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Rev. Thomas Maher, Pastor  
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 Deacon George A. Prevosti  
 Deacon Kevin Smith

**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



*The Parish Family of*

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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

*August 20, 2023 Twentieth 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.

*Take one day at a time.  
Today is the tomorrow you  
worried about yesterday.*

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Weekly Collection for August 13  
 Number of registered families . . .1,193  
 Number of weekly envelopes returned . . .128  
 Envelope contributions . . . \$5,209.00  
 Loose contributions . . . \$477.00  
 Mortgage Reduction . . . \$145.00  
 Capital Contribution . . . \$708.00  
 WeShare . . . \$1,923.00  
**Total: \$8,462.00**

**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.

**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.
- 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.

**Save the Date!**

St. William the Abbot presents in concert, 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 are on sale now! Mark your calendar!



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

**Saturday, August 19**

**+5:00 Coletta Guiff**  
req M/M Dennis Moriarty

**Sunday, August 20**

**+8:00 Randall Kelly**  
req Jackie VanGlaghn

**10:15 People of the parish**

**+11:45 Manuel F. Santiago**  
req M/M John Maniscalco

**Monday, August 21**

**+9:00 The deceased member of the Wehrhahn Family**  
req M/M Jack Tiernan

**Tuesday, August 22**

**+9:00 Denny Vasallo**  
req Barbara Medina

**Wednesday, August 23**

**9:00 Special Intention for James Raiser**  
req Bill Raiser

**+7:00 Oscar Sumanga, Sr.** (Fr. Oscar's Father)  
req St. William the Abbot Parish Family

**Thursday, August 24**

**+9:00 Gilberto Castillo**  
req Barbara Medina

**Friday, August 25**

**+9:00 Bob & Ellamae New**  
req The New Family

**Saturday, August 26**

**9:00 Special Intention for Hailey Raiser**  
req Bill Raiser

**+5:00 Roberta Kane**  
req M/M Gary Rachko

**Sunday, August 27**

**+8:00 Diane Bettinger**  
req Peggy Rizzo

**10:15 People of the parish**

**+11:45 Deacon Jim Hewitt**  
req Eileen Hewitt

*"Go forth and set the world on fire."*

*St. Ignatius of Loyola*

*"Be who God made you to be and you will set the world on fire."*

*St. Catherine of Siena*

## 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 Zelff, Matt Puglisi, Robert Caruso, Matthew Cerritelli, Christopher Puglisi, John Sproat, Jr., Simone Pace, Joe DelGuercio, 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



### Rosary

Thank you to everyone who has been praying the rosary. So far we have prayed the rosary 5,470 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.



### Eucharistic Revival

"The Church has received the Eucharist from Christ her Lord not as one gift—however precious—among so many others, but as the gift par excellence, for it is the gift of himself, of his person in his sacred humanity, as well as the gift of his saving work." - Pope St. John Paul II

### Where will the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit be in the month of August?

St. Pius X in Forked River—Aug. 12 to Aug 26  
Our Lady of Guadalupe in Lakewood—Aug 26 to Sept. 9.



**Reading I: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7**

The passage teaches that all people are called to worship Yahweh, even Gentiles, who were often shunned by the Jews.

**Reading II: Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32**

As the apostle to the Gentiles, Paul's mission often included the job of curbing the enthusiasm of these new converts. Some of them had become haughty to Jews who had not yet accepted Christ as Savior.

**The Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28**

The Canaanite woman was truly a marginalized person. First of all, she was a lone woman in a man's world. Secondly, she was an "unclean Gentile." At first, Jesus is repulsed by her request. Then her humble answer to Him made Jesus realize that He had a broader mission than He thought.

**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.

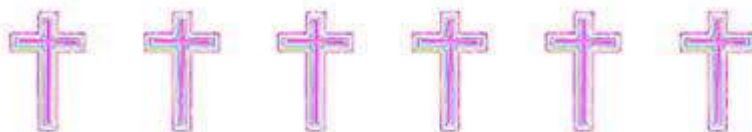
**Flowers for Jesus**

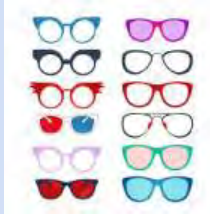
Flowers for Jesus is a bouquet of flowers that will be bought in honor or memory of a loved one. They will be placed at the Altar for the weekend Masses. It will be announced in the bulletin and at each Mass. The donation is \$25.

**Catholic Quiz—Biblical Quiz**

1. In the stations of the cross, how many times did Jesus fall? A) 4 B) 1 C) 3 D) 2
2. How many apostles were there during the time of Jesus' ministry (before his crucifixion), as validated and listed in the gospels? A) 12 B) 6 C) 9 D) 11
3. Who saw the burning bush? A) Matthew B) John the Baptist C) King David D) Moses
4. Where was Jesus born? A) Jordon B) Hebron C) Nazareth D) Bethlehem
5. What was the name of the angel who appeared to Mary to tell her she was going to be the Mother of God's Son? A) Thomas B) Veronica C) Gabriel D) Simeon
6. How many days did Jesus remain on earth after his resurrection? A) 40 B) 30 C) 15 D) 55
7. Who was the governor responsible for Jesus' crucifixion? A) Pilate B) King David C) Lazarus D) Arden W. Mead
8. What was the name of Mary's cousin who got pregnant at an old age and was pregnant with John the Baptist? A) Elizabeth B) Veronica C) Martha D) Ruth
9. How many decades, or sets of ten beads, are there in an ordinary rosary? A) 3 B) 25 C) 10 D) 5
10. How old was Jesus when he became 'lost' and was found at the Temple talking to priests and doctors answering and asking wise questions? A) 8 B) 12 C) 18 D) 15

Answers on page 5





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.

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### Do you have at least one Crucifix in your home?

Displaying crucifixes in Catholic homes is a tradition that goes back at least 1,500 years as a statement of our faith and Jesus' redeeming love for each of us. They are often placed in doorways, bedrooms, kitchens, etc. Crucifixes will be on sale here at St. William through all of August. Look for the display near the parish office door. Fr. Tom will bless your crucifixes after weekend Masses on September 17th.

### Sacrament of the Sick

Please do not wait until the last moment to call if you are in the hospital, and time is pressing. Please know that each hospital has a Roman Catholic Priest assigned as their chaplain. The hospital chaplain will be able to anoint you immediately. You can also call Fr. Tom and he will be able to come.



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.*



### Baptism Preparation Class

First-time parents requesting Baptism for their child must attend a Baptismal Prep Class, which is offered here on the third Monday of the month at 7PM. You must register for the class. The purpose of the class is to update parents on their knowledge of Baptism and encourage them to be faithful to their promise to raise their children according to the teachings of the Catholic Church.



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.

### Prayer to your Patron Saints

O Blessed Saint \_\_\_\_\_, glorious citizen of heaven, as I render most humble thanks to God for all the good He has done thee so I beseech thee, to remember me in thy prayers, and to obtain for me the entire pardon of my sins, the amendment of my life, and the imitation of thy good spirit and holy graces, that I may be reconciled to my Saviour and always please Him. But especially I recommend to thee the hour of my death that by the Holy intercession, my soul may depart from this world in the grace of God, and may immediately come to everlasting life. Amen.

### A Prayer after Mass

Lord Jesus Christ, take all my freedom, my memory, my understanding, and my will. All that I have and cherish you have given me. I surrender it all to be guided by Your will. Your grace and Your love are enough for me. Give me these, Lord Jesus, and I ask for nothing more. Amen.



*O, Mary conceived without sin,  
Pray for us who have recourse to you.*

**Volunteers needed**

Our crochet group, Stitches from the Heart, is in need of crocheters. We make blankets for baptisms, the sick, and the residents at Preferred Care in Wall at Christmas. If interested, please call or email the parish office.

**Trivia answers**

1. C—3, 2. A—12, 3. D—Moses, 4. D—Bethlehem, 5. C—Gabriel, 6. A—40, 7. A—Pilate, 8. A—Elizabeth, 9. D—5, 10. B—12.

**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](http://www.trentoncursillo.org) or contact Mary Weis at 732-939-0172.

**An Update on Parish building & grounds improvements**

Dear friends,

As many of you are aware, some time ago, Father Thomas asked me to assist in supporting the Spiritual, as well as the Physical needs of our Parish. I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish's financial success, and provide you with an update on some of the recently completed projects here at Saint William the Abbot.

Our parking lot has just been repaired, re-sealed, and re-lined. This process should be repeated every 7-10 years. Much of the wood trim on the building's exterior was deteriorating/rotting. This has all been replaced with Azek (PVC), that should last for many, many years.

Our Church building, and the Parish House have just been power-washed (long overdue).

As you can imagine, a facility like St. William the Abbot, is in constant need of upkeep. Thanks to the generosity of our parish members, we will continue to make repairs and improvements as necessary.

We ask you to continue to be generous in your weekly contributions as well as our "capital improvement" collections. May God Bless you.

Deacon Mike

**A Minute in the Church—The Gloria**

Immediately after the Penitential Rite in the Mass, we switch gears and join the angels in song! This is when we sing the Gloria. The Gloria begins with a scene from the Christmas story in Luke chapter 2. "And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.'" Not only are we singing along with the angels, we're once again quoting Scripture in the Mass!

From there the Gloria closely mirrors the Kyrie, when we ask Jesus to "have mercy on us . . . receive our prayer . . . have mercy on us." And we finish with yet another affirmation of the Blessed Trinity. "You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen."

You'll notice that the Gloria is left out of the Sunday Masses of Advent and Lent, as these are more penitential seasons.

The Gloria is sometimes called the "Great Doxology." The word "doxology" is taken from the Greek, meaning "a word of praise." It is called the "Great Doxology" for its use in the Mass, and because we got it right from the mouths of angels!

**Did you know...**

that the popular Communion hymn, "I am the Bread of Life," was written by a woman religious, one of the first composers to write Church music in English following the Second Vatican Council. Sr. Suzanne Toolen is a member of the Mercy Sisters of Burlingame, California. In 1966, she was asked to write a song for a conference in the Archdiocese of San Francisco, where she was teaching at an all-girls school.

She struggled to write the song in her small office in the school, and finally tore up the manuscript in frustration. Then a student came out of the next room and asked, "What was that. That was beautiful." The song became "I am the Bread of Life." It's featured in the official songbooks for Catholic churches, and has been translated into 25 different languages.



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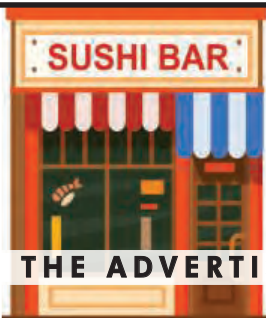
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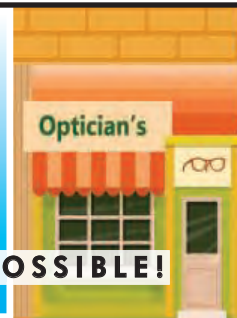
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