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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms may be arranged for most Sundays of the year at 1:00PM. Please call the parish office to schedule a Baptism.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard every Saturday after the 9:00AM Mass, 1/2 hour before each weekend Mass and Wednesday evenings at 6:00PM.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Those who wish to enter the Catholic faith and Catholics who wish to complete the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation are most welcome to begin the journey at any time. Please call the parish office if interested.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Engaged couples should call the parish office for an interview appointment one year before the wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered at anytime. Please call the parish office.

OBTAIN A MASS CARD

During office hours we welcome those who would like to request that their special intentions or deceased loved ones be prayed for particularly at a weekday or weekend Mass. We ask for a donation of \$10 per Mass.

OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

Registered parishioners who have been asked to be a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor, should call the parish office to request a certificate of eligibility.

REGISTER FOR THE PARISH

We are so happy to welcome new members of our Parish Family! Please come to the parish office so that we can get your information and meet you.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday
 9:30AM to 3:00PM



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OUR MISSION

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.

COME WORSHIP WITH US**Weekends**

Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:15AM, 11:45AM

Weekdays

Monday & Tuesday: 9:00AM

Wednesday: 9:00AM & 7:00PM

Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 9:00AM

March 5, 2023

Second Sunday of Lent

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.



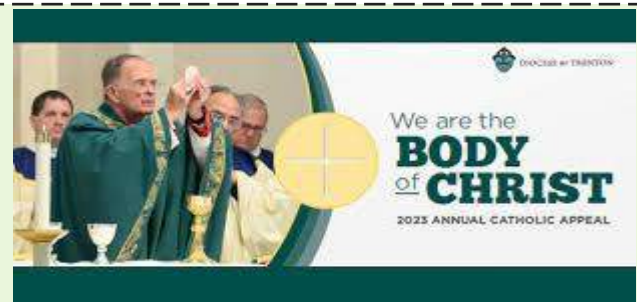
STATIONS of the CROSS

Join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday night at 7PM.



Weekly Collection for February 26
 Number of registered families . . .1,193
 Number of weekly envelopes returned . . .144
 Envelope contributions . . .\$5,287.00
 Loose contributions . . .\$626.00
 Ash Wednesday . . .\$2,535.00
 Capital Contribution . . \$270.00
 Votive Candles . . .\$286.00
 WeShare . . .\$2,344.00
Total: 11,348.00

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.



The Annual Catholic Appeal has begun. Last year we got back \$5300. If we make our goal we will get money back again. Thank you to those who have already donated! We have 40 donors and raised \$9,455 already. That is 34% of our goal! A great start!



Rosary

Thank you to everyone who has been praying the rosary. So far we have prayed the rosary 3,590 times. Congratulations! Keep up the good work! Remember to pray one decade for St. William the Abbot Parish. The Rosary is also prayed here in the church after the 9AM Mass everyday. All are welcome.

Here is the link to our Facebook page:

<https://m.facebook.com/Saint-William-the-Abbot-Catholic-Church-174135519840986/?tsid=0.37482415393666724&source=result>



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

Saturday, March 4

+5:00 Jean & Iggy Beltempo
req The Vanasco Family

Sunday, March 5

+8:00 Kevin Rizzo
req The Fee Family
10:15 People of the parish
+11:45 Ron Neal, Sr.
req M/M Ron Neal

Monday, March 6

+9:00 Raymond Ramer
req The Dougherty Family

Tuesday, March 7

9:00 Special Intention for Maureen Cisek
req Mary Lou Beyer

Wednesday, March 8

+9:00 Claire M. Gilsenan
req M/M Jim Gaul
+7:00 Fr. James Redstone
req Cathy Ferraro

Thursday, March 9

9:00 Special Intention for Deacon George
req Mary Lou Beyer

Friday, March 10

+9:00 Fr. James Redstone
req The Beyer Family

Saturday, March 11

+9:00 Deceased members of the DeSantis Family
req The Beyer Family
+5:00 Joan Flanigan
req Luann Clarkson & Family

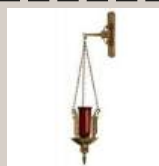
Sunday, March 12

+8:00 James Burns
req Lenny Munyer
+10:15 Maria Cornelsen
req M/M Fred Manzella
11:45 People of the parish



Please bring health, healing and hope to those in our community who are sick especially Ana Guillermo, Jonathan Capriotti, Emily Capriotti, Dakota Schick, Judy O'Connor, Anna O'Connor, Evelyn Zelif, Matt Puglisi, Robert Caruso, Matthew Cerritelli, Christopher Puglisi, 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 Philip Macrino, requested by the Gilbert 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



... of all our Parish family and friends, and for aborted babies and those men and women who died this week in the Service of our Country. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



The Knights of Columbus are asking any parishioners with used eye glasses to donate them to the Joe Mazzarella Eye Glass Donation Program. An eye receptacle is located next to the food bin, inside the parish hall. All eye glasses are donated to the Eye's for Needy Program, who since 1932, provided 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.

Marking the days of Lent with the Saints

Sunday, March 5 Second Sunday of Lent	First Reading: <i>Genesis 12:1-4a</i> God promises Abram a great blessing. Second Reading: <i>1 Timothy 1:8b-10</i> Through God's grace we are called to holiness. Gospel: <i>Matthew 17:1-9</i> Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.
Monday, March 6 St. Colette	Saint Colette was the daughter of a carpenter named DeBoilet at Corby Abbey in Picardy, France. She was born on January 13, 1380, christened Nicolette, and called Colette. Orphaned at seventeen, she distributed her inheritance to the poor. She became a Franciscan tertiary, and lived at Corby as a solitary. She soon became well known for her holiness and spiritual wisdom, but left her cell in 1406 in response to a dream directing her to reform the Poor Clares. She received the Poor Clares habit from Peter de Luna, whom the French recognized as Pope under the name of Benedict XIII, with orders to reform the Order and appointing her Superior of all convents she reformed. Despite great opposition, she persisted in her efforts. She founded seventeen convents with the reformed rule and reformed several older convents. She was renowned for her sanctity, ecstasies, and visions of the Passion, and prophesied her own death in her convent at Ghent, Belgium. A branch of the Poor Clares is still known as the Collettines. She was canonized in 1807. Her feast day is March 6th.
Tuesday, March 7 St. Paul the Simple	Saint Paul the Simple was a hermit and disciple of St. Anthony. Paul had long been a humble farmer in Egypt when, at the age of sixty, he discovered that his wife was unfaithful. Leaving her, he set out for the desert and went to Anthony to become a follower. Anthony at first refused him, owing to Paul's advanced years and because he doubted Paul's sincerity. As Paul was persistent, Anthony gave him a host of demanding and arduous tasks which Paul fulfilled with such humility, obedience, and simplicity that Anthony allowed him entry into the community. Paul was termed by Anthony the ideal monk and the so called "Pride of the Desert," bearing with honor the title "the Simple." The monk and historian Rufinus and the historian Palladius both made reference to Paul. By tradition, he could read minds and cure the sick. He died in the year 339.
Wednesday, March 8 St. John of God	St. John was born in the year 1495. At the age of eight, John ran away from home to travel with a visiting priest. It was there that a new family educated him and taught him to be a shepherd. He later joined the Spanish army and was accused of stealing by his comrades and barely escaped being hanged. John resolved to make reparation for his sins and traveled to Africa where Christians were being persecuted. When he finally returned to Grenada he helped establish a hospital and provided for the sick. Because of overcrowding he built a second and then a third hospital. During a fire in one of the facilities, John helped rescue patients. The Bishop named him John of God and gave him a religious habit to wear. John died at the age of fifty-five years old, while praying.
Thursday, March 9 St. Frances of Rome	Saint Frances was born at Rome in 1384. While still young she married and had three sons. Though living at a calamitous time, she gave her goods to the poor and looked after the needs of the sick. She was remarkable in this active work for the destitute and also in cultivating the virtues of humility and patience. In 1425 she founded the Congregation of Oblates under the rule of Saint Benedict. Saint Frances died in 1440.
Friday, March 10 St. Macarius of Jerusalem	St. Macarius was a Bishop of Jerusalem, Israel, who aided St. Helena in identifying the True Cross. He became the bishop of Jerusalem in 314 and was a foe of the Arian heresy. He was also one of the signers at the Council of Nicaea. When St. Helena discovered the True Cross in Jerusalem, Macanus suggested that a seriously ill woman be touched with each of the crosses to identify the real one. One cured the woman instantly. At the command of Emperor Constantine, Macanus built a church over Christ's sepulcher which was consecrated as a basilica on September 13.

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.



Thank you to Bob Gratton and Tony Frankiewicz for putting in new electric outlets in the parish hall. Also, thank you to the Knights of Columbus for donating a new freezer.



Do you know how to knit or crochet? Join our thriving ministry where we create shawls and blankets with love and prayers to be given to someone who needs comfort, healing, peace or care. We also give blankets to all the babies when they receive the sacrament of baptism. We give shawls, lap blankets and fidget sleeves to the residents of Preferred Care in Wall at Christmas. Donations of white yarn is always appreciated. To find out more or to join this wonderful ministry, please email the parish office at stwilliam@optonline.net.

Lent Trivia (answers on page 5)

1. What prayer of the Mass is omitted during Lent?
2. What word is never said or sung during Lent?
3. What do Catholics abstain from eating on Fridays during Lent?
4. On what days are Catholics required to fast during Lent?
5. What snack originated during Lent because it contains only flour, water and salt?
6. What food was traditionally eaten the day before Lent begins?
7. How many Stations of the Cross are there?
8. How many times does Jesus fall?
9. Who helped Jesus carry His Cross?



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 office.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.

This Lent: Chocolate vs Blood

On Sunday, March 26th, St. William the Abbot Knights of Columbus will sponsor its annual blood donation drive. In imitation of Our Lord who shed His blood for all of us, consider donating a pint of yours for a needy person in dire need. Details to follow. What a Lenten sacrifice! Wouldn't it be greater than not eating chocolate?

Altar Servers**COMING SOON - ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY:**

Altar server is a very important ministry in our church, dating back to Apostolic times. Unfortunately, because of Covid restrictions, we were forced to suspend this ministry for quite a while. We anticipate scheduling training for new altar servers very soon. Please encourage your children/grandchildren to consider this very important ministry, and watch the bulletin for details.



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.

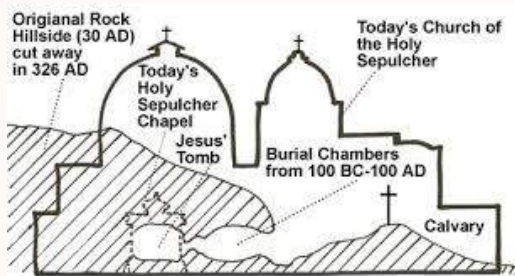
Trivia answers

1. The Gloria, 2. Alleluia, 3. Meat, 4. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, 5. Pretzels, 6. Hot Cross Buns, 7. 14, 8. 3, 9. Simon of Cyrene

Church of the Holy Sepulcher

In the Holy Land there are many venerated churches whose authenticity, historians and Scripture scholars question. One site which most agree is possibly the place where Jesus died and is found at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher within the city of Jerusalem.

The place where Jesus died was a rocky knoll in the middle of a quarry shaped like a skull. Today, visitors to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher can crawl under an altar table where there is a hole in the floor. The top of Calvary is there. There was a large crack in the foundation and some say it was from an earthquake that took place at the time of the death of Jesus.

**A Time for Prayer**

The first element in our Lenten journey is prayer. Prayer is the strength of the Christian and of every person who believes. In the weakness and frailty of our lives, we can turn to God with confidence and enter into communion with Him.

In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could harden our hearts, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of God's boundless love.

Lent is a time of prayer!

-Pope Francis



Our Annual Easter Candy sale has begun! Please take home an order form and order your candy from us. We will be using Old Monmouth Candy again. Orders are due by March 19th, and the candy will be

available for pick up on March 25th and 26th. All profits will be going towards our Capital Improvement Fund. We will also be raffling of an Easter basket filled with a lot of goodies, for \$1 a chance. Good luck!

Baptismal Fonts

A baptismal font may be designed in five different shapes:

1. Round: A popular shape for fonts, symbolizing the womb and baptism as new birth.
2. Cruciform: A reminder of Christ's cross and its implications of suffering, dying and rising to new life.
3. Rectangle: This shape symbolizes the tomb of Christ, proclaiming the death and resurrection of Christ and the triumph over death by those who are baptized. The earliest Christian fonts were tomb-shaped.
4. Hexagon: This shape symbolizes the day of Christ's death, the sixth day of the Jewish week (Friday). The shape appears in medieval art, and most American adults were baptized as children in hexagonal pedestal fonts.
5. Octagon: The number eight symbolizes the "eighth day," i.e. the Resurrection.

Who was Pontius Pilate?

His first name is unknown today, but his middle name was "Pontius" (indicating the tribe he came from) and his family name was "Pilate." We don't know what he looked like, for no images of him survived.

Roman records indicate we know that in 26 A.D. he was appointed Roman Prefect of the southern region of present day Israel. He served there until 36 A.D. when he was summoned to Rome to stand trial before the Emperor Tiberius for cruelty and oppression. Nothing is known about him after that. There is a legend that in 39 A.D. Pontius Pilate killed himself on orders from the Emperor Caligula.

Pilate clearly knew that Jesus was not guilty. Should he stand for the truth or take an opinion poll? Pilate took the coward's way, to avoid trouble at all costs including the truth, for it would be easier to go with the trend.

-The Lenten Season

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