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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

July 9, 2023

Fourteenth 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.



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 the next bulletin.

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 Parish Office hours for July and August are 9:30AM to 2:00PM.

Fr. Tom will be on retreat this week. Fr. Lew will be here to celebrate the 9AM, every day, but we need to cancel the Wednesday, July 12, 7PM Mass. Fr. Tom will satisfy the intention of the Mass.

**Save the Date!**

St. William the Abbot presents Jack Giampalmi and the 17 piece orchestra—Nocturnes Big Band on Saturday, September 23, 7PM. Doors open at 6PM. Come and bring dinner and enjoy a wonderful show. Tickets are \$20 each and will go on sale soon. Mark your calendar!

**Parish Goal: \$28,000**

Pledged: \$27,746

Donors: 125

Percent to goal: 99%

Mail: Annual Catholic Appeal
 Diocese of Trenton, PO Box
 70170, Newark, NJ 07101

Online: <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal>

Remember to name St. William the Abbot.

Please make all checks payable to The Annual Catholic Appeal. Pledge cards are available on the table in the Narthex.



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

Saturday, July 8

5:00 People of the parish

Sunday, July 9

+8:00 William Clark

req Toni Clark

+10:15 Carmella Squitieri

req M/M Rich Capitan

+11:45 John R. Ball, Jr.

req Cathy Ball

Monday, July 10

+9:00 Fr. James Redstone

req Debbie Miller

Tuesday, July 11

+9:00 William Clark

req Toni Clark

Wednesday, July 12

+9:00 Robert Neal

req M/M Ron Neal

7:00 Special Intention for Kevin Smith

req Fr. Tom

Thursday, July 13

+9:00 Denny Vasallo

req Barbara Medina

Friday, July 14

+9:00 Gilberto Castillo

req Barbara Medina

Saturday, July 15

+9:00 Elizabeth Raiser

req Bill Raiser

+5:00 Robert Zisko

req Barbara Zisko

Sunday, July 16

+8:00 Barbara Mannion

req Cathy Ferraro

10:15 People of the parish

+11:45 Ronnie Cozzo

req M/M Boze Bozicevic

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, John Sproat, Jr., Simone Pace, 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.



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



The Flowers for Jesus are in memory of John Sproat, requested by Carol Sproat.



Join us for Vacation Bible School on August 14-18, from 9:00AM until 12:00PM for ages 5-10. See the flyer for registration details. Please return registration forms to the parish office by July 21. For questions, please email stwilliamvbs@gmail.com.

Rosary



Thank you to everyone who has been praying the rosary. So far we have prayed the rosary 5,261 times. Congratulations! Thanks Dolores! 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: Zechariah 9: 9-10**

The king mentioned here is a future earthly king. He will bring peace to his people, and his rule will reach far beyond Judah.

Reading II: Romans 8: 9, 11-13

Christian life is lived in the Spirit of God and is destined for glory. The Spirit's power helps us to remain faithful.

The Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30

The writer offers thanks for God's revelation. Jesus speaks to us as Wisdom personified. We are life-long learners of His essential teachings about love of God and neighbor.

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.

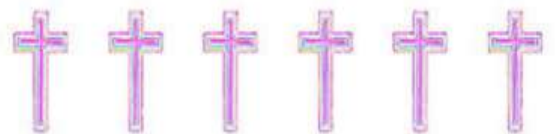
Catholic Quiz about saints**Match the saint to what they are a patron of.**

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| 1. Nicholas_____ | A. Cooks |
| 2. Hilary_____ | B. Notaries |
| 3. Timothy and Titus_____ | C. Headache sufferers |
| 4. Heribert_____ | D. Invoked against sore eyes |
| 5. Mark_____ | E. Bakers and pawnbrokers |
| 6. James_____ | F. Mentally ill |
| 7. Dymphna_____ | G. Doctors and painters |
| 8. Lucy_____ | H. Plasterers |
| 9. Lawrence_____ | I. Invoked against stomach disorders |
| 10. Lydia_____ | J. Gardeners and cab drivers |
| 11. Clare_____ | K. Invoked against snake bites |
| 12. Bartholomew_____ | L. Invoked against eye sores |
| 13. Fiacre_____ | M. Hatmakers |
| 14. Bruno_____ | N. Those possessed |
| 15. Teresa of Avila_____ | O. Invoked in time of drought |
| 16. Luke_____ | P. Dyers |

(Answers of page 5)

Vesting Prayers

Did you know that as a priest dresses for Mass, or vests, he may pray special prayers to help him prepare? While putting on his alb, or inner white garment, he prays, "Cleanse me, O Lord, and purify my heart, that washed in the Blood of the Lamb, I may attain everlasting joy." When putting on the cincture, or belt, he says, "Gird me, O Lord, with the cincture of purity and quench in me the fire of concupiscence; that the virtue of continence and chastity may remain in me." As he dons his stole, his prayer is, "Return to me, O Lord, the stole of immortality, which I have lost in the sin of my first parent; and although I, unworthy, approach Thy sacred Mystery, grant to me, nevertheless, everlasting joy." And finally, when putting on his chasuble, he prays, "O Lord, Who has said, My yoke is easy and My burden light; grant that I may be able so to bear it, that I may obtain Thy grace. Amen." Since our priests pray before dressing for Mass, wouldn't it be appropriate if we did the same?





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

Help Catholics come home

Do you know someone who was baptized Catholic but has stopped attending Mass, is questioning the faith, or hasn't found a parish home? Why not help your friend to come home? Perhaps you can act as a resource or offer to attend Mass together. If you aren't sure how to help, ask Fr. Tom or one of our Deacons.

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.



Food Bin

We are still collecting food in our food bin, located at the entrance to the parish hall. We bring the items to the food bank at Catholic Charities. They can use anything.

Coffee, tuna, spam, juice, canned fruit, pasta sauce, pasta, rice, jelly, peanut butter, just to name a few. Make sure the items are not expired. Also cleaning items are needed.

Sponsorship for the Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation

Requirements to Obtain a Sponsor Certificate

- A sponsor must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation and if married, married in the Catholic Church.
- A sponsor must be at least 16 years old.
- A sponsor attends Mass faithfully participating in the life and support of the Church, receiving the Eucharist, and leading a life according to the teachings of the Church. In other words, be an Active member of the parish. (See page one of the bulletin for a description of and Active member.)
- If he/she received all his/her sacraments here at St. William the Abbot years ago **but now lives elsewhere, he/she is not an active member of this parish.** Rather, he/she is a member of the parish in whose territory he/she resides. This is where the sponsor certificate must be obtained.

"The love, loyalty, and dedication of Mary and Joseph are an example for all Christian couples, who are neither the friends nor masters of their children's lives, but the guardians of this incomparable gift from God."

-Pope Benedict XVI



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.



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. Upcoming programs will be held August 18 - 20 and again October 6 - 8, 2023 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.

A 12-WEEK PROGRAM FOR THE DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

What is an Information Night?

This Information Night will provide you with all the information you need to help you decide if you would like to attend our 12-week program that will **tentatively begin September 18, 2023 on Monday nights from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm** at St. Mary's Chapel in Middletown.

What can I expect from the 12-week Program?

The program is called "**Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family.**" It is a DVD series developed by Rose Sweet, a dynamic Catholic author and speaker who has developed this series to help Catholics and their families heal from divorce. Two sessions are available yearly, Fall and Spring. The DVDs last approximately 30 minutes, and then we have open discussion on a variety of topics such as grief, anger, depression, forgiveness, dealing with your spouse and your family; how to tell the children and help them cope; how to navigate the court system; managing your finances and more.

We work with a team of professionals that often join us as guest speakers to help you through this process. We are committed to the program and to divorced and separated individuals throughout the Diocese and we are eager to assist you in any way we can. Our primary collective goal is to bring about healing in your own time and support you along the way.

The website to learn more about the program can be found by visiting:

www.mylifechangechangecoach.com/divorceministry

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.

Trivia answers

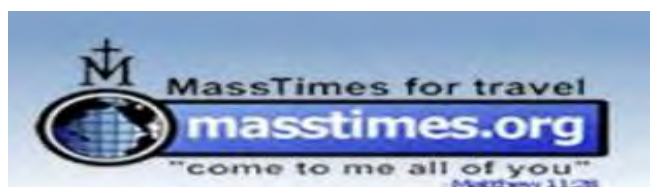
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Profession of Faith—The Creed

Let us stand now and profess our faith—I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. Sound familiar? If you're a Catholic, you could probably recite the rest of that from memory, couldn't you? But what are those words we say at every Mass? It's called the Nicene Creed, and it is a synopsis of the things that we, as Christians believe.

The original Nicene Creed was issued in 325 A.D. It was written to clear up a number of heresies going around at that time, particularly Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ. But that's not the same thing we say a Mass on Sunday. The Nicene Creed we still recite today came from the Council of Constantinople in 381. The council fathers there added to the Nicene Creed more about the person of Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Church, baptism, the resurrection and eternal life.

So, if you're ever asked what you believe as a Christian, you can give a complete answer in about sixty seconds . . . with the Nicene Creed.



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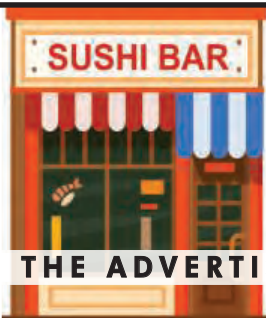
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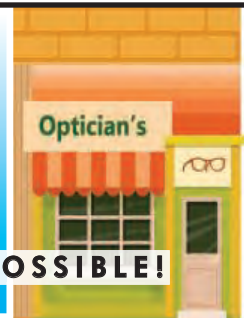


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