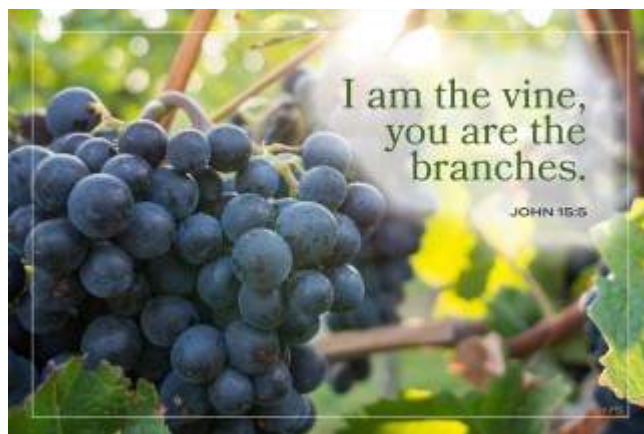
Rev. Thomas Maher, Pastor
Rev. James Redstone, In Memoriam
Deacon Michael Abatemarco, Pastoral Associate
Deacon George A. Prevosti
Deacon Kevin Smith

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.



April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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.

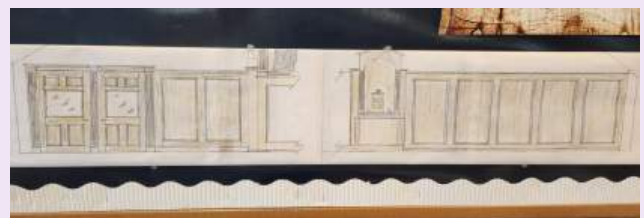
**Weekly Collection for April 21**

Number of registered families . . .1,266
 Number of weekly envelopes returned . . .129
 Envelope contributions . . . \$5,087.00
 Loose contributions . . . \$451.00
 Vigil Candles . . . \$248.00
 WeShare . . . \$1,589.00
Total: \$7,375.00

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.



Registration is open for our School of Religion for the 2024-2025 school year. You may register in the parish office Tuesday thru Friday, 10:00AM until 2:00PM. Make sure to fill out the Google forms online before you come to the office. Thank you!



This is a drawing of the new confessional. If you would like to donate to this wonderful addition to our church, it would be gratefully appreciated.

The following children received the Sacrament of Baptism during March and April. Congratulations to them and their families.

*Everly Jane Mendelson
 daughter of David & Amanda Mendelson.
 Estelle Virginia Markman
 granddaughter of Michael & Christine McGrath
 Gemma Teresa Ortado
 daughter of Vincent & Alexandra Ortado
 Nina Grace Durazzo
 daughter of Kevin & Allison Durazzo*



Congratulations to all of our 8th graders who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, April 26th. Please keep them in your prayers!

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, April 27

+5:00

Giuseppina Bussanich

r/b The Mircovich Family

Sunday, April 28—Fifth Sunday of Easter

+8:00

Mary Beth Haining

r/b Georgette Bar

10:15

People of the parish

+11:45

George Brennan

r/b The Deering Family

Monday, April 29—St. Catherine of Siena

+9:00

Kenneth Hoch

r/o Liz Cerbie

Tuesday, April 30

+9:00

Everett John Stengle

r/b The Blom Family

Wednesday, May 1—St. Joseph the Worker

+9:00

Jim Holloway

r/b Ellen Cerreta

+7:00

Joan M. Cass

r/b M/M Matt Bakke

Thursday, May 2—St. Athanasius

+9:00

Catherine Rucci

r/b Rucci Family

Friday, May 3—St. Philip and St. James

+9:00

Dawn Laughlin-Harkins

r/b Peggy Rizzo

Saturday, May 4

9:00

In reparation of blasphemies of those who publicly seek to sow in the hearts of children indifference or scorn or even hatred of their Immaculate Mary.

+5:00

John & Anna Gryglak

r/b Daughter and family

Sunday, May 5

8:00

People of the parish

+10:15

Joseph Iacangelo

r/b M/M Rich Capitan

+11:45

Catherine Rucci

r/b Rucci Family



The Flowers for Jesus are for a special intention for Toni Clark.

The power of prayer!

PRAY FOR HEALING

Please bring health, healing and hope to those in our community who are sick especially Jonathan Capriotti, Emily Capriotti, Matthew Cerritelli, John Sproat, Jr., Joe DelGuercio, Jesse Pintillo, Joan Rocco, Michael Untisz, Joseph Untisz, Wayne Farmer, Barbara Maloney, Natasha Sanchez, Richard Policastro, 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 Carol Prevosti, requested by Deacon George.



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
Eddie Roszkowski—Navy
Aaron MacDonald—Marines



The Annual Catholic Appeal has begun. Our goal is the same as last year, \$28,000. So far we have raised \$14,794, which is 53% of our goal. If you haven't given yet, please do so now. We have met our goal 4 years in a row. Hopefully we can do it this year too. Thank you to the 84 donors we have donated already.



**Reading I: Acts 9: 26-31**

Paul is at first much feared by the disciples because of his past persecution of them. But his conversion led to the peace described here.

Reading II: 1 John 3: 18-24

The test of one's acceptance by God is the willingness to do "what pleases Him," namely loving one another as He commands.

The Gospel: John 15: 1-8

Jesus describes Himself as the true vine, replacing the older image of Israel as the vine. The disciples, representing Jesus in the world, give glory to the Father.

Catholic Trivia

1. What are the prayers of the rosary? _____
2. Name three of the four major seasons of the liturgical year. _____
3. What are the two chief powers of a priest? _____
4. Whose veil is preserved at St. Peter's Basilica? _____
5. Who was the father of the Virgin Mary? _____
6. What does the priest use to dry the chalice during Mass? _____
7. Who is known as the Little Flower? _____
8. Why is the Our Father the best of all prayers? _____
9. In what century was the first Mass said in Australia? _____
10. Name the corrupt emperor of Rome whose name appears in Acts. _____

Answers on page 5.





We are asking any parishioners with used eye glasses to donate them to the Joe Mazzarella Eye Glass Donation Program. An eye receptacle is located in the parish hall. All eye glasses are donated to the Eye's for Needy Program who since 1932, provide over 8 million needy people in the United States and throughout the world the gift of better sight. We thank you for all your donations and support.

We need your cooperation!

In an effort to keep our files current, please notify us if:

- You have a new phone number or address
- You no longer have a land line that we may have on file
- Your children are out of school and need to register on their own
- You have an email address you would like on file or if you have a new email address
- You no longer want to be registered
- You donate electronically and no longer need envelopes

Please email the parish office your updates. Thank you!



- ♦ Choose weekly or monthly donation
- ♦ Update desired offering any time
- ♦ And, print your year-end statement in seconds—at any time!

Online giving is the best way to support St. William the Abbot—now more than ever! It provides steady support, it's environmentally friendly, and less costly than using envelopes. Look for the WeShare link on our website.

"Lord Jesus Christ, pierce my soul with your love so that I may always long for you alone, who are the bread of angels and the fulfilment of the soul's deepest desires. May my heart always hunger for you, so that my soul may be filled with the sweetness of your presence." - St. Bonaventure

Ways to remember or commemorate and event at St. William the Abbot

Commemorative Bricks: This is an ideal way to commemorate a graduation, wedding, special family celebration, or to acknowledge a loved one. To order a brick, which will be placed in the garden near Mary, contact the parish office. The cost is \$100 for 8x8 brick and \$75 for a 4x8 brick.

Bequests

St. William is a tax-exempt non-profit Organization and gratefully accepts donations from last will and testament and/or stock to assist our parish. For more information on how to have your wishes known, please talk to your personal banking representative. May God Bless you for your generosity!

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp can be lit in honor of, or in memory of a loved one for one week. It is announced in the bulletin and before all the Saturday/Sunday Masses. The donation is \$25.

Flowers for Jesus

Flowers for Jesus is a bouquet of flowers that will be bought in honor or memory of a loved one. They will be placed at the Altar for the weekend Masses. It will be announced in the bulletin and at each Mass. The donation is \$50.



The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the US Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church or if know of someone who was, you can report the abuse through the diocesan Abuse hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

"We adore you, most holy Lord Jesus Christ, here, and in all your churches throughout all the world; and we bless you, because, by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world." - St. Francis of Assisi



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.



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 the parish office.

Answers

1. The Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Glory Be, 2. Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost, 3. To offer Mass and forgive sin, 4. St. Veronica's, 5. St. Joachim, 6. The Purificator, 7. St. Therese of Lisieux, 8. Because it was taught to us by Jesus himself, 9. 19th century (1803), 10. Nero

**Saint of the Week, St. Catherine of Siena**

St. Catherine of Siena was born during the outbreak of the plague in Siena, Italy on March 25, 1347. She was the 25th child born to her mother, although half of her brothers and sisters did not survive childhood. Catherine herself was a twin, but her sister did not survive infancy. Her mother was 40 when she was born. Her father was a cloth dyer.

At the age of 16, Catherine's sister, Bonaventura, died, leaving her husband as a widower. Catherine's parents proposed that he marry Catherine as a replacement, but Catherine opposed this. She began fasting and cut her hair short to mar her appearance. Her parents attempted to resist this move, to avoid marriage, but they were unsuccessful. Her fasting and her devotion to her family, convinced them to relent and allow her to live as she pleased. Catherine once explained that she regarded her father as a representation of Jesus and her mother as Our Lady, and her brothers as the apostles, which helped her to serve them with humility.

Despite Catherine's religious nature, she did not choose to enter a convent and instead she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic, which allowed her to associate with a religious society while living at home. Fellow Dominican sisters taught St. Catherine how to read. Meanwhile, she lived quietly, isolated within her family home.

St. Catherine developed a habit of giving things away and she continually gave away her family's food and clothing to people in need. She never asked permission to give these things away, and she quietly put up with their criticisms. Something changed her when she was 21. She described an experience she referred to as her "mystical marriage to Christ." There are debates over whether or not St. Catherine was given a ring with some claiming she was given a bejeweled ring, and other claiming the ring was made of Jesus's skin. St. Catherine herself started the rumor of the latter in her writings, but she was known to often claim the ring itself was invisible. Such mystical experiences change people, and St. Catherine was no exception. In her vision, she was told to reenter public life and to help the poor and sick. She immediately rejoined her family and went into public to help people in need.

She often visited hospitals and homes where the poor and sick were found. Her activities quickly attracted followers who helped her in her mission to serve the poor and sick. St. Catherine was drawn further into the world as she worked, and eventually she began to travel, calling for reform of the Church and for people to confess and to love God totally. She became involved in politics, and was key in working to keep city states loyal to the Pope. She was also credited with helping to start a crusade to the Holy Land. On one occasion, she visited a condemned political prisoner and was credited with saving his soul, which she saw being taken up to heaven at the moment of his death. St. Catherine allegedly was given the stigmata, but like her ring, it was visible only to herself. She took Bl. Raymond of Capua as her confessor and spiritual director.

From 1375 onwards, St. Catherine began dictating letters to scribes. She petitioned for peace and was instrumental in persuading the Pope in Avignon to return to Rome. She became involved in the fractured politics of her time, but was instrumental in restoring the Papacy to Rome and in brokering peace deals during a time of factional conflict and war between the Italian city states.

She also established a monastery for women in 1377 outside of Siena. She is credited with composing over 400 letters, her Dialogue, which is her definitive work, and her prayers. These works are so influential that St. Catherine would later be declared a Doctor of the Church. She is one of the most influential and popular saints in the Church.

By 1380, the 33-year-old mystic had become ill, possibly because of her habit of extreme fasting. Her confessor, Raymond, ordered her to eat, but she replied that she found it difficult to do so, and that possibly she was ill. In January of 1380, her illness accelerated her inability to eat and drink. Within weeks, she was unable to use her legs. She died on April 29, following a stroke just a week prior. St. Catherine's feast day is April 29, she is the patroness against fire, illness, the United States, Italy, miscarriages, people ridiculed for their faith, sexual temptation, and nurses.

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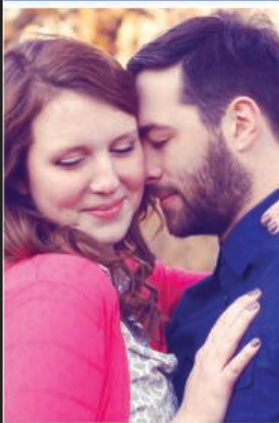
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