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Rev. Thomas Maher, Pastor
 Rev. James Redstone, In memoriam
 Deacon Michael Abatemarco, Pastoral Associate
 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

September 3, 2023 Twenty-second 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.

**The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday, September 4th, for
Labor Day.**

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 August 27
 Number of registered families . . .1,193
 Number of weekly envelopes returned . . .133
 Envelope contributions . . .\$4,384.00
 Loose contributions . . . \$464.00
 Votive Candles . . . \$346.00
 Assumption . . . \$25.00
 Mortgage Reduction . . . \$758.00
 Capital Contributions . . . \$275.00
 WeShare . . . \$2,281.00
Total: \$8,533.00

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.

**Daily Mass changes for
Wednesday, September 13**

Fr. Tom will be attending the annual Convocation of Priests on September 13th.
 Due to the fact that all the priests of the diocese will be there, we will not have a Mass but will offer a Communion Service.

Deacon George will lead the Communion Service at 9AM, and Deacon Mike will lead the one at 7PM.
 Confessions will not be available.
 This would be a good time to pray for vocations.

"Since the deacon has been ordained for the nurture and increase of the people of God, it belongs to him to lead the prayers, to proclaim the gospel, to preach the homily, and to give Holy Communion." (SCAP, no. 23)

**Join us for Hospitality Sunday after
all the Sunday Masses next week.**

**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, September 2
5:00 People of the parish

Sunday, September 3
+8:00 Louis Bolpe
req The Matrale Family
+10:15 Sime Svorinic
req M/M Boze Bozicevic
+11:45 Fr. James Redstone
req M/M Jack Giampalmi

Monday, September 4
+9:00 Dale Thomas Barrfield

Tuesday, September 5
+9:00 Peter Cerreta, Sr.
req Ellen Cerreta

Wednesday, September 6
+9:00 Barbara Knott
req M/M Barry Matrale
+7:00 Robert Nielson
req M/M James Correia

Thursday, September 7
+9:00 Bob & Ellamae New
req The New Family

Friday, September 8
+9:00 Marian & Frank Coluccio
req Ellen Cerreta

Saturday, September 9
+9:00 Catherine Raiser
req Bill Raiser
+5:00 Andrew Martucci
req M/M George Weis

Sunday, September 10
+8:00 Deborah Monek
req Cathy Ferraro
+10:15 Regina Freeman
req The Pangaro Family
11:45 People of the parish



The Flowers for Jesus are in memory of M/M Joseph Smoyak, requested by M/M Louis Angelucci.



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Carmine Arico, requested by The Valente Family.

The power of prayer!

PRAY FOR HEALING

Please bring health, healing and hope to those in our community who are sick especially Ana Guillermo, Jonathon Capriotti, Emily Capriotti, Dakota Schick, Evelyn Zelif, Matt Puglisi, Robert Caruso, Matthew Cerritelli, Christopher Puglisi, John Sproat, Jr., Simone Pace, Joe DelGuercio, Tricia Berwick, 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 5,482 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 every day. All are welcome.



Eucharistic Revival

"For not as common bread and common drink do we receive these; but in like manner as Jesus Christ our Savior, having been made flesh and blood for our salvation, so likewise have we been taught that the food which is blessed by the prayer of His word, and from which our blood and flesh by transmutation are nourished, is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh." - St. Justin Martyr

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe in Lakewood—Aug 26 to Sept. 9.

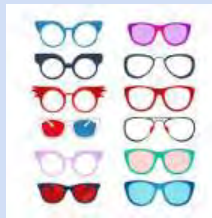


Reading II: Romans 12: 1-2

The Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27

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.

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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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Every other month we are going to be helping with our Cohort St. Veronica's food pantry. The items they need are cereal, oatmeal, instant oatmeal, coffee, shelf stable milk, long grain white rice, tomato sauce, mayonnaise, spam/canned meat and toilet paper. Please put the items in our food bin and we will bring them to St. Veronica. Thank you!

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.

An Update on Parish building & grounds improvements

Dear friends,
 You may have recently noticed, the removal of most of the shrubs and bushes that hugged the perimeter of our building.

A brief explanation: It should be no surprise to anyone that Houses of Worship have been a recent target for Homegrown Violent Extremists (HVE). While St. William the Abbot Parish has never been a target, we want to do all we can to ensure the safety of our parishioners, especially our children in our SOR, and in Precious Angels.

Early this year we had a security assessment completed by the NJ Office of Homeland Security. The completed "Site Assessment Report" highlighted several areas that would improve our overall level of security. Among the areas for improvement were "overgrowth of trees and shrubs around the perimeter of the building... allows for hiding of persons or dangerous objects...." Hence, the decision to remove any shrubs or plants that allow for concealment. Our plan also includes replanting of small shrubs and groundcover in the Spring. Thanks to the generosity of our parish members, we will continue to make repairs and improvements as necessary.

May God Bless you.
 Deacon Mike

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you—for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart . . . don't listen to the demon, laugh at him, and go without fear to receive the Jesus of peace and love . . ."
 - St. Therese the Little Flower

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

What is happening around the Diocese of Trenton?

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.

Experience the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

This traveling exhibit has been created to assist those who will experience it to affirm belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. It is based upon the website created by Blessed Carlo Acutis to catalogue all the eucharistic miracles that have taken place worldwide.

The exhibit is circular and is divided into seven sections or rooms. In the first six rooms, information about the Eucharistic miracles is displayed. Each panel names a miracle, recounts the story of its occurrence and the country where it took place. The panels are arranged in chronological order from the early Third Century to 2013. Be sure to notice the date on the timeline and some of the world events that will help you to place in within the historical era.

All of the rooms point to the center of the exhibit. This is to intentionally remind us that the historical miracles we are learning about on the walls of the exhibit are all pointing to the miracle in front of us—Jesus, present the Most Holy Eucharist! In the seventh room, the Eucharist is clearly visible in the monstrance and a place has been prepared for you to rest a while in His presence.

Now until September 9th, the exhibit is at Holy Family Community Center in Lakewood. The exhibit is open to the public. The hours are Monday thru Friday, 12PM until 8PM. Saturday and Sunday before and after all weekend Masses.

Trivia answers

1. A—around the walls of the church, 2. A—Pilate, 3. B—the Cross, 4. C—All human beings fall or weaken in life, but must stand up again with God's help, 5. D—His Blessed Mother, 6. C—Simon of Crete, 7. D—Veronica wipes the face of Jesus, 8. A—the goodwill of the soldiers letting Him rest, 9. A—Women of Jerusalem, 10. NO

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish—Philadelphia Pilgrimage

Start your morning with Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. With its chapels, the Cathedral Basilica is one of the most architecturally significant structures in the City of Philadelphia. After Mass we will tour the Basilica and visit the Shrine of St. Katherine Drexel. Lunch will follow at P.J. Clarke's at the Curtis Center. After lunch we will stop at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters and visit with the sisters in a private spiritual gathering. Then depart for home. The trip is on Thursday, September 21, with departure from St. Mary of the Lake church at 7:45AM, and will arrive back at the church at 6:30PM. The cost is \$115 per person. For registrations and questions please contact Josette Peterson at 732-928-2575 or Cori Scotti at 732-363-0139x409.

"Rebuild My Church" with the Secular Franciscans

St. Francis of Assisi heard the voice of Jesus – asking for his help to "Rebuild My Church..." The Lord is still calling people to help follow in the footsteps of St. Francis and rebuild His Church through prayer, community, service, and living the Gospel life. Members of the Secular Franciscan Order of the St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity located at St. Peter's Church, Pt. Pleasant Beach invite you to contact us. Find out why millions of people have wanted to follow the spirit of St. Francis for more than 800 years. Is He calling you? If you would like more information, please contact Minister Dorothy O'Reilly, OFS at: **732-575-7913 call or text. Email – bernard-ineofs@gmail.com**

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.

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