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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

May 7, 2023

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.



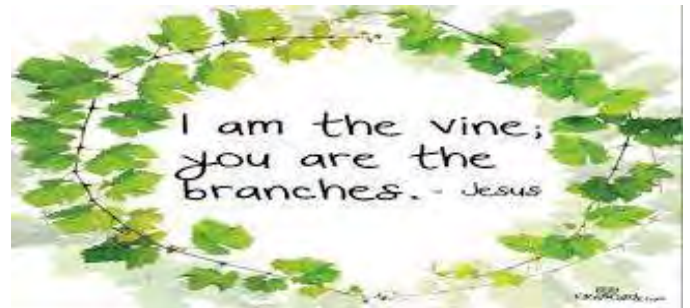
Join us at 1:00 on Wednesdays to play Mah Jongg. If you don't know how to play and would like to learn, we do have experienced players to help you. All are welcome. Please email or call Maureen at the parish office.

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



**Due to early bulletin deadlines,
the collection amounts will be in future
bulletins.**

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.

**A Mother's Day Project**

The Social Concerns Committee will be collecting monetary donations for a Mother's Day project. We will be purchasing flowers and supplies to make small floral arrangements to be gifted to the women residents at a needy care facility who have no families. We are projecting around 60 women and arrangements. The monies collected will be used to purchase the flowers, vase, pick card holder and a card. There is a box near the parish office door for your donations. Thank you in advance for being so generous. This could mean the world to a lonely women.



PAINT. DRINK. HAVE FUN.

Painting it forward

Join us for a fun afternoon of painting and fundraising at St. William the Abbot on Sunday, May 21st from 2:00—4:00PM. Come and paint, drink and have fun. The cost is \$40 per person. You can register on the sign up sheet near the bulletins, in the parish office or email stwilliam@optonline.net. BYOB



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

Saturday, May 6**+5:00****Christina DelPazzo**

req Jerry DelPazzo

Sunday, May 7**+8:00****Bridget McGlynn and Laura McGlynn**

req Kathleen Norton

+10:15**Nicholas Castorao**

req M/M John Messina

11:45**People of the parish****Monday, May 8****+9:00****Daphne Mandis**

req M/M Stephen Cisek

Tuesday, May 9**+9:00****Fr. James Redstone**

req M/M Jonathan Wood

Wednesday, May 10**+9:00****Florence Malik**

req Terry Kelly

+7:00**Lucy Grossi**

req The Matrale Family

Thursday, May 11**+9:00****Harold & Theresa Turner**

req The Puglisi Family

Friday, May 12**+9:00****Marie Sirianni**

req St. William the Abbot Parish Family

Saturday, May 13**+9:00****Peggy Coyle**

req M/M Matt Bakke

+5:00**Emery Szabo**

req Deacon & Mrs. Mike Abatemarco

Sunday, May 14**8:00****People of the parish****+10:15****Jean Randazzo**

req The Martin Family

+11:45**Jean Marano**

req M/M Basil Santamaria

The power of prayer!

PRAY FOR HEALING

Please bring health, healing and hope to those in our community who are sick especially Ana Guillermo, Jonathan Capriotti, Emily Capriotti, Dakota Schick, Evelyn Zelif, Matt Puglisi, Robert Caruso, Matthew Cerritelli, Christopher Puglisi, Matthew Roszkowski, Dennis Hefferman, 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 Mia Nicole Sidorakis, requested by Valerie, Johnny and Nicoletta.



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



The Annual Catholic Appeal has begun. Last year 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 103 donors and raised \$21,625 already. That is 77% of our goal! A great start!

**Rosary**

Thank you to everyone who has been praying the rosary. So far we have prayed the rosary 3,801 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.

**Reading I: Acts 6: 1-7**

The Greek-speaking Helenists feel neglected by the Twelve. This creates a need for apostolic helpers. Thus are seven "reputable" men selected for the task of serving the whole community.

Reading II: I Peter 2: 4-9

The writer pictures the Church as a "spiritual household." Then he confers on it four titles that were once used of Israel in the Old Testament.

The Gospel: John 14: 1-12

Jesus calms the disciples' fear of death and then responds to Thomas' query about "the Way." Meanwhile, Phillip struggles to "see the Father." Jesus' response adds up to two important answers for us to remember.

**Catholic Trivia—Old Testament Geography Match**

- Find the match for the city Jonah ended up preaching in after tremendous resistance from him. (Jonah 1:2)
- Find the match for the body of water the LORD parted for Joshua and Israelites. (Joshua 3:14)
- Find the match for where Abraham was about to give his son Isaac as a sacrificial offering to God. (Genesis 22:2)
- Find the match for the country from which a queen came who presented a massive array of gifts to Solomon. (1 Kings 10:1)
- Find the match for where Cain was exiled to after killing Abel. (Genesis 4:16)
- Find the match for the city in which Joshua experienced crushing defeat—due to the exploits of Achan—followed by a spectacular victory. (Joshua 7:4)
- Find the match for the mountain Noah's ark came to a rest after the flood. (Genesis 8:4)
- Find the match for the land Namaan came from when he was cured of leprosy by Elisha. (2 Kings 5:1)
- Find the match for the body of water that was turned into blood. (Exodus 7:14-25)
- Find the match for the body of water in which the entire Egyptian army drowned. (Exodus 14:28)

Answers on page 5

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 \$25.

Match to these answers

- Ai
- Mountains of Ararat
- Sheba
- Red Sea
- Jordan River
- Land of Nod
- Nile River
- Mountain in Moriah
- Nineveh
- Syria



Why do we say Amen?

Catholics say the word "Amen" a lot. We say it at the end of prayers, often after we make the sign of the cross and when we receive communion. In the Mass, there is one Amen that we call the Great Amen. This is usually sung together by the congregation at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer.

The priest elevates the host and the chalice and says or sings, "Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, forever and ever." And the congregation responds with the Great Amen.

Amen is one of just two Hebrew words that we still use in the Mass. (The other is Alleluia.) The word has a number of different meanings. Jesus often said, "Amen, Amen, I say to you . . ." In this case it means "truly." When we receive the Body of Christ, we say "Amen" to mean "I believe." And in the Great Amen it takes on the added meaning of "Yes!")

The ancient Jews used "Amen" when they swore an oath. It was not to be used flippantly or taken lightly. And so it should be for Catholics, as in the Great Amen we give it all its nuanced meanings. "Yes! Truly, I believe!"

**Franciscan Sisters of Egypt**

Since 1915, the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary have operated a guest house in the shadow of the Church of the Beatitudes.

The order was founded by Costanza Troiani, who was born on January 9, 1813, in Rome's suburb of Guiliano, Italy. After her mother died, the child was placed with a cloistered religious community in nearby Ferentino. At 15, she entered the community, and became Sr. Catherine. Over the years, she felt drawn to mission work. Her confessor's friend, the apostolic delegate in Egypt, was looking for women religious to teach there. In 1859, Sr. Catherine and five nuns left Italy, becoming Egypt's first female Italian missionaries when they arrived.

In 1863, St. Catherine was elected abbess, and procured a donation of land and a yearly income of grain to support the community's work. But the monastery in Ferentino soon renounced the mission, and Catherine had to decide whether to close the mission and return to Italy, or to break from Ferentino. Mother Catherine decided to continue the mission.

With Pope Pius IX's approval, she established the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Egypt. To prevent children from being sold into slavery, the "White Mother" (as she was known) and her sisters built orphanages and schools throughout Egypt, Malta, and in Milan, Italy. Mother Catherine died in Cairo, Egypt on May 6, 1887.

During a Holy Land pilgrimage, Mother Catherine once expressed a wish for her sisters to serve in Jerusalem. In 1919, the Franciscan sisters established the Province of the Child Jesus in the Holy Land. Today the community is known as the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

A Minute of Thanks

Taking a minute out of our day to stop and thank God is an inspiring form of prayer. When we are grateful, even for a minute, the Holy Spirit dwells in our minds and hearts and we are opened to the ways of His love. When we are grateful, we understand all the more who God really is, and thus, who we are as well. Take a minute each day and use that time to thank God.



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.

FORMED

Our parish has a subscription to FORMED, an online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. As a St. William the Abbot parishioner, you have access to all of the material on FORMED to support your own faith journey! For more information click on the FORMED tab on our website.

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!

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.



"Praying the Rosary is like stepping back from the crazy, noisy, busy world and into a calm, quiet, peaceful heaven."
Matthew Kelly—Rediscover the Rosary

"Peace begins with a smile. I will never understand all the good that a simple smile can accomplish."
St. Mother Theresa



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 in 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.



Dear Lord,

So far today God I've done alright. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or over-indulgent. I'm very thankful for that. But in a few minutes, God, I am going to get out of bed and from then on, I am going to need a lot more help. Amen

**Marriage Enrichment**

Why not celebrate the Easter Season by treating you and your spouse to a Marriage Encounter Weekend? 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 on July 14-16. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 732-904-9636 for application and information. Visit us at www.wwme.org for more information.

Trivia answers

1. I—Nineveh
2. E—Jordan River
3. H—Mountain in Moriah
4. C—Sheba
5. F—Land of Nod
6. A—Ai
7. B—Mountains of Ararat
8. J—Syria
9. G—Nile River
10. D—Red Sea

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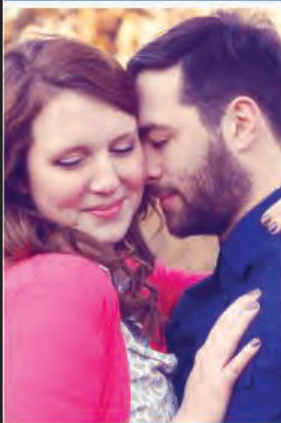
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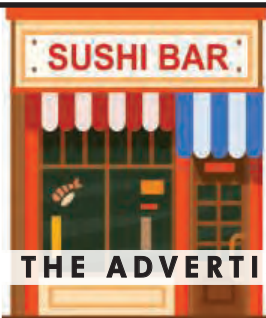


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