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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 CERTIFICATATE 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

> Apríl 16, 2023 Sunday of Dívíne Mercy

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.



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.

Here is the link to our Facebook page: https://m.facebook.com/Saint-William-the-Abbot-Catholic-Church-174135519840986/?tsid=0.37482415393666724&source=result



Weekly Collection for April 9
Number of registered families . . . 1,193
Number of weekly envelopes returned 253
Envelope contributions . . . \$16,057.00
Loose contributions . . . \$1,481.00
Easter Flowers . . . \$368.00
Capital Contribution . . . \$325.00
Votive Candles . . . \$252.00
WeShare . . . \$3,459.00

Total: \$21,942.00

Holy Land Collection . . \$1,254.00

Thank You! We are so grateful to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and it's 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.



Divine Mercy Sunday is today! Please join us 2:00 for confessions. The Divine Mercy Service will begin at 2:30.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a Roman Catholic solemnity celebrated on the Sunday after Easter, the Octave of Easter. Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened." Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion of the Feast of Mercy, On the Sunday after Easter, which is now called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Catholic Church. Jesus promised that "The soul that will! go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." He went on to say "I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy I Communion on the Feast of My Mercy." It is required of all Catholics to confess their serious sins at least once every year. If you haven't yet met this obligation then take advantage of this outstanding opportunity to receive an outpouring of an ocean of graces that Jesus promises on this day.



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

Saturday, April 15

+5:00 Fr. James Redstone

req Liz Cerbie

Sunday, April 16

+8:00 **Kevin Rizzo**

reg Barbara Zisko

People of the parish 10:15

+11:45 Deceased members of the Scudieri Family

reg The Beyer Family

Monday, April 17

+9:00 Fr. James Redstone

req Ellen Cerreta

Tuesday, April 18

+9:00 **Anthony Zavattieri**

reg Little Way, LCC

Wednesday, April 19

+9:00 Special Intention for Steven Raiser

rea Bill Raiser

+7:00 **Gustavo Rivera**

reg St. William the Abbot Parish Family

Thursday, April 20

+9:00 Kenneth Elwin Kenyon

reg The Cappetto Family

Friday, April 21

+9:00 William John Riggio

req Donna Messer

Saturday, April 22

9:00 Special Intention for Tony Puckett

req Bill Raiser

+5:00 Richard Rachko

reg M/M Gary Rachko

Sunday, April 23

8:00 People of the parish

+10:15 Lisa & James Brooks

reg The Neral Family

+11:45 **Emma Neral**

reg Mom & Dad



Rosary

Thank you to everyone who has been praying the rosary. So far we have prayed the rosary 3,707 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.

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

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Please bring health, healing and hope to those in our community who are sick especially Ana Guillermo, Jona-

thon Capriotti, Emily Capriotti, Dakota Schick, Judy

O'Connor, Anna O'Connor, Evelyn Zeliff, Matt Puglisi, Robert Caruso, Matthew Cerritelli, Christopher Puglisi, Matthew Roszkowski, we also ask you Lord, to watch

over all those with incurable autoimmune diseases and

sisters and brothers for whom we pray in your Holy Name. Amen.



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Jean Grove, 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 John Carlucci—Air Force



The Annual Catholic Appeal has begun. Last year I we got back \$5400. If we make our goal we will get money back again. Thank you to those who have already donated! We have 95 donors and raised \$19,425 already. That is 69% of our goal! A great start!





Todays Readings

Reading I: Acts 2: 42-47

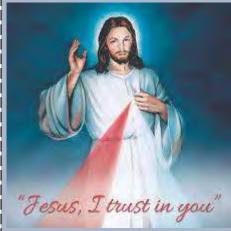
St. Luke presents an idealized picture of the early Church. The Holy Spirit wants us to have a goal worth our striving as we live as members of the present Church.

Reading II: I Peter 1: 3-7

Our salvation derives from an initiative of God the Father, through the life of His Son Jesus, and revealed to us by the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Jesus' appearance to His disciples in His glorified body and hears Mary Magdalene's question to the "gardener": "Where have they put Him?" The joy of Jesus' response to her intensifies with the Thomas story. Thomas proclaims the central message of the entire gospel: Jesus is Lord and God.



What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

The world was in the midst of the Great Depression in 1931 and the memories of World War 1 were still very much alive in the minds of Europeans when in Poland a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), is said to have been personally visited by Jesus.

According to her diary, which was listed on the Index of Forbidden Books for more than 20 years, an image was revealed to her of the risen Lord, from whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other "pale" (symbolizing water), with the words "Jesus, I trust in you" at the bottom. Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus told her, "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish."

When she was canonized in 2000 under the direction of fellow countryman Pope John Paul II, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Faustina's visions, already popular in many communities.

St. Faustina, a poorly educated daughter of a humble Polish family, kept a 600-page diary of the apparitions she claimed continued for years. Her entries focus on God's mercy, the call to accept God's mercy and to be merciful, the need for conversion, and the call to trust in Jesus. It had been Jesus' own wish, she wrote, to establish a feast day: "I [Jesus] desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls. . .I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy."

Among the practices associated with the devotion are its novena, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy (a series of prayers organized similarly to a rosary), the Hour of Great Mercy (a time of prayer traditionally celebrated at 3PM), and the plenary indulgence granted to those who receive the Eucharist and celebrate reconciliation on Divine Mercy Sunday.

But the road to the universal recognition and institutionalization of the devotion was anything but smooth. Since Sister Faustina's diary, which she claimed Jesus himself had asked her to keep, it curtailed the exercise of the devotional practices. Detractors claimed that her writing contained theological errors, while her defenders attribute mistakes to a faulty translation from Polish to Italian. While the diary is no longer on the Index of Forbidden Books, and her canonization has officially put away concerns regarding the orthodoxy of her writings, critics remain.

The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the theme of how God's mercy can overcome sin and, as the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments states, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come."

Join us today at 2:00PM for confessions and at 2:30 for the Divine Mercy Service.





Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Easter Flowers. These are the people we have been asked to pray for:
The Jones & Eckert Families, Elizabeth & John Duffy, Alice & Eugene Cisek, Iggy Beltempo, Jean Beltempo, Vito Vanasco, Kay Vanasco, M/M Joseph Smoyak, M/M Louis Angelucci, II, M/M Joel Naughton, M/M Ernest Smoyak, The Lingard Family, John R. Ball, Jr., Virginia A. Ball, Nick & Francese Angiulo, Mary & Tony Golio, Vincent Golio, Ray MacAually, Ann DelGuercio, Tony DelGuercio, Christine Pizzano, Ralph Pizzano, Charlotte Barca, Larry D'Albero, Rose Charchan, Ann Sanguinetti, John Sproat, Sr., Barbara Martin Keeley, Mary & Ansel Martin, Mary & Warren Dougherty, Kay & Harry Redmond, Richard Grasso, Robert Dougherty, Russell Anderson, Lorraine Erwin, Angela D'Amico, Susan G., Mary Venezia, Concetta D'Amico, Joyce DeMeo, John & Mildred Gilbert, Robert & Laura Camp, M/M Domenico Mircovich, Nicolina Morin, Domenico Mircovich, Jr., Angelo, & Rose Passaretti, Lorraine Rivera, Elizabeth Orr, James Siriano, The Capitan Family, The Iacangelo FamilyNicholas Izzo, Mario & Leno Dragotta, Anne Marcuk, Anthony & Mary Grifa,

jJim & Irene Miller, Violet Christensen, William Christensen, M/M Thomas Woetko, John Hay, Michele Árway, Consolacion Bool, Simeon Bool, Pedro Mata, Concepcion Zamora, John & Eleanor Corti, Tom Nebus, Hatti & Ben Nebus, The Caulfield and Nebus Families, M/M William Aberer, Deborah O'Hearn, Ellin Gates, Les Gates, Peter Cerreta, Jr., Denise Bartone, Cerreta Grandparents, Parisi Grandparents, Cannavale Grandparents, Coluccio Grandparents, Agnes Mendoza, Beau Benedict Costales, Christian Costales, Sean Andrew Costales, Timothy Keller, Thomas Crudelle, John Czimcharo, Teresa Pelletier, Anna Krywy, John Senatore, Vincent & Olympia Ammiano, Bernadette & Louis Monturo, The Manzella Family, The Effertz Family, William Clark, Rolf Beyer, John DeSantis, Marie DeSantis, Mary Thompson, Josephine Rizzo, Ann Serra, Rose Serra, Anthony Serra, Vincent Placanica, Roseann Abbruscerto, Julia Vinci, Peter Meduri, Joseph Selvaggi, Elaine Nilsen, The Magrini Family, Downey Family, Ann Hellings, Lilia Clavijo, Vincent Maher, Rose Mary Maher, Michael Maher, Deceased members of the Glowacz & Deering Families, Christine D'Onofrio, Paty D. Franzese, Marie T. Franzese, Catherine Acconzo, Janice Ciardiello, James Ciardiello, Jean Ciardiello, Lucy Sisko, Fr. Charles & Norma Moore, Patricia & Gene Kelly, Jill Galante, Ann & John Flammer, The Gaul Family, The Gray Family, Nick Angiulo, Fran Angiulo, Vincent Golio, Ray Golio, Alfred DeDominicis, Helen DeDominicis, Vincent Scalese, Mabel Triola, Violet & Frank I Ulon, Mildred Benson, Mary Krey, Barbara DeStefano, Joan Fine, Joseph Masi, Janet Lerner, Robert Pignatore, Edward Malecki, Veronica Malecki, The Szynal Family, The Augustyniak Family, The Haberjan, Passarella, & Pagenkop Families, John & Mary Morsillo, Cosmo & Carmela Silvestri, Emanuel Puglisi, Harold Turner, Theresa Turner, Richard Rachko, Roberta Kane, M/M Andrew Kane, M/M George Rachko, The Nunziata & Cranwell Families, Mary & Jack Seymour, Mattea & Giovanni Mircovich, Jackie Seymour, Mastra & Giovanni Mircovich, Jackie Seymour, Ma



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.

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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.



If a man finds it very hard to forgive injuries, let him look at a Crucifix, and think that Christ shed all His Blood for him, and not only forgave His enemies, but even prayed His Heavenly Father to forgive them also. Let him remember that when he says the 'Our Father', every day, instead of asking pardon for his sins, he is calling down vengeance on himself - *Saint Philip Neri*

He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart - *St. Faustina*

You must ask God to give you power to fight against the sin of pride which is your greatest enemy; the root of all that is evil, and the failure of all that is good. For God resists the proud - **St. Vincent de Paul**

Keep close to the Catholic Church at all times, for the Church alone can give you true peace, since she alone possesses Jesus, the true Prince of Peace, in the Blessed Sacrament - **St. Padre Pio**

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!



Why do priests burn incense at Mass and Adoration?

We derive our use of incense from Scripture, Psalm 141:2 reads, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering." Also, in Revelation,

John describes incense as a symbol of the prayers of the saints in heaven.

Incense has long been a part of Judeo-Christian worship. In the Old Testament, incense was used for worship, and Catholics used incense even in the early Church.

We use incense in the Mass and at Adoration to symbolize our prayers rising to heaven, and how the grace of the Mass purifies and sanctifies us. Also, when the burning incense rises into the air, representing our prayers going to heaven, we're reminded of the spiritual connection as earth and heaven meet in the sacrifice of the Mass.

Incense is required for Benediction and may be used at certain points in the Mass, including during the entrance procession, at the proclamation of the Gospel, at the offer-latory, and at the consecration. Priests may also burn in-latense at the funerals around the coffin to represent our prayers to heaven for the deceased person, and also to commemorate that this person's body was holy as a temple of the Holy Spirit.



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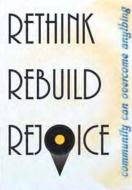


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