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 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  
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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 24, 2023*

*Twenty-fifth 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.



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 September 17  
 Number of registered families . . .1,247  
 Number of weekly envelopes returned . . .124  
 Envelope contributions . . .\$4,169.00  
 Loose contributions . . .\$537.00  
 Capital Contribution . . .\$677.00  
 WeShare . . .\$1,441.00  
**Total: \$6,824.00**

**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.



To commemorate the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, St. William's Annual Blessing of the Animals will be held on Saturday, October 7th at 10AM, on the parish lawn, by the Blessed Mother's Prayer Garden (if raining we will move inside). All are invited to bring your beloved pets and animals for a blessing. Please invite your friends and neighbors, even if they are not members of our parish. Join us as we thank God for His gift of the beautiful creatures that share our lives and bring joy and delight to our hearts.

**Our Promise to Protect**

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline:

1-888-296-2965 or via email at  
 abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org

# Masses For The Week



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

Saturday, September 23

+5:00

**Nevio Mattessich**  
req The Mircovich Family

Sunday, September 24

8:00  
+10:15

**People of the parish**  
**John Martini**  
req M/M Rich Capitan  
**Maryann Zaleski**  
req M/M Gary Rachko

+11:45

Monday, September 25

+9:00

**Sean Franks**  
req The Beyer Family

Tuesday, September 26—Sts. Cosmas and Damian

9:00

**Special Intention for Hailey Raiser**  
req Bill Raiser

Wednesday, September 27—St. Vincent de Paul

+9:00

**Ann Nucciarone**  
req Mike Nucciarone  
**Marie McDonough**  
req The Callahan Family

+7:00

Thursday, September 28—St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz

+9:00

**Ruth Wilson**  
req The Beyer Family

Friday, September 29—Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

9:00

**Special Intention for Vinnie Butera**  
req Bill Raiser

Saturday, September 30

+9:00

**Michael Castaldo**  
req Deacon & Mrs. Mike Abatemarco  
**People of the parish**

5:00

Sunday, October 1

+8:00

**Theresa Correia Everwein**  
req M/M Jim Correia  
**Francesco Emanuele**  
req The Hassett Family  
**Paula Lembo**  
req Joann Selvaggi

+10:15

+11:45

## 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, Katelyn Morales 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 everyday. 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?**  
St. Ann in Lawrenceville, September 26 thru October 13.

*The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Isabel Eadicicco and Daniel Eadicicco.*



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On Formed now is Jesus and the Eucharist: a new seven episode video series. It features interviews with American bishops and influential Catholic speakers, authors, and cultural leaders. It uses segments from *Presence* and *The Search*—two award-winning Augustine Institute series available on Formed—to inspire devotion to the source and summit of the Catholic faith: the Eucharist.

**The Knights of Columbus Chapter 10005** at St. William the Abbot Parish is hosting a Men’s Retreat weekend at Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, PA on October 20–22, 2023. The retreat will be directed by our pastor, Fr. Thomas Maher. All men of the parish, as well as their male friends and relations, are welcome to participate in this opportunity to take “time-out to renew your relationship with God, self and others.”

Malvern is the oldest and largest retreat house in the nation, established in 1912, and is a “beautiful spiritual oasis amid 125 acres of natural woodlands.” More information about the Malvern Retreat House can be found at [www.MalvernRetreat.com](http://www.MalvernRetreat.com). We plan to arrange carpooling options to keep costs down and support those unable to drive to PA for the retreat.

Registration is easily accomplished online at this link: <https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/christus-rex-2023/>. You should register for the **Christus Rex 2023** retreat and indicate on the online form that your recruiter is **Richard Schuberth**. If you prefer, you may also fill out a paper form on the table in the church lobby and leave it with the office for Rick Schuberth or Matt Bakke, who will process the registration for you. Please register soon and save your spot for the retreat! After September 21 we may extend our outreach to neighboring parishes.

The suggested donation for the traditional Men of Malvern retreat weekend is \$260.00, including two nights’ lodging and five meals. This is a voluntary contribution and is anonymous to protect privacy. Payments may be made online when registering or at any other time including during the Retreat.

The retreat will begin at 5pm on Friday and end after the 11am Liturgy on Sunday. We hope to see you there!



**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.

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

### Communion Breakfast at St. Veronica

You are invited to a Communion Breakfast on Saturday, October 7th at 8AM. Following the breakfast we will have two presentations on our "Catholic Faith." The presenters will be Joe Klecko and Rev. Peter J. Alindogan, our pastor.

In honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, recent Pro Football Hall of Famer, Joe Klecko, will be our special guest giving us a presentation on Our Lady. Joe Klecko is known for his superb play for the New York Jets from 1977 to 1987. He was inducted into the hall of fame in February 2023. Joe lives in Colts Neck with his wife, Debbie. He is a faithful and devout Roman Catholic. Joe has spoken to thousands, over the years, about his faith and is excited to be with us on October 7th.

Speaking on the Eucharist during this year of "Eucharistic Revival" is our beloved pastor, Rev. Peter James Alindogan. Fr. PJ has been the pastor of St. Veronica for the past 3 years. He is also Diocesan Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies. Fr. PJ is a profoundly devoted priest with a gift for preaching and teaching not only his parishioners, but to those all over the world.

**The Holy Innocents Society** of the Diocese of Trenton, Southern Monmouth Chapter, is beginning the 2023-24 academic year at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Sea Girt. The goal of the Holy Innocents Society is to bring all parishioners with developmental, cognitive and/or physical challenges into full participation in parish life. The Southern Monmouth Chapter meets weekly Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:00 AM at St. Mark's in Sea Girt. The meetings include the celebration of six special seasonal masses throughout the academic year. Adults and young people with special needs who live in Southern Monmouth County and their family members are encouraged to join us as we pray, sing and celebrate our faith together. For details, contact Gina Lesniewski at 732-280-2451 or [Joeandgina@optonline.net](mailto:Joeandgina@optonline.net). For more information on the Holy Innocents Society of the Diocese of Trenton, you may click on this link: <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/holy-innocents-society>.



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!

### Rosary Rally

On Saturday, October 7th, the Rosary Altar Society of St. Joseph's Parish in Toms River, is sponsoring a Rosary Rally after the 8AM Mass. Participants are asked to bring a lawn chair to Mary's Garden outside the church. If it rains, we will remain in the church. All are welcome.

### Healing the Wounds of Abortion

The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friend/s of the mother. You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear. Rachel's Vineyard's Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God.

If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one of our retreat weekends. For more information, contact Judy Warenkiewicz at 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential. The next weekend is November 10th—12th.



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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